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OF

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*The people that take no pride in the noble achievements of remote ancestors will never achieve anything worthy to be remembered with pride by remote generations.—MACAULAY.*

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## PREFACE.



THE greatest of English historians, MACAULAY, and one of the most brilliant writers of the present century, has said: "The history of a country is best told in a record of the lives of its people." In conformity with this idea, the BIOGRAPHICAL RECORD has been prepared. Instead of going to musty records, and taking therefrom dry statistical matter that can be appreciated by but few, our corps of writers have gone to the people, the men and women who have, by their enterprise and industry, brought this county to a rank second to none among

those comprising this great and noble State, and from their lips have the story of their life struggles. No more interesting or instructive matter could be presented to an intelligent public. In this volume will be found a record of many whose lives are worthy the imitation of coming generations. It tells how some, commencing life in poverty, by industry and economy, have accumulated wealth. It tells how others, with limited advantages for securing an education, have become learned men and women, with an influence extending throughout the length and breadth of the land. It tells of men who have risen from the lower walks of life to eminence as statesmen, and whose names have become famous. It tells of those in every walk in life who have striven to succeed, and records how that success has usually crowned their efforts. It tells also of those, who, not seeking the applause of the world, have pursued the "even tenor of their way," content to have it said of them, as Christ said of the woman performing a deed of mercy—"They have done what they could." It tells how many, in the pride and strength of young manhood, left the plow and the anvil, the lawyer's office and the counting-room, left every trade and profession, and at their country's call went forth valiantly "to do or die," and how through their efforts the Union was restored and peace once more reigned in the land. In the life of every man and of every woman is a lesson that should not be lost upon those who follow after.

Coming generations will appreciate this volume and preserve it as a sacred treasure, from the fact that it contains so much that would never find its way into public records, and which would otherwise be inaccessible. Great care has been taken in the compilation of the work and every opportunity possible given to those represented to insure correctness in what has been written; and the publishers flatter themselves that they give to their readers a work with few errors of consequence. In addition to biographical sketches, portraits of a number of representative citizens are given.

The faces of some, and biographical sketches of many, will be missed in this volume. For this the publishers are not to blame. Not having a proper conception of the work, some refused to give the information necessary to compile a sketch, while others were indifferent. Occasionally some member of the family would oppose the enterprise, and on account of such opposition the support of the interested one would be withheld. In a few instances men never could be found, though repeated calls were made at their residence or place of business.





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## ROBERT JOHNSON.

Robert Johnson was born in Springfield township, Clark county, Ohio, January 20, 1832, a son of James and Helen (Johnston) Johnson. The father was born near Pettigo, County Donegal, Ireland, of Scotch ancestry, and at that time the surname was spelled Johnston. He grew to maturity and was married in his native land. In 1824 he crossed the Atlantic to the United States, coming direct to Clark county, Ohio, where he purchased a farm of one hundred acres south of the city of Springfield. This he improved and made his home throughout his remaining days, his death occurring in 1872, while his wife passed away in 1869. They were members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Robert Johnson, the fifth in order of birth of their eight children, was educated in the district schools near his home, and on the 21st of April, 1849, removed to Springfield, where he became an apprentice to the carpenter's and joiner's trade, receiving forty dollars and board for his first year's service and sixty-two dollars for the second year's work. Before he attained his majority he laid off and built unaided a double flight of continued rail stairs, a thing which

had not been previously done in Springfield. He, at that time, in partnership with his brother, James Johnson, took a contract for the erection of a house at a cost of fifty-five hundred dollars. He followed contracting and building until 1865, when he went to the Pennsylvania oil fields, where the recent discovery of oil and the development of wells had given rise to a new industry which was proving a profitable one and was destined to play an important part in commerce.

For two years Mr. Johnson successfully continued in business there, operating under the firm name of Law, Johnson & Company, and then disposing of his oil interests in 1867, he returned to Springfield, where in September of that year he joined Amos Whiteley, W. W. Wilson, J. W. Taylor, Walter Craig, William H. Oglevee and others in the organization of the Champion Machine Company, which was formed for extending the business of the manufacture of Champion reapers and mowers that were then being made by the firm of Whitely, Fassler & Kelly. The first board of directors of the new company was composed of Amos Whiteley, W. W. Wilson, Robert Johnson, Walter Craig, Thomas McKee, O. S. Kelly and William H. Oglevee. Mr. Johnson was elected secretary and superin-

tendent and acted in those capacities for fifteen years. In 1873 the Champion Malleable Iron Company was formed for the manufacture of malleable iron for the three concerns—the Champion Machine Company, Whiteley, Fassler & Kelly and Wardner, Mitchell & Company, and of the new company Mr. Johnson became a director and the secretary. Its shops were built east of Linden avenue and the business instituted on a successful basis. In 1874 the three concerns named above organized the Bar & Knife Company for the purpose of manufacturing cutter bars, knives and sections and continued to do a very extensive business until 1884, Mr. Johnson also acting as the secretary and as a director of that company, which built the factory now owned and operated by the Foss Gas Engine Company. In 1881 he disposed of his interests in the Champion Machine Company, the Champion Malleable Iron Company and the Champion Bar & Knife Company and in 1882 he became connected with the upbuilding of the city in another direction, for in that year he erected a block on Main street opposite the First Presbyterian church, still known as the Johnson block. In 1883 he acquired an interest in the manufacturing concern of Mast, Foss & Company, of which he was chosen vice-president, acting in that capacity for fourteen years.

On the 1st of November, 1883, Mr. Johnson was instrumental in inaugurating a business which has proven of the greatest benefit to the city as well as the individual stockholder, contributing greatly to the industrial activity and in consequence to the commercial prosperity of Springfield. Associated with E. L. Buchwalter, C. E. Patric, Richard H. Rodgers, Charles S. Kay and others, he bought out Thomas, Ludlow

& Rodgers and organized the Superior Drill Company for the purpose of extending the manufacture of Superior grain drills, which had already won favor and patronage on the market. The company was incorporated with a capital stock of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, and Mr. Johnson became the first vice president and has served continuously in this position. The first directors of the company were E. L. Buchwalter, Robert Johnson, C. E. Patric, Thomas F. McGrew and Charles S. Kay. The business was extended until it outgrew the original quarters on Limestone street and in 1898 the original factory in which Mr. Johnson had been interested as a member of the Champion Machine Company, at the corner of Gallagher and Monroe streets, was purchased, and with the increased facilities the business was extended until it now employs five times the original capital and gives employment to about five hundred men, it being now the second in extent and importance of any manufactory of the city. In 1892 Mr. Johnson acquired an interest in the Hoppes Manufacturing Company, a concern enjoying an excellent reputation for the character of its goods all over the country, and of this company Mr. Johnson is the vice president and director. He is also a stockholder and director in the Springfield Coal & Ice Company, which was the first company to manufacture artificial ice in this city. He is financially interested in the Foss Gas Engine Company, now occupying the old works of the Champion Bar & Knife Company, engaged in the manufacture of gas and gasoline engines, many of which have been shipped to various European countries as well as to all sections of the United States. Of this company Mr. Johnson was formerly the vice president and is



now a director. For some years he was a director of the Springfield National Bank, and in 1902 he erected a fine brick and steel department store on High street between Limestone street and Fountain avenue, five stories in height, one hundred feet front and one hundred and forty-five feet deep, this being the first steel skeleton structure of the city.

Mr. Johnson has always been a Republican in politics, but never an aspirant for office, although he served as a member of the city council for the third ward from 1882 until 1886 and was president of council one term.

In Clark county Mr. Johnson was married to Adelaide T. Humphreys, a daughter of William Humphreys, and they have six living children: Effie, now the wife of K. M. Burton; Nellie, the wife of Randolph Coleman; Frank C., who is assistant manager of the sales department of the Superior Drill Company; Clara, the wife of A. M. McKnight, of New York city; Jessie, the wife of Luther L. Buchwaller, of Springfield; and Ben P., who is with the Superior Drill Company. The parents are members of the High Street Methodist Episcopal church, of which Mr. Johnson has been a trustee for some years. For fifteen years he has been a trustee of Ferncliff cemetery; is also an active member of the Associated Charities, and in 1898 was one of the incorporators of the Methodist Home for the Aged, located at Yellow Springs. The interests which have made claim upon his time and co-operation have been varied for anything which tends to the betterment of conditions for mankind or the improvement of the city receives his endorsement and assistance. His efforts in industrial fields have been particularly beneficial to Spring-

field. At the time he became interested in manufacturing very little business of that character was carried on here and he has witnessed the entire and the splendid growth of manufacture here, while in the city's progress in this direction he has been a most potent factor,—the dominant spirit in many enterprises whose value to the commercial activity of Springfield cannot be overestimated. His keen foresight, utilization of opportunity and executive force have enabled him to formulate and execute many plans whereby the avenues of trade have been broadened, while Springfield has gained prestige as a productive center that places it far ahead of many cities of greater size in the Union.



#### JOHN SPENCE.

With the farming and stock-raising interests of Pike township John Spence is connected. He was born in this township March 21, 1824, and is therefore one of the oldest native sons of Clark county still living within its borders. His paternal grandfather, Oliver Spence, died in England. He was of both Scotch and English ancestry and engaged in herding sheep on the wide prairies of England. The parents of our subject were William and Elizabeth (Wones) Spence, both of whom were natives of Yorkshire, England, and there spent their childhood days. After their marriage and the birth of their eldest son, James, they sailed for America, believing that they might have better opportunities for securing a home of their own and gaining a comfortable competence in this land. The year 1817 witnessed their emigration

and for a time they lived in Cincinnati. Mr. Spence had only ten dollars when he arrived in that city, but he at once sought employment and worked there as a common laborer for two years. In 1820 he came to Clark county, taking up his abode here on Christmas day of that year, upon the farm which is now occupied by his grandson, George Spence. He became well-to-do and as time passed made extensive and judicious investments in real estate until he was the owner of more than two hundred and forty acres of land in Clark county; three hundred acres in Kentucky; and four hundred and twenty-eight acres in Indiana, near to Muncie and Decatur. He also had an eighty-acre tract in Michigan and the income from these various farms supplied him with all the comforts and many luxuries of life.

In his family were thirteen children, twelve of whom reached years of maturity: James, who was drowned in the Ohio river; Matthew, who died at the age of twenty-four years; Mark, who died leaving one son, George; Simon, who died at the age of thirty years, leaving four children; John, whose name introduces this review; William, who died when more than forty years of age, leaving one child who is now Mrs. John Hollis, of Addison, Ohio; George, who was an attorney of Springfield and at his death left a son, George, who is now in California; Timothy, who resides in Iowa and has several children; Mary Ann, who died in childhood; Maria, who became the wife of Henry Schell and is now deceased; Jane, who married Samuel Pierce, of Knoxville, Iowa, by whom she has three children; Ellen, who became Mrs. Scott and at her death left only one child; Elizabeth, who is married and lives in Joliet, Illinois, and has two children.

John Spence, who was the fifth in order of birth, spent his boyhood days upon the home farm, being reared amid the wild scenes of frontier life, for during his boyhood Clark county was still a frontier district. All-around stretched the green forests, the woodman's ax having not yet felled the great trees and prepared the land for cultivation. There were few roads yet constructed and those that had been cut through the forests were not in very good condition. It was long distances to mill and market and the farmers largely depended upon the products from their places for everything needed for the family use. The public school system of the county had not then been instituted and John Spence therefore attended a subscription school for about thirty days each year when the weather was so bad that it prevented him from doing farm work. In the log school building with slab seats and a writing desk formed by a slab placed upon wooden pins driven into the wall, Mr. Spence pursued his studies. In one end of the room was a large fireplace. The methods of instruction were almost as primitive as the furnishings of the room. Mr. Spence aided his father in carrying on the work of the home farm until twenty-one years of age, after which he began working by the month as a farm hand. He also learned the cooper's trade in a shop on the home farm and followed that for several years. He became an expert workman and make as many as sixteen barrels in a single day, when he had to prepare the lumber from the rough.

On the 3d of July, 1853, Mr. Spence was married to Miss Louisa Bailey, and they became the parents of four children, but one died in early childhood and another at the age of thirteen years. Two sons, Marcellus and Warren, are still living, and both are

married. The mother also passed away and Mr. Spence afterward married Mrs. Henrietta Crawfis, *nee* Daffenbach. Three children were born of this union, of whom two are still living: Armintha, and Arwilda. The latter married J. P. Wall and is living in Muncie, Indiana. Mr. Spence and his second wife lived together for about thirteen years and then she, too, was called to the home beyond.

In his political views Mr. Spence has been a staunch Republican from the organization of the party. He cast his first vote for Taylor in 1848 and in 1856 deposited his ballot for John C. Fremont. At the time of the Morgan raid into Ohio he was elected captain of what was known as the Flatfoot Company and with his command went to Xenia. Throughout his entire life his attention has been largely given to his farm work, which he has carried on continuously and even yet he superintends the cultivation of his land although he has passed the seventy-eighth milestone on life's journey. He is one of the honored and venerable residents of his township, his upright life having gained for him the respect of those with whom he has come in contact.

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LOUIS L. SYMAN, M. D.

Among the successful medical practitioners of Springfield who have left the ranks of the many to stand among the successful few is Dr. Syman, who was born in Cleveland, Ohio, June 5, 1871, and is a son of F. K. and Rebecca E. (Goldsmith) Syman. The father engaged in business in Cleveland for a number of years and came to Springfield in 1874, where he established a

music and jewelry store. He is now numbered among the old and respected citizens of the city and occupies a leading position in commercial circles. He votes with the Republican party but has had no time or desire to seek office. In his family were nine sons, but one of the number died in early childhood. The others are: Charles, who is engaged in the jewelry business in Denver, Colorado; David, who is associated in business with his father; Louis L., of this review; Fred, who is with his brother in Denver; Albert and Edwin, who are traveling salesmen for The Champion Chemical Company; Arthur, who is in a railway clearing house at Buffalo, New York; and Benjamin, who is a student at Starling Medical College.

Dr. Syman, having completed the grammar school course, matriculated at Wittenberg College, where he pursued a regular course to the junior year, when he entered Brown University, at Providence, Rhode Island. Of the completion of his collegiate work he returned to Springfield and became connected with journalistic interests, being at different times associated with the Gazette, the Democrat and the Republic-Times. When the Sun was organized he at once became a member of the staff of that paper, serving as city editor. He remained for a time in his position and then went to Marion, Indiana, acting as city editor of the Leader. He also assisted in starting the Marion News. He then returned to this city and took up his position with the Sun, but determining to devote his energy to the practice of medicine, in 1895 he became a student at Starling Medical College, of Columbus, Ohio, where he was graduated in the spring of 1898. In that year Dr. Syman returned to Springfield and became

associated in the practice with his preceptor, Dr. L. E. Niles, with whom he remained for three years, when Dr. Niles retired. Since that time he has been alone, devoting his entire attention to his professional duties, which have constantly increased and have become of a more and more important nature. He has now a very lucrative practice, drawing his business from a good class of citizens. In 1869 he was made township physician and health officer but afterward resigned. He is now chief surgeon of the Detroit Southern Railway and local surgeon for the Erie Railroad, and is a member of the Ohio State Medical Society, the American Medical Association, the Clark County Medical Society and the International Association of Railway Surgeons. He is also a regular contributor to medical journals, a fact which indicates that he ranks high in his profession, making his influence of value to the medical world. He is also the house physician of the Arcade Hotel, and is district surgeon for the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen and is medical examiner for various fraternal lodges.

Dr. Syman was married in Delavan, Illinois, in 1868, to Miss Bertha Reinheimer, who was born in Delavan and was a daughter of the mayor of that place. The Doctor belongs to Clark Lodge, F. & A. M.; Springfield Chapter, R. A. M.; and Springfield Council, R. & S. M. He also holds membership with Springfield Lodge, No. 51, B. P. O. E., and with the Chi Phi fraternity. In manner Dr. Syman is entirely free from ostentation or display, but he deserves commendation for his success and attainments in a professional way. There is no man who has a greater regard for the ethics of his profession and is very courte-

ous to his professional brethren. He is a representative of high ideals in his line and he is honored and respected in every class of society.

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#### EDWIN F. CREGAR.

Edwin F. Cregar, a prominent representative of the building interests of Springfield, doing business as an architect, stands among the leaders in his line. He has the noble example of his father to inspire and encourage him, for Nathaniel Cregar was one of the most capable and successful architects of this part of the state. He was born September 20, 1825, in Hagerstown, Maryland, and died June 15, 1885. The paternal grandfather was a carpenter and Nathaniel Cregar seemed to have inherited his mechanical genius and as the years passed became a well known architect and builder. In the year 1846 he left the place of his nativity, going to Cincinnati, where he completed the carpenter's trade and also his study of architecture, although in later years he was continually broadening his knowledge by reading and research. In the fall of 1847 he came to Springfield and entered upon his building career here, continuing in this line of industrial activity until his death. He made the plans and superintended the construction of many of the finest buildings in this part of the state. He superintended the building of the original water works and was superintendent of the construction of the county courthouse and of the first high school building of Springfield. Many structures which he erected are still standing and are monuments to his enterprise and skill. He carried on general contracting and building, as well as architectural work, and his

splendid success arose from thorough understanding of mechanical principles, his faithfulness to the terms of a contract, close application and his unquestioned honesty. He was one of the organizers of the Independent Rover Fire Company of Springfield, was captain of a hose company and for ten years was its secretary. This fire company won great renown and made a most creditable record.

In 1850 Nathaniel Cregar was married in Springfield to Miss Catherine Smith, who was born in Warren county, Ohio, August 15, 1827, a daughter of Willard Smith, who was engaged in the manufacture of paper and is still living in Springfield. By her marriage she became the mother of five children, of whom Mary B., the first born, died at the age of three years. Charles A., born April 8, 1858, was an architect associated with his father in business until 1885, at which time he became his father's successor and continued his connection with his department of business activity until his own death, on the 8th of July, 1896. He pursued his literary education in the public schools and afterward attended a technical school at Indianapolis, Indiana. Lulu married L. V. Lynch and died July 9, 1898. Edwin F. is the subject of this review. Frank M., born November 30, 1860, in Springfield, is a carriage painter. The father was never an aspirant for office but was a leader in local Democratic circles and he had strong faith in the principles of his party and exercised marked influence in its ranks. He was always a supporter of church and charitable work and as a citizen was deeply interested in everything pertaining to the general good. His attention, however, was chiefly given to his profession, in which he won distinction and creditable success,

his superior ability placing him in the front ranks among the architects of Ohio.

Edwin F. Cregar, whose name introduces this record, was born in Springfield January 9, 1855, and pursued his education in the public schools. After putting aside his text books he worked with his father for about two years and in 1874 went to Cincinnati, where he entered the Mechanics' Institute, pursuing a full course in architecture. This he completed in 1876 and then returned to Springfield, beginning work with his father, and in 1878 he went to Topeka, Kansas, where he followed his trade, remaining there until the death of his father in 1885. He then returned to Springfield and became associated with his brother Charles, the business being carried on under the firm style of Cregar Brothers until 1896, when the elder brother died. Our subject thus assumed the management of the business of the firm and has since been very successful in his work. He has furnished plans and specifications for all kinds of work and draws much of his patronage from a radius of one hundred miles. His business has been built up through his own efforts and ability, and he enjoys the confidence of a wide circle of friends. He has always fully sustained the dignity of his profession and has been very successful. While associated with his brother they furnished the plans for the city building, St. Raphael's church, for the Henry block; for the Third Presbyterian church, the St. John's Evangelical Lutheran church, the United Presbyterian church, the first Zimmerman building and many other buildings, including business blocks and residences throughout the city and surrounding country.

In 1881 Mr. Cregar was united in marriage to Miss Amanda Wilhelm, of Spring-

field, who was born in Harshmansville, Ohio, in February, 1863, and unto them has been born one son, William R., whose birth occurred October 29, 1881. He is a graduate of the public schools and is now associated with the R. G. Dumm & Company Agency at Denver, Colorado.

In his political affiliations Mr. Cregar is a Democrat and has been a delegate to county conventions, but the honors and emoluments of office have had no attraction for him. A man of strong individuality and indomitable purpose, one who has attained to a due measure of success in the affairs of life and whose influence has ever been exerted in the direction of progress and the right, this native son of Springfield well deserves mention in the history of Clark county.



#### ASA SMITH BUSHNELL.

Like the Roman matron of old the states of the Union present their illustrious sons as their jewels. In no land are individual merit and accomplishment so widely recognized as worthy of public honor, and the record which the American nation holds in greatest regard is that of the man whose prominence, success and position are achieved through individual effort and high character. Distinguished as one of the eminent and influential men of Ohio, Hon. A. S. Bushnell is well known because of his connection with an important business enterprise and because of his political prominence. His course has ever been such as to sustain the dignity of political labor and service and his public career has been an honor to the state which has honored him with the office of chief executive. He has

also displayed ability to handle commercial and industrial transactions of magnitude and is to-day connected with an enterprise which is known throughout the country, especially in agricultural circles and to those engaged in kindred lines of business. Animated by a spirit of enterprise and progress in business, of loyalty and patriotism in public life, Asa Smith Bushnell has won and retained the respect, confidence and good will of people throughout the nation in all walks of life.

Mr. Bushnell was born in Rome, Oneida county, New York, on the 16th of September, 1834, and comes of New England ancestry that had to do with the shaping of the colonial policy and the early history of the country. Jason Bushnell, his grandfather, was a soldier of the Revolutionary war, serving first in the company of Captain Charles Miel, General Waterbury's brigade, and subsequently with Washington's Army at Tarrytown, Connecticut was the ancestral home of the family through many generations and it was at Lisbon, that state, on the 7th of February, 1800, that Daniel Bushnell, the father of our subject, was born. His residence in New York covered a number of years and Ohio became his place of abode in 1845. In the meantime he had married Miss Harriet Smith, the wedding being celebrated March 9, 1825. For many years the father was a resident of Cincinnati and from there removed to Oberlin, Ohio, which was his home at the time of his death.

At the age of sixteen years Asa S. Bushnell became a resident of the city in which he was destined to bear an important part in the work of promoting commercial activity and prosperity as well as in shaping its political record. The advantages of his youth were not unlike those enjoyed by



ASA S. BUSHNELL.





other young men of the period. He had obtained a common-school education and determined to advance in the business world he eagerly availed himself of every opportunity that would lead to honorable promotion and success. For three years he was employed as a salesman in a dry-goods store and then became bookkeeper for the firm of Leffel, Cook & Blakeney, there remaining until the spring of 1857, when he accepted a position with Warder, Brokaw & Child, manufacturers of mowers and reapers. In the succeeding fall, however, he gave up that position to enter upon an independent business career as a partner of Dr. John Ludlow in the conduct of a drug store. For ten years he was connected with that line of trade and then became identified again with the work of manufacturing mowers and reapers with the firm with which he had formerly been associated. This time, however, he became a partner in the enterprise under the firm style of Warder, Mitchell & Company, and has since been a controlling factor in the business, the splendid success of which is largely attributable to his enterprise, his close attention and his sound business judgment, which readily grasps a situation, recognizes opportunity and utilizes the means at hand in extending the scope of the business. Changes have occurred in the partnership but the present firm of Warder, Bushnell & Glessner Company is known by reputation throughout the length and breadth of the land and its exports have also made the name of the house familiar to a considerable extent in trade circles in foreign lands; in fact the products of the house are sent to every country where improved methods of agriculture are known. Mr. Bushnell has been president of the company since 1886 and the growth of the business,

which has reached mammoth proportions, is largely attributable to his capacity for controlling commercial affairs of breadth and magnitude. Other business enterprises of Springfield have profited by his labor, his counsel and his control. He is the president of the First National Bank and the Springfield Gas Company and has been actively or financially interested in many other business enterprises of importance to the city.

In early manhood Mr. Bushnell was married. In September, 1857, he wedded Miss Ellen Ludlow, a daughter of Dr. John Ludlow, of Springfield, and they became the parents of two daughters and a son: Mrs. J. F. McGrew, Mrs. H. C. Diamond and John L. Bushnell. In the first years of his married life Governor Bushnell left his little family to respond to the nation's call for aid, prompted by a spirit of patriotic devotion to the Union cause. With firm belief in the supremacy of the national government he began raising troops for the field, the command being organized as Company E, of the One Hundred and Fifty-second Regiment of Ohio Infantry. He was made its captain and with the command of General David Hunter served in the Shenandoah valley in 1864. His interest in his fellow comrades of the blue has since been a salient characteristic of his career and he is an active and valued member of Mitchell Post, No. 45, G. A. R., of Springfield. His religious belief is indicated by his membership in the Protestant Episcopal church and further evidence of the springs of conduct in his life is his relationship with the Masonic fraternity, which is based upon the brotherhood of man and inculcates principles of mutual helpfulness, charity and kindness. He is a Knight Templar, is also a member of the consistory and has attained

the thirty-third degree of the Scottish rite.

It is seldom found that a man of the mental ken, the extended interests and the humanitarian spirit of Asa S. Bushnell is not deeply interested in the political situation of his country. Politics becomes more than a question of the right of franchise and the success or defeat of individual candidates; to men accustomed to control important interests and to look upon life from a broad standpoint, political questions assume their national relation to other affairs of life as affecting the welfare of the country not only for the present but also through direct influence upon the future. It was but natural that Mr. Bushnell should become a factor in the political field of Ohio. Strong in support of his convictions, fearless in his advocacy of any measure which he believes to be right no one has had reason to question his position concerning any vital issue. His capacity for business also indicated to party leaders what might be his power as an active factor in promoting Republican successes in Ohio. While he has never hedged himself about with undue reserve, his demeanor is always dignified and such a man could not but be an honor as well as a power in his party, and the political career of Governor Bushnell is such as has reflected credit upon his state. He became a local leader and his services were then sought in the broader field of state politics. In 1885 he became chairman of the Republican state executive committee and his ability to marshal and direct forces was one of the potent elements in securing the Republican victory of that year. In 1886 he was appointed quartermaster general of the state, serving for a term of four years. In 1887, when the state convention convened, he was nomi-

nated by acclamation as the candidate for lieutenant governor, but declined the proffered honor and in 1889 he refused to accede to his party's earnest request that he accept the nomination for governor. His ambition was not in the line of political honors and he has ever been content to perform his duties toward city, state and nation in the honorable capacity of a private citizen. Again in 1891 he was spoken of in connection with the nomination for governor, which, however, went to Major William McKinley, of whom Mr. Bushnell was a most ardent adherent. In 1892 he was sent as a delegate to the Republican national convention and has been a member of each body of this character which has met in recent years. Several times he refused the nomination for congress and his nomination for the governorship, in May, 1895, came without solicitation, but the party and the public recognized his fitness for the office and no higher token of confidence, appreciation, trust and good will could have been given him by the people of the state than was shown in his election when, by a vote of ninety-two thousand six hundred and twenty-two, he was given a larger majority than was ever won by another candidate for governor in the state with the exception of that given to John Brough, the war-governor of Ohio. His administration was like his campaign, dignified, free from petty partisanship and characterized by practical devotion to the weal of the commonwealth. He was inaugurated on the 13th of January, 1896, as the fortieth governor of Ohio, and his course as chief executive gave general satisfaction not only to his own party but to the state at large. He was re-elected in the fall of 1897 by a good majority and entered upon his second term the following

January, serving in all four years. The many times that he has refused political honors proves conclusively that self-aggrandizement has never been the motive power in his political work, but that a devotion to his country and the principles in which he believes has been the mainspring of his political activity. It would be difficult to designate one characteristic as the leading one in the life record of Asa S. Bushnell for there are none of the great departments of action bearing upon the country's progress and advancement which have not received his endorsement, his sympathy and his support. The city of Springfield has been especially benefited by his labors in its behalf. The churches, the schools, the business interests, the social conditions, the aesthetic and the moral culture have all received impetus from his helpfulness. No sense of self-laudation has promoted this but a devotion to the general good and a broad-minded interest in improvement in keeping with the world's advancement. In his social life he is known for his kindly, genial nature, quick to recognize true worth and to give friendship and regard in appreciation of character.

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HENRY BALDWIN, M. D.

Dr. Henry Baldwin, a well known physician of Springfield, represents one of the pioneer families of this city, where he was born on the 17th of July, 1860. His paternal grandfather, Jonah Baldwin, was a native of Virginia and in the opening years of the nineteenth century took up his abode in Ohio, establishing his home in Springfield in 1802. After a short time he returned to the Old Dominion and brought his family

to Springfield in 1804, settling on what is now the east side of Main street, east of Limestone street. During the pioneer development of the city he proved a potent factor in establishing its policy and in its growth. A leader of public thought and action, his influence was felt in political circles and along lines directing the intellectual and moral progress of the community. After locating here he served as justice of the peace for a number of years, his decisions being strictly fair and impartial. He married Minerva Needham, a daughter of Dr. William A. Needham, who came to Springfield in 1814, practicing in this city and in Clark county. The conditions which met a physician at that time were very different to those of the present day. Hardships and trials known only to the people of the frontier were to be met and continually faced by him who devoted his attention to the alleviation of human suffering. Streams had to be forded and there were no roads but bridle paths or very often only the old Indian trails. Most of the settlers were widely scattered, and braving the storms of winter and the heat of summer, the pioneer physician made his way to each home in which his services were needed, his calls often demanding great personal sacrifice. For some time Dr. Needham was a resident of what is now known as Lagonda, but the place was then called Pillville because of the Doctor's residence there. He established the first drug store in Springfield and for many years conducted it, but eventually it was sold to the Ludlow family who carried on the business until 1896 and it was not until 1898 that the old store building was torn down. It was situated on Main street on the southwest corner of the first alley east of Limestone street.

Henry Baldwin, Sr., the father of the Doctor, is a native of Clark county, his birth having occurred upon a farm in Pleasant township in 1830. His boyhood days were spent in the usual manner of farmer lads of that period. On coming to Springfield he entered the employ of his brother Joseph, who was conducting a dry goods store, and remained with him in the capacity of salesman until the death of the brother, after which he continued the business on his own account until 1880, when he disposed of his interests to other parties and has since been living in retirement. He married Maria Dawson, of Uniontown, Pennsylvania, in which place she was born and reared. She was the daughter of John Dawson and granddaughter of Nicholas Dawson, one of the pioneer settlers of Kentucky, who went to that state at a time when most of the population lived in forts on account of the hostilities of the Indians. Nicholas Dawson married Violet Littleton, of Fairfax, Virginia. She was a niece of Lord Fairfax and a daughter of Martha Washington, with whom she often corresponded, many of the letters of the wife of the illustrious father of his country being now in the possession of the Dawson family. Nicholas Dawson and his wife spent their last days in Springfield and were buried in the old Columbia street cemetery.

Dr. Henry Baldwin, both as boy and man, has been a resident of the city which is still his home and in the public schools he began his education which was continued until his graduation on the completion of the high school course. He prepared for his profession as a student in the office of Dr. E. M. Buckingham, of this city, and in the Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia,

where he was graduated with the class of 1883.

The Doctor was married in 1897 to Miss Lucretia Mathers, of Sydney, Shelby county, Ohio, a daughter of John Mathers, a prominent lawyer of that place, and a granddaughter of Judge Hugh Thompson, of Sydney, who was one of the distinguished jurists of Ohio at an early day. Dr. Baldwin and his wife have a little daughter, Elizabeth Mathers.

Fraternally the Doctor is a Mason, his membership being with Clark Lodge, No. 101, F. & A. M., of which he is past master; and Springfield Chapter, No. 48, R. A. M. He is also a member of the young men's Literary Club of Springfield. For one term he was a member of the school board of the city, has also served as city physician and is now a member of the Mitchell Thomas Hospital staff. He belongs to the Clark County Medical Society, the Ohio State Medical Society and the American Medical Association, while in the first named he has served as president.

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#### FRANK H. MILLS.

Frank H. Mills, a well known factor in commercial and political circles of Springfield, was born in Green township, Clark county, June 20, 1861, and is a son of Jacob N. and Harriet (Rupert) Mills, both of whom are residents of Springfield. The father was a farmer by occupation for many years, but in 1875 came to this city and established a grocery store, which he conducted for a number of years, but is now living retired. Moses Mills, the grandfather

of our subject, was a native of New Jersey and became the founder of the family in Clark county, locating upon a farm in Green township at an early period in the development of this portion of the state. He purchased land from the government and thereupon made his home until his death. His son Jacob was the youngest of eight children and is the only one now living. He was born in 1824, and his wife was born in 1827. Both were educated in the early schools of the county and have witnessed marked changes in methods since that day. In the early '80s Jacob Mills served for two years as a member of the city council of Springfield but has never been a politician in the sense of office seeking, preferring to perform his duties as a private citizen. Both he and his wife are consistent and faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Unto them have been born three sons and four daughters, but two daughters and a son died of cholera in 1851, when they were small children. The others are: America, wife of Henry Wolford, of Cedarville, Ohio; Charles, who is agent for the Osborn Machine Company of Louisville, Kentucky; Florence, the widow of Robert C. Bersberg, of Springfield; and Frank H.

The last named pursued his education in the district schools until the family removed to Springfield, when he became a student in the public schools here. After putting aside his text book he secured a position in the carriage shops of David West and followed that business for a time. He was afterward employed by Mr. Bancroft, entering his establishment in May, 1882. That he is one of the most trusted representatives of the house as well as one of the most capable workmen is indicated by the fact that he has since been connected with the firm.

In 1895 in this city Mr. Mills was united in marriage to Cora B. Miller, daughter of Charles T. Miller, now deceased. Her father engaged in merchandising here and was a very successful business man. Of German descent, Mrs. Mills was born in Springfield and was one of five children: Amelia, the deceased wife of Albert Hohl, of New York city; Anna, the wife of Charles T. Wallace, of Springfield, Ohio; Clara, the wife of George Clark, of Cleveland, Ohio; George, who is a machinist of Springfield; and Cora, the wife of our subject. All are high school graduates of Springfield.

In his political affiliations Mr. Mills is a Republican and is recognized as a leader in the ranks of his party, taking an active interest in its growth and success. He has frequently been a delegate to the city and county conventions and has put forth every effort in his power to secure Republican victories. In 1898 he was elected to the city council and was re-elected in 1901, thus representing the second ward for four years. He was an active member of various committees and the chairman of several and he exercises his official prerogatives in support of all progressive measures for the general good. At the county convention of March, 1902, he was nominated for the office of county recorder and elected the following November. He is quite prominent in social and fraternal circles, belonging to Moncrieffe Lodge, K. P., in which he was master of exchequer in 1890, and is a member of Division No. 6, of the uniform rank; the Junior Order of American Mechanics; Logan Castle of the Knights of the Golden Eagle; and Commercial Camp, M. W. A. His wife holds membership with the First Presbyterian church and Mr. Mills contributes liberally to church and charitable

work. He is a self-made man for when he left school he started out upon his business career empty-handed and his advancement has been acquired entirely through his own capability, his fidelity and close application. He has purchased some valuable property, and this is a monument to his enterprise and diligence.

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### GEORGE W. HUNTINGTON.

George W. Huntington, a resident farmer of Mad River township, was born November 15, 1839, in Springfield, upon a farm owned by his father. His maternal grandfather was Hugh Kirkpatrick, one of the earliest residents of the city of Springfield. He took up his abode there when the present metropolitan city was but a village, and it became his home in 1811, his house standing in the southwestern portion of the city. William Huntington, the father of our subject, was born in Franklin county, Pennsylvania, June 15, 1800, a son of Nathaniel Huntington, whose birth occurred either in Vermont or Connecticut. After arriving at years of maturity he married Martha Kirkpatrick, who was born December 9, 1808, in Flemingsburg, Kentucky, and was a daughter of Hugh and Rachel (Kelley) Kirkpatrick. In June, 1835, William Huntington came to Ohio with his mother and her family. From that time until his death he remained a resident of Clark county. He passed away near Springfield on the 18th of December, 1886, having long survived his wife, who died on the 17th of May, 1862. In their family were five children, namely, George W., of this review; Ann, the wife of Arthur Forbes, by whom she has four children: Hugh, who married

Hannah Pierce and has six children; Samuel, who was the twin brother of Hugh and died at the age of twenty months; and Rachel, the wife of Edwin McClintock.

The father left his farm in Springfield when our subject was about fifteen years of age and bought another farm farther from the town. The family lived upon that place until our subject was about twenty-five years of age, when the father purchased the farm upon which George W. Huntington is now living. It remained the home of William Huntington for three years, after which he removed to Springfield, where he died.

George W. Huntington was reared under the parental roof in the usual manner of farmer lads of the period. His educational privileges were those afforded by the country public schools, and in the fields he worked from the time of early spring planting until after the crops were harvested in the autumn. In 1870 he was united in marriage to Mrs. Anna Hill, a widow, and a daughter of Charles and Catherine (Snyder) Swaney, in whose family were the following children: Anna, Charles, Emma, Ella and Rachel. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Huntington were born three sons: Willie, born June 15, 1871, died five days later. Clifford, born January 12, 1873, has engaged in school teaching and is now a student in the State University. For five years he was employed as a teacher in the high school at Fairfield. He was graduated in Antioch College with the class of 1896, at which time the degree of Bachelor of Science was conferred upon him. In 1902 he was graduated in the State University with the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy and he took a fellowship in economics. Elmer, born February 3, 1876, died November 6, 1889.

Mr. Huntington was reared in the politi-

cal faith of the Republican party, casting his first presidential vote for Lincoln in 1864, and now gives his support to the Prohibition party. He has never been an office seeker, but was a candidate on the Prohibition ticket for county sheriff. He represents one of the old families of the county and is well known as a worthy and representative citizen of this portion of Ohio.

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JOSEPH GILBERT VAN HORN.

Joseph Gilbert Van Horn is connected with industrial and agricultural interests in Clark county and is a representative business man, wide-awake and progressive. He is now engaged in the manufacture and sale of hardwood lumber and also follows farming, owning and operating a tract of land of fifty acres, one mile east of South Charleston. He was born near Harrisville, Harrison county, Ohio, about twelve miles from Wheeling, August 31, 1850, and is a son of Edward and Eliza (Gilbert) Van Horn. His father was a native of Bucks county, Pennsylvania, was reared upon a farm and was about fifteen years of age when he came to Ohio in company with the grandfather of our subject, Christian Van Horn, who settled in Harrison county. There Edward Van Horn was married, and when his son Joseph was about four years old the grandfather and the father both removed to Cedarville, Ohio. After two years the latter removed to McDonough county, Illinois, where he remained until the fall of 1860, at which time he became a resident of Cedarville, Ohio, and in 1862 he offered his services to the government, enlisting in the Tenth Independent Battery, Light Artillery. With that command he continued until hon-

orably discharged in 1865. He participated in the siege of Vicksburg, went with Sherman to Chattanooga, thence to Nashville under command of General Thomas, and after the battle at that place was sent to Sweet Water Valley, where the regiment was stationed until after the close of hostilities. Mr. Van Horn spent his remaining days in Cedarville, passing away in 1895, at which time he was laid to rest in the Cedarville cemetery by the side of his wife, who passed away in 1892.

Joseph G. Van Horn of this review received a common school education. His father was in limited financial circumstances, and he had to begin to make his own way in the world when but a boy. In his youth he worked at farm labor for ten or twelve dollars per month and his earnings went to the support of the family until after he had attained his majority. He farmed and worked in the timber regions, making his home in Cedarville. When about twenty-five years of age he began to buy timber, which was cut for ties, and gradually he overcame the difficulties and obstacles in his path to success. Soon after his marriage he entered the employ of Zwick & Greenwall, and for four years purchased timber for them. During that time he saved some money, and on the expiration of that period he entered into partnership with D. S. Ervin, of Cedarville, in the manufacture and sale of hardwood lumber. This relation was maintained until 1899, when Mr. Van Horn purchased the mill which he now owns. This mill has been located at different places, wherever timber could be purchased. For eight years it has stood about one mile east of South Charleston, in Madison township.

On the 22nd of September, 1881, Mr. Van Horn was united in marriage to Miss



Sarah C. Millburn, a daughter of Aaron and Celinda (Bozarth) Millburn. They have a fine residence which was erected by Mr. Van Horn in 1894, and the farm comprises fifty acres of well developed land. In 1897 Mr. Van Horn entered into partnership with George Thorpe in handling thorough-bred Norman draft stallions and also fast trotting and pacing horses. He has seven stallions, all kept at South Charleston. He started in this business with one horse. This was a charitable act in order to give a poor man a business opportunity, but he has kept in the business and has found it a profitable source of income.

In his political affiliations Mr. Van Horn is a Republican and has supported the party since casting his first presidential vote for Grant in 1872. He has never been an office seeker, but as a citizen is public-spirited and progressive. He attends and supports the Methodist Episcopal church of South Charleston, of which Mrs. Van Horn is a member. At one time he held membership with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Xenia, but afterward transferred his membership to the lodge in Cedarville, and later to South Charleston. He is a self-made man who started out in life a poor boy with no capital, but he realized that success may be gained through industry, economy and honesty, and these qualities have proved the foundation upon which he has reared the superstructure of his prosperity.

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#### J. WARREN KEIFER.

The name of J. Warren Keifer has long figured in the annals of this country. It is found in connection with the history of jurisprudence in Ohio and in connection with the

military records of the land. It is found upon the records of congress, and he is the only resident of Ohio that has been honored with the speakership in the national house of representatives. An enumeration therefore of the distinguished men of Ohio would be incomplete were there failure to make prominent reference to the subject of this review, whose course has reflected credit and honor upon the state which has honored him. At the bar his comprehensive understanding of the principles of jurisprudence and his masterly presentation of a cause have gained him fame as a lawyer of marked ability; on the field of battle he showed thorough knowledge of military tactics and strategy and a loyalty and devotion to duty that gained him promotion, and he was brevetted brigadier-general, also major-general by the President for gallantry on the field; but still other honors awaited him in this land where the road to public distinction is that of public usefulness and merit. In the affairs of state, as taken aside from the extraordinary conditions of warfare, there are demanded men whose mental ken is as wide and whose generalship is as effective as those which insure successful manouevring of armed forces by the skilled commander on the field of battle. The nation's welfare and prosperity may be said to hinge as heavily upon individual discrimination and executive ability in the one case as in the other. It requires a master mind to martial and organize the forces for political purposes and produce the best results by concerted effort, and such a leader is found in General J. Warren Keifer, whose statesmanship and love of country, guided by wise judgment in securing results, made him a leader during his service in the halls of congress.





GEN. J. WARREN KEIFER.



Well may Clark county be proud to call this man her son. He has never known another home. He was born on Mad river, in this county, January 30, 1836, and while his interests, public and private, have sometimes called him elsewhere he has always maintained his deep affection for this locality and its people and the tie has been strengthened with the passing years. His parents were Joseph and Mary (Smith) Keifer. The father was born at Sharpsburg, Maryland, December 28, 1784, and the year 1812 witnessed his arrival in Clark county, Ohio. He was a farmer and civil engineer and in this pioneer district he followed his dual occupation, taking an active part in reclaiming the wild land for the uses of the white man. He bore an active and helpful part in the work of early improvement and progress here and continued a resident of the county until his death, which occurred April 13, 1850. His wife was born in what is now Cincinnati (Columbia), Ohio, January 31, 1790, and died at Yellow Springs, this state, March 23, 1879. She was of English lineage and about 1790 her ancestors removed from New Jersey to what was then the Northwest Territory.

The boyhood of Joseph Warren Keifer was not unlike that of most boys of the period. At the usual age he entered the public schools and later continued his studies in Antioch College. In the meantime he had acquainted himself to a considerable extent with American history and especially that of his own locality for he lived amid historic localities. Here were many famous Indian battle-fields; on a neighboring farm (in a Piqua Indian village) was born the Indian chieftain, Tecumseh. Mr. Keifer, as a boy, found great delight in wandering among these places and picking up informa-

tion concerning their early struggles, which established the supremacy of the white race as masters of the rich district. As he advanced in years he continually broadened his knowledge by reading and investigation, and from an early age kept in view his purpose of one day becoming a member of the bar. In 1853 he taught a term of country school which was his first regular employment, aside from duties of the home farm. While assisting in the labors of field and meadow he devoted his leisure hours through three years to reading law, and in 1856 took an advanced step in the line of his ambition to become a member of the bar by entering the office of the law firm of Anthony & Goode, of Springfield, there remaining as a student until his admission to the bar, January 12, 1858.

For forty-four years General Keifer has been a member of the Springfield bar. His was the usual experience of the young lawyer who begins practice at a bar where are many older and more experienced men, whose reputations have already been established and whose cleintage is assured, but he possessed persistency of purpose, laudable ambition and strong mentality, and gradually he worked his way upward, proving his power to successfully cope with the intricate problems of jurisprudence. Early in his professional career his labors were interrupted by military service for the country became involved in Civil war. He had kept informed concerning the growth of sentiment and the progress of events in the south, and his love of liberty and his devotion to his country increased as oppression and rebellion were more strongly manifested below the Mason and Dixon line. The echo from Sumter's guns went sounding and resounding throughout the land and

General Keifer was among the first to offer his services to the government, enlisting on the 10th of April, 1861. A contemporary biographer has written of his military history as follows: "He was commissioned major of the Third Ohio Infantry, April 27, 1861, for three months, and June 12, 1861, for three years. He took part in the battle of Rich Mountain July 11, 1861, the first of the war; the same year he participated in engagements in Cheat Mountain and Elk Water, West Virginia; in November his regiment was attached to General Buell's army; February 12, 1862, he was commissioned lieutenant-colonel of his regiment and was present at the capture of Bowling Green, Kentucky; Nashville, Tennessee; and Huntsville and Bridgeport, Alabama. April 30, 1862, he led the first expedition into Georgia and performed an important service in the destruction of the salt-peter works at Nickajack cave. He returned to Louisville with General Buell's command; was made colonel of the One Hundred and Tenth Ohio Infantry, September 30, 1862; was assigned to General Milroy's division in West Virginia, and placed in command of a brigade and the post at Moorefield; was in the battle of Winchester, Virginia, June 1863, where he was twice wounded; July 9, 1863, he was assigned to the army of the Potomac in the Third Army Corps in pursuit of General Lee's army, and took part in engagements at Wapping Heights July 23, 1863; in August, 1863, he was sent with his command to aid in the suppression of the draft riots and in enforcing the draft in New York city and Brooklyn; rejoined the army in the field in September and bore a prominent part in the battle of Mine Run, November 27, 1863, and in other minor en-

gagements; March 24, 1864, he was transferred to the Sixth Army Corps and at the battle of the Wilderness, May 5, 1864, was wounded by a musket ball which shattered both bones of his left forearm, disabling him until August 26, when he resumed command of his brigade, at Harper's Ferry, Virginia, being the Second Brigade, Third Division, Sixth Army Corps, and with his arm still in a sling commanded his troops in the hard-fought battles of Opequon, Fisher's Hill and Cedar Creek in the Shenandoah Valley; at Opequon he was wounded by a shell, his horse being shot under him; at Fisher's Hill he, with out orders, led his brigade in the assault on the fortified left flank of the enemy and captured many prisoners and guns; at Cedar Creek he commanded the Third Division, Sixth Army Corps, and for his distinguished gallantry and the energy and discretion there evinced was brevetted by President Lincoln a brigadier-general and by him assigned to duty with that rank. In December, 1864, with his corps he rejoined the army of the Potomac in front of Petersburg and was actively engaged on the left of the fortified line; March 25, 1865, he led a successful assault upon the enemy's outer line of works and was complimented in general orders; April 2, he charged with his division in the final assault which carried the main works and resulted in the capture of Petersburg and Richmond; April 5, his command aided in cutting off the retreat of Lee's army and forced it to give battle on the 6th at Sailor's Creek; the wings of the army (General Keifer commanding the left) being forced forward (notwithstanding the fact that the enemy had broken the center line), surrounded and effected the capture of above six thousand

of the enemy, including Generals Ewell, Kershaw, Custis Lee, Barton, Corse, Hunton and other officers of high rank.

One of the incidents of the war, thrilling and full of adventure and showing the true spirit of military heroism and presence of mind, is worthy of representation here. Immediately succeeding the surrender of the six thousand Confederates, and while assisting in the re-formation of the troops, information reached General Keifer that a body of the enemy was concealed in a wood on his right. He rode in person into the woods to reconnoiter and came suddenly upon the Confederate troops lying on the ground, evidently ignorant of the surrender which had just taken place. The density of the wood, approaching night and the smoke of the battle saved the General from instant identification as a Union officer. To attempt to withdraw was instant death, and surrender never entered his mind. Seeing that the troops were awaiting and expecting a command he rode forward and wheeling his horse shouted, "Forward!" and led the enemy as his own troops, waving his sword toward the recent scene of battle. The command was instantly obeyed and the faster he rode the faster the enemy followed after, until the edge of the wood and the better light led to the discovery of his identity, when he was the mark for many muskets, and would have been shot but for the command of the Confederate officers, who prevented their men from delivering their fire. General Keifer escaped to his own troops and leading them in a charge upon the enemy secured the surrender of the entire brigade of Confederates, which was composed of marines little used to land service, commanded by Commodore J. R. Tucker and Captain John D. Semmes.

Tucker and Semmes both claimed to have saved General Keifer's life by preventing their troops from firing upon him and as an act of gratitude he used his influence to obtain the parole from Johnson's Island of these officers, who, having deserted from the United States Navy, were not entitled, under then existing orders, to that clemency.

"General Keifer joined in the pursuit and capture of General Lee's army, and was brevetted major-general 'for gallant and distinguished service during the campaign ending in the surrender of the insurgent commander, General R. E. Lee.' His corps was sent south to aid in the capture of General Joe Johnston's army in North Carolina, and learning at Danville of the contemplated surrender, he, with a portion of his staff, pushed across the country fifty miles to witness it. He was thus present at the capitulation of both General Lee's and Johnston's armies.

"A career beginning in April, 1861, and closing June 27, 1865, when he retired from the army to resume the practice of law at Springfield, briefly outlined, has but few parallels; without military education or experience, without influence or wealth, merit and distinguished ability earned the highest rank in the service. For over four years he was, except when disabled from wounds, in active service in the field and at the front. His purpose in entering the army—the preservation of the Union—was accomplished, his life works in arts of peace was before him and upon it he entered with the same energy and enthusiasm that had made his military career so glorious. His return to civil life was followed by success at the bar, where he soon acquired an extensive practice. In 1866, he was tendered a commission as lieutenant-colonel of the Twenty-

sixth United States Infantry upon the unsolicited recommendations of Generals Grant and Meade, but declined it."

After the close of the war General Keifer resumed the practice of law and the duties of civil life. Before the outbreak of hostilities he had established a home of his own and on the 22d of March, 1860, had married Miss Eliza Stout, of Springfield. They became the parents of three sons: J. Warren, Jr., who is engaged in farming in Nebraska; William W. and Horace C., who are associated with their father in the practice of law in Springfield; also one daughter, Margaret E., now deceased.

The practice of his profession has been the real life work of Mr. Keifer, who from the time of his return from the army has steadily maintained a foremost position in the ranks of the legal fraternity in this part of Ohio. His fidelity to his client's interests is proverbial, yet he never forgets that he owes a higher allegiance to the majesty of the law. His diligence and energy in the preparation of his cases, as well as the earnestness, tenacity and courage with which he defends the right as he understands it, challenges the admiration of his associates, yet he has never sought forensic triumph when it had to be gained by lowering his standard of manhood or degrading the dignity of his profession. He has a ready command of English and is an orator, whose ability has made him sought outside the strict path of his profession. He has addressed many public gatherings on momentous questions and notable occasions and his eloquence is not the least of his many gifts. On the occasion of a state reunion of the sailors and soldiers of Ohio, held at Newark, July 22, 1878, the anniversary of the death of General McPherson, General W. S. Sherman,

President Hayes and cabinet, General Garfield and other distinguished men being present, he delivered an address entitled "Ohio's Contribution, Sacrifice and Service in the War." He has ever been actively interested in the cause of the soldiers since his participation in the war and has served as a member of the Department of Ohio of the Grand Army of the Republic. While filling that office in 1868 he organized the board of control for the establishment of the Soldiers and Sailors' Orphans' Home, at Xenia, of which the state assumed control in 1870, making General Keifer one of its trustees, in which capacity he served from April 15, 1870, until March 5, 1878. From 1873 he has been a trustee of Antioch College and in the same year he was made the president of the Lagonda National Bank of Springfield, in which capacity he has served almost continuously since.

Perhaps, however, the work which has drawn the attention of the country to General Keifer more than anything else which he has ever done is that which he performed while a member of congress. Not long after the close of the Civil war he became an important factor in Ohio politics and from 1868 until 1870 was a member of the state senate, where he served on several important committees, including the judiciary and municipal corporation committees. He was an active working member of the senate and was the author of a number of laws, some of which found their way upon the statutes of other states. He introduced an amendment to the replevin law providing special safeguards for heirlooms and other property not possessing general marketable value. In 1876 he was made a delegate to the Republican national convention, and the same year was elected to congress, where he served

continuously from March 4, 1877, until March 4, 1885. On the 5th of December, 1881, he was chosen speaker of the house, (Forty-seventh Congress) and filled that position until the 4th of March, 1883. It was an honor well deserved and his course showed that he well merited the confidence reposed in him by the party leaders, many of whom were among the most distinguished men of the nation. He is not only the first and only Ohio man ever chosen to the speakership but he also enjoys the distinction of being the first speaker to enforce the rule of closure, his ruling having been adopted in the house giving to the speaker the right to cut off obstructive or dilatory motions. He displayed marked knowledge of parliamentary proceeding and his rulings were always just and impartial, winning him the commendation of even the opposition. No parliamentary decision of his was overruled by the house. He was the first to advance in the direction of doing away with an old order of things which allowed the minority to prevent the action of the house on pending measures by dilatory motions or by refusing to vote to prevent a quorum. He ruled such motions out of order, and favored the counting of a quorum (the late Speaker Reed then not agreeing with him) when a sufficient number were present for this purpose. He labored untiringly for the welfare of the nation without a thought as to policy where the right or the country's good was involved. He is a statesman who has studied long and deeply the questions concerning national progress and improvement and who places the country's weal before personal aggrandizement or party power. He is, however, an earnest supporter of Republican principles

and since his retirement from office has labored earnestly and effectively to promote the cause of Republicanism, delivering many addresses on the leading political questions throughout Ohio and other states of the Union. His life of public activity and usefulness has extended over a long period, beginning with his service on the battle-fields of the south, and no man of national fame has been more fearless in conduct, faultless in honor or stainless in reputation than Joseph Warren Keifer.

When the war with Spain was declared in April, 1898, General Keifer, then sixty-two years of age and actively engaged in the practice of law in Springfield, Ohio, was appointed by President McKinley and unanimously confirmed by the senate, a major-general of volunteers, this being the highest rank then known in the United States Army. He was the only man from civil life in the northern states appointed to that rank, in that war, though he had not had a military education; his military record in the Civil war earned him this distinguished recognition. He served in command of troops (Seventh Army Corps) principally in Texas, Alabama, Louisiana and South Carolina, at Miami and Jacksonville, Florida; also at Savannah, Georgia, from which place he embarked about sixteen thousand men for Cuba, principally to the vicinity of Havana. Many who served under him and were on his staff were sons of ex-Confederates, and not a few of the officers had served in the Confederate Army. General John B. Gordon's son, Hugh H., and General J. E. B. Stuart's son, J. E. B. Stuart, served on his staff. He established his own headquarters at Buena Vista, just outside of Havana. He commanded the United States

military forces which entered and took possession of this ancient capital city, January 1, 1896.

The war being over and the occupancy of Cuba by the United States Volunteers ended, he was mustered out of military service in May, 1896, when he again returned to the practice of law in Springfield, which he has since continued, taking much interest in political campaigns, state and national. He has also given much attention to literature and writing. His political history of "Slavery and Four Years of War," though principally written in 1895-6, was completed by adding some account of the Spanish War, and published by the Putnam's (New York), in 1900. He was the first commander-in-chief of the Spanish War Veterans, now a large and flourishing organization.

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#### JOHN S. ELLIOTT.

Insurance interests of Springfield have advanced to enormous proportions in the past fifteen years, and at the present time constitute one of the leading departments of business activity. Special enterprise and ability always tell in business, and this is particularly so in the line of fire insurance. Competition is particularly keen and the wide-awake and alert underwriter is the one who obtains the largest share of public patronage. Prominent among the insurance men of Springfield and of Clark county, and a notable representative of this line of business, is John S. Elliott, who since 1877 has insured a large number of buildings against loss through fire. He also is an agent for all lines of insurance and has met with creditable success in his chosen field of labor.

Mr. Elliott was born near the village of Sudlersville, in Queen Anne county, Maryland, December 9, 1854, a son of John S. and Martha A. (Sudler) Elliott, both of whom were born in Maryland of old families and were educated in the early schools there. The father followed the occupation of farming and died in his native county. Unto him and his wife were born seven children, of whom one daughter died at the age of twenty-one years, while the others are all living. Two sons are engaged in the insurance business in Philadelphia, while the other members of the family are representatives of farming interests in the east.

John S. Elliott of this review pursued a common school education in his native county, and when a young man accepted a clerkship in a dry goods store there. In the year 1873 he came to Ohio, locating in Greene county, where he was employed as a farm hand for a year by M. V. Morris. In 1874 he entered the A. D. Wilt Miami Business College at Dayton, Ohio, where he pursued a complete commercial course. He then came to Springfield and for one year was engaged in clerking for J. W. Murphy, after which he became an insurance solicitor for D. R. Hosterman. In 1876 he removed to Xenia, where he opened a local office, and in 1877 he returned to Springfield and followed the insurance business for a time. In 1885 he purchased an agency and has since met with very creditable success in his undertakings. He is the president and general manager of the general fire insurance agency of the J. S. Elliott Company, which is incorporated under the laws of Ohio for twenty-five thousand dollars, and is district agent for the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York. He represents all large fire insurance companies and does a strictly union business.



representing fire, life and accident insurance companies. He has devoted his entire time and energy to the building up of his present extensive business and has the best individual agency in the state of Ohio. Since 1884 he has been located in the Mitchell building.

On the 6th of September, 1877, in Dayton, Ohio, Mr. Elliott wedded Mary W. Boyer, who was born in that state and was a daughter of O. P. Boyer, of Dayton. She died December 20, 1884, leaving two children: Lida B., the wife of Charles C. Limbacker, of this city; and John Oliver, who was born in August, 1882, and is now in his father's office. Both are graduates of the public schools of Springfield. In January, 1886, Mr. Elliott was again married, his second union being with Nora E. Wood, a native of Springfield, and a daughter of Samuel R. and Margaret Wood. Her father was a farmer in early life and afterward became a machinist. He is now deceased, but his widow is yet living. Three children have been born of the second marriage of our subject: Margaret, born in December, 1887; Benjamin F., in March, 1891; and Allen G., on the 4th of December, 1897.

Mr. Elliott was president of the board of public affairs of Springfield for three years, and by reappointment he served for another term of four years, being the Democratic advisory member. He has been a delegate to the city, county and state conventions of the Democratic party, and although he has never sought office some have been conferred upon him. He belongs to Anthony Lodge, No. 455, F. & A. M.; Springfield Chapter, R. A. M.; Springfield Council, No. 17, R. & S. M.; Palestine Commandery, No. 33, K. T.; Rose Croix Lodge, No. 18, of the Scottish rite of Dayton; and the Consistory of Cincinnati. He is also a member of Anti-

och Temple of the Mystic Shrine. He holds membership relations with Red Star Lodge, K. P.; the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks; Springfield Lodge, No. 33, I. O. O. F.; and Mad River Encampment, No. 16, Knights of Khorassan; and the United Commercial Travelers' Association. He is also a charter member of the Lagonda Club, and was one of the original directors. He is a charter member of the Commercial Club, and also of the board of trade. He belongs to the State Underwriters' Association of Ohio, and his wife is a member of the Second Presbyterian church. Mr. Elliott is deeply interested in every act that tends to develop the city and to promote its progress. He was appointed by Mayor Goodwin as one of the original trustees of the Mitchell-Thomas hospital, and remained upon the board until it came under the control of the board of public affairs, by act of the legislature. In connection with O. S. Kelly he raised the money to pay off the indebtedness of the hospital. Patriotic and public-spirited, he has labored along safe lines for the substantial upbuilding of Springfield, and is known here for his genuine worth in public affairs as well as for his enterprise and honesty in business.

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#### ADDISON J. BECKLEY.

Addison J. Beckley is a wholesale and retail dealer in coal and ice in Springfield. He now occupies a prominent and honorable position in commercial circles here and to this he has advanced through earnest, persistent effort. He was born in Danville, Indiana, July 7, 1857, his parents being James S. and Elizabeth (Christie) Beckley. The father was a native of Virginia and the

mother of Kentucky. On leaving the south they located in the vicinity of Danville, Indiana, where they spent the greater part of their remaining days, and both died in Indianapolis.

Addison J. Beckley, whose name forms the caption of this article, spent his boyhood days in the state of his nativity and pursued a literary education in Danville, Indiana, completing a high school course, after which he entered upon a commercial course in Indianapolis. Thus well fitted to enter business life he took up the study of telegraphy in his native state and when he had acquired a knowledge of the art he accepted a position as operator in the Union Station of Indianapolis. Soon afterward he accepted a position with the Indiana, Bloomington & Western Railroad at the general offices, continuing there until October, 1882, when he came to Springfield and accepted the position of storekeeper and timekeeper for the Ohio Southern Railway, acting in that capacity until 1887, with headquarters in this city. He next became freight agent for the Indiana, Bloomington & Western Railroad and for the Ohio Southern Railroad, as joint agent, and was retained in that position until 1895, when he resigned to engage in an independent business venture. He began dealing in coal and ice, entering into partnership with Warren D. Myers, under the firm name of Beckley & Myers. Their business prospered from the beginning, and soon they became extensive dealers in these commodities. They now have a very large trade, employing from twenty-five to thirty men, and about an equal number of wagons are used in the conduct of their business. Their trade is both wholesale and retail, with office on Limestone street and large yards on the corner

of Mechanic and Washington streets, having connection at each place with the Big Four Railroad.

In 1887 Mr. Beckley was united in marriage to Miss Clara Huben, a native of Springfield, and a daughter of Henry and Louise (Rohrer) Huben, who were old citizens of this place and highly respected by all. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Beckley has been born one son, Henry A.

In his political affiliations the subject of this review is a Democrat and in 1901 was appointed by Mayor Milligan a member of the advisory board of public affairs to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of J. S. Elliott; and on the expiration of the term was re-appointed for a term of two years, and during that time took a very active interest in the improvement of the city. Mr. Beckley is also a director of the Merchants & Mechanics Building & Loan Association, with which he has been thus identified since its organization in 1892. Prominent in the ranks of the Masonic fraternity, he holds membership in Anthony Lodge, No. 455, F. & A. M.; Springfield Chapter, No. 48, R. A. M.; Springfield Council, No. 17, R. & S. M.; and Palestine Commandery, No. 33, K. T.

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#### DAVID STEWART.

More than two-thirds of a century ago, on the farm where he now lives, David Stewart first opened his eyes to the light of day, his birth occurring August 20, 1833, in Green township. He is a son of James and Jane (Elder) Stewart. His father was born and reared in Dauphin county, Pennsylvania, and was there married, after which he came

with his wife to Ohio, living for a time in Hamilton county, whence he removed to the farm upon which our subject now lives, in 1814. Here he became the owner of seven hundred acres of land. He was a very industrious man, and through his untiring labor and careful control of his business affairs he accumulated a comfortable competence, which supplied him with all the comforts of life during his later years. He lived to the advanced age of seventy-six years, passing away in April, 1857. In the family were ten children, all of whom reached mature years, with one exception, while six are still living. Elijah died in this county. Ann Ingram became the wife of James Cowan, by whom she had one son, James, who is now living in Green township. Her second husband was David Torrence, by whom she had two children who are yet living. Her third husband was Samuel Barnett, with whom she is now living in Xenia. James F. is a resident of Yellow Springs. Mary P. is the wife of David Millen, of Xenia. Eliza became the wife of Harvey Jobe and is now deceased. John E. is a resident of Nebraska. Susannah died in early womanhood. David is the next of the family. Sarah Adeline became the wife of William Bancroft, by whom she had one child, Stewart Bancroft. She afterward married William C. Crothers, and there were no children by the second union. Her third husband is J. W. Marshall, and they are now living in Xenia.

David Stewart, whose name introduces this record, grew to manhood upon the old home farm. He attended school when it was not necessary to assist in farm work, but his educational privileges were somewhat limited, as his services were so often in demand in field and meadow. After his

father's death he continued to live with his mother and care for her. The former passed away in 1857, and the latter in 1863. In the meantime Mr. Stewart was married, on the 11th of January, 1859, in Green township, to Miss Laura McKeehan, who was born near Fredericktown, Maryland. Five children have been born of this union: Carrie E., who is acting as her father's housekeeper; Estella, who became the wife of John Brough Rife and lives in Greene county with their two children, Merrill and Cecil; Anna May is the widow of Cargill Morton, and they have one child, Grace. James McKeehan is a resident of Xenia. David Edwin, the youngest, is engaged in dealing in horses.

Mr. Stewart of this review inherited one hundred and thirty acres of land, to which he has added until his possessions now aggregate two hundred and ten acres. He has remodeled and improved the buildings upon his place, and his farm is now attractive in appearance and well equipped with modern accessories. In 1864 he proved his loyalty to the Union by enlisting in the National Guard, with which he was called out for one hundred days' service. He was in West Virginia, doing guard duty during that period. In politics he is a Republican, and for seven consecutive terms he served as township trustee, yet he has never been a politician in the sense of office seeking. Reared in the faith of the United Brethren church, he afterward became a member of the Presbyterian church of Clifton, with which he now holds membership, and in which he has long been a trustee. In 1873 he was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, a most estimable lady, who died in that year. Since that time his daughter has acted as his housekeeper. Mr. Stewart is well known in the

county of his nativity, leaving a wide acquaintance, among whom he numbers many staunch and earnest friends.

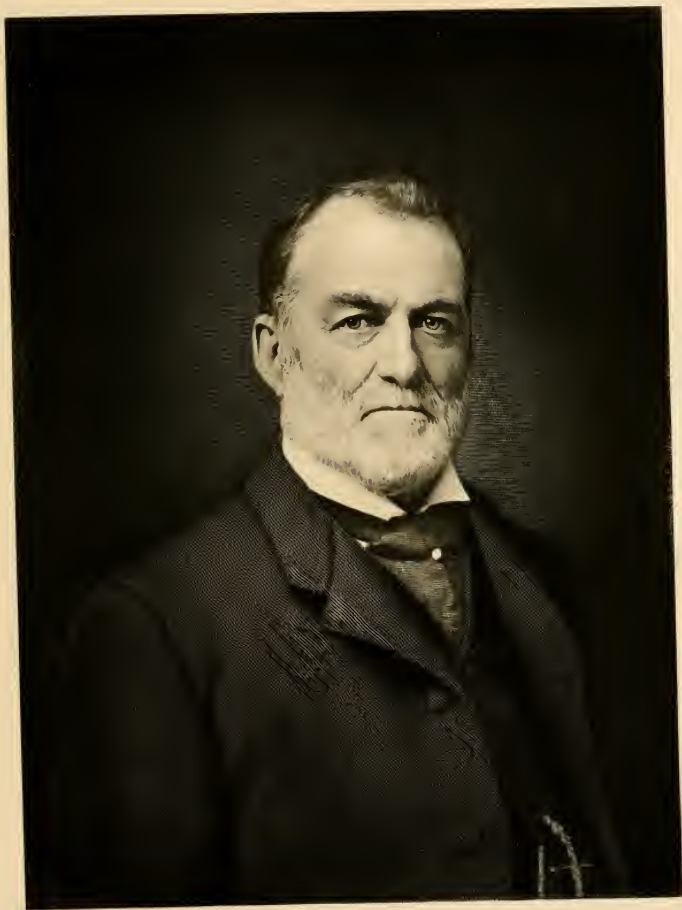
#### AMAZIAH WINGER.

Faithfulness to duty and strict adherence to a fixed purpose in life will do more to advance a man's interests than wealth or advantageous circumstances. The successful men of the day are they who have planned their own advancement and have accomplished it in spite of many obstacles and with a certainty that could have been attained only through their own efforts. This class of men has a worthy representative in Amaziah Winger, who began life amid unfavorable circumstances and has steadily worked his way upward until he occupies an enviable position in industrial circles, being superintendent and one of the stockholders of the Superior Drill Company.

Mr. Winger was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, September 13, 1835, upon a farm, and is a representative of one of the old families of the Keystone state, coming of Holland Dutch and Swiss ancestry. The representatives of the name are very numerous in Pennsylvania. The parents, Jacob and Catherine (Trout) Winger, were both natives of Pennsylvania, the former born in 1810 and the latter in 1809. They remained in the state of their nativity until 1837, when they came to Springfield, Ohio, and here the father engaged in carpentering and building for many years, being well known in building circles. He possessed natural mechanical ability and was an expert workman. His death occurred in

1889, and his wife passed away in 1890. They were the parents of ten children, six of whom are yet living, while three of the number died in early childhood. Hezekiah was a soldier in the Civil war for four years, going to the front with Mason's Zouaves, of the Second Ohio Regiment, but died in Springfield in 1865. The others are—Amaziah; Mrs. Catherine Ramsay, of Cheboygan, Michigan; Mrs. John A. Sites, who is a widow living in Denver, Colorado; George W., who is bookkeeper of the First National Bank of Springfield; John M., who is connected with the Superior Drill Company; and Mary, the wife of Theodore Troupe, a druggist. George was also a soldier of the Civil war, having gone to the front with the One Hundred and Fifty-second Ohio Regiment. With the exception of our subject all were born in Springfield and the educational privileges which they enjoyed were those afforded by the public schools here.

Amaziah Winger, like the others, attended the public school of this city, and entering upon his business career he became an employe in a lumber yard. In 1858 he embarked in the same line of business for himself, as a member of the firm of Simpson, Yarnell & Company, lumber manufacturers and jobbers, located at the corner of Washington and Limestone streets. In 1862 Mr. Winger sold his business interests and enlisted in the Union army as a member of Company A, Ninety-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He saw service at the battles of Perryville, Stone River, Chickamauga, the Atlanta campaign, and participated in the siege of the city, was with Sherman on the march to the sea, then took part in the Carolina campaign and was afterward in the



*Amariah Winger*



grand review at Washington. He was never wounded or incapacitated for duty in any way, and was always found at his post of duty as a faithful defender of the stars and stripes. He received an honorable discharge on the 5th of June, 1865, and with a most creditable military record returned to his home.

Mr. Winger then purchased an interest in a lumber business, becoming a member of the firm of Hayward & Winger. In January, 1885, he became interested in the Superior Drill Company, accepting a position as superintendent and has since devoted his entire attention to fostering the growth of his business, which has assumed good proportions and now yields a desirable profit to its stockholders. Mr. Winger is a man of resourceful business ability, and has been an active factor in the successful control of other enterprises. He was a director of the Lagonda Bank, was one of the organizers and one of the first directors of the Merchants & Mechanics Loan Association, and is a director of the Springfield Savings Bank. He is also a member of the board of trade and has served on a number of important committees.

In this city, in 1867, Mr. Winger was united in marriage to Miss Mary Crothers, who died in 1872, leaving two daughters, Frances and Laura, the former a graduate of a college in Yonkers, Pennsylvania, and the latter of a college in Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania. In 1876 Mr. Winger was again married, his second union being with Mrs. Mary-B. Torbert, the widow of James Torbert. She was born in Lebanon, Ohio, and is a daughter of James Barr, of that place, who removed from Lebanon to Springfield and was afterward connected with manufacturing interests in Cincinnati,

Ohio. After the war he engaged in the life insurance business for a time.

Mr. Winger served as a member of the city council for one year and in politics has always been a Republican. He belongs to Mitchell Post, No. 45, G. A. R., and is also a member of the commandery of the Loyal Legion, of Ohio. He holds membership in Clark Lodge, No. 101, F. & A. M.; Springfield Chapter, R. A. M.; Springfield Council, R. & S. M.; and Palestine Commandery, K. T. Both he and his wife belong to the Presbyterian church, taking a very active part in its work and upbuilding. For a number of years he was one of the church trustees and is now serving as deacon. He is a liberal contributor to charitable work and to the Young Men's Christian Association, being particularly interested in the latter organization. He has also been a generous friend to the Clark Memorial Home and his wife is serving as a member of its board of managers and also of the board of managers of the Children's Home. While he has led a very busy and useful life he has realized that the character of a man is shown by the use which he makes of his financial success and he has freely given of his means to various worthy objects, because of his deep interest therein. His record as a soldier and as a citizen, as a gentleman and a man of honor is one worthy of high commendation and of emulation.

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#### CHRISTIAN A. SCHUSTER.

Since 1874 Christian A. Schuster has been closely and actively identified with industrial circles in Springfield and his influence in public affairs has also been potent.

At the present time he is serving as a member of the city council, while his business relation is that of a member of the firm of Peet & Schuster, partners in a galvanized iron and roofing business of this city.

Our subject was born in Erie county, New York, near Buffalo, on the 8th of February, 1848, opening his eyes there to the light of day upon his father's farm. He is a son of Christian and Elizabeth (Hauck) Schuster, both of whom were natives of Alsace, Loraine, Germany. The former was eighteen years of age when he crossed the Atlantic to the new world, while his wife, who still survives him, is now living near Buffalo, at the age of eighty-seven years. They were married in this country, located upon a farm and amid the surroundings of rural life reared their family of seven children, of whom two are now deceased. De-wald was killed in the army during the Civil war when going with Sherman from Atlanta to the sea, and Jacob died in Florida at the age of twenty-six years. The surviving members of the family are Magdalena, the wife of Jacob Janes, who resides near Buffalo; Elizabeth, the wife of George B. Walter, who is living in Florida; George H., a resident of Goshen, Indiana; Christian A.; and Caroline, the wife of Josiah Young, who makes his home in Green Springs, Ohio. In the common schools of Erie county, New York, the children were educated and were reared upon the home farm. The father had firm faith in Republican principles and gave his support to the men and measures of the party and served in a few local minor offices. He located in Erie county, New York, when he could obtain government land there, which fact is an indication that he was one of the first settlers.

Like the others of the family, Christian A. Schuster was educated in the common schools and remained upon the home farm until he was sixteen years of age, when he was apprenticed to learn the trade of tin and sheet metal worker, in Buffalo. In 1866 he came to Ohio, locating first at Fremont and afterward in Toledo. Subsequently he removed to Goshen, Indiana, living also in Elkhart, and in 1869-70 was in Chicago, leaving the latter city in the spring of 1871. He then came to Springfield and made a permanent location here, embarking in business on his own account in 1874, as a partner of T. B. Peet, under the firm name of T. B. Peet & Co. That association was maintained until the death of the senior partner and then the present company was incorporated under the firm name of the Peet & Schuster Company, of which Mr. Schuster has been president and general manager since its organization. They do all kinds of sheet metal work and roofing, and manufacture all classes of products needed in their business, including sheet metal, tin, slate, tile, iron and composition roofings. Their contract work extends over a territory embracing both Ohio and Indiana and they ship their products to various parts of the country. They began business on a small scale but the trade has gradually grown larger until it has assumed large and profitable proportions. Mr. Schuster has given his entire attention to the development of the business, which, since 1873, has been carried on at No. 28 1/2 South Fountain avenue.

In 1876 Mr. Schuster was united in marriage to Miss Mary Kershner, who was born in Springfield in 1850 and died in 1887. Of the other children, one died in infancy and the others are: Rosamond G.,



Bertha E. and Robert C. The first two are graduates of the high school. In 1890, in this city, Mr. Schuster was again married, his second union being with Julia Miller, who was born in Bridgeport, Connecticut, in 1864, and died in 1901. They had two children: Mary B. and Ruth M.

A believer in Republican principles Mr. Schuster always supports the men and measures of the party by his ballot and upon its ticket he was elected to the city council in 1897, and has twice been re-elected, so that he has continuously served in that office. He has been a member of various important positions and has put forth earnest and effective efforts for the welfare and progress of the community. In 1901 he served as president of the city council and in the same year was a member of the library board of the city. He is a member of the Commercial Club; belongs to Anthony Lodge, F. & A. M.; Springfield Chapter, R. A. M.; Springfield Council, R. & S. M.; Palestine Commandery, K. T.; the Scottish Rite bodies of Dayton, and the Consistory of Cincinnati. He was one of the organizers and charter members of the Champion City Guards, of Springfield, and is a consistent member of the High street Methodist Episcopal church.

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#### REESE GARRETT CALVERT.

Reese Garrett Calvert well deserves representation in this volume, because he is one of the persistent, most energetic and wide-awake merchants of Selma, where he is also filling the position of postmaster. He is now engaged in dealing in grain, coal, lumber and

seeds and in this line has built up a business whose growth has resulted from his earnest purpose and honorable dealing. A native of Pennsylvania, Mr. Calvert was born in Delaware county January 21, 1857, and is a son of Thomas L. and Elizabeth (Paist) Calvert. He is also a descendant of Cecil Calvert—Lord Baltimore—who was the founder of the colony of Maryland.

He spent his early boyhood days upon a farm and when he was about ten years of age he accompanied his parents on their removal to Philadelphia, where he continued until he came to Ohio, as a youth of eleven years. He made his home with his uncle, Joshua Harrison, until 1876. He had attended both the public and select schools in Pennsylvania, and thus acquired a good practical English education. At the age of nineteen he began clerking in a general store, owned by the firm of Hollingsworth & Company, of Selma, and remained in their employ for four years, a fact which indicates that he gave excellent satisfaction by capable service. He afterward removed to West Liberty, Iowa, where he engaged in clerking until 1883. In that year he returned to Clark county and, entering into partnership, bought out a store of his former employer, the new firm being organized under the name of Calvert, Brother & Company. Our subject and his brother remained in this business until 1892, when Reese G. Calvert purchased his brother's interest. In 1892 they established a private bank, which was conducted until 1894. In the latter year the firm divided its interest, Mr. Wildman continuing as proprietor of the mercantile department, while our subject took as his interest of the business, a grain, coal, lumber and seed department, and in this line of commercial activity he has since conduct-

ed a growing trade, yielding to him a good income. In the year 1883 he was appointed postmaster and served in that capacity until 1892, when he retired from the office as he had entered it—with the confidence and good will of all concerned. In 1898 he was reappointed to that office and has since been the incumbent. In the same year he had become ticket and freight agent of Selma for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company.

Mr. Calvert was married at Richmond, Indiana, on the 28th of July, 1885, to Miss Ethel Kirk, of that city. She was born in the village of Eagletown, Hamilton county, Indiana, November 4, 1860, and is a daughter of Charles W. and Rachel (Hollingsworth) Kirk, who on leaving her native place removed to Darlington, Indiana, where the father entered upon the active practice of medicine, continuing there until Mrs. Calvert was about fourteen years of age. His health then gave way under his strenuous professional duties and he removed to Kokomo, Indiana, where he and his brother engaged in the practice of dentistry. In 1878 Dr. Kirk was appointed superintendent of an Indian boarding school on the Wyandot, Seneca and Shawnee reservation and Mrs. Calvert began teaching there when she was eighteen years of age. After two years, however, she returned to Indiana and entered Earlham College at Richmond, being there graduated in the class of 1885. In 1884 her father gave up the superintendency of the Indian school and returned to Richmond for a year's rest. Mrs. Calvert frequently visited at her uncle's home in Ohio and here had become acquainted with the subject of this review as early as 1876. About a month after her graduation she

gave him her hand in marriage. The same year her parents returned to the Indian Territory in the interest of the Society of Friends and Dr. Kirk retained his former position until his death, passing away while engaged in active missionary work there. He died September 9, 1893, in Shawneetown, Oklahoma, and was laid to rest in the midst of the field where he had labored so earnestly and acceptably. His wife still carries on the missionary work among the Kickapoo Indians. Dr. Kirk was born in Richmond, Indiana, April 7, 1836, and was a son of Israel and Sarah (Test) Kirk, the former a native of Pennsylvania, and the latter of New Jersey. The grandfather of Mrs. Calvert died when her father was about five years of age. He had been a miller and his mill was destroyed by fire a short time before his death, so that the family was left in somewhat straitened financial circumstances, but Dr. Kirk managed to obtain a good education through his own efforts and was thus qualified for the teacher's profession, which he followed in different schools in early life. After his marriage he continued teaching for about two years, when he took up the study of medicine and was graduated in the Miami Medical College with the class of 1867.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Calvert have been born three children: Cecil Kirk, who was born in Selma, Ohio, August 3, 1880; Edward Harrison, born January 21, 1889; and Rachel Grace, born November 2, 1890. The Calvert family is one of prominence in the community, widely known, and amid a large acquaintance our subject and his wife number many warm friends, who hold them in high regard.

## ROBERT ELDER.

The business interests of Selma find in Robert Elder a worthy representative. He is engaged in dealing in general merchandise and agricultural implements, carrying a well selected stock, whereby he secures from the public a liberal patronage, which he justly merits because his business methods are honorable and he earnestly desires to please his patrons. He was born upon a farm in Green township, Clark county, January 16, 1872, and is a son of Robert N. and Julia A. (Stewart) Elder. The home farm remained his playground in youth and was also the training school for his business career, as he learned there habits of industry, enterprise and perseverance. His literary education was acquired in the country schools of the neighborhood and at the age of twenty-three years he entered upon his mercantile career as a salesman in a store. After two years he purchased a half interest in the store and in 1899 became sole proprietor and is now conducting an extensive business, which is constantly increasing owing to his well conducted business affairs, his keen foresight and executive ability.

On the 14th of September, 1898, Mr. Elder was united in marriage in Selma to Miss Rachel Wildman, a daughter of William and Eliza (Harrison) Wildman, who are residents of Madison township. They have two children, Robert Newell, born September 8, 1899; and Lois, born December 11, 1900. Mr. Elder is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, but his wife was reared in the faith of the Society of Friends. He votes with the Republican party, takes an active interest in its work and has been a delegate to various conventions.

He is now a member of the central committee for the Selma precinct of Madison township. As a citizen he is interested and active in the welfare of town and county, has served on school board, as election officer and cashier of Ohio State Fair, and his worth is widely acknowledged because of what he has done in behalf of the general good.

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 THOMAS E. MATTINSON.

Thomas E. Mattinson, who is engaged in general farming and stock raising in Madison township, was born in this township on the 23d of October, 1849, and his continuous residence here is an indication that Clark county offers good business opportunities to its native sons. His parents were Matthew and Margaret (Evans) Mattinson, who removed to the farm upon which our subject now resides when he was about eight years of age. Here he was reared to manhood. He has turned the furrows upon many a field and the sun has shone down and ripened the grain which he planted until the golden sheaves were harvested and the grain became a marketable commodity. The common schools afforded Mr. Mattinson his education. He was the third in a family of six children and bore his part in the work of the farm, and also enjoyed his share of the advantages provided in the home circle. He continued under the parental roof until 1881.

It was on the 1st of December, of that year, that Mr. Mattinson was united in marriage to Miss Emma Clemans, of Madison township, Clark county, where she was born, her parents being William and Catherine (Schickendantz) Clemans. There is one

child of this marriage, Edwin, who was born April 25, 1887. The wife and mother died April 19, 1906, and was laid to rest in Green Lawn cemetery in South Charleston.

Mr. Mattinson belongs to the Presbyterian church of South Charleston and in his political views is a Republican, having continually supported the party since he cast his first presidential vote for Grant in 1872. He has never been an office seeker, preferring to give his whole time and attention to his business affairs. He inherited two hundred acres from his father, and his farm is now a valuable tract with substantial buildings and modern improvements and in its neat and thrifty appearance it indicates the careful supervision of a wide-awake and enterprising owner.

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#### J. S. HARSHMAN.

During his residence in Clark county the subject of this biography has gained distinctive recognition as one of the leading financiers and business men not only of Springfield, but of this portion of the state, having shown a marked capacity for the conduct of affairs of great breadth. One of his salient characteristics is his ability to recognize favorable opportunities and to utilize these for ends of business advancement. He is prominently known in connection with electric railway construction and in this way has not only added to his own wealth, but has proven a benefactor to the community, for business advancement depends perhaps more largely upon rapid transportation than any other agency outside of the direct line of trade. He is today the president of the Dayton, Springfield & Urbana Electric Rail-

way Company and has been connected with the prosperous conduct of a number of other electric lines. Honored and respected by all, there is no man who occupies a more honorable position in financial, commercial and industrial circles than does J. S. Harshman, not alone on account of the great success he has achieved, but also on account of his honorable, straightforward business policy which he has ever followed.

Mr. Harshman is one of Ohio's native sons, his birth having occurred in the village which bears the family name, in Montgomery county, January 26, 1803. He is a son of George W. and Anna V. (Rohor) Harshman, both of whom were natives of Ohio, the father representing an old Maryland family that was established in the new world by ancestors who came from Germany and took up their abode in Maryland. Later representatives of the name sought a home in Ohio and became pioneer residents of Montgomery county. In early life the father of our subject was engaged in manufacturing and later turned his attention to merchandising. He was largely interested in real estate, owning a number of good farms in Montgomery and other counties. As the years passed he acquired wealth and in addition to his landed possessions he won an honorable name because of his just and straightforward dealings. He died in the village of Harshman in 1808, respected and honored by all who knew him. His career excited the admiration of those with whom he was associated and at the same time gained for him the confidence and good will of all.

J. S. Harshman, whose name introduces this record, pursued his preliminary education in the schools of his native village and subsequently became a student in a select

school. On putting aside his text books he secured employment under R. D. Hughes, of the American Express Company at Dayton, Ohio, but at the end of one year resigned his position, being called home to take charge of his father's extensive business, which included the supervision of large tracts of farming lands as well as the control of the linseed oil mill and other milling business and of grain supplies. Mr. Harshman assumed the duty of looking after the grinding, buying and selling of mill products and at the same time he was extensively engaged in buying and shipping grain. He continued in active charge of the business until 1886, when he entered into partnership with his brother, Samuel R., under the firm name of S. R. Harshman & Brother. This relation was maintained for four years, at the end of which time the subject of this review sold his interest to his brothers and removed to Clark county, locating in Enon.

Since that time Mr. Harshman has been a factor in trade relations and in the business development of his portion of Ohio. He became a grain merchant of Enon, building there an elevator which was afterward destroyed by fire and which he rebuilt in 1900. In 1893 his attention was attracted to the work of constructing electric railways. He believed that there was a bright future for that enterprise and was instrumental in securing the right of way for the Dayton, Springfield & Urbana Electric Railroad. He became the vice president of the company and later president and is still serving in that capacity. He is also interested in the Columbus, London & Springfield Electric Railway, is president of the company and from its organization has been at its head. He is also interested in the

Springfield & Western Electric Railway Company, of which he is the president; is president of the Urbana, Bellefontaine & Northern Railway Company, and the Columbus, Delaware & Marion Electric Railway Company. It will thus be seen that Mr. Harshman has been a most active factor in the establishment and control of electric railway lines. This interurban transportation has been a marked step in advancement along transportation lines and is indicative of the progressive spirit which so characterizes America. The efforts of Mr. Harshman have indeed been fruitful and have likewise proven of great benefit to the communities into which his electric railways have been extended. The business interest that receives his co-operation gained its fortune because of his wise council, keen discernment and sound judgment. He is now the vice president of the Citizens National Bank of Springfield; is the president of the Victor Rubber Tire Company; is interested in the Kyle Art Glass Company of Springfield, and was one of its organizers. He was also vice president of the Harshman Shoe Manufacturing Company, of Harshman, Ohio, until the sale of the factory to a Wisconsin concern. What Mr. Harshman has accomplished in the world of commerce cannot adequately be told in words. It is certainly not asserting too much to say of one who can direct and control a business of such magnitude, that he must possess, aside from mercantile foresight and sagacity, the happy faculty of reading and judging men, unusual powers of organization and executive ability, in a word, that his must be a master mind. And yet, if one shall seek in Mr. Harshman's career the causes that have led to his success, they will be found along the lines of well tried and old time

maxims. Honesty and fair dealing, promptness, truthfulness, fidelity—all these are strictly adhered to. Faithfulness on the part of employes is promoted by the knowledge that good service means advancement as opportunity opens and that neglect of duty will not be tolerated, and is further enhanced by the interest taken by the employer in the personal welfare of the deserv- ing.

In 1887 Mr. Harshman was united in marriage to Miss Mary Snyder, of Snyder- ville, Ohio, a daughter of the late Henry Snyder, of Springfield. Her uncle was one of the most highly honored and respected citizens of this place and proved a public benefactor to the city, making a donation of two hundred and sixty acres of land for park purposes, which is now known as Snyder's Park. He married Anna Hertzler, a daughter of Daniel Hertzler, who some years ago was murdered at his home. The marriage of our subject and his wife has been blessed with three children: Anna S., George W. and Virginia V. Mr. Harshman votes with the Republican party but has never sought or desired office. He is not only recognized as a most enterpris- ing citizen but is broad and liberal in his views and well versed on all matters of general interest. His beautiful home stands just outside the corporation limits of Spring- field and is adorned with all the accessories which wealth can secure and refined tastes suggest.

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#### FRANK BALDWIN.

Frank Baldwin, who is filling the posi- tion of justice of the peace for Moorefield township, is a public officer in whom his fel-

low townsmen have every reason to place their trust and confidence for his loyalty and fidelity to duty and his promptness in the execution of public obligations have been many times demonstrated. He is a native of the township in which he still lives, his birth having occurred September 3, 1841 just across the Big Four Railroad from his present farm on the old family homestead which is now occupied by his brother, Will- iam Baldwin. His parents were Samuel Vance and Catherine (Van Meter) Baldwin. The father was a native of Gerrardstown, Berkeley county, West Virginia, and was about nineteen years of age when he came to Ohio with his father, Joseph Baldwin, who settled in Moorefield township, Clark coun- ty, then a part of Champaign county. Here the grandfather spent his remaining days and became the owner of a large tract of land. He had owned a tannery in Virginia but traded it for property in this state, and in addition to three hundred acres which he purchased, he inherited considerable land which came to him from his eldest son, Will- iam Baldwin, who had secured a fortune in New York which he had invested in the Ohio real estate and as he died unmarried, at the age of forty-eight years, his property therefore reverted to the family. Samuel V. Baldwin, the father of our subject, spent his boyhood days on the old family home- stead, assisting in the arduous task of de- veloping a new farm. His early education acquired in the common schools was sup- plemented by study in Oxford, Ohio, and when his literary course was completed he took up the study of the law and was ad- mitted to the bar. He had also studied to some extent in Indianapolis, but completed his course in Urbana, Ohio. Throughout his remaining days he was engaged in the

practice of law except during the period when he served as probate judge. He was called to that office at the time it was created and acted in that capacity until his death, covering a period of twelve or fourteen years. This fact indicates in an unmistakable manner his fidelity to the duties of the profession and his fairness in rendering decisions. In Union township, Champaign county, he wedded Catherine Van Meter and they became the parents of seven children: William, who is now residing in Moorefield township, married Emily Reed, and has four children. He, too, prepared for the bar and engaged in the practice of law for a number of years, but is now living retired on the old home place. Joseph H., who married Lyda Skillman, by whom he has one child, is living retired in Springfield. Caroline is the wife of J. W. Anderson, a druggist of Urbana. John R., who joined the service in the Civil war as a private of Company G, Sixty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, was promoted to the rank of sergeant and died of pneumonia in a hospital at Washington. He had wedded Mary M. McCorkle and left one son. Frank is the next of the family. Jennie died in 1863, at the age of seventeen years; and Mary, who completes the family, has also passed away.

Frank Baldwin spent his boyhood days in Urbana, his people having removed to that city when he was only about a year old. At the usual age he entered the public schools there and was graduated in the high school. The question of slavery and the attitude of the south regarding it was one largely discussed in the family and the spirit of patriotism was dominant. On the twentieth anniversary of his birth Frank Baldwin offered his services to the govern-

ment, joining the boys in blue of Company G, Sixty-sixth Ohio Infantry, was promoted to the rank of first lieutenant of Company I, of the same regiment, and was acting quartermaster of the regiment at the close of the war. In the meantime he had veteranized and remained with his command until the cessation of hostilities. He had participated in the engagement of Port Republic, in the battles of the Shenandoah valley, of Chancellorsville and Gettysburg, and went with Sherman when the Union troops marched with that gallant leader from Atlanta to the sea coast. He never missed an engagement in which his regiment participated and was in many of the hardest fought battles of the war, including the last one, at Bentonville, North Carolina. He afterward took part in the grand review in Washington, a military pageant which has been unequaled in the western hemisphere. On several occasions he was struck by spent balls, and he sustained a slight wound at Peach Tree Creek, but was never disabled nor left his command. Many times he narrowly escaped death, his clothing being pierced by rebel bullets. Twice he was in the hospital at Washington, the first time about a week, after which he came home for a short visit. He could not obtain a furlough, but his colonel took him down town and told him to go home and stay until he had recovered his health, and that he would take care of his record.

In 1867 Mr. Baldwin went to Macoupin county, Illinois, where he remained for several years engaged in herding cattle. Returning to Springfield, he was married in that city in 1872 to Miss J. S. Nagley, a native daughter of this county, her parents being Henry B. and Mary J. (Wright) Nagley. After their marriage the young cou-



ple spent two years in Indiana, and in 1872 returned to Clark county, where they have since made their home. Their marriage has been blessed with six children: Laura C., the wife of J. W. Anderson, of Springfield, by whom she has two sons; Helen, at home; Mary Janette, who is teaching school; Ruth, who is a graduate of the Urbana high school; Frances L., a student in Urbana; and Pauline.

In 1864 Mr. Baldwin cast his first presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln and has ever been an earnest Republican. In 1876 he was elected justice of the peace and has served in that office altogether for about eighteen years. During this time he has tried many cases and his rulings have never been reversed. He has also compromised many cases, for he always advises such a course rather than bring the differences into court. Without fear or favor he has discharged the duties of his office and that he has the entire confidence of the public is indicated by his long continuance in that position. Throughout his business career he has carried on farming and stock raising and is today the owner of a valuable property in Moorefield township.

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#### FRANK ERTER.

Frank Erter, who carries on general farming in Moorefield township, was born within its borders October 3, 1856, his parents being John and Nancy (Grube) Erter. The father was probably a native of Maryland, and in early life came to Ohio with his parents who located on Urbana pike, in Clark county, where the grandfather rented land for a time. Later he removed to Logan county, where he purchased a farm and there

resided until his life's labors were ended in death. John Erter was probably married before his people removed to Logan county. He, too, made farming his life work and became the owner of about three hundred and eighty acres of rich land, in the cultivation of which he manifested marked industry and enterprise so that he won a very gratifying competence. In his political views he was a Republican and served as a trustee of Moorefield township. His death occurred in 1876, while his wife, who was born in 1818, still survives him and now resides with her daughter, Mrs. John Hare, on the Urbana pike, in Champaign county.

Frank Erter, who was the sixth of their family of seven children, spent his boyhood days upon the home farm and attained a common-school education. He assisted his father not only in the work of the fields, but also in paying off the indebtedness upon the place, and when he had attained his majority he took charge of the home farm which he operated for a number of years. On the 1st of May, 1890, in the home of the bride at No. 981 Lagonda avenue, in Springfield, he married Miss Laura J. Cowan, who was born near Pitchin, in Springfield township, Clark county, November 7, 1858, a daughter of Hugh and Marjorie (Elder) Cowan. Her father passed away in February, 1898, but her mother survives and is still living on Lagonda avenue. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Erter has been blessed with two sons, Harry J., who was born on Lagonda avenue in Springfield, April 10, 1892, and Stanley, whose birth occurred on the home farm, July 20, 1897.

Mr. Erter purchased his present farm in 1892 with money which he had himself earned, and now has one hundred and four acres of rich land. The



house is one of the old landmarks of this portion of the county, but is in a good state of preservation. His fields are well tilled and he annually harvests good crops which result from the care and labor he bestows upon his place. Keeping well informed on the political issues of the day, as every true American citizen should do, he votes with the Republican party which he has supported since casting his first presidential vote for Garfield in 1880. He has never been an office seeker, however, preferring to give his entire time and attention to his business affairs in which he is meeting with creditable and gratifying success.

It will be interesting in this connection to note something of the family history of Mrs. Erter. Her father, Hugh Cowan, was born on the Selma pike, three and one-half miles south of the county seat in Springfield township, March 27, 1824, his parents being David and Jane (Steele) Cowan. David Cowan was a native of Pennsylvania and during his boyhood removed with his parents to Kentucky, where he was reared and married, coming thence to Ohio. He took up his abode on the farm where his son Hugh was born in Green township, eight miles as the David Cowan farm. There Hugh Cowan was reared and in the district schools of the neighborhood attained a fair education. He married Miss Marjorie Elder, who was born in Green township, eight miles south of Springfield, April 17, 1834, a daughter of Robert and Nancy (Elder) Elder. Her father was born in Dauphin county, Pennsylvania, in 1803, and was a son of Robert and Ann Elder. Mrs. Erter's maternal grandmother was Nancy Elder and her family name in maidenhood was the same, she being a distant relative of her husband. She was also born in Pennsylvania,

but it is not definitely known whether in Dauphin or in Indiana county. After the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Cowan they made their home on the old home farm, living there up to the time of the death of Mr. Cowan with the exception of one year which they spent in Cass county, Missouri. Not liking that locality, however, they returned to Ohio and Mr. Cowan passed away on the 26th of January, 1898. In the family of this worthy couple were seven children of whom Mrs. Erter is the eldest; David S., a farmer of Springfield township, who was born June 7, 1861, and married Minnie Haley; Agnes, who died at the age of nineteen years; Mary, wife of Bert Sellers, a resident of Dayton; Elder, who married Katie Priudle, of Ashtabula, Ohio, where they are living with their one child, Jane; Harriet B., born January 27, 1872; and Grace A., who died at the age of twenty-two years.

Mr. Cowan was a Republican, believing firmly in the principles of the party. At the time of the Civil war he became a member of the state militia, joining the "Squirrel Hunters," and went out on the raid against General Morgan. He held membership in the United Presbyterian church and his was an upright, honorable life in which his fidelity to the duties of citizenship and to home relations and family ties gained him the warm regard and respect of those with whom he was associated.

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WILLIAM BALDWIN.

William Baldwin, a retired attorney and an honored veteran of the Civil war, now living on the old family homestead in Moore-

field township, was born in Urbana, January 11, 1834, his father, Samuel Vance Baldwin, owning both the home farm and the adjoining property. The family is one of long connection with Clark county, for the grandfather located here about 1809. He took an active part in the work of pioneer development, sharing in the arduous task of transforming the wild land into good farms, and the work he began has been carried on by his descendants, the family ever being known as a valued and representative one of this portion of the state. Samuel Vance Baldwin was an attorney and practiced successfully for many years. Beside his home in Urbana he owned the farm upon which William Baldwin now resides. He had here five hundred and twenty acres of land and in connection with its cultivation he likewise operated a mill here. He also had one thousand acres in Champaign county, so that his landed possessions aggregated almost sixteen hundred acres. The mill had been erected before the property came into his possession. Samuel V. Baldwin became prominent in public affairs and was a progressive citizen, co-operating heartily in every movement and measure which he believed would contribute to the general good. He married Catherine Van Meter and in their family were eight children, of whom the subject of this review is the eldest.

Upon the home farm and in the city home in Urbana William Baldwin spent the days of his boyhood and youth. He acquired his education in the Urbana schools and afterward took up the study of law under the direction of Judge Ichabod Corwin, of that city. Later he pursued a course of lectures in the Cincinnati Law School, was graduated in 1858 and then began prac-

tice at Urbana, remaining a member of the bar at that place until 1861, when in response to President Lincoln's first call for Union soldiers to serve for three months he offered his aid to the government and became the captain of the first company organized in Urbana. With his command he left that city the day following the one upon which Fort Sumter was fired upon. His command became Company K, of the Second Ohio Infantry, and was in the first battle of Bull Run, but as Captain Baldwin had been detailed for special service he did not participate in that engagement. In August, his term of service having expired, he returned home, but almost immediately he reenlisted and was commissioned second lieutenant of Company D, Twenty-sixth Ohio Infantry. Later he was promoted to first lieutenant and afterward became captain of Company G, retaining that rank until brevetted major. He was in the service altogether for about six years, doing garrison duty after the close of the war. His last service was in command of old Fort Sullivan, at the mouth of the St. Croix. At Missionary Ridge he was wounded in the side of the head and temporarily disabled while making a charge, but later he led his men over the breastworks. At the foot of Kennesaw Mountain he was shot in the lower left thigh, on the 25th of June, 1864, the day after General Polk was killed. Major Baldwin was then sent to the general hospital at Cincinnati, his injury disabling him for eight months, but as soon as possible he rejoined his regiment at Huntsville, Alabama, this being near the close of the war. A short time before the cessation of hostilities he claimed his discharge, which was granted him, but later he was appointed first lieutenant of Company C, of the Third Regi-

ment Veteran Reserve Corps, with which he remained until the close of his military services. He had indeed been a loyal defender of the Union cause and through almost six years he wore the blue uniform of the nation, faithfully upholding its banner wherever duty called him.

Soon after his return home Major Baldwin was married to Miss Emily Reed, a daughter of Joel and Leah (Weldin) Reed. Unto them have been born four children: William, who is now cashier for the American Express Company, in Columbus, married Susan Cline, of Osborne, Ohio, and has a little son, William Robert. Blanche is the wife of James W. Roberts, of Moorefield township, and they have a daughter, Blanche. Leah is the wife of A. G. Dey, manager for the Rogers Iron Company, at Springfield, Ohio. Reed, nineteen years of age, is at home.

At the time of his marriage Major Baldwin owned a farm in Champaign county, which he afterward sold, removing to Wichita, Kansas. He built the first house in the town, although he was not the first settler there. From the government he purchased land and made his home in Wichita for seven years. The city grew rapidly and he became a prominent and influential factor in public affairs. While there he was elected city attorney five times and he prepared the charter under which the city was organized. He was also elected and served as probate judge of Sedgwick county, and was elected to represent his district in the state legislature and would have been re-elected had he not moved to Washington. He was also commissioned colonel of the Kansas National Militia on Governor Osborn's staff. While residing at Wichita he received an appointment to a governent po-

sition at Washington and resided in the capital city for five years, after which he returned to Clark county, where he has since lived. He is now retired from the practice of the law, his attention being given to the supervision of his farming interests in Moorefield township. In politics he has always been a stalwart Republican where matters of national importance are involved, but at local elections he votes independently. His first ballot was cast for General John C. Fremont. He became a member of B. B. French Lodge, No. 15, F. & A. M., in Washington, and by special dispensation received the Master Mason degree within three days.

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#### THOMAS EDWARD HARWOOD.

Thomas E. Harwood is the president and business manager of the T. E. Harwood Printing & Publishing Company of Springfield. It is no uncommon thing in this country to meet men who have worked their way upward from humble beginnings to positions of affluence. Mr. Harwood, from the humble capacity of journeyman printer, has advanced until he stands at the head of the Harwood Printing & Publishing Company and in this position is controlling an extensive and important business, including the publication of the Gazette, which is the oldest existing journal of Clark county, established in 1872. There is also a well equipped job printing and binding establishment and each department of the business has become a paying one.

Thomas E. Harwood was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, May 26, 1846, and is a son of Francis Lee and Mary (Coffman) Harwood. The father, a native of Warwick

county, Virginia, was a cousin of General Robert E. Lee, and during his youth removed to Newark, Ohio, while subsequently he became a resident of Cincinnati, where he was engaged in contracting and building. Later in life, however, he returned to Newark, where he died in 1862, his wife surviving him, aged ninety years. Both were devoted members of the Baptist church, and in his political views Mr. Harwood, Sr., was a Democrat.

At the age of twelve years Thomas Edward Harwood was apprenticed to learn the printer's trade in the office of the *Advocate*, at Newark, then owned by Hon. W. D. Morgan, at one time secretary of state of Ohio. He completed his full term of service and subsequently worked as a journeyman in Newark, Columbus, Cincinnati, Louisville, Kentucky, and then came to Springfield in 1865. Here he secured a similar situation and was employed in various offices in that capacity until he was made city editor of the *Weekly Gazette*, and in 1873 he purchased the paper, which was conducted solely as a weekly journal for three years, when he also began the publication of the *Daily Gazette*. He continued alone in business until he admitted his son, Frank C., in partnership under the firm name of T. E. Harwood & Son, and in 1898 the business was incorporated as the T. E. Harwood Printing & Publishing Company, of which our subject is the president. Both the daily and weekly *Gazette* rank among the leading papers of southwestern Ohio, and from 1872 the *Gazette* has been continuously published, making it the oldest existing paper of the county. It is a Republican sheet devoted to the welfare and interests of the party, and is likewise found as the advocate of every measure

and movement calculated to prove of practical benefit to the city along lines of progress, reform and improvement. Not only are the members of the company actively engaged in the publication of this journal but are also devoting their time with success to the control of a job printing business and a bindery establishment, in both of which they have secured a liberal patronage, and these interests, combined with the publication of the *Gazette*, returns to the firm an excellent income from their investment.

Mr. Harwood was united in marriage to Miss Anna M. Hartstone, a daughter of Frederick Hartstone, of Springfield, and the marriage, which was celebrated on the 19th of October, 1868, has been blessed with ten children, eight of whom are still living. Frank C., the eldest, is managing editor of the *Gazette* and vice-president of the T. E. Harwood Printing & Publishing Company. Fred H., who is one of the directors of the company, was quartermaster sergeant of the Tenth Ohio Regiment during the Spanish-American war, and also sergeant-major of the Thirty-first Regiment, doing two years' service in the Philippines, and is now chief clerk in the department of works in Manila. Lee Edward is serving as city editor of the *Gazette*; Charles A., who until recently was a clerk in the office of the Warder, Bushnell & Glessner Company, is now in the office of the International Harvester Company at Evansville, Indiana. Ralph C. and Kenneth S. are students in business colleges. Jessie Manton is now the wife of John L. Bushnell, of Springfield. Nannie L. completes the family. Mr. and Mrs. Harwood and their children are members of the High street Methodist Episcopal church and with this denomination he has been identified for a number of years. He has erected for his

family a comfortable home on South Fountain avenue, where, with his wife and younger children, he is now living. In his political views he is now a stalwart Republican, but early in life was identified with the Democratic party. He is looked upon as a valued and helpful supporter of his party and frequently is called as a delegate to the state and other conventions. His time since entering the Gazette office has been devoted to the upbuilding of the paper and in this regard his labors have met with some success, for the Gazette is not only the oldest existing journal of Clark county, but is recognized as one of the leading newspaper publications of Springfield and southwestern Ohio.

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#### THOMAS FLETCHER MCGREW.

Among the pioneer families of the county whose early history runs into other counties of the state, is the McGrew family. The head of this family in Clark county is Thomas Fletcher McGrew, who was born in Steubenville, Jefferson county, Ohio, April 15, 1817. Mr. McGrew is the youngest of a family of ten children, his father, John McGrew, having moved from Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, to Ohio early in the last century. The family originally came from Adams county, Pennsylvania, where Robert McGrew, the first member of the family to come to America, settled in 1727. In early life Mr. McGrew studied law and practiced his profession for a number of years, at the same time taking an active part in the politics of his county and state.

On April 8, 1841, he was married to Martha Dilworth Judkins, in Smithfield, Ohio, the home of the bride, and where some

of the members of the family still reside. Mrs. McGrew was born August 12, 1819, and was the daughter of Dr. Anderson Judkins, a prominent physician of his day, and her mother was Catherine Carr Judkins, whose father, James Carr, laid out Smithfield in 1803 and built the first house in the town. The Carrs originally came from Maryland and were prominent people among the early settlers of that state. One of Mrs. McGrew's sisters married General John S. Mason, who for a number of years resided in Springfield, Ohio. Mrs. McGrew died on December 10, 1900, and is buried in Ferncliff cemetery.

To Thomas and Martha McGrew were born six children, William A., Samuel F., Thomas F., John F., Baldwin and Elizabeth, the last named dying in early childhood. All the other children are living and all were born in Steubenville, Ohio, except Baldwin, who was born in Springfield. Mr. McGrew removed to Springfield in 1856 to accept a position with the Mad River Valley Branch Bank of the state of Ohio, now the Mad River National Bank, of which institution Mr. McGrew is now the president. The eldest son, William A. McGrew, was a captain in the war of the Rebellion and shortly after his marriage, in 1861, to Miss Elizabeth Richardson, he moved to the west and is now a resident of Denver, Colorado. Samuel F. McGrew, the second son, graduated from Wittenberg College at the age of sixteen years and after a short time became connected with the Mad River National Bank, of Springfield, Ohio, and is at the present time the cashier of that institution. Mr. McGrew, while never taking a very active part in politics, has held a number of important offices in his home city and has always manifested a deep in-

terest in her affairs. He was married to Miss Elizabeth E. Baldwin, in 1869, and his family consists of two sons, John B. McGrew and Samuel J. McGrew. John B. McGrew, the eldest son, is an attorney by profession, and is at the present time the prosecuting attorney of Clark county. Samuel J. McGrew, the second son, was an officer in Company M, Fenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry in the Spanish-American war and is at the present time connected with the Mad River National Bank.

Thomas F. McGrew married Miss Clara J. Baldwin, and he with his wife and two children, Thomas W. and Clara J. McGrew, are living in New York city. John Franklin McGrew married Miss Fannie Bushnell, and with their two daughters, Ellen McGrew and Fannie McGrew, are living in Springfield. Mr. McGrew is an attorney at law and practices his profession in his home city. He at one time represented Clark county in the state legislature and is at present one of the trustees of the Ohio State Library. Baldwin McGrew, the youngest son, married Miss Mary Elizabeth Young, of Troy, Ohio, and resides in the city of Springfield with his family, which consists of one daughter, Miss Ann Elizabeth McGrew. Mr. McGrew is engaged in active business in Springfield and is interested in a number of the city's commercial institutions.

#### OSCAR J. ROCKEL.

Oscar J. Rockel, who follows farming in German township was born within its borders December 26, 1860. His parents, Henry and Mary Ann (Richards) Rockel, are both still living. The father was born in

German township, March 14, 1835, and is a son of Adam and Mary (Baker) Rockel. The grandfather was born in Northampton county, Pennsylvania, November 12, 1793, and died May 13, 1884, while his wife, who was born in Shenandoah county, Virginia, passed away April 14, 1886. The great-grandparents were Peter and Ann Maria (Brown) Rockel, who in 1822 started with their family to Ohio. They made the journey by wagon, bringing with them their household effects. They were the parents of nine children, of whom three remained in Pennsylvania. One of the daughters who came with them was the wife of Peter Kern, who also accompanied the party. On reaching their destination Peter Rockel purchased land, which is still known as the Rockel farm, just south of Tremont. There associated with his sons, Adam and Peter, he became the owner of one hundred and ninety-two acres of land, and of this ninety-six acres is now in possession of Henry Rockel, the father of our subject, while the remainder is owned by other descendants. Peter Rockel, Sr., had followed milling in Pennsylvania, but after locating in Ohio he abandoned that pursuit. He was not long permitted to enjoy his new home, his death occurring about two years after his arrival, when he was sixty-three years of age. His wife, surviving him for some time, passed away about 1841.

Adam Rockel, the grandfather of our subject, spent his boyhood days on the home farm and also worked in his father's mill until the war of 1812, when he was drafted for service. He went to the front under General Henry Sherring, but was never in any battle. After the war he was again at home in Pennsylvania until 1822, when with the family he came to Ohio. He was mar-

ried in Clark county to Miss Baker. A shoemaker by trade, for a time he visited the people's houses, making shoes for the different members of the family and he also carried on farming. He was well educated in both German and English and was a consistent Christian, holding membership in the Lutheran church and serving for many years as one of its officers. In his political views he as a Jacksonian Democrat and though he never sought or desired office, his fellow townsmen insisted on his services and for many years he occupied the positions of township trustee and township treasurer. In his family were five children. Peter, the eldest, married Margaret Shick, by whom he had one son, William M. Rockel, an attorney of Springfield, who was formerly probate judge. For his second wife he chose Sarah Ilgess. Harriet, the eldest daughter of Adam Rockel, became the wife of Michael Shawver and died at her home in German township, leaving five children. Henry is the third of the family. Mary is the wife of Joseph Collins by whom she has five children and their home is in German township. William, of McLean county, Illinois, married Hester Heller and they have three children.

Adam Rockel provided his children with good educational advantages, thus enabling them to get a start in life. When fifteen years of age Henry Rockel began cutting cord wood and by the time he attained his majority he had laid up a snug little sum of money. He resided with his father until his marriage, which took place January 19, 1860, in German township, Miss Mary Ann Richards becoming his wife. She is a daughter of John Henry and Susanna (Landis) Richards. Five children have been born of this union. Oscar James, of

this review, being the eldest. Laura died at the age of thirteen years and was buried in Tremont. Emma is the wife of Abram Thomas and lives on the old Rockel farm. They had three children—Elsie, Grover, and Lewis Henry, who died in infancy. Clara is the wife of Charles Shafer, of Springfield. Warren A., the youngest, married Pearl Lorton, by whom he had two children, both now deceased. For his second wife he chose Ida Pierson.

In his politics Henry Rockel has always been a Democrat since casting his first vote for Buchanan in 1856. His fellow townsmen recognizing his worth and ability, elected him to the office of trustee against his will, but he would never consent to serve after that. He and his family are members of the Lutheran church and he is a well known and respected farmer of German township.

Oscar James Rockel spent his boyhood days on the home farm, acquiring a fair common-school education in the neighborhood. To his father he gave the benefit of his services during his boyhood and remained under the parental roof until he prepared for a home of his own by his marriage in Northampton, Ohio, October 5, 1882, to Miss Laura A. Hause, who was born in Lawrenceville, German township, January 30, 1862, and is a daughter of Emanuel and Elizabeth (Rust) Hause. Their union has been blessed with six children: Letta Leonora, Bernis Gaynell, C. Carlisle, Emanuel Henry, Mary Elizabeth, and Esther Corinne.

For a few years after his marriage Mr. Rockel engaged in operating land belonging to his father, but in 1891 removed to the city of Springfield. He owned stock in a lumber company there and remained in this



place for three years, but on the expiration of that period he returned to the farm and has since devoted his energies to agricultural pursuits, finding that this is to him a more profitable business. In 1894 he began operating a steam thresher and each year has been an active factor in the harvest fields of this locality. In his political views he has been a Democrat since voting for Cleveland in 1884 and he is a member of the board of education. He belongs to the German Reformed church at Tremont and is also identified with the Knights of Pythias fraternity at that place in which he has filled all of the chairs.

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#### CHARLES H. VANANDA.

Charles H. Vananda was born in Springfield, January 20, 1856, and has spent his entire life in Clark county. His father, John Wesley Vananda, was born in Maryland, August 19, 1828, his home being near Middletown, Frederick county. He was a wagonmaker by trade and would go to the timber districts, where he would get out the material for constructing wagons. These he made of a mammoth size, such as were used for freighting over the mountains. In his native state he was married, February 6, 1850, to Ann Elizabeth Sigler, who was born in Maryland, June 26, 1824. While they were still living in that state they became the parents of one son, John Henry, born March 6, 1853, and soon afterward they came to Ohio, traveling by rail and wagon. Here Mr. Vananda built the first four-wheeled dray used in the city, and also the first six-horse wagon. The latter was owned by John and

David Snyder, early millers of Springfield. For three years Mr. Vananda followed wagonmaking, after which he learned the butchers' trade and entered into partnership with John Swanger in the conduct of the business, which they carried on for a number of years. Mr. Vananda afterward turned his attention to the huckster business, traveling with a four-horse wagon over a radius of fifty miles into Madison, Fayette, Logan and Champaign counties. His business was extensive and profitable and he carried on the general huckstering business and gained a wide circle of friends among his patrons. He was known throughout Clark and surrounding counties and on his trips he would drive turkeys into the city for sale in the markets here, and he also shipped poultry to various points. After giving up the huckstering business he turned his attention to farming and later was employed by D. S. Morrow & Son in the grocery and ice business. Subsequently he assisted his son in conducting a retail fruit store. He made his home in this city until his death, which occurred in 1888, while his wife passed away November 30, 1872, both being buried in Ferncliff cemetery. They were members of the First Lutheran church and reared their children in that faith. In politics Mr. Vananda was a Democrat, and was a member of one of the early military companies of Springfield. Of domestic tastes he was fond of his family and did all he could to promote their welfare and happiness. Unto the parents of our subject were born six children. John H. was killed in Houston, Texas, in December, 1898; Charles Hamilton is the second in order of birth; William Carlton, born December 1, 1859, is married and is employed in the store of his brother, Charles; Cordelia Titus, born April



22, 1862, is the wife of Thomas E. Wren, of Springfield, and has five living children, Floy Birdie, Arthur, Ruth and Earl, and has lost two, Maude and Evan; Theodore Keller, born September 18, 1806, is married and lives in Muncie, Indiana, where he is employed as a meat cutter; and Margaret Helwick, born November, 17, 1869, is the wife of George Jackson, of Springfield, and they have two children, Monroe and George. After the death of his first wife John W. Vananda was married, in February, 1874, to Hester M. Poland, the widow of James Poland, a native of Ohio. They have one child, Ann Elizabeth, who was born April 13, 1875, and is the wife of Martin Dobbs, of Dayton.

James C. Vananda, an elder brother of John W. and an uncle of our subject, was a painter by trade and entered the service of the United States as a captain in an Ohio regiment of infantry during the Civil war. He was afterward promoted for meritorious conduct to the rank of major, and being captured was incarcerated in Libby prison. He was born in 1823, and died in 1882, leaving a daughter, Mrs. George Stevens, who resides on Yellow Springs street. William, another brother, who was also a painter by trade, joined the Union army as a drummer in his brother's company and died in the Soldiers' Home at Dayton, in 1892.

Charles H. Vananda attended the public schools of Springfield until fourteen years of age, when he began driving an express wagon on his own account, continuing that business for four years. He then began hauling water for masons, as the city had no water works. When two years had passed his father removed to a farm in Springfield township and our subject assisted in its cultivation for seven years. He

then returned to the city and again began teaming, hauling many loads of brick for the East street shops, and also stone for Kelley's arcade. He continued to do heavy teaming for about two years, but gave up that work in 1883 and accepted a position as a driver of a grocery delivery wagon for the firm of McCracken & Morrow. In 1885 he left that office and accepted a clerkship for W. S. Straley, a grocer, in the room in which Mr. Vananda now carries on business for himself. For a number of years he worked as a grocery clerk for various men and in 1888 he began business on his own account, retailing fruit, game and vegetables in the store now occupied by Lobenherz. Then he sold out to E. M. Baker in 1891 and began working for him, remaining with Mr. Baker until the business was sold, when he entered the employ of Baldwin McGrew and on the 11th of April, 1899, purchased his stock. The business was started on a small scale, but he now conducts one of the largest retail trades in groceries and general provisions in the city. He carries a full line of high grade goods and employs six men as salesmen and to deliver the purchases. In his business he has made a splendid success, giving to it his personal attention.

In Springfield, on November 27, 1883, Mr. Vananda was married to Miss Ida Belle Sparrow, who was born in this city, November 30, 1862, and is a daughter of Elisha and Julia (Hoak) Sparrow. Her father died here at the age of forty-seven and the mother is now living in a home adjoining that of her daughter at the age of sixty-six years. Mr. Vananda is the eldest of five children. Charles Oscar, who was born in 1867, was married and died at the age of twenty-seven years. Cora Ann, born

17 1868, is the wife of John W. Adams, of Springfield, and their children are John W., William, Chester and Julia. William F., born in Springfield in 1872, is married and is clerking in the store of Mr. Vananda. They have one daughter, Gladys. Mary E., born in 1875, is the wife of C. S. Olinger, an attorney, and they have two children, Francis and Robert S. The father of this family was a carpenter by trade and did fine cabinet work and finishing for three years. He served as a soldier in the Seventeenth Ohio Battery. The Sparrows were of Scotch-Irish descent on the paternal side and German lineage on the maternal side. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Vananda have been born two children, Daisy Belle, born May 3, 1885, and Julia Blanche, born September 3, 1887.

In national affairs Mr. Vananda is a Democrat, but at local political elections he votes independently. His wife is a member of the Center street Methodist Episcopal church, and he was reared in the Lutheran faith. He belongs to the National Union, an insurance order, holds membership in the Commercial Club, and is treasurer of the Grocers' Association of Springfield. In early life he showed that he possessed good business ability and from the age of fourteen years he has made his own way in the world, achieving the success which comes from earnest, persistent labor when guided by sound judgment and supplemented by unflinching honesty in all trade relations.

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CHARLES G. HECKERT, A. M., D. D.

Charles G. Heckert, A. M., D. D., who is occupying the chair of English and logic in Wittenberg College, has attained dis-

tingtion as an educator and since his graduation from this institution has devoted his entire attention to educational work. The Professor is a native of Pennsylvania, his birth having occurred in Northumberland county, on the 22nd of March, 1863. His parents were Benjamin and Sarah (Durst) Heckert, who were also natives of the Keystone state, and the father carried on merchandising there for many years.

Professor Heckert acquired his preliminary education in Sunbury, Pennsylvania, gaining a good knowledge of the common branches of English learning. He displayed special aptitude in his studies and, desirous of gaining more advanced knowledge, he came to Springfield in 1880 and entered Wittenberg College, as a member of the freshman class. Here he pursued his studies for two years, after which he engaged in teaching for a similar period. His exchequer thus being replenished he once more entered Wittenberg College and was graduated in that institution with the class of 1886. Desiring to devote his attention to the work of the ministry he entered upon a course in theology and in 1889 was graduated in the Theological Seminary. Soon afterward he began teaching, and for two years occupied the position of principal of the academy, after which he was offered and accepted his present position as professor of English and logic.

On the 24th of July, 1889, Professor Heckert was united in marriage to Miss Ada Royer, of Lock Haven, Pennsylvania, a daughter of Daniel Royer, who is now living a retired life at No. 20 East Ward street in Springfield, where he has made his home since 1891.

Professor Heckert is managing editor of the *Lutheran World*, having extended his

labors to the journalistic as well as the educational field. This is one of the leading church papers of his denomination in the country and has been a potent factor in advancing the cause of the church. Professor Heckert has also been president of the Miami synod of this state and his social relations connected him with Clark Lodge, No. 101, F. & A. M., and Ingomar Lodge, No. 610, K. P. He has been a deep, thorough and earnest student from his boyhood days and his reading has been wide and comprehensive, covering not only a range of philosophy and trade literature, but embracing all the standard classics of ancient and modern times. There is nothing narrow or contracted in his views of life. He has studied the political, social and moral conditions of the country and his labors have ever been directed in channels resulting to the benefit of his fellow men.

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#### CLIFTON M. NICHOLS.

Clifton Melvin Nichols was born in Westfield, Chautauqua county, New York. He was a son of Wiseman C. and Fivilla (Cass) Nichols, the former born in Vermont and the latter in New Hampshire. He is a grandson of Jonathan Nichols, who was one of General Stark's men in the Revolutionary war and was wounded at the battle of Bennington. He was born in Bolton, Massachusetts, and married Triphena Sackett, whose birth occurred in Kent, Litchfield county, Connecticut.

C. M. Nichols came to Ohio in 1848 and removed from Cincinnati to Springfield in 1854. He married Francis Henrietta Keith, of Elyria, Ohio, October 1, 1855. In April, 1854, he engaged in the newspaper business,

being connected with the Daily Nonpareil. He edited the Daily Nonpareil and afterward various other journals, successors of that paper, finally closing his newspaper career on the Republic, thus ending thirty-five years' service in journalism. He next became secretary and superintendent of the board of trade. He was a Republican from the birth of the party and for a few months served as a private in the Union army during the Civil war.

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#### DANIEL LEFEVRE.

Daniel LeFevre has for a number of years filled the office of trustee of Springfield township, and is a worthy incumbent with a full realization of the obligations and duties devolving upon him. These he faithfully meets and has therefore won the commendation of all concerned.

Mr. LeFevre is a native of Maryland, his birth having occurred on the 12th of August, 1842, his parents being Henry and Catherine (Sterling) LeFevre, who were also natives of the same state. There they were reared and married and spent their remaining days. The paternal grandfather, George LeFevre, was a prosperous farmer, who belonged to one of the old families of Maryland that was established in the country at an early day.

Daniel LeFevre of this review passed his boyhood days upon the home farm, working in field and meadow through the summer months. He also attended the public schools until his eighteenth year, and subsequently began clerking in a general store for Charles Downs, of Downsville, Maryland. Six months later he went to Martins-

Lurg, West Virginia, where he was employed by the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad for twelve months. The year 1875 witnessed the arrival of Mr. LeFevre in Springfield, Ohio, and soon afterward he secured a situation in the employ of the P. P. Mast & Company in the wood and set-up department, acting in this capacity for a period of eighteen years. During the last year of his connection with the house Mr. LeFevre, in 1893, was elected township trustee, and by re-elections has held this office continuously since, being elected each time by an increased majority, a fact that shows that he enjoys in an unusual degree the confidence and support of the public. It also indicates that his service has been efficient, because popular suffrage is only bestowed in case of merit after the test has been made of a person in official life for one term. He affiliates with the Republican party, taking an active interest in the success of his party and of his friends and is recognized as a leader in the Republican ranks.

In 1866 occurred the marriage of Mr. LeFevre and Miss Ann E. Snyder, a daughter of William and Margaret (Cunningham) Snyder, who was born in Maryland, and in 1875, with her husband, came to Ohio, where her remaining days were passed. She died in 1885, leaving six children: Fannie M., the wife of William Hick; Alice L., the wife of William Bell, of Springfield; George W., a machinist, who is employed by the P. P. Mast & Company; Daniel W., of Springfield; Albert L., who is a railway postal clerk; and James E., at home. For his second wife Mr. LeFevre chose Annie LaForce, of Xenia, Ohio, the wedding being celebrated in 1880. The lady is a native of Kentucky, but spent the greater part of her girlhood in Ohio, and by her marriage she

has become the mother of one daughter, Abbie F. Mr. LeFevre is one whose patriotism and fidelity to the duties of citizenship are an important part of his nature and his loyalty to all that is best in promoting the general good has oftentimes been manifested in the discharge of his duties.



#### HON. JACOB K. MOWER.

In this enlightened age when men of industry, energy and merit are rapidly pushing their way to the front, those who, by their own individual merits and diligent efforts have won favor and success, may properly claim recognition. In no calling to which man gives his attention does success depend more largely upon individual effort than the law, and that Mr. Mower has achieved distinction in the field of jurisprudence at once attests his superior ability and close application. A man of sound judgment, he manages his cases with masterly skill and tact, is a logical reasoner and has a ready command of English. His powers as an advocate have been demonstrated by his success on many occasions and he is an able lawyer of large and varied experience in all the courts. Thoroughness characterizes all his efforts and he conducts all his business with a strict regard to a high standard of professional ethics. He is quick to master all the intricacies in a case and grasp all details, at the same time losing sight of none of the essential points upon which the decision of every case finally turns. He has a ready flow of language and as a speaker is fluent, forcible, earnest, logical and convincing. His knowledge of the law, it must be conceded, is hardly sec-



J. K. MOWER.



ond to that of any member of the bar of Clark county.

Jacob Kreider Mower was born in Franklin county, Pennsylvania, on the 4th of April, 1833, and for more than forty years has been a member of the Springfield bar. His paternal grandparents were George and Eva (Leitig) Mower, who spent their last days in Pennsylvania. The father of our subject also bore the name of George Mower and was born in the Keystone state, becoming a farmer by occupation. His political support was given to the Whig party until he joined the Free Soil party and later he became identified with the new Republican party which was formed to prevent the further extension of slavery. Going to Ohio he was for a number of years identified with agricultural interests of Richland county and departed this life at the old homestead there, in 1855. His wife bore the maiden name of Mary Kreider and was a daughter of John and Barbara (Schmidt) Kreider and a granddaughter of the Rev. Martin Kreider of the United Brethren church. In the family of George and Mary (Kreider) Mower were eight children, of whom the subject of this review was the youngest.

In the spring of 1834, when only about a year old, Jacob K. Mower was brought to Ohio by his parents, who took up their abode upon a farm near the village of Ontario in Richland county. When a small boy he received his first educational discipline in the schoolhouse known as the Quail Trap, near his home, and afterward was a student in the high school in Massillon and in the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware. His course there was supplemented by study in the Ohio University at Athens, where he was grad-

uated in 1856, winning the degree of Bachelor of Arts. His first important work in business life was as a representative of the teacher's profession. He became superintendent of the public schools of Athens and while thus employed and even previous to this time, he devoted his leisure hours to the reading of law, which he continued until the autumn of 1858, having in the meantime become a student in the office of Leonidas Jewett. At the date mentioned he was admitted to the bar and from that time has been an active practitioner in the courts of Ohio.

In December of the same year Mr. Mower became a resident of Springfield, where he has since continuously practiced, and for five years he was senior member of the law firm of Mower & Rawlins. He has to some extent figured prominently in public affairs, and especially as a representative of the Republican party. He served as city solicitor in 1868 and 1869 and was a member of the board of education of Springfield from 1873 until 1878. He was elected to represent Clark county in the Ohio legislature, being a member of the house during the sessions of 1870 and 1871. He has never wavered in his allegiance to the Republican party since he cast his first presidential ballot for John C. Fremont in the year 1856. In his youth he had become bitterly opposed to slavery and had aided many an escaped slave who was making his way from the bondage of the south to liberty in Canada. Mr. Mower assisted these fugitives in going from his home in Richland county to Oberlin. He is a firm believer in the equal rights of all, without regard to race, color or sex, and believes the greatest evil of this country is the disfranchisement of a majority of its citizens—and those of the best class. It

is therefore not surprising that when a member of the legislature, he was appointed chairman of the committee on woman suffrage. Further, he claims that the tariff should not be a party question but that each representative in congress should be free to act so as to protect the industries and interests of the citizens of his own locality.

Through all these years Judge Mower has continued in an active and professional way to practice in the courts of Ohio, and his able efforts in the line of his chosen calling have been manifest in the jurisprudence enacted in his county and state. On the 7th of October, 1900, he was appointed by Governor Nash to the position of judge of the court of common pleas to fill out the unexpired term of Judge J. C. Miller, deceased, and at the November election of that year was chosen by popular suffrage to the office which he is now filling. Upon the bench his course has been free from judicial bias and his decisions have shown a comprehensive knowledge of the law and a clear understanding of the facts, arguments and principles presented in the trial of every case.

It was on the 2d of December, 1858, in Hillsboro, Ohio, that the marriage of Judge Jacob K. Mower and Miss Eunice M. Rice was celebrated. The lady was born March 2, 1833, at a farm house in Ames township, Athens county, Ohio, and is a daughter of Sabinus and Pamela (Hibbard) Rice. The Judge and his wife have two daughters and a son: Mabel, the eldest, is a graduate of the Ohio Wesleyan University of Delaware, where she won the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1882; Alice Mary was graduated in Wittenberg College of Springfield in the year 1884 with the same degree and is now a teacher of Latin and German in the same

college; Carl Kreider, the son, was graduated in Wittenberg College in 1886, studied law in his father's office and was admitted to the bar in February, 1889, becoming the junior member of the firm of Mower & Mower, attorneys. He enlisted for service in the Spanish-American war, was commissioned a captain and served in Porto Rico for one year, after which he enlisted and was commissioned captain, serving in the Philippines for two years. At the expiration of that period he joined the regular army and was commissioned first lieutenant of heavy artillery and assigned to the One Hundred and First Heavy Artillery located at Fort Totten, Long Island, where he is stationed at the present time. He married Miss Fannie Foley, of Springfield, Ohio, a daughter of the Hon. James Foley.

Such in brief is the life history of the Hon. Jacob Kreider Mower, who since 1858 has been a prominent resident of Springfield. A well known member of the bar, of strong mentality, keen analytical mind and of marked talents, he possesses the qualifications essential to success. His fidelity to his clients' interests has been proverbial, yet he never forgets that he owes the highest allegiance to the majesty of the law.

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#### WILLIAM XANDERS.

Among the men who were prominent in many of the important walks of business life, and who have now passed away, their labors being ended in death, none are more deserving of mention than William Xanders, who was one Clark county's native sons, his birth having occurred in German township on the 7th of May, 1824, his parents



being John and Magdalena (Baker) Xanders. His boyhood days were spent in the usual manner of farmer lads of that period. The country had been settled but recently and pioneer times existed, so that there were many hardships and trials to be borne during those early times in which the settlers were reclaiming the region for purposes of civilization. The schools were of a primitive character, but farm work was not limited, and Mr. Xanders bore his full share in the work of developing and improving his father's land. However, he gained practical experience which enabled him to carry on farm work successfully when he started out in life on his own account.

On the 9th of August, 1849, in German township, William Xanders was united in marriage to Miss Susanna Baker, who was born in that township June 18, 1828, a daughter of John and Susanna (Nawman) Baker. She was reared upon a farm and attended the public schools of the neighborhood, acquiring a good knowledge of the branches of English learning usually taught in such institutions. For a few years after his marriage Mr. Xanders engaged in operating a rented farm, and then, with the capital which had been acquired through the labors of himself and wife, he purchased one hundred and thirty acres of land, upon which he made his home as long as he lived. He bought and sold other property, but he never left the home place. He also became the owner of three hundred and twenty acres in Carter county, Missouri, which still belongs to his estate. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Xanders was blessed with nine children, of whom three died in infancy. Sarah, the eldest living member of the family, is the wife of Taylor Seifert,

of Springfield, and has one child. Isabella C. is the wife of Edward M. Pattison, of Springfield. Mary E. is the wife of Daniel F. Shafer, and they have four children. Enos William is the next younger. Emma A. married John H. Forman, of Springfield, and they have two children. Susanna J. is the wife of O. W. Flick, of German township.

In his political views William Xanders was a staunch Democrat, believing firmly in the principles of the party, but was never active in political work nor sought office. He was reared in the Lutheran faith and his widow, who still survives him, is a member of that church. His death occurred January 4, 1878, and the community mourned the loss of a valued and representative citizen. His life had been quietly passed in the pursuits of the farm, but all who knew him recognized in him the sterling qualities of manhood which gained for him the warm regard of all with whom he came in contact. He provided well for his family and all that he possessed came to him as the result of his own untiring labor.

Enos William Xanders, the eldest son of the family, was born August 8, 1861, on the old homestead and at the usual age entered the common schools. When eighteen years of age he began teaching and followed that profession for three years. Like most young men starting out in life, he sought a companion and helpmate for the journey, and on the 21st of September, 1882, in German township, he was united in marriage to Miss Anna C. Ballentine, a daughter of James V. and Rosanna (Domer) Ballentine. Unto them have been born five children: Blanche, born August 19, 1883, is the wife of Jerome Michael, and they have one child, Mabel, born in March, 1900.

Clyde, born March 21, 1885, is a graduate of the high school of German township, and is now a sophomore in Wittenberg College. Claude, born June 1, 1887, is a student in the township high school. Ruth, born April 20, 1893, and Cleon, born March 7, 1889, are at home with their parents.

When Enos Sanders started out in business life for himself he began operating the home farm, which he is now conducting. In 1887 he turned his attention to merchandising in Lawrenceville and there conducted a store for about ten years, meeting with a fair degree of success in that enterprise. While thus engaged he also began selling fertilizers, and because of ill health he concluded that the confinement of the store was not beneficial and he went upon the road to sell fertilizers, this business claiming his attention for five years. He also devotes his energies to the cultivation and improvement of the home farm, which, under his careful supervision, has been kept in touch with the progressive spirit of the times. He follows modern methods in his farm work and uses the latest improved machinery in cultivating the fields and harvesting the crops. He has been quite prominent in public affairs and while engaged in merchandising in Lawrenceville he was appointed postmaster of the town under President Cleveland, filling the office until it was discontinued in account of the establishment of the rural delivery system. He has always been an earnest Democrat and for many years has served as a member of the local organization. In 1888 he was elected to represent German township in the Clark County Agricultural Society, and each year has been again chosen for that office. For two years he was president of the society, and has been an active factor in promoting agricultural inter-

ests in this portion of the state, doing everything in his power to advance the welfare of the farmer. Socially he is connected with Springfield Lodge, No. 33, I. O. O. F., and with Donnell's Creek Council, No. 121, J. O. U. A. M. In this community, in which he has always made his home, he is widely known as a representative business man, as a public spirited citizen and as a friend whose loyalty is tried and true.

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#### ALFRED M. POTTER, M. D.

Among the honored representatives of the medical fraternity who are worthy of mention as leading citizens of Springfield because of capability in the lines of their profession and by reason of the personal sterling worth which they possess is Dr. Alfred M. Potter. He was born in Miami county, Ohio, in the city of Troy, September 17, 1850, and comes of an old New England family that was early established in America. His paternal grandfather was Alfred Potter, a native of New York, for in the meantime representatives of the name had emigrated from New England to the Empire state.

Dr. Alfred Potter, Sr., the father of our subject, was born at a place called Corner Bridge, in New York, and on his removal to the west took up his abode in Troy, Ohio, where he was actively engaged in practicing for a short time. Believing that Springfield, however, would prove a better field of labor, he removed to this city, opened his office and remained one of the leading representatives of the medical fraternity here to the time of his death. He was a graduate of the Medical Institute of New York.

and also of the Bellevue Hospital of New York city. His capability in diagnosing diseases, of foretelling the complications and issues that might arise, and his skill in administering remedial agencies that checked the ravages of disease made him an eminent member of the profession in Springfield and secured for him a large practice. He was united in marriage to Miss Lavina Murphy, a daughter of K. C. Murphy. She was born in Connecticut and was a most estimable lady, her death occurring December 12, 1874, a short time prior to her husband's demise.

Although born in Troy, Dr. Alfred M. Potter was very young when his parents removed to Springfield, so that his early education was obtained in the public schools here. When he had largely mastered the branches of English learning taught in the Springfield schools he entered the Lebanon Normal School, where he prosecuted his studies for some time and gained a broad general knowledge which served as a foundation upon which to rear the superstructure of his professional learning. An inherited tendency and natural inclination all probably combined in determining his choice of a life work. He became a student of medicine under the direction of his father and later matriculated in the Eclectic Medical Institute of Cincinnati, Ohio, where he was graduated with the class of 1872. He then returned to Springfield and opened his office here in connection with his father, and the relation between them was maintained until the death of the senior partner in 1875. The Doctor has since been alone. He has a commodious and pleasant suite of rooms in the Buckingham block, well fitted up for the successful conduct of an office practice, and at the same

time he visits many cases throughout the city, his patronage coming from a large number of the best homes in Springfield.

The social relations of Dr. Potter connect him with Ephraim Lodge, I. O. O. F., the Knights of Pythias and the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. In 1877 he was happily married to Miss Lillian Odenschain, of Monticello, Indiana, who was born in Bellefontaine, Ohio. The Doctor and his wife have five children: Helen B., Alfred M., Armour Lucile, Cornelia and Lawrence K. In the practice of his profession Dr. Potter manifests close application to his work, and this, supplementing his broad and accurate knowledge, have made his efforts of much benefit in coping with disease. He is continually reading and studying that his labors may be more effective. Already his knowledge and skill have classed him among the most substantial medical practitioners of Springfield.

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#### JAMES VINTON BALLENTINE.

James Vinton Ballentine, who has retired from active farm work and is now dealing in stock in Lawrenceville, is an energetic business man who recognizes that toil is the foundation of all prosperity and thus he has labored earnestly to acquire a competence that will enable him to provide a good home for his family. He was born in Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, October 15, 1823, and in the year 1831 his parents, William and Nancy (Neal) Ballentine, came from the Keystone state to Ohio, locating first in Montgomery county, where they remained for a year. His parents were natives of county Armagh, Ireland, and

it was in the year 1798 that they left their home in the north of the Emerald Isle and crossed the Atlantic to America. John Ballentine, an uncle of our subject, had been drafted by England to serve as a soldier, but when he reached this country he severed his allegiance to the British crown and became an American soldier. William Ballentine never succeeded in finding him, but afterward learned that he died in Greenbush, New York. He and his wife lived in Pennsylvania for a number of years, then, as stated above, came to Ohio. In 1832 they came to Clark county, through which they had passed when they sought a home in Montgomery county, and here the father purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land, to which he afterward added a tract of forty-four acres in German township, his place being pleasantly located a mile and a half from Lawrenceville. Our subject has since made his home in this county and in the common schools he acquired his early education, which was afterward supplemented by a year's study in the high school of Springfield. For nine years he engaged in teaching, entering upon that profession in 1846, although he later attended school to some extent. He was a successful educator, earnest and thorough in his work, and thus he gave general satisfaction wherever he was employed. In early life he was also a clerk in his brother-in-law's store in Tremont, and likewise acted as a clerk in the postoffice at that place.

On the 21st of August, 1853, Mr. Ballentine was united in marriage to Miss Rosanna Doner, who was born in Clark county, and was a daughter of John and Sarah (Myers) Doner, who came from Maryland to Ohio. Five children have been born unto our subject and his wife, but one of the num-

ber died at the age of six months. The others are: Charles F., who is a teacher of this county and lives in Lawrenceville; Eliza J., the wife of Dr. Reynolds; Nancy A., the wife of Enos Xanders, who is living in Lawrenceville; and Marion Seymour, who is a grocery merchant of Darnell, Champaign county, Ohio, and is married and has one child.

Through a number of years Mr. Ballentine carried on general farming, applying himself closely to his work and following progressive methods. He obtained thereby a good living. At length he put aside the more arduous duties of the farm and began dealing in stock in Lawrenceville, the business which he yet follows. In politics he is a Democrat and has been quite prominent in public affairs. He was elected justice of the peace and served in that office in a most creditable manner for twelve years. At the end of that time he was again chosen for the position, but refused to serve longer. Of all the many cases he tried only one was ever appealed, and in that his decision was sustained. He has also married about sixty-nine couples and has performed other duties in connection with his office. He acted as assistant to an assessor in his township for six years and afterward was elected to the position of assessor and continued in that capacity for ten years. He has been a delegate to various state conventions of the Democracy and was elected a delegate to the national convention, but did not attend. During the administration of President Johnson he served as revenue collector for three townships in Clark county. Mr. Ballentine has long been deeply and actively interested in everything pertaining to the public good and his efforts have been effective in promoting the general progress.

He was one of the prime movers in establishing the township high school—in fact this school owes its existence to Mr. Ballentine and Squire Eli Kizer. It is now a source of pride to the community and has done much toward promoting educational advancement here. Mr. Ballentine was likewise among the first to advocate free pikes, and was superintendent of the construction of one pike that is twelve miles in length and is called the Ballentine pike. He was also instrumental in building Flick pike and largely assisted in getting the toll gates removed so that the pikes became free highways of travel. Thus in all matters of public progress and improvement Mr. Ballentine has borne an active part in the community where he resides and where he is regarded by his friends and acquaintances as one of the substantial and representative citizens.

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#### JOHN CHAPMAN.

John Chapman is a partner in an enterprise of magnitude in Springfield, being a member of the firm of Wickham, Chapman & Company, manufacturers of piano plates. He has been a representative of business interests of the city since 1877 and since 1889 has been associated with Mr. Wickham in the conduct of their present industry, which has grown in volume until its importance in the manufacturing circles of the city is widely acknowledged.

Mr. Chapman was born in Ontario, Canada, March 1, 1854, and comes of a family noted for longevity. His father, George B. Chapman, reached the advanced age of eighty-seven years, while his mother, Mrs. Belinda Chapman, died at the age of seven-

ty-seven years and was buried in Ferncliff cemetery. Their last days were spent in Springfield. In their family were five children, of whom three are living: Robert W., a resident of Newark, New Jersey; Elizabeth, the wife of Theodore Cox, of Springfield; and John. The family comes of Irish ancestry.

In his early boyhood John Chapman accompanied his parents on their removal from Canada to New Jersey, the family settling in Newark, where he pursued his education in the public schools. At the age of thirteen he began to learn the trade of a decorator in decorative japanning and when he had mastered the business he was employed as journeyman and afterward as a foreman, while later he carried on business on his own account as a contractor. In 1877 he removed to Springfield and became associated with the St. John Sewing Machine Company as a contractor in the line of japanning, doing their work in that line until 1889, when he entered into partnership with Mr. Wickham in the establishment of the business which they have since continued. They manufacture piano places of a high grade and also piano hardware and the products of their factory are shipped to all portions of this country and Canada. Their factory is now the largest of its kind in the world and constantly increasing and the industry is of value to the city, as employment is furnished to four hundred workmen.

In 1896, in Springfield, Mr. Chapman was united in marriage to Miss Kittie Gale, who was born in Springfield, a daughter of Otho B. Gale, and they now have one daughter, Kathryn B. Their home is at No. 133 North Plum street, and they attend the services of the Congregational church, Mr. Chapman contributing freely to its support.

In politics he is a Republican, but has never had any desire for political honors, as he is pre-eminently a business man, devoting his whole time and energies to the development and control of the enterprise which he established in connection with Mr. Wickham thirteen years ago. He has watched with interest the growth of the city since 1877 and has seen its population increased two and one-half times what it was when he took up his residence here. While there has been in his career no exciting chapters, there is in his life history that which commands the respect and attention of business men, who realize that force of character, diligence and keen discrimination are the elements which count in commercial and industrial circles.

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#### OLIVER S. KELLY.

Success comes not to the man who idly waits, but to the faithful toiler whose work is characterized by intelligence and force and who has the foresight and keenness of mental vision to know when and where and how to exert his energies. Thus it happens that but a small proportion of those who enter the "world's broad field of battle" come off victorious in the struggle for wealth and position. Some lack perseverance, others business sagacity and still others are dilatory or negligent, but Mr. Kelly possesses the activity, spirit and enterprise in business which have developed and are developing the marvelous resources and wealth of the western states. At an early age he learned one of the great lessons of life—that there is no "royal road" to wealth—and as he was not above work he toiled industriously un-

til he has won not only fortune but also the esteem and confidence of the people with whom he has been associated for many years. Work, the true friend of mankind, has developed his latent resources and brought out the strong, self-reliant force of his character. His has been the controlling influence of some of the most extensive industrial concerns of Springfield and his labors along other lines have also contributed in large measure to the improvement and upbuilding of the city, of which he has long been an honored resident.

Mr. Kelly is one of Clark county's native sons. The ancestral line is traced back to colonial days and the grandfather, James Kelly, was one of the heroes of the Revolutionary war, who entered the army from the colony of Virginia and fought for the independence of the nation. He reared a large family of eight sons and four daughters, most of whom have descendants now residing in Clark county, Ohio. John Kelly, the father of our subject, was born in Virginia and with his father's family came to this state in the year 1808, a settlement being made in Green township, then in Greene but now in Clark county. When the country again became engaged in war with England, John Kelly entered the army as an American soldier in the war of 1812. He was united in marriage to Margaret McBeth, a daughter of Alexander McBeth, also an early resident of Clark county. They were the fifteenth couple married in Clark county, which was organized in January, 1818, their marriage being celebrated April 10, 1818. They resided upon a farm adjoining the old Kelly homestead, and there the father died September 25, 1825, at the age of thirty six years, when the subject of this review was but nine months old. The



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mother remained upon the farm and after four years of widowhood was again married.

It was upon his father's farm that Oliver S. Kelly was born December 23, 1824, and spent the first four years of his life. At the age of fourteen he started out to make his own way in the world and fate was kind to him in that he found a home with William T. McIntire, who throughout the community was lovingly called "Uncle Billy." Mr. Kelly assisted that gentleman in farm work until the spring of 1842, when he entered upon an apprenticeship at the carpenter's trade under Joseph and John McIntire, brothers of his benefactor. He served for a term of three years, during which time he was paid one hundred and sixty-eight dollars in addition to his board and the instruction which he received at his trade. One year was then spent as a journeyman, after which he entered into partnership with J. A. Anderson, under the firm name of Anderson & Kelly, and the new firm prospered, receiving a large share of the public patronage and erecting many of the leading structures of the county in an early day. This business relationship was maintained until 1852, when the partnership was dissolved and Mr. Kelly went to California, hoping to more rapidly gain a fortune among the mines of the Golden state. He left his wife and one child in Ohio, and after four years he returned to Springfield in 1856 with a capital sufficient to enable him to become an active and useful factor in the business life of this city.

Mr. Kelly's first venture following his return was in the wholesale grocery line, but after a short time he disposed of his interests in that house and in November, 1857, became a member of the firm of

Whiteley, Fassler & Kelly. He was a valued addition to the firm, both because he possessed practical knowledge as a mechanic and also because he had several thousand dollars in ready money to invest, and the firm was in need of cash capital in the early days of its existence. The new house prospered as the years passed, their sales bringing to them an excellent return, until the firm became recognized as a leader in the manufacture of agricultural implements throughout the country. Before Mr. Kelly's connection therewith was terminated the Champion works became one of the most important and extensive industries of Springfield, employing a large force of workmen, utilizing the most improved machinery in the conduct of the business and having a plant of magnitude, the products of which produced sales that annually amounted to thousands of dollars. The firm built a very extensive plant on East street in order to accommodate the increased business. In 1881, however, Mr. Kelly sold out his one-third interest to William N. Whiteley, and in 1882 purchased the Rinehart & Ballard Threshing Machine Works and organized a company under the name of the Springfield Engine and Thresher Company. This was incorporated with O. S. Kelly as president and O. W. Kelly, superintendent. Later the business name was changed to the O. S. Kelly Company and the capital stock increased from two hundred and fifty thousand dollars to three hundred and fifty thousand dollars. This company manufactured threshing machines and engines, which for many years were largely sold all over the country. To-day this branch of the business is largely carried on at Iowa City, Iowa, where about three years ago an extensive plant was established. There are manufac-

tured the separators and feed mills while the engines are constructed at the home plant in Springfield. For the past five years the company has extensively manufactured piano plates, now carrying on one of the largest business enterprises of its kind in the United States. The minimum number of employes at one time in the factory during the year is four hundred and twenty-five and the number often reaches the maximum of five hundred and twenty-five. The volume of business has constantly grown until the products of the house are now known throughout the country, the plates being sold on a large scale to piano manufacturers. They also manufacture all kinds of rollers in various sizes and their export business in rollers has reached mammoth proportions.

After the Whiteley, Fassler & Kelly Company had erected its big East street works, Mr. Kelly, on selling out his interest in the business, purchased the old factory of the firm, tore down the building and on its site erected the Arcade buildings, covering one hundred and fifty by three hundred and forty feet. This place is utilized by the Arcade Hotel, twenty-five business rooms and many offices, and by Nelson's Commercial College and is one of the finest buildings of Springfield. At one time Mr. Kelly was also connected with the banking interests of the city, having been a director and vice president of the Second National Bank during its existence.

On the 23d of December, 1847, Mr. Kelly was united in marriage to Ruth Ann Peck, whose father, B. W. Peck, was a resident of Bridgeton, New Jersey, in early life and migrated westward to Ohio at an early day, journeying in the primitive manner of the times. He made his way from

Baltimore to Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, in a wagon and then came on a flat-boat down the Ohio river to Cincinnati, where he left his family while he traveled the distance on foot to Springfield. Being pleased with the prospects of the embryo city he then secured a team and brought his family to his new home. It was after the removal of the parents to this city that Mrs. Kelly was born, her natal day being December 24, 1822. By her marriage she became the mother of four sons and one daughter, of whom only two sons are now living: O. W. and E. S. Kelly. The family home was a pleasant residence at the southwest corner of Market and Mulberry streets and it was noted for its gracious and generous hospitality, but in 1901 Mrs. Kelly was called to her final rest, passing away on the 9th of May, 1901, in her seventy-ninth year, after a happy married life of more than fifty-three years. Ideal relations existed in the home, the mutual love and confidence increasing as time passed by. Mrs. Kelly was a devoted wife and mother, sharing with the husband and sons in their ambitions and desires, her counsel often proving of value in business affairs as well as concerning other interests of life. Of a domestic nature, Mr. Kelly found his greatest enjoyment by his own fireside in the society of his family and friends.

Throughout his residence in Springfield, Mr. Kelly has always taken a deep and helpful interest in the city, its development and improvement, and has not only exerted his official prerogatives for the general good but in the capacity of a private citizen has labored earnestly and effectively to promote the public welfare along lines of material development and intellectual and moral culture. In 1863 he was elected a member of

the city council during the exciting times of the Civil war and was continuously re-elected to that position until his services had covered a period of six years. When the water works were established in Springfield he was appointed one of the trustees to inaugurate and put in operation the water system, his colleagues being John H. Thomas and George H. Frey. The work was satisfactorily completed at an expense of four hundred thousand dollars. In 1887 the highest honor within the gift of the citizens of Springfield was conferred upon Mr. Kelly by his election to the mayoralty. He was chosen on the Republican ticket and served for two years, during which time the city hall was built at a cost of two hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars. At the same time the city built the esplanade, while Mr. Kelly donated the fountain which is erected in the same district. At the time he entered upon the duties of chief executive of Springfield, in 1887, the city was engaged in building a hospital, and by reason of his office he was ex-officio chairman of the hospital board. The institution was completed and opened during his administration and from 1898 to 1902 he served as a member of the board of trustees. He was also ex-officio member of the tax commission and after the expiration of his term of service he was appointed by the judge of the court as a member of the tax commission board and served for two terms or six years. During the past twenty-two years he has been one of the trustees of Ferncliff cemetery, and for the past four years has been president of the board, during which time great changes and many improvements have been wrought in the beautiful city of the dead. He has ever been watchful of opportunities to promote the public good, and

although he is always quiet and unostentatious in his work for the improvement of Springfield, the city acknowledges its indebtedness to him for effective and beneficial services rendered. Mr. Kelly is always courteous, kind and affable, and those who know him personally have for him a warm regard. A man of great natural ability, his success in business from the beginning of his residence in Springfield was uniform and rapid. As has been truly remarked, after all that may be done for a man in the way of giving him early opportunities for obtaining the requirements which are sought in schools and in books, he must essentially formulate, determine and give shape to his own character; and this is what Mr. Kelly has done. He has persevered in the pursuit of a persistent purpose and gained a most satisfactory reward. His life is exemplary in all respects and he has ever supported those interests which are calculated to uplift and benefit humanity, while his own high moral worth is deserving of the highest commendation.

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JOHN M. KILLS.

The family name of our subject has been closely connected with the history of Clark county through several generations and ever in an honorable way that has reflected credit upon the county. The subject of this review is one whose life work adds new luster to the creditable family record, for he is known as a reliable and enterprising business man who has won and retained the confidence of his fellow townsmen. He was born in Springfield, November 10, 1840, and is a son of William A. Kills, whose birth occurred in Berks county, Penn-

sylvania, in 1809. The paternal grandfather, Jacob W. Kills, was engaged in the manufacture of paper in Berks county, and in 1820 left the Keystone state, emigrating to Ohio. He took up his abode in Clark county and erected a paper mill near where the building of the Springfield Metallic Casket Company now stands. This was the first manufacturing done in the city. The business was carried on consecutively until after the Civil war, when Mr. Kills sold out to Charles Bacon. Afterward the business was absorbed by the trust and the factory at this place closed up. Jacob W. Kills was a leading and influential resident of Springfield in the days of its villagehood and he served as a member of the county infirmary board until his death, which occurred in 1865, when he was ninety-seven years of age. He was among the honored pioneers of the city and county and left the impress of his individuality upon the public progress and business advancement. His wife was also a native of the Keystone state and both were laid to rest in Greenmount cemetery. In their family were five children, namely: Susan, Rebecca, Mary, William A. and Jacob W., Jr. All came to this county and all died here with the exception of Rebecca, who departed this life in Indiana. The members of the family reached advanced ages and the sons grew up in the business that was followed by their father.

William A. Kills was only about eleven years of age when the family came to Springfield. His educational privileges were limited because no very good schools had been established in this section of the country at that time, but he became a well read man and a good scribe, gaining his knowledge through read-

ing, experience and observation. He gave his political support in early days to the Whig party, and afterward became a staunch Republican. He served as a member of the city council for a number of years and was a public spirited man, devoted to the welfare of his community. Some of the family were members of the Methodist Episcopal church and others of the Baptist church and the father of our subject was a charter member of Clark Lodge, F. & A. M., in which he passed all of the chairs, and in the commandery he attained the degree of Knight Templar. He was also a charter member of Springfield Lodge, I. O. O. F., and of the Encampment, and filled all of the offices of the former. He was an earnest worker in these fraternal circles and in his life exemplified the benevolent spirit upon which they are based. Having learned the business of manufacturing paper in his youth he carried it on for a number of years, winning success through his enterprising and well directed efforts. He did not selfishly hoard his earnings, but was liberal in his patronage of all enterprises that he believed would benefit the city. He married Charlotte Hawkins, a native of England, who came to this country with her parents in a sailing vessel, the family settling in Clark county, Ohio. Her father purchased government land and engaged in farming. His children were John, James, William, Charlotte, Hannah, Nancy and Sarah, all of whom are now deceased, although all reached advanced ages and passed away in this county. The father of our subject died at his home on Columbia street in Springfield August 14, 1804, and the mother in 1808. They had three daughters and four sons, of whom Charlotte died in early childhood. The others now deceased are: Ja-

cob W., who was a musician in the Thirty-first Ohio Infantry during the Civil war and was killed in the service when sixteen years of age; and William A., who died at the age of fifty-three years. Those living are: Sarah A., the widow of John Shellebarger, a resident of Bethel township; John M.; and James M., who resides with his brother John. He served for three years in the regular army and was a volunteer in an Ohio regiment during the Civil war, joining that command at the age of nineteen years. The children all attended the subscription schools of the county, for public schools were a new thing in their youth.

John M. Kills was thus educated and during the periods of vacation he worked in his father's mill. At the age of twenty he joined the army, for his patriotic spirit was aroused by the attempt of the south to overthrow the Union, and hardly had the smoke of Fort Sumter's guns cleared away when, in April, 1861, he enlisted in Company F, Second Ohio Volunteer Infantry, for three months' service. On the expiration of that term he re-enlisted and became first lieutenant of Company K, Thirty-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and took part in the battles of Mills Springs, on the banks of the Cumberland, and those of the Alabama and Mississippi campaign, including the battles of Perryville, Stone River and Pittsburg Landing, and was also in the siege of Corinth and the battle of Franklin, and later went with Sherman on his celebrated march to the sea. During the term of his first enlistment he had taken part in the first battle of Bull Run. He served altogether in twenty-five battles of the war, but never was wounded or injured, although the company saw very active service and he was often in the thickest of the fight. At length, when the war was over, he partici-

pated in the grand review in Washington and was discharged in Columbus, Ohio, returning to his home with a most creditable and honorable military record.

Mr. Kills then began to work in the machine shop of Warder, Bushnell & Glessner, being thus employed for several years. He was also with John Foos and later served as foreman of the machine shop of the Thomas Manufacturing Company for fifteen years. In 1890 he entered the draying business, beginning on a small scale, and as his patronage increased he enlarged his facilities and now has five teams employed in this way. Among his patrons are many of the leading residents of the city and he does a general draying and trucking business, having made a success of his enterprise by giving it his personal attention.

Mr. Kills was married in Springfield on the 19th of December, 1878, to Miss Ellnora Harding, who was born in this city in 1850, a daughter of William H. Harding, who was a brick contractor. He was born in 1808 and died in 1867. His wife, Mrs. Mahala C. Harding, was, like her husband, a native of Maryland, and she died in February, 1888, at the age of seventy-eight years. In their family were the following children: William F., now deceased; John M., who has also passed away; Samuel P., now deceased, who was a soldier in the Civil war; Mary E., Claude N., Emily C., and William C., all deceased; George, a resident of Springfield; Edward, of Dayton, Ohio; and Ellnora, now Mrs. Kills. The Harding family had come to this country at an early day, about the same time that the parents of our subject arrived. They were of English ancestry and were active factors in the development of this portion of Ohio. Mrs. Kills was educated in the public schools.

Our subject and his wife have one son,

Charles E. who was born June 13, 1871, and assists Mr. Killa in his business. He is married and has one daughter, Helen Beatrice, who was born in 1891 and is attending school, making her home with our subject.

Mr. Killa purchased a lot and erected thereon his present residence in 1886, which is located at 390 Dibert street. He and his wife are members of the First Lutheran church, take an active interest in its work and withhold their support from no movement for the general good. In national affairs he is a Democrat, but in local elections, where there is no issue involved, he supports the men best qualified in his opinion to perform the business of the town and county. He belongs to the Union Veteran Union, in which he has served as quartermaster. His success has been by no means the result of fortunate circumstances, but has come to him through energy, labor and perseverance, directed by an evenly balanced mind and by honorable business principles. He commands the respect of all with whom he has come in contact and deserves the high regard of his fellow men, as his life has ever been honorable and straightforward.

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#### HEZEKIAH R. GEIGER, Ph.D., D. D.

A man of more than local fame, Professor Hezekiah Rheubush Geiger left a life record which is inseparably interwoven with the history of Springfield and its moral, social and intellectual development and his influence for good in the world cannot be measured, for his was an individuality which left its impress upon the lives of all with whom he came in contact. Had he accomplished nothing save the founding of Wittenberg College, Springfield would have reason to hold him in grateful remembrance,

but his efforts along many lines contributed in large measure to public progress here and the sum total of the world's knowledge was augmented by his research and investigation. It is said of an eminent man of old that "he has done things worthy to be written; that he has written things worthy to be read; and by his life has contributed to the welfare of the republic and the happiness of mankind." He on whom this transcendent eulogy can be pronounced with even partial truth is entitled to the gratitude of his race, and nowhere within the limits of this section of Ohio has there died a man over whom this might more justly be said than over Dr. Geiger.

His life history began in Greencastle, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, his natal day being January 10, 1820, and from German and Scotch ancestry he was descended. His paternal grandfather, Charles Geiger, born in Germany, crossed the Atlantic to America and settled in Montgomery county about 1772. He was living near Philadelphia at the time of the Revolutionary war and he bore an honorable part in the struggle for freedom between the colonists and the mother country. By trade he was a miller and he spent his entire life after his emigration to this country in Pennsylvania.

Henry Geiger, the father of the Doctor, was born in Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, in 1780, was reared in his native state and was a man of good mental calibre, strong convictions, and was a good citizen. He was intensely loyal to his country and at the time of the war of 1812 he joined General Scott's division and participated in the battles of Chippewa Plains and Lundy's Lane. He was also with Commodore Perry in his naval victory on Lake Erie and was with the ships that anchored at Put-in-Bay

and assisted in burying the dead who are interred there. At the close of the war he received an honorable discharge from the army and settled in Franklin county, Pennsylvania. Henry Geiger was married in 1815 to Julia Rheubush, who was of Scotch parentage and was born and reared in Hagerstown, Maryland. In the year 1833 Henry Geiger removed with his family to Columbiana county, Ohio, and after a year there passed west to Holmes county, this state, where he lived until his removal to Urbana, in 1851. Here his wife died August 31, 1854. He lived retired during the last years of his life, spending most of his time with his children. His death occurred at the home of his son, Dr. Geiger, of Dayton, Ohio, in 1861. In the family were eleven sons and a daughter, and of this number seven became prominent professional men, there being, beside Dr. Geiger of this review, two ministers of the gospel, one physician and three lawyers; two of whom attained judgeships, while one was a general in the Union army. The father, with intense patriotism, offered his services to the government in the Civil war, but was not accepted because of his age. The only surviving members of his family are Rev. Dr. Andrew Geiger, of Kansas City, Missouri; and Mrs. J. B. Hileman, of Altoona, Pennsylvania. The parents were members of the Lutheran church and in that faith reared their family.

Dr. Geiger of this review spent the early years of his life in the state of his nativity and accompanied his parents on their removal to Ohio. He was provided with good educational privileges and in 1846 was graduated with high rank in Pennsylvania College. When he had completed his collegiate course he came to Springfield, and joining Rev. Ezra Keller, D. D. and Michael

Diehl, became one of the founders of Wittenberg College, which will ever stand as a monument to the public spirit and Christian philanthropy of these gentlemen. Dr. Geiger accepted a professorship in the new institution, becoming instructor in Latin, natural sciences and mathematics, and became widely recognized as one of the most capable educators of Ohio, his broad learning and the readiness with which he imparted it to others doing much to establish a high standard for the school. As the college grew his duties became more arduous and resigning the chair of Latin and mathematics, he devoted his entire attention to that of natural science. This occurred in 1873. In this connection extensive travel for investigation resulted, and in 1874 he visited the Pacific coast and the Sandwich Islands in company with the Hon. John W. Bookwalter and wife, on which trip Mr. Bookwalter first extended his travels beyond the borders of this land. While on this journey Dr. Geiger made original surveys of the craters of the islands and gathered much data of great scientific interest. The incidents of the trip were embodied in a most interesting volume published by Mr. Bookwalter.

Early in his professional career Dr. Geiger was ordained to the ministry by the Wittenberg synod, and from that time until his death continued an active worker in the cause of Christianity. He not only possessed broad and comprehensive knowledge of natural science and of mathematics, but made a close study of the great principles of religion, the object and plan of life as manifest in the Scriptures, and was a theologian of clear conception, fine analytical powers and positive convictions. His chemical and mechanical ability were of such high order that he was for a considerable period



of line retained as an expert by different manufacturing concerns of the city and was associated with James Leffel in the perfection of his water wheel. Besides his educational work in Wittenberg College he was a member of both the city and county boards of school examiners. In 1882 he resigned his position as a member of the faculty of Wittenberg College and accepted a position on the United States geological survey in charge of the Blue Ridge division, for which his well trained mind and previous study and investigation well qualified him. He acted in that capacity until 1893 when he resigned. His investigations had extended through Maryland, West Virginia and Virginia, and while engaged in that work he advanced, and proved in opposition to all previous theories, the true theory of the geological construction of the entire Blue Ridge system as now accepted and recognized by scientists and government authorities. Editorial and literary work claimed his attention in his later years. He edited the Lutheran Evangelist and was on the staff of a leading agricultural journal and his work in this direction bore the impress of a mind of strong convictions and fearless purpose.

On the 14th of December, 1874, Dr. Geiger was united in marriage to Miss Nancy Melissa Thornford, who was born in West Virginia, but was educated in Steubenville, Ohio, and became a teacher in the Presbyterian Seminary in Springfield, where she met and married Dr. Geiger. Their home life passed in some places: Mrs. M. was graduated at Wittenberg College in 1871, the first woman to complete the course there. Charles A., manager of the Troy-Wygon works, of Troy, Ohio. Lillian, the wife of A. D. Haslerman, of Springfield. Amy E., the wife of J. N.

Garver, of Springfield, manager of the Farm News; Harry M., of Indianapolis; Ella L.; and Frank W. With the exception of Harry, all are graduates of Wittenberg College, and Frank, Alice and Ella occupy the old family home, which was built by Dr. Geiger at No. 3 Ferncliff avenue, in 1853, and is one of the oldest residences of the city.

Dr. Geiger passed away July 18, 1889, and his wife September 30, 1930. Thus departed this life one who had played an important part in molding the history of Springfield. His work was not of a character that could be measured by dollars and cents, nor had it erected a monument in any building or commercial enterprise of the city, but its power was that of influencing intellectual and moral development, of controlling action through the development of high character and lofty purpose.

"His life was noble and the elements

So mixed in him that Nature might stand up

And say to all the world, 'this was a man.'"



#### MRS. ELIZA D. STEWART.

As long as history chronicles the progress of the world in all the paths of life that lead to the uplifting of humanity and the betterment of the world, so long will the name of "Mother Stewart" figure on its pages. Among the great movements which have led to a clearer insight into the plans and purposes of the Creator for the human race, perhaps none has had more direct influence or borne a truer cause for good than the temperance work instituted by her in the Ohio town of which she was then a resident. Without force or compulsion, but through loving sympathy for her fellow





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men, she has enrolled an army of workers for the right who are continually winning new victories for "God and Home and Native Land." And yet not alone as an advocate of temperance reform is Mrs. Stewart known to the world. Her efforts have been felt along almost every line that has led to the alleviation of human misery caused by wrong; her influence has been a potent factor in the cause of Christ and her patriotism was an inspiration in the darkest hour of her country's peril.

A native of Ohio, in which state she is yet living, Mrs. Stewart was born in Picketon April 25, 1816, and has therefore passed the eighty-sixth milestone on life's journey. She is descended from two prominent American families, the Baldwin and the Guthery, and her grandfather, Colonel John Guthery, was one of the heroes of the Revolutionary war. She looked upon the serious side of life at a very early age, for she was only twelve when left an orphan by her father's death, her mother having died when she was but three years of age. When only nine years of age she operated a spinning wheel and when her father died and her brother went into business for himself, it became necessary for her to take charge of the stock upon the home farm, in addition to performing the work of the household and caring for an invalid stepmother. She afterward went to live with relatives and there she learned to spin wool, cotton and flax and when fourteen years of age her day's work equalled that of a grown woman. Though her early years were thus largely a period of physical toil she used her few leisure moments in the improvement of her mind and as she found opportunity attended the schools and seminaries in this part of Ohio and when eighteen years of age she engaged in teaching school.

Another duty came to her about 1833, when, becoming housekeeper for her brother, who was then postmaster of his town, she was sworn in as his assistant under the administration of General Jackson, being, it is believed, the first woman who ever acted in that capacity. In 1848 Eliza Daniels became the wife of Hiram Stewart, and five children were born of this marriage, but all died in infancy. With a true mother's devotion, however, she cared for her two stepsons, whom she trained and educated to be an honor to their parents and their country. The elder son secured a teacher's certificate when only fourteen years of age and about that time he entered upon the regular course in the Ohio State University, being the youngest student ever admitted to the institution, and he graduated with the honors of his class. He always gave to Mrs. Stewart great credit for what he accomplished, because of the splendid assistance which she rendered him in his early training. Later, when the country became involved in Civil war the two stepsons went to the front in defense of the Union. In those years Mrs. Stewart largely devoted her time and energies to the duties of home, church and society, and throughout her entire life she has had the deepest love of home. Yet there was to come a time when she would leave the quiet of her own fireside to take her place among the great workers of the world, laboring for humanity and Christianity.

Mrs. Stewart became a member of the Methodist church when fifteen years of age and in recent years she has joined the Christian Catholic church, of Zion City, founded by Dr. Dowie, who ordained her one of the elders, but her nature has always been too broad to be hampered by dogmas or creeds. Hers is the religion of Christianity, which

embraces the entire race in an effort for the universal uplifting of man. She became actively interested in temperance work in 1858, when she joined the Good Templars society, of which she has since been an honored member. When the Civil war came on and her husband went to the south in the commissary department, and her stepsons as soldiers of the Union, she began her work for the "boys in blue" and thus won from them the loving name of "mother." She was one of the organizers of the Soldiers Aid Society, of Athens county, of which she was made the secretary, giving her time and energies to the work of collecting money, food and clothing, and in fact everything needed by the soldiers in the field and their families at home. She organized a large class of little girls, instructing them in the work of making quilts, bandages, lint and other useful articles for the soldiers. Her work won recognition not only from the humble private, but from some of the highest officials of the army and of the country, and she now has in her possession a framed certificate, officially signed, testifying to the work of her county in the Cincinnati Sanitary Fair, which work was largely due to the efforts of Mrs. Stewart. When Morgan made his raid through Ohio, she stood on picket duty at Athens one entire night, while the old men and boys left went out to fell trees and build fortifications to obstruct the route of the Confederate commander. She also has in her possession a framed copy in the handwriting of the author, of Sherman's March to the Sea, a song which proved an inspiration to the soldiers oftentimes traveling a weary road. These are but a few of the many testimonials of appreciation which she received from her work and more than that, her name is deeply engraved in rever-

ence and love upon the hearts of hundreds of soldiers who benefited by her labors. After the war ended there was still great suffering remaining as one of the after effects and she traveled and lectured in behalf of those who needed assistance until much relief was furnished by those who heard her earnest, eloquent words.

Again her ability was called into action as a member of the state board of charities, in which capacity it became her duty to look after and report upon various charitable institutions of Ohio. Because of her pleasing and interesting style as a writer her services were secured to travel through the south and report to northern papers, and this she did in 1871 and 1872, thus helping to enlighten the public mind and encourage the just settlement of national difficulties.

In the meantime Mrs. Stewart had become an active factor in woman's suffrage work, and a society, organized in her own parlor, chose her for its president. She has since become a national leader in this movement and has attended various national conventions in behalf of the furtherance of this cause. Throughout all the years she had continued to speak and labor in behalf of temperance as opportunity had offered. Her first public address on temperance was delivered under the auspices of the Good Templars in Pomeroy, Ohio, in 1858. Her labors continued through the following years until January, 1872, when she inaugurated a new movement in behalf of temperance, which has spread until it now encompasses almost the entire civilized world. At that date she spoke on temperance in Springfield, Ohio, the first lecture ever delivered there by a woman on that subject, and under the Adair law she plead and

gained cases for drunkards' wives in the courts of her city. Then came an appeal from the Women's Benevolent Society for temperance work, and the temperance sentiment thus aroused led to the organization of the now world-famous Women's Christian Temperance Union, Mrs. Stewart being chosen president of the first local union in Springfield. She organized the first union at Osborn, Ohio, December 1, 1873, followed by the organization of temperance women in Springfield, and from that point Mrs. Stewart continued her work through the different counties of the state. For years she traveled almost continuously, taking scarcely time to eat or sleep, ever organizing, stimulating and appealing to the people to arouse and destroy the liquor traffic. When the Prohibition party was formed she became one of its endorsers and has been a member of both the state and national Prohibition committees.

In 1876 Mrs. Stewart became the missionary of temperance into foreign lands and carried the "white ribbon" to the women of Great Britain, who welcomed her heartily and co-operated in her great work for the reclamation of the race from the bonds of intemperance. The British Women's Temperance Association is the result of her work. Almost twenty years later she again visited Great Britain, as the guest of Lady Henry Somerset, now the head of the movement there, attending the world's convention of the W. C. T. U. In her native land she took up the work of introducing the new movement among the women of the south, white and black, in 1878, and again in 1880, she sold her dearly prized souvenirs and heirlooms in order to secure funds for carrying on the work there. Above and beyond all and through all, has been her abiding

faith in Christianity, and certainly she has followed closely in the footsteps of Him who came not to be ministered unto but to minister.

Mrs. Stewart is the author of two works upon the subject of temperance. When, owing to her strenuous life and indefatigable efforts her health failed her so that she was obliged to leave the lecture platform and remain quietly at home, she wrote the *Memories of the Crusade*, and later she produced *The Crusader in Great Britain*, books which are more wonderful than fiction, more thrilling than romance, treating of the world's great tragedies and "the bloodless wounds of the soul, over which the angels weep."

There certainly was never a more unbiased analysis of character given than that contained in the psychological chart of Mrs. Stewart, made by the great phrenologist, Professor Headley, in 1882, at which time he had no intimation as to who his subject was. He said: "You have an organization of remarkable power, physically and mentally. You are of the finest quality, and hence are sympathetic, sensitive as a flower, possess very strong affections, and are cast in a charitable mold. And yet, withal, you have great endurance, wonderful executive power and amount of force, will and firmness, especially in what is right and noble, that is worthy of a Wendell Phillips. Your brain is very large; you take broad, comprehensive views of things, are capable of managing extensive enterprises and would be known anywhere as a leader and not a follower. The great organs in your character are Conscientiousness, Benevolence, Firmness, Perseverance and Human Nature. Such a combination as this was possessed by the John Howards, Florence

Nightingales and Elizabeth Freys of history. You are a natural reformer and agitator; you have the head of a missionary. You take any risk, make any sacrifice and bear exposure or even abuse and the misconception of men for the sake of helping the downtrodden, reforming the wayward and erring and doing work for God, but, above all, for humanity. You are not so orthodox but that character, rather than creed and human needs rather than dogmas, win and hold you most. You are a natural speaker, and can make vigorous, earnest, sympathetic speeches. You should lecture on the great questions of the day, 'Woman's Moral Culture,' 'Reform,' etc. You have not much acquisitiveness, and the money you might get out of a thing would be your last consideration. You are not selfish enough for your own personal profit, nor are you afraid of public opinion; whether what you said or did was popular or not, would never trouble you as long as your conscience said it was right. You can write, would be a good editor or contributor to magazines, etc. Now, combined with your force and moral independence, I find a large conjugal nature. You would be a good wife; would be as true as steel, even to an inferior or non-appreciative husband. You are very motherly and love pets—the young and beautiful everywhere. You possess a degree of friendship that is large; while you are not attracted to the masses, except to do them good, yet with congenial souls you would be kinder and would give your confidence almost beyond the bounds of need. You are mathematical, exact, honest, executive, long-suffering and yet are balanced by wonderful hope, great cheerfulness, and, at times, are joyous and humorous as a child. Herein lies the safeguard against the strain of your

intensely grave and earnest character. God cripples your usefulness a little in that he had not given you another sex. You should have been a man. The world needs such men every day."

Mrs. Stewart now resides at her beautiful and attractive home on Appletree Place in Springfield. When she reached the eightieth anniversary of her birth some of her friends prepared and printed an account of her life, closing it with the words: "Dearly beloved Mother Stewart, yours is one of the true lives that 'can never die.' Your 'promotion' may come, but your influence upon the soldiers of prohibition, patriotism, temperance and righteousness will never pass from under your command. You have placed the insignia of your Savior's love in every loyal heart, given the ensign of His cross into the hand of every true disciple, while the badges of fidelity are on every breast. Your friends, anxious to 'give honor to whom honor is due,' have gathered as best they could some of the more important and memorable incidents of your life-work as a loving memorial of your eightieth birthday. We feel it to be a small and insignificant tribute, compared with the magnificent life you have lived, but we know that loving hearts and willing hands may write and rewrite regarding your remarkable career, yet we are sure that the hand of Infinity only can do you justice. Mortals can not compute the miles traveled, the weary steps taken, the heartfelt anxieties, the tears shed, prayers offered, appeals made, pledges taken, badges given, the treasure expended, the faith exercised, the trusts kept and blessings bestowed. No, we can not know, and you have kept no account; it was His work, and 'God holds the ledger.' Blessed thought! that while our

loving mission fails in enumeration, the angels know; and if our earnest appreciation fails to compass your work, God's crown will cover it all."

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GEORGE H. FREY, SR.

George H. Frey, Sr., prominent among the older residents of Springfield, was born at Philadelphia, Jefferson county, New York, December 19, 1825, and is a son of Samuel C. and Susan (Calhoun) Frey. The father was born at St. Johnsville, in what is now Fulton county, New York, and was of the fifth generation in the line of descent from Henry Frey, who settled at Paletine Bridge, New York, in 1684, having come from Zurich, Switzerland. The burgomaster of that city certified him to be a good house-builder. There were no white settlers as far up the valley of the Mohawk river as the locality in which Henry Frey took up his abode. He was at the headquarters of the most warlike tribe of the Mohawk Indians and these were said to be the most ferocious of the American red men. He and his descendants, however, lived among these Indians for about one hundred years and never had any trouble with them. During all of the period of the early colonial history when the French possessed lower Canada and their Indian allies made frequent forays on the New England and New York colonies the Mohawk Indians were efficient protectors of the family. The next in the line of direct descent was Henry Frey, the second, and he was the father of Henry Frey, the third, who was attached to the staff of Sir William Johnson and was present at the capture of Fort Niagara,

when it was taken from the French during the colonial wars. He also filled various commissions, by appointment from the crown, including the position of colonel of militia and magistrate. He was likewise a member of the colonial legislature. A man of broad learning, he had been admitted to the bar and was a prominent and influential resident of his community. In 1774 he was appointed one of the judges of common pleas for the new county of Tryon, which embraced all the territory of the colony of New York, west of Schenectady. His frequent appointments, together with the fact that just before the Revolution he qualified as a judge, and also owing to the fact that he and associate judges declined to serve as members of the committee of public safety, led to his suffering much persecution, although his brother and his brother-in-law were both members of the committee of public safety and he was a warm personal friend of General Philip Schuyler, one of the leading patriots of the colony. His brother-in-law was General Nicholas Herkimer, but the influence of none of these men availed and neither did the fact that Judge Frey, himself, had contributed seven thousand dollars to the support of the army, for the grudges and jealousies of men, who seemed to control affairs, were manifest in the continued annoyances. He was also seized and sent to Hartford, Connecticut, and his son, Philip R. Frey, was also put under arrest, being taken from school at Schenectady and confined in the stockade at Johnstown, New York. The son, Philip R. Frey, became ill in his unhealthy place of confinement and his mother and sister procured for him permission to visit home, his arrest being an arbitrary proceeding, for he was then only sixteen years of age when taken from school

and put in confinement. As he was an only son his mother determined to put him beyond the reach of any further persecution and placed him in charge of some Indians of the Six Nations. He was then taken to Canada, where he remained until after the close of the Revolutionary war.

In the meantime Philip Frey was married in Detroit, Michigan, to Miss Marie Louise St. Martin, who, it is claimed, was a niece of General Montcalm, who fell at the head of the French troops in the battle of Quebec. On his return to the Mohawk valley Philip Frey, who was the grandfather of our subject, completed the study of law but was engaged in practice for only a few years, when he died. His first wife had previously passed away and he had afterward married Mrs. Elizabeth Howe. The first child born of this union was Samuel C. Frey, the father of our subject.

Samuel C. Frey learned the trade of a watchmaker and silversmith at Canajoharie, New York, and also followed these pursuits in Syracuse, New York. He was married in the former place to Miss Calhoun, a native of Boston, Massachusetts, and a daughter of Andrew Calhoun, a native of the north of Ireland and also remotely related to the prominent Calhoun family of the south. In 1830, when the subject of this review was but five years of age, the father removed to Canada and there George H. Frey saw the first steamer that ever sailed on the waters of Lake Ontario. It was the old Niagara, which made a rate of speed of about five miles an hour. The father located at Brockville, Ontario, and took an active interest in public affairs. In 1837, when the rebellion arose, he and his immediate friends, among them Stephen Richards, the father of the late Chief Justice Richards, of the Do-

minion of Canada, were threatened with arrest for suspected sympathy with the rebellion. Mr. Frey escaped without arrest and came to the states in December, 1837, settling at Morristown, New York, where he remained until 1838, when on account of supposed hostility to British interests and violation of the neutrality laws he was again threatened with arrest. He then went to Canton, Ohio, with his family, where he remained for nearly twenty years and from 1857 until 1870 he was a resident of Springfield. In the latter year he went south to Decatur, Alabama, where he died in February, 1877, his wife passing away in March, 1883.

George H. Frey received his preliminary education at Brockville, Ontario, and later studied under the instruction of private tutors, receiving excellent educational advantages for those days. With the intention of becoming a member of the legal profession, he then entered the office of Hiram Griswold, of Canton, Ohio, and read law until admitted to the bar in Xenia, in June, 1847. At that time he came to Springfield, which was then a town of about thirty-six hundred. He opened an office, entering into partnership with a man who was also the editor of the Republic, the leading Whig paper of the county. In 1849 Mr. Frey took charge of the office of the Cincinnati & Sandusky Telegraph Company, in this city, as operator for one year. In 1850 he was elected superintendent of the company and in 1852 he was elected president, so continuing until about 1859, when the company was absorbed by the Postal and Western Union Telegraph Companies, each purchasing a portion. During this time Mr. Frey had become one of the owners of the Republic printing office, having purchased an in-



terest in 1854, about the time of the beginning of the agitation of slavery. He continued one of the editors and chief owners of the Springfield Republic until 1861, when, on account of ill health, he withdrew from the business and turned his attention to the quarry business, in the manufacture of lime on an extensive scale, having large quarries north of Buck creek in the city limits. This enterprise claimed his attention until about 1880, and the business was increased to a considerable extent, giving employment to many men. In 1880, however, Mr. Frey withdrew and has since lived in retirement. For a number of years he has been one of the directors of the Second National Bank and has other excellent investments in stock and property.

In 1851 was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Frey and Miss Jane Quigley Ward, of Springfield, a daughter of Isaac and Mary Ward. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Frey were born twelve children, of whom five are still living: Isaac Ward, George H., Albert C., Robert R. and Susan H. Robert is connected with the John Deere Plow Works, of Moline, Illinois. The wife and mother died in April, 1881, in the faith of the Presbyterian church, of which she had long been a member. Mr. Frey has held membership with the First, the Second and the Third Presbyterian churches, joining these successively, as the churches have been divided and new ones formed in order to meet the demands of the growing population. He served as an elder in the Second church. In politics he has long been a stalwart Republican and the history of the Republican Party of Ohio said of him: "There is no one in the state of Ohio, who has done more for the city of Springfield and the county of Clark than has the gentleman whose name appears at the

head of this sketch and no one is better posted than he in the early politics of Ohio. As a journalist his pen has supported the principles of the grand old party, and his intelligent advocacy of its principles has been an important and effective factor in molding public sentiment. His firm convictions on matters of public policy have led him to stand loyally by the party through the period of its darkest gloom as well as its brightest days and to carry forward its work until many of its principles have been impressed upon the statute books of the nation. Today he stands as one of the pioneers of Republicanism in the state, a patriotic, devoted citizen, who earnestly cherishes the welfare of the country, and believes that the greatest good will come to the nation through the adoption of Republican policy. In 1856 he was appointed one of the delegates to the convention held at Pittsburg, February 22d, for the purpose of organizing the national Republican party and to provide for the selection of delegates to the first Republican national convention (for nominating presidential candidates) which was held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, June 19, 1856, to which Mr. Frey was also a delegate. He was widely known in political circles and was on intimate terms with many of the early leaders. He was a personal friend of Horace Greeley, and when that eminent journalist was a candidate for president of the United States, Mr. Frey gave him a complimentary vote, as did all the voting members of the family." He has made an untarnished record and unspotted reputation as a business man. In all places and under all circumstances he is loyal to truth, honor and right, justly valuing his own self-respect as infinitely more preferable than wealth, fame and position. In those finer traits of

character which combine to form that which we term friendship, which endear and attach man to man in bonds which nothing but the stain of dishonor can sever, which triumph and shine brightest in the hour of adversity,—in those qualities he is royally endowed.

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### WILLIAM T. OTSTOT.

William T. Otstot, well known as an enterprising agriculturist of Clark county, was born in December, 1837, on the old homestead farm which his father purchased in that year, and it is still his home. He is a son of Daniel and Hannah (Dushane) Otstot. The former was born and reared in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, and by his marriage became the father of ten children, of whom the subject of this review is the youngest.

In early life William T. Otstot became familiar with farm work through the assistance which he rendered to his father in cultivating the fields of the home farm. He was thus engaged until after the outbreak of the Civil war, when aroused by a spirit of patriotism he offered his services to the government, enlisting in September, 1861, as a member of the Forty-fourth Ohio Infantry, with which he served continuously until January, 1864. He then re-enlisted as a member of the Eighth Cavalry, with which he continued until July, 1865. The war having closed, he was then mustered out at Camp Demmon. He had first enlisted in the Springfield fair grounds and he re-enlisted at Strawberry Plains, in east Tennessee. His duty largely took him to the outposts, but he participated in the siege of Knoxville and was always true to the old flag, faith-

fully responding to every call made upon him and to every military task which was assigned him. After his return home he resumed farming upon the old home place which his father had purchased in 1837, paying eighteen dollars per acre for it. In 1881 Mr. Otstot purchased this farm from the other heirs, paying one hundred dollars per acre for the tract of one hundred acres. This rise of value indicates the improved condition of the farm as well as the advanced progress caused by the growth in population in the county. He keeps his farm under a good state of cultivation and it is equipped with modern machinery and all accessories found upon a model farm of the twentieth century.

In 1868 Mr. Otstot was united in marriage to Miss Mary A. Willis, a daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Willis, of Columbus, Ohio, both of whom are now deceased. Unto our subject and his wife have been born three children, but Walter, the second, died in infancy. The daughter, Nellie, is at home, and Harry, who is now twenty-four years of age, assists his father in the work of the farm. Mr. Otstot is connected with Mitchell Post, No. 45, G. A. R., and is to-day a loyal citizen, very deeply interested in the welfare of his county, state and nation, and their substantial progress.

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### HON. MELVIN L. MILLIGAN.

Melvin L. Milligan is one of Ohio's native sons, his birth having occurred on a farm in Perry county July 28, 1860. His parents were Alfred P. and Rachel (Iliff) Milligan. His paternal grandfather, George Milligan, was a native of Pennsylvania.

born in 1801, and became one of the pioneer settlers of the Buckeye state. He married Priscilla Thrap, and among their children was Alfred P. Milligan, whose birth occurred in Perry county, Ohio, September 1, 1831. After arriving at years of maturity he wedded Rachel Iliff, who was born in the same county February 16, 1840. Both are still living, their home being in Deavertown, Ohio.

Mr. Milligan of this review was reared as a farmer boy, attending the district schools in Perry and Morgan counties, where he prepared for college. He then matriculated in Zanesville Business College and later became a student in the Ohio Wesleyan University, at Delaware, Ohio, being graduated in the latter institution in the class of 1884 with the degree of B. A., while the degree of A. M. was conferred upon him three years later. He then became a student of law and was admitted to the bar before the supreme court at Columbus. Subsequently he went to Kansas City, Missouri, where he opened an office and entered upon the practice of his profession, but later became connected with the Associated Press of Kansas City. In the fall of 1891 he returned to Ohio, locating in Springfield, and since that time has been a representative of the industrial interests of the city. He became financially interested in the Springfield Foundry Company, the Miller Gas Engine Company, and the Indianapolis Switch & Frog Company, which is engaged in the manufacture of switches and frogs for railroads and also railroad specialties. It was incorporated July 27, 1892, with a capital stock of three hundred thousand dollars and Mr. Milligan served as its president for four years. In 1902 when the Springfield Foundry Company was merged with and re-or-

ganized as the Fairbanks Machine Tool Company, he became its president and general manager and is now serving in that capacity.

On the 30th of August, 1887, Mr. Milligan was united in marriage to Miss Jennie Fairbanks, of Columbus, Ohio, a daughter of Loriston and Mary Adelaide Fairbanks. Four children have been born unto them: Loriston F., Harry S., Mary Adelaide and Robert L.

In politics Mr. Milligan is a Republican and takes an active interest in the success of the party and in the election of his friends. He is a close student of political issues and questions, which has led to his firm faith in the Republican party and its principles. In April, 1901, he was elected mayor of Springfield for a term of two years and his administration is one which has given universal satisfaction. He has labored untiringly along practical business lines for the welfare and upbuilding of the city.

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#### CALVIN A. HERR.

Calvin Auburn Herr was for many years a prominent factor in business circles of Springfield and at his death he left to his family not only the splendid financial result of his labors but also an untarnished name. Everywhere in our land are found men who have worked their own way from humble beginnings to leadership in the commerce, the great productive industries, the management of financial affairs, and in controlling the veins and arteries of the traffic and exchanges of the country. It is one of the glories of our nation that it is so. It should be the strongest incentive and encourage-

ment to the youth of the country that it is so. Prominent among the self-made men of Ohio was the subject of this sketch, a man honored, respected and esteemed wherever known and most of all where he was best known.

Mr. Horr was born in Denmark, New York, August 9, 1818, and was a son of Jacob Horr, of Scotch descent. The school-house which he attended was three miles from his home. He had limited opportunity for acquiring an education for his services were needed upon the home farm. He was the youngest in a family of nine children and with one exception all were sons. At the age of fourteen years he went to Mechanicsburg, Ohio, living with his brother, Dr. Obed Horr, until he went to Jeffersonville, where he engaged in the drygoods business for a time and then returned to Mechanicsburg, where he again became a drygoods merchant in partnership with his brother, Dr. Horr. He came to Springfield to purchase the right of way for the Springfield, Mount Vernon & Pittsburg Railroad Company, of which he was the secretary and treasurer. His association with that company continued for a number of years and in its behalf he went to Europe, where he spent five months, purchasing railroad iron for the construction of the road. On the expiration of that period he returned to his native land in the month of March, 1861, but sold his interest in the road in the same year. The following year Mr. Horr became a member of the firm of Wright, Horr & Bacon, wholesale grocers, and continued in that business up to the time of his death, which occurred January 21, 1873. He was a very successful business man and conducted a number of enterprises. For years he devoted his entire time and concentrated

all his energies toward the supervision of the active details of his business and his was the heart to resolve, the understanding to direct, and the hand to execute all its various transactions. He also became the owner of considerable city real estate.

Mr. Horr was twice married. He first wedded Mazey Ann Owens and they became the parents of three children: Luvenia; Llewellyn, who is living in Oklahoma; and Elijah, who died in childhood. On the 11th of December, 1845, Mr. Horr was again married, his second union being with Miss Elizabeth Morgan, a most estimable lady, who was to him: a faithful companion and helpmate on life's journey and who still survives him. She was a native of the city of London and in 1832, when twelve years of age, was a passenger on a westward bound sailing vessel, which dropped anchor in the harbor of New York, after a voyage of seven weeks. She came with her parents, Thomas and Mary Morgan. Unto the second marriage five children were born: Louise, who is now the wife of L. C. Smith, of Saginaw, Michigan; Laura, who became the wife of Jonathan Harshman and now lives with her mother, her husband having died in 1874; Lucien, who is married and has five children, and lives in Ogden City, Utah; Mary L., who was at home; and Lillian, the widow of Edward C. Leffel. She also resides with her mother and has lost her only son, James, who died at the age of eighteen years.

Mr. Horr possessed many admirable qualities. His record was that of a man who by his own unaided efforts worked his way upward to a position of affluence. His life was one of industry and perseverance and the honorable and systematic business methods which he followed won him the es-

teem and confidence of many. Without the aid of influence or wealth he rose to a leading position in Clark county and his native genius and unremitting diligence formed the stepping-stone on which he mounted.

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THOMAS G. FARR, M. D.

Close study, careful preparation and an earnest desire to be of use to the world in alleviations of human suffering have made Dr. Thomas Gibson Farr one of the most capable and successful physicians of this portion of Ohio. He is practicing in South Charleston and has a very liberal patronage. The Doctor is a native of Crawfordsville, Indiana, born on the 24th of February, 1838, his parents being James Gibson and Asenath (Bennett) Farr. The father was a trader on the river and in 1840, when on his way to New Orleans with his cargo, a tornado overtook them at Natchez, Mississippi, destroyed both his boats and everything was lost. He was injured but returned as far as Evansville, Indiana, where he died of lock-jaw, caused from the injuries which he had sustained. He had been buried two weeks before his widow learned of his death. She was left in very straitened financial circumstances and returned to Selma, Ohio, in which place she had been reared from the age of seven years. Mrs. Farr made her home in that town and the Doctor became a member of the household of his uncle in Wayne county, Illinois, until his mother married again, becoming the wife of Mordecai Taylor. The Doctor then returned to his mother, who was living upon a farm in Warren county, Ohio, and in that locality he was reared to manhood, acquiring his

education in the common schools and in Springboro Academy. At the age of nineteen he began teaching in the country schools of Warren county and during his leisure hours devoted his attention to the study of medicine. For three years he was a student in the office of Dr. Smith, of Springboro, after which he pursued a winter's course of lectures in the Cincinnati College of Medicine and Surgery during the scholastic year of 1861-2.

Dr. Farr began practice at Bellbrook, Greene county, and entered upon a successful professional career. He remained there for a year and then removed to Selma, where he was a practitioner for nineteen years, meeting with creditable and enviable success, but his health at length failed him and in 1882 he came to South Charleston. In the meantime he had further perfected himself in his chosen calling as a student in the Starling Medical College at Columbus, in which he was graduated in the class of 1878. He has always read extensively in the line of his chosen work, thus continually broadening his knowledge and enlarging the field of his usefulness.

The Doctor was married in Lebanon, Ohio, March 10, 1859, to Miss Helen Sweeny, a daughter of Colonel James and Clarissa (Coffeen) Sweeny, who were early settlers of Warren county. Her mother came of Revolutionary stock. Her maternal great-great-grandfather was Captain John Coffeen, who was a privateer during the war for independence. His father, John Coffeen, Sr., was a student in a college of Dublin, Ireland, and he and some young men went on board a vessel to view the ship and were fastened down in the hatch and taken to America, where they were sold to pay the passage. A pamphlet called the

Traditions of the Coffin or Coffeen family says: "John Coffeen was stolen or kidnaped, which at that period was a frequent occurrence. This was many years previous to the Revolutionary war and with thirteen other young men, who were students at a literary institution, he was brought to America and was sold or purchased for a sum which was equivalent to the passage charges. John Coffeen was indentured to a Boston merchant for a term of two years. Another version of the affairs is that he was impressed by a British man of war and when the vessel was at New Bedford he escaped and went to Boston, where he bound himself out to a merchant as an apprentice. At any rate he proved valuable to his master, rose in favor, married his master's daughter and became a partner in the business of his father-in-law. When John Coffeen was kidnaped he had in his possession the genealogy of the family." This John Coffeen had three sons, Eleazer, Michael and John, the last named being the father of Amy Coffeen, who married Isaac Baldwin in Cavendish, Vermont, in 1791. They had eleven children, one of whom was Emma or Amy Baldwin, who was married July 10, 1804, to Joseph Parker, and their family consisted of seven children, Joseph, Lucy, Lydia, Harvey, Florella, Lavina and Sarah. Eleazer took the family record and set out for his father's birthplace in order to recover the property which would fall to him there, but was never heard from afterward. Michael became an owner of large mill property at or near the present site of Lowell, Massachusetts. It is said to be the first improvement of that great water power. He married a German lady by the name of Lake. Michael was lost in a great freshet

in one of his mill streams. John was a man of great energy of character and possessed large means for the times. Through the depression in value of the continental money he lost more than sixty thousand dollars. He purchased a large portion of the town of Cavendish from a corporation of a New Hampshire grant, the first name on record in 1770. From the children of Jesse Read he also bought the land afterward sold to Thomas Baldwin, second from John Church of Charleston, under a New York title. This was just previous to the Revolutionary war. A dispute about the title of the Connecticut river and Lake Champlain lands, which were claimed under a New Hampshire grant to Mason and afterward to the Duke of York and then the attempt to dispossess the soldiers of lands under the New Hampshire title by claiming them under the New York title, had nearly occasioned open hostilities between the two parties, but the breaking out of the Revolutionary war overwhelmed all minor considerations. John was a commissioner of the Revolutionary army. He married Susan Goldsmith, a Boston lady of good family. Her mother's maiden name was Gideon. John and Susannah Coffeen had fourteen children. John was the first settler in Cavendish, Vermont, where he took up his abode in 1769. The first deed reported there was from Jesse Read, of Lurenburg, Massachusetts, to John Coffeen, March 21, 1781. He was a member of the convention which signed the revised declaration of independence of Vermont and which formed the constitution of that state. He was appointed a captain of militia in 1775 and was the representative of the town in 1781-1785-1786. His wife, Susannah Goldsmith Coffeen, lived to be over ninety-

four years of age, at which time she was very active, being able to walk more than a half mile over the hills. She was very helpful to the soldiers during the war of the Revolution and was the original of the leading character in the *Rangers Daughter*, a historical novel. Her mother's mother had died at sea when on the way to America.

It is from this ancestry that Mrs. Dr. Farr is descended. By her marriage she has become the mother of four children, but the first, a daughter, died at birth. Mordecai J. is now an undertaker of Franklin, Warren county, Ohio. He married Clara Null and has one son, Raymond Gibson. Otto H., who wedded Margaret Ferard, of South Charleston, is engaged in the jewelry business in Wabash, Indiana. Zella H. died in Selma in 1880, at the age of fifteen years.

It is said that with boyish enthusiasm Dr. Farr sang the song of *Tippacano* and Tyler, too, and shouted for the Whig candidate and principles. Since attaining his majority he has been a staunch Republican, casting his first presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln. He volunteered for service in the Civil war, but was rejected on account of physical disability. The Farr family came of Quaker stock and although the father was a member of the church Dr. Farr became identified with the Hickites branch of the Quakers and holds membership in the Green Plain Meeting. His life has been an honorable and upright one, commanding the confidence and respect of all. He is the loved family physician in many a household in this county, having for many years practiced his profession here, his labors proving of great benefit as he has carried on the work of alleviating human suffering. Since 1882 he has resided in South Charleston and

here and wherever known his influence has been given for the general good, while his personal characteristics form an example well worthy of emulation.

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JOHN W. BURK.

The name of John W. Burk is well known in business circles of Springfield as he is president and general manager of The Ansted & Burk Company, owners and operators of the Springfield Flouring Mill. He is a progressive, typical American business man, energetic and resolute, and with due regard to his obligations in the business world.

Mr. Burk is a native of Canada, where he attended school prior to coming to the United States, though he was quite young when he took up his residence in Michigan. During his boyhood and youth he acquired a good academical education, and after completing his literary course he began learning the miller's trade, since which time he has been connected with that line of industrial activity. In 1897 he became a member of The Ansted & Burk Company, owners of the Springfield Flouring Mill, which is among the oldest manufacturing institutions in the city, having been established in 1841 by Samuel J. Barnett. Later the mill was owned and operated by the firm of Warder & Barnett until 1897, when it was purchased by The Ansted & Burk Company. Since that time the mill has been greatly improved, remodeled and equipped with the best roller system, including all modern improvements. The mill has a capacity of five hundred barrels in a day of twenty-four hours and enjoys a large local trade and also has an ex-



tensive patronage from New England, the southern states and Europe, as well as from the towns and cities adjacent to Springfield. Under the capable management of Mr. Burk the business is constantly increasing and the company are now the second largest shippers in Springfield. They are also largely interested in manufacturing enterprises in Indiana and extensive lumbering operations in Washington and Idaho.

During the years of 1900 and 1901 Mr. Burk was president of the board of trade of Springfield. He is well known in industrial and commercial circles for his enterprise, his reliability and his unflinching perseverance. Fraternaly he has been a member of the Masonic order for many years; has filled all the chairs in the blue lodge, chapter and commandery, and has also been an officer in the grand chapter of Michigan. He is married and has two daughters. His elder daughter, Miss Helen M., is a graduate of the Michigan State Normal College and also of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. His younger daughter, Miss Mabel, is a student at Wittenberg College.

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#### JAMES FOLEY.

Prominent in the ranks of the Republican party, Mr. Foley has manifested his loyalty to the general good by capable service in office. He at one time served as sheriff of Clark county and stood as a stalwart defender of law and order. He is now engaged in auctioneering and is a real estate agent of Springfield. His birth occurred in Moorefield township, Clark county, August 30, 1838, his father being John Foley. The family is of Scotch-Irish descent, and Will-

iam Foley, the great-grandfather of our subject, was a land surveyor of Virginia. He served his country as a soldier in the war of the Revolution and he reared a family of eighteen children, eleven of whom became residents of Ohio.

James Foley, the grandfather of our subject, was born in Virginia in 1779 and was also a land surveyor. The year 1803 witnessed his arrival in Clark county, at which time he settled in what is now Moorefield township, which was a part of Champaign county. He made the journey westward on horseback and became the owner of government land which he entered at Cincinnati. In 1808, in Darby Plains, he wedded Mary Marsh, who was born in Virginia in 1784. He was one of the first county commissioners of Clark county, being elected to that office after the county was formed, in 1818. While he was serving on the board the first courthouse of the county was erected. He was also a captain in the war of 1812, and the sword which he carried in that struggle is in the possession of our subject. He was very prominent in political affairs and for two terms represented his district in the state legislature. In his business affairs he prospered, becoming the owner of twenty-eight hundred acres of land in Clark county and one hundred and sixty acres in Franklin county. Fraternaly he was connected with the Masonic order. His death occurred in October, 1863, and his wife passed away in 1853, their remains being interred in Ferncliff cemetery of Springfield. They had four children, John, Catherine, James and Susan, all of whom were born and educated in Clark county and here died. They, too, now sleep in Ferncliff cemetery.

John Foley, the father of our subject,



was born in Moorefield township in 1815, and died in 1841 at the early age of twenty-six years. He wedded Mary Dunlap, who was born in Champaign county in 1815 and died in this county in 1899. Their children were James and Amanda. The latter became the wife of Garrett Loomis and at her death was interred in Ferncliff cemetery. After the death of her first husband Mrs. John Foley became the wife of Theodore Stout and had one son, William, who was married and at his death left two sons, Harry and Charles, both of whom are living in Springfield. In religious faith the Foleys were Presbyterians.

James Foley of this review was only three years of age when his father died. In Moorefield township he was educated and went with his mother to Morgan county, Illinois, where her father was then living. After five years there passed he returned to Clark county to make his home with his grandfather and worked upon the farm here. He also attended school for a time in Springfield and for a short period engaged in clerking in a store here. He lived with his grandfather until 1862, at which time he was married. Just previously he had conducted a dry-goods store in Springfield, which he sold in 1861. He then returned to the farm in Moorefield township and carried on agricultural pursuits until 1873, when he came to the city and was identified with business affairs here until 1876, when he was appointed deputy sheriff under E. G. Coffin. In 1880 he was elected sheriff of the county and served for two terms of two years each, entering upon the duties of the office on the 1st of January, 1881. Since his retirement from office he has been engaged in auctioneering and in the real estate business,

handling property on commission. In these enterprises he has met with gratifying success and is well known in the business world.

Mr. Foley has always been a stalwart Republican, has attended the national conventions of his party and has been a delegate to county and state conventions. He does all in his power to promote the growth and insure the success of the party and his efforts have been effective in its behalf. For six years he served as justice of the peace of Moorefield township, was also township trustee and was largely instrumental in the building of the schoolhouse while acting on the board of education. For fifteen years he served on the board of equalization in Springfield and at all times has been loyal and true to public duties.

The lady who bears the name of Mrs. Foley was in her maidenhood Miss Mary J. Marsh, who was born in Moorefield township, a daughter of John and Maria (Dye) Marsh. Her father was a farmer of Moorefield township but devoted most of his time to stock dealing, driving his stock to eastern markets for sale. He owns seven hundred acres of valuable land. Both he and his wife were natives of Virginia and came to Clark county on horseback. They were the parents of three children: Nathan, who is living in Champaign county; Mary, the wife of our subject, and John, deceased.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Foley have been born five children: Mabel died in Springfield at the age of eighteen years. Frances W. is the wife of Carl K. Mower, a first lieutenant in the United States regular army, being connected with the heavy artillery at Fort Totten, New York. He served for one year at Porto Rico and for two years in the Philippines. Alice is the wife of Edward M. Hurd, manager of the Albany

Rubber Tire Company, of Albany, New York, and they have three sons—James Foley, Francis Casper and Dwight Harris. Marie is living with her parents. John Marsh Foley, the youngest child of our subject, is a clerk in the Lagonda National Bank. The children were all educated in Springfield, being students in the high school and seminary here.

Mr. Foley is connected with the Knights of Honor and is a progressive and public-spirited citizen. Any matter or movement which tends to promote the general welfare receives his attention and if his judgment sanctions it he gives to it his hearty endorsement and active co-operation. His official career has been most enviable and over his public record there falls no shadow of wrong.

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#### HON. JOHN H. THOMAS.

There are no rules for building characters; there is no rule for achieving success. The man who can rise to a position of eminence is he who can see and utilize the opportunities that surround his path. The essential conditions of human life are ever the same, the surroundings of individuals differ but slightly, and when one man passes another on the highway to reach the goal of prosperity before others, who, perhaps, started out before him, it is because he has the power to use advantages which probably encompass the whole race. Among the citizens of this county who have won distinction, have been an honor and a help to the advancement and improvement of their community and left an honorable name to the city which mourns their loss, is the Hon. John H. Thomas. By the death of this honorable and upright citizen Springfield and

Clark county lost one of their most prominent and highly respected citizens. As the day, with its morning of hope and promises, its noontide of activity, its evening of completed and successful efforts, ending with the grateful rest and quiet of the night, so was the life of this honored man. His career was a long, busy and useful one, and although he was earnest and active in business, he never allowed the pursuit of wealth to warp his kindly nature, being to the end of his life a kindly, genial friend, one whom it was a pleasure to know and meet, under any circumstances. By his friends and associates his loss is deemed irreparable and the community is deprived of the presence of one whom it had come to look upon as a guardian, benefactor and friend. Death often removes from our midst those whom we can ill afford to spare, whose lives have been all that is exemplary of the true, and thereby really great citizen. Such a citizen was Mr. Thomas, whose whole career, both business and social, served as a model to the young and an inspiration to the aged. He shed brightness around everything with which he came in contact. By his usefulness and general benevolence he created a memory whose perpetuation does not depend upon brick and stone but upon the spontaneous and free-will offering of a grateful and enlightened people. No citizen did more for Springfield than Mr. Thomas in the proud position it to-day occupies.

It would therefore be incompatible with the purpose of a history in which are mentioned the leading men who have molded the destiny of this section of the state to omit the record of the Hon. John H. Thomas. He was born in Middletown, Frederick county, Maryland, on the 4th of October, 1826, coming of an old southern family of Pres-



JOHN H. THOMAS.



byterian faith. His parents were Jacob and Sophia (Bowlus) Thomas. His surviving brothers and sisters are: Charles E., who is the vice president of the Thomas Manufacturing Company; Joseph W., of San Diego, California; Mrs. Alfred Raffensperger and Josephine, who are residents of Springfield.

Amid the refining influences of a good Christian home, John Henry Thomas was reared and early formed habits of life that made his career conspicuous for his determination and self-reliance, his perseverance and his honesty. His parents realized the value of an education and gave to him good opportunities in that direction. His preliminary mental training was supplemented by study in Marshall College, of Mercersburg, Pennsylvania, where he was graduated with the class of 1849. He chose the law for his profession and became a student in the office of the Hon. S. W. Andrews, of Columbus, Ohio. In 1851 he came to Springfield and entered the office of the brilliant attorney, William White, then one of the strongest and best known lawyers in the state. Mr. Thomas possessed keen foresight and sound judgment and he saw that an excellent business field was opening before the residents of Ohio in the manufacture of fuel. Many prominent business men were becoming connected with this line of commercial activity and Mr. Thomas, quick to note the possibilities for achieving success that lay before him, entered into the manufacturing world. He continued his law practice, however, for two years and was then chosen recorder of the county. This was a direct recognition of his ability and personal popularity, for he had come to Springfield a comparative stranger. At the close of his term he became an active factor in the manufacturing life of this city, entering into partner-

ship with P. P. Mast in the business of manufacturing agricultural implements. The house began operations in the year 1857, when the entire country was involved in a financial panic that forced many of the strong, capable and apparently successful business men to suspend operations. The capital of the new firm was limited and the depression and other obstacles seemed to bar the path to success, but both Mr. Thomas and Mr. Mast possessed great energy, strong purpose and splendid executive force, managing not only to pass through the crisis of the times, but to continue and enlarge their business until within a few years the sales of the firm reached one million dollars annually. The business was carried on by the original partners until 1872, when Mr. Thomas, having already accumulated a large fortune, decided to retire and dispose of his interests. For two years he enjoyed a well merited rest, but comparative idleness was utterly foreign to his nature and he determined to again become an active factor in manufacturing interests of his adopted city. Associating with him his two sons, William S. and Findlay B. Thomas, he again engaged in the manufacture of agricultural implements, establishing the large plant which now stands on South Limestone street and is still conducted under the name of the Thomas Manufacturing Company. The firm, having gained a world-wide reputation, was incorporated in 1887 and entered upon an area of prosperity which brought to the stockholders a splendid income and at the same time made the industry one of great value to the city by furnishing employment to hundreds of workmen. A large number of traveling men were also placed upon the road in order to introduce the product of the house to the market. Year by

year the business grew and the plant was enlarged to meet the growing demands of the trade, until to-day the Thomas Manufacturing Company is one of the largest manufacturers of hay machinery, harrows and grain drills in the entire country. During the latter years of his life John H. Thomas, the father, was largely relieved of the business cares by the efforts of his son, W. S. Thomas, yet he still continued to take some part in the active management of the splendid house which he had established and even up to the day of his death was seen in the office superintending business affairs. As he prospered in his undertakings he made judicious and extensive investments in land. He owned many of the finest farms in Clark county and had thousands of acres in the west, including extensive tracts in Kansas. He possessed rare business judgment which was seldom at fault, and thus his capital was so placed as to yield a good return. Prior to his death he divided his property, leaving his wife and children in excellent financial circumstances.

Mr. Thomas was united in marriage in the year 1854 to Mary Bonser, the youngest daughter of the Hon. Jacob Bonser, of Chillicothe, Ohio, and entered upon a happy married life. Although his business and public interests were extensive, he was yet a man of domestic tastes and accounted no personal effort or sacrifice too great that would enhance the welfare or happiness of wife and children. Two sons and two daughters were born of this union: W. S. and Findlay B., who became associated with their father in the manufacturing business; Mrs. Summers, the wife of Judge A. X. Summers; and Mabel, Mrs. L. P. Matthews.

Mr. Thomas was a member of the Pres-

byterian church. There was no ostentation or display in his religion, but he lived a life of quiet Christianity and the teachings of the lowly Nazarene were exemplified in his daily career as he went to and fro among his fellow men. In connection with Ross Mitchell, he gave to the city a home for the sick, popularly known as the Mitchell-Thomas Hospital. This was but one of his many benevolent acts, yet more numerous were his kindly deeds that were unknown to the public than those which found public recognition. The poor and needy indeed shared his friendship and his aid, and many a home was made brighter because of his sympathy and his material assistance.

Mr. Thomas figured prominently in public affairs and was long a recognized leader in public thought and action. Not only was he influential in the municipal life of Springfield, but his opinions bore weight in the councils of state and national politics. For many years he served as a member of the city council, where his ability as a financier was recognized and his labors proved of direct benefit to the city. He was a member of many of the municipal boards, including the board of public affairs, the board of equalization and the Snyder Park board, serving as a member of the latter at the time of his death. In 1868 he was nominated on the Democratic ticket for congress and won an excellent record, at the time he made the race for United States senator against Calvin S. Brice. Several times he was elected by large majorities as a trustee of the water works, his ability, honesty and capability for the control of large affairs bringing him a commanding position, not only in Springfield, but throughout Ohio and the country.

It is probable that the end came to Mr. Thomas as he would have wished, for his activity in the world continued almost to the last moment of his life. On the morning of the day on which his death occurred, January 23, 1901, he went to the office of the Thomas Manufacturing Company apparently in good health and spirits, meeting friends pleasantly and superintending some business affairs. At the dinner hour he was driven to his home in East High street, accompanied by his son, Hon. W. S. Thomas. The wives of the two gentlemen were dining out that day and the son, with his children, had decided to take their noon meal with the father and grandfather. It was a pleasant family circle and at the close of the dinner Mr. Thomas, accompanied by his son and grandchildren, went to the upper apartments of the house, where he sat down in his big arm chair to rest. Soon the children started to school, the son returned to his office and he was left alone. About half past one a servant of the family, passing through an adjoining room saw him apparently dozing in his chair. He probably saw her and attempted to reach her and speak to her, but instantly paralysis terminated his life and Springfield was called upon to mourn the loss of one whom it had ever known to honor and respect. He attained the age of seventy-four years, retaining to the last those qualities of the mind and heart which had endeared him to everyone throughout his life.

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✓ THOMAS KIZER.

The life record of Thomas Kizer covered three-fourths of a century. He was a native son of Clark county and thus at an

early period in the development of the county he became a resident of this portion of the state and his work here was of a very important and valuable character. He was a surveyor of marked ability and skill in the line of his chosen profession and the work which he accomplished in this way proved of benefit to the community. He stood in the front ranks of the column which advanced the civilization of Clark county and led the way to its substantial development, progress and upbuilding. He lived here when little of the land had been reclaimed for purposes of cultivation but remained in the primitive condition in which it had come from the hand of nature.

Mr. Kizer was born on the 18th of December, 1812, in German township, a short distance northwest of the city of Springfield. His birth took place in a little log cabin built in an old fashioned pioneer style. His parents were David and Eva (Nawman) Kizer, who came from Virginia to this state after their marriage. The father, however, was a native of Pennsylvania. He arrived in Clark county about 1809, settling in German township, and was a leading and active factor in the substantial improvement and development of this portion of the county. He left the impress of his individuality upon the public life and was prominent in political, church and business circles. A minister of the United Brethren church, he many times preached the Gospel to the early settlers and his influence in behalf of the moral progress was widely felt. He also preached many of the early funeral sermons, speaking either in German or English as circumstances demanded. He was also the first recorder of Clark county, Ohio. He accumulated about four hundred acres of land and also had other capital. He was a true pioneer set-

tlar, one of those men, who, claiming none, yet deserved the honor of having assisted in laying the foundation of the great west. He was appointed to the position of county recorder in 1818 and acted in that capacity for seven years. On his retirement from office he returned to the farm, where he remained until his death, there rearing a family of hearty and intelligent sons to cultivate the fields and carry on the work which he had begun. He passed away December 31, 1847, at the age of sixty-eight years and was buried in Greenmount cemetery, on East High street, in Springfield. Many years have passed since then and few of the settlers of Clark county can remember him, but his work yet remains and the part which he performed in aiding in the development of this county will endure to all time and will prove of benefit to coming generations.

Thomas Kizer was the fourth in his father's family. He received but limited educational privileges. For a time he studied at home, studying by the fireside and later he pursued a course in an academy of which Professor Isaac H. Lancy was the professor. His training at farm work, however, was not meager and he early became familiar with the arduous task of clearing the land and developing the fields as well as continuing the work of cultivation.

Mr. Kizer learned the trade of a millwright and while thus engaged decided to turn his attention to surveying. He began his work in the latter direction in 1836 and was afterward associated with the surveys of the United States public lands in various districts. In 1841 he was chosen county surveyor, to which office he was re-elected again and again until his incumbency had covered twenty-six years. He then retired

from the office, as he had entered it, with the confidence and good will of all concerned. He had early become familiar with the profession. He constantly increased his proficiency and in the exercise of his business duties he had acquired a comprehensive knowledge of all the obscure corners of this section of the state, "original errors," and other peculiarities which occurred in connection with the first survey. He was spoken of as a "mine of facts" pertaining to the later subdivisions of the lots of Clark county. He aided in making the surveys for the first railroad through Clark county and had more to do with the survey of the pike than all other surveyors together.

Mr. Kizer was also a leader in military circles in the old days of the state militia. He held different offices, was promoted from time to time and finally rose to the rank of lieutenant colonel. Old training days occurred and became important events in the communities where muster was called. Colonel Kizer's soldierly bearing was long noticeable and he took great pride in maintaining the discipline and high standard of his men. He was also very active in organizing the Rover Fire Company, one of the first in Springfield, and was a member of the same.

In 1814 was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Kiser and Miss Mary A. Pattison, who was born in German township, this county, September 5, 1820, and is a daughter of Joseph and Ellen (Wones) Pattison, both natives of Yorkshire, England, where they were reared, though they came to this country prior to their marriage. Mr. Pattison was a farmer of German township. Unto our subject and his wife were born eight children, but only two of that number



are now living: Mary E., who resides with her mother, and Emma, who is the wife of H. H. Prugh, a resident of Springfield.

Thomas Kiser was a Whig in the early days and upon the dissolution of that party he joined the ranks of the new Republican party and continued to march under its banners until his death. He was a close and earnest student of the political issues of the day and was well informed on all matters pertaining to politics. After his retirement from the office of county surveyor he still maintained an independent office of his own and engaged in surveying until within a few years prior to his death. As he traveled over the country and saw opportunity to make judicious investments in property he would purchase land and thus became the owner of considerable land, consisting of farm property and city real estate, having, however, a greater majority of the latter. He prospered in his business undertakings, owing to his judicious expenditure of his capital, and thus he left his family in very comfortable financial circumstances. He passed away December 20, 1887, and was laid to rest in Ferncliff cemetery. He had been a resident of Clark county for seventy-five years and had great love for this section of the state. It was endeared to him from his boyhood associations, as well as the associations of manhood. He had watched with interest its development from pioneer conditions as it merged to take its place among the leading counties of the commonwealth. He delighted in noting the growth of its business interests, its social, moral and intellectual development and he was known to co-operate heartily in many movements for the general good. In manner he was courteous and pleasant, winning friends by his disposition and honorable character.

which commanded the respect of all. Public-spirited in an eminent degree, throughout the period of his manhood he gave his support to whatever was calculated to advance the general progress. In all the relations of life, whether as a soldier, a public official or a private citizen he was ever faithful and true and in his life work no shadow of wrong or suspicion of evil darkens his honored pathway.

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#### FRANK MCGREGOR.

Prominent among the self-made men of Ohio is the subject of this sketch—a man honored, respected and esteemed wherever known, and most of all where he is best known. Mr. McGregor is now extensively and successfully engaged in business as a florist and seedsman of Springfield, where he has made his home since 1876.

He was born in Nottinghamshire, England, of Scotch parentage, June 19, 1838. His father was Peter McGregor and his grandfather Donald McGregor. The family is noted for longevity and the grandfather reached the age of one hundred and two years. The father was a graduate of the engineering department of Edinburgh University and became a civil engineer in the employ of the British government. He was sent wherever his services were needed and he worked on the first tubular bridge in Wales and also the first one in this country. He came with his family to America in 1850, settling first in Cincinnati, and in later life he spent about six years in Springfield. He was always a hale and hearty man and died at the age of eighty-six. For sometime he followed civil engineering and

railroad construction in this country and then turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, to which he devoted his energies until his retirement from business life. In early manhood he married Christine Ross, who passed away at the age of seventy-six years, both she and her husband dying in the place now occupied by their son David. She was born and reared in Rosshire, Scotland, and there gave her hand in marriage to Peter McGregor. Unto them were born ten children of whom eight are yet living. One son and one daughter died in early childhood and one daughter in Cincinnati, Ohio. Those still living are: Thomas R., who was a soldier of the Civil war and is now a resident of Cincinnati; Frank, of this review; David, who is associated with his brother in business; Isabelle, who is living in Springfield; Margaret, also of Cincinnati; and Christine and Jessie, who are residents of the same place.

Frank McGregor was educated in the north of Scotland, going there to make his home with his grandparents with whom he lived from his infancy until he had attained the age of thirteen years, when he came with his parents to this country, attending school in Cincinnati, Ohio. When the country became involved in Civil war, he offered his services to the government in 1862, becoming a member of Company E, Eighty-third Ohio Regiment. This was afterward consolidated with the Forty-eighth Regiment and Mr. McGregor became a member of Company H, of the latter command. He took part in eleven important battles and in numerous skirmishes, but was never wounded, although he carried a musket in defense of his country for three years. He was a non-commissioned officer, being mustered out with the rank of sergeant. His brother

Thomas R. was in the Sixtieth Indiana Infantry and was twice promoted for bravery. They were in the same brigade in the southern campaign and our subject received an honorable discharge at Galveston, Texas, in 1865.

Mr. McGregor then returned to his home and embarked in business. He was employed as shipping clerk for a firm when a mere boy and after his return from the war he became connected with the business of supplying seeds and plants to the retail trade, becoming connected with a nurseryman who had lost his sons in the service. These sons were personal friends of Mr. McGregor, who then joined their father in business under the firm name of S. S. Jackson & Company, a partnership that was maintained for ten years. He was offered a position in the pension department by Judge Spooner but did not accept it. When a decade had passed he severed his connection with Mr. Jackson and came to Springfield, where in partnership with his brother David, under the firm name of McGregor Brothers, they established greenhouses which have since been enlarged from time to time until they now have one hundred and twenty-five thousand square feet under glass. They do a general florist shipping business, both wholesale and retail, and give their personal attention to the enterprise, which has constantly grown in volume and importance until it has assumed extensive proportions. He has kept abreast of the times in his line and the plant is a modern one, equipped with all accessories for promoting efficiency in the work. Mr. McGregor is also connected with Brain & McGregor Real Estate Company and in this department of his business activity is also meeting with creditable prosperity.

Mr. McGregor was united in marriage in Cincinnati, June, 1866, to Miss Susan Brown, who was born in 1843. They have seven children, namely: Olive, Grace, Bertha, Robert, Allan, Helen and Harold, the last two being twins. All are graduates of the public schools of this city. Robert is now married and has two sons. Mr. McGregor is a man of domestic tastes and finds his greatest happiness in the midst of his family and he counts no personal sacrifice on his part too great if it will enhance the happiness of his wife and children. In politics he is a Republican and a member of the board of park commissioners of Springfield. A self-made and self-educated man he certainly deserves great credit for what he has accomplished. Mr. McGregor's actions have been such as to distinctively entitle him to a place in this publication, and although his career has not been filled with thrilling incidents, probably no biography published in this book can serve as a better illustration to young men of the power of honesty and integrity in insuring success.

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W. O. PADEN.

W. O. Paden, who is now identified with farming interest of Clark county, was born on the 29th of November, 1848, in German township, five miles northwest of Springfield. His father, James Paden, was a native of Pennsylvania, and, removing to the west, located in Ohio, where he became the proprietor of the American Hotel in Springfield. His mother lived to become almost a centenarian and was a pensioner of the war of 1812. James Paden, however, reached only middle life, passing away during the boyhood of our subject. His wife bore the

maiden name of Catherine Whitmer, and is still living at the age of seventy-seven years. Her father, Jacob Whitmer, was born in German township, a mile and a half southwest of Tremont. After the death of her first husband Mrs. Paden married again. By the first union she had five children, namely: David W.; Jane and Squire, who died in childhood; W. O., of this review; and Susan, who became the wife of James Barnes, and died on Christmas Day of 1901, leaving one son, Claude.

W. O. Paden of this review started out in life for himself at the early age of thirteen years. Leaving home he worked by the month until seventeen years of age, after which he attended the Hollbrook Normal School for three years, making his own way through that institution. He thus gave evidence of the elemental strength of his character, for his determination to secure an education at the cost of his own labor indicated that he would accomplish whatever he undertook in life and was proof of his self-reliant, enterprising and progressive spirit. At the age of eighteen Mr. Paden began teaching and followed that pursuit for twelve years with much success, his services being highly satisfactory in the various localities where he was employed. He had the ability to impart with accuracy and clearness the knowledge which he had obtained and thus left an impress upon the minds of his pupils.

On the 7th of January, 1873, W. O. Paden was united in marriage to Miss Laura J. Garlough, the wedding being celebrated by the Rev. Richard Morris, five miles southwest of Springfield, at the old Overpeck homestead. The lady is a daughter of W. H. and Phebe C. (Dalrymple) Garlough. In the year 1880 Mr. Paden removed to the

mountains of Kentucky for the benefit of his wife's health and remained in the south for twenty years engaged in the lumber business. In 1899, however, he returned to Clark county and located upon the farm which is now his home and which claims his time and energies. Unto him and his wife have been born two children but the son died in Kentucky, at the age of thirteen months. The daughter, Gertie, born in 1874, is now the wife of Irvin G. Hamma, by whom she has two children, Clarence and Thelma.

Throughout his entire life Mr. Paden has given his political support to the Democracy and while residing in the south he frequently served as a delegate to county conventions and as a member of the central committee. He has never been a politician in the sense of office seeking nor has he desired the rewards of office in recognition of his party fealty. He is a member of the Presbyterian church and socially is connected with the Odd Fellows Society of South Charleston and with Fielding Lodge, No. 162, F. & A. M., also of that place. He has truly won the title of a self-made man, for from the age of thirteen years he has been dependent upon his own resources, not only for his living but for his education and for his advancement in all walks of life. Faithfulness to duty and strict adherence to a fixed purpose, however, will do more to advance a man than wealth or advantageous circumstances. Mr. Paden has battled earnestly and energetically and by indomitable courage and integrity has achieved both character and success. By sheer force of will and untiring effort he has worked his way upward and is now numbered among the leading agriculturist of his native county.

ALEXANDER MacGREGOR, M. D.

In the practice of medicine Alexander MacGregor has demonstrated his ability to successfully cope with the intricate questions which continually confront his position. He has been a close and earnest student of the science of medicine and his skill and ability are recognized in a liberal patronage. He came to Springfield in 1885 and from the beginning his business has constantly increased both in character and volume and to-day he is accounted one of the leading representatives of the profession in the county.

Dr. MacGregor was born in Covington, Kentucky, in 1852, and is a son of Alexander and Rachel (Willoughby) MacGregor, the former a native of Edinborough, Scotland, and the latter of England. The father's birth occurred May 29, 1821, and he is still living, being an inspector in one of the large factories in Cincinnati, Ohio. He has always been an active man, of a sturdy and industrious nature. He was educated in Scotland and was married in England, coming to the United States between the ages of twenty and thirty years accompanied by his mother and his wife. For a time he resided in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and then went to Kentucky, while at the present time he is living in Cincinnati, Ohio, although for a few years he was a resident of Springfield. He is a well educated man keeping abreast of the times reading and observation and in his business affairs he has prospered owing to his own enterprise and careful management. In the family were five sons and two daughters. The first died in infancy and Thomas was murdered in Louisiana, when about forty-four years of age. Those still living are

Roland, a resident of Cincinnati, Ohio; Alexander; Oliver, of Louisiana; and Mrs. Adeline Salmon, of Dayton, Ohio.

The children were all educated in the public schools of Kentucky and the Doctor is the only one who chose a professional career. After graduating in the high school of his native state he worked at wood-carving for a time and was also employed in a brass foundry. During this period he spent his evenings in study and at the same time did excellent work in the line of his employment. He carved the models for the Corinthian capital on the courthouse at St. Joseph, Missouri, about 1871, being a resident of that city at the time. He also worked in Dayton, Ohio, and Chicago, Illinois, and executed work for the exhibition of Joseph Lambert of Dayton. He possessed natural ability in this direction, and in order to supplement this he pursued a course in the MacMicken School of Designing at Cincinnati. He made rapid advancement in the work and later he became connected with the brass works in Dayton, Ohio, having charge of a foundry there, while later he became superintendent of a large foundry in Cincinnati, filling that responsible position for five years. The Doctor then removed to Springfield and established business here and after two years he sold out and took up the study of medicine. He had refused very tempting offers from a number of brass foundries, having been offered the superintendency of the works but he had determined to devote his attention to the alleviation of human suffering and to this end he entered the Columbus Medical school and was graduated in 1892. He also attended the Ohio Medical College.

Dr. MacGregor then returned to Springfield and opened an office in this city, where he has steadily advanced in a profession de-

manding keen intellectuality, strong discernment and comprehensive knowledge of the principles of science. He engages in general practice and surgery and is a close and discriminating student, who reads intelligently and is quick to adopt any new idea which he believes will prove of practical value in his professional work. Whatever he undertakes he masters as fully as lies within the human power. He has broad sympathy and patience and his labors in the sick room have gained for him many friends. The poor and needy find in him a friend and he has often tendered his services without thought or desire of remuneration.

The Doctor was married in Dayton, Ohio, to Miss Alice Smith, who was born in Maryland and was a resident of Dayton at the time of her marriage. They have two children, Howard E. and Ethel, who are graduates of the high school of Springfield. In his political views he is a Republican. Fraternally he is a member of Anthony Lodge, F. & A. M., and also of the Knights of Pythias fraternity. He is examiner for several of the old line insurance companies, is a member of the American Insurance Union and of the Foresters, and is medical examiner for both of these. The Doctor acquired his education through his own efforts and in the practice of medicine he has shown that his choice of a life work was a wise one. He is a member of the Springfield Medical Society and has advanced beyond mediocrity to a creditable position in professional circles.

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JAMES L. MAXWELL.

In an analysis of the character and life work of James L. Maxwell, we note many of the characteristics which have

marked the Scotch nation for many centuries: the perseverance, reliability, energy and unconquerable determination to pursue a course that has been marked out. It is these sterling qualities which have gained for Mr. Maxwell success in life and made him one of the substantial and valued citizens of Springfield. Mr. Maxwell is now a well known and prosperous florist of this city where he has carried on business on his own account since 1895, his residence in Springfield, however, dating from 1882.

He was born in Kirkcubright, Scotland, May 1, 1854, and is a son of John Maxwell, who was also born in the same place. The father is a stone-mason by trade and long followed that occupation, but is now living retired. He pursued his education in the common schools of his native country, was an apt pupil and has always been a wide reader of good literature. He married Agnes Lindsay, also a native of Kirkcubright. He is now a hale and hearty man of eighty-two years, while his wife has reached the age of seventy-six years. His mother attained the advanced age of eighty-nine years, while her sister reached the extreme old age of ninety-nine years. Unto John and Agnes Maxwell were born six children, of whom a son died in early childhood. The others are: Margaret, the wife of P. H. Murphy, of Springfield; Isabelle, who is the widow of Robert Aitken and a resident of Port Augusta, Australia; James L., of this review; John, who is engaged as chief manager of an insurance company of Liverpool, England; and Alexander, who is living in Springfield. The children all attended the public schools of Scotland and the last two had college educations.

James L. Maxwell pursued his studies in the public schools until thirteen years of

age when he began working in a private greenhouse belonging to General Ervin. There he learned the business with which he has since been connected, working for General Ervin until eighteen years of age. He was afterward associated with his father as a stone cutter for two years. In 1874 he left the land of hills and heather and came to America, remaining in Springfield for two years. On the expiration of that period he returned home to his native land and when two years had elapsed he once more crossed the Atlantic to the United States and took up his permanent abode in this city. He managed the florist business for his brother-in-law until he embarked in business on his account in 1895. He rented his first place for five years and in 1900 purchased four acres of land and erected thereon a modern residence with all up-to-date improvements. He also equipped a florist plant, has well arranged and large greenhouses and conducts a good business, selling to the local trade. He began operations on a small scale, but has constantly enlarged his facilities to meet the growing demands of his trade which he continues upon that basis, always keeping well stocked in order to supply his patrons. All that he possesses has been acquired through his own efforts and to-day he is a prominent and successful representative of business interests in Springfield.

In the year 1895 Mr. Maxwell was united in marriage to Miss Rachel Kolb, who was born in Springfield in 1862, a daughter of Frederick Kolb, now deceased, who owned a shoe store at No. 9 West Main street, Springfield. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell have been born two sons: George L. and Frederick K.

In his political views Mr. Maxwell is a Republican where questions of state and na-

tional importance are involved, but at local elections where there are no issues before the people he casts his ballot regardless of party ties, considering only the capability of the candidate. He is a member of the Presbyterian church, and also of Ingomar Lodge, K. P. While working with General Ervin in early youth he learned salmon fishing and became an adept at that art. He also attained superior proficiency as a marksman and hunter and in the handling of all kinds of fire arms. For three years he served in the Scotch army as a volunteer. In all manly sports he takes an active interest, and in church and charitable work he is found as a liberal contributor. Thirteen times he has crossed the Atlantic, making trips to and from his home in his native country. He has found in the business advantages of the new world the opportunities which he sought, for here labor meets with its just reward and consecutive efforts and keen discernment in business have won for him a creditable place in the financial world.



#### DWIGHT W. HOLLENBECK.

In a history of the representative men who have been connected with the business development and substantial progress of Clark county, Dwight Wheeler Hollenbeck must be mentioned. He occupied a leading and honorable position in business circles here for a number of years and he left behind him an untarnished name. Moreover, his social qualities and genuine worth had gained for him the esteem, good will and confidence of many friends, who will gladly receive the record of his career.

Mr. Hollenbeck was born at Great Bar-

rington, Massachusetts, amid the Berkshire hills, on the 12th of April, 1844, and is a son of John Van Dusen Hollenbeck. He pursued his education at Great Barrington and Brooklyn, New York, continuing his studies until eighteen years of age, when he ran away in order to enlist for service in the Civil war with a regiment that had been formed in his native town, but because of his youth his father did not wish him to enter the army and went after him, causing him to return home. His military experience was therefore nipped in the bud but he ever manifested the same loyalty and patriotic spirit throughout his entire career, doing everything he could to promote the best interests of his city, his state and his nation. When his education was completed he entered into the wholesale flour and feed business owned by his father at Great Barrington, receiving his business training in that way. For two years he was associated with his father and then determined to seek a home in a western district, believing that he might have better business opportunities elsewhere. Coming to Ohio he located in Circleville, where he established a wholesale and retail clothing house, entering this business in connection with George Melvin, his father-in-law. He was thus engaged until 1886, meeting with creditable success in his undertaking there.

In the year mentioned Mr. Hollenbeck came to Springfield, Ohio, where he made his home throughout his remaining days. Here he entered the insurance field, first representing the Union Central Insurance Company of Cincinnati. In this enterprise he was associated with Mr. Heffelfinger and subsequently he became connected with the John Hancock Insurance Company, of which he was made general manager for this dis-



trict, occupying the position continuously up to within a short time prior to his death. He possessed excellent business ability, strong executive force, keen insight and sound judgment and these qualifications made him a very valuable man in the office which he filled. He was, moreover, strictly honorable and straightforward in all his business transactions and he enjoyed the unqualified confidence of the company and of those with whom he became connected in business dealings.

On the 1st of January, 1867, Mr. Hollenbeck was united in marriage to Miss Ada A. Melvin, a native of Circleville, Ohio, and a daughter of George Melvin, with whom Mr. Hollenbeck had been engaged in business. Their union was blessed with a family of seven children, of whom five are yet living, namely: Anna Marfield, Nelle Barrere, Clarence Melvin, Ralph Wheeler and Mina Griswold.

In his political views Mr. Hollenbeck was a Republican and by reading and study of the questions of the day he was able to give his intelligent support to the party, yet he never sought or desired office for himself. He belonged to the Masonic fraternity and in his life he exemplified a beneficent spirit of the craft, which is based upon the principles of mutual helpfulness and brotherly kindness. His death occurred November 7, 1896, and he was laid to rest in Ferncliff cemetery. His life record covered nearly forty-two years, yet in that time he accomplished much. He was a successful business man, a progressive and public-spirited citizen, a faithful friend and a devoted husband and father. Through his business associations he gained a wide acquaintance and wherever known he commanded the respect and good will of his fellow men, while

to those within the circle of his friendship he was endeared by all the ties of a close and lasting relation.

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#### OLIVER WARREN KELLY.

The pioneers of a country, the founders of a business, the originators of any undertaking that will promote welfare or advance the educational, social and moral interests of a community deserve the gratitude of the community. The name of Kelly is one that figures prominently on the pages of the industrial and commercial history of Springfield, and the family finds a worthy and honored representative in Oliver Warren Kelly, who is the vice-president of the O. S. Kelly Company, manufacturers of piano plates and road rollers. He is active in controlling a business of great magnitude and one which by furnishing employment to hundreds of men, is of great value to the city as well as to the individual stockholders.

Mr. Kelly was born in Springfield December 11, 1851, and is the elder of the two sons of Oliver S. and Ruth Ann (Peck) Kelly. At the usual age he entered the public schools of his native city and after completing a course here determined to master the German language. With a desire of acquiring a practical and thorough knowledge of this he went abroad, sailing from New York on the 2d of September, 1869, when eighteen years of age. He located first at Weinheim, Baden, where he continued his studies of the German language until he could speak and write sufficiently to enter upon the pursuit of a college course. After completing his studies there he went to Zurich, Switzerland, during the Easter



holidays of 1871, and continued in that city in the land of the Alps until the summer of 1872. He next went to Aix la Chapelle, where he remained until the autumn of 1873. At each of these places he pursued special studies and during his residence abroad he mastered mechanical engineering. He visited London, Paris and other of the leading cities on the continent, spending the months of vacation in viewing the scenes of historic and modern interest and in acquainting himself with the manners and customs of the people of foreign lands. He was in Germany at the beginning of the Franco-Prussian war, in 1872-3, and on the 4th of September, of the latter year, he sailed for his native land, returning after an absence of four years.

Mr. Kelly now became connected with the firm of Whiteley, Fassler & Kelly, the third partner being his father. This company was engaged in the manufacture of the Champion reapers and mowers. Our subject continued with the house until 1881, and the following year he purchased the business of Rhinehart & Ballard, manufacturers of threshing machines, forming the Springfield Engine and Thresher Company. In 1890 the name was changed to the O. S. Kelly Company, and the capital stock increased from two hundred and fifty thousand to three hundred and fifty thousand dollars, with O. S. Kelly as president, J. B. Cartmell as secretary and treasurer, and Oliver W. Kelly as superintendent. In 1891 they began the manufacture of piano plates and their business entered upon an era of growth and prosperity which has made their industry one of the most important in the country. Their plates are sold extensively throughout this country to piano manufacturers. They also manufac-

ture all kinds of rollers in various sizes, weighing from eighteen hundred to thirty-five thousand pounds, and the export business which they do in this line is also mammoth. These rollers are propelled by steam and are being used largely in preparing the roadbeds for macadam and asphalt pavements. So extensive has the business become that employment is now furnished to between five hundred and five hundred and fifty men, and the various buildings constituting the plant cover a large area. The machinery used is of the latest and most improved pattern and skilled workmen are employed in the various departments. From the beginning Mr. Kelly, of this review, has been active in the management and control of this extensive enterprise, the success of which is attributable in no small degree to his efforts.

In 1877 Mr. Kelly was united in marriage to Miss Katherine Fassler, of Springfield, a daughter of Jerome Fassler. They now occupy one of the most beautiful residences on South Fountain avenue, this being one of the fine boulevards of the city. They have three children: Armin Lee, Louisa and Katherine. The son is a graduate of Wittenberg College of the class of 1898, and is now secretary of the O. S. Kelly Company.

Mr. Kelly is a prominent Mason, now holding membership in Clark Lodge, No. 101, F. & A. M.; Springfield Chapter, R. A. M.; Palestine Commandery, No. 33, K. T.; the Consistory of Cincinnati, and Syrian Temple of the Mystic Shrine. Mr. Kelly has made good use of his opportunities. He has prospered from year to year and has conducted all business matters carefully and successfully, and in all his acts displays an aptitude for successful manage-

ment. He has not permitted the accumulation of a vast fortune to affect in any way his actions toward those less successful than he, and has always a cheerful word and pleasant smile for all with whom he comes in contact.

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#### ELMORE E. GRIM.

Dr. Elmore E. Grim occupies a prominent position among professional men of Springfield, being one of the leading opticians of that city. While yet a young man he has already given evidence of the possession of ability of a superior order that places him above the ranks of mediocrity. He was born in the city which is still his home, his natal day being September 23, 1866.

His father, W. S. Grim, was born in Pennsylvania on the 2d of February, 1830, and now has charge of the accounts of the Superior Drill Company. He was educated in college, became an expert accountant and is one of the best mathematicians in this section of Ohio. His has been an active and useful career, and he is a well read man, devoted to his home and family and to the best interests of citizenship. He came to Clark county in the latter part of the '50s, and since that time has been prominently identified with the interests of the city, supporting all measures for the general good. That he is patriotic and loyal is indicated by the fact that at the time of the Civil war he offered his services to the government and became colonel of the One Hundred and Tenth Regiment of Ohio Volunteers. He served for a time as commander of the regiment, and then on account of disability, received an honorable discharge. He devotes much of his leisure time to study

and is a man of broad general information which renders him an interesting and agreeable companion. Of the Methodist Episcopal church he is an active and earnest member and his influence has ever been on the side of the right, the true and the beautiful. He was married in Pennsylvania to Henrietta Jacobs, who was born in that state and educated in the public schools. They now have three children: Horace, who was born in Pennsylvania in 1856; Elmore E., of this review; and William J., who was born in March, 1869, at Harper's Ferry, Virginia, where his parents were then visiting.

Dr. Grim, whose name introduces this record, pursued a public school education and afterward spent three years as a student in Wittenberg College, but left that institution in his sophomore year in order to take up the study of medicine under the direction of Dr. Jay W. Morrison, of the firm of Morrison & Kennan, who were physicians to the county infirmary. Later he attended the Jefferson Medical College at Philadelphia, during the winter of 1884-5, and then returned to Springfield, where he entered the office of Dr. L. E. Russell, who at that time was chief surgeon for the Indiana, Bloomington & Western Railroad, the Cincinnati, Sandusky & Cleveland Railroad and the Little Miami division of the Pittsburg, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis Railroad. He was also surgeon to the police department and the Springfield Hospital. While connected with Dr. Russell, Dr. Grim became skilled as a surgeon and assisted in many complicated cases. In 1887 he went to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he entered the Eclectic Medical College and was graduated in 1890. He served for one year in the college as professor of the diseases of women

and children, and while performing a surgical operation he received a bad case of blood poisoning and for several months it was thought that he could not live. He was for a long time at various health resorts in the west and south and after suffering severely for fourteen long months he eventually recovered and once more resumed his studies. While in college he won over all competitors the Norris, Higgins, Harcourt and American testimonials. In 1892 he began making a special study of the diseases of the eye, spent two years in that way and the following two years in gaining desired optical training in order to become a practical and competent optician. The last two years were spent in a wholesale house, where he learned the technical points of manufacturing lenses.

Dr. Grim then returned to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he remained for one year when, on account of the failing health of his parents, he came to Springfield in order to be near them, and opened his office at his present location in June, 1901. He is the only person in the city who manufactures or grinds lenses from scientific measurements. His knowledge of medicine and surgery, together with his proficiency and skill in his specialty have gained for him a prominent position among the professional men of this city. He has a large patronage, not only in Springfield, but many come to him from adjoining cities and his business is constantly increasing. His work room is fitted up with the most modern equipments known in lens work and he is thoroughly competent to fit any eye perfectly. His specialty is technical lens work.

In this city, in 1902, Dr. Grim was united in marriage to Miss Lulu Cunningham, a native of Oberlin, Ohio. She was

an only child and her parents died during her infancy, after which she resided in Springfield with an aunt, pursuing her education in the public schools here. The Doctor and his wife occupy a very enviable position in social circles, the hospitality of the best homes being extended to them. He votes with the Democracy and is a supporter of the Methodist Episcopal church. As a citizen he is public-spirited and is ever willing to put forth his best efforts to promote any enterprise that tends to the welfare and best interests of the people and of the community. He is a member of the Greek college fraternity, Phi Gamma Delta, of this city, and at present is sachein of Miami Tribe, No. 207, Improved Order of Red Men. Early in life he learned to be self-reliant and realized that there is no excellence without labor and that there is no royal road to learning. He therefore did everything in his power to secure his own advancement along honorable lines. He has displayed thoroughness in the work he has undertaken and is yet an earnest student, realizing that he can by continued reading broaden his knowledge and augment his efficiency as an optician. His ability being widely recognized his position in the professional world is a most creditable and honorable one.

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#### H. OSBORN WHITAKER, M. D.

H. Osborn Whitaker, who is engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery in South Charleston, was born in Mechanicsburg, Champaign county, Ohio, September 4, 1875, and, although a young man, in professional ranks he has gained a reputa-

tion which many an older practitioner might well envy. His parents were Newton and Mary Elizabeth (Osborn) Whitaker. The father was born in Clark county, Ohio, near Vienna, and has always carried on agricultural pursuits. He spent the first seventeen years of his life in his native county and then went to Clay county, Illinois, where he remained for about two years. His health failed him and he then returned to Ohio and has since resided in Champaign county.

Our subject was reared upon the home farm and pursued his education in the country schools and in the Mechanicsburg high school, being graduated with a class of fifteen in 1892. He afterward returned to his father's farm and assisted in the work of field and meadow until the fall of 1897, when he took up the study of medicine in the Cleveland Homeopathic Medical College. There he was graduated in the class of 1901, completing the course on the 10th of April, and on the 1st of May, of that year, he located in South Charleston, where he has already secured a good patronage that is indicative of the confidence reposed in his professional skill and ability.

The Doctor was married in Mechanicsburg July 6, 1901, to Miss Nellie Rutan, who was a native of that city and a daughter of D. W. and Lucy (Kimball) Rutan, the former a farmer of Champaign county, Ohio. The Doctor is independent in political views, holding himself free to support men and measures without regard to party affiliations. He was reared in the faith of the Methodist Protestant church and held membership therein until his removal to South Charleston, when, as there was no church of that denomination here, he joined the Methodist Episcopal church. The Doc-

tor is also a member of Clark Lodge, No. 166, I. O. O. F., of South Charleston. While in college he became a member of the Ustian fraternity of Cleveland, and for the past two years has been its grand chaplain. He is a young man possessed of laudable ambition, strong determination and he has a bright outlook for the future because of the possession of qualities which always insure success in any avenue of honorable business.

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#### CHARLES S. KAY.

The distinctive office of biography is not to give voice to a man's modest opinion of himself and his accomplishments, but rather to leave a proper record of his character derived from a consensus opinion on the part of his fellow men. That Mr. Kay occupies an enviable position in business circles of Springfield is a well known fact, and his career is one which excites the commendation and respect of his associates. He is to-day the treasurer of the Superior Drill Company and also the president of the board of trade of Springfield. His efforts have been of permanent benefit to the city, for he belongs to that class of representative American citizens who, while promoting individual success, also contribute in a large measure to the general welfare and prosperity.

Charles S. Kay was born in Miamisburg, Montgomery county, Ohio, November 4, 1853, and is a son of Dr. Isaac and Clara M. (Deckert) Kay. His mother was a resident of Miamisburg and a daughter of Samuel Deckert, a prominent citizen of long residence there. Dr. Isaac Kay is one of the oldest physicians of Springfield and an honored member of his profession.



CHARLES S. KAY.



The son, Charles S. Kay, came to this city with his parents in infancy and acquired his preliminary education in the public schools. On putting aside his text books he entered upon his business career and for over ten years was connected editorially with newspapers in Cincinnati and Springfield. In 1883 he entered the Superior Drill Company, and has been for over fifteen years treasurer of that company. The plant owned by the company is an extensive one, equipped with the latest and most highly improved machinery connected with this line. Over four hundred men are employed in the different departments and the industry is one of the most important business concerns of Springfield. The Superior Drill Company was incorporated in November, 1883, and has a capital stock of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, an investment now having a value of over a million dollars. Various kinds of grain drills and agricultural implements are manufactured. The Superior Drill has attained a world-wide reputation and finds sale not only throughout the United States but is exported to England, Germany, Russia and South American countries. Mr. Kay has contributed in no small degree to the up-building and growth of the business. The financial workings of this great plant have been capably directed by him. He is also a stockholder in the Citizens National Bank.

In 1893 Mr. Kay was married to Miss Belle G. Gunn, of Lexington, Kentucky, a daughter of Captain John T. Gunn. She was born in the city of Lexington, where she spent her girlhood days. She was the first lady graduate of the State College of Kentucky, and is a lady possessed of many excellent qualities that well fit her for leadership in social circles, as well as to

preside over her hospitable home. Four children have been born of this union, three of whom survive, namely: Clarence M., Edith W. and Claribel. The parents are members of the First Baptist church.

For nine years Mr. Kay was director of the public library in Springfield and he is a prominent Mason, belonging to Clark Lodge, F. & A. M.; Springfield Chapter, R. A. M.; and Palestine Commandery, K. T. While he possesses social qualities that render him a favorite, his attention has been chiefly given to his business affairs. Mr. Kay can be depended upon to further by his efforts and means, every movement looking toward municipal progress and philanthropic enterprise. He devotes considerable of his leisure time to literary pursuits, and has broadened his horizon by foreign travel. He possesses untiring energy, is quick of perception, forms his plans readily and is determined in their execution. His close application to business and his excellent management have brought to him the high degree of prosperity which to-day is his.

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ROBERT H. FOOS.

A student of the history of Clark county can not carry his investigations far into its business records without noticing that the name of Foos figures conspicuously upon its pages. Robert H. Foos is the president of the Foos Manufacturing Company and is thus actively and closely associated with manufacturing interests, his operations being extensive and of an important character. He is one of Clark county's native sons, his birth having here occurred in 1850. His parents were Gustavus S. and

Elizabeth (Houston) Foos. His father was the founder of one of the leading industries of this city; a man of splendid business and executive force, and upon another page of this work his life history is given in detail.

Robert H. Foos acquired a primary education in the schools of Springfield, where he prepared for college, and then entered the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, being a graduate of that institution in 1872. After his graduation he spent two years abroad, visiting the city of London and the countries of France and Germany. He studied both the German and French languages and viewed with interest the places of modern and historical importance, at the same time acquainting himself with the manners and customs of the people of those lands and their methods of conducting business.

Upon his return to his native country Mr. Foos accepted the position of teller in the Second National Bank of Springfield, and served in that capacity for five years, after which he became identified with his father's manufacturing interests as a member of the Foos Manufacturing Company, which was incorporated on the 1st of January, 1884, with a capital stock of one hundred and fifteen thousand dollars. This company has since been engaged in the manufacture of special grinding machinery, scientific grinding mills, portable forges, farmers' tools, corn harvesters, corn shellers and other implements of a similar nature. His father was president of the company at the time of his death, on the 11th of July, 1900. The son was immediately elected to the presidency on the death of his honored father, and his brother, W. F. Foos, is vice-president and treasurer. The company employs two hundred men and the plant is equipped with machinery of the la-

test design, made especially for this purpose. The business, having assumed mammoth proportions, has become a very valuable enterprise in Springfield and the extensive output and large trade result in bringing an excellent financial return to the stockholders.

Mr. Foos gives his political support to the Republican party, but the honors and emoluments of office have no attraction for him. He is one of the enterprising and progressive business men of this city. His efforts have been discerningly directed along well defined lines of labor and he seems to have realized at any point of progress the full measure of his possibilities for accomplishment at that point. A man of distinct and forceful individuality, of broad mentality and mature judgment, he has left and is leaving his impress upon the industrial world.

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#### THOMAS D. MILLS.

Thomas D. Mills is a farmer and stock raiser of Green township, whose entire life has been passed in that portion of the county. He is therefore widely known to many of its citizens, and is held in the highest esteem. His birth occurred June 2, 1843, on the farm which is yet his home. It was then the property of his parents, James and Delilah (Moore) Mills. His father was born in Kentucky, and with his grandfather, Thomas Mills, came to Ohio when but three years of age. The grandfather settled upon the farm which is now occupied by John Mills, and in this county the father of our subject was reared to manhood and married. He inherited from his father's estate one hundred and thirty acres of land



and always gave his attention to agricultural pursuits. He was twice married, and by his first union had two children. The daughter, Nancy E., became the wife of Walter Cultice, but both are now deceased. They left nine children, eight of whom are still living. There were no children born to the father by his second marriage. Thomas D. Mills is therefore an only son. He and his sister inherited the farm, each securing sixty-five acres. In church work James Mills was prominent. He held membership with the Methodist Episcopal denomination and served as a class leader in the church, while in other ways he assisted in promoting the growth and extending the influence of the organization. His political support was given the Republican party.

Upon the home farm Thomas D. Mills was reared, and in the common schools of the neighborhood he acquired a fair education. He entered upon an independent business career when about twenty-two years of age, and in August, 1862, he was found among the defenders of the Union. Donning the blue uniform he went to the front as a private of Company A, Ninety-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, being first sent to camp at Piqua, and thence ordered to Kentucky. He was first under fire at Tates Ford, in that state, a skirmish occurring during the night. The first regular battle in which he participated was at Perryville, and he was afterward at Stone River, Chattanooga, Chickamauga and other important engagements of the war. After the battle of Chickamauga he was transferred to the Veteran Reserve Corps of the United States Regulars, and was sent to Camp Douglas, in Chicago, Illinois, and did guard duty there. He had been ill in the hospital and was not able to again enter active field ser-

vice. Later he was sent to Cairo, Illinois, where he was honorably discharged. Although often in the thickest of the fight, where his comrades fell to each side of him, he was never wounded, and he was also fortunate in escaping capture.

Not long after his return home, on the 19th of December, 1865, Mr. Mills was united in marriage to Miss Marinda Clark, of Pitchin. She was born in Warren county, a daughter of Benajah and Nancy (Morgan) Clark. They located in this county at the time of their marriage and here lived until 1875, when they removed to Champaign county, where Mr. Mills purchased forty acres of land, making his home thereon until 1879. In that year he sold that property and took up his abode in Green township, and in 1880 he came to his present home in the same township. Here he is carrying on general farming and stock raising, feeding a high grade of cattle in his pastures. His fields, too, are well cultivated and his rich harvests return to him a good income annually.

Four children have been born unto Mr. and Mrs. Mills, but Herbert E., the eldest, died at the age of nineteen years. David Forrest, born on his father's farm May 11, 1870, was married August 31, 1898, to Myrtle Craig, of Pitchin. She was probably born near South Salem, Ohio, and when five weeks old was adopted by Jasper Craig, who provided her with a good common school education, and also a musical education, and she has successfully taught music. She has one child, Nellie E., born on the farm where our subject is now living June 23, 1899. Forrest is a member of the Junior Order of the American Mechanics. Lydia Fannie, the next member of the Mills family, is the wife

of Clifford Hess, of Greene county. Emery, born in Champaign county, July 20, 1877, is yet at home with his parents. Mr. Mills and his estimable wife are consistent members of the Methodist Protestant church at Pitchin, and he is a member of Mitchell Post, G. A. R., of Springfield. While in the army he cast his first presidential vote for Lincoln in 1864 and has since been a stalwart Republican.

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### ISAAC TUTTLE.

Isaac Tuttle was born in Springfield township, Clark county, January 15, 1840, and is now accounted one of the enterprising farmers of Green township. His parents were John and Margaret (Prickett) Tuttle. The father was born in Virginia, and when a boy came to Ohio with his parents. The grandfather, Sylvanus Tuttle, became one of the first residents of Clark county, and was identified with its pioneer improvement and upbuilding. John Tuttle was born February 18, 1794, and was reared amid pioneer conditions and surroundings in this county. On the 23d of February, 1815, he was united in marriage to Margaret Prickett, whose birth occurred January 19, 1798. He passed away June 7, 1849, and his widow, long surviving him, was called to her final rest in 1879. They were the parents of fifteen children, fourteen of whom reached manhood or womanhood, Isaac being the fourteenth in order of birth. All who grew up reared families of their own, but the only ones now living are the subject of this review and his younger brother, Harvey.

Isaac Tuttle spent his boyhood days

upon the home farm, acquiring a fair common school education. When sixteen years of age he began to work for his brother at the carpenter's trade, but followed that pursuit for only a year, and in the second year resumed farming. He afterward began to operate his sister's land, and when a few years had passed he went to northern Indiana, where he lived for about a year. There he suffered from ague, and on that account returned to Ohio.

Here, on the 6th of February, 1862, in Green township, Mr. Tuttle was united in marriage to Miss Fannie E. Eichelbarger, who was born in this township October 13, 1842, and is a daughter of Michael and Margaret (Todd) Eichelbarger. Her father was born in Washington county, Maryland, September 3, 1815, while the mother's birth occurred in Green township, Clark county, Ohio, November 2, 1819. She is still living, but Mr. Eichelbarger passed away January 7, 1867. After his marriage our subject and his wife lived in Indiana for about a year, and then he purchased his present farm, but in May, 1864, he put aside business cares and personal preferences in order to aid his country, joining the army as a member of Company D of the One Hundred and Forty-sixth Ohio Infantry, in defense of the Union. He did guard duty, remaining in the service for about four months, after which he returned to his home in Green township, where he has resided continuously since.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Tuttle have been born four children: Ermina Belle, born December 29, 1862, married Herbert P. Stewart, of Green township, and they have four children—Ira Elton, Roy La Vaughn, Walter Nesbit and Elmer Arthur. Effie Augusta, born November 28, 1867, is the

wife of Oliver E. Allen, a teacher in the public schools of Springfield, and they have three children—Otho Preston, Ollin Winfred and Harold Everett. Harry Edwin, born May 6, 1869, wedded Mary Belle McCullough, and they have three children—Howard, Guy and Homer. Elton J., born September 6, 1872, married Anna Elizabeth Walters, and they have one child—Mabel Adella.

Mr. Tuttle cast his first presidential vote for Lincoln in 1864, and is now independent in politics, voting regardless of party ties. Throughout his entire business career he has carried on agricultural pursuits, and his work in this direction has brought to him a good living. Neither negligent nor dilatory in his labors, his business career has been characterized by diligence and enterprise, and all that he has acquired has come to him as the result of these qualities.



### J. O. TUTTLE.

In Harmony township resides J. O. Tuttle, who is devoting his energies to farming and stock-raising with creditable success. He was born in Green township, October 26, 1847, on the farm where his maternal uncle, J. P. Garlough, is now living. He is a son of Sylvanus and Jane B. (Garlough) Tuttle. His father was born in Clark county and lived to be about fifty-nine years of age, passing away in Springfield township. John Tuttle, the paternal grandfather, died before our subject's recollection. For a few years after his marriage, Sylvanus Tuttle lived on the Garlough homestead, but when his son J. O. was a little lad of three summers he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of

land in Pleasant township, Clark county, and as his financial resources increased he added to his property until he became the owner of between three and four hundred acres of land, of which Mr. Tuttle of this review now has one hundred acres. The father was a Republican but never sought or desired office. In his family were six children, of whom four are living, namely: Margaret, who became the wife of Charles Holland and died at their home in Hardin county, leaving four children; John, who died in infancy; J. O., of this review; Marion, at home; Tabitha, the wife of John Blee, of Harmony township; and George H., who is living in Kansas.

The boyhood days of J. O. Tuttle were spent on the home farm and he acquired his education in the common schools. The occupation to which he was reared he has made his life work. He assisted his father in caring for the fields and meadows of the home place until he had attained his majority, when he began operating a portion of his father's land on shares. As a companion and helpmate for life's journey he chose Miss Kate Todd, their marriage being celebrated in Green township November 6, 1870. She was born in Madison county and is a daughter of Samuel and Saloma (Garlough) Todd. During her early girlhood her parents removed to Clark county, where she was reared and in the common schools she was educated. By her marriage she has become the mother of one child, Mabel J., who is the wife of William Nave, and they reside with her father.

In 1872 Mr. Tuttle came to the farm upon which he now lives. At his father's death he inherited one-fifth of the estate and he purchased one hundred acres upon which he is now living. His place is well

improved, having a good set of farm buildings and machinery, a high grade of stock and all modern equipments. From the time when he cast his first presidential vote for Grant, in 1868. Mr. Tuttle has been an earnest Republican, giving an unflinching support to the principles of the party. In his work he is diligent, carefully performing the many tasks connected with agriculture, and he yearly finds his reward in the profitable sales of his crops.

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#### LEWIS M. WRIGHT.

It is not only the pioneers who have been prominent in the upbuilding of Springfield. The city is constantly attracting to it men of enterprise, imbued with the spirit which has led to the rapid growth and development of the west. Among the more recent arrivals here is Lewis M. Wright, who has become a factor in the electrical world of trade as proprietor of a leading shoe house. He was born February 2, 1859, in the state of Virginia, and is a son of John P. and Sarah E. (Divine) Wright, both of whom were natives of the Old Dominion, born in Loudoun county. The Wright family is of Scotch and English descent and the father of our subject is still living, his home being in Maryland.

Lewis M. Wright belongs to a family of four children. In the public schools of Maryland he acquired his education and, ambitious to become a factor in business life and attain success for himself, in November, 1879, he embarked in merchandising in Maryland, where he resided until 1897. In January, of that year, he arrived in Springfield and purchased a half interest in the shoe firm of Routzahn & Company,

which name was changed to Routzahn & Wright. This partnership still exists and the new firm, with L. M. Wright as its senior member, took on a new impetus. They are now carrying an extensive line of men's, women's and children's footwear, have gained favor with the public and are now looked upon as one of the leading shoe houses of the city, which accords to them a liberal and growing patronage, so that the business has become a paying one.

In 1886 Mr. Wright was united in marriage to Miss Mary E. Williard, a native of Maryland, and their union has been blessed with two children, Hazel and Willard. They have a pleasant home in Springfield and the hospitality of many of the best residences of the city has been extended to them. During the six years in which they have lived in Ohio, Mr. Wright and his estimable wife have gained many warm friends. He is a valued member of the Masonic fraternity and also holds membership relations in the Knights of Pythias fraternity, the Modern Woodmen of America and several other secret organizations. He is an ardent believer in religion and holds membership in St. Paul Methodist Episcopal church, where his active service is appreciated. His conservative business judgment has won him a seat on the official board, and his assistant superintendency of the Sunday-school is not lacking in appreciativeness on the part of its members.

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#### ROBERT P. WALKER.

The story of the sufferings and bravery of those who wore the blue and fought nobly for the preservation of the Union, now so great and glorious, as a direct result of

their heroism and devotion to principle and country, can not be told too often. It is especially well that those of the younger generations should have impressed upon their minds that the liberty and happiness which they enjoy freely was purchased for them at an awful price and though naught but actual civil war can give the picture in its entirety, a faint idea may be gained in the perusal of the history of those who experienced the horrors of war in many of its worst phases. Mr. Walker was one of the loyal sons of the Union who donned the blue uniform and went to the front in defense of his country. He sacrificed health upon the altar of freedom, but as long as possible he remained at the front, fighting the battles of the Union and performing all duty that was assigned to him.

Mr. Walker was born in Ross township, Greene county, Ohio, May 8, 1845, a son of William H. and Mary P. (McFarland) Walker. His paternal great-grandfather was a native of Ireland and became the founder of the family in the new world. He settled in Greene county, Ohio, in the early part of the nineteenth century. Zachariah Walker, the grandfather of our subject, owned a farm in Ross township, Greene county, and upon that farm both our subject and his father, William H. Walker, were born. The grandfather died in early manhood. William H. Walker was married at the age of nineteen years and our subject was born the following year, being the eldest of four sons. When he was about four years of age his parents removed to Cedarville township, Greene county. William H. Walker was a life long Democrat and through a long period he filled the office of justice of the peace, discharging his duties with promptness and fidelity. He be-

longed to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, to the Improved Order of Red Men, to the Order of American Mechanics and to the Methodist Episcopal church. He died in Cedarville December 10, 1901, at the age of seventy-six years and one day. His sons are all Democrats with the exception of our subject. Deluna W. resides in Washington, Indiana, and has three children. John W. is a farmer and school teacher of Madison township, Clark county, Ohio, and has four sons. Wilson is a mechanic and lives in Dayton. He, too, is married and has one daughter.

In Cedarville our subject remained until after the inauguration of the Civil war, when, feeling that his duty was to his country, he enlisted on the 8th of August, 1862, being then a little more than seventeen years of age. He became a member of Company H, Ninety-fourth Regiment of Ohio Volunteers, under Captain James Kyle, and went into camp at Piqua. After two weeks he was ordered to the front, proceeding to Newport Barracks, where the regiment was provided with uniforms, after which they proceeded to Lexington, Kentucky, and were then sent to re-enforce the troops at Malvern Hill, but before they reached their destination the Union forces had been defeated and the Ninety-fourth Ohio returned to Lexington, which had fallen into the hands of the Rebels and the regiment therefore had to surrender. They were marched into the town with guns reversed. They had permission to go to the hotel for food, but scouts reported an opening left for Illinois and Indiana regiments to come into the trap and through that the Ninety-fourth Ohio marched out, met the advancing regiments and thus saved them from being captured. They proceeded toward Louisville, and at

Tates Ferry a skirmish occurred, Mr. Walker sustaining a flesh wound in the lower left leg. He bound up his wound, however, and marched on with his command for one hundred and fifty miles. At Louisville he did duty until taken ill, after which he went to Perryville and thence returned with the wounded and sick, being sent to the hospital. While there his father went to look for him and on account of his injuries Mr. Walker was discharged. For twelve years after his return home he was an invalid, being confined to the bed and after he was able to leave his bed he could not get around without crutches, which he still uses. He has never fully regained his health, which was laid down as a sacrifice upon the altar of his country.

On the 5th of March, 1874, in Ross township, Greene county, Mr. Walker was united in marriage to Miss Margaret A. Heath, who was born in Clark county and was a daughter of John and Sarah (Will- ing) Heath. They now have two daughters, Lillie May, who was born in Xenia, is the wife of Edwin H. Pierce, the foreman of the plating department for the National Cash Register Company, at Dayton, Ohio. Anna Myrtle, the younger daughter, was born in Ross township, Greene county.

In his political views Mr. Walker has always been a Republican and for six years he served as justice of the peace in Ross township. While thus serving he gave his aid and influence to securing compromises rather than to continue litigation in the courts and of the cases which finally came to trial his decisions were so fair and impartial that none were ever reversed. For eight years he served as pike superintendent in Ross township and for five years he was a member of the township board of

education there. While living in Cedarville he was also a member of the board of education for three years and served in a similar position in South Charleston for three years. He and his wife and daughters are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and for four years he served as Sunday-school superintendent in Shiloh church, in Ross township, Greene county. He became a charter member of Curry Post, G. A. R., of Cedarville, served as its chaplain for a number of years and is now a member of McMillan Post, No. 122, G. A. R., in which he has long filled the position of adjutant. In matters of citizenship he is as true today to his country and her welfare as when he followed the nation's starry banner upon the battlefields of the south.

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#### WILLIAM J. IRWIN.

William J. Irwin, now deceased, belonged to that class of men whom the world terms self-made and well did he deserve all of the praise and honor which the term implies. He was born in Randallstown, county Antrim, Ireland, in the year 1833 and with his parents he made the voyage across the briny deep to Canada when he was only about a year old. He remained in the British province in this land until eighteen years of age, at which time he became a resident of the United States, locating in Springfield. His educational privileges in youth were limited, but he was fond of study and always read extensively, so that he became well informed on the issues of the day and on all topics of general interest. While still in Canada he earned his own living, learning and following the molder's trade. For



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a time after his arrival in Springfield he was in the employ of the firm of Mason, Cook & Blakeney, and subsequently he was employed in the Lagonda shops for a time. He was afterward foreman in the molding department of the plant of Whiteley, Fassler & Kelly for twenty-two years. No higher proof of his capability, of his earnest application to business and of his fidelity to duty could be given than this statement. He had the entire confidence of those whom he served, the respect of those who worked under him and he commanded the good will of all with whom business relations brought him in contact. After severing his connection with that company he remained with William Whiteley until 1887, when he resigned his position because of ill health and for two years was retired from active business life. In 1889 he formed a partnership under the firm name of Wickham, Chapman & Company, he being the junior member, while an equal partner. He took charge of the molding department of the firm and acted in that capacity until his life's labors were ended in death.

At the time of the Civil war Mr. Irwin had manifested his loyalty to his adopted country by enlisting at the first call for troops to serve for three months. He became a member of Company F, Second Ohio Infantry, and after the expiration of that term he re-enlisted for six months' service, as a member of the One Hundred and Twenty-ninth Infantry, becoming second lieutenant of Company C. His valor and meritorious conduct on the field of battle afterward won him promotion to the rank of first lieutenant, and he largely engaged in performing the duties of captain of the company because of the illness of his superior officer. Mr. Irwin was never wound-

ed while in the service, but contracted rheumatism, from which he suffered throughout his remaining life and which ultimately caused his death. He always maintained pleasant relations with his old army comrades through his membership in the Grand Army Post, of Springfield.

In December, 1870, William Irwin was united in marriage to Miss Hulda E. White, a native of this city, and a daughter of James M. and Eliza (Jolly) White. Her parents were natives of Highland and Ross counties, Ohio, respectively, and the father was a successful farmer, carrying on agricultural pursuits in a prosperous manner for many years.

Mr. Irwin gave his political support to the Republican party, but he possessed a retiring disposition and would never accept office, not demanding official position as a reward for party fealty. In Masonry he became prominent, attaining to the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite. There was in the life record of Mr. Irwin much that commanded the highest respect and admiration. He was a strictly temperance man in the best sense of the term. When a mere boy he was left an orphan and all that he possessed he accumulated by his own hard work. Not only was he an active factor in industrial circles of Springfield, but also became the owner of real estate here. His life history should serve to encourage others who have to start out empty handed as he did. His career proves that success is not a matter of genius or the result of fortunate environment or the aid of influential friends. He attained it by persistent purpose, by honorable dealing and by good judgment in business matters. His word was as good as any bond that was ever solemnized by signature or seal and his name was a syn-

onym for integrity. He passed away December 9, 1895, and was laid to rest with Masonic honors in Ferncliff cemetery.

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### CHARLES W. UNGLAUB.

Charles W. Unglaub is a successful young business man of Springfield and a well known florist. He established business here in 1888, and from the beginning his success has been uniform and rapid. He is one of the native sons of the city, born on the 11th of October, 1872, his parents being Casper and Sophia (Noelp) Unglaub, who now reside on Shaffer street. The father was born in Germany in 1850, and when a small child of three years was brought to America by his parents, the family locating in Baltimore. His mother died when he was but a young lad and he was bound out to learn a trade in the city of Baltimore. On leaving that place in the year 1870, he came to Springfield, Ohio, and here he was first employed as foreman in the grinding room of a knife and fork factory—the Whiteley Mill. There he remained for five years and was afterward shipping clerk for the firm of Robbins & Myers for ten years. On the expiration of that period he accepted a position as watchman and is now serving in that capacity. In the year 1870, in this city, Casper Unglaub was united in marriage to Sophia Noelp, and unto them have been born seven children, of whom one died in infancy. The others are: Charles, of this review; Laura, who is a tailoress; Andrew, a molder; Emil, a press feeder; and Flora and Helen, who are yet in school. The children have all been educated in the German schools of this city.

Charles W. Unglaub, like the others, at-

tended school until about fourteen years of age, when he embarked in his present business on his own account. He began operations on a small scale, having a capital of only six dollars. He commenced growing plants in a hot bed, and with strong purpose he worked against adversity, determined to achieve success. He always treated his customers with the utmost courtesy and fairness, and he soon won many friends who gave him their patronage and thus enabled him to build up a large business. He did all of his own building and plumbing, thereby saving expense in that way, and as the profits on his sales increased he kept adding to his greenhouses and buildings until he now has a large and well equipped plant. He erected and stocked his own houses, and he now has nine thousand square feet under glass. His trade has continually increased and he caters to the city patronage. In addition to his greenhouses he has a flower stand in the market place, where he serves all customers. He handles cut flowers and bedded plants, and has a thorough and practical knowledge of the business, which enables him to keep his plants in an excellent condition, and they find a ready sale upon the market.

In 1898 Mr. Unglaub was united in marriage, in Greenfield, Ohio, to Miss Minnie Humes, who was born in Washington Court House, in this state, in 1872. They now have one son, Howard Clinton, who was born in October, 1900. Mrs. Unglaub pursued her education in the public schools and in Lebanon College. Our subject is largely a self-made and self-educated man, but is now an intelligent and well read citizen. He has gained a comprehensive knowledge concerning the cultivation of flowers, for which he has always had a liking. He has

kept in touch with the most approved methods of cultivating plants at this time, and although not a member of any floral societies he is conversant with what is being done by leading florists throughout the country. His endorsement of political principles is seen in his ballot, which he casts in favor of the men and measures of the Republican party. He has never been an aspirant for office, however, preferring to devote his time and attention to his business affairs. He belongs to the German Lutheran church, and is deeply interested in every measure and movement for the general good. Starting out in life on his own account at an early age, Mr. Unglaub has steadily worked his way upward, placing his dependence upon the substantial qualities of self-reliance, perseverance and diligence, and to-day he is enjoying a well merited prosperity.



### JACOB SEITZ.

A deep feeling of sadness spread throughout Springfield when it was announced that Jacob Seitz had passed from this life, but while those who knew him remain his memory will be cherished not so much on account of the splendid success he achieved in business, not because he contributed to the improvement of the city and promoted its commercial activity, although either would make him worthy to be long remembered, but because of his life of helpfulness, of good cheer, of broad sympathy and his deep interest in and labors for the benefit of his fellow men. His nature was so kindly and gentle that he won not merely regard but that deeper feeling which, call it friendship or love, binds man in close re-

lation to his fellow man in ties which naught can sever. Thus it was that Springfield has seldom so widely and sincerely mourned one of her residents. But for thirty-seven years he was closely associated with her history, and many of his friends, in thought have breathed the sentiment,

"He was a man, take him for all in all,  
I shall not look upon his like again."

Jacob Seitz was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, December 18, 1818, a son of Henry and Mary Seitz, who came to Clark county in 1831, settling near what is now Ferncliff cemetery, Springfield's beautiful city of the dead. Springfield was then but a mere hamlet, and the early settlers were at that time instituting the work of progress and improvement which was soon to make a vast change in the county and place it with the leading counties of this great commonwealth. Henry Seitz purchased a farm about a mile and a half from this village, and there he carried on agricultural pursuits until his death, which occurred a few years after his arrival here. He also conducted a still upon the river which ran by his farm. His children were: Andrew, Isaac, Elizabeth, Henry, Jacob and Catherine, all of whom were born in Pennsylvania and came to this county with their parents.

Jacob Seitz was one of the self-made men of Clark county, for he began his business career working by the month as a farm hand, and these earnings proved the foundation upon which he built his later success. He attended school in Pennsylvania, but left his native state when twelve years of age and came with his parents to Clark county. He was always fond of books, however, and in his youth studied at home by the side of the fire whenever he had the opportunity.

Throughout his entire life he read extensively and thus became a well read man, conversant with all topics of general interest. In 1840 he turned his attention to the milling and distilling business, carrying on operations along these lines for a few years. He afterward went to Champaign county, Ohio, where, in connection with George Stineberger, he conducted a large flouring mill for ten years, meeting with success in this undertaking. When that decade had passed he sold his interest in the mill there and returned to Springfield, in 1855, making his home here continuously up to the time he was called to his final rest. For a number of years he was engaged in the wholesale tobacco business in this city, yet he did not confine his efforts to any one line, and his wise council and sound judgment proved important factors in the successful conduct of a number of other business concerns. He was a director and stock holder in the Mad River Bank, of Springfield, was also a stockholder in the Lagonda Bank of that city and a stockholder in the bank at Urbana. He became quite an extensive land-owner, and had both farm and city property. In 1865 he purchased what is now the Miller House, and it is still in possession of the family. He erected a fine large residence of brick at No. 77 North Limestone street, and that he made his home until his death, and it is still the home of Mrs. Seitz.

In the year 1846 our subject was united in marriage to Miss Mary A. Stineberger, a daughter of David Stineberger. She was born in Champaign county, Ohio, and by her marriage became the mother of three children, but Theodore H., the eldest, died in 1860 at the age of twenty-one years. Olive E. is the wife of Charles Anthony, a member of the firm of Black & Anthony, of this

city, and they have five children: Frank, who is married and has two sons, Theodore and Robert, while the other members of the Anthony family are Theodore, Louise, Rachel and Howard B. Laura, the younger daughter of Mrs. Seitz, is the wife of M. Hedges, a resident of Chattanooga, Tennessee, and they have two sons, James and Lawrence.

It was in October, 1892, that Jacob Seitz was called to his final rest, his remains being interred in Ferncliff cemetery. He was a worthy representative of one of the honored pioneer families of the county. He came here at an early date, and for more than sixty years was a witness of the progress and development of this portion of the state and took an active part in the work of improvement and upbuilding. He was deeply interested in all that pertains to the general good and co-operated in many measures calculated to benefit the community along material, social, intellectual and moral lines. The poor and needy found in him a friend and no one ever went to him with a tale of distress that did not receive his sympathy and his more substantial assistance. He had a large circle of warm friends, and his friendship was most prized by those who knew him best. His loss to the community was a severe one, but he left a name which is honored and respected. His wife and older daughter still reside in Springfield, where they have the high regard of many friends.

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#### HENRY H. SEYS, M. D.

One of the most competent and successful medical practitioners of Springfield is Dr. H. H. Seys, who was born in Ogdens-

burg, St. Lawrence county, New York, October 13, 1830. He is a son of the Rev. John Seys and is descended from Welsh ancestry, that was established in the Netherlands in the fourteenth century, while representatives of the name afterward emigrated to the West Indies. The paternal grandparents of the Doctor were Jacobus and Catherine (Runnels) Seys, and the Rev. John Seys, the father of our subject, was born in St. Croix, West Indies, March 30, 1799. He was a well educated man of scholarly attainments and broad general culture. He became a minister and missionary of the Methodist Episcopal church. He married Ann Osborn, a daughter of John and Mary Beaks (Laverock) Osborn. She was born July 1, 1804, in St. Bartholomew, of the West Indies, and they were married off Old Roads St. Christophers, September 28, 1821, and again at St. Eustatius, on the 12th of October, the double ceremony being necessary to conform to the law concerning the civil and religious marriage rite of that country. They lived at various places, Rev. Dr. Seys doing missionary work for some time among the Oneida Indians. He then went to Africa in 1834 and served as minister plenipotentiary on that continent, although the greater part of his time was devoted to missionary work. They traveled through many places on the face of the globe, Rev. Dr. Seys serving as United States agent at West Africa for recaptured slaves. He spent eighteen years on that continent, engaged in church and missionary work and as a United States official—consul, minister plenipotentiary—and had charge of recaptured Africans. Both he and his wife died in Springfield, Ohio, the former passing away February 9, 1872, while the latter died January 8, 1881. They

were the parents of twelve children: Jacobus Osborn, born at St. Eustatius, West Indies, July 22, 1822, was drowned at Bassabar, West Africa, December 5, 1840, and was buried at Monrovia, Liberia. Mary Catherine Runnels, born November 17, 1824, at Point a Pierre, on the Island of Trinidad, died in Middletown, Connecticut, April 24, 1839. George Dewint, born October 11, 1826, at St. George, Island of Granada, died on ship board October 4, 1828, and was buried in the ocean. John Charles, born on the Island of St. Martins on Friars' Bay, November 4, 1828, died at Monrovia, Liberia, October 3, 1835. Henry Hill, born October 13, 1830, in Ogdensburg, New York, is the subject of this review. Cornelius Dewint was born in September, 1832, at Canton, New York. Ann Osborn, born at Mission House in Vernon township, Oneida county, New York, April 30, 1834, died on 27th of October, the year following, at Fishkill Landing, New York. Maria Tellar, born January 23, 1836, at Monrovia, Africa, died in Baltimore, Maryland, January 15, 1854. John, born in Middletown, Connecticut, August 25, 1838, died October 27, 1839, at Monrovia, Africa. Wilmot Osborn, born in Monrovia, July 19, 1840, died there on the 27th of April, 1841. Ann Goheen was born March 18, 1843, at Wilkesbarre, Pennsylvania. Clement Tracy, born July 25, 1844, at Wilkesbarre, Pennsylvania, died in Springfield, Ohio, November 8, 1886. Two brothers of our subject were soldiers of the Civil war, and one died from the effects of army life.

Henry Hill Seys was educated in the private schools of Pennsylvania and New York, and during his boyhood days he spent three years in Monrovia, Africa. In 1850 he entered the University of Balti-

more, Maryland, and was graduated in 1853, with the degree of M. D. In May, of the same year, he came to Springfield and began practice here, but when the first call for troops came he put aside his business and personal considerations in order to aid his country in the struggle to preserve the Union. He went to the front as assistant surgeon of the Third Ohio Volunteer Infantry, enlisting on the 2nd of May. This was one of the first regiments in the field, and on the 1st of August, 1862, the Doctor was promoted to the rank of surgeon of the Fifteenth Ohio Regiment. He was made medical director in December, 1862, of the Third Division of the Fourteenth Army Corps, thus serving until March, 1863, when he became medical inspector of the army of the Cumberland on the staff of General Rosecrans and General Thomas, acting in that capacity until December, 1863. Dr. Seys was then detailed for surgical work at Murfreesboro, Tennessee, and acting medical director of the post, continuing to fill that position from December, 1863, until August, 1864, when he resigned and was honorably discharged after more than three years of service. His promotions came rapidly, in recognition of his ability in his profession and his patriotic loyalty to his country. He took part in many desperate engagements of the war and his service was of the greatest value to the Union. Owing to circumstances over which he had no control he resigned, but the country had already received at his hands valuable aid for more than three years.

Dr. Seys then returned to Springfield, and in the same year removed to Oil City, Pennsylvania, where he continued in active practice until the fall of 1873, when he again came to Springfield, where he has since

remained. He is the oldest practitioner belonging to the Clark County Medical Society. By hard work, close application and comprehensive knowledge he has met with success. He is careful and accurate in the diagnosis of a case and is ready to adopt any new idea which will aid him in reaching the best results.

The Doctor was married in the fall of 1853 to Harriet Foote, in Williamstown, Massachusetts, and they have had one son and one daughter, but the son died while the Doctor was in Murfreesboro, Tennessee, at the age of seven years. The daughter, Mary, is the wife of Edwin Buss, of Bakersfield, California, and they have two daughters, Harriet Foote and Mabel Buell. Mrs. Seys died in 1876, and in 1877 the Doctor was married to Elizabeth Wickham, of Racine, Wisconsin. They have many friends here and the hospitality of the best homes is extended to them.

The Doctor votes with the Republican party, of which he has been a staunch supporter since John C. Fremont became its first candidate. Prior to that time he was a Whig. He was appointed by the board of health to the position of health officer in 1888, and has continuously served in that capacity since. He belongs to Mitchell Post, G. A. R., is a member of the board of trade of the city and has served on various committees. Upon his return to Springfield he purchased his present home at No. 234 South Fountain avenue. This place was formerly the home of his parents, but he purchased it in 1872, prior to his mother's death. Mrs. Seys is a member of the Episcopal church and the Doctor contributes liberally to church and charitable work. In the line of his profession he is connected with the Clark County Medical Society, and

with the Ohio State Medical Society, and at various times has served as president of the former. He is to-day one of the distinguished and capable physicians of this section of Ohio, his knowledge being broad, comprehensive and accurate, and in his practice he has met with excellent success both from a professional and financial standpoint. The qualities of an upright manhood are his and have commended him to the confidence and regard of his fellow townsmen for many years. His worth is widely acknowledged, and he well deserves representation in this volume.

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#### JAMES FINNEY.

James Finney is to-day one of the excellent farmers and stock-raisers of Clark county, owning and operating six hundred acres of valuable land in Green township. He was born near Cincinnati, Hamilton county, Ohio, on a farm which is now platted into town lots, his birth occurring December 19, 1820, and he is a son of Elijah and Nancy (Stewart) Finney. The grandfather, James Finney, for whom Mr. Finney of this review is named, located at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, and subsequently came to Ohio, floating down the Ohio river on a flat-boat, about 1810 or 1811, before the steamboat had been practically used. There were at that time twelve children in the family, and one was added after their arrival. Elijah Finney, the father of our subject, was born in Pennsylvania, while the mother was born in one of the eastern states. Both removed to Ohio, the mother to Butler county and the father to Hamilton county. After their marriage they resided in Hamilton county, spending the remainder of their lives there.

On the farm in Hamilton county James Finney was reared to manhood, his boyhood and youth being there passed. He received but limited educational privileges, as his services were required in the work of field and meadow during the summer months, and he was able to attend the district school but thirty to forty days out of the year. He early became accustomed to the work of the farm and turned the furrows of the soil when he could barely reach the plow handles.

On the 22nd of December, 1847, he was united in marriage to Miss Eleanor S. Anderson, and six children have been born of this union: Elijah Stewart Finney married Lizzie Bonner, and is a resident of Pawnee county, Nebraska, and is a mechanic at that place. He has eight children. Isabelle F. married Alexander P. Clark, and the latter died on October 16, 1900. Agnes S. married Charles E. Oldham and died in Springfield in December, 1900, leaving three children. Anderson T. is a farmer of Green township. Charles T. married Mary J. Ramsey and resides in Greene county. They have five daughters. James P. is at home with his parents.

For some years after his marriage Mr. Finney resided in Green township, but in March, 1848, he removed to Clark county on a farm of one hundred acres, which had come to him through his mother, who in turn had inherited it from her father, Joseph Stewart, who purchased the land of the government, and it has never been out of the family possession since, Mr. Finney being the third owner. He has added to his farm from time to time until it has assumed its present large proportions, and is one of the best equipped as well as one of the most highly developed farms of Clark county. The rich fields, being well cultivated, return



a rich harvest each season, rewarding generously the care and labor bestowed upon them.

Mr. Finney may well be classed among the highly respected and leading citizens of Clark county, having been one of its pioneer settlers. Although he has long passed the Psalmist's span of three score years and ten, he is yet an active and healthy man, being able to take his share of the responsibilities of conducting a large and well improved farm. In early life he was a Whig, and voted for Henry Clay in 1844. On the dissolution of that party he joined the ranks of the new Republican party and voted for its first presidential candidate, John C. Fremont, in 1856, since which time he has remained firm in his advocacy of the principles of the party, although he has never desired office, preferring to devote his attention to the management of his farming interests. He and his children are faithful members of the United Presbyterian church, of which he is a deacon. Mr. Finney has long been a resident of Clark county, and has witnessed much of its growth and progress, his memory going back to the time when this portion of the country was but sparsely settled. As a pioneer settler and a progressive and influential business man of his community he is highly respected and honored.

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#### JOHN E. ADAMS.

A country has but one chief ruler, be he king, emperor or president. Comparatively few men can attain to the highest offices in civil and military life, but commerce offers a broad and almost limitless field in which one may exercise his powers

unrestrained and gain a leadership as the head of a chosen calling. Drawing the lessons which we do from the life of Mr. Adams, we learn that the qualifications necessary for success are a high ambition and a resolute, honorable purpose to reach the exalted standard that has been set up. From an early age he has been dependent upon his own resources and has won the proud American title of a self-made man. Since March, 1880, he has made his home in Springfield.

Mr. Adams is a native of Hamilton county, Ohio, his birth having occurred near the village of Sheartown on the 20th of October, 1853, his parents being William and Barbara (Hartman) Adams, both of whom were residents of Cincinnati from infancy and were educated in the public schools there. The father was a millwright by trade and in the early '50s removed to Hamilton county, where he followed farming throughout his remaining days. He died in 1872, at the age of sixty-four years, his birth having occurred in 1818. His wife, who was born in 1828, died in 1882, at the home of her son, John E., in Springfield. Unto this worthy couple were born ten children, of whom one died in infancy, while Samuel died at the age of twenty-four years, and Josephine passed away in Cincinnati. The surviving members of the family are: Margaret, who is the wife of George Metzger and resides near the old homestead; William, who makes his home in the same locality, his postoffice being Taylor Creek; Eliza, the wife of John Schafer, of the same neighborhood; Caroline, the wife of Andrew Schmidt of Cincinnati; Louisa, the wife of Martin Krapp, of Springfield; John E., of this review; and George, of Springfield. The two youngest were born upon the home farm in





J. E. ADAMS.



Hamilton county and the others in Cincinnati and all were educated in the country and city schools and were reared upon the old home place. In politics the father was a Republican, but never had any aspirations for office. Both he and his wife held membership in the Lutheran church and were esteemed for their sterling worth.

John E. Adams was educated in the district schools and remained upon the home farm until he attained his majority, becoming familiar with all the duties that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. He was married in 1875 in Hamilton county, Ohio, to Amelia Schafer, who was born in that county March 4, 1854, and is a daughter of Leonard and Phoebe (Diehl) Schafer, both of whom are now deceased. In the family were nine children, but only three are yet living, namely: Mrs. Adams; and Charles and Louis, who are residents of Cincinnati. The educational privileges afforded them were those of the common schools and they remained at home until their marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Adams have reared one son, Harry.

At the time of his marriage Mr. Adams located upon a farm and carried on agricultural pursuits until after his father died, when he came to Springfield, where his brother George had located some time before. They engaged in business together as grocers and market men, conducting their store for a few years, when John E. Adams sold out the grocery business and embarked in the butcher business on South Yellow Springs street. On the 1st of January, 1898, he became connected with another important industry of the city, organizing the Progress Furnace & Stove Company, for the manufacture of stoves and furnaces. This enterprise was successfully conducted until Feb-

ruary, 1902, when the plant was destroyed by fire, after which he again engaged in the meat business at his old stand.

Mr. Adams is a Republican in his political views and has labored effectively and earnestly for the success of the party, but has never sought office as a reward for party fealty. He has served as a delegate to the city and county conventions and is now serving as ward committeeman. The only office he has ever filled was that of councilman of Springfield, to which he was first elected in 1897, and re-elected in 1899, continuing in the office until 1901. He belongs to Springfield Lodge, No. 33, I. O. O. F., and to Mad River Encampment; is a member of the Society of Ben Hur, an insurance organization; and both he and his wife hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church. Few men are more widely known in the enterprising city of Springfield than Mr. Adams. He has been an important factor in business circles and his success and popularity are well deserved, as in him are embraced the characteristics of an unbending integrity, unabating energy and industry that never flags. He is public-spirited and thoroughly interested in whatever tends to promote the moral, intellectual and material welfare of his community.

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#### JAMES H. RABBITS.

James H. Rabbitts, the oldest son of the late Charles Rabbitts and the present postmaster of Springfield, is a native of that city, his birth having occurred there on the 1st of April, 1853, and to its public school system he is indebted for his early education. This was supplemented by study in

the University of Wooster, at Wooster, Ohio, where he completed the course by graduation in 1874. He pursued the study of law in the office and under the direction of General J. Warren Keifer and Hon. Charles R. White. After his admission to the bar by the supreme court, in 1876, he formed a partnership with his preceptors, which continued until 1881, when Mr. Rabbits was elected on the Republican ticket as clerk of the courts of Clark county. He served as chairman of the Republican central committee of Clark county for the years 1883 and 1884, and again in 1889. He was re-elected as clerk of the courts in 1884 and again in 1887, holding that position for eight years, or until his resignation on the 1st of January, 1890, when he assumed the duties of managing editor of the Daily Republican Times of Springfield, the leading Republican paper of the county. He continued in that capacity until April 1, 1898, when he resigned to enter upon the duties of postmaster the 1st of the following month, having been appointed to the office by President McKinley. In 1902 he was reappointed by President Roosevelt, and is the present incumbent. When he became connected with the office the annual gross receipts were about one hundred thousand dollars, but they have increased rapidly and now amount to one hundred and forty-two thousand dollars. Under the administration of Mr. Rabbits large additions have been made to the force of employes and many additions to the facilities of the office, which now ranks sixteenth in the United States in respect to second class matter.

Mr. Rabbits was married, on the 7th of December, 1882, in Indianapolis, Indiana, to Miss Cornelia Burt, a daughter of Rev. Nathaniel C. Burt, D. D., former pas-

tor of the First Presbyterian church of Springfield. They have two living children: Burt and Frances.

Like his father, Mr. Rabbits is a public-spirited and progressive citizen, giving his active support to all commendable public enterprises. He is a member of the board of directors of the Merchants and Mechanics Building and Loan Association, and for four years he has served as a member of the board of directors of the Associated Charities of Springfield. Fraternaly he is a member of Anthony Lodge, No. 455, F. & A. M., of Springfield; Springfield Chapter, R. A. M.; and Palestine Commandery, No. 33, K. T. He also holds membership relations with Red Star Lodge, K. P., and is a member of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity and The Literary Club.

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#### CHARLES RABBITS.

Charles Rabbits, now deceased, was for many years one of Springfield's most progressive and public-spirited citizens, taking a prominent and active part in business affairs and also in the development of the city. He was a native of England, born near the village of Bath, in Wiltshire, September 7, 1820, and was twelve years of age on the emigration of his family to America. His father located on a farm near Cleveland, where Mr. Rabbits continued to make his home until 1843, when he removed to Newark, Ohio, and engaged in the business of woolen manufacturing.

In 1846 Mr. Rabbits came to Springfield to seek a location, and the following year leased a water right on Barnett's hydraulic. In partnership with his brother-in-law, L.

H. Olds, he built the woolen mill in Warder street, where he carried on business until 1875 and then retired. The machinery was brought here by wagons, Mr. Rabbitts driving one of the teams. During his active business life he was an extensive dealer in wool, and in that vocation was at various times associated with the late G. S. Foos, the late Marshfield Steele and John Foos. His woolen mills were extensively enlarged from time to time and the various brands of "Rabbitts jeans and yarns" were widely celebrated throughout the middle west.

After retiring from the woolen manufacturing business Mr. Rabbitts, in connection with William S. Thompson and Amaziah Winger, purchased the old Rodgers home on South Limestone street and erected the Commercial building, and in 1869 he built the handsome residence at the corner of Limestone and North streets, now the property of Mrs. William Black. These were not the only monuments of his activity in the ownership and development of real estate, for he purchased the old Shaffer quarry in Sleepy Hollow, filled it to the level of Limestone street and platted the tract in his first addition to the city. He also platted as another addition a tract of four and one-half acres on Limestone street and Cooper avenue. He was one of the projectors of the Ferncliff Cemetery Association, and aided in selecting the site of the beautiful grounds now known throughout the country. At the time of his death he was one of the few surviving incorporators of the enterprise, and always took a justifiable pride in developing and beautifying the grounds.

On the 3d of May, 1848, Mr. Rabbitts was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Robinson, of Wayne county, Ohio, and for

over fifty years they traveled life's journey together, their golden wedding anniversary being happily celebrated in 1898 at their pleasant home in Sleepy Hollow, where they resided almost continuously after coming to Springfield. Mrs. Rabbitts still survives her husband, being now in her seventy-sixth year. Unto them were born six children, four sons and two daughters, but the eldest, Horatio, died in infancy. The others are James H., the present postmaster of Springfield; W. S., cashier of the Springfield National Bank; Charles, a traveling salesman; Mary, now deputy clerk of the county; and Anna, at home.

In his political views Mr. Rabbitts was first a Whig and later a Republican, and was unswerving in his allegiance to his party, though he never cared for official honors. His interest in educational affairs, however, led him to serve as a member of the school board for several terms, and he was trustee of the Mitchell-Thomas hospital by appointment of ex-Mayor O. S. Kelly. He was one of the first board of directors of the Second National Bank of Springfield, and was a leader in the movement for the erection of the Lagenda House. He was a member of the colony that left the First Presbyterian church to build the Second church, and was one of the most active of those in the establishment and erection of that edifice. After a useful and well spent life he passed away on the 16th of December, 1900, and in his death Springfield realized that she had lost one of her most valued and honored citizens. From one of the local papers we quote the following fitting tribute to his memory:

"It was with sincere regret that the news of the death of the venerable Charles Rabbitts was received in this community.

His important part in the foundation of the industrial and commercial Springfield and his long and useful career of themselves entitled him to the high and universal esteem in which he was held; but more than these was his genial, lovable disposition, which made lasting friends of all with whom he came in contact. There was the light of human sympathy in his eyes, its ring in his voice, and its warmth in his handclasp. In truth may it be written of him

"His life was gentle,  
And the elements so mixed in him  
That nature might stand up and say  
To all the world: 'This was a man.'"

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#### RICHARD E. O'BRIEN.

Richard E. O'Brien is now serving as chief of police of Springfield, having been called to this responsible position by reason of his ability and his known loyalty to the interests of the city. He was born here January 7, 1800, and is a son of John O'Brien, who was a teamster and came to Springfield in the '50s. His birth occurred in Ireland, where he pursued his education, and when a young man he bade adieu to friends in the native land, sailing for the new world. He took up his abode in Cincinnati, where he attended school for a time, and was there united in marriage to Miss Dora McAvoy, who survives him and is now living in Springfield at the age of sixty years. Mr. O'Brien passed away in 1886. He was a Democrat in his political views and an active worker in the ranks of his party. He belonged to a family numbering eight children—seven sons and a daughter. The surviving members of the family are James, of Union county, Ohio;

and Mrs. Eliza Hackett. One brother, Richard, now deceased, was a soldier of the Civil war. The marriage of John and Dora (McAvoy) O'Brien was blessed with seven children—four daughters and three sons: Mary is the wife of Adam Peifer, of Springfield, by whom she has three children; Eliza is the wife of William Moore, and has one son; Richard E. is the next of the family; Annie is the wife of P. Lawler, and they have one daughter; Patrick is married and has a son and a daughter and is connected with the A. C. Evans Manufacturing Company; Jennie is the wife of B. Sheveland and they have one daughter; William resides at home with his mother and is employed as stationary engineer by the Evans Manufacturing Company. The children were all born in this city and pursued their education in the public schools.

Like the other members of the family Richard E. O'Brien entered the public schools when about six years of age. When a young man he learned the painter's trade and did job work as well as contracting, following that pursuit for eight years. In 1881 he entered into the saloon business, which occupation he followed until December, 1889. In May, 1890, he was made patrol driver of the police force. He acted in that capacity for two years and was then promoted to patrolman and afterward to special officer and detective, serving thus for two years. In 1899 he was made chief of police and has since continued in this responsible position, being appointed by the police commission of Springfield.

On the 16th of May, 1886, Mr. O'Brien was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Burns, who was born, reared and educated in this city and is a daughter of Edwin Burns, now deceased. Four daughters and

two sons have been born unto Mr. and Mrs. Burns, and the living are Mary, the widow of Charles Creager, who was an architect of Springfield; and Edwin, of this city. The children born unto Mr. and Mrs. O'Brien—two sons and two daughters—are as follows: Gretta, William E., Walter and Dora, who are students in the public schools here.

In his political views our subject has always been a Democrat and has been a delegate to city and county conventions. He is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. His advancement in life came to him in recognition of his fidelity to duty. He has been most efficient as a public officer and his success as a detective was notable. These qualities therefore have led to his advancement to the position which he now occupies, which he is filling in a most creditable and capable manner.

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#### SAMUEL H. CARR.

Samuel H. Carr, who is proprietor of a livery stable in South Charleston, was born near Jeffersonville, in Fayette county, Ohio, December 23, 1842, and is a son of Michael and Mary (Lohr) Carr. The father was also a native of Fayette county and there spent his entire life, passing away in 1870, when fifty-eight years of age. Samuel H. Carr spent his boyhood days on the home farm and acquired a fair common school education, working through the summer months in the fields and meadows and thus obtaining a practical knowledge of agricultural pursuits. He was a young man of eighteen years when his patriotic spirit was aroused by the attempt of the south to overthrow the Union and he enlisted in Com-

pany C, of the Ninetieth Ohio Infantry, as a private. He participated in several battles, including the engagements at Perryville, Kentucky, Wild Cat Mountain, Nashville, Stone River, Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge and Kenesaw Mountain. At the last named he was wounded in the left arm by a minie-ball and was then sent to the field hospital. Later he was in the hospital at Big Shanty, at Chattanooga, at Nashville and at Louisville, and at the last named place the arm was amputated because gangrene had set in. The injury had been received on the 20th of June and it was on the 13th of July that the member was amputated. Mr. Carr then returned home on a furlough and again reported for duty at Columbus where he was honorably discharged in December, 1864, after two years of service, having enlisted in 1862.

In 1868 Mr. Carr entered the livery business in Jeffersonville, Fayette county. Although his beginning was a small one, for he had but one horse and buggy, he soon enlarged his stock, however, carrying on a business there until 1872, at which he was the owner of five horses and buggies. Removing to South Charleston he here established a livery stable and after three years removed to his present location. At that time he also purchased a third interest in the Miami House and has since become sole owner. He had formerly been proprietor of the Ackly House and livery stable for three years. He conducted the hotel business in the Miami House for twelve years, but has since given his whole time to the livery business, but still retains the ownership of both properties. Mr. Carr has been continuously in the livery business since 1868 and so far as is known the longest in that business of any man in Ohio.

Mr. Carr was married in Jeffersonville, Ohio, in 1868, to Miss Ardilla A. McIntyre and unto them were born three children: Charles Lester, who died in Dayton, Ohio, at the age of twenty-four years; Mary M., who is the wife of John Brown and has two children; and Addie B., at home. The wife and mother died in April, 1886, and Mr. Carr has since been again married, his second union being with Miss Grace Mahoy, of Fayette county, by whom he has one son, Leon Harold.

Mr. Carr votes with the Republican party but is not an active politician, though he has served as a member of the school board and township trustee. He has never missed a vote since his return from the war. At the age of fifteen years he became a member of the Christian church and, upon his removal to South Charleston, as there was no church of that denomination here, he joined the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he is a class leader, trustee and steward. He belongs to McMillan Post, G. A. R. Mr. Carr is well known among his fellow townsmen through the possession of many qualities of genuine worth. He is energetic and reliable in business and his influence is ever on the side of measures and movements for the public good.

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#### W. D. MYERS.

Concentration of purpose and persistently applied energy rarely fail of success in the accomplishment of any task. Again and again it has been proven that these are the most sure foundations upon which to rear the superstructure of labor in the commercial world. It is therefore that Mr. Myers has made these the salient elements in

his business career, which have carried him forward to the plane of affluence.

He was born in Osborn, Ohio, September 11, 1862, and is a son of Christian R. and Serepta (Wood) Myers. His father was a native of Maryland and the mother's birth occurred in Ludlowville, New York. Both are now living in Springfield and through the years of his active business career the father engaged in contracting, but at the present time he is living retired in the enjoyment of a well earned rest.

In the public schools of his native city the subject of this review pursued his early education and became familiar with the branches of English learning which fit one for the practical duties of business life. In 1882 he became associated with E. S. Kelly in the coal and ice trade and was afterward with the Champion Coal & Ice Company, which was re-incorporated under the name of the Springfield Coal & Ice Company. On the 1st of January, 1895, Mr. Myers began business on his own account as a partner of Addison Beckley, under the firm name of Beckley & Myers, dealers in coal and ice. Their firm has since maintained a continuous existence and is doing business at No. 120 South Limestone street. They have increased their yards and have lately extended the scope of their commercial transactions by dealing in Ohio pressed brick, which is manufactured in Zanesville, and hydraulic pressed brick, manufactured in Cleveland, Ohio. Their sales have now reached a large figure and their patronage in each community in which they deal has steadily increased, and they may well be classed among the wide-awake and enterprising merchants of the city.

In 1886 Mr. Myers was united in marriage to Miss Matilda Holmes, of Hills-



boro, Ohio, and they now have one child, Maude M. Mr. Myers' social relations connect him with the Knights of Pythias and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Public-spirited he responds to all reasonable demands upon his time, means and sympathy when his fellow men are to be benefited thereby.

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JONATHAN S. KITCHEN.

Jonathan S. Kitchen is the owner of six hundred and twenty-five acres of the rich and valuable farming land in Clark and Logan counties, having in previous years been actively identified with agricultural pursuits in this section of the state. He has also been prominent in political office and has been honored with various positions of trust and responsibility. He is now living retired at No. 300 South Limestone street in Springfield.

His birth occurred in Green township, Clark county, November 7, 1831, his parents being Abraham and Martha Matilda (Jones) Kitchen. His paternal great-grandfather was a native of England and in 1779 came to America, settling in Pennsylvania, where he married a Miss Vorhees, who was born in Sweden. In the Keystone state Stephen Kitchen, the grandfather of our subject, was born and in the year 1808 he came to Ohio, settling in Warren county, where Abraham Kitchen was soon afterward born. In the year 1818 the family was established in Clark county.

After the death of his mother Abraham Kitchen was placed in a family by the name of Hawkins, and was there reared until eighteen years of age. He was married in Greene county November 19, 1829, and fifty

years later this worthy couple celebrated their golden wedding anniversary, on which occasion there were present five of their children, three sons-in-law, three daughters-in-law, twenty-eight grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, twelve other relatives and many friends, numbering altogether more than one hundred people. Abraham Kitchen was a very prosperous man in his business affairs and at one time owned about twelve hundred acres of land. He was likewise prominent and influential in his community and was fearless in defense of his honest convictions. He was one of the three original abolitionists who started the movement in favor of freeing the slaves in Green township and prior to the Civil war his home was one of the stations on the famous underground railroad, whereby many a poor negro was assisted northward on his way to freedom. When the Republican party was formed to prevent the further extension of slavery he became one of its stalwart advocates. He was also a member of the Free-will Baptist church and the first church of that denomination in this locality was built upon his farm at Pleasant Grove. He died June 28, 1888, having survived his wife for two months only, her death having occurred on the 28th of April.

Jonathan S. Kitchen was reared to manhood on the home farm and acquired a fair common-school education, although his privileges were somewhat limited. He attended altogether for about twenty-eight months, including one term at Wittenberg College. He had never been inside a school-room as a student until twelve years of age and after that he attended only through the winter months and had to go two and one-half miles to the nearest schoolhouse. Experience and observation, together with

reading in later years, have made him a well informed man. He was twenty-two years of age when he left the home farm and began earning his own living.

About that time Mr. Kitchen was married, on the 10th of November, 1853, in Warren county, Ohio, to Miss Amelia Ridge, who was born in Waynesville, Warren county, a daughter of Simpson and Jemina (Hisey) Ridge. Two children have been born unto them: Alsa J., who was educated in Hillsdale, Michigan; and J. Forrest, who married Minnie Neal and has one child, Louise. After leaving the public school he entered Wittenberg College, remaining three years and then went to Cincinnati, where he pursued a course of legal study and is now a practicing attorney of Springfield.

After his marriage Mr. Kitchen of this review began to operate his father's land in Green township and there he lived until his removal to Springfield in 1879. About seven years after his marriage he found that he had saved enough to purchase two hundred and forty acres of land. Thus investing his money, he made good improvements upon his farm, where he continued to reside until he took up his abode in the city. He has since purchased and sold several farms and has realized good profits from these transactions. He is now the owner of about six hundred and twenty-five acres, and he also owns some property in Springfield. He is a stockholder in the Citizens Bank of South Charleston and in the Citizens National Bank of Springfield, and is to-day accounted one of the substantial residents of this portion of the state.

Mr. Kitchen lacked only one day of being old enough to vote in the year 1852, but this day denied him the right of fran-

chise and it was therefore that he cast his first presidential ballot for Fremont in 1856, since which time he has been a stalwart Republican. For about eight years he served as justice of the peace in Green township, during which time he tried many cases, and of those appealed only one was ever reversed. He also served as township trustee, and in 1881 he was chosen county commissioner and was again elected, so that he filled the office for two consecutive terms. During his incumbency some of the largest buildings of the county were erected. The courthouse, which had been started, was completed and other public improvements made. Mr. Kitchen was reared in the faith of the Freewill Baptist church and yet adheres to it. He has served as church clerk for several years and is a member of Clark Lodge, No. 101, F. & A. M. His life history is familiar to many residents of the county, for within its borders he has always resided and there has been nothing in his history that he has desired to conceal, for his has been an upright, honorable character and he has ever been found loyal to truth, duty and the right.

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#### WILLIAM S. THOMAS.

Honored and respected by all, there is no man in Springfield who occupies a more enviable position than William S. Thomas in industrial and financial circles, not alone on account of the brilliant success he has achieved, but also on account of the honorable, straightforward business policy he has ever followed. He possesses energy, is quick of perception, forms his plans readily and is determined in their execution; and his close application to business and his ex-



WILLIAM S. THOMAS.



cellent management have brought to him the high degree of prosperity which is to-day his. It is true that he became interested in a business already established, but in controlling and enlarging such an enterprise many a man of even considerable resolute purpose, courage and industry would have failed; and he has demonstrated the truth of the saying that success is not the result of genius, but the outcome of a clear judgment and experience. He has also won distinguished honors in political circles and is recognized as one of the leaders of the Democratic party in Ohio.

William S. Thomas was born in Springfield April 22, 1857, at the old family homestead at that time located on the present site of the St. Raphael school. He is a son of the Hon. John H. Thomas, who is represented on another page of this work. In the public schools he began his education and afterward continued his studies in a private school conducted by Chandler Roberts, Sr. Thus he prepared for college and later he received some military instruction and training. At the age of fourteen years, in the fall of 1871, he matriculated in Wooster University and four years later was graduated with honors in that institution, being at that time and for many years thereafter the youngest graduate of that school.

When his literary education was completed, William S. Thomas became an active factor in the business world, joining his father in the industry of manufacturing agricultural implements. The father, associated with his two sons, organized the Thomas Manufacturing Company, and for many years the subject of this review has been its secretary and treasurer. From the beginning the business grew in volume and importance until it had assumed mammoth

proportions, its trade covering large sections of this country and of foreign lands as well. A large export business is carried on and the hay-rakes, tedders and loaders, also the disc and spring tooth harrows and grain drills manufactured by this company are sent to all parts of the civilized world. To-day the Thomas Manufacturing Company ranks among the most important business firms of Ohio and has been an integral factor in promoting the commercial activity and consequent prosperity of the city of Springfield. The plant is an extensive one, equipped with everything needed for the prosecution of the work, being supplied with the latest improved machinery, while a large number of workmen are constantly busy in the manufacture of the various implements which are sent out annually from this house. Mr. Thomas, of this review, has recently been elected president of the National Association of Agricultural Implements and Vehicle Manufacturers. In addition to his extensive industrial holdings he has farming interests, owning several hundred acres of rich farm lands in Clark county, having thus made judicious investments in realty.

On the 8th of December, 1887, was celebrated the marriage of William S. Thomas and Miss Fanny Senteny, of Louisville, Kentucky, the ceremony being performed by Dr. Ort, the president of Wittenberg College. Three children, two sons and a daughter, blessed this union, namely: John Henry, Wallace and Lucretia.

While Mr. Thomas has led a very busy, useful and active life, his extensive industrial interests making heavy demands upon his time and attention, he has yet found ample opportunity to co-operate in many measures for the general good, and is a well-known factor in church, social and political

circles. He is a member of the board of directors of the Mad River National Bank, a member of the board of trade, of the Commercial Club and the Economic League. He is thus associated with organizations which have for their object the promotion of business affairs along lines of broad usefulness. He holds membership in the First Presbyterian church and is the president of its board of trustees. For a number of years he served as a member of the board of directors of the Young Men's Christian Association and was largely instrumental in securing the funds for the Association building and contributed quite liberally to this cause. It is said that not a church has been erected in this community during the past twenty years that has not received substantial assistance from Mr. Thomas. He is a gentleman of broad humanitarian principles without narrow bias, and every movement which has for its object the betterment of mankind receives his hearty endorsement and co-operation. He has been a member of the board of trustees of the Wooster University for a number of years and the cause of education indeed finds in him a friend.

Mr. Thomas looks from a practical and patriotic standpoint at the political situation of the country and his close and earnest study of the questions of the day has led him to believe that Democracy embodies the best elements of good government. He has therefore allied his interests with the party and has been unswerving in his advocacy of its principles, although he is not bitterly partisan, nor has he been connected with any of the factions which cause such disturbances in the great political questions. In the city he has been called to public office and served for one term as a member of the school board, one term in the city council

board. While one of Springfield's aldermen and for two terms on the police and fire he acted as president of the council and so directed his influence and aid as to materially benefit the municipality. He has been a delegate to nearly all of the Democratic state conventions in recent years and has continuously been a member of the state central committee since 1895. He was twice elected chairman of that committee and was a delegate at large from Ohio to the national Democratic convention at Kansas City. From the time he attained his majority he took a deep and earnest interest in political questions and even before he had attained the right of franchise his Democratic friends in the Sixth ward had determined to make him the nominee for the city council in the spring following his twenty-first birthday. He is an untiring worker, yet he has never been allied with any of the factions which so often undermine the strength of a party and which arise merely from personal preference for a known candidate or from opposition to any particular section of the platform. It is a well known fact that in several state conventions he has worked in opposition to probably the strongest Democratic faction in the state, and yet to-day in this very faction he numbers many of his warmest personal friends. He is a conservative Democrat, yet he has always been found in line with his party in state and national issues, including the memorable campaign of 1896. At local elections, where no particular issue is involved, he does not consider himself bound by party ties, regarding more than party affiliations the capability of the candidate to discharge the business affairs of town or county. He was the president and a most active worker in the celebrated Jefferson Club that from the year 1880 un-

til 1890 was a potent element in Democratic forces in the city, county and district. It gave annual banquets which were attended by many of the leading Democrats of the state and nation. He is a man of such known patriotism and such unswerving loyalty to the principles in which he believes, that he has commanded the respect and confidence of not only the men of his own party, but of the opposition as well. His course has ever been above suspicion, for the good of the nation he places above partisanship and the welfare of his constituents before personal aggrandizement. He commands the respect of the leaders of his party throughout Ohio, but at home—in the city of his adoption—where he is best known, he inspires personal friendships of unusual strength and all who know him have the highest admiration for his good qualities of heart and mind.

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#### DARIUS A. SPRAGUE.

Darius A. Sprague is the proprietor of Maple Leaf farm of South Charleston and is one of the most noted horse raisers and dealers in this portion of the state. He has done much to improve the grade of horses raised in this section of Ohio, and his efforts have been of benefit to his fellow men, for by improving the grade of stock prices are advanced and all of the agricultural community are thereby benefited. Mr. Sprague is a native of Harmony township, Clark county, born January 31, 1849, and is a son of Darius and Sarah (Rice) Sprague. His boyhood days were spent upon his father's farm in his native township, and he acquired a good common school education, continuing at home until twenty-two years

of age. After attaining his majority he worked for his father by the month for a year.

On his twenty-second birthday Mr. Sprague was united in marriage to Miss Phebe E. Thorpe, a daughter of Robert and Mary (Homer) Thorpe. Mr. Sprague's father was a well-to-do farmer and of him our subject rented a tract of land. He had one horse and his wife's uncle gave them another, so that he had a team with which to break his land. He also traded his saddle and bridle to his father for a new plow and with characteristic energy he began the cultivation of his fields. For three years he rented his father's land, giving him half of all that was raised for several years. Afterward he rented at a cash rental and in this way he gained a start, acquiring sufficient capital to enable him to purchase eighty acres of land from his father. When that tract was about paid for he bought another eighty-acre tract, making his home thereon for thirteen years. On the expiration of that period he rented his property and bought where he now lives, near South Charleston, at first becoming the owner of thirty-one acres. As his financial resources increased he extended the boundaries of his farm until it comprised one hundred and twenty acres, but he has since sold forty acres, now retaining possession of eighty acres. When he disposed of his other property in this county he accepted residence property in Springfield, worth ten thousand dollars, as part payment, and this he still owns.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Sprague has been blessed with four children: Eva Blanche, after graduating from the South Charleston high school, attended college at Fairfax Hall, West Virginia, and for several years was a successful teacher in the

public schools. On the 12th of June, 1901, she married Roy Warner, and they now live in Kansas City, Missouri. Nellie Pearle, now at home, was also graduated from the South Charleston high school and later was a student at Oxford College, Oxford, Ohio. Zella Naomi also completed the high school course and attended Oxford College, and is now a successful teacher in the schools of South Charleston. Flossie Hazel, the youngest of the family, has just entered high school.

In his boyhood Mr. Sprague was always very fond of horses and began to trade in them to some extent, although his first venture in fine stock was in pure bred Berkshire swine. For many years he bred and raised fine hogs and was a prominent exhibitor at the fairs of Clark and adjoining counties with his herd of Berkshires. He then went back to his first love—the horse—and about 1894 he invested in trotting stock. In that year he purchased Bessie Bonehill, a two-year old, for which he paid two hundred and twenty-five dollars. This was the first horse he ever trained. He bred her, raising a colt in 1895. In 1896 she made a record of 2:10<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> at Chillicothe. She next won a race at Columbus in three straight heats, and the following year he put her in the hands of John Dickerson, of Terre Haute, Indiana. She won several races, and in Terre Haute made the world's record for pacing mares in 1897—2:05<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>. Mr. Sprague sold this horse in Chicago for fifteen hundred dollars. She was afterward sold to Fred Deitz, of New York. Mr. Sprague next bought Alatus, a stallion by Aleyone, with a record of 2:27, sired by George Wilkes. Alatus had a record of 2:25<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>, which was the next year reduced to 2:24<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, and the following year to 2:17<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>. This

horse is still owned by Mr. Sprague and has proved a wonderful successful sire, already having six performers, one with a record of 2:09<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>. In 1895 he became the owner of Banner Belle, which he bought at Lexington, Kentucky, with a lot of brood mares, including a two-year-old, which made a record of 2:30 and was sold in 1900. One of his mares, which cost him one hundred and fifty dollars, developed until she had a record of 2:28. She was sold in Chicago in 1897 for six hundred dollars. He next bought Axius, 28396, by Axtell, the world's champion, with a three-year-old record of 2:12, and is the leading sire of the world of his age. Axius is one of the finest bred horses ever brought to Ohio. His dam, with a record of 2:28, was sired by a full brother of Maud S., 2:08<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>. His second dam has a record of 2:26<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, was sired by a son of Hambletonian 10, and his third dam was the great Green Mountain Maid, the dam of nine performers, and also the dam of Electioneer. Individually Axius is a perfect type of the American trotter, standing sixteen hands and weighing twelve hundred pounds. While not used for track purposes he has shown 2:08 speed. Mr. Sprague bred and now has Colonel Coit, 34411, by Alatus, out of the great Arab Girl, dam of Bessie Bonehill. He is now a four-year-old, with a pacing record of 2:24<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>. Arab Girl now has twin fillies, foaled April 18, 1902, by Axius. Mr. Sprague also owns a three-year-old stallion, Tanforan, 32814, a trotter, by Expedition, 2:15<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, out of Tanta Buona, 2:20<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>. His draft stallion, Papillion 10180 (18206), weighing seventeen hundred pounds, is coal black and has mane four and one-half feet long. Mr. Sprague built his track, training and breeding barn in 1896, and in that year called his



place the Maple Leaf farm, under which name it has gained a wide reputation and is already credited with ten performers and many promising prospects. He is one of the leading stock breeders of this portion of Ohio.

In his political affiliations Mr. Sprague is a Prohibitionist. He was reared in the Democratic party, but has never affiliated with that organization. In 1900 he cast his ballot for Major McKinley, the Republican candidate. He is a man of most temperate habits and never uses intoxicants or tobacco in any way. He belongs to the Baptist church and his life is in harmony with Christian principles. In business dealings he is always honorable and straightforward and in all life's relations is true to duty, so that he has won the confidence of his fellow men. While not an aspirant for public office he has been deeply interested in educational and local affairs. He served as a member of the board of education of South Charleston for a number of years, holding the office of treasurer and president of the board. He was also a member of the town council for several years.

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JONATHAN MASON.

Jonathan Mason is a farmer and stock raiser of Green township. He was born in this township December 10, 1826, and is a son of James and Electa (Town) Mason. The mother was a native of Vermont and when a child came to Ohio with her parents, but it is not known when the father arrived in this county. He died when his son Jonathan was very young, and at the early age of twelve years the subject of

this review began earning his own livelihood, working as a farm hand at that time. He has depended entirely upon his own resources for a living and he has come off conqueror in the world of business. His educational privileges were necessarily limited, but reading and experience in later years have continually broadened his knowledge. For a few years he worked for the meager sum of five dollars per month and he had but little saved when he attained his majority. He continued to be employed by the month until about twenty-five years of age, when he was married, the lady of his choice being Miss Malinda Craig. They became the parents of three children: Enmaranda, now the wife of James Evans, a resident of Morton county, Kansas, by whom she has eight children; Oscar, who married Elizabeth Galloway, of Noble county, Indiana, and has two children, Marjorie and Walter Scott; and George, who married Edith Dugan and is the youngest of the family.

At the time of his marriage Mr. Mason located upon rented land and after renting farms for a number of years he finally purchased thirty acres of land, upon which Fred Wilson is now living. He never took up his abode upon that property, but selling it at an advance he purchased fifty-six acres where he now lives in Green township. To this he has since added until he has a good farm here of seventy-three acres, and he also owns forty acres where his son Oscar is now living. Throughout his entire life he has carried on agricultural pursuits and his home farm is under a high state of cultivation and equipped with all accessories to a model country property.

In 1863 Mr. Mason was called upon to mourn the loss of his first wife, who died on

the 22d of March. Later he wedded Mrs. Hannah McKinney, *nee* Skillings, and she died on the 17th of August, 1901. Mr. Mason was reared in the faith of the Whig party and voted for Taylor in 1848. When the new Republican party sprang into existence he cast his ballot for its first presidential candidate, John C. Fremont, and has since been a staunch Republican, but never an office seeker. He is a member of the Free Will Baptist church, belonging to the congregation of the Ridge. With this he has been identified since a young man, his entire life being in harmony with his Christian belief and principles.

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#### JAMES W. HALL.

The Emerald Isle has sent many representatives to this country who have become prominent in public and business life. They have an adaptability and prescience of business opportunities and unflinching enterprise which in a large majority of cases win success. Such was the history of James W. Hall, who for eighteen years followed contracting and building and in the line of his chosen pursuit gained a good income. He was, moreover, a man whose personal characteristics made him popular with all with whom he came in contact and at his death he left behind him a large circle of warm friends, as well as his immediate family, to mourn his loss.

Mr. Hall was born in County Monaghan, Ireland, on the 22d of May, 1835, and was fifteen years of age when he came to the new world, making the voyage with relatives who had formerly lived in America and had returned to Ireland on a visit. For

a short time he remained in New York city and then came to Ohio, locating in Xenia, which was his place of residence for twelve years. He had attended school in his native land and also continued his studies after emigrating to America. He there acquired a good practical English education, and reading, experience and observation also added to his knowledge as the years passed by.

Under the direction of Tobias Dreese, of Xenia, Mr. Hall learned the carpenter's trade, becoming a good workman, and for three years after his marriage he carried on business in Xenia as a contractor and builder, but on the 8th of November, 1864, he removed to Springfield, where he continued in the same line with good success until 1880, when he began dealing in builders' supplies on Main street and was engaged in that business up to the time of his death. Many important contracts were awarded him and a number of fine buildings of the city stand as monuments to his thrift and enterprise. He met with success in his undertakings and made judicious investments in real estate, becoming the owner of considerable property here. He was also one of the original stockholders of the Lagonda Bank. All that he possessed was acquired through his own efforts, for from the time he was fifteen years of age he was dependent upon his own resources for a livelihood, and his energies and labors brought to him richly merited success.

November 15, 1860, in Springfield, Mr. Hall was married by Rev. Chandler Robbins to Miss Jane A. Johnson, who was born in County Tyrone, Ireland, February 10, 1839, a daughter of George and Sarah (Taggart) Johnson. Her parents were also natives of the Emerald Isle, the father born in County Tyrone, and the mother in County Mon-

aghan. The year 1849 witnessed their emigration to America, and after a voyage of eight weeks and two days, in which they encountered some severe storms, they landed at Quebec, Canada, where they remained for a short time. There were also two brothers of Mrs. Hall in the party: William, who now resides in Springfield; and Robert T., who makes his home in Dayton, Ohio. Mr. Johnson, on leaving the Dominion of Canada, made his way to Berea, Ohio, twelve miles west of Cleveland, and there remained until 1850, when he came to Springfield. Here he spent his remaining days, passing away on the 25th of April, 1900, at the very advanced age of eighty-nine years and nine months. His wife had previously passed away, having been called to the home beyond in May, 1891, when eighty-five years of age. Both were Episcopalians in religious faith and were earnest Christian people. They were laid to rest in Ferncliff cemetery. The father was a contractor for work on streets and railroads of the city and county and aided in building several of the principal streets of Springfield.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Hall were born four children: Sarah A., born September 19, 1861, was married on the 15th of November, 1883, to John Tyler Ricks, and they have one daughter, Sarah Elizabeth. William George, born December 24, 1864, married Charlotte Ohmer, of Dayton, Ohio, and now resides in Camden, this state. Oliver James, born January 17, 1868, is at home. Jane Florence, born March 29, 1876, is also at home. For thirty-six years the family residence has been at No. 151 South Limestone street.

Mr. Hall was a Free Mason and attained the Knights Templar degree in that order. At an early day he was identified with the

Odd Fellows society and afterward became a member of the Knights of Pythias fraternity. His political support was given to the Democracy and he had firm faith in its principles. For some years he served as a member of the city council, representing the old third ward with credit to himself and satisfaction to his constituents. Both he and his wife were reared in the Episcopalian faith and were members of that church in early life, but they joined the Presbyterian church in Xenia and continued thereafter followers of that denomination. Mr. Hall was for a long period a trustee of the Second Presbyterian church; of Springfield. He died July 7, 1882, and was laid to rest in Ferncliff cemetery, the funeral services being conducted by Rev. William H. Webb and the Knights Templars. He was a charitable man, who aided many worthy and benevolent institutions, both of a public and private character, and in manner he was pleasant, genial and ever approachable. Steadily pursuing his way, undeterred by the obstacles and difficulties which one always encounters in a business career, he has achieved prosperity. His life was manly, his actions sincere, his manner unaffected and his example well worthy of emulation.

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CHARLES H. MERRITT.

Clark county is happy to number among its representative farmers and stock-raisers Charles H. Merritt, a resident of Madison township, having his postoffice address at Springfield, Ohio. Mr. Merritt was born in Springfield township October 11, 1848, and is a son of Edward and Mary (Mullen)

Merritt. The father, who is still living, is now about eighty years of age, while the mother who was born in 1815, passed away in 1885.

Our subject spent the days of his boyhood upon the farm where he was born, attending the schools of the district and receiving a good common-school education. He remained upon the old homestead with his parents until twenty years of age, when he accompanied them on their removal to a farm near South Charleston in 1867. His common-school education was supplemented by one year at Taylor's Scientific and Classical Academy, at Wilmington, Delaware. He had taught one year previous to entering the academy, and after completing the course there he taught for two years more.

In Madison township, January 20, 1886, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Merritt and Miss Alice Buffenbarger, who was born and reared in Madison township, on the banks of the Little Miami river, and a daughter of Peter and Elizabeth (Kizer) Buffenbarger. After his marriage he removed to his present farm. Here he proceeded to put the land under a desirable state of cultivation, and has three hundred acres of land, which is a very valuable and highly productive tract. He has been quite extensively engaged in stock-raising and his well tilled fields have yielded to him a gratifying source of income until he is to-day one of the well-to-do farmers of this part of the country. In 1860 he built a fine brick residence, of modern architecture, a comfortable and attractive home, well arranged for convenience and equipped with all the accessories which are necessary to the comfort and convenience of an American family of the twentieth century.

Until Mr. and Mrs. Merritt have been

born five children: Beulah E., born in November, 1886; Thomas Edward in 1888; Esther Alice, born in 1889; Mary Elizabeth, born in 1891; and Charles H., born in 1893. In politics Mr. Merritt is independent, voting for the men and measures that he thinks will conserve the public welfare. He has a birthright membership in the Society of Friends, of which his wife is now also a member.

Mr. Merritt has witnessed much of the growth and development of his native county and has been no unimportant factor in the work of improvement and advancement which has here taken place in the last half century. The county owes its prosperity to the energetic efforts, the diligence and perseverance through difficulties of representative citizens of the calibre of Charles H. Merritt.



#### CHARLES O. WILDASIN, M. D.

Dr. Wildasin has not only attained distinction as a skilled representative of the medical profession, but is also one of the most prominent representatives of fraternal life in Ohio, having been the promoter of many organizations which have for their object the inculcation of the spirit of brotherly helpfulness, charity and kindness. He was born in Mad River township, Clark county, Ohio, October 8, 1859, and comes of German and Scotch ancestry on the paternal side, while on the maternal side he is of Holland lineage. In the grandfather's family were six children: Henry, Charles, Polk, Elizabeth, John and Lee, all of whom are yet living. Of this number Polk and John were soldiers of the Civil war in the Union army and Henry attempted to enlist



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but was rejected on account of his health. Henry F. Wildasin, the father of our subject, is also a physician, now engaged in practice in Plattsburg, but was the only member of the family who entered a professional life, the others following mercantile or agricultural pursuits. Dr. H. F. Wildasin was born near Bowlusville, Ohio, and was graduated in the Eclectic Medical Institute of Cincinnati in 1872. He also studied under Dr. Potter, and at the end of his graduation he was one of only three eclectic physicians in Clark county. In early life he followed farming, carpentering and wagon making, possessing much natural mechanical ability, but he determined to become a member of the medical profession and has had excellent success in treating diseases. He is now sixty-five years old and is a man of wonderful vitality. His political support is given the Democracy and he belongs to the Christian church. After arriving at years of maturity he wedded Mary Kaler, who was born in December, 1837, being only about two months her husband's junior, for the Doctor's birth occurred in October of that year. They became the parents of ten children, of whom four are yet living: Charles O., whose name introduces this record; George, a resident of Plattsburg; E. Homer, of Bellefontaine, Ohio; and Pearl, who is a graduate of the high school of Springfield, and is now a public school teacher.

Dr. Charles O. Wildasin pursued his education in the public schools of Clark county, after which he took a selected course in Antioch College and then entered the Eclectic Medical College at Cincinnati, where he was graduated in 1884. He had previously become connected with commercial interests but abandoned that line in order

to follow in his father's professional footsteps. He practiced in Dayton, Ohio, for a time and afterward in Plattsburg, largely succeeding his father, but in January, 1888, he sought a broader field of labor, coming to Springfield, where he has since built up a large and growing practice. In all of his affairs he has been very successful. He is deeply interested in any subject which tends to bring to mankind the key of that intricate problem which we call life, and he has carried his research and investigation far and wide in order to make his efforts of the greatest practical value in the healing art.

The Doctor was married in Plattsburg in March, 1881, to Miss Sallie E. Loukes, a daughter of William Loukes, an old butcher of Springfield, now deceased. Her mother, Mrs. Harriet Loukes, is a resident of Plattsburg. Unto the Doctor and his wife have been born two children: Myrtle, who was born in 1883, and is a graduate of the public school of Springfield, and now a member of the sophomore class in Wittenberg College; and Fred, who was born in 1886.

The Doctor is a member of the State Eclectic Medical Association, and aside from his profession he has some business interests, being a stockholder in the Oaxaca Association, of Chicago, owning rubber and coffee plantations in Mexico. He has been very prominent in fraternal circles, taking an active part in lodge work. He belongs to Ingomar Lodge, No. 610, K. P., has served as a representative to the grand lodge of the state and is a candidate for grand outer guard. He belongs to Comman Six of the Uniformed Rank of the Knights of Pythias, is past assistant surgeon of the Fourth Regiment of the Uniformed Rank and has the rank of captain.

He likewise belongs to Al Yembo Temple, No. 112, D. O. K. K. He is medical examiner and a member of the Independent Order of Foresters and of the Protected Home Circle. He became identified with the Knights of Pythias society in Miami lodge during his residence in the town of Dayton in 1882, and held the office of district deputy grand chancellor for two terms. He has also given his attention to the promotion of the interests of the order and has organized three lodges—Vienna Crossroads, Clifton lodge and Ingomar lodge, being a member of the last named. He is a representative of the State Lodge, a captain of the degree staff and is physician and surgeon to the Pythian Home of the city, serving without remuneration. He is also a member of the Springfield Commercial Club. In politics he is a Democrat, and he and his family are members of the Presbyterian church. In his life Dr. Wildasin exemplifies the benevolent and helpful spirit of the fraternities with which he is connected, and his genuine worth and his social qualities, as well as his professional skill, have made him a popular and respected, as well as highly honored citizen of Springfield.

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#### PROFESSOR FRED W. WILLISS.

Business conditions of the past half a century have become so complicated and so extensive that there has been a demand for superior skill in the control of all business affairs. In order to meet this demand schools of business training have sprung up throughout the country and one of the most creditable of these institutions is the Williss Business University, of which our sub-

ject was the founder and is now the principal. In educational circles he has performed an important work, training young men and young women for the practical and responsible duties of life, and the university is upon a par with the best schools of the kind throughout the entire land.

Professor Williss was born in Madison township, Clark county, Ohio, June 18, 1858. He pursued his early education in the district schools and was reared to manhood upon his grandfather's farm. At the age of sixteen he became a student in South Charleston, Ohio, and was graduated there. He afterward began reading medicine with a local physician and proceeded as far as therapeutics, but did not complete his preparation for the medical profession. Coming to Springfield he then entered the law office of Keifer & White, and after a thorough and comprehensive course of reading he was admitted to the bar in 1880. At that time he entered the office of S. A. Bowman as an assistant, but in 1882 returned to the office of his former preceptors, with whom he continued until 1890. During this time Professor Williss organized the school of which he is now the head, beginning on a small scale and employing teachers to conduct the institution, which was established in 1881 as a school of shorthand and type-writing. When he came to this city he was the only one who earned a living through stenography in Springfield. He had completed its study under the direction of Benn Gaines, a nephew of Mr. Keifer. Many wanted to learn the art and prevailed upon Professor Williss to open a school, which he did. He served as private secretary to General Keifer and also to the latter's brother-in-law, Judge William White, and through these associations he became known



throughout the east. For twelve years he served as court stenographer in the common pleas court. He opened a school on a very small scale and it was advertised by his pupils and thus gradually grew. It was his pupils who gave the name of Williss Business University to the institution. So rapidly did the school gain in numerical strength that in 1890 Professor Williss was obliged to abandon his law work in order to give his entire time to the institution. A complete university course has been added, the branches of learning being under the charge of special teachers. There is also a complete business course and since 1900 there has been an advisory board connected with the school, composed of J. H. Rabbits, General Keifer and J. L. Zimmerman. From the beginning the school has met with desirable success and substantial growth. It is the oldest institution of the kind in Springfield and teachers are employed for all branches, with Professor Williss as superintendent of instruction. The school has been a financial success and its high rank is everywhere acknowledged. Since the erection of the Zimmerman building the Williss Business University has been located therein and our subject superintended the arrangement of the floor for his own use. On the walls of the school-room is a freehand pen drawing of the national capitol at Washington, D. C. This is eight by ten feet, being the largest picture of the kind in the country. The artist was Albert Reddy, who has pursued a course in the pen art in the Williss Business University. The Hammond Typewriter Company gives as prizes in this school, every six months, a one hundred dollar machine to the best operator who has studied here. Such a gift is not made to any other insti-

tution. The school has the hearty support of the intelligent citizens of Springfield and also of its numerous pupils.

In 1881, in South Charleston, Clark county, was celebrated the marriage of Professor F. W. Williss to Miss Mattie H. Sands, who was born in Illinois, but was reared in Clark county, Ohio, from her infancy, her father being Israel Sands, now a resident of Winfield, Kansas. Mrs. Williss is a graduate of the public schools of South Charleston, and by her marriage she has become the mother of six children, but Fred W., the fifth in order of birth, died in early childhood. The others are: Carl L., born in 1883; Frank S., born in 1885; Warren K., born in 1887; Grace, born in 1889; and Leroy M., born in 1900. The four eldest compose the Williss quartette and are all graduates from the school of music, while Carl has had further advantages along musical lines in Cincinnati, Dayton and Cleveland, Ohio. They figure prominently in musical circles in the city, Carl being a violinist, while Frank plays the 'cello, Warren the cornet, and Grace the piano. The sons are now in the school with their father, and Grace is a student in the public schools.

Professor Williss and his wife belong to St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal church and he is a member of the Ohio Commercial Teachers' Association, State Stenographers' Association and the International Stenographers' Association. In both he has certificates of the highest grade. He has been a representative to the conventions of these associations, is now a delegate to the national convention and is authority on many subjects. Professor Williss owes his advancement entirely to his own efforts and has worked his way through school, pursued a legal course, as the result of his de-

termination and business ability and has eventually established an institution of learning, which is of the greatest benefit to the community as well as a source of remunerative income to himself. His reading has been of a broad and comprehensive character and he is widely known as a man of strong intelligence, of keen discernment and of broad human sympathy. His life work has had an important bearing upon the intellectual development of this section of Ohio, and no history of Clark county would be complete without mention of Professor Williss, whose efforts have aided in establishing the business career of so many of the young people of Springfield and surrounding districts.

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#### JASPER B. CRAIG.

So great has been the improvement, so rapid the changes, so complete the transformation wrought in Clark county, that it is almost difficult to believe that during the boyhood days of Jasper B. Craig pioneer conditions yet existed to a considerable extent, but the efforts of a progressive and enlightened people have been such as to make Clark county a leading agricultural and industrial section of Ohio. Mr. Craig was for many years identified with farm work, but is now living retired.

He was born in Springfield township near his home on the 15th of October, 1833. His parents, Robert and Fannie (Barnett) Craig were both natives of Brattleboro, Vermont, and with their respective parents came to Ohio in childhood, their marriage being probably celebrated in Clark county. The father was an agriculturist and owned

the farm upon which our subject was born, having there two hundred and forty acres, which he cultivated successfully until his death, which occurred in 1850, when he was about fifty years of age. His widow survived him about twenty years, and then she, too, departed this life. They were the parents of nine children, of whom Jasper B. was the fourth in order of birth. Only three of the number are now living. John, the eldest, is a resident of northern Indiana, while Margaret is the widow of John Coulters, and lives in Indianapolis, Indiana. The father strongly endorsed the Whig party, but was never a politician in the sense of office seeking.

On the home farm Jasper B. Craig spent the days of his childhood and youth, enjoying the pleasures in which boys of the period usually indulged, mastering the lessons assigned in the district schools and working in the fields during the summer months. He remained with his father until the latter's death, and with his mother, until 1856, when he made an overland trip to California, being attracted by the discovery of gold on the Pacific slope. He traveled with a party and was five and a half months upon the way. After reaching the Golden state he engaged in teaming in the northern part of California, making his home at Sacramento for a few years, after which he went to Carson City, Nevada, spending altogether fourteen years in the far west, during which time he was engaged in various enterprises. In 1870 he returned to Ohio and with the capital acquired during his western sojourn, he purchased land in Green township, which he owned for about twelve years.

Mr. Craig was married in Harmony township on Christmas day of 1872 to Miss Rachel Hawkins, who was born in that

township and is a daughter of John and Jane (Pinneo) Hawkins. Their only child died in infancy. In the year 1885 Mr. Craig purchased his present farm in Harmony township, on which he has since lived. He has a quarter section of land, on which are excellent improvements, including an attractive residence, substantial outbuildings and modern accessories, which indicate his careful supervision. He is now practically living retired, leaving the care of his land to others, while he is enjoying a richly merited rest. In politics he is a Republican. He attained his majority in 1856, but could not vote that year because of his removal to California, and therefore he cast his first ballot in 1860 for Abraham Lincoln. In early life he became a member of Springfield Lodge, No. 101, F. & A. M., but has not been actively identified with the order since his residence in Carson City. His life has been quietly passed, in a measure, yet there is much in his history that is worthy of emulation because he has always been found true to his duties of citizenship and straightforward in his relations with his fellow men.

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#### JAMES JOHNSON, Jr.

The name of this gentleman figures prominently in the legal profession and in political circles of Springfield. Fortune does not bestow its favors promiscuously, but gives its benefits as a reward of earnest and persistent labor. In a profession where advancement depends entirely upon individual merit, James Johnson has attained distinction, being to-day classed as one of the leading attorneys of the city of his birth—Springfield, Ohio. His natal

day was December 3, 1856, and his father, James Johnson, Sr., was a native of Ireland, whence he came to the United States when a mere boy with his parents, who settled on a farm in Clark county.

In this city the subject of this review acquired his primary education and after attending public and private schools here, he entered Wittenberg College, in which institution he was graduated with the class of 1877. The legal profession attracted him and he resolved that his energies should be directed along the line of maintaining justice at the bar. He read law with the firm of Bowman, Pringle & Scott, and was admitted to the bar in April, 1880, before the supreme court at Columbus, Ohio. Immediately afterward he entered upon the prosecution of his chosen profession in Springfield and became a partner of his former preceptor, Thomas J. Pringle, under the firm name of Pringle & Johnson. This became one of the strongest law firms in this city, maintaining a consecutive existence of seventeen years, at the end of which time it was dissolved by mutual consent. Mr. Johnson has since been alone in practice. He has had a distinctively representative clientage, connecting him with much of the most important litigation tried in the courts of this locality. He is a strong in argument, logical in his deductions, and in the presentation of a case displays a thorough mastery of the subject and of the law bearing upon it.

In 1888 Mr. Johnson was married to Miss Blanche Obenshane, of White county, Indiana, a daughter of M. L. and Margaret (Armour) Obenshane. Three children graced this union: Martha, James Line and Porter B. James Line died when three years old.

Mr. Johnson has long been recognized as a leader in Democratic circles in Springfield, and his devotion to party arises from a firm belief in its principles and from a patriotic loyalty to his country and its welfare. He has not been a politician in the sense of office seeking, although he has been honored with political preferences. In 1889 he received his party's nomination for circuit judge in the second circuit of Ohio, and succeeded in reducing the majority to six hundred votes in a district which has always given a Republican majority of over four thousand. He carried his own county by nine hundred and fifty. At the biennial election for mayor, in 1893, our subject was chosen the chief executive of the city for a term of two years, and during his administration many of the substantial improvements of the city were made. One especially worthy of note was the gift of a tract of land of two hundred and sixty acres, which was donated by the late John D. L. Snyder as a park, and the securing of two hundred thousand dollars as an endowment for the maintenance of the park. The citizens of Springfield have every reason to be proud this beautiful park. The Snyders were relatives of Mr. Johnson—his mother's cousins. In 1897 he was elected president of the board of trade, and his efforts have been of signal usefulness to Springfield. Mr. Johnson was appointed by the common pleas court as advisory trustee of the endowment fund of two hundred thousand dollars for Snyder Park, and he is honored in the fact that in 1901 he was elected president of the Clark County Bar Association and re-elected in 1902, and as its chief officer he has won honor and respect. Fraternally he is connected with Anthony Lodge, No. 455, F. & A. M. His is a well

rounded character, in which he gives due attention to the social side of life, to his obligations of citizenship, to his home duties and to his business. The zeal with which he has devoted his attention to his profession, the careful regard evinced for the interests of his clients, and an assiduous and unrelaxing attention to all the details of his cases, have brought him a large business and made him very successful in its conduct. His arguments have elicited warm commendation, not only from his associates at the bar, but also from the bench. He is a very able writer; his briefs always show wide research, careful thought, and the best and strongest reasons which can be urged for his contention, presented in logical and cogent form, and illustrated by a style unusually lucid and clear.

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#### H. A. COSLER, M. D.

Dr. H. A. Cosler, a practicing physician and surgeon of the regular school of medicine, located at North Hampton, was born near Yellow Springs, Greene county, Ohio, May 4, 1873. He is a son of Abram B. and Susan V. (Stutsman) Cosler. The father was born on a farm near Alpha, Ohio, and there spent the days of his youth. In 1863 he responded to his country's call for aid in preserving the Union, enlisting as one of the boys in blue of Company D, One Hundred and Fifty-fourth Ohio Infantry, for one hundred days' service. He went to the front with the rank of sergeant, and while in Virginia he was captured, being held as a prisoner of war for six months in Salisbury. On the expiration of that period he was released and returned home, but he

never regained his health, his constitution having been undermined by the hardships of prison life. On the 26th of November, 1868, he was united in marriage, near Yellow Springs, to Miss Susan V. Stutsman, and they became the parents of two children. Samuel S., who wedded Mary McKnight, of Spring Valley, Ohio, was for one year an assistant in Nelson's Business College, of which he was a graduate. Later he removed to Xenia, where he was employed as an accountant in the Xenia National Bank for a time and subsequently was appointed deputy treasurer of Greene county, in which capacity he was serving at the time of his death, which occurred on the 19th of August, 1897. The father died March 8, 1873, a few weeks before the birth of our subject.

When the Doctor was three years old the mother removed with her two sons to Yellow Springs, and there he was educated, being graduated from the high school with the class of 1889, when only sixteen years of age. He afterward spent one year in Antioch College, and then engaged in clerking in a store for one year. Subsequently he secured a position as a school teacher in Byron, Ohio, where he remained for a year, when he removed to Delaware, this state, and entered the Ohio Wesleyan University. While pursuing his studies there he also acted as tutor in mathematics in the college, thus helping to pay his way through the institution. He was graduated there in the class of 1897.

At the outbreak of the Spanish-American war, in the spring of the following year, he enlisted for service as a member of Company K, Fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was made a sergeant. He was sent to camp at Columbus, and thence to Chicka-

mauga, and sailed from Newport News to Porto Rico, where he remained from the 1st of August until the 6th of November, 1898, during which time he participated in three engagements, those of Guyama, Cayey Heights and a skirmish at Aibonito Pass. He has several valuable souvenirs of the campaign. While upon the march he sprained his knee and has never recovered from the accident.

After his return to his native country Dr. Cosler received an honorable discharge and then entered the Ohio Medical University, of Columbus, Ohio, from which he was graduated with the class of 1902. He at once went to West Carrollton, and in June of the same year he came to North Hampton, where he opened an office. Although he has been here but a brief period he is well established in his profession, and is recognized by the public and by the members of the medical fraternity as a young man of good ability in the line of his chosen work. When he was graduated at Ohio Wesleyan University the degree of Bachelor of Science was conferred upon him, and in 1902 his Alma Mater conferred upon him the degree of Master of Arts. While studying medicine in Columbus he was appointed to the office of secretary of the Children's Home Society. He has made his own way through college, thus proving the strength of his character, his self-reliance and his genuine worth. While in the military service he acted as clerical sergeant for two months under Brigadier General Compton.

The Doctor is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Fraternally he is connected with Humboldt Lodge, No. 476, F. & A. M., of Columbus, the Knights of the Golden Eagle and the Junior Order of American Mechanics, of North Hampton, and he

also belongs to the Sigma-Chi fraternity, which he joined at Delaware, Ohio. He is a young man of strong mentality, imbued with the spirit of advancement so characteristic of the times, and his laudable ambition and unflinching enterprise will doubtless win for him a very creditable position in the ranks of the medical fraternity.

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HON. WILLIAM R. BURNETT.

A list of the leading citizens of Clark county contains the name of William Riley Burnett, one of the representative and honored residents of Springfield. He is one to whom has been entrusted important public service and over whose record there falls no shadow of wrong or suspicion of evil. His unbending integrity of character, his fearlessness in the discharge of his duties, and his appreciation of the responsibilities that have rested upon him, have been such as to make him a most acceptable incumbent in office, and his worth is and has been widely acknowledged. He is now serving as a member of the board of public affairs in Springfield and is a recognized leader in Democratic circles.

Mr. Burnett is a native of Clark county, having been born on a farm west of Springfield, August 17, 1846. His father, John Burnett, was born also near Springfield in 1824 and was a son of Richard Burnett, one of the honored pioneer settlers of Clark county. The grandfather married a Miss Nolan, who was a native of Kentucky, and among their children was John Burnett. The latter became a millwright by trade and followed that business for a number of years. When he had arrived at years of maturity

he wedded Mary Jones, who was born in Randolph county, Virginia, in 1826, a daughter of Wesley Jones, who was a native of Virginia and a ship carpenter by trade. The father of our subject is now deceased, but the mother is living in Springfield.

William R. Burnett entered the public schools at the usual age and therein pursued his studies until his fourteenth year, when he started out to make his own way in the world by obtaining a position in the shop of Whiteley, Fassler & Kelly, where he learned the machinist's trade, and continued in their employ as a machinist for twenty-one years, with the exception of the time spent in the army. In 1863, when a youth of seventeen, he responded to his country's call for aid to crush out the rebellion, and enlisted in Company A, Fourth Battalion Independent Ohio Cavalry. After being mustered in he was ordered to Kentucky, where for a time he was in the dangerous service of scouting and hunting bushwhackers. He served faithfully until the close of the war, receiving an honorable discharge in 1865.

Mr. Burnett then returned to Clark county and after visiting his parents for a time he resumed work in the shop of Whiteley, Fassler & Kelly. On leaving their employ he embarked in the grocery business on East Main street, Springfield, and there conducted a store for ten years with signal success. In October, 1865, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Burnett and Miss Mary C. Monahan, of Springfield, a daughter of John Monahan, and two children have been born to them: Theodore A., a veterinary surgeon, graduate of the American Veterinary College, New York; and Levi Herr. The latter is now a rising attorney of Pitts-



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burg, Pennsylvania, and assistant attorney for the United States Steel Trust.

For four years Mr. Burnett was a member of the school board and for two years was a member of the city council, representing the first ward. Since that time he has been almost continuously in public office. In 1889 he was elected mayor of the city and his administration was so practical, progressive and business-like that he was re-elected in 1891, continuing as the chief executive officer of the city for four years. During that time many improvements were made in the streets and the city building was erected in 1895, a structure of which his fellow townsmen have every reason to be proud. He was the first mayor to occupy the new building and on the expiration of his term of service in that office was appointed a member of the police and fire board by Mayor John M. Good, and was afterward appointed by Mayor Bowlus, a member of the board of public affairs. His next appointment came from Mayor M. L. Milligan and was a tribute to his personal ability and official worth because Mr. Milligan, a strong Republican, recognized the fitness of Mr. Burnett, a Democrat, for the office. As a member of the board Mr. Burnett has been most faithful, prompt and energetic in the discharge of his duties, and his official career is indeed commendable.

Socially he is a member of Clark Lodge, No. 101, F. & A. M., and also belongs to Red Star Lodge, No. 205, K. P., and to Company No. 44, of the Uniformed Rank of Knights of Pythias; and Springfield Lodge, No. 33, I. O. O. F. He is a valued representative of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and he maintains pleasant relations with his old army comrades through his membership in Mitchell Post, G. A. R.,

and also the Union Veterans Union. He is justly accorded a place among the prominent and representative citizens of Springfield, for he belongs to that class of men whose enterprising spirit is used not alone for their own benefit. He is one whose courtesy is unfailing and whose integrity is above question, and few men are more widely and favorably known in Springfield than William R. Burnett.

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FOSTER J. KYLE.

Foster J. Kyle is a representative of an honored and prominent family of this section of Ohio, and is now engaged in the practice of veterinary surgery at Springfield. He was born in Yellow Springs February 6, 1864, and is a son of Roland Kyle, whose birth occurred in Cedarville, Ohio, in 1837, and who is still a resident of that place. He has followed farming throughout his entire life. His grandfather, Judge Samuel Kyle, was upon the bench of Greene county for more than thirty years. He was one of the first settlers of that locality, removing from Kentucky to Ohio, and he was of Scotch ancestry. He not only left the impress of his individuality upon the judicial district of that county but took an active part in public progress and improvement along many lines. He died at the ripe old age of eighty years, respected and honored by all who knew him. In his family were fifteen sons and six daughters, and Roland Kyle was the shortest of the sons—and he measured six feet and two inches. All were educated in Greene county. Thomas is the father of the late Senator Kyle, of South Dakota, and is now living in Urbana, Illinois. He is a civil engineer by

profession, which he followed in Greene county for many years, but is now living retired. The average length of life of the members of the family is eighty years.

Roland Kyle carries on farming and stock raising and is a representative agriculturist of his community. He votes with the Republican party and has held some minor offices, but has never been a politician in the sense of office seeking. He married Anna Dunlap, who was born in 1842 in Cincinnati and died in 1894. They were the parents of nine children, of whom one died in early childhood. The others are: Agnes, who is engaged in the millinery business in Cincinnati; Foster J.; Grace, the wife of Ross Tanchill, of Clifton; T. Dales, who has been connected with the Citizens Bank of Xenia since 1890; Ormond, of Knoxville, Tennessee; Irvin, a farmer of Cedarville, Ohio; Carl, of Dayton, this state; and Rolanna, at home.

Foster J. Kyle of this review acquired his education in the public schools, which he attended until about the time he attained his majority. He also assisted in the work of the home farm in field and meadow throughout the summer months. He was engaged in farming near Dayton, Ohio, for one year and then entered the commercial college at Ada, this state, where he completed a regular course. Subsequently he went to Canada and entered the Toronto (Ontario) Veterinary College, in 1889, being graduated in that institution in 1891, after completing a full course. His strong love for horses induced him to enter the profession in which he has been extremely successful. After his graduation he located in Xenia and there built up a large practice in Greene county, where he made his home until 1890,

when, believing that there were broader business opportunities in Springfield and the surrounding country districts, he came to this city. He has built up a large practice in Clark county, where his ability has been again and again demonstrated, and by reason of his skill this large patronage has been gained. He has an accurate and comprehensive knowledge of the profession, conducts his business on business methods and treats all with fairness and courtesy.

In Iberia, Ohio, in 1893, Mr. Kyle was united in marriage to Miss Anna G. McClarren, who was born in that place in 1865. She pursued a college course there and afterward engaged in teaching school for several years. Her parents were Robert and Jeanette (Richardson) McClarren, the former now deceased, while the latter is a resident of Iberia. Mrs. Kyle was the sixth in order of birth in a family of seven children, and by her marriage she has become the mother of five children, but Helen died at the age of three years. The others are: Anna Janet, Florence Louise, Roland M. and Mildred.

Dr. Kyle exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the Republican party. He was appointed a member of the board of Humane Society of Springfield in 1902, and few are better qualified for such a position, for his love for animals makes all cruelty abhorrent to him and he is therefore desirous of putting forth every effort to prevent this. He belongs to the United Presbyterian church and is a member of the State Veterinary Association of Ohio. He is a lover of fine horses and to-day is the owner of two of the finest bred stallions in southern Ohio, one being the fast pacer Temperas, and the other Edwin Simmons, by Simmons, by

George Wilkes, his dam being the dam of J. M. K., whose record is 2:16 $\frac{1}{4}$ , and Bes-sick, whose record is 2:17 $\frac{1}{4}$ . Edwin Sim-mons is considered by experts to be the finest horse in this section of the state. The Doctor has his office in the C. E. Todd liv-ery stable at 22 North Limestone street. He is devoted to his profession, in which he has met with creditable success, and thus in business affairs he has prospered.

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CHARLES A. BAUER.

Charles A. Bauer attained a distin-guished position in the industrial circles of Ohio, while his reputation as an expert and authority in mechanical affairs was national. Thrown at an early age upon his own resources, his life is a striking example of what may be accomplished by genius, en-ergy and ability.

He was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, August 16, 1846, and was a son of Fred-erick Bauer, a prominent bridge builder and draughtsman of that country. In 1852 Frederick Bauer came to America with his family, but three months after his arrival was stricken with yellow fever and died in New Orleans. The mother then determined to seek a home farther north and in the same year took up her residence in Cincin-nati, where she remained until her death, which occurred on the 2d of February, 1900.

The subject of this review was only six years of age at the time of the emigration of the family. His educational privileges were limited and from an early age he was de-pendent upon his own resources. At the age of twelve he obtained employment in the

Pyrotechnical Manufactory owned by H. P. Diehl, of Cincinnati, and in 1861 he became an apprentice to the gunsmith's trade. Three years later he entered the shops of Miles, Greenwood & Company as a practical ma-chinist, devoting his leisure hours to the study of mechanics and applied mechanics. So rapidly did he progress in this line that in 1878 he was called to the Ohio Mechan-ics Institute as a teacher of mechanical drawing and applied mechanics. During his connection with the institute the progress of these departments was very remarkable. In 1871 he accepted the position of superin-tendent of the great Niles Tool Works at Hamilton, Ohio, and continued in that ca-pacity until his resignation in 1873, when he assumed the duties of consulting engi-neer for the firm of Lane & Bodley, of Cin-cinnati, Ohio. During all this time he re-tained his position as instructor of mechan-ics and applied mechanics in the Ohio Me-chanics Institute. In 1875 he was tendered the position of assistant superintendent of the works of the Champion Bar & Knife Company at Springfield, Ohio, and in 1878 was made superintendent of the same con-cern. In 1883 he became general manager of the mower and reaper works owned by the firm of Warder, Bushnell & Glessner at Springfield, and in 1886, when the business was incorporated, he became one of the part-ners and stockholders, retaining his position as general manager of the extensive enter-prise. His career was remarkably success-ful, chiefly by reason of his natural ability and his thorough insight into the business in which as a young man he embarked. He had a most comprehensive and thorough knowledge of the great mechanical prin-ciples underlying his chosen pursuit, and reading and investigation along such lines

continually broadened his knowledge and added to the efficacy of his work. Again and again promotion came to him in recognition of his superior ability in this line. His strict integrity, business conservatism and judgment were uniformly recognized and he enjoyed public confidence to an enviable degree. This naturally brought to him success.

Although preferring home life to active connection with public affairs, Mr. Bauer yet gave much of his valuable time to works of public importance. For nine years he served as a member of the board of water works trustees of Springfield and was instrumental in having installed a fine water works system, which is to-day the pride of the city. At his death he was chairman of the Ohio State House Commission, having been appointed to that position by Governor Asa S. Bushnell. This commission was to have charge of the remodeling of the state house at Columbus and the appointment was a splendid acknowledgement of Mr. Bauer's marked ability. He was one of the vice-presidents of the National Founders Association and refused to accept the presidency of that organization at the last meeting which was held just before his death. He was also a member of the fifth district committee of the National Founders' Association, was one of the vice-presidents of the American Foundrymen's Association and took a great interest in the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, of which he was one of the charter members, his avocation bearing date May 14, 1880. He was elected one of the managers of this society in 1894 and served for four successive years. Because of his broad and comprehensive knowledge of everything in the line of mechanics and mechanical construction, he

cause of his familiarity with great mechanical principles and also because of a charm of manner which made him popular, Mr. Bauer was thus honored again and again but he never sought notoriety along such lines. In manner he was entirely free from ostentation and display. He possessed, however, broad sympathy and a genial, kindly nature, and these qualities won for him the esteem of all with whom he came in contact, and the regard in which he was held was in the great majority of instances deepened into strong friendship. He always received the respect of the men whose efforts he superintended in business and the relations between employer and employe were largely of an ideal character. The men recognized in him one whose ability was superior to their own, and, moreover, his justness gained for him their unqualified regard. An estimate of his ability could only be gained by visiting the factories of which he had charge and closely inspecting the methods and original ideas which he had inaugurated.

Mr. Bauer was married in 1868 to Miss Louise Haeseler, who came to America with her parents from St. Gear, Prussia, in 1851. Three children were born to them: Charles L., who is now the general superintendent of the Warder, Bushnell & Glessner Company; William A., who is employed in the office of the same company; and Louis E., who is in the chemical department there. The home of the Bauer family is located on East High street.

Mr. Bauer passed away in June, 1890, and was laid to rest in Ferncliff cemetery. In Masonic circles he was prominent, belonging to Anthony Lodge, No. 455, F. & A. M., while in the Scottish Rite he had attained the thirty-second degree. He was

also connected with the Knights of Pythias. Mr. Bauer was a self-made man in the best sense of that oft misused term. From early life he depended upon his own resources. He realized fully that advancement is largely due to enterprise and keen discernment, supplementing untiring diligence, and it was along those lines that he won success and gained promotion to a very prominent position in the ranks of the representatives of mechanical interests of the country. That his death was universally regretted is proven by the large number of letters and telegrams which came to his family from all parts of this country and Europe, breathing words of condolence and consolation; but, while his success was marked and his capability was of a high order, it was the man who won the friends. Throughout his entire career he was always the same genial, courteous gentleman, whose ways were those of refinement and whose word no man could question.

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CARL ULTES, M. D.

There is no element which has entered into our composite national fabric that has been of more practical strength, value and utility than that furnished by the sturdy, persevering and honorable sons of Germany, and in the progress of our Union this element has played an important part. Intensely practical and ever having a clear comprehension of the ethics of life, the German contingent has wielded a powerful influence, and this service can not be held in light estimation by those who appreciate true civilization and true advancement.

The subject of this review comes from stanch German stock and was born in Rhen-

ish Bavaria, Germany, July 1, 1848. His father, Jacob Ultes, was a native of the same locality and the Doctor had one brother and one sister, who are still living in Germany, these being Friederich, who is proprietor of a large printing establishment at Stuttgart; and Helen, who is living in Westphalia.

Dr. Ultes of this review pursued his education in the primary schools of Heidelberg, in Baden, later attending the medical department of the university at the same place. In the year of 1869 he bade adieu to the father land and sailed for the new world, having just reached his majority. In 1873 he entered the medical department of the University of Michigan and was graduated in that institution in 1875 with the degree of M. D. For six months thereafter he acted as assistant to Professor Frothingham, of Ann Arbor, who held the chair of ophthalmology and otology, and on leaving that city he settled in Manchester, Michigan, where he continued in general practice for three years. In 1877 he entered the Bellevue Medical Hospital College at New York city, in which he was graduated in March, 1878, again winning the degree of M. D. After his graduation he took a spring course in ophthalmology and otology under the direction of Professor Herman Knapp, of New York. He studied operative surgery with Professor Alexander Mott and physical diagnosis with Professor Edward Janeway. In 1878 he left that city and returned to Manchester, Michigan, but in September of the same year again went to New York and continued his studies concerning the diseases of the eye and the ear under Professor Herman Knapp.

Subsequently Dr. Ultes again took up his residence in Michigan, this time settling at Chelsea, where he remained until 1884

in the successful practice of his profession and then went to Lansing, where he remained an active practitioner until 1890. That year witnessed his arrival in Springfield, Ohio, and here he began practice, entering on what has proven a very successful career as a member of the medical fraternity of Clark county. He has a large general practice but is also giving much attention to the specialties for which he prepared. He has met with merited and creditable success in treating contagious diseases, especially diphtheria and spinal meningitis. He makes a specialty of the diseases of the heart, stomach, kidney and intestines and has effected some remarkable cures. His knowledge is broad and comprehensive and he is seldom at fault, not even in the slightest degree in diagnosing a case. He is particularly apt in recognizing the remedial agency which will prove of the most value and his work has been of a most important and valuable character to mankind.

The Doctor was married in 1878 in Manchester, Michigan, to Miss Bertha Werheim, who was born in Wisconsin and died in 1901, at the age of forty-three years. She was a sister of Rev. Werheim of this city. By that marriage two sons were born. William P., born in 1879, is a graduate of Wittenberg College and is now studying medicine in the University of Michigan. Carl, born in 1881, is also a student in Wittenberg College and will graduate in 1903. He was graduated with honor in the public schools of this city and William is a graduate of the Springfield School of Music. The Doctor has social qualities which endear him to many friends outside of the profession. He is known throughout this section of the state as one of the most prominent members of the profession here and his opinions are

largely recognized as authority on many subjects. In a profession where advancement depends upon individual merit and ability he has steadily progressed and his prominence has come as the result of superior skill and knowledge.

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#### CHARLES MATTINSON.

Charles Mattinson, whose home is in Madison township, Clark county, three miles west of South Charleston, where he has two hundred acres of land, has resided here about nine years. He is one of Ohio's native sons, his birth having occurred near his present home on the 25th of November, 1844. His parents were Matthew and Margaret (Evans) Mattinson. The father was born in Westmoreland county, England, and was a son of Thomas Mattinson, whose wife died in England and who afterward came to America, bringing with him his family, consisting of four sons and three daughters. He had some means, which he invested in Clark county land, purchasing four hundred acres, to which he added as his financial resources increased until, at the time of his death, he was one of the extensive land owners of the county. He lived to be a very old man, reaching the ripe old age of ninety years. He always remained true to the memory of his wife, never marrying a second time.

Matthew Mattinson had attained his majority when he came with his father to the new world, but it was after his emigration that he was married. His wife was born in Wales and came to America with her mother, her father having died in the old country. When they crossed the briny deep they

made their way to Ohio, settling in Clark county. Mr. Mattinson inherited about two hundred acres of land from his father's estate, but he did not content himself with this property and through his well directed efforts and energy he continually added to his possessions until he had about one thousand acres of land. He engaged in general farming and cattle dealing, becoming a recognized leader of this branch of business activity in his section of Ohio. Unto him and his wife were born six children, all of whom are yet living, namely: Charles, of this review; Ruth, who makes her home at South Charleston; Thomas, who resides near the old homestead; Mary, the wife of Darwin Pierce, who is living in Madison township; Evan, who married Minnie Wilson and is living in Ford county, Illinois; and Minnie, also a resident of South Charleston. The father voted with the Republican party but the honors and emoluments of office had no attraction for him. He was reared in the Episcopal church, but there was no organization of that denomination near his home in Ohio and he was therefore not connected with any church after his removal here.

Charles Mattinson spent his boyhood days on the old home farm and in the winter months attended school, while in the summer season he worked in field and meadow early gaining practical experience that has proved of value to him in his later years. At the age of twenty years he responded to his country's call for men, enlisting in Company I, One Hundred and Forty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, as a private, for one hundred days' service. He was on duty in West Virginia, but the regiment was never under fire. In 1866 he went to Ford county, Illinois, and there purchased land

and carried on farming. He afterward went to Champaign county and conducted a farm for his father.

While in the west Mr. Mattinson was married on the 24th of November, 1878, to Miss Ida Drossel, who was born in Sheboygan county, Wisconsin, a daughter of Martin and Christina (Hyzer) Drossel, both of whom are natives of Germany, the father born in Hanover and the mother in Leipsic, Saxony. Both had about reached adult age when they came to America with their respective parents. While on the voyage they became acquainted. They started from Germany in May and arrived in New York on the 4th of July, following. The Drossel family settled in Fairfield county, Ohio, and the mother's people in Sheboygan county, Wisconsin. The two young people, who had formed an acquaintance on board the vessel, kept up a correspondence and in due course of time were married. They lived for a time in Columbus, Ohio, where Mr. Drossel was employed as bookkeeper, and subsequently they removed to Wisconsin, where he engaged in business on his own account. He died in that state when Mrs. Mattinson was quite young. Her mother afterwards married again, becoming the wife of August Zimball, and they are now living in Sheboygan, Wisconsin. Mrs. Mattinson was born August 8, 1857, and by her marriage she has become the mother of three children, Minnie and Esther, who were born in Champaign county, Illinois; and Lee, who was born on the farm in Ohio, where our subject now resides.

Mr. Mattinson continued to make his home in Illinois until 1893, when he returned to Ohio and began farming on the place where he yet lives. He has a good tract of



land here and in the cultivation of the fields is meeting with good success, annually garnering rich harvests, which return to him a good income. In politics he is a Republican and he belongs to McMillan Post, G. A. R. While residing in Illinois he was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows Lodge at Fisher and of the Knights of Pythias Lodge there, but has not continued his connection with these organizations. In his farm work he is progressive and practical and the neat and thrifty appearance of his place indicates his careful supervision.

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#### BENJAMIN F. KEIFER.

Benjamin Franklin Keifer is one of the early settlers of Clark county, Ohio. His parents were Joseph and Mary (Smith) Keifer. The father came to this county in the year 1812 and settled in Bethel township, near Tecumseh Park, where he engaged in farming. In 1815 he was united in marriage to Mary Smith and they became the parents of fourteen children, three of whom are now living, namely: Sarah, of Logan county, Ohio, who married Lewis James, and after his death married Richard Youngman, who has also passed away; Benjamin F., of this review; and Joseph Warren, a distinguished citizen of Springfield, whose sketch appears on another page of this volume.

Benjamin Franklin Keifer, of this review, was born upon his father's farm in 1821 and was reared amid the wild scenes of pioneer life. All around stretched the green forests, the trees having been uncut and the land uncleared for purposes of civilization. Everything was wild and unim-

proved and the work of progress was largely yet to be performed by the pioneer settlers. Mr. Keifer, of this review, pursued his education in a log schoolhouse such as was common at that time. There was little instruction given beyond that of writing, reading and arithmetic. His training at farm labor, however, was not limited, for, from the time of early spring planting until late in the fall, he worked in the fields, doing his part in the farm work. He was thus engaged until he purchased a farm of his own. On the 12th day of September, 1854, he bought the land upon which he now resides, becoming the owner of one hundred acres six miles from Springfield on the Fairfield road. To this he has since added, however, until he is now the owner of a very valuable tract of two hundred and ninety acres of land. Here he is now engaged in general farming and he keeps on hand about forty head of stock.

Mr. Keifer was married in 1846 to Emeline F. Henkle, a daughter of Silas Henkle, one of the old settlers of Springfield, coming to Clark county from Virginia. Six children have been born of this union: Cyrus H., at home; Joseph, deceased; Mary and Frank Irwin, at home; Montgomery, who has passed away; and Benjamin W., who married Ethel Christ, a daughter of Martin Christ, of Mad River township. They have one child, Wilbur.

Mr. Keifer is a member of the Methodist church and has lived an upright, honorable life in consistent harmony with his professions. He has now passed the eightieth milestone on life's journey, but is yet a hale and hearty old man and gives his personal supervision to the management of his farm. He is, indeed, a worthy representative of an honored pioneer family, the name of Keifer





BENJAMIN F. KEIFER.



having long been associated with the work of progress, development and improvement here.

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### THE JOHN PERRIN FAMILY.

No history of Clark county would be complete without mention of the John Perrin family, one of the oldest of this portion of the state, its representatives having been identified with the growth and upbuilding and with the agricultural, intellectual and moral welfare of the city and county from 1806 down to the present time. The days of chivalry and knighthood in Europe can not furnish more interesting tales than our own pioneer history. Into the wild regions of the unexplored west went brave men whose courage was often called forth not only to meet the conditions of the land as yet uncultivated and of the forests uncut, but also to meet the hostile savages. The land was rich in all natural resources and simply awaited the demands of the white race to yield up its treasures; but the mountains separated Ohio from the older east; its forests were difficult to penetrate, so densely grew the magnificent trees. The establishment of homes in this beautiful region therefore meant sacrifices and hardships, but there were some men brave enough to undertake the task of reclaiming the district for purposes of civilization and to make this one of the productive sections of the country. Taking an active part in this work the representatives of the Perrin family therefore interwove their name inseparably with the history of this region.

The Perrin family is doubtless of French origin, although the immediate ancestors of John Perrin, the first of the name in Ohio,

came from England. It is supposed that those who lived in France were driven out of that country at the time of the Catholic persecution; that they came to America and eventually returned to the old world, but did not again go to their native land, locating, instead, in England, whence at an early day representatives of the name sailed for the new world and the family was then established in Maryland, where they purchased land in 1740.

John Perrin, the first to locate in Clark county, Ohio, was born in Washington county, Maryland, November 12, 1778, and there married Amelia Ingram, who was born in the same county September 26, 1778. He was a son of Joseph and Rachel Perrin, who lie side by side in an old burying ground in Hagerstown, Washington county, Maryland.

In 1804 he made a trip to the west, going as far as Fort Wayne, Indiana, and at that time he returned to Maryland, and it was not until 1806 that he took up his permanent abode in Clark county, bringing his family to this new and wild region. They journeyed to what is now the beautiful site of Springfield, Ohio, and settled on section 3, in Springfield township, Mr. Perrin purchasing the entire section. For miles around them stretched the dense forests; the uncultivated tracts of valley land. The work of progress and improvement seemed scarcely begun, and it remained to such brave men and women, as those of the Perrin family, to establish homes here upon the frontier and utilize the natural resources, thus reclaiming the land and making it one of the most attractive sections of this great commonwealth.

The family of John and Amelia Ingram Perrin consisted of six children:

Edward, Joseph, John, William, Minerva and Emery. The first child, Edward, was born in Maryland, and the others were added to the family after the removal of the parents to Ohio.

When John Perrin purchased his section of land in Springfield township, there had been only a small clearing made, but by incessant effort and unremitting industry he cleared a large portion of this tract and placed it under cultivation, so that the fields returned to him good crops. He also added to his real estate holdings until at his death he owned more than twelve hundred acres of land. He continued the work of cultivating his land until his death, which occurred December 16, 1848. He survived his wife only a short period, for she had died on the 8th of June, 1847. Here upon the land which he had purchased was established a burial ground, called the Perrin cemetery, where John Perrin and his family were buried and but few others outside of the family have been laid to rest in this city of the dead.

William Perrin, a son of John and Amelia (Ingram) Perrin, was born in the little log cabin, which was the family home in Springfield township, the date of his birth being January 22, 1815. He was reared upon a farm amid the wild scenes of pioneer life, but while the early settlers were deprived of some of the advantages of the older east, they also enjoyed privileges and pleasures which were unknown to the more thickly settled districts. He had little opportunity to attend school, but he gained much knowledge in the school of experience. Throughout his entire life he followed the occupation of farming and his work was continued in such a manner that he won splendid success. He always followed pro-

gressive methods of farming and everything about his place was neat and attractive in appearance and indicated his careful supervision. He was married March 25, 1849, to Miss Dorothy Sturgeon, a daughter of Jeremiah and Phoebe (Andrews) Sturgeon, both of whom were natives of the north of Ireland, and were of Scotch descent. Mrs. Perrin was also born on the Emerald Isle and came to America when she was about twenty years of age. By her marriage she became the mother of but one child, John E. Perrin. She was a very devoted Christian woman, who held membership in the United Presbyterian church, and her religious faith permeated her entire life. In harmony with her belief she was kind and helpful to friends and neighbors, loving and devoted to her family and at all times strictly adhered to the rule of upright conduct.

Mr. and Mrs. Perrin lived in the little cabin in which he was born until 1849, when they removed into the home where he died, having erected a good brick residence, which was one of the fine homes of the county, and one of the largest brick structures erected here. William Perrin was the owner of five hundred acres of land at the time of his death and his farming interests were capably conducted, bringing to him a satisfactory financial return. As a citizen he was public spirited and progressive, and gave a generous co-operation to all movements and measures which he believed would prove of good to the majority of the people in his district. He became a supporter of the Republican party upon its organization and when the country became involved in Civil war, he stood as one of the staunch advocates of the Union cause. He was one of the well known citizens of the county, honest

and upright in all his dealings with his fellow men, an obliging neighbor and a man of domestic tastes, who found his greatest happiness in providing for his family. All who knew him respected him for his genuine worth, and when called to the home beyond, both he and his wife were deeply mourned by many who had known them. Mrs. Perrin died on the 27th of October, 1878, and Mr. Perrin departed this life March 30, 1890, being laid to rest in Ferncliff cemetery.

John E. Perrin, their only son, and a grandson of John Perrin who founded the family in Clark county, was born in Springfield October 4, 1850. He always lived upon the old home farm in a brick house, which was one of the first of the kind built in Springfield township. Although erected many years ago, it has been remodeled and is a fine, large, modern home. John E. Perrin obtained his early education in the district schools and later supplemented his knowledge gained in boyhood, by a course of study in a commercial college in Springfield, Ohio, whereby he was well equipped for the practical and responsible duties of life. His natural taste and his early training led him to adopt the life of an agriculturist, and his occupation was ever that of a farmer. He ranked, however, among the best. He was quick to utilize any new idea of machinery that would facilitate his work or make it of greater value; he used the latest improved machinery and he always kept everything about his place in good repair. He planted the grains best adapted to the soil and climate, and his fields annually returned to him golden harvests. His business methods were above suspicion or reproach; he was honorable and reliable in all his dealings; and no man had aught to

say against him. He was without ostentation or display, yet his genuine worth of character commanded for him the high regard of all with whom he came in contact. Through his business interests he accumulated a handsome fortune, which was indicative of his life of industry and usefulness. His death occurred July 2, 1902, and he was laid to rest in Ferncliff cemetery. He was a life-long Mason, very prominent in the fraternity, and in his life he exemplified its beneficent teachings. He enjoyed the highest esteem of his brethren of the order and when he was called to rest, on the 2d of July, 1902, his remains were interred with Masonic honors.

This, in brief, is the history of a family which has through almost a century been a prominent one in Clark county. Its members have ever commanded the warm regard of a large number of friends and at the same time their efforts have been of material benefit in promoting the progress and improvement of this portion of the state.

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JOHN PERRIN.

The members of the Perrin family have ever been worthy of respect and regard, and John Perrin possessed a character that commanded the esteem and good will of all with whom he came in contact and for many years was classed among the valued and representative citizens of his community. He was born in Springfield township, Clark county, April 15, 1812, on the farm now occupied by his family, and was a son of John Perrin, whose sketch is given above. He was reared upon the home farm, pursuing his education in a log schoolhouse, and he remained with his parents until their death,

when he inherited the old homestead. He continued to reside upon that place until his death, which occurred June 27, 1888. In the meantime he had erected a fine brick residence, had built good outbuildings and had greatly improved his farm, making it one of the valued and attractive country seats of the locality. His birth occurred in a log house which stood upon the site of the present home of the family. The latter was erected in 1870 and is the fourth house which had occupied the same site on the Perrin farm. The Perrin homestead comprised twelve hundred acres of land, owned by his father, John Perrin. The first house built here was of rough logs and after a time it was replaced by a more substantial and comfortable residence, built of hewed logs. The third house was built of brick. In 1870 John Perrin, of this review, remodelled the building and improved it as we see it to-day. At the time of his death he owned over six hundred acres of land. He was a representative and energetic farmer, and everything about the place was kept in good condition. He used the latest improved machinery in operating his land and was untiring in his work, so that he was enabled to provide his family with a good living.

On the 9th of March, 1853, Mr. Perrin was united in marriage to Miss Mary Dunn Roush, who was born in Berkeley county, West Virginia, on the 2d of February, 1825, her parents being Martin and Margaret (Patton) Roush. Her paternal grandparents were natives of Germany and on leaving that country crossed the Atlantic to America. The grandfather was quite well-to-do and became the owner of a good plantation and a number of slaves in Virginia. It is thought that Martin Roush was born at the old family home in that state. He,

too, was a planter and slave-holder, and he continued to conduct his plantation until 1847, when he sold out and came to Ohio, residing in Madison county for about twelve months. On the expiration of that period he removed to Springfield, purchasing a farm near the town, now known as the Slaughter farm. Upon that property he spent his remaining days, passing away in 1877, when eighty-six years of age. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Margaret Patton, was born in Greencastle, Franklin county, Pennsylvania. She, too, passed away and was laid to rest by the side of her husband in Ferncliff cemetery.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. John Perrin were born seven children: Margaret Amelia; Ellen Nora, the wife of Dr. James E. Studabaker, a resident of Springfield; John Martin; Mary Belle; Ida Lavina, who died November 28, 1897, and was buried in Ferncliff cemetery; Minerva Cooper; and Catherine McKee, who died December 23, 1894, at the age of seven years and five months. Mr. Perrin, the father, was interred in the old family cemetery, within two hundred yards of where he was born, but on the 12th of October, 1898, his remains were removed to Ferncliff cemetery. While he led a quiet life, his attention being given to his farm, he was a man who possessed many sterling traits of character. He was prompt and honest in all of his business dealings, was energetic in carrying on his work, was true to his duties of citizenship and devoted to his family.

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#### JOSEPH INGRAM PERRIN.

The Perrin family has been so closely and prominently connected with the history of Clark county and its development that its

members well deserve specific mention in this volume and we are glad to present to our readers the life record of Joseph Ingram Perrin, whose circle of friends was almost co-extensive with the circle of his acquaintances. He was born on the old Perrin homestead in 1813, a son of John and Anielia Perrin. A complete history of the family is given on another page of this work. During his boyhood days Joseph I. Perrin remained at home and assisted his father in the work of the farm. He early learned what it was to care for the stock and cultivate the fields and his early experience enabled him to successfully carry on farm work for himself in later years. He continued under the parental roof until his marriage. He wedded Miss Elizabeth Abigail Bailey, a native of New Hampshire, and they became the parents of two children, of whom one died in infancy, the other being Emily Amanda, who is the wife of John E. Driscoll, a native of Springfield, and a son of Elias Driscoll, a member of an old pioneer family. After the death of his first wife Mr. Perrin married Eliza Jane Hamilton, who is yet living, and they had one child, Joseph Ingram, Jr., who now resides in Springfield township.

After his first marriage Mr. Perrin removed to a farm not far from the old homestead and there spent his remaining days. He was a successful agriculturist in every sense of the term. He knew how best to manage his property so that it would yield to him good returns and from his fields he annually gathered rich harvests. His stock dealing was also a profitable source of income to him and whatever he undertook he carried forward to successful completion. He owned about three hundred and fifty acres of land, but part of this has since been

subdivided into city lots and forms what is known as the Melrose addition to Springfield. In his political views he was a Republican, and voted conscientiously because he believed in the principles of the party. However, he never sought office, but was content to give his time and attention to his business affairs in order that he might provide well for his family. His death occurred December 30, 1865, and he was buried in the Perrin cemetery, but after a period of thirty-seven years his remains were removed to Ferncliff cemetery, September 18, 1902.

His surviving daughter, Emily Amanda, became, as above stated, the wife of John E. Driscoll. Mr. Driscoll was educated in Springfield and learned the trade of a carriage trimmer, but after his marriage he suffered greatly from ill health, which prevented him from continuing work along his chosen line. Accordingly he removed to the farm belonging to his affianced wife's father and throughout his remaining days he carried on agricultural pursuits, finding in the outdoor life of field and meadow much that proved to him beneficial in restoring his health. He was a successful agriculturist, carrying on his work with skill, energy and determination.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Driscoll were born ten children, of whom two died in infancy, while eight are yet living, namely: Julia, the wife of Albert Rebert. Edward E., who married Grace Swonger, and lives with his mother upon the home farm, which he operates. By his marriage he has four children—Harry, Nora, Clara and Helen. Nancy is the wife of Joseph McDonnell, and they have one child, Mary. John married Miss Izora Hedrick and with their daughter, Nellie, they reside in De Graff, Ohio.

Elisha married Miss Carrie Long and they have two children, Lamar and an infant not named. Emma, Catherine and Rachel are all at home. With the exception of John, all the children reside in Clark county. The father of this family died July 15, 1895, and was buried in Ferncliff cemetery, and since his death his widow, by the aid of her children, has carried on the home farm. Mr. Driscoll was a man who made friends wherever he went, because he was honest, true and faithful. Those qualities characterized his citizenship as well as his business relations and his private life, and when he was called to his final rest many friends, as well as his immediate family, mourned his loss. Mrs. Driscoll and her children have a wide acquaintance in the community and are highly esteemed for their genuine worth.

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#### JAMES H HATFIELD.

A record of those agriculturists who have promoted the improvement and development of Clark county, causing the fields to yield abundantly for their well directed efforts, must necessarily include the name of James Hatfield, who is successfully engaged in farming and stock raising and the breeding of Poland-China hogs, in Green township. Mr. Hatfield was born in Springfield township April 12, 1844, and is a son of James and Margaret (Kitchen) Hatfield. The father was born in 1803 and came to Clark county with his parents, Nathaniel and Nancy (Judy) Hatfield, in 1808, when he was about five years of age. The grandparents were among the first settlers of Clark county, having taken up their abode

about one and one-half miles northeast of Pitchin, in Springfield township, where Nathaniel Hatfield became the owner of three or four hundred acres of land. He was not an old man at the time of his death, his demise being caused by milk sickness. James Hatfield, the father of the subject of this review, was also called to his final rest at a comparatively early age, dying when his son James was but eleven years of age. The mother was a native of Pennsylvania and had come to Clark county, Ohio, with her parents when a girl. By her marriage she became the mother of fourteen children, of whom the subject of this record is the tenth in order of birth. Of these, eleven grew to maturity, but only four are yet living.

At the time of the death of his father, Mr. Hatfield, whose name introduces this review, was bound out to a brother-in-law, to remain with him until eighteen years of age. He performed such labor in repayment for his board and clothing as he was able, attending school during four months in winter, but at the age of fifteen he began to work by the month for himself. For one year he continued in this way and, at the age of sixteen, went to Hillsdale, Michigan, where he attended Hillsdale College for two years. About this time the Civil war was inaugurated and, roused by a spirit of patriotism and the desire to serve his country in her time of need, he returned home and enlisted, in the spring of 1862, as a private, under Howard D. Johns, in Company B, Eighty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He was stationed at Camp Chase, thence going to Clarksburg, West Virginia, remaining there for about four months. His enlistment had been for three months, and his term having therefore expired, he re-en-



listed as a member of Company D, Eighth Ohio Volunteer Cavalry. With his regiment he went to the Shenandoah valley and was with the gallant "Little Phil" Sheridan in several engagements. At Beverly, Virginia, he was captured, but regained his freedom in about fifteen minutes. Having served his country faithfully and well, and his efforts, combined with those of the other brave boys in blue, had resulted in quelling the Rebellion, at the close of the war in 1865, he was honorably discharged, and returned to his old home in Clark county.

Before his enlistment he had taught school for a short time in Liberty township, Clark county. After remaining a short time in Clark county, in 1865, upon his return from service in the army, he went to Logan county, Illinois, and there engaged in teaching. There he also purchased one hundred and fifty acres of land, which at the present time is worth one hundred dollars per acre. He remained in Logan county for about one year, when he returned to Clark county, Ohio, and there, on the 12th of April, 1866, was united in marriage to Miss Harriet J. Stewart, a daughter of Captain Perry and Rhoda A. (Wheeler) Stewart. With his bride he returned to Logan county, Illinois, but in 1867 sold his farm in that county and returned to Clark county, Ohio, and for a few years rented and then purchased one hundred and twenty-five acres of land, which forms part of his present farm. This purchase was made in 1872. He has placed his land under a high state of cultivation, having made all the improvements thereon, which are of the latest and most modern kind. The well tilled fields and neat and attractive appearance of the farm indicate the practical business methods of the owner, who, in his varied experiences in life has

witnessed many vicissitudes, but through them all his brave and indomitable spirit has conquered, and in his private life, as on the field of battle, he has turned many a threatened defeat into a glorious victory.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Hatfield has been blessed with three children, as follows: Charles Stewart, born in Logan county, Illinois, May 27, 1867, resides at home with his parents. Jessie R., born in Clark county, Ohio, also lived at home until she became the wife of Alonzo Strecher, a resident of Green township. They have two children—Edwin and Robert. Julia M. married Clarence Anderson, and also resides in Green township.

In his political affiliations Mr. Hatfield is a Republican, having first cast his ballot for Abraham Lincoln in 1864 while in the army. His fellow citizens, recognizing his integrity, have called him to positions of public trust and he served at treasurer of Green township. In 1902 he canvassed the county for county commissioner, and his popularity is shown by the fact that of six candidates he was the second highest. He and his wife are earnest and consistent members of the High street Christian church, and in their quiet way perform many acts of kindness and charity, thus doing what they can for the benefit of their fellow men. Mr. Hatfield is a charter member of James A. Elder Post, G. A. R., and has filled all the chairs connected therewith. He has attended most of the national reunions and attended the World's Fair in Chicago in 1893. Faithful in one thing—faithful in all; such is the record. As a brave soldier and a public-spirited citizen, Mr. Hatfield has performed his duties well and faithfully, aiding his country in times of war, and in times of peace contributing to the substan-

tial growth of his community and state. His measure of prosperity has been meted to him with liberal hand, because he has never been sparing of his efforts for the welfare of his country.

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### THOMAS C. ACKERSON.

Honored and respected by all, Thomas C. Ackerson occupied an enviable position in business circles not only on account of the success he achieved, but also because of his honorable, straightforward business policy which he ever followed. His success in his undertakings was so marked that his methods were of interest to the commercial world. He based his business principles and actions on strict adherence to the rules which govern industry, economy and strict, unswerving integrity, and although he had few advantages in early life, he steadily progressed and commanded the respect and confidence of all with whom he was associated. He served his country in the Civil war and was ever a loyal and patriotic citizen. He was also a faithful friend and one in whose career were many elements that are worthy of emulation. In his death the community in which he lived lost one of its valued citizens. He belonged to that public-spirited class who, while advancing individual prosperity, also labor earnestly for the general good.

Mr. Ackerson was born June 5, 1820, in Monmouth county, New Jersey, his parents being John and Eliza (Hayward) Ackerson, who were also natives of that state. The Ackerson family is of German lineage and the grandfather, Thomas Ackerson,

came to America in colonial days and when the country resolved to throw off the yoke of oppression he joined the American army and fought for the independence of the nation. The Hayward family is of English origin and was founded in this country by Abraham Hayward, the maternal grandfather of our subject. John Ackerson was a stone mason, brick layer and builder, having mastered all of those trades during his residence in New Jersey. About 1847 he removed to and became identified with the agricultural interests of Clark county, as a farmer of Springfield township. There he made his home until his death, which occurred in 1853. His wife survived him for a number of years and was then called to her final rest. This worthy couple were the parents of eight children, five sons and three daughters.

Thomas C. Ackerson, the fourth in order of birth, remained with his parents until he was eleven years of age and then went to live with his uncle, Dr. J. S. English, of Monmouth county, New Jersey. While there he attended school and assisted the Doctor until he was seventeen years of age, when he was apprenticed to learn the blacksmith's trade. At the close of his term of service, during which time he acquired a good knowledge of the business, he came to Ohio, locating in Harmony township, Clark county, where he established a shop and there conducted successfully a growing business for a period of seven years. He then came to Springfield and here entered into partnership with James Neily in the conduct of a smithy. Again his excellent workmanship and honorable business methods won him a large patronage and he continued business until after the breaking out of the Civil war when, feeling that his



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first duty was to his country, he put aside all business and personal considerations, joining an independent company of light artillery, which was assigned to the Sixteenth Ohio Regiment, and with that command he went to St. Louis, Missouri, where he joined the troops under General Fremont. Three months later he was made wagon-master of the train and later was appointed quartermaster of the battery, acting continuously in that capacity until he was mustered out at Columbus, Ohio, on the expiration of his three years' term of service, in 1864.

At the close of his army life, Thomas C. Ackerson returned to Springfield, Ohio, and then went to his native state of New Jersey, where he remained for three years, devoting his energies to farming. On the expiration of that period he again came to Springfield, where he entered into business with his brother, David Ackerson, with whom he was associated for a time, when David sold out to their younger brother, E. H. Ackerson, and the business was continued under the firm name of T. C. and E. H. Ackerson. Almost from the beginning this firm enjoyed a very liberal patronage, doing an extensive business in slate roofing materials. Their trade constantly grew in volume and importance and their sales became extensive, shipments being made to various places. They furnished employment to a large number of workmen and in business relations they sustained an unassailable reputation. Mr. Ackerson was watchful of all the details of his business and of all indications pointing toward prosperity, and from the beginning had an abiding faith in the ultimate success of his enterprise. He possessed untiring energy, formed his plans readily and executed them with precision and deter-

mination. His close application to business and his excellent management brought to him a high degree of prosperity which he enjoyed.

In 1872 Mr. Ackerson was united in marriage to Miss M. Jennie Huffman, a daughter of Lewis C. and Eliza Huffman. They became the parents of two children—Lydia H., the wife of Charles R. Ried, of Springfield, by whom she has one child, Thomas; and Bessie H., who resides with her mother. Fond of his home and his family, Mr. Ackerson took great delight in ministering to the happiness of his wife and children and he counted no personal sacrifice on his part too great if it would enhance the welfare of those dear to him.

He was a member of the High Street Methodist Episcopal church. In his political views Mr. Ackerson was a staunch Republican, but the honors and emoluments of office had no attraction for him, as he preferred to give his attention to his business pursuits. He was a member of Mitchell Post, No. 45, G. A. R., and enjoyed the esteem of his old army comrades. He died May 23, 1896, and was laid to rest in Ferncliff cemetery. Starting out in life for himself at an early age, dependent entirely upon his own resources, he steadily worked his way upward. In thought and action he was always independent, carrying out his honest views without fear or favor. In private life he gained that warm personal regard which arises from true nobility of character, deference to the opinions of others, kindness and geniality. Thus, honest and honored in business, faithful in friendship and loyal to home ties, Thomas C. Ackerson commanded the respect of all with whom he was associated.

## ADDISON HAGAN.

Addison Hagan is a well known resident of Mad River township, Clark county. His father, James Hagan, was born in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and at an early day came to Clark county, Ohio. He wedded Catherine Kimball, also a native of the Keystone state, and they became the parents of the following children: John, who married Caroline Benjamin, was a well known educator of Springfield for many years, but at the time of his death was an attorney of Cincinnati, Ohio, where he passed away July 9, 1873; Louisa is living on the home farm with our subject; Julia is deceased; Margaret married James Robinson and died August 20, 1862, leaving one child; Susan died March 18, 1892; Sally is the wife of Frank Fryant, who resides upon a farm near the old homestead; and Kate and Addison, of this review, are yet living on the old home place. The father of this family was quite active in politics and was a leading and influential citizen of his community. He served as township clerk for many years and was also a candidate on the Democratic ticket for the legislature. For twenty-five years he was engaged in teaching school and his devotion to the general good was cordially acknowledged. He died February 4, 1874, and his wife departed this life April 2, 1856.

Mr. Hagan, of this review, has always resided upon the old home farm, where he was born on the 24th of July, 1847. In his youth he attended the district schools of his neighborhood and also assisted in the task of improving and cultivating the fields. This work he has since continued and since his father's death he has assumed the management of the farm, which consists of eighty-

four acres, and on which he is living with his sisters, Louisa and Kate. In connection with the raising of grain best adapted to the soil and climate he is also engaged in the raising of stock to some extent. Everything about the place is neat, thrifty and attractive in appearance. In his political views Mr. Hagan is a Democrat, having always supported this party, but has never been an office seeker, preferring to give his time and attention to his farm work.

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 HEZEKIAH KERSHNER.

Hezekiah Kershner has been a resident of Clark county since 1828 and since 1848 has lived on the street where he yet makes his home, although when he took up his abode here his house was practically situated in the midst of a cornfield. The growth of the city, however, has included that place within its limits, and with the public progress and improvement Mr. Kershner has been identified. A native of Hagers-town, Maryland, he was born October 24, 1826, and is a son of Jacob Kershner, also a native of Maryland, who served in the war of 1812. By trade he was a blacksmith and in the year 1828 he brought his family to Clark county. In 1806, however, he had visited this county and had purchased government land three miles south of the present site of Springfield. He became the owner of six hundred and forty acres, which was purchased at the usual government price, but when he removed to the county he sold one-half of this to his brother, Martin. As the year passed he carried on agricultural pursuits. He saw many changes in the growth and development of the coun-

ty as it emerged from the wilderness to a populous residence district, replete with all the advantages of the east, with all of its improvements and its comforts. He was always an industrious man, energetic and diligent, and thus in his business affairs he prospered. He was also a well educated man of his day, was a fine penman and read extensively. He voted with the Democracy, but in anti-bellum days was an Abolitionist, his home being near the famed underground railroad, and by this road many a slave was aided northward on his way to freedom. In religious faith Mr. Kershner was a Presbyterian. He was twice married and by his first union he had three sons: Isaac, William and Jacob, who carried on the farm work, while the father followed his trade, but all are now deceased. A daughter, Mary, died when about twenty-two years of age. For his second wife Mr. Kershner chose Catherine Kline, and like her husband, she was of German lineage. She was a widow, having been previously married, and by her first union there were born three children: Henry Albert, who is married and lives with his children in Illinois; Mary Albert, who became the wife of Mr. Lehman, and died in Illinois; and Catherine Albert, the widow of Henry Starrett, who was a shoemaker by trade and was an early settler of Springfield, his birth having occurred in Champaign county, Ohio. Mrs. Starrett now resides in Springfield at the age of eighty-two years. By the second marriage of the parents of our subject five children were born, but two died in early childhood. The others are: Hezekiah, Philip and Leonidas. The last named is a carpenter and is living in Pennsylvania. Philip was also a carpenter and builder and died in Detroit Michigan. He raised a company for serv-

ice in the Civil war, became its captain and went to the front with the Second Ohio Regiment. He afterward veteranized and remained with the army until the close of the war, taking part in numerous engagements until wounded and incapacitated for further duty. At the time of his re-enlistment he became colonel of his regiment and in this capacity served until, through his valor and meritorious service, he was promoted to the rank of director general. He was born and reared in Clark county and reached the age of sixty-five years. The father of our subject died upon the home farm at the age of seventy-six years, while his wife passed away at the age of seventy-three. Mr. Kershner, of this review, received a district school education in what is now the Possum schoolhouse. At that time the "temple of learning" was a log building, seated with slab benches and the same kind of desks. After leaving school he worked upon the home farm for a time and in 1842 he went to Dayton, Ohio, where he apprenticed himself to a brick contractor, there remaining for three years, during which time he mastered the trade. He then came to Springfield and worked for Mr. Trimmer, stone and brick contractor, with whom he remained for four months. In 1846 he began contracting on his own account on a small scale. He did his work well, was honorable in all business transactions and thus gradually his patronage increased. He has erected many of the leading blocks of the city, including the Ross shop, the Foss manufactory, the old Zimmerman block and many of the residences of Springfield. He is widely known as a mason contractor, having gained a prominent position in building circles here, although at the present time he is living retired, having in 1898 put aside business

ures. His home is at No. 167 West Pleasant street, where he has lived since 1848, having built a home at the corner of Center and Pleasant streets when this locality was surrounded by a cornfield.

In 1849 Mr. Kershner wedded Miss Eliza Johnson, who was born in Ireland, in May, 1827, and is a daughter of James Johnson, who came to Springfield about 1840, and a sister of James, Robert and Isaac Johnson. Four children have been born unto our subject and his wife, of whom one died in infancy and another, Jacob H., died at the age of nine years. Edwin Allen, a carpenter, now in the employ of the Superior Drill Company, is married and has three children—Harry, Frederick and Robert. Nancy, the daughter, is the wife of Robert Singer, a resident of Columbus.

At the time of the Civil war Mr. Kershner raised Company A, of the Ninety-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry and enlisted in 1862. He served for six months and then on account of ill health was obliged to resign. At that time he was first lieutenant of this company and he took part in the battles of Perryville and a number of skirmishes, being in an engagement three days after leaving Camp Pickaway. Mr. and Mrs. Kershner have for about fifty years been members of the Methodist Episcopal church. On the organization of St. Paul's church they transferred their membership to that body. In politics he is a Democrat, save at local elections, when he supports the men best qualified for office. He gives to his business his personal supervision and has always lived a quiet home life, caring not for political preferment. As the years have passed his close attention to business, his enterprise and his honorable methods, have been the means of bringing to him consid-

able success, and with the handsome competence acquired from his own labors he is now living retired in the enjoyment of the fruits of his former toil.

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#### MARSHFIELD STEELE.

In a history of those who have contributed to the upbuilding, improvement and commercial prosperity of Springfield mention should be made of Marshfield Steele, who, through an active business career proved a valued addition to commercial circles here, so that his death was deeply deplored by many who had come to entertain for him high regard by reason of his sterling worth, his prominence in trade circles and his possession of those traits of character which draw man to man in ties of warm friendship.

Mr. Steele was born in Caldwell, New Jersey, August 27, 1822, a son of Marshfield Smith and Mary (Carlock) Steele. By intermarriage of the Steele and Bradford families shortly after their settlement in America, he was a direct descendant of Governor William Bradford, who came over in the Mayflower, and therefore belonged to one of the most prominent old Puritan families of New England. On the paternal side he traced his ancestry back to John Steele, who was born in Essex county, England, and became a resident of New England about 1631 or 1632, settling at New Town, now Cambridge, Massachusetts. He afterward removed to Hartford, Connecticut, becoming one of the first settlers of that place. His son, John Steele, Jr., wedded Mary Warner, and on the 15th of March, 1652, there was born to them a son,



Samuel Steele, who married Mercy, daughter of Major William Bradford. Their son, Eliphalet Steele, was born June 23, 1700, and married Catherine Marshfield. The next in direct descent was Josiah Steele, who was born in West Hartford, Connecticut, February 25, 1724, and on the 2nd of December, 1753, married Elizabeth, daughter of Rev. Benjamin Colton. Their son, Josiah Steele, Jr., was the grandfather of our subject and a cousin of Noah Webster. He was born in Hartford, Connecticut, August 24, 1760, and was a student in Yale College at the time when the Revolutionary war was inaugurated, but ran away from school in order to enter the army and fight for the cause of liberty. He enlisted in the First Connecticut Regiment and was soon commissioned sergeant. This commission, dated at West Point, August 4, 1780, is a valued possession of the family. He was married August 15, 1790, to Phoebe Smith, and died October 22, 1836. Marshfield S. Steele, the father of our subject, was born May 1, 1797, and on the 20th of March, 1820, was united in marriage to Mary Carlock. In 1848 he came to Ohio and after spending a short time in Dayton, located in Springfield, where he made his permanent home, becoming one of the prominent business men of the city. Here he died in 1868, his remains being interred in Ferncliff cemetery.

Mr. Steele, of this review, was educated in the schools of New Jersey and New York and lived in those states until 1846, when he made his way westward to Urbana, Ohio, where he engaged in teaching for one year. He then returned to his native state, but again came to Ohio in 1848, accompanied by his father and mother. They all located in Dayton, but in 1848 or 1849 our

subject became a factor in the business life of Springfield, and until the time of his death his efforts returned to him not only creditable success, but also contributed to the general prosperity of the city. He was engaged in the wholesale tobacco business for a number of years and was also identified with the conduct of a foundry. He was engaged in the manufacture of radiators under the firm name of M. Steele & Company, which was later incorporated as the M. Steele Company, Mr. Steele being its president. He constructed the first cable for the New York city cable cars. He also owned a large sugar plantation in Louisiana, and was a stockholder in the Baton Rouge Sugar Refinery Company, of Baton Rouge, up to the time of his death. His business interests were of a varied nature, but all were successfully controlled, the business judgment of Mr. Steele being sound and practical. He carefully reviewed the possibilities of a business situation and his conclusions regarding such were usually exceptionally correct, the wisdom of his opinions and his advice being demonstrated by the splendid success which attended his efforts.

In 1853 occurred the marriage of Mr. Steele and Miss Martha Lehman, a daughter of Jonathan and Mary C. (Cannon) Lehman. Her father was a native of Fredericktown, Maryland, and came to Ohio when only four years of age with his father, David Lehman, who emigrated westward in 1805 and settled near Dayton, where the family always lived. Jonathan Lehman learned the trade of wagon-making and when a young man came to Springfield, after which he was identified with the industrial interests of this city. His wife came from Maryland to visit her sister, who re-

sided in Springfield, and here she formed the acquaintance of Jonathan Lehman, who sought and won her hand in marriage. After following the business of wagon-making for a few years, Mr. Lehman turned his attention to the lumber trade and later became an extensive manufacturer of linseed oil. He made judicious investments in property and thus accumulated considerable real estate. For fifty years he was an elder in the Presbyterian church, and although his business interests were extensive and important, he yet found time to devote to church and kindred work, and his influence was strongly felt in the moral development of the community. Both he and his wife have now passed away, but their memory is still enshrined in the hearts of many who knew them.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Steele were born seven children: Charles L.; Mary, the wife of E. D. Plaisted; Elizabeth, the wife of Frank Webb; George M.; Anna B., the wife of H. H. Cowherd; Martha, who married W. W. Keifer; and Helen A., wife of A. A. Ridder. The family is one of prominence in the community. Here the children were reared and have lived to take a leading part in the social and business life of the city.

In politics Mr. Steele was a staunch Republican and his influence and aid were given to the party which he believed would best conserve the nation's welfare, although he never sought or desired public office. In early life he became a member of the Masonic fraternity and he was a devoted member of the Second Presbyterian church, of Springfield. Through the years of a successful business career he providently provided for his family, placing considerable money in that safest of all investments—real estate—and thus his wife and children have a

good income from his estate. He passed away June 13, 1868, and was laid to rest in beautiful Ferncliff cemetery. His life record exceeded the Psalmist's span of three score years and ten, for he reached the age of seventy-six. He had long been a resident of Springfield—a citizen of worth, interested in public progress and advancement and contributing of his time and means for the general good. He was a man of domestic taste, whose greatest happiness centered in his family, to whom he was a devoted husband and father, carefully rearing his children in accordance with principles that develop good character, and winning their confidence, respect and love by devoted kindness, while the companionship of husband and wife deepened and broadened as the years went by. Such a record influences individuals and, leaving its impress upon public progress, well deserves perpetuation in this volume.

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#### CHARLES A. JUERGENS, M. D.

The world instinctively pays deference to the man whose success has been worthily achieved, who has attained wealth by honorable business methods, acquired the highest reputation in his chosen calling by merit, and whose social prominence is not the less the result of an irreproachable life than of recognized natural gifts. We pay the highest tribute to the heroes who on bloody battle fields win victories and display a valor that is the admiration of the world. Why should the tribute be withheld from those who wage the bloodless battles of civil life, who are conquerors in the world of business? Greater than in almost any other line of work is

the responsibility which rests upon the physician. The issues of life and death are in his hand. A false prescription, an unskilled operation, may take from man that which he prizes above all else—life. The physician's power must be his own. Not by purchase, by gift or by influence can he gain it. He must commence at the very beginning, learn the rudiments of medicine and surgery, continually add to his knowledge by close study and application, and gain reputation by merit. If he would gain the highest prominence it must come as the result of superior skill, knowledge and ability, and these qualifications are possessed in an eminent degree by Dr. Juergens, of Springfield.

Dr. Juergens is a native of Germany, his birth having occurred in Oldenburg, April 2, 1841, his parents being Henry and Ann (Wohlens) Juergens, who were born and reared in Germany, where the father carried on merchandising. At the usual age the Doctor began his education in the public schools, showing special aptitude in his studies, and when a youth of twelve years he entered a gymnasium, where he pursued a rigid course of study in the leading sciences, languages and kindred subjects, devoting his attention to the mastery of the branches therein taught, for six years. He is a man of scholarly attainments, able to read and translate thirteen different languages, a number of which he speaks fluently. After passing his gymnasium examination he entered the University of Goettingen, and studied theology, but while there changed his mind about his life work and entered upon a medical course, attending lectures at Goettingen, Marbourg, Berlin and Greifswald.

When he had completed his studies the Doctor resolved to seek a home in America, for he believed that in the new world he

might find better professional opportunities than in his fatherland. Accordingly, he made his way across the Atlantic and for a time engaged in teaching languages and music in various cities of this country. He also to some extent engaged in the practice of medicine until his skill and ability in the latter direction became so widely recognized that his practice grew to extensive proportions and he was obliged to give up teaching. He resided for a time in Chicago, Illinois, and subsequently removed to Cincinnati, where almost immediately he entered on a large and successful business. In addition to his medical duties his thorough knowledge of the German language and his ability in translation placed him on the editorial staff of the *Comer*, a daily newspaper now published under the name of *Anzeiger*.

The year 1868 witnessed the arrival of Dr. Juergens in Springfield. Already he was known by reputation to many of the residents here, and within a short time he had gained a liberal clientage from among the best class of Springfield's citizens. In 1873 he was appointed by the Springfield school board to conduct special examination of high school classes and also of applicants for positions in German. For several years the Doctor served in that capacity. He also became an active factor in musical circles of the city and a director in the *Mannerchor Singing Society*. He organized the *Harmonia Music Society*, and his efforts and enthusiasm were potent factors in developing the musical taste of this city. In 1879 he returned to Cincinnati, and again his practice there grew to extensive proportions. He lived in a beautiful villa in Elmwood, which was erected under his direction, and gained prominence socially as well as professionally. In 1892 he again came to Springfield, which

will probably be his permanent place of residence. He has held leading positions in fraternal circles; he was medical director of the Knights of the American Brotherhood, president of the Phoenix Mutual Aid Association and medical director of the Universal Brotherhood. He is also examiner of the Prudential Life Insurance Company, of New Jersey, and the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association, of Ohio. He has also been honored with the appointment to a position on the medical staff of St. Luke's Hospital, in Niles, Michigan, and he belongs to the Springfield board of trade. In varied lines of activity he has thus proved his usefulness and capability, and his worth is widely acknowledged wherever he is known.

The Doctor has by his first wife two children living: Arthur and Anna. The latter is the wife of John Distler, of Buffalo, New York, and the former, Prof. Arthur Juergens, has for the past seven years been superintendent of music in the public schools of Springfield, is a composer of note, an artist on the violin and a thoroughly well educated man. For his second wife the Doctor chose Miss Bernhardine Mueller, and they have two children: Otto and Oscar. The Doctor's reading has never been confined alone to his profession, but has embraced subjects of wide range, making him a man of broad general information and scholarly attainments. He has the German's love of music and possesses marketability in the art. He has a large circle of warm friends and his friendship is best prized by those who know him best. In his professional capacity he is widely known, his reputation extending beyond the limits of his state, and he is an honor to the profession in which he has won creditable distinction.

#### THOMAS MATTINSON, SR.

Thomas Mattinson, Sr., is today one of the esteemed and venerable citizens of Clark county, where throughout a successful business career he has ever maintained a reputation for incorruptible integrity and fair dealing. A native of England, Mr. Mattinson was born in Westmoreland county on the 24th of April, 1826, and when a youth of fourteen years he came to America with his father, Thomas Mattinson. His mother, who bore the maiden name of Jane Beedham, had died in England prior to this time, and with his children the father sought a home in the new world, settling upon the farm which is now occupied by his grandson, Thomas Mattinson, Jr. Here the father of our subject spent his remaining days and prospered in his undertakings, becoming the owner of several hundred acres of land. He assisted in the arduous task of developing the wild region and opening up this section of the country to civilization, and his labors not only resulted in bringing him a comfortable competence but were also of marked value to the community. In his family were seven children, of whom Thomas Mattinson of this review was the fifth in order of birth and is the only one now living.

As above stated, Thomas Mattinson, Sr., spent the first fourteen years of his life in his native country and there acquired his early education. After coming to America his life was not exempt from the hard toil incident to pioneer settlement upon the frontier, for he assisted his father in developing the old home place. After arriving at years of maturity he was united in marriage to Elizabeth A. Wilkinson, who was born in Ashtabula county, Ohio, October 15,





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1834, a daughter of Henry and Elizabeth (Mitchell) Wilkinson, both of whom were natives of England, her father having been born in Westmoreland county. He was acquainted with the parents of Mr. Mattinson before the emigration of the family to America and he came to the new world several years prior to the arrival of the Mattinsons. The daughter, Elizabeth A. Wilkinson, was reared to womanhood in her native county, and her marriage to Mr. Mattinson was celebrated at Springfield, this state, since which time they have lived upon the farm that was settled by his father. Four children have been born to them, but all died in youth with the exception of one son, who is his father's namesake and is a prominent and influential farmer and stock dealer of Clark county.

From his father Thomas Mattinson, Sr., inherited two hundred acres of land, and it was upon that farm that he settled with his bride, giving his attention to agricultural pursuits. He worked earnestly and long in his efforts to make his farm productive and valuable, and as he prospered he added to his place from year to year, purchasing adjoining tracts of land until his possessions aggregated sixteen hundred acres, all in one body. Not only did he engage in the cultivation of the cereals best adapted to the soil and climate, but throughout his active business career he also successfully carried on stock feeding. He now owns in addition to his Clark county property five hundred and twenty-five acres of land in Madison county and his real estate is the visible evidence of his life of thrift, industry and enterprise. He was one of the incorporators of the Farmers National Bank of South Charleston, and served as one of its directors for many years, but when the bank gave up its

charter he withdrew from banking interests and his stock was turned over to his son, Thomas Mattinson, Jr., who is now a director in the Citizens Bank of South Charleston, the successor of the Farmers National Bank. Mr. Mattinson of this review is now living a retired life, having turned all his business and property interests over to his son, Thomas Mattinson, Jr. He has reached the age of eighty-two years and well does he deserve the rest from further labor which is vouchsafed to him. In his political views he has always been independent, having no desire for office and preferring to give his time and attention to his business affairs, in which he has indeed met with signal prosperity. Both he and his wife are Episcopalians in religious faith and are numbered among the esteemed citizens of the county where from pioneer days to the present they have continuously resided, watching with interest its substantial growth and upbuilding. In all business relations Mr. Mattinson has been found reliable and trustworthy and sustains an unassailable reputation for integrity that makes his example well worthy of emulation.

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#### THOMAS MATTINSON, JR.

Thomas Mattinson, Jr., is the most extensive breeder of Aberdeen Angus cattle in Ohio, and is a progressive, wide-awake business man, whose efforts have resulted not alone to his individual good, but have been of marked benefit to agricultural classes. The man who is instrumental in improving a grade of stock whereby higher market prices are received is just as worthy to be termed a benefactor of his fellow men as is he who gives directly from his capital the means for

the founding of institutions or for the upbuilding of communities.

Mr. Mattinson makes his home near South Charleston upon the old family homestead which was at one time in the possession of his grandfather. He was born upon this farm December 18, 1864, his parents being Thomas and Elizabeth (Wilkinson) Mattinson. The sketch of his father is given above. Under the parental roof he was reared. Having obtained a common school education, he entered a business college in Columbus and subsequently became a student in the State University of the capital city, remaining there for two years. He afterward matriculated in Miami University at Oxford, where he also continued his studies for two years, and since that time he has given his attention to the work of the farm, which he has carried on in an energetic and profitable manner. His father, after obtaining his share of the grandfather's estate—two hundred acres—added to his possessions until he became the owner of about two thousand acres of land, of which six hundred acres is comprised within the home farm and the remainder is in Madison county, Ohio.

In 1896 the subject of this review became the owner of the old homestead near South Charleston, and at that time he began raising Aberdeen Angus cattle, beginning with about fifty head of thoroughbreds. He has greatly increased the number until now he owns over two hundred pure bred registered cattle, together with about five hundred and fifty high grade cattle, this being the largest herd in the state of Ohio of that breed. He has had his cattle at the combination sales in Indianapolis, Chicago and Omaha, where only pure bred cattle are

sold, and has disposed of many animals at fancy prices, receiving an average price at those sales of more than two hundred dollars per head. He is a member of the American Aberdeen Angus Breeders' Association, covering the United States and Canada. Mr. Mattinson is also a director in the Citizens Bank of South Charleston, in which he owns considerable stock.

On the 21st of October, 1896, Mr. Mattinson was united in marriage to Miss Byrd Damarus Pugsley, of Clark county, a daughter of James F. and Damarus Byrd (Long) Pugsley. Her father was born October 3, 1824, in the town of Claverack, Columbia county, New York, and the mother's birth occurred at Sinking Springs in Highland county, Ohio. She died July 3, 1895. Eight children were born unto this worthy couple, of whom six are yet living, and Mrs. Mattinson is the fourth in order of birth. Her maternal grandfather was Judge Charles Willing Byrd, governor of the Northwest Territory. Unto our subject and his wife have been born three children: Margaret, born August 7, 1897; Thomas James, born February 7, 1899; and Byrd, born March 23, 1901. Mr. and Mrs. Mattinson are widely and favorably known in this county and he is one of the most progressive and successful farmers and stock dealers here. He thoroughly understands his business, gives it close attention and his laudable ambition, his close application and his earnest purpose have resulted in the acquirement of a handsome competence.

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JACOB C. KELLER.

A man's reputation is the property of the world. The laws of nature have forbidden isolation. Every human being sub-



mits to the controlling influence of others, or as a master spirit wields a power either for good or evil on the masses of mankind. There can be no impropriety in justly scanning the acts of any man as they effect his public and business relations. If he is honest and eminent in his chosen field of labor, investigation will brighten his fame and point the path that others may follow with like success. From among the ranks of quiet, persevering yet prominent citizens—prominent on account of what he has done in commercial circles—there is no one more deserving of mention in a volume of this character than Jacob C. Keller, who is now living in Springfield, where he has made his home since 1867, and has been the general superintendent of the P. P. Mast & Company since 1898.

Mr. Keller was born in Reading, Pennsylvania, September 8, 1848, and is a son of John Keller, who was a school teacher, and was educated in Philadelphia. He married Esther Clouser, who was likewise a native of Pennsylvania, born in 1810. He died in 1851, but his widow now resides in Reading. They were the parents of fourteen children, eight of whom grew to maturity: William, who died in August, 1902, near Reading; Daniel, who is living near Springfield, Illinois; D. C., who served as colonel of a Pennsylvania regiment throughout the Civil war, died in Reading in May, 1902; Samuel, a farmer; Jeremiah, who was a lieutenant of a company of Union soldiers in the Civil war; Sally, who is the wife of William Yauch and resides on a farm in Reading; Caroline, the widow of Alfred Brumbach, living at home with her mother; and Jacob C.

The last named was the thirteenth in order of birth in the family. He pursued a

public school education and remained at home until eleven years of age, when he started out upon his business career, going to Philadelphia, where he was employed for a time in a hotel. He then returned to the farm, where he remained until fifteen years of age, after which he began learning the molder's trade, and when he had served a three years' apprenticeship he remained with his employer as a journeyman for one year. On the expiration of that period he went to Decatur, Illinois, in 1866, remaining there for a year, and in 1867 he came to Springfield, Ohio, where he has since made his home. Here he found employment in the old Champion Foundry, and for many years has been identified with the industrial pursuits of Clark county.

In the year following his arrival—1868—in Springfield, Jacob C. Keller was married to Emma De Vault, who was born in this city, a daughter of Henry De Vault, who was a cooper by trade and a pioneer settler here. Mr. Keller began work for the New Champion Binder Works on the 7th of December and was married on the 8th of that month. He worked as a molder until 1870, when he entered the employ of P. P. Mast & Company, and in 1873 took charge of their foundry as foreman, filling that position continuously until 1898, when he was promoted to the superintendency of the plant. He now has under his superintendency about three hundred and fifty men, employing competent foremen to assist him. Not a little of the development and success of the business is justly attributable to his efforts. He has the entire confidence of the members of the company and justly merits their good will and respect. He has worked his way up gradually from the time when he became connected with the trade at the age

of fifteen years. By experience and observation he has become well versed in mechanics and is thoroughly competent to superintend any branch of the business. In his labors he has thus met with success and is to-day a well known and prominent factor in industrial circles of Springfield.

In 1885 Mr. Keller erected his present home at No. 217 South Factory street and remodeled it in 1900. Unto him and his wife have been born five children, but two of the number died in early childhood. The others are: Harry H., who is employed in the office of P. P. Mast & Company, and is a graduate of the public schools of this city; Hettie B., the wife of George Lennert, inspector of the water works of Springfield; and Gertrude A., the wife of August Dube, a lithographer of Dayton, Ohio.

Mr. Keller is a Republican and an active worker in the city and county conventions, but the honors and emoluments have had no attractions for him personally. He has, however, been elected as a member of the board of trustees of the Springfield water works and is serving his second term as president of the board. He has always been an upright and honorable man and would never stoop to anything dishonest, either in private life or public affairs. He has never missed a meeting of the water works board and in his official service has labored earnestly for the best interests of the people. He belongs to Anthony Lodge, F. & A. M.; to Springfield Chapter, R. A. M.; to Red Star Lodge, K. of P.; and to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He has also been a member of the board of trustees of the Springfield Building and Loan Association since 1885. His success has been by no means the result of fortunate circumstances, but has come to him through en-

ergy, labor and perseverance, directed by an evenly balanced mind and by honorable business principles. From early life he made it his plan to spend less than his income. In manner he is quiet and straightforward, saying exactly what he means without the addition of useless compliments. Although rather retired he has a host of warm friends throughout the city and is a man whom to know is to esteem and honor.

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#### HON. ORAN F. HYPES.

Among the leading and influential citizens of Springfield is numbered Hon. Oran F. Hypes, whose successful mercantile interests have made him a prominent factor in trade circles, while activity and loyalty in public affairs have classed him among the valued residents of his district, in which he has been honored with the office of legislator, having served as a member of the seventy-fifth general assembly of Ohio.

Mr. Hypes was born in Xenia, Ohio, December 18, 1862, his parents being Samuel H. and Hannah (Van Brocklin) Hypes. His father, also a native of Ohio, was born in Greene county in 1826 and is now living in Xenia, where he is engaged in the insurance business. His wife is a native of Springfield. The paternal grandfather, Henry Hypes, was born in Virginia, but his father came from Germany, near Bingen on the Rhine, and on crossing the Atlantic to the new world he took up his abode in Virginia, establishing his home in the vicinity of the Natural Bridge. From that place, early in the nineteenth century, he removed to Xenia, Ohio, and down to the present time the family has been prominent in the affairs

which have led to the substantial progress and improvement of the state.

Oran F. Hypes spent his boyhood days in his native city, being reared under the parental roof. He was a student in the common schools, after which he entered the high school and was graduated with the class of 1879. He then became connected with mercantile interests in Xenia, helping build up the business with which he was identified until 1882, when he came to Springfield and at first opened a store on Main street, but later removed to No. 43 South Limestone street, where he deals in hats and men's furnishing goods, his being one of the leading establishments of the kind in the city. He was not long in demonstrating to the public that he was worthy of their patronage, and almost from the beginning of his residence here he has enjoyed a large and prosperous trade. His business methods are such as will bear the closest investigation and scrutiny, and his earnest desire to please, combined with reasonable price, has secured to him a liberal and well deserved patronage.

In 1889 occurred the marriage of Mr. Hypes and Miss Jessie B. Johnson, a daughter of Richard and Dorothy Johnson, the family being a prominent old one of Springfield. They have two children, Dorothy and Douglas. Fraternally Mr. Hypes has long been connected with the Masonic order, and is a past master of Anthony Lodge, No. 455, F. & A. M., and past commander of Palestine Commandery, No. 33, Knights Templar. In his life he exemplifies the beneficent spirit of the craft. He has served as director of the Board of Trade, and is a charter member of the Commercial Club. Mr. Hypes is a Methodist and is one of the directors of the Young Men's Christian Association, and takes a deep and lasting interest in all that

pertains to the material upbuilding of social welfare, the intellectual and moral advancement of his adopted city.

With a firm faith in the principles of the Republican party, Mr. Hypes has been loyal and active in support of that great political organization since early manhood, even before becoming a voter, and has put forth every effort in his power to promote the growth and insure the success of the party. In 1901 he was elected a member of the general assembly of Ohio and served in the regular and extraordinary sessions of 1902; was appointed upon several important committees; was secretary of the committee on taxation; chairman of the committee on public buildings and lands; and a member of the committee on insurance. In the extraordinary session called to create a new code of laws for municipal government Mr. Hypes was named by the speaker to serve on the special committee to report a bill to the house. Such, in brief, is his life history. In whatever relation of life we find him—in business, in society, in government circles or in political service—he is always the same honorable and honored gentleman whose worth well merits the high regard which is uniformly given him.

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#### ALEXANDER C. PATTON.

Alexander C. Patton, now deceased, was a man whose upright Christian character had marked influence on the development of the community. Not by precept but by example did he demonstrate the better way of life, and thus to his family he left the priceless heritage of an untarnished name. He was born January 14, 1838, in Belmont county,

Ohio, and was a son of William and Ann (Clark) Patton. Our subject grew to manhood in Belmont county, was reared upon a farm, and received a good common-school education. He was married October 10, 1861, in that county, to Miss Agnes J. Sharp, who was born and reared there and was a daughter of William and Caroline (Harrah) Sharp. She received a good education by her early educational privileges afforded by the common school being supplemented by two years' attendance in the seminary in Washington, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Patton's father had given him a farm in Belmont county, and there the young couple began their domestic life, his attention being then given to the cultivation of his fields until he joined the army. In 1863, feeling that his first duty was to his country, he organized a company of soldiers and was elected captain. They went to the front as Company I, of the One Hundred and Seventh Ohio Volunteer Infantry, for one hundred days, and were sent to Harper's Ferry. Two companies were there consolidated, and on that occasion Mr. Patton was made first lieutenant. After about four months' service he received an honorable discharge, having in the meantime participated in several skirmishes around Harper's Ferry. Becoming ill, he was sent to the hospital at Annapolis, Maryland, from which place he was granted a furlough which allowed him to return home, where he remained until the expiration of his term of service, when he was honorably discharged at Columbus.

Captain Patton continued a resident of Belmont county until 1860, when he sold his farm there and purchased a tract of land in Clark county, comprising two hundred and forty-six acres, which is yet the homestead of the family. He was an industrious, en-

terprising man, who labored earnestly, being never negligent in his work. His efforts brought good results, and he became one of the prosperous and well-to-do agriculturists of this community, providing his family with a good home and comfortable living and leaving to his widow an estate ample for her needs.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Patton were born two children: William S., who married Florence Creagar, by whom he has four children—Helen M., Grace J., Raymond and Pauline, their home being in Harmony township; and Anna I., who is yet with her mother. Both children were provided with good educational privileges, and the son was for one year a student in Wittenberg College and for one year studied in Wooster College. Miss Anna entered Oxford College, where she was graduated on the completion of a musical course, and later spent one year in the Boston Conservatory of Music.

In his political views Mr. Patton was a Republican. He kept well informed on the issues of the day, and for several years he served as township trustee. He took an active part in everything pertaining to the growth and success of his party and frequently served as a delegate to its conventions. He was a member of the United Presbyterian church and for several years served as clerk of sessions. He had an unusually retentive memory, and could repeat whole chapters in the Bible and the entire book of Psalms. If any one would begin a Biblical quotation he would take it up, complete the chapter and even tell what verse was used in the beginning. He had, too, a great love of music and poetry, and many poems which he loved he could recite without once referring to the book. Blank verse was his especial favorite, and the kindly na-

ture which usually accompanies a love of music, poetry and the Bible was his in an unusual degree. He died July 10, 1899, secure in his Christian faith. He had so lived as to be honored by his fellow men and his memory is as a blessed benediction to those who knew him.

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#### WILLIAM SHARP PATTON.

William Sharp Patton, who is carrying on general farming and stock raising in Harmony township, is a native son of Belmont county, Ohio, his birth having occurred there July 28, 1862, his parents being Captain Alexander Clark and Agnes J. (Sharp) Patton. The first years of his life were spent in the county of his nativity, and he then accompanied his parents to Clark county, where he was reared to manhood on the home farm. At the usual age he entered the public schools, and when he had completed the course of instruction there he spent a year as a student in Wittenberg College and also one year in study at Wooster. The occupation to which he was reared he has always made his life work, and in his farming methods he has kept abreast with the improvements of the times. On the 24th of October, 1889, in Harmony township, he wedded Miss Florence Creagar, who was born in Frederick county, Maryland, and came to Ohio in 1869 with her parents, Joseph and Mary A. (Smith) Creagar, who located in Springfield township, where her father carried on farming. Both were born in Frederick county, Maryland, and became highly respected residents of this locality. Her father died in 1888, at the age of sixty-one years, but her mother is still living, and

makes her home in Springfield township. Mrs. Patton received a good common-school education, and is an estimable lady, who presides with gracious hospitality over her home. By her marriage she has become the mother of four children: Helen M., born in Knox county, Indiana, October 19, 1893; Grace Jeanette, born on the home farm in Harmony township, December 5, 1896; Raymond Alexander, born December 24, 1897; and Myrtle Pauline, born November 17, 1899.

At the time of their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Patton removed to Knox county, Indiana, where he owned one hundred and fifty acres of land and for five years they resided upon that farm. On the expiration of that period, however, they returned to Clark county and Mr. Patton purchased his present farm of two hundred and ten acres in Harmony township. Upon this he built a very fine residence in 1901. He has his farm well tiled, and has cleared forty-five acres of his land. He is wide-awake, enterprising agriculturist, and his life shows the force of industry and perseverance in the acquirement of success. He votes with the Republican party and is a member of the Presbyterian church at South Charleston.

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#### CLARENCE S. RAMSEY, M. D.

It is a noticeable fact that in this land, as in no other, young men are found at the front in professions and in business life. Dr. Ramsey is a notable example of this fact. Although he has attained the age of only twenty-eight years, he has advanced in the medical fraternity to a position of distinction, and his work in the line of his pro-

fession has been of such a nature as to gain for him the recognition of his professional brethren as well as of the public.

The Doctor was born in Steubenville, Ohio, January 6, 1875, and comes of Scotch lineage. Throughout almost his entire life he has resided in Springfield. He obtained his common school education in the public schools, his collegiate work being prosecuted in Wittenberg College, in which institution he was graduated with the class of 1895. He then entered the business world, accepting a position as bookkeeper with the firm of William Ramsey & Company, commission merchants. He acted in that capacity for some time, but believing that he would find professional life more congenial, he became a student of medicine in the office and under the direction of Dr. Buckingham, of Springfield, and continued his studies in the Jefferson Medical College, of Philadelphia, in which he was graduated with the class of 1900. Again taking up his abode in this city, Dr. Ramsey opened his office in the King Building. He was appointed house physician to the Charity Lying-in Hospital, Philadelphia, his duties being largely in the line of obstetrical work. In 1901 he received appointment as resident physician in the Jefferson Medical College, which he saw fit to decline. He is physician to the county infirmary, also examiner in the United States recruiting service.

His military record consists of connection with the National Guard from 1892 until 1899. He first served in the Hospital Corps, of which he afterward became hospital steward. He was then promoted to regimental commissary, Third Regiment, Ohio National Guard, and during the Spanish-American war was made regimental quartermaster of the Third Ohio Volunteer

Infantry. He is a close student of text books bearing upon the science of medicine and its principles, as also its practical workings, and further extends his knowledge and usefulness through association with the members of the Springfield Academy of Medicine and the Clark County Medical Society.

In the year 1902 Dr. Ramsey was united in marriage to Miss Della Wilson, of this city. The Doctor is a member of Clark Lodge, No. 101, F. & A. M. His choice of a profession seems to have been wisely made, for he finds it congenial and has a deep interest in his work, both from a scientific standpoint and from the position of one who possesses broad humanitarian views. He was endowed by nature with a good mind and strong purpose, and these, supplemented by a laudable ambition and unfaltering devotion to his chosen calling, have gained him already a creditable place in the ranks of the medical fraternity.

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#### FLZA ANDERSON DYE, M. D.

F. A. Dye, M. D., one of the most skilled and prominent physicians and surgeons of Clark county, now practicing in Vienna, was born near Woodview, Morrow county, Ohio, July 13, 1871. His parents were the Rev. Thomas W. and Alice (Kront) Dye. The father, also a native of Morrow county, was reared upon a farm there, and was indebted to the common school system for the educational privileges he enjoyed in his youth. He was always a student, reading and thinking deeply, and he became a successful teacher, being employed for nineteen years in the same school. At the time of



DR. E. A. DYE.





the Civil war he joined the Union army and served for three years as a private in defense of the old flag and the cause it represented. Soon after his return from the war he was married and began preaching in Butler, Ohio, as a minister of the Free Will Baptist church. Throughout his remaining days he devoted his attention largely to the work of the ministry and his influence was widely and strongly felt in behalf of the church.

Dr. Dye of this review was only about eight or nine years of age when his father died, and for five years thereafter he was employed on a farm by one man. At the age of sixteen he entered the Johnsville high school and was graduated at the age of twenty with the class of 1890. He was ambitious to gain an education and prepare for some useful walk in life and resolved to make the practice of medicine his chosen work. He began studying in Wittenberg College as a preparation for some advanced professional line. In 1894 he entered the Ohio Medical College at Cincinnati and was graduated in that institution with the class of 1897. He also received the diploma of graduation from the eye and ear department, having made a specialty of that branch of medical science.

Dr. Dye entered upon the practice of medicine in Indiana, where he remained for two and one-half years. He then went to Chicago and was afterward in the south, being associated with an uncle, Dr. J. B. Krout, whom he assisted in performing an operation for umbilical hernia, which operation proved a success, although it was a most difficult one. In December, 1899, the Doctor came to Clark county, locating in Harmony township. In 1901 he was called in in a case of appendicitis, on which he oper-

ated, and his patient was the only one of eight operated upon in this neighborhood that lived through an attack of that disease and the only case of which the Doctor had charge. He has been most successful in his practice and is continually augmenting his skill by reading, investigation and research along the line of medical science.

On the 10th of April, 1902, in Harmony township, Dr. Dye was united in marriage to Miss Nina Smith, who was born in Harmony township and is a daughter of Amos and Catherine (Wirt) Smith. She is a most estimable lady and one well read. She completed a public school course in 1898 and spent the year of 1900-1901 as a student in Wittenberg College. The Doctor is a Republican in his political views, having always voted for the presidential candidates with the exception of the year 1892, when he cast his ballot with the Prohibition party. He belongs to the Knights of Pythias fraternity at Vienna, to the Junior Order of American Mechanics, and also to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In the line of his profession he is connected with the Clark County Medical Association and with the State Medical Society and through the interchange of thought, experience and knowledge in these meetings he is continually broadening his own knowledge and thus adding to his usefulness as a member of one of the most valued professions of the world.

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#### ALONZO F. TAFT.

Alonzo F. Taft, who is connected with farming interests in Madison township, was born in Franklin county, Massachusetts, May 18, 1833, his parents being Chapin and

Harriet (Harrivell) Taft. The boyhood days of our subject were spent upon his father's farm of one hundred and sixty acres and in addition to the common school privileges which he enjoyed, he attended the Shelburn Falls Academy for two years at his own expense, having previously earned the money to meet his tuition. He entered that institution when a youth of fifteen. He performed all of the chores upon the home farm in the morning and evening and then had to walk a distance of four miles to the high school at Montague, which was the nearest town to his home. Before he entered the academy he had been employed by the month as a farm hand at eight and twelve dollars per month and thus earned the money with which he met the expenses of his academic course. His father had died when the son was only four years of age, leaving the mother with nine children, so that the advantages which the family received were very limited, save those which they acquired for themselves.

After leaving the academy Mr. Taft engaged in teaching for some time during the winter months, and thus had acquired capital sufficient to enable him to continue his own education in the State Normal School at Westfield. The tuition there was free, but he had to meet his board bills and other necessary expenditures. He entered into a contract to deliver books that had been sold on the subscription plan and was then sent to Jonesville and Hillsdale, Michigan, in the interest of Mr. Bills, of Norwich, Connecticut. When he reached his destination he received word that the books had been shipped to Buffalo and from there would be transmitted over the lake route, but this could not be done, for the lake was then frozen over and navigation for the season was

closed. Mr. Taft then secured a situation as a teacher in a school, which he conducted for four months. This provided him with some ready money, and the next spring he began the delivery of the books, which had ultimately arrived. During three winters he continued his school work and in the summer months engaged in delivering books. He was then taken ill and went to the water cure in Cleveland, Ohio, where he was advised to go south. Following this advice, he secured a position as a teacher in a school in Clermont county, Ohio, where he remained for three years as a teacher in a small village.

During the last year there Mr. Taft was united in marriage on the 17th of March, 1858, to Miss Mary J. Bragg, and three children were born to them: William H., who is now a resident of Springfield, Ohio; Monzo F., who married Amanda White and lives in Dayton, Ohio; and Charles R., of Springfield, Ohio.

After his marriage Mr. Taft turned his attention to merchandising in Clermont county, but after a year he removed his store to Martinsville, Clinton county, and for seven years was there successfully engaged in merchandising. He then determined to change the field of his labor, and selling out at that place came to South Charleston, where he was in business for fourteen years. Severing his connection with mercantile affairs, he became a representative of the agricultural interests of Clark county and purchased a place of one hundred and sixty acres in Madison township, formerly known as the Joshua Harrison farm, whereon he made his home until March 5, 1902, when his residence was destroyed by fire and he returned to the town, where he is now living.

In 1877 Mr. Taft was called upon to

mourn the loss of his wife, who died in South Charleston, in the month of October of that year. In December, 1878, he was again married, his second union being with Miss Mary Sweet, who was born in South Charleston and is a daughter of Griffith F. and Martha (Jones) Sweet. She is a lady of superior education and culture, and for sixteen years was engaged in teaching school in South Charleston.

In his political views Mr. Taft has been an earnest and stalwart Republican, since casting his ballot in support of John C. Fremont, the first candidate of the party. He has never been an office seeker, yet he was elected and served for three years as justice of the peace in Clinton county and for eight or ten years in Madison township, Clark county. Of all the cases he has ever tried, his opinion has been reversed by a higher court in only one instance. He has performed many marriage ceremonies and otherwise faithfully and acceptably discharged the duties of his office. He was reared in the Congregational church, but afterward became a member of the Baptist church, and both he and his wife are now members of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he is an earnest and faithful worker. He has also been superintendent of the Sunday school and Mrs. Taft a teacher therein, and their influence and labors in behalf of Christianity have been effective and far reaching. Mr. Taft became a member of the Masonic order in New Vienna, Clinton county, and was connected with that lodge for about two years. He afterward aided in organizing and became a charter member of Martinsville Lodge, F. & A. M., serving as its master until his removal from that place, when he demitted to become a member of Fielding Lodge, F. & A. M., of South

Charleston, of which he has served as master for thirteen years. He has also attended the meetings of the grand lodge and is a worthy representative of the craft and in his life shows forth its teachings concerning brotherly kindness and mutual helpfulness.

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#### WILLIAM CONKLIN.

For forty-two years William Conklin has been a resident of Springfield, and his worth as a citizen in public affairs and as a representative of business interests is widely acknowledged. At the present time he is living a retired life, in the enjoyment of a rest which he has truly earned and richly deserves. He was born in Somerset county, New Jersey, August 18, 1827, and was educated in the subscription schools, while he was reared upon the home farm of his parents, William and Cornelia (Goltry) Conklin, both of whom were natives of New Jersey and were of English ancestry. The father was a well known farmer, and died at the home of his son in Springfield at the age of seventy-nine years. He was a man of strong constitution, and in his business affairs was energetic and determined, acquiring all that he possessed. When the country became involved in the second war with England, in 1812, he joined the army as a private. His political support was given the Democracy. In his family were six children, but only two are now living: William, who was the eldest, and Mrs. Elizabeth Trowell, of Franklin, Indiana. Those who have passed away are: John, who was a well known grocer of Springfield and for four years served as a soldier in the Civil war; Stephen; James,

who made his home in Springfield for a time; and Augusta, who was the wife of Granville Winger.

William Conklin was educated in the subscription schools and remained upon the home farm until sixteen years of age, when he went to Brooklyn, New York, where he learned the mason's and plasterer's trade, serving a four years' apprenticeship. He afterward worked in that city as a journeyman, and in 1859 he located in Yellow Springs, Greene county, Ohio, where he began doing contract work. In 1863 he came to Springfield and has since continuously resided in this city. He located at his present home in 1865, it being a country residence at that time. He purchased property and built for himself thirty-three dwellings in this city. He was also one of the pioneer mason contractors and employed many men, for a large share of the business in his line was awarded him. He was generally engaged as a plasterer, and during the busy seasons had a force of ninety workmen. His extensive operations and capable management made him well-to-do, and at length he retired with a handsome competence. His own home, which he erected, was one of the first built in the neighborhood. The last contract which he took was on the Savings Bank in 1899, and since that time he has lived retired from business cares. He was one of the prime movers in the purchase of the plant now operated by the Trump Manufacturing Company, and since the incorporation of this company he has been its vice-president. He is also one of the directors of the Lagonda National Bank and of the Champion Coal & Ice Company.

Mr. Conklin has been twice married. On Long Island, on the 3d of January, 1854, he wedded Mary Selleck, who died in Spring-

field, March 20, 1863. She had four children, of whom three died in infancy, while Anna is the widow of Charles Atkinson and has two children, Charles Dewitt and George Harry. In March, 1865, Mr. Conklin was again married, his second union being with Emily E. Cole, who was a school teacher in Springfield. She was born in Pulaski, Otsego county, New York, in October, 1833, pursued a public school course and in 1855 came to this city, where for eight years she was closely and actively associated with educational work, being one of the most capable instructors in the schools here at an early day. She has always had considerable influence along such lines and has been a popular member of social circles where true worth and intelligence are received as the passports into good society. When she was a little maiden of twelve years she went with an uncle in 1836 to Racine county, Wisconsin. This was during the territorial days of the state and her uncle, Albert G. Cole, engaged in the practice of law there and was one of the delegates who framed the constitution when the state was admitted to the Union. His efforts, too, were effective in securing its admission, and he was a prominent and influential citizen. Mrs. Conklin remained in Wisconsin for nine years. By her marriage she became the mother of two children: Alexander C. and Emily C., but both died in early childhood.

Mr. Conklin has been a member of the city council, and for eleven years was a member of the board of education. He has never sought official honors, being of a modest and rather retiring disposition, but these were conferred upon him by his fellow townsmen, who recognized his worth and ability. He belongs to Springfield Lodge, No. 33, I. O. O. F., has passed all of the chairs and is

a member of the encampment. His identification with the order dates from 1865. Both he and his wife hold membership with the First Congregational church, take an active part in its growth and in the extension of its influence and for several years he has served as church treasurer. He has always been active in promoting any enterprise tended to advance the interests of the city and its people, and his unswerving purpose, his unquestioned fidelity, his unflinching honesty, and his unchanging will have commanded the highest respect of all. A leader in the cause of liberty, of freedom and of progress, his hearty co-operation has ever been given to that which tends to elevate mankind.

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#### CHRISTIAN MARTIN.

Christian Martin is numbered among the progressive and influential farmers of Green township, where he has also been extensively engaged in stock raising and the breeding of shorthorn cattle. He is well posted on the latest and best methods of practical farming, his valuable farm being kept in good condition. On it he raises cattle of good grade, and is authority in his community on the subject of shorthorn cattle, having had wide experience in the raising of these, in which occupation he has met with excellent success. Mr. Martin was born in Washington county, Maryland, October 20, 1836, and is a son of Emanuel and Anna (Doyle) Martin. The parents both died in Maryland, the father at the age of eighty-one years and the mother at the age of sixty-six.

On the home farm in Washington county, Maryland, Christian Martin was reared, receiving the privileges of a fair common

school education. He worked on the farm for his father until he was about twenty-seven years of age, or until the time of his marriage, and from the time of reaching his majority he received from him a remuneration for his services. On the 1st of January, 1863, he was united in marriage to Miss Sarah E. Bowers, a former school-mate, who was also a native of Washington county, Maryland. She was born December 10, 1843, and was a daughter of Jacob and Mary Ann (Bergesser) Bowers. Her father died in Maryland at the age of fifty years, while her mother is still living at the age of ninety years, making her home in Springfield.

At the time of his marriage Mr. Martin received from his father the earnings that had accumulated during the years he had worked on the home farm—about five hundred dollars. With this start he began his domestic life and rented a farm for five years. On the expiration of this period he had acquired about five thousand dollars. In 1869 he removed to Ohio, settling in Green township, Clark county, where he purchased eighty acres of land and lived thereon for about sixteen years. In the meantime he had purchased eighty acres upon which his home now stands, and on his removal to the latter place he rebuilt the house and also erected a substantial barn. The neat and thrifty appearance of the farm indicates the careful supervision of the owner, who is ever awake to the improved methods of the day in regard to farming and stock raising. Everything is in good sanitary condition, the farm is rich and productive, and the success of Mr. Martin has been assured from almost his first business venture, showing that he has sound business judgment and executive force to carry to a successful com-

pletion plans which seem to him to be best. His landed possessions are considerable. Besides the property above named, he owns a lot in Springfield and one hundred and sixty acres of land between the Springfield pikes.

Eight children have graced the union of Mr. Martin and his wife, but one died in infancy. Harvey Grant, born March 27, 1864, in Washington county, Maryland, is a graduate of Wittenberg College, in Clark county, of the class of 1889, and has engaged for some time in teaching; Silas Clinton, born in Washington county, Maryland, December 4, 1865, also received a good education; Emanuel Jacob, born September 12, 1867, in Washington county, Maryland, married Anna German, and resides in Springfield township, with his wife and five children—Ernest F., Lola, Walter, Jennie and Charles Lewis; John Henry, born January 15, 1869, in Washington county, Maryland, married Edith Davis, and has two children, Edna May and Alice Lenora; Charles Lewis, born February 21, 1872, died in March, 1872, in Springfield; Mary Catherine was born June 23, 1873; Albert Lewis, born October 17, 1876, married Ethel Grindle and has two children—Cecil and Harry Leo; Jessie Lulu, born August 30, 1882, was a graduate of Clifton College, in the class of 1899, receiving high honors.

Mr. Martin has strong faith in the principles of the Republican party, and has always advocated its cause, although he is retiring and does not desire office, preferring rather to devote his time and attention to his business pursuits. Both he and his wife were reared in the faith of the Lutheran church, but are now identified with the Presbyterian church, as are two of the children. The family is highly respected for their genuine

worth of character, and in the enjoyments of the comforts of life and many of its pleasures, which are the result of their years of industry, they live in peace with their fellow men, respected and honored by all.

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#### JOHN C. CLIPPINGER.

John C. Clippinger is connected with the industrial interests of Springfield as foreman of the P. P. Mast Manufacturing Company. He was born in Cumberland, Allegany county, Maryland, October 3, 1856, and is a son of Valentine B. and Catherine (Startzman) Clippinger. The father was born in Waynesboro, Pennsylvania, in 1823, while the mother's birth occurred near Hagerstown, Maryland, in 1826. Valentine B. Clippinger followed the trade of a copper-smith and tinsmith in the employ of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad and remained in the service of the company a long time, living in Cumberland, Maryland. In 1863 he removed to New Carlisle, Ohio, where he was in business for about two years, and on selling out at the end of that time came to Springfield, where he followed the tinsmith's trade as a journeyman until 1898, since which time he has lived retired at No. 255 West North street. He has always been an active man in business and public affairs, and by reading has kept well informed on the issues of the day. He belongs to the Royal Arcanum, and both he and his wife are members of the First Lutheran church. In politics he was in early life a Whig, and upon the dissolution of that party he joined the ranks of the new Republican party and has since fought under its banner.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Valentine B. Clip-

pinge have been born twelve children, seven of whom reached years of maturity: William H., who is a bookkeeper and salesman in Indianapolis, Indiana; Charles Edward, who formerly resided in Springfield, but is now a confectioner of Bellefontaine, Ohio; Emma, the wife of Abram Myers, who is a foreman pattern maker for the Springfield Malleable Iron Company; John C.; Joseph A., who is an employe of the P. P. Mast Company of Springfield; Effie, the wife of A. M. Dissinger, who has charge of the opera house of this city; and Clara Belle, the wife of Hayes Stockstill, a salesman of Dayton, Ohio.

During his boyhood John C. Clippinger came to Springfield with his parents and here attended the public schools. He was also a student in a select school for a year, and then began to earn his own livelihood as an employe in a furniture factory of Foom, Mulligan & Kyle, learning the trade of a finisher. He served a four years' apprenticeship, during which time he became an expert workman in the line. He afterward entered the employ of Baker & Christie, a new firm, with which he remained for eighteen months, after which he entered the Lagonda shops of Warder, Bushnell & Glessner. He was in the paint department, remaining there from 1874 until 1876, when he obtained a position with the New Champion Company, being thus engaged until 1885. In that year he entered the service of the P. P. Mast Company, and has gradually advanced to a prominent position. In 1889 he was appointed foreman of the paint department, and now has under his supervision fifteen men. He is thoroughly competent to take charge of any branch of the business in this line, to control the department and expand its usefulness, and he has the unreserved

confidence of the house, his employers recognizing his ability and fidelity to duty.

In 1880 Mr. Clippinger was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary Ellen Kohler, who was born in Greencastle, Pennsylvania, in 1863, and is a daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth (Croft) Kohler. The former is deceased, while the latter is living with her daughter in this city. She was born in 1831. They had eight children, of whom four are yet living: Catherine, wife of Clarence Chrissinger, of Hagerstown, Maryland; Martha J., the wife of Clarence M. Miller, of Springfield; Mrs. Clippinger; and David S., who is chief engineer in the Edison light plant of Columbus. The parents came to this city in 1877, and in 1883 returned to Maryland, but Mrs. Clippinger was here educated. By her marriage she became the mother of four children: Lester died in infancy. The others are: Delmer K., who was born in August, 1882; John Sherman, born in June, 1885; and Catherine Elizabeth, born in December, 1891. The eldest son is now a student in Nelson's Business College, and the others are in the public schools.

Mr. Clippinger has always taken an active part in politics since becoming a voter. He cast his first presidential ballot for the candidate of the Republican party and has since been ever loyal to its principles. He has served as a delegate to city and county conventions, but has never been an aspirant for office, although he was elected as a member of the city council in April, 1902, for a two years' term, and is now chairman of the committee on police and fire. He has also served on various other committees. He has taken an active interest in municipal affairs, putting forth every effort possible to promote the general welfare and advance public prog-



ress. His wife is an active member of the First Lutheran church, and he belongs to the Independent Order of Foresters, in which he has held the office of court deputy for several years. He also belongs to the Protective Home Circle. He is a man of domestic tastes and habits and finds his greatest happiness at his own fireside, having built a nice modern house at No. 69 South Race street, in 1894, where he has since resided.



#### NATHAN O. MINEAR, D. O.

There has been marked advancement—in fact, almost a revolution in the methods of treating disease in the past quarter or half of a century. Investigation, study and research have brought to light many valuable truths in connection with the work of healing and restoration of the vital forces of the body, and the practice of osteopathy has won recognition as one of the most important elements in the great work which falls to the lot of the physician. Dr. Minear is a representative of this department of practice and during his four years' residence in Springfield he has gained a very liberal patronage, as he has demonstrated his skill and ability to successfully cope with disease.

The Doctor is a native of Elkhart county, Indiana, his birth having occurred near the city of Elkhart on the 13th of February, 1861. He is a son of Charles W. and Catherine (Miller) Minear, who are now residents of Kirksville, Missouri. The father formerly followed agricultural pursuits, but since 1880 has lived retired in Kirksville. Both he and his wife are about sixty-five years of age. On leaving Indiana the father removed with his family to Iowa,

where he carried on farming until 1867, when he took up his abode in Kirksville, Missouri, there continuing to engage in the tilling of the soil until his retirement from active business life. Both he and his wife are earnest workers and loyal members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and Mrs. Minear is of German lineage. By their marriage they became the parents of three children, the eldest being Dr. Minear of this review. James F., the second son, is a graduate of the College of Osteopathy in Kirksville, Missouri, and is now practicing in Fort Scott, Kansas. The youngest son died in infancy.

In the district schools Nathan O. Minear pursued his early education and at the age of fourteen became a student in the public school of Kirksville, where he was graduated. Subsequently he entered the State Normal there and was graduated in the latter institution with the class of 1881. He possessed special aptitude in his studies, having a great fondness for books, and for four years engaged in teaching in Missouri, after which he turned his attention to merchandising, becoming connected with a general store near Kirksville. There he remained until 1895, when his inclination for professional life led him into another department of labor. Upon leaving school he had studied medicine for a short time but had been dissuaded from continuing his preparation for medical practice and had taken up teaching instead. In 1895, however, he sold his business interests and entered the American School of Osteopathy, conducted by Professor A. T. Still, and was graduated in 1898, having gained a broad and comprehensive knowledge of the science whose value to the world has been recognized at a comparatively late date, but its worth has





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been so manifest that it has received almost universal recognition and support.

Dr. Minear first located in Xenia, Greene county, Ohio, but believing that there was a better field of labor in Springfield, he came to this city in 1898 and opened his present office, since which time he has enjoyed a large and constantly growing practice. He gradually influenced the public to investigate his methods and his honorable dealings, combined with his skill in his profession, has won for him steady success. He was one of the first to introduce the treatment according to osteopathy in Springfield. The word comes from two Greek words, "osteon," meaning bone, and "pathos," suffering. Therefore osteopathy is the science of treating diseases manually, by the adjustment of all the parts and organs to their natural relations, thus removing the irritations resulting from abnormal relations and removing obstacles to vital forces and fluids of the body, also by stimulating mechanically all organs to their proper functions or inhibiting abnormally active processes of movements of portions of the bodily organism. It therefore must have for its foundation a thorough and comprehensive knowledge of human anatomy and physiology and of the normal and abnormal action and metabolism of all parts of the bodily mechanism. Osteopathy reorganizes man as a human machine capable of self repair when adjusted in all its parts as nature intended it. Health is our natural right and disease is the result of some abnormal derangement of the human mechanism. An osteopath is simply an engineer who rectifies and repairs any such derangements acting upon the human body the same as a jeweler examining and keeping in repair a watch. The forces that tend to derange

the human mechanism are over exertion, extreme heat and cold, external violence, use of poisons, entering of germs into the system. The vital forces in a state of health have facilities at hand to thoroughly protect the organism against the attack of germs. The duty of the physician is to so carefully read and to so interpret the expressions of life as to determine to what degree it is wise to equalize the distribution of functional activities of the body. To a certain degree this lack of balance may be corrected and a more equal distribution of functional activities of vital forces realized by the scientific manipulation of the human mechanism. Osteopathy can accomplish this by keeping the structural adjustment perfect, by maintaining functional adaptation and co-operation among the organs directing energy so as to secure equal distribution of force, lessening and removing muscular rigidity; all this through sensations which act upon the sensorium and through it upon the entire motor mechanism of the body. In his continued practice Dr. Minear has been extremely successful and his business is constantly increasing as the practicability of his methods are recognized by the public.

In Calloway county, Missouri, near the town of Fulton, Dr. Minear was united in marriage to Miss Georgia Darnes, in 1883. She was educated in the public schools of that locality, her father being a farmer there. They have six children: Nollie O., who is a bookkeeper; Lloyd V. and James F., students in the high school; Norman W.; and Mabel and Myrtle (twins). The children have all been educated in the schools of Springfield. The parents are members of the Presbyterian church. The Doctor is a Republican in his political views. The family has a pleasant home at No. 356

South Center street and the members of the household have already gained an enviable position in the social circles of the city.

### J. NEWTON GRISSE.

J. Newton Grisso, the manager of the Spot Cash grocery, located at No. 385 South Fountain avenue in Springfield, has always lived in Clark county, his birth having occurred at Grisso Mills, in Springfield township, January 22, 1860. He is a son of John Grisso and a representative of one of the oldest pioneer families in this portion of the state. The founder of the family here was his great-grandfather, George Grisso, who was a farmer by occupation. He was born in Coblentz township, Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, July 6, 1783, and died in March, 1884, when nearly one hundred and one years of age, being the oldest man in Clark county at that time. When a child he removed with his parents to Virginia, and at a very early day came to Ohio, settling on a tract of land west of Springfield when that city was a collection of but fifteen or twenty log houses. This was in 1812, and the rival "city" at that time was Boston, near the present home of Leander Baker, on the Valley pike, which was perhaps half as large. Mr. Grisso well remembered the contest between these places for the court house and how rejoiced the citizens of Springfield were over their victory, although they came out but a few votes ahead. In politics he was always a Democrat, as most of his family have been, but he paid little attention to public affairs and very seldom voted. Religiously he was a quiet, though consistent, member of the German Baptist, or what is

more commonly called the "Dunkard" church, and he said "I was baptized in 1812 in Peter's creek, Salem, Virginia." During the war of 1812 he was drafted, but as his church was opposed to warfare and taught that disputes should be settled by peaceful methods, he left his home and with his little family came to the west to try his fortune. He was married in Virginia in 1809 to Catharine Frantz, who was the mother of all his children, eight in number, and died in 1841 at the age of fifty-five years. Two years later he married her cousin, Nancy Frantz, who died in 1870. Of his children one died in infancy, while the remaining seven lived to rear families of their own, and five of his sons were still living when he celebrated his "centennial," July 6, 1883, at which time he was in comparatively good health. Besides his sons there were present thirty-nine grandchildren, sixty-six great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. His children in order of birth were as follows: Christian, the grandfather of our subject, was born in Virginia in 1810, and had ten children. When his father celebrated his one hundredth birthday he had five children living, twenty-three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He died in this county when about eighty years of age. George, Jr., the well known miller at Ricky Point, had two children, one of whom is still living. Catherine became Mrs. Brubaker, of Preble county, Ohio, and died at the age of sixty, leaving five sons, who have twelve children altogether. John was the father of thirteen children and died in Indiana at the age of fifty-two years. Benjamin died at the age of sixty-two, leaving nine children. Emanuel died in Laketon, Indiana, leaving six children living, while six had previously passed away. Joseph, the youngest son and

last surviving member of the family, died at the old "Patriarchal Homestead," west of Springfield, on the National pike, in the spring of 1902. He was the father of six children. George Grisso, Sr., lived a quiet, peaceful life, and on his one hundredth birthday said that he had lived long enough and was ready to be taken home. He had no disease, and at the time of his death was seemingly a healthy man. He was temperate in labor, eating and drinking; never used tobacco or tea and but very little coffee; and he never used liquor as a beverage, but, as was the old custom, he kept his pure "bitters" on the shelf.

John Grisso, the father of our subject, was born in this county in 1836 and in early life followed milling. He afterward turned his attention to farming, which he carried on in Clark county for a number of years, and in 1868 he went to Shelby county, Illinois, where he purchased a farm. On account of ill health, however, he was advised to return to Ohio, but he died in Bethel township soon after reaching the county of his nativity. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Elizabeth Weaver, and was born in this county in 1840, is still living. Her father, John Weaver, now deceased, was a veterinary surgeon and farmer and made his home in Pike and German townships. Mrs. Grisso is a resident of Springfield. By her marriage she became the mother of six children: Mary, the wife of D. S. Gordon, of Springfield; J. Newton, of this review; Ida, the wife of John Eversole, of Bethel township; Oros, who was a member of Battery E and was killed by the explosion of a cannon at the unveiling of the monument at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, in 1887; Oron, a twin brother of Oros and now a farmer of Springfield township; and Hester E., the wife of

Dr. Frank Riegel, of Hackery, Ohio. The children all attended the district schools of Clark county and Hester E. and J. N. were students in the Olive Branch high school of Bethel township, while the subject of this review also pursued a business course in Valparaiso, Indiana. After the death of the father the widow remained with her family in this county until 1884 and since that time has lived in Springfield.

J. Newton Grisso, of this review, was provided with good educational privileges, as previously indicated. During his youth he worked for a short time as a farm hand and was afterward employed at quarrying until he had attained his majority, when he accepted a position as clerk in a grocery store in Tower Hill, Illinois, remaining in that state until 1883, when he became a clerk in the store of Stein & Tremont, of Springfield. Subsequently he entered into partnership with William Gordon and they conducted business for about a year. Later Mr. Grisso opened a store alone, and in 1887 he became a partner of John Troutman, this relation being maintained until 1891, when our subject sold his interest in the business and became a partner of D. S. Gordon. He has remained with the company through various changes, and since 1892 has been manager of the Spot Cash grocery, its success being largely due to his capable control and enterprise.

On the 7th of April, 1891, in Fort Wayne, Indiana, Mr. Grisso was married to Miss Alice Vordermark, who was born there in 1871 and pursued a college course after completing her common school education. She also engaged in teaching in the neighborhood of Fort Wayne. By her marriage she has become the mother of two sons: John Palmer, born December 9, 1892; and

Jay Newton, born February 2, 1894. Mr. Grisso votes independently at local elections, but supports the state and national candidates of the Democracy. He and his wife are charter members of the First Church of Christian Scientists and he belongs to Anthony Lodge, F. & A. M., having been made a Mason in Illinois when twenty-one years of age. He is also a member of the Commercial Club and of the Springfield Grocers' Association. He represents a worthy and honored pioneer family, and, like his ancestors, he is interested in the work of improvement and development and has carried on the task which they begun by contributing to the general progress here.

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#### WILLIAM B. MOORES.

William B. Moores is the resident superintendent of The Moores Lime Company and in this capacity is conducting an excellent business at Springfield. He was born in Springfield township, Hamilton county, Ohio, October 5, 1869. His father, John B. C. Moores, also a native of that county, was born in 1844 and was a son of William B. Moores, Sr., who was the original conductor and owner of the business now carried on by our subject, having established it in the early '60s. He was a resident of Cincinnati, Ohio, and was a prominent and influential man. He died in 1870, at which time John B. C. Moores assumed control of the enterprise in behalf of his mother. Later he and his brother, H. H. Moores, conducted the business until the latter purchased the interests of his brother in 1890. In that year a new company, known as The Moores Lime Company, was organized, and in 1895

the business was incorporated. During the past twelve years our subject has been the resident manager at Springfield, while F. Lawson Moores, who resides in Cincinnati, is the president of the company.

The father of our subject was united in marriage to Caroline A. Lawson, who was reared in Cincinnati, is a graduate of the Glendale Female Seminary and now makes her home in her native city. She is a daughter of Fenton Lawson, who was the first man to introduce gas into Cincinnati, that being in the early '40s. He established a metal business there about 1823 and the enterprise has gradually grown until it is now one of the largest of the kind in the city. It is still in possession of the family, being controlled by F. H. Lawson, an uncle of our subject. Fenton Lawson was one of fifty men who left Cincinnati and established the city of Glendale, and both he and William B. Moores, Sr., the paternal grandfather of our subject, became residents of that place. His death occurred in the early '50s. The Lawsons are a very distinguished people in Cincinnati, prominent in both business and social circles. They have contributed in no small degree to the commercial prosperity and upbuilding of that city and other portions of the state and have also advanced the social and intellectual status. The parents of our subject also became residents of Glendale and there the father died in 1894, since which time the mother has returned to Cincinnati. They were the parents of three children: F. Lawson, who is married and resides in Cincinnati; Florence, the wife of George S. Keck, of that city, by whom she has three children; and William B., of this review.

In the public schools of Hamilton county William B. Moores pursued his education,

and at the age of eighteen years he entered into the lime business with his uncle and father, with whom he was associated for two years. In 1890 he joined his father and brother in the organization of The Moores Lime Company, which five years later was incorporated. Since that time Mr. Moores has been a resident of Springfield, personally superintending the conduct of the business from that point. In 1895 he began doing a retail business in all kinds of building material, with offices located at the corner of Linden avenue and Washington street. The quarries of the company are at Durbin station and a wholesale business is carried on on a very extensive plan, large shipments being made throughout Kentucky, Indiana and Ohio, while an extensive retail trade is conducted in both Cincinnati and Springfield. One hundred and twenty-five men are employed at the quarries in getting out stone and the product is such as finds a ready sale on the market. All kinds of building materials of a high grade are also handled and the business has increased annually until the output now brings a very gratifying and satisfactory financial return.

In the county of his nativity, in 1894, Mr. Moores wedded Miss Leila Huston, who was born in Butler county, Ohio, a daughter of David and Emily Huston, prominent people of that locality. Mrs. Moores is a graduate of Glendale College and is a most highly esteemed lady. They now have three children, William Huston, John S. L. and Emily Carline. Their home is at No. 48 Park Place. Mrs. Moores is a member of the Presbyterian church, to the support of which her husband contributes liberally. He belongs to the Commercial Club and votes with the Republican party when questions of state and national importance are

involved, and at local elections casts his ballot regardless of party affiliations. Throughout his entire business career he has been connected with one line of business activity. This concentration of his energies has enabled him to gain a thorough and accurate knowledge of the business in every detail and department and his comprehensive understanding and unremitting diligence have been the means of building up an enterprise of importance. All trade transactions have been conducted with strict regard to commercial ethics and therefore the house bears a reputation which is commendable and worthy of emulation.

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#### RICHARD THOMAS KELLEY.

Richard Thomas Kelley is engaged in blacksmithing in Green township and his life of earnest toil, characterized by fairness in his dealings, has made him a respected citizen of his community. He was born in Springfield township, near Beatty, November 24, 1843, and is a son of William C. and Miranda C. (Dudley) Kelley. The father was also born in this county and represents one of its pioneer families. The first of the name to come to America was James Kelley, who was born in Scotland and crossed the broad Atlantic to the new world in 1773, accompanied by a younger brother, John Kelley. He settled in Monongalia county, Virginia, where he was married and followed farming. At the time when the colonists attempted to throw off the yoke of British oppression he joined the American army and served under Washington at Valley Forge. The suffering endured by the American heroes at that place has be-

come a matter of history. Mr. Kelley's face, ears and head were frozen there, but with courageous spirit he and his fellow soldiers endured their sufferings for the cause of liberty. When American independence was achieved he was united in marriage to Catherine Stuart, of Virginia. She was of Scotch-Irish ancestry. The young couple removed to Fleming county, Kentucky, and in the year 1808 came to Clark county, Ohio. They were the great-grandparents of our subject. Joseph Kelley, the grandfather, was born in Monongalia county, West Virginia, and in Kentucky was united in marriage to Miss Mary Detrow. In 1813 they became prominent residents of Clark county, although Mrs. Kelley had visited the county the previous year, while her husband was serving as a soldier in the war of 1812.

William C. Kelley, the father of our subject, was here born on the 28th of January, 1820, and in his youth he learned the blacksmith's trade, which he followed for a number of years in Green and Springfield townships. Later in life he purchased of his father fifty-seven acres of land and began farming, carrying on that pursuit throughout the remainder of his business career. Although reared in the Democratic faith he endorsed the Whig party on attaining his majority, and when the Republican party sprang into existence he joined the latter organization and continued thereafter to follow its banners. A devoted and faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal church he took an active part in its work and served as class leader, Sunday-school superintendent and church trustee and steward. He died October 11, 1901, at the very advanced age of eighty-one years, and thus passed away one of the honored pioneer settlers of Clark county, who for many years had been

a witness of the changes which had occurred, the transformation which had been wrought, and the progress which had led to the substantial development and prosperity of this section of the state. In the family of William C. and Miranda C. (Dudley) Kelley were ten children, of whom our subject is the eldest, and four sons and two daughters are yet living: Lavina is the wife of James B. Toland and resides in Jewell county, Kansas; Frances Asbery is married and is living in Lyon county, Kansas; George is a resident farmer of Urbana, Ohio; Martha Ann is the wife of William Baldwin, of Madison township, Clark county; and James Edwin is living in Green township.

If one could draw back the curtains of the years that cover the boyhood of our subject he would find a little lad standing before his father's forge blowing the bellows in the blacksmith shop. He was so small that he had to stand on a block in order to reach the pole and his stature was also heightened in the same way when he began swinging the hammer. It will thus be seen that his early youth was one of toil. When he was fourteen years of age his father abandoned blacksmithing and turned his attention to farming, so that Mr. Kelly of this review had a change of work. He took his place in the fields and was employed on the home farm until twenty-one years of age, when he began working at the blacksmith's trade on his own account and has since followed that pursuit, being for thirty-five years situated at his present location. Many of his present patrons have been with him throughout this period. It is a noticeable fact in his career that when he once secures the patronage of a person he has no difficulty in retaining it. This is due to his excellent workmanship, his promptness and his earn-



est desire to please, and through the exercise of his business ability and his unremitting diligence he has gained a comfortable competence which is well merited.

On the 24th of October, 1867, Mr. Kelly was married to Miss Mary Jane Smith, of Springfield township, in which locality she was born. Their union has been blessed with eight children: Ida Elnora, the wife of S. O. Rush, of Springfield, by whom she has one child, Kenneth; Leo Rush; Forrest Elmer; Charles O.; Elsie R., the wife of John Anderson, of Springfield, by whom she has one child, Roland R.; William Earl; Garwin Chester; and Zoe Goldie.

Mr. Kelley cast his first presidential vote for Grant in 1868, and has since endorsed Republican principles and voted for the men and measures of the party. He was elected and served for nine consecutive years as justice of the peace and after an interval of six years was again elected to that position. He has tried many cases and, of the seven cases which have been appealed, his decision has been reversed in only one instance and that because of new evidence which was introduced. He has performed a number of marriage ceremonies and was a candidate for the nomination for county infirmary director in 1902. He belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church, is a class leader, Sunday-school superintendent and licensed exhorter. He has assisted in holding many revival meetings and is most earnest and zealous in his church work. He belongs to Springfield Lodge, No. 33, I. O. O. F., and for twenty-five years he has been the correspondent for the Press-Republic, his articles, over the initials R. T., becoming quite noted. He gathered the data for the history of the Kelley family, which was published in 1900 by Oliver S. Kelley, of

Springfield. During leisure hours he has also written some poetry and various poems have appeared in the Press-Republic. He is a gentleman of strong mentality, of wide reading and is a deep thinker, and his influence in the intellectual and moral development of his section of Clark county has been an important one.

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#### FRANK L. HATFIELD.

Frank L. Hatfield, who recently founded a tailoring establishment and has already won favor with the public, commanding for himself a place as a representative business man of Springfield, was born in Wyoming county, Pennsylvania, May 12, 1867. His father, William Hatfield, was born in New Jersey and is now living retired in this city at the age of sixty-seven years, making his home with his son Frank. The mother, Mrs. Mary E. Hatfield, died in Pennsylvania in 1897, at the age of fifty-five years. They had but two children, and the daughter, Olivia, died in Boston, Massachusetts. The birthplace of our subject was on a farm which had been cleared and improved by his maternal grandfather, but when Mr. Hatfield was only about two years of age his parents removed from Wyoming county to Pittston, Pennsylvania, where he was reared. At the age of sixteen he began earning his own living by learning the trade of a coat-maker and tailor in this city. When he had completed his apprenticeship he was employed as a journeyman for a time, working as an experienced cutter in various places, his term of service extending from a few months to four years. He finally came to Ohio and followed his trade, locating in

Springfield in 1898. He accepted the position of cutter with Bruce & Pursell, and after eighteen months, upon the death of Mr. Bruce, he succeeded to a partnership in the business, the firm of Pursell & Hatfield being formed. After a year he sold his interest, however, but continued in the house as a cutter for six months. He then withdrew and began business for himself in March, 1901, locating in the Johnson building on East High street. In the spring of 1902 he removed to his present location. His store is fitted up in a model manner and he employs only experienced workmen, so that the garments sent out from his establishment give uniform satisfaction. He is always courteous and obliging, reliable and honest and has therefore won a large patronage, although he has been in business alone for only about a year and a half. He is fast gaining a reputation for conducting an up-to-date establishment and his trade is increasing rapidly. He has given his personal attention to every detail of the business and he buys direct from the wholesale houses, making semi-annual trips to the east in order to purchase goods and get new styles. He has a thorough practical acquaintance with all branches of the business and is thus capable of directing the labors of those whom he employs. His store is adorned with pictures of his own designing and he carries a high grade of goods and has a select patronage.

In Trumanburg, New York, in September, 1890, Mr. Hatfield was married to Miss Elizabeth M. Harneston, who was educated in an academy of the Empire state. They have three children: Elma Hermione, Ethel Winifred and Vernon LeRoy.

In church and charitable matters Mr. Hatfield is found as a liberal supporter, al-

though not connected in membership with any religious organization. He is quite prominent and popular in fraternal circles, being a member of Friendship Lodge, No. 1533, F. & A. M., of Owego, New York; New Jerusalem Chapter, No. 47, R. A. M., of Owego; Palestine Commandery, K. T., of Springfield; and Antioch Temple of the Mystic Shrine in Dayton. He was made a Mason when twenty-one years of age. He also belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, to the Commercial Club, to the Matinee Gentlemen's Driving Club, to the Springfield Gun Club, and to the Columbian Republican Club. The last named is indicative of his political views. He and his estimable wife, who is a lady of culture and refinement, have a pleasant home at No. 344 Woodlawn avenue, which is noted for its hospitality and good cheer. The strong qualities of Mr. Hatfield's nature have made him popular with many friends, while in his business career he has gained success by indomitable energy, his skill and integrity in the line of his chosen pursuit. When he embarked in business here he had strong competition to work against, but his capability, determination and evident fairness in all trade transactions have won for him the favorable opinion of the public and a fair share of public patronage.

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#### GUSTAVUS S. FOOS.

There are no rules for building characters; there is no rule for achieving success. The man who can rise from the ranks to a position of eminence is he who can see and utilize the opportunities that surround his path. The essential conditions of human



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life are ever the same, the surroundings of individuals differ but slightly; and when one man passes another on the highway to reach the goal of prosperity before others who perhaps start out before him it is because he has the power to use advantages which probably compass the whole human race. For more than a half century among the most prominent business men of Ohio stood Gustavus S. Foos, and his name at once brings to mind accomplishments of great value. The history of such a man can not fail to be of widespread interest, for he ranked high in commercial and industrial circles, and furthermore, he proved that accomplishment depends upon the man, and not upon inheritance, or upon influential environments. Starting out in early boyhood upon his own account, he worked his way steadily upward and in the face of difficulties and obstacles he progressed and gained for himself not only wealth but an honorable name.

Gustavus S. Foos was born in Columbus, Ohio, July 8, 1818, representing one of the pioneer families of this state. His father, General Joseph Foos, was born in Kentucky, while the mother was a native of Virginia and removed to Ohio at a very early date. When the country became engaged in the second war with England General Foos entered the army, serving with distinction as a defender of his country. He gained prominence in civil affairs in his adopted state and for twenty-one years was a member of the Ohio legislature, and his labors and influence were very effective in promoting some of the most important legislation that has established the policy of this great commonwealth.

Mr. Foos of this review was reared in the usual manner of farmer lads, early ac-

quiring habits of industry, economy and honesty, which proved the foundation upon which he reared the superstructure of his prosperity in later years. His preliminary education, acquired in the public schools, was supplemented by one year's study in the high school of Springfield, entering that institution at the age of sixteen years. The west attracted him and he then left home, going to Illinois, where he was engaged in farming and in trade pursuits, but after three years he returned to his native state, settling in Logan county, Ohio, where he secured employment in the store of his brother, William Foos, who was a resident of Springfield, but is now deceased. After three years experience as a salesman, he, in partnership with his brother, Lewis, purchased the store and for several years successfully conducted the business. He then disposed of his interest to his brother, Lewis Foos.

The year 1848 witnessed the arrival of Gustavus S. Foos in Springfield. Here he joined his brother William in the ownership and conduct of the store and from the formation of the partnership the business steadily increased until it reached mammoth proportions, being second to none in the city. A man of resourceful business ability, Mr. Foos did not confine his efforts to one line. He was quick to note, appreciate and improve opportunities. He saw that Springfield had a bright future and had faith in its rapid and permanent growth, so that in 1848 he and his brother purchased fifty acres of land, which they laid out in town lots, now forming the best residence district of the city. In 1858 they sold their mercantile business and the subject of this review turned his attention to the stock business, purchasing a tract of land in Illinois which

he greatly improved. Another field of business activity claimed his attention in 1858 and he and his brother opened a broker's office in Springfield. In the meantime he had disposed of his land in Illinois at a much advanced price, and also disposed of his stock business. Another enterprise of value to the city owed its origin to William and Gustavus Foos, who in 1860 established a private bank in Springfield that later became the Second National Bank, with William Foos as its president and Gustavus S. Foos as cashier. The confinement of the bank, however, was not to his liking, and in 1862 he resigned his position as cashier, although he still remained a stockholder in the institution. The next important industry claiming his attention was the purchase and sale of wool, and with his usual determination and ability he soon rose to the front in this line and became the largest wool buyer in this section of Ohio. His business interests in various lines prospered as the years passed by until the country became involved in financial panic in 1873, when, with many others of the best business men throughout the land, he lost his entire fortune. Such a misfortune would have utterly discouraged many a man of a less resolute spirit.

Mr. Foos was then fifty-seven years of age, with a family about him. He bravely faced the situation, however, looked over the business field and summoned all his energy and strength to meet conditions. Associated with his two sons, he began the manufacture of wringers in a small way, and the business capability of the firm, their resolution, their honorable dealing and the excellent quality of the commodity which they placed upon the market soon wrought a change in the prospects of the new house

and their sales continually increased, and as their financial resources were thus augmented they extended the field of their operations until they became well known as manufacturers of agricultural implements, and this industry reached successful and extensive proportions. It was in 1884 that Gustavus Foos disposed of his interests in agricultural implement manufacturing and with his two sons organized the Foos Manufacturing Company, of which he became the president, while Robert H. Foos was vice-president, and William F. Foos treasurer. They began the manufacture of grinding mills and portable forges and from the beginning met with gratifying success in the new undertaking, which in the course of a few years became one of the largest and most important industries in the city. The father was a man of excellent ability, keen foresight and sound judgment. He possessed, moreover, unflinching courage and determination and throughout his long career he maintained a reputation that has ever made his an honored name in trade circles.

On the 28th of June, 1849, was celebrated the marriage of Gustavus S. Foos and Miss Elizabeth Houston, a daughter of Dr. Robert Houston, of South Charleston, Clark county, Ohio. Two sons were born unto them, Robert H. and William F., who became associated with their father in business, and since the death of their father they have conducted the large enterprise and met the demands of their constantly growing trade.

Mr. Foos was a man of domestic tastes, his interest centering in his family, yet he found time to faithfully perform his duties of citizenship and was always ready to cooperate in any movement for the general

good. During the dark days of the Rebellion the administration at Washington had no more stalwart friend or supporter than Gustavus S. Foos. He was elected a member of the county executive committee and gave liberally of his time and means for the preservation of the Union. In early life he had been a Whig, but when the Republican party was formed to prevent the further extension of slavery he joined its ranks and was ever afterward one of its staunch adherents. The Forty-fourth Ohio Regiment was largely organized as the result of his efforts and his financial aid. It came into existence at a time when public confidence was somewhat shaken, owing to the prolonged war and the great loss of life on both sides, so that few had strong faith in the ultimate success of the Union arms, but Mr. Foos, in connection with John Minnick, a worthy and wealthy citizen, gave his personal guarantee that all claims against the regiment for provisions would be paid by them, if not accepted by the government, and they also agreed to see that the families of those enlisting should be cared for. This agreement was carried out, both in the letter and in the spirit, and many a soldier's home was made brighter by the substantial assistance which he rendered to the family.

On the 11th of July, 1900, death came to Mr. Foos. He had attained the ripe old age of eighty-two years. In his character there was something he obtained in the primitive schools where he was educated and in his early farming experiences, something that might be termed solidity of purpose, and which is a characteristic worthy of emulation. His school privileges were meager, yet in the school of experience he had learned lessons that made him a well in-

formed man, broad-minded and liberal in his views and with a charity that reached out to all humanity.

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CHARLES A. GASSER.

A fact of which due recognition is not usually accorded in connection with the commercial history of Springfield, is that to no foreign element is its development due in so large a measure as to those who have had their nativity in or trace their lineage to the great empire of Germany. Among those who left the fatherland to identify themselves with American life and institutions, who have pushed themselves to the front and are a credit alike to the land of their birth and that of their adoption, is Charles A. Gasser, now a successful grocer of Springfield, located at No. 238 Clifton street. He has made his home in the city since 1889 and when his labor had brought him capital large enough to enable him to begin business on his own account, he established a small store, which has since grown until it is now one of the leading grocery houses of this city.

Mr. Gasser was born in Baden, Germany, January 18, 1867, and is one of two sons. His brother John, older than he, came to America about 1889, locating in Buffalo, New York, and is now in the employ of the Erie Railroad shops at that place. Both parents died in Germany. In the schools of the fatherland our subject pursued his education and when fourteen years of age he began earning his own living. He spent one year in Italy and was also in Switzerland and Austria, being employed in the different hotels as an experienced waiter.

He has traveled all over Europe and has a broad knowledge of the old world, its peoples and their manners and customs. At the age of twenty he determined to come to America, and in 1887 first visited Springfield, but did not make a permanent location at that time. Going to Cincinnati he was there employed in hotels for twenty months, after which he returned to this city and pursued a course in Nelson's Business College, feeling the need of further educational training as a preparation for the responsible duties of business life. He then purchased a small grocery business of Luther Smith, located at the corner of Clifton and Taylor streets, where he remained four and a half years. He secured a new stock of goods and afterward removed to No. 211 Clifton street, where he spent the succeeding six years. He then purchased a lot at No. 238 Clifton street and erected there a building suitable for his business. He now carries a large line of staple and fancy groceries and provisions. When he began business for himself he had a cash capital of only four hundred dollars. His trade, however, has increased many fold and he has substantially enlarged his stock to meet the growing demands of the business until he now has a splendidly appointed grocery store and is enjoying a profitable trade.

Mr. Gasser was married in Springfield, Ohio, in 1895 to Carrie Pfeiffer, who was born in this city in 1868, a daughter of Charles Pfeiffer, who for about twenty-five years was foreman for Mast, Foos & Company. Mrs. Gasser pursued her education in the public schools of this city and by her marriage has become the mother of two daughters, Lillian and Eliza. The parents hold membership in Zion's Lutheran church and Mr. Gasser votes with the Republican

party on questions of state and national importance, but at local elections casts his ballot independently. He belongs to the Springfield Mannerchor and to the Springfield Grocers' Association. He is a self-made man whose success has been gained through good management and business judgment, and from the age of fourteen he has depended upon his own resources for a living. He realizes that there is no royal road to wealth and that the surest way to gain prosperity is through indefatigable industry. Therefore he has given close attention to his business, considering no detail too unimportant to claim his attention, and his energy has brought to him a very desirable competence.

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PERRY M. STEWART.

On the roster of county officials in Clark county is the name of Perry M. Stewart, more familiarly known as Pearl M. Stewart, and public commendation is given him for capability as the county treasurer, for in the exercise of his duties in the office of trust which he so ably fills, his prompt, systematic and thoroughly reliable methods have won recognition. As the family name indicates he comes of Scotch ancestry. He was born in Green township, Clark county, July 6, 1866, and his father, Perry Stewart, was born in the same township, June 6, 1818. The grandfather, John T. Stewart, was born in Dauphin county, Pennsylvania, and in 1806 came to Clark county, being one of the first settlers in Green township, where he opened up a farm and took an active part in the pioneer development of this portion of the state.



Throughout the first half of the last century he witnessed the growth and improvement of Clark county and passed away in the year 1850. In his family were ten children, of whom one daughter died in early childhood. Samuel passed away in 1892, and Mrs. David Anderson died in 1901. The living members of the family are: Perry, the father of our subject; Elder R., a miller by trade, who makes his home with his daughter, Mrs. L. B. Corry; Charles, who is living retired in Springfield; James M., who served as probate judge for six years and is living in Xenia, Ohio; Thomas E., of Clifton, Ohio; Oscar N., who resides in Plattsburg; and William C., who is now living retired in Springfield. All of the members of the family were reared upon the home farm and only two of them ever turned from agricultural pursuits to enter other branches of life.

Perry Stewart, the father of our subject, pursued his studies in the district schools of his native township and on entering a business career followed the occupation to which he had been reared. He carried on farm work successfully until 1893, when he removed to Springfield, where he is now living retired. He is a well preserved man of eighty-four years and a venerable gentleman, honored and respected by all who know him. Prominent in public affairs his fellow townsmen called him to represent Clark county in the state legislature, where he served during the sessions of 1868 and 1869. For six years he was also county commissioner and was an active party worker, doing everything in his power to promote the growth and insure the success of Republican principles. He married Rhoda Wheeler, who was born in Clark county December 30, 1824, and is still traveling

life's journey with her husband. Their marriage was blessed with ten children, of whom one died at the age of four years, but the other nine are still living, as follows: Harriet, the wife of James Hatfield, who resides near Clifton, Ohio; Julia, the wife of R. N. Elder, living near Selma, Clark county; David W., who was a soldier of the Civil war and is also living in Clark county; John T., an electrician of Greencastle, Indiana; Mary E., who is the widow of Samuel Kerr and makes her home in Washington, D. C.; Charles F., who resides near Pitchin, Clark county; Jane E., the wife of George Nicholson of Springfield; Perry M., of this review; and E. Wheeler, who is living on the home farm. The children were provided with good educational advantages, attending the district schools of Green township and afterward continuing their education in the schools of Antioch and Lebanon. At the time of the Civil war the father manifested his loyalty to the government by entering the Union army. He and his wife are faithful members of the Christian church.

Under the parental roof Perry M. Stewart of this review spent the days of his childhood and after acquiring his preliminary education in the district schools pursued an elective course in Antioch College. Subsequently he took charge of the home farm, which he managed for a few years, and then for a few years he was employed in a general store in Selma. He was afterward appointed as deputy county auditor, serving from 1893 to 1895 and in 1897 he was appointed deputy county treasurer, acting in that capacity until elected to the office of treasurer in 1901. He has since filled the position and was recently nominated for the second term, a fact which indicates that his

has been a capable service and that he has won the confidence and endorsement of the public.

On the 16th of October, 1901, Mr. Stewart was united in marriage to Irene B. Black, a daughter of Charles R. Black, a prominent farmer and stock-raiser of Ross county, Ohio. She is a graduate of South Salem Seminary. Both Mr. and Mrs. Stewart are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and he belongs to Clark Lodge, No. 101, F. & A. M.; Springfield Chapter, No. 48, R. A. M.; Springfield Council, No. 17, R. & S. M.; and is a member of the Commercial Club of this city. He has made his home in Springfield since appointed to the position of deputy auditor. In political circles he is prominent, and his convictions carry weight in the local councils of the Republican party. He has frequently served as a delegate to county and congressional conventions and believes most firmly in the party as best calculated to promote the nation's welfare. The Stewart family is an old and prominent one in Clark county, having been established here through almost an entire century. The record is creditable, for representatives of the name have ever been honorable and worthy citizens, and the history of Perry M. Stewart, the efficient county treasurer, adds new luster to the honored family name.

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#### MARCUS A. HATFIELD.

It is always a pleasure to see true merit suitably rewarded, to behold the prosperity of those who eminently deserve it, as does the subject of this review. At an early age he learned one of the great lessons of life—

that there is no royal road to wealth.—and as he was not above work he toiled industriously until he has won not only a snug little fortune but also the esteem and confidence of the people with whom he has been associated for many years. Work, the true friend of mankind, has developed his latent resources and brought out the strong self-reliant force of his character. He is widely known as a merchant of Pitchin and is controlling there a constantly growing business.

Mr. Hatfield was born in Green township, Clark county, April 1, 1839, his parents being John and Eva (Garlough) Hatfield. The father was born in Henry county, Virginia, and the mother in Maryland. The former came to Ohio with his father, Nathaniel Hatfield, in 1806. The family home was established in Springfield township. The mother of our subject also came to Clark county with her father, John Garlough, who located in Green township, and when they had reached adult age the young couple were married in this county. They became the parents of twelve children, five of whom are still living.

During his boyhood days Marcus A. Hatfield received a fair common school education and was about twenty years of age when he began to earn his own living by the operation of rented land. In August, 1861, he enlisted in Company G of Burgess' Western Sharp Shooters and saw duty in west Missouri. In 1862 this regiment became the Fourteenth Missouri Infantry, and after the battle of Shiloh, in which Mr. Hatfield took part, it became the Sixty-sixth Regiment of Illinois Volunteers. He was at Fort Donelson, Fort Henry, Corinth and Atlanta and also went with Sherman on the famous march to the sea, which proved that the

strength of the Confederacy had been drawn from from the interior to defend the borders. He afterward went from Carolina to Washington, where he marched in grand review through the streets of the capital city—one of the great victorious host that had preserved the Union. In the Atlanta campaign he was hit by a spent ball on the left knee. After the battle of Shiloh he was taken ill and was ordered to go to the hospital, but would not go, remaining with his company on the field of duty. He was in the service for almost four years, throughout which period he was found as a faithful defender of the Union cause, always at his post of duty.

When the war was over Mr. Hatfield returned to Clark county and engaged in farming until his father died in 1883, when eighty-five years of age, his birth having occurred in 1799. The mother had died in 1881, at the age of eighty-one years. For some years Mr. Hatfield was in poor health, but he continued his farm work with resolute spirit. In 1888 he purchased a store in Pitchin and has since been located here, doing a good business as an enterprising merchant.

A Republican in politics, Mr. Hatfield cast his first presidential ballot for Abraham Lincoln in 1860. He has twice assessed the township and for many years has served as treasurer of the township, being the incumbent of the office at the present time. He was appointed postmaster of Pitchin under President Harrison and continued in the position during a period of President Cleveland's administration. He then retired and was afterward appointed by President McKinley. He has supported his party as a delegate to various conventions, including the state convention, and has been a mem-

ber of the central committee for several years. He belongs to Mitchell Post, No. 45, G. A. R., and in 1893 he visited the World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago. Mr. Hatfield takes an active interest in political affairs and in all matters pertaining to general progress and improvement and is a worthy type of an enterprising merchant of Ohio.

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#### JOHN F. WYANT.

Nature seemed to have designed that the strenuous duties of business life should be borne by man, while woman should attend to the lighter tasks of the household. The history of business activity is therefore largely the record of the men who are important factors in industrial, commercial and professional circles. One who was well known in this connection in Springfield was John Franklin Wyant, who became a well known contractor in the building of roads and pikes. Indefatigable and energetic, he successfully conducted his business interests until his life's labors were ended in death.

Mr. Wyant was born on the old family homestead in Moorefield township, Clark county, October 21, 1855, and was therefore forty-six years of age when called to his final rest on the 31st of December, 1901. He was a son of Jonas and Susau Wyant and in the district schools near his home he acquired his early education which was supplemented by two years' study in the Urlana high school. He continued to live with his parents for two or three years thereafter, working upon the home farm, and then turned his attention to contract work in the building of roads and pikes in New

Moorefield and adjoining townships. In March, 1885, he removed to Springfield and with that city as his headquarters he continued his work as a contractor, doing much work on Springfield's streets. He also did similar work in Dayton for a time and executed some contracts awarded him by the Big Four Railroad Company. He was quite prosperous in his chosen field of labor, so managing his business affairs that his services were of value to the public and at the same time profitable to himself.

On the 21st of June, 1884, Mr. Wyant was married to Miss Minnie Bumcrat, a native of Moorefield township and a daughter of William and Nancy E. Bumcrat, the former now deceased, while the mother is yet living. Four children were born unto Mr. and Mrs. Wyant: Grace, Floyd, Inez and John. For nearly thirty years our subject was a member of the Knights of Pythias fraternity, connected with both the lodge and the uniformed rank. His political support was given the Democracy, but his business left him little time to seek public office even had he so desired. In religious belief he was a Methodist and died in that faith, his remains being interred in the cemetery at New Moorefield. His record ended, the world's judgment upon it was a favorable one. He had not only won success in business by well directed effort and close application, but had also gained a reputation for straightforward dealing that made his an honorable and honored name.

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#### WILLIAM HENRY BERGER.

William Henry Berger is one of the best known citizens of Springfield township, highly intelligent, and a useful member of

the community. He was born in Heidelberg township, Berks county, Pennsylvania, January 21, 1830, and is a son of Daniel and Esther (Body) Berger, who were natives of the same county. Henry Berger, the father of the last named, was a native of Germany and became the founder of the family in America, establishing his home in Pennsylvania, where he spent his remaining days. The grandfather of our subject resided in the Keystone state throughout his entire life, while Daniel Berger was there born and reared, and in his native county was married. In his youth he learned the trades of a brick and stone mason and of a plasterer, and followed these pursuits for many years. In the spring of 1838, accompanied by his wife and five children, he left Berks county, Pennsylvania, and traveled overland with team and wagon to Clark county, being four weeks in making the trip. He located in Springfield township when the city of Springfield was but a hamlet. He first occupied a vacant house in Lagonda, and after renting it and establishing his family therein he began a search for work, and also sought a farm which he desired to purchase. After a month he bought one hundred and thirty-three acres of land, for which he paid sixteen and two-third dollars per acre, and the log building which then stood upon the place was occupied by him for two years. It was covered with clapboards, rived by hand and held in place by heavy poles. In this primitive pioneer cabin the family lived for two years and then the father erected a substantial brick residence. In course of time he also built good barns and other buildings which are found upon a modern farm, and placed his land under a high state of cultivation. His educational privileges in youth had been limited



WILLIAM H. BERGER.



to six months' attendance in the public schools, but he was always fond of reading and through this means he became a well informed man and kept in touch with the advanced thought and progress of the times. He and his wife were members of the German Reformed church while in Pennsylvania, but after coming to Ohio placed their membership in the United Brethren church. Mrs. Berger was, like her husband, a native of Berks county, Pennsylvania, and her father, Henry Body, was born in that state, where he spent his entire life as a farmer. They were married April 12, 1818.

Mr. Berger, the father of our subject, died May 19, 1878, at the advanced age of eighty-four years, and his wife passed away August 31, 1881, when she had reached the age of about eighty-four, her remains then being interred by the side of her husband in the Newcomer cemetery. They had lived together in the holy bonds of matrimony for sixty years, their mutual love and confidence increasing as time passed by. Unto them were born the following children: Eliza, born August 11, 1819, died in December, 1825; Mary, born December 22, 1821, died March 30, 1825; Catherine, who was born November 27, 1824, became the wife of E. Suver, and died in Illinois, May 24, 1889; Sarah, born October 9, 1827, married W. J. Shucy, the manager of the United Brethren Publishing House, and died June 27, 1901; William H. is the fifth of the family; Daniel, who was born October 14, 1832, and now resides in Dayton, is a minister of the United Brethren church and for a number of years edited the church and Sunday-school papers for that denomination; and Ellen, born December 13, 1834, died July 10, 1843.

William H. Berger of this review was

only eight years of age when he came to Clark county with his parents. As he gained strength and stature he assisted more and more largely in the work of the home farm, being thus employed through the summer months, while for three months during the winter he pursued his education in the district schools. Fond of books, he devoted all his leisure time to reading and study, and afterward, to his great delight, he was allowed to attend the high school of Springfield for one term. Before he was twenty-one years of age he began teaching in Moorefield township in the Hunter district and for twenty-six years he followed that profession, being for eighteen years a teacher in the Lagonda school. During most of this time he taught only during the winter months, while in the summer he carried on farm work. In 1866 he bought the old home farm, on which two years before he had made good and substantial improvements, but these were destroyed by fire in March, 1899. Since then he has rebuilt and now has a beautiful home, lying partly within the city limits. He has laid out two additions to the city, known as Berger's first and second additions.

On the 18th of March, 1852, occurred the marriage of Mr. Berger and Miss Mary J. Jackson, who was born January 11, 1830, in Loudoun county, Virginia, a daughter of John and Mary Jackson, who were also natives of Virginia, where they died. Mrs. Berger afterward was brought to Clark county by her uncle, William Moore, when seven years of age. Unto our subject and his wife have been born five children: Daniel Franklin, born March 24, 1853, died November 1, 1855; John Mortimer, born October 5, 1856, is living in Springfield; Elizabeth Ann, born October 8, 1858, is the wife

of Albert H. Tavenner, of Springfield; William Henry, born in October, 1805, died November 9, 1866; and Mary Esther, born November 24, 1809, is now Mrs. William E. Sneed and resides with her father. She has one child, Shirley Pauline, born December 24, 1895. Mrs. Berger was called to her final rest July 11, 1893 and was buried in Newcomer cemetery, her death being deeply regretted by her many friends, and also in the United Brethren church, of which she was a consistent member.

Mr. Berger belongs to the same church and he has been identified with the Prohibition party from its organization, being a warm friend of temperance. He served for three years as township trustee, being elected on the Prohibition ticket, and endorsed by the workingmen's ticket. In the church he has served as a class leader, steward and trustee through many years, acting in the latter capacity for more than twenty-five years, and since 1870 he has been a Sunday-school superintendent without intermission and had served several times prior to that time. The cause of education has ever found in him an interested advocate and for eighteen years he was a member of the school board. Mr. Berger was one of the organizers of the Newcomer cemetery and is still a trustee of the same. He has often been appointed as a guardian of children, some of whom, now in business, yet come to him for advice. He has likewise settled many estates as administrator and is a man of unquestioned probity and integrity. No trust reposed in him has ever been betrayed in the slightest degree and he meets every obligation of citizenship or friendship and of home life. Daily he exemplifies in his career his belief in the advantages of education, of temperance and morality and

over the record of his public career as well as his private history there falls no shadow of wrong or suspicion of evil.

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#### ENOS CONARD.

In this age of colossal enterprise and marked intellectual energy the prominent and successful men are those whose abilities, persistence and courage lead them into large undertakings and assume the responsibilities and labors of leaders in their respective vocations. Success is methodical and consecutive, and however much we may indulge in fantastic theorizing as to its elements and causation in any isolated instance, yet in the light of sober investigation we will find it to be but a result of the determined application of one's abilities and powers along the rigidly defined line of labor. America owes much of her progress and advancement to a position foremost among the nations of the world to her newspapers, and in no line has the incidental broadening out of the sphere of usefulness been more marked than in this same line of journalism. Springfield has enlisted in its newspaper field some of the strongest intellects of this section of the state, men of broad mental grasp, cosmopolitan ideas and notable business sagacity.

Prominent among the men who have given the city prestige in this direction must be found Enos Conard, the president of the Sun Publishing Company. He was born in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, September 9, 1854, and is a son of Enos Conard, Sr. The family is of German lineage, and in 1753 the name was changed from Cunnard to its present form of spelling. In colonial days the



family was established in America by representatives who settled in the Keystone state. The father of our subject was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, February 8, 1810, and followed farming as a life work. He resided in that state until 1858, when he purchased a farm in Highland county, Ohio, and removed from there to Hillsboro, this state, buying a farm adjoining the city, upon which he lived until his death, which occurred in August, 1889, when he was seventy-nine years of age. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Grace Stacy, was born in the north of Ireland in 1818 and died in 1877. Unto them were born six daughters and two sons, of whom one died in infancy. Sarah J. now resides in Hillsboro, Ohio. Anna Salome makes her home in Marysville, Ohio. Catherine is the widow of Edward Beeson, of Springfield. Rachel is the wife of L. Piper, of Marysville. Enos is the next of the family. William S. is engaged in the wholesale grocery business in Hillsboro. Elizabeth is the deceased wife of George N. Hartman, a successful farmer of Wilmington, Ohio. She died in 1901. By a former marriage the father had seven children, three of whom died in early childhood. The others are: Davis, now deceased; John, who is living in Hillsboro; Isaac, a resident of Elwood, Illinois, where he is engaged in the hardware business; and Emma, who became the wife of Cyrus Brewer, of Chicago, and died in 1902, while her husband passed away in this state. Davis, John and Isaac were all soldiers of the Civil war, who served from President Lincoln's first call for troops until the close of hostilities, being with the Twelfth and Forty-eighth Ohio Regiments. The father of this family was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. A man of domestic tastes, he found

his greatest enjoyment when in the midst of his family and he put forth every effort in his power to promote their welfare and happiness. His children were provided with good educational privileges and after attending the public schools were students in colleges of Pennsylvania and in the Hillsboro Seminary.

Enos Conard, whose name introduces this review, pursued his education in the public schools of Hillsboro and was reared to manhood upon the home farm until nineteen years of age, when he left the parental roof in order to learn a trade and entered the carriage shops of the firm of Black & Elster, of Hillsboro. There he remained for three years, when he went to Rainsboro, Ohio, where he carried on business along the same line for three years as an employe. He then began business on his own account at New Vienna, Ohio, at manufacturing and repairing carriages in 1878. In 1880, however, he sold his business interests there and came to Springfield, where he entered the paint department of the old Champion works of Whiteley, Fassler & Kelly. With that firm he remained until 1889, when he became connected with the Thomas Manufacturing Company as striper in the paint department. There he remained for five years, leaving that house in August, 1894. On the 11th of September, following, the Morning Sun was established, with Mr. Conard as vice president of the Sun Publishing Company and circulating manager of the western division. In September, 1895, he was elected president and business manager of the company and has since held that position. Under his guidance the business has grown with wonderful rapidity and the company has the confidence of the city and its people and the paper enjoys a large circulation. He is also

one of the stockholders of the Citizens National Bank.

In March, 1882, in Springfield, Mr. Conard was united in marriage to Miss Dora May Mendenhall, who was born in Clark county, Ohio, in 1861, and is a daughter of Samuel and Mary (Whittington) Mendenhall, both of whom are now deceased, her father having died in 1900. He was one of the well known millers of the county and a reliable, enterprising business man. In his family were nine children, eight of whom are yet living: Mary, the wife of Aaron Ellis, of Clifton, Ohio; Jane, the wife of Henry Hopping, of this city; Amanda, the wife of Smith Chambliss, of Xenia, Ohio, where he is serving as superintendent of the Kelly Tool Works; Sarah, the deceased wife of Thomas Wharton, of Xenia; Laura V., the widow of Jacob Fry, of Springfield; Dora, the wife of our subject; James, who is an engineer in this city; and Bemis A., who is a blacksmith in the employ of the Superior Drill Company, of Springfield. Of this family James served as a soldier in the Union army during the Civil war. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Conard has been blessed with two daughters, Helen G., born September 12, 1891; and Stacy M., born December 3, 1894. Mrs. Conard is a member of the Clifton Avenue Methodist Episcopal church, which the children also attend.

In his political views Mr. Conard is a Republican where questions of national and state importance are involved, but at local elections, where only municipal affairs are concerned, he votes for the men best qualified for office. He is a member of Clark Lodge, No. 101, F. & A. M.; Moncrieffe Lodge, No. 33, K. P.; and Springfield Lodge, No. 57, B. P. O. E. In the Knights of Pythias fraternity he has passed all of

the chairs of the lodge and has been district deputy and special deputy to the grand chancellor for two years, while for two terms he served as representative to the grand lodge. He also belongs to the Commercial Club and to the board of trade. His life history proves the value of a strong character, of determined purpose and unremitting diligence in the active affairs of life. He started upon his business career with no pecuniary assistance or special family advantages to aid him, but has progressed by reason of his earnest purpose, close application and exercise of natural ability and today he stands among the successful men of Springfield and is also classed among those that the city values because of his hearty co-operation in all movements and measures for the general good.

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#### WILLIAM WHITELEY.

For eighty-one years William Whiteley was a resident of Clark county and his life record should find a prominent place on the pages of its history because he was not only a representative of a leading pioneer family but also because of what he accomplished in the business world. He was an inventor of note and the founder of one of the leading industrial concerns of Springfield—the Champion Iron Works, and aside from business his life was of value to the community because of the active and helpful interest which he took in many movements contributing to general progress and to the public good.

Mr. Whiteley was born in the eastern part of Springfield township, Clark county, January 18, 1815, a son of John and Chris-

tiana (Hall) Whiteley. The family comes of English ancestry and was established in Virginia in colonial days when this country still belonged to Great Britain. When the colonies became aroused with the attitude of oppression manifested by the mother country Joseph Whiteley, the grandfather of our subject, and his brother John joined the American army and fought for the cause of liberty, the latter laying down his life on the altar of freedom. Joseph Whiteley, however, survived his army experience and lived to enjoy the liberty for which he fought. He reared a large family, including John Whiteley, the father of our subject.

John Whiteley was born in North Carolina while his parents were visiting in that state, but he always claimed Virginia as the place of his nativity. In 1804 he journeyed to Ohio from Kentucky, where he had resided for several years previous. He came simply on a prospecting tour, and in 1810 he made a similar trip. In the spring of 1811 he married Miss Christiana Hall, in what is now Clark county, Ohio. She was born in Virginia and was of English, German and Scotch descent. Her parents came to this state at a very early date in its development. After his marriage John Whiteley and his wife returned to Kentucky, where he engaged in teaching school until 1814. He was a man of good education and proved a successful educator of his day. In 1814 he removed to this county and became one of the first teachers within its borders, teaching in the neighborhood known as Fletcher Chapel. Both he and his wife did their duty well in the upbuilding of the moral and material interests of the neighborhood and they enjoyed the love and respect of the entire community. Mr. Whiteley was for some years county commissioner and justice of

the peace and was known throughout the county as Squire Whiteley. Unto him and his wife were born seven children: Andrew, Freelove, William, Abner, Joseph, Nancy and Sarah.

Upon the home farm on which he was born the subject of this review was reared. The marked characteristic of the family was an inventive turn of mind, and naturally William Whiteley early took up work along this line and from his fertile brain evolved many ideas which took shape in devices of practical utility. When on the farm he began business in a small way in the manufacture of plows, which have become known far and wide as the product of the Champion Company. He was a successful inventor and business man, having not only the ability to make improvements in the line of his manufactured products but also had the power to successfully control the manufacture and sale of these, so that his labors were attended with gratifying financial success. He was entirely a self-made man, for when he entered upon his business career he had no capital save the skill and diligence which he put into his work. The years, however, rewarded him with the just recompense of labor and he became the possessor of a very gratifying competence.

In 1848 Mr. Whiteley was married to Miss Mary Ann Stickney, a daughter of John and Sarah Stickney, natives of England, while Mrs. Whiteley was born in this county. They had but one child, Mary E., who is now living at No. 408 South Limestone street, which was the home of her parents in the later years of their life. When Mr. Whiteley removed to Springfield he located on Mound street, and later removed to East High street, where he remained for twenty-five years, going then to the residence which

is now the home of his daughter. In early life he joined the Fletcher Methodist Episcopal church, situated near his old home, six miles east of Springfield, and was one of its trustees. When he removed to the city in 1850 he joined the High Street Methodist Episcopal church, of which he was a faithful member until his death. He was an open handed and large-hearted man, who gave freely of his time and means to any individual or movement that needed assistance. His benevolences were many and few men have done more for Springfield according to their means than did William Whiteley. It might be said of him, as it was of Goldsmith's village preacher, that "e'en his failings leaned to virtue's side," for if he erred in any direction it was on the side of too great generosity. His good deeds, however, caused him to be enshrined in the hearts of many whom he aided and befriended and to-day his memory is revered by many who knew him. He passed away in January, 1896, and in January, 1901, his wife was laid by his side in Ferncliff cemetery. The family name is closely associated with the history of the county from pioneer times down to the present and no member of the family more deserved the confidence, love and respect of his fellow men than did William Whiteley.

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#### EDWIN K. McINTIRE.

Edwin K. McIntire is the superintendent of Snyder park and his capability and fitness for the position are widely recognized. He is an enterprising and progressive young business man and a worthy representative of one of the pioneer families

of this section of the state. He was born in Cloud county, Kansas, February 4, 1872, but since 1875 has been a resident of this city. The McIntire family is of Scotch lineage and was founded in America at an early day. The family was represented in the war of 1812 and in pioneer times representatives of the name came to Clark county, since which time their descendants have been active factors in the work of improvement, development and progress here. William McIntire, the grandfather of our subject, was one of the first supervisors of Springfield and held the office for a quarter of a century. His brother John was a government contractor and became quite wealthy but went to Chicago and invested heavily in property there, which was destroyed in the great fire of October, 1871. Joseph, another brother, was sheriff of Clark county for sometime. The family was established in Springfield township and also purchased considerable land in German township. They were farming people and William McIntire, the grandfather of our subject, became a very prominent and influential citizen, leaving the impress of his individuality upon public thought, feeling and action.

Albert McIntire, the father of our subject, was born in Mad River township, Clark county, in 1835, and is now living a retired life in Springfield. During his business career he followed general contracting and construction work. He was educated in this county and here made his home until 1865, when he removed to Kansas and secured a homestead claim but in 1875 he returned to his native county and resumed contracting here. He had the contracts for both the old and new pumping stations and for the moving of several buildings. He took contracts for heavy mason work and in the line of his chosen

vocation he received a liberal patronage, doing a large and lucrative business up to the time of his retirement. He is now enjoying a well earned rest. By reading and observation he has kept abreast with the times and deserves great credit for what he has accomplished, being both a self-educated and a self-made man. He was united in marriage to Miss Anna Peck, who died in 1888 in this city. They became the parents of eleven children. Samuel died at the age of sixteen years and Ada at the age of twenty years. The others are: William, who is an insurance agent of Springfield; Benjamin, who is a professor in the Washington School; L. May, the wife of James Dick, who is assistant superintendent of Ferncliff cemetery; Albert H., a medical student in the Columbus Medical College; Edwin K., of this review; Jennie, the wife of Albert Wright, of Springfield; Samuel, deceased; Sarah, who is a telegraph operator and assistant manager of the Postal Telegraph Company at this place; John, who is electrician at the power house for the Dayton, Springfield & Urbana Electric road; and Pearl, who is a student in school. It was on account of wishing to provide his children with better educational privileges that the father returned with his family to Ohio and here the children were educated in the public schools and in Wittenberg College and also in a business college of this city.

Edwin K. McIntire was here educated and about 1890 he began work as a landscape gardener, receiving instruction in this department of activity from Mr. Dick of the Ferncliff cemetery. After the first years' service he had charge of a part of the work. He remained in the cemetery for seven years and was then appointed by the Snyder Park board to the position of superintendent of

this park, which he has remodeled, beautifying it in many ways. He now has under his supervision forty men, who are engaged in keeping up the park and continually improving it. This tract of land consists of two hundred and seventeen acres, well laid out, so that it is pleasing to the eye, being one of the most beautiful spots in all Springfield. Mr. McIntire has made great advancement in his knowledge of landscape gardening. He does his own engineering and plans his improvements himself and his work in all respects has been most creditable and satisfactory to the city.

Mr. McIntire belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and also to Ingomar Lodge, No. No. 610, K. of P., and to the Logan Castle of the Knights of the Golden Eagle, in which he has served as chief and has also been a representative to the grand lodge. He is a young man, of good business ability and with excellent skill in the line of his chosen pursuit. He possesses laudable ambition and enterprise and while he has already achieved success he will no doubt gain a greater advancement in the future.

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#### HARRY HARVEY SELLERS.

Harry Harvey Sellers, the cashier in the post-office of Springfield, was born in Warren county, Ohio, near Lebanon, July 13, 1868, and is a son of Ferdinand and Rebecca (Hornell) Sellers. On the paternal side he comes of German lineage and on the maternal side is of English descent. Three brothers of the name of Sellers came from the fatherland to America about 1690 and settled in Pennsylvania near Philadelphia. Two of them afterward removed to Ham-

ilton county, Ohio. They traveled across the country until they reached the Ohio river, where they built rafts and then floated down the stream to Cincinnati. This was in the early part of the eighteenth century and from the government they purchased land, dividing their attention between farming and stock-raising. William Runkel Sellers, the father of Ferdinand, was also a farmer, but had two brothers who were members of the medical profession. He settled in Warren county, Ohio, where he owned a farm of two hundred acres and also conducted what was known as the Four Mile House. The Sellers were a sturdy, intelligent, respected and long lived people and gained success in their various business ventures. The grandfather lived to be about eighty years of age and unto him and his wife were born eight children, of whom three daughters and a son are yet living: Mrs. Mary McDonald, who is a widow and resides in Springfield; Mrs. Melvina Burnett, a widow living in Warren county, Ohio; Mrs. Amanda Russell, a widow of Frankfort, Indiana; and Ferdinand, the father of our subject.

Ferdinand Sellers was born in this state in 1828 and in his early life was reared on a farm and assisted in the work of cultivating the fields. In later years he conducted a sawmill and followed general merchandising in Clinton county, Ohio, where he also filled the position of postmaster. His life has been one of marked industry. At the time of the Civil war he joined the army for one hundred days' service. Subsequently he removed to Warren county, Ohio, and cared for his father until the latter's death. Ferdinand Sellers then embarked in the lumber business and in the operation of a sawmill in Greene county, where he was suc-

ceeded by his son-in-law, E. E. Lackey, of New Burlington, who still conducts the business. Mr. Sellers carried on operations there until 1895, when he retired to private life and is now living in Springfield. The family has always been identified with the Methodist church and the home of William R. Sellers, the grandfather, was the abiding place of all itinerant preachers and circuit riders who visited this section of Ohio in an early day. The early political faith of the family was that of the Whig party until its dissolution, since which time they have been Republicans. In 1887 Ferdinand Sellers was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, who died at New Burlington, Greene county, at the age of fifty-nine years, her birth having occurred in 1828. They were the parents of nine children, of whom two died in infancy. The others are: Laura, the wife of Ellsworth Lackey, of Greene county; Owen M., a Methodist Episcopal preacher of Champaign county; Wilbur S., of this city; Ettie, the wife of Frederick Lucas, of Xenia; Charles E., a grocer of Springfield; Addie, a trained nurse of Springfield; and Harry H., of this review. The elder children were educated in the public schools of Warren county and the younger members of the family in New Burlington, Greene county.

At the age of fourteen Harry H. Sellers put aside his text books in order to earn his own living, accepting a clerkship in a general store in New Burlington. He also assisted his father in the operation of the sawmill. At the age of fifteen he came to Springfield and secured a position as wrapping clerk in the dry-goods store of Murphy Brothers. He left that service in 1885 and was afterward taken ill, which necessitated his remaining at home for several months.

Again coming to Springfield he secured a position with a grocer, who was a shorthand writer and who in return for Mr. Sellers' services instructed him in the art of stenography. When he became competent to accept a position he left his teacher's services and on the 11th of February, 1886, entered the employ of Charles R. Crain with the P. P. Mast Manufacturing Company. He filled that position for about twenty months, when a vacancy occurred in the shipping department and to this he was transferred, acting as assistant to the shipping clerk. He was put in charge of the department July 15, 1892, and filled that place until the 1st of October, 1902, when he accepted a position as cashier in the Springfield post-office. He is a man who stands high in business circles, because he has always been found to be trustworthy, accurate systematic and prompt. He has made his own way in the world from the age of fourteen years and his education has been received through practical application and business experience.

Mr. Sellers was married in Springfield September 26, 1888, to Miss Millie Darrow, who was born in Dayton, Ohio, in November, 1869, a daughter of William J. and Isabelle (Segrove) Darrow. The father is now deceased, but the mother makes her home with her only child, Mrs. Sellers. The latter was educated in the Springfield public schools and the Springfield Seminary and like her husband is a member of the Methodist church. They have two sons: Darrow Hormell, born June 26, 1889; and Joseph William, born March 25, 1893. Mr. Sellers is a member of Anthony Lodge, No. 455, F. & A. M., and was the youngest master to fill that position at the time of his service in the office in 1900-1. He was re-

lected, being the first one to be chosen as his own successor in many years. He is also a member and treasurer of the Commercial Club. Since attaining his majority he has been a stalwart Republican and is serving as a member of the executive committee of Clark county. He has never aspired to any official honors, but has been a strong party worker, taking an active interest in ward politics and frequently serving as a delegate to the city, county and state conventions.

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#### JOHN ESTLE JOHNSON.

John Estle Johnson is engaged in general farming and stock raising in Green township, and is well known in his community as a breeder of polled Jersey cattle, having originally introduced this fine breed of cattle into Green township. He was born in the village of Clifton, Greene county, Ohio, April 1, 1815, and is a son of Joseph R. and Lydia E. (Estle) Johnson. Joseph R. Johnson was a native of Mason county, Kentucky, having been born near Maysville, March 8, 1810. He was a son of James and Clemency (Donovan) Johnson, both of whom were natives of Virginia and had removed to Kentucky after their marriage, and in the Blue Grass state their son Joseph R. was born. When he was seven years old, his parents removed to Greene county, Ohio, in 1826, settling on the farm now owned by Charles Birch. Later they removed to the farm now owned by Sebastian Gerhard, where they spent their remaining days. James Johnson died December 1, 1830, while his wife, Clemency (Donovan) Johnson, died December 3, 1837.

Joseph R. Johnson was the oldest of the



children at home at the time of the death of the father. He was then about thirteen years old, but at this early age he became manager of the farm and assisted his mother until she too passed away, seven years later. He then began to work in the mills of Clifton, learning the business and remaining there for twenty-three years. While thus engaged he was married, January 6, 1842, to Lydia E. Estle, who was born in Green township, Clark county, January 30, 1822, and was a daughter of William and Abigail (Little) Estle. By this marriage there were the following children: Clemency married Michael Mudden and resides in Kenton, Hardin county, with her husband and two children, Elizabeth and Lulu. The subject of this review is the next in order of birth. Abigail died at the age of eighteen years. Asahel married Lavinia Garlough, resides at Pennington Gap, Virginia, and has six children—Myrtle; Pearl, who married Dr. Graham; Lydia C.; Catherine; Ulalie and Earl. Hannah M., the next member of the family, married Cicero Jacobs and lives at Yellow Springs, Ohio. She is the mother of six children—James, Elmer, Maude, Pearl, Charles and Homer. Ann Maria married Harvey Seranton, and lives in Columbus, Georgia. They have one child, Ethel. Margaret J. married William Forbes and resides in Miami township, Greene county. Three children were born of this union—Nora, Arthur and Curtis.

Joseph R. Johnson, the father of the subject of this review, in 1800 purchased the farm called the Clark County farm, comprising three hundred and thirty-three acres. Upon this farm he removed in 1801 and later added one hundred acres to his purchase, building thereon a substantial brick residence. There he made his home until he

sold the property to John H. Thomas. He then removed to Springfield, Ohio, which was his place of residence until the time of his death, November 6, 1892. His ballot was cast for the Republican party, but he never sought or desired office. He was an earnest Christian man, a member of the First Presbyterian church of Springfield, and was serving as one of its deacons at the time of his death. His wife had passed away twelve years before, her death occurring February 29, 1880. He had been a self-reliant man, who through honesty, industry and economy had made his way in the world. He was faithful in all relations of life and attentive to business. In three years' time while working in the mills in Clifton, he was absent from his place of business but a day and a half, and then only upon being called away to Springfield on business. He was truly a self-made man, as he had neither influence or money when he started out upon life's journey, but it soon became evident that he was one whom obstacles merely served as a whetstone upon which his ambition was kept brightened, and difficulties in his path were brushed aside with ease.

John Estle Johnson of this review was rather delicate in his youth. He worked in the mill somewhat, assisting his father, and had a liking for the miller's trade, but his family dissuaded him from pursuing it, as it was thought the dust of the mills would be very detrimental to his health. His schooling also was limited to some extent, owing to his health, and when not attending school he was sent to the home of his grandfather Estle, where it was thought he would gain strength. He did not attend school much after the age of fifteen. On the 15th of February, 1864, he responded to his country's



call for aid, and at the age of nineteen enlisted in Company F, Eighth Ohio Volunteer Cavalry and was sent for service in Virginia. He was under fire many times. On his first experience in the skirmish line a shell burst very close to him, in front. He was on the skirmish line in the Lynchburg raid, was captured at Beverly, West Virginia, but was soon recaptured. He was later captured again at Beverly, in January, 1865, and was sent to Libby prison, marching over the mountains from Beverly. He was incarcerated in prison until the latter part of February of that year, when he was paroled and sent to Columbus and thence he went home. Later he returned and served with his regiment until he was honorably discharged, July 30, 1865. At the close of the war he returned to his home, where he remained, working on the farm.

On the 26th of November, 1867, he brought his bride to the home farm in Green township, where he now resides. The lady of his choice was Miss Sarah J. Weller, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Wyant) Weller. Since his marriage Mr. Johnson has carried on agricultural pursuits, cultivating his fields and raising a fine grade of stock. His collection of polled Jersey cattle is among the finest in the state. In 1885 he bought a heifer from a thoroughbred Jersey male and a native "muley" cow, or hornless cow, and from this crossing of breeds produced the polled Jersey stock. There has been an association formed for the breeding of this class of polled Jersey cattle, for they are considered very valuable. One Jersey cow from Mr. Johnson's breeding took the premium at the Pan-American Exposition for richness of butter. She is owned by a brother-in-law of Mr. Johnson, while Mr. Johnson has in his possession her

mother and sister. The breeding of fine stock has ever been an interesting subject to Mr. Johnson and he is well versed in matters pertaining to the same. The cattle from this breeding are in great demand and Mr. Johnson derives a good income from the sale of the same.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Johnson has been blessed with five children: Samuel W., born on the home farm August 29, 1868, for his first wife chose Alice Budd, by whom he had four children. His second marriage was with Araminta Sproull, and they now reside in Mansfield, Illinois. Gertrude E., born July 8, 1870, married John Budd, resides at New Albany, Indiana, and has one child. John O., born June 6, 1873, is now cashier for the Northern Pacific Railroad at Whitehall, Montana. He was married November 5, 1902, to Tillie J. Needham, of that place. Joseph R., born May 30, 1875, and Jennie A., born April 17, 1883, are both at home with their parents.

Mr. Johnson has always been a staunch Republican. He cast his first vote for Abraham Lincoln in 1864, when nineteen years old. In 1887 he removed with his family to Van Wert county, residing in Elgin. There he remained for five years. While living there he was postmaster for one and one-half years, but resigned his position. In 1900 he took the census in Green township, Clark county. He has always worked for his party and its interests, and has served as a delegate to a number of conventions. A member of the Presbyterian church at Clifton, he earnestly upholds its teachings and principles. Fraternally he is a member of the Independent Order of Old Fellows; Springfield Lodge, No. 33, F. & A. M., at Yellow Springs; and also became a member of Mitchell Post at Springfield. He was a

charter member of James A. Elder Post, G. A. R., and has filled all the chairs of that order and attended the national re-unions, thus keeping up pleasant relationship with his old army comrades who wore the blue and so faithfully served their country upon the battle-fields of the south, who were ever faithful in war, and now in peace, like the father of their country, are honored in the hearts of their countrymen. Mr. Johnson was a charter member of the Knights of Pythias Lodge at Clifton, has represented the order in grand lodge, and has filled all the chairs. The life record of Mr. Johnson stands out in bold relief, speaking for itself in strongest terms of a life well and nobly spent. He enjoys the respect, confidence and esteem of his fellow citizens and is a valued member of the community in which he resides.

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#### ALFRED BOWN.

Alfred Bown is a farmer and stock raiser of Madison township, Clark county, and is one of Ohio's native sons, his birth having occurred in the capital city on the 1st of June, 1840. His parents were Thomas and Rachel Ellen (Phillips) Bown. The father was born in Upham, Hampshire, England, September 2, 1809, and his mother's birth occurred in Annapolis, Maryland, December 4, 1815, their marriage being celebrated in Columbus, Ohio, January 28, 1836. In his native country the father served a seven years' apprenticeship at the trade of painting, decorating and graining. When a young man he sought the business opportunities of the new world, crossing the Atlantic and taking up his abode in Columbus, where he remained until 1844. His

wife spent her girlhood days in Washington, D. C., and about 1834 accompanied her parents on their removal to Ohio's capital. She was a daughter of Stephen and Rachel Phillips and had been provided with fair educational privileges. In her new home she formed the acquaintance of Mr. Bown and to him gave her hand in marriage soon afterward. The parents of our subject removed to Chillicothe, Ohio, and in 1847 became residents of Cincinnati, where they lived until October, 1860. Mr. Bown was there engaged in merchandising and manufacturing and prospered in his undertakings but afterward lost much that he had acquired through going security for friends. In October, 1860, he came to Clark county and purchased a farm east of Springfield, turning his attention to agricultural pursuits. He was the father of ten children, nine of whom reached years of maturity. In 1861, when President Lincoln issued his first call for troops to serve for three months, the three oldest sons, William H. H., Thomas Walter and Alfred, enlisted in the Union army. The first named was engaged in business in Cincinnati and was connected with the military company there. He became a recruiting officer at Cincinnati and remained in Ohio for a number of months, but later joined the army as a major of the Sixty-first Regiment of Ohio Volunteers. He was born October 19, 1836, and on the 23d of April, 1862, he enlisted and was mustered in by the governor of Ohio. He was also mustered in by Captain Dodd at Camp Chase and on the 23d of September, following, was promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel. He died September 6, 1864, at Chattanooga, Tennessee, of wounds received in the battle of Peach Tree Creek, July 20, 1864. His service was with the Army of

the Potomac until his corps was transferred to the west. He had participated in many important engagements. The rebel lead struck him in the limb, which had to be amputated the second time, and the injury proved fatal. Thomas Walter, born July 9, 1838, was living in Springfield when the country called for aid. He went to Cincinnati and enlisted in Company C, Fifth Ohio Infantry, as a private. On the 5th of May, 1861, he was promoted to orderly sergeant by Captain Gordon Granger, who afterward became a general. When his three months' term of service had expired he again went to Cincinnati and re-enlisted in Company A, Fifty-second Regiment of Ohio Infantry, for three years. On the 11th of September, 1861, this regiment was consolidated with the Seventy-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and he was made captain of Company K, but because of disability he was honorably discharged in 1862. Later he re-entered the service, becoming major of the One Hundred and Forty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was honorably discharged in September, 1864. He now resides in Marion, Kansas.

Alfred Bown, of this review, offered his services to the government at the same time his brothers enlisted and became a private of Company C, Fifth Ohio Infantry. He was made a sergeant and with that rank served during his three months' term. He re-enlisted as a member of Company K, Seventy-first Ohio Infantry, and was mustered in for three years' service by W. H. H. Bown. He took part in the battle of Shiloh and in a number of skirmishes and then he, too, was discharged because of physical disability on the 31st of December, 1862, but his patriotic spirit did not allow him to remain at home long and after he had some-

what recuperated his health he again enlisted and was enrolled as captain of Company I, One Hundred and Forty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, for one hundred days' service. This regiment was sent to West Virginia to do garrison duty and remained at the fort for about four months from the 2d of May, 1864. Mr. Bown was a brave and loyal soldier and was always found at his post of duty until incapacitated by ill health.

During his boyhood our subject assisted his father in the work of the farm and received a good common school education. After the war he was undecided for a time as to what pursuit he would follow. It had been his intention to prepare for the bar, but in the meantime his father had purchased the farm and he decided to make agriculture his life work. On the 22d of March, 1865, he married Miss Caroline Peirce, of Madison township, a daughter of William D. and Cosmelia (Howell) Peirce. Mr. Bown then turned his attention to farming upon the land which is yet his place of residence. His wife inherited about three hundred and thirty-eight acres of land, but the improvements upon the farm have all been placed here through the energy and business ability of Mr. Bown. Three children were born of his marriage: William P., who was born April 17, 1867, and is living in Madison township; Alfred, born July 12, 1872; and Jessie D. The wife and mother died May 19, 1899.

Mr. Bown votes with the Republican party. He holds membership in the Presbyterian church, in which he is serving as an elder, and he belongs to McMillan Post, G. A. R. He is quite active and prominent in political affairs, and in matters of public interest pertaining to the general welfare he

is found as one who endorses all measures for the public good. He possesses considerable artistic ability and his home is adorned with a number of fine paintings from his brush.

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### JOHN DICK.

John Dick has occupied the position of superintendent of the Ferncliff cemetery since November, 1863, and has wrought a transformation here of which the people of the city could hardly have dreamed at the beginning of his work. Beauty, quiet, restfulness—all are desirable features of this city of the dead, and nature has seemed to supplement every effort put forth by Mr. Dick and his helpers in their work to transform this into one of the most lovely spots in all this section of the country.

Mr. Dick was born in Ayrshire, Scotland, January 14, 1834, his parents being David and Jessie (Charles) Dick, the latter a descendant of the Stewarts. Both were educated in the private schools of their native country and the former became a landscape gardener. The paternal grandfather, John Dick, for whom our subject was named, was also a professional landscape gardener. David Dick removed with his family to Kirkcudbright in 1838 and there followed his profession until 1867, when he came to America, his son having previously crossed the Atlantic. He was employed in Cincinnati, Ohio, in the line of his chosen vocation for a time and then came with his wife to Springfield, where he lived retired until called to their final rest, the father passing away at the age of eighty years and the mother at the age of seventy-two. The grandparents had died in the country of

their birth. Unto David Dick and his wife were born six children, two of whom died in early childhood and are buried in Scotland. The others are: John, of this review; Agnes, of Springfield, the widow of James Hay, who died in Cincinnati, Ohio; David, a landscape artist, who died in Memphis, Tennessee, and was buried in Ferncliff; James, who followed the same pursuit in Dayton, Kentucky, and at his death was laid to rest in Ferncliff beside his father, mother and brother. The children were educated in excellent schools of Scotland and had every advantage that would assist them in the preparation for the practical and responsible duties of life.

After acquiring a good literary education John Dick studied in the Royal Botanic Gardens of Edinburgh, the best in the country. During the periods of vacation he worked with his father and learned the rudiments of his profession for which he was preparing. After his school days were over he served an apprenticeship under the direction of his father, and at the age of eighteen went to Edinburgh, where for two years he was under Curator James McNabb and Professor Balfour, who was professor of botany in the college. In 1854 he started for this country and was first employed in the United States on Long Island in laying out parks for some New York people. He remained in that section of the country, however, for only a short time, making his way westward to Cincinnati, Ohio, and in the fall of 1863 he came to Springfield on the recommendation of Adolph Strauch, who was superintendent of the Spring Grove cemetery in Cincinnati. Mr. Strauch was one of the most experienced and thorough landscape artists in the country. He was of German birth and had traveled extensively

both in Europe and the United States. His death occurred in Spring Grove several years ago. From him Mr. Dick received some valuable information, which he has since utilized in his work. When he located in this city our subject and his brother David, who was then assistant superintendent under Mr. Strauch, came to inspect the location of Ferncliff, and both agreed that it was an ideal spot for the purpose selected. In the fall of 1863 our subject and his wife came to this city, which has since been their home. He was selected by the trustees of the cemetery association to improve the wilderness and convert it into what was then beyond the expectations of any one, but the labors of Mr. Dick have made it a most beautiful spot in the state of Ohio. The fruits of his labors can be seen in the arrangements of the avenues, drainage and work as a designer by visiting the cemetery. From time to time he has and is adding new improvements. He does his own leveling and surveying and knows every foot of ground in the cemetery. His experience as a landscape artist is such that in filling in and cutting out various places he has brought the natural and artificial in such harmonic contact that the latter is not detected. In all his work he has retained the natural element as much as possible. His entire time and energy have been devoted to improving and beautifying the cemetery. The entrance has been preserved in almost its entirety except in the roadway, and the plans are now under way for a beautiful stone conservatory and chapel on the south side with a broad entrance from Plum street. The home for the use of the superintendent was built on an eminence overlooking the valley and was the spot chosen by Mr. Dick many years ago. It is a modern stone

structure and the style of architecture was the first of the kind used in Springfield. The driveway is lined with natural flowers, trees and shrubs and as it winds about the large overhanging rocks a sight most beautiful is presented. Winding up the avenue one comes in view of the plats laid out on the rising ground. The beautiful little lake at the foot is the donation of O. S. Kelly, an old settler and highly esteemed gentleman of the city, who has donated his time, money and influence toward carrying out the plans as laid out by Superintendent Dick. To Gustavus Foos is also due great praise, for he is one who gave his personal attention to beautifying the eastern slope. The whole has been carefully laid out by Mr. Dick and carried to completion under the supervision of the board of trustees. There can be no better monument to the memory of Mr. Dick than this beautiful cemetery, which is the outcome of his skill, ability and labor. Visitors who have traveled all over the old country and the United States and having visited Ferncliff are unanimous in saying that it is the most beautiful spot that they have ever seen.

Mr. Dick was married in 1863 to Catherine Fittsimmons, of Cincinnati, Ohio, and unto them were born four children. Charles is deceased. James F., who for several years has been assistant superintendent of Ferncliff, is a graduate of the public schools of this city and was a student at Wittenberg College for a time. He has followed in his father's footsteps, making four generations to be connected with landscape gardening. He has assisted his father in carrying out his designs, taking great interest in building up and beautifying the cemetery. He has a host of friends and is a very active young man in social circles. He married a

Miss McIntire and they have one daughter, Catherine. Jessie, the third member of the family, is the wife of Stacy Buffenbarger, of Springfield, and has four children. Mary is deceased. The wife and mother died in Springfield in 1879, and in 1881 Mr. Dick was again married, his second union being with Margaret Simons, who was born in Pennsylvania. All the children were educated and married in this city.

Mr. Dick is a supporter of all church and charitable work and holds membership with the Presbyterian denomination, while his wife belongs to the Lutheran church. He is also connected with Springfield Lodge, I. O. O. F., and Mad River Encampment. To all enterprises that have tended to advance the interests of the people and develop the city he has been an advocate and supporter. He has made landscape gardening his life work and it has been his ambition and desire to complete the various improvements and plans before he, too, should be laid to rest in the place he has prepared. He has refused lucrative offers in other lines in order to see his cherished plans carried to completion. He has met discouragements and difficulties, being criticised by many, but he has persevered in his work and there is to-day no citizen of Springfield who is not proud of Ferncliff. A self-made man, he owes his success and advancement entirely to his own efforts. He has made the Golden Rule the motto of his life and his career is therefore one that commands the respect and admiration of all with whom he has come in contact.

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J. T. McLAUGHLIN, M. D.

The state of Ohio, with its pulsing industrial activities and rapid development, has attracted within its confines men of

marked ability and high character in the various professional lines, and in this way progress has been conserved and social stability fostered. He whose name initiates this review has gained recognition as one of the able and successful physicians of the state, and by his labors, his high professional attainments and his sterling characteristics has justified the respect and confidence in which he is held by the medical fraternity and the local public.

Dr. McLaughlin was born in Bellefontaine, Logan county, Ohio, March 29, 1844, and comes of Scotch lineage. His paternal grandfather, William McLaughlin, was born in the land of hills and heather near the city of Edinburgh and became the founder of the family in America. He was a farmer by occupation and died at Old Town, Maryland, at the age of eighty years. His son, George F. McLaughlin, the Doctor's father, was born in Maryland, became a well educated man and in early life removed to Ohio, becoming a teacher in the schools of Bellefontaine. He was married near Urbana, in Champaign county, to Miss Rosanna F. Monroe, who was born in Virginia. She, too, was of Scotch lineage and a daughter of James Monroe, a nephew of President Monroe of the United States. George F. McLaughlin built the first public school house in Bellefontaine and conducted a school for eight years, in which work he was assisted by his wife, but his useful career was terminated by the hand of death in 1844, at the age of forty-four years. Our subject was their only child. After the death of her first husband the mother was again married, becoming the wife of Dr. Alexander Holmes Baldrige, and they had three children. Dr. Baldrige was one of the faculty of the Eclectic Medical College, of Cincin-



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nati, Ohio, for sixteen years. Both he and his wife, the mother of our subject, died in Urbana. Their children were: Landora Anerva, Laura Luella and James Monroe, all residents of Springfield.

Dr. McLaughlin of this review pursued his early education in the public schools and was graduated in the Urbana Collegiate Institute of the class of 1864. He afterward read medicine under the direction of his step-father, Dr. A. H. Baldrige, and then entered the Eclectic Medical Institute of Cincinnati, in which he was graduated with the highest honors of his class in the spring of 1867. He then returned to Urbana, where he practiced for about a year, after which he removed to Xenia, Greene county, remaining in that city until he came to Springfield in the spring of 1874. Here he became associated with Dr. L. E. Russell and the partnership was maintained until 1886, since which time our subject has been alone. He has built up a large and extensive practice in the city and ranks high as a physician and surgeon. While connected with Dr. Russell he built an office next to the one which he now occupies and since the dissolution of the partnership he has been located at his present place, enjoying a constantly increasing business.

In Springboro, Warren county, Ohio, in 1892, Dr. McLaughlin was united in marriage to Miss Mary Emma Wilson, a native of that place and a daughter of Aaron and Sarah Jane (Brown) Wilson, who were farming people of that county. The mother was born in 1820 and is now residing with the Doctor and his wife. In the family were five children, but Mrs. McLaughlin is the only surviving member. She is a graduate of the Springboro Institute and is a lady of culture and refinement, and

of domestic tastes, presiding graciously over her pleasant home. The Doctor exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the Prohibitionist party. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity and is a prominent member of the Ohio State Eclectic Medical Association, of which he served as secretary for fifteen years, attending all of its conventions. For a number of years he was jail physician, and at the same time he had charge of a large private practice, his patronage indicating the confidence and trust reposed in him by the public.

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#### OLIVER H. MILLER.

Oliver H. Miller is engaged in the practice of law in Springfield. He was born in Clark county, Ohio, October 10, 1862, and is a representative of two of the old families of this portion of the state. He traces his ancestry back to Moses Miller, who was born in England on the 1st of August, 1759, and on leaving his native land emigrated to New Jersey, where he was married in 1780. He came to Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1791, and spent his last days in Clark county, where he passed away in 1814, having removed from Cincinnati to this locality in 1806. He took up his abode in Mad River township, following farming there. At the usual government price he purchased nearly one thousand acres of land, which his descendants still have in their possession. He married Phoebe Baker, who was born in New Jersey December 31, 1761. She had two brothers, Jonathan and Melyn, who came to Clark county about 1806 and settled on adjoining land in Mad River township.

Moses Miller and his wife became the

parents of eight children, of whom Melyn Miller, the grandfather of our subject, was the eighth in order of birth. He was born in Cincinnati in 1801 and died in Clark county January 15, 1854. Like the other members of the family he pursued his education in the early schools of this county, was reared amid the wild scenes of frontier life and followed farming and cabinet making in order to provide for his wife and children. The Millers are not a long-lived race, nor have they married early in life and of this particular branch of the family there are but few descendants. The land originally owned by the grandfather has always remained in the family. Melyn Baker Miller, the grandfather, was married to Christena Powell, of Urbana, Ohio, who was born April 15, 1803, and died October 16, 1884. Their marriage was celebrated March 12, 1823. Melyn B. Miller acquired considerable of the land belonging to the original purchase and upon his farm he reared his family, numbering ten children, of whom but one is now living, Melyn H. Miller, who resides upon the old family homestead. He was born August 28, 1836. Of this family all the children were born and educated in Clark county. Seven of the number, five sons and two daughters, reached mature years. Sylvester had one son who is still living—Edgar S., a dentist, of Indianapolis,—while Abram Powell had three children and the others died leaving no descendants.

Abram Powell Miller, the father of our subject, was the ninth child of his parents' family and was born in 1839. On the maternal side he is a representative of the Powell family which originally emigrated from Virginia to Kentucky, but on account of a poor land title in the latter state they came to Ohio, settling in Urbana. Abram

Powell Miller became a prosperous farmer of Clark county. He inherited some of the land of the Moses Miller purchase, added to that and possessed at the time of his death a very valuable farm of three hundred and twenty-five acres. Abram Powell Miller was married October 20, 1861, to Mary Cox, a daughter of George W. Cox, a farmer of this county. Her mother bore the maiden name of Lois H. Baker, belonging to an early pioneer family that removed from New Jersey to Clark county. Three sons were born of this marriage: Oliver H.; Albertus Cox, who is married and resides upon a farm in Mad River township and has two children—Mary J., and Eldon G.; and Loyal O., who is a mechanic, is married and resides in Springfield. Abram P. Miller, the father of these children, died in the year 1807, at the age of fifty-eight years, his birth having occurred on the 10th of July, 1830. His wife passed away April 20, 1881, and they were laid to rest in the cemetery at Enon, Ohio.

It will be interesting in this connection to know something of the maternal ancestry of our subject, who in that line is descended from Melyn Baker, who was born May 18, 1703, in Cincinnati, Ohio, and was a son of Melyn Baker, Sr., who was born January 10, 1760, and became a resident of Clark county in 1806. He served his country as a soldier in the Revolutionary war, belonging to the New Jersey Artillery and was wounded in the army but never asked for a pension. His wife, Phebe Baker, was born December 31, 1761. His death occurred January 20, 1826, while she died in Clark county, November 4, 1813. The Bakers owned two sections of land in Mad River township and the Millers a section and a half. Both families carried on farm-

ing on an extensive scale. Their land was all covered with heavy timber which they cleared away and improved the fields, transforming the tract into richly cultivated land. To-day of the eight hundred and sixty acres owned by the Millers, only forty acres is still covered with the native timber. The Millers and Bakers were about the fifth and sixth families to establish homes in Mad River township and since that time representatives of both families have carried on general farming here. Our subject now has in his possession a land patent which was signed by Thomas Jefferson, the president of the United States, in 1806. Of the tract of eight hundred and sixty acres of land above mentioned, nearly all is yet in the possession of the Miller family and the subject of this review is the owner of one hundred and thirty-five acres of that tract and twenty-five acres of the Baker tract.

Melyn Baker, Jr., was united in marriage to Mary Layton, who was born in Clark county December 13, 1797. She was a very bright and intelligent woman, retaining her mental faculties up to the time of her death, which occurred January 8, 1879. Her husband had long since passed away, having died in Clark county June 4, 1844. They were the parents of nine children, of whom seven reached years of maturity. Oliver H. Miller, of this review, has now in preparation a genealogy of the Miller family and is well posted upon the family history.

In the district schools our subject pursued his early education and later became a student in Wittenberg College at Springfield, Ohio, where he completed the work of the junior year. In 1886 he began the study of law under General J. Warren Keifer, and in 1887 he became a student in the Cincinnati Law School, where he was graduated

in May, 1888. Immediately afterward he returned to Springfield where he opened an office and during his fourteen years' connection with the bar here, he has built up a practice which has constantly grown in volume and importance.

On the 15th of February, 1900, Mr. Miller was united in marriage to Miss Adra R. Hutchinson, a daughter of John and Martha (Kelly) Hutchinson. She was born in Clark county, Ohio. Her father was a stair-builder and cabinet-maker, and died in 1898, when about sixty-nine years of age, his birth having occurred in 1829. His widow now makes her home with Mrs. Miller, who was an only daughter.

In his political views Mr. Miller is a Republican and has been an active worker in his party, for he believes firmly in its principles. He served as secretary of the Republican central committee from 1892 until 1897, and was its chairman in 1899. In 1892 he was elected secretary of the school board and has served in that capacity continuously since, the cause of education finding in him a warm and earnest friend. He was the first librarian of the Clark County Law Library and is a member of the Clark County Bar Association. He belongs to Ingomar Lodge, No. 610, K. of P., in which he has served as master of finances since 1892. Mr. Miller is a worthy representative of pioneer families of Clark county. His ancestors began the work of development and improvement here. This task was carried on by representatives of later generations and at the present time the subject of this review is performing his full share in the advancement and upbuilding of the county. The family name figures prominently upon the pages of Clark county's history and Oliver H. Miller is now recognized as an

active factor in professional circles, having attained creditable success as a member of the bar.

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#### JAMES R. LITTLER.

In the history of the business enterprises of Pitchin James R. Littler deserves mention as a representative of industrial life of the town. He also may well be numbered among the veterans of the Civil war to whom the country owes a debt of gratitude for his efforts in preserving the Union. He is one of Ohio's native sons, his birth having occurred in Clifton, Greene county, September 9, 1837. His parents, Nathan and Belinda (Sellers) Littler, were early settlers of Ohio. They were born in Virginia between Winchester and Martinsburg on Back creek, along Applepie ridge. Both came to Ohio with their respective parents. Nathan Littler, the paternal grandfather of our subject, settled in Greene county, near Clifton, while the maternal grandfather, Paulser Sellers, took up his abode near Selma in Greene county. The young people were married in this state. The father was a miller by trade, working all over the county, but made his home in Clifton. Five children were born of this union: John, who married and left several children, was a soldier in the Sixtieth Ohio Volunteer Infantry and was captured at Harper's Ferry but soon afterward was paroled. He lived to the advanced age of sixty-two years. James R. is the second of the family. Samuel died in childhood. Sarah J. became the wife of Owen Garlough and after his death married B. F. Garlough. Henry Clay, who was also a soldier, belonging to the Seventeenth United States Regulars, now resides in Xenia.

James R. Littler was a youth of fifteen years when his father died. He afterward made his home with his maternal grandparents until 1855, when he went to Cedarville, Ohio, to serve as an apprentice to a blacksmith. He received thirty-seven dollars for his services the first year, sixty dollars for the second year and seventy-five dollars for the third year. When he had completed his apprenticeship he worked in Cedarville as a journeyman and also in New Burlington.

Mr. Littler was married in the latter place April 17, 1861, to Miss Margaret J. Hurley, a daughter of Henry and Sarah (Moffatt) Hurley. He afterward returned to Cedarville and became a partner of his former employer, J. R. Cooper, but soon he put aside all business relations and in August, 1862, enlisted for service in the Union army, becoming a member of Company F, Forty-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, as a private. He was first sent to West Virginia and was under fire at Brookville, Kentucky. Later he participated in a number of hard fought battles and in many skirmishes and in February, 1864, he volunteered, becoming a member of the Eighth Ohio Cavalry, the first veteran cavalry regiment of Ohio. He saw much hard fighting and was found in the thickest of the engagement. They participated in the battle of Lynchburg. The regiment was then divided and Mr. Littler was with that portion that operated in the Shenandoah Valley under General Sheridan. With his command he was captured at Beverly, West Virginia, being held a prisoner from the 11th of January until the latter part of February in Libby. Then with others he was exchanged. Throughout his entire army life he was always found at his post of duty, whether

it took him to the lonely picket line or led him into the midst of the field of carnage.

After his return home Mr. Littler established a blacksmith shop at Gurneyville, Clinton county, Ohio, where he remained for about seventeen months and then took up his abode in Sharon, where he remained for eleven years. On the expiration of that period he came to Pitchin in 1877 and has since conducted a blacksmith shop at this place, having a good patronage.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Littler have been born twelve children. Those living are: Clayton B., Frank R., Joella, Jennie M., William, Clyde, Goldie, Loren and Glenn. Their third child, Sarah, died at the age of twenty-six years, and James H. and Mary E. died in childhood. In 1860 Mr. Littler cast his first presidential vote, supporting Lincoln in that year and again in 1864. He voted while in the saddle, the rebel balls flying all around him. He is a member of Xenia Lodge, F. & A. M.; Mitchell Post, G. A. R., of Springfield; and also became a member of the subordinate lodge and encampment of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He has attended fourteen national re-unions of the Grand Army of the Republic and has been active in political work, serving many times as a delegate to conventions of his party.

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#### WILLIAM H. OWEN.

The glory of our republic is in the perpetuation of individuality and in the according of the utmost scope for individual accomplishment. Of America is the self-made man a product, and the record of his accomplishments is the record which the true and loyal American holds in deepest regard

and highest honor. In tracing the career of the subject of this review we are enabled to gain a recognition of this sort of a record. There is particular interest attaching to the points which mark his progress in life as he has steadily advanced, through capability, determination and perseverance, to a prominent position in the industrial world, being now extensively and successfully engaged in the manufacture of milling machines and machine tools in Springfield, Ohio.

William H. Owen was born in Glenham, Dutchess county, New York, October 26, 1850, his parents being Morgan and Harriett (Rodgers) Owen. The family is of Welsh lineage on the paternal side and in the maternal line comes of English extraction. David Owen, the grandfather of our subject, was a soldier of the war of 1812. The parents were both born and reared in Dutchess county, New York, where they spent their entire lives. The father was a contractor for heavy work and also carried on agricultural pursuits. His birth occurred in Matteawan, New York, in 1816, and in March, 1896, he was called to his final rest, having attained the ripe old age of eighty years. He had but limited school privileges, but he made the most of his opportunities and his life work and accomplishments were most creditable. His political support was given the Democracy in the early years of his manhood, but he afterward became identified with the Republican party and held some local offices. Reading, experience and observation made him a well informed man and he exercised not a little influence in business and political life. Both he and his wife were active and consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal church and their fidelity to Christian teachings made them people

of the highest respectability, honored wherever they were known. Mrs. Owen, who was born in 1817, died in April, 1901, having spent her entire life in Dutchess county. This worthy couple were the parents of ten children, of whom four are yet living. James, the eldest, became a member of the Union Army at the first call of President Lincoln for troops, served in the navy for a time, later enlisted in the United States cavalry service and afterward became a member of the heavy artillery. He served for five years or until the close of the war and he now resides in Salem, Illinois, where he follows farming. Sarah J. is the wife of C. B. Cunley, of Poughkeepsie, New York. William H. is the next of the family. Amelia, the youngest living child, is the wife of George Cooper, of Amsterdam, New York. Four children passed away in early youth, and Emily, who became the wife of John Gracey, died at the age of forty-six years, while Annie died at the age of nineteen.

William H. Owen pursued a common school education and also spent one year as a student in a select school in Glenham. The days of his boyhood and youth were passed in his parents' home, and, entering upon his business career he secured a clerkship in a general store in Glenham, where he remained for eighteen months. Desiring to learn a trade he then entered upon an apprenticeship as a machinist in the shop of John B. Schenk & Sons, of Matteawan, New York. At the age of eighteen he began working for journeyman's wages and secured employment at Fishkill Landing in the engine works, where he remained for six months. On the expiration of that period he entered the Behring Works at Glenham and subsequently he returned to the shop in which he had learned his trade. On again leaving his

old employer he secured a situation in the West Point Foundry, but his ability and fidelity were such that after a few months the firm of J. B. Schenk & Sons again sought his services, offering him the position of foreman in the planing department. There he remained for a year. Subsequently he became connected with the Kipp Steam Engine Company, at Sing Sing, New York, building engines by contract and employing eight men. He continued this work for three years and then built a contract machine in the Sing Sing prison for the firm of Nuttman, Tucker & Havemeyer. This was a special machine for the manufacture of asphaltum paving brick and it required four months to complete it. On the expiration of that period Mr. Owen returned to the Kipp Steam Engine Company as foreman and later he became tool-maker for W. N. Whiteley, at Yonkers, New York.

When six months had there passed William H. Owen, leaving the Empire state, came to Springfield, Ohio, to accept the position of tool-maker for the firm of Whiteley, Fassler & Kelly, in September, 1887. Here his services were so satisfactory that he was retained in the employ of that company for ten years and was advanced from the position of journeyman to that of foreman, his wages being proportionately increased. On the expiration of the decade he removed to Cincinnati, Ohio, and for five months was with the firm of Lodge & Davis, after which he returned to Springfield and organized the Springfield Machine Tool Company, in which he was associated with P. E. Montanus and Frank Kempsmith. This newly formed company continued its existence for four years and was then incorporated under the name of the Springfield Machine Tool Company, business being

thus carried on for two years. On the expiration of that period Mr. Owen established the Owen Machine Tool Company and in 1893 he began business on a small scale, gradually increasing his trade as it became known that his products were of a superior grade and character. He now employs thirty-five skilled workmen. The machines manufactured are of original designs and there is a system of fourteen sizes of plain and universal milling machines, all of which are manufactured from designs made by Mr. Owen and are constructed under his personal supervision, which are to-day found in all parts of the civilized world and agencies have been established in various points of this country and abroad. The business has been built up entirely through the exertions of Mr. Owen, his success resulting from his capability and the excellencies of the machines manufactured.

In Plattsburg, New York, in 1870, Mr. Owen was united in marriage to Mary Cudworth, who was born in the vicinity of Plattsburg in 1851, a daughter of Joel Cudworth, a farmer of that locality. Both he and his wife lived to an advanced age and died in that county. In their family were two daughters, Sarah, who is married and lives in Plattsburg, and Mrs. Owen. Mr. and Mrs. Owen have six daughters: Grace, the wife of Ernest Bell, of Bloomfield, New Jersey; Maud; Ada; Josephine; Cora; and Willitta. All have received good educational advantages in the public schools of Springfield and three are graduates of the high school, while Grace is a graduate of the Nelson Business College.

Mr. Owen is a Republican in politics but has never sought political honors or emoluments. He has long been a member of the Masonic fraternity, belonging to Westches-

ter Lodge, F. & A. M., of Sing Sing, New York. Church and charitable work receives his endorsement and liberal support. He is a self-made man, whose advancement in life has come to him through earnest purpose and unremitting diligence. He purchased the land and erected his present home at No. 509 South Limestone street, supplying it with all modern improvements. He largely owes his success in life to the fact that he has persevered in the pursuit of the business in which, as a young tradesman, he embarked, never turning aside into other channels or dissipating his energies over a broad field of labor. His success has been the result of honest, persistent effort in the line of honorable, manly dealing. His aims have always been to attain the best, and he has carried forward to successful completion whatever he has undertaken. His life has marked a steady growth, and now he is in possession of a handsome competence, and more than all, has that contentment that comes from a consciousness of having lived for a noble purpose.

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#### L. FLOYD ROUTZAHN.

L. Floyd Routzahn is filling the position of county sheriff of Clark county, and on the roster of officials here there is no name which is more truly a synonym for faithful, fearless and meritorious service than that of Mr. Routzahn. Fully realizing the obligation which rests upon him as an officer of the law, he stands as a defender of all that is right, the protector of the weak and as the opponent of every element of lawlessness.

Mr. Routzahn is a native of Springfield,



his birth having here occurred on the 12th of January, 1866, his parents being Luther M. and Elmira (Routzahn) Routzahn. The father was born in Frederick county, Maryland, in 1830, and in the year 1863 became a resident of Springfield, where, soon afterward, he secured employment with the Warder, Bushnell & Glessner Company, in whose service he was long retained, leaving that employ only a short time prior to his death, which occurred in this city on the 14th of July, 1887. His wife, who was born in Hagerstown, Maryland, in 1824, still survives him.

In the personal history of L. Floyd Routzahn we present to our readers the life record of one who is widely and favorably known in Springfield and throughout this section of the state. When a boy of six years he entered the public schools, therein continuing his studies until he had mastered the branches of the high school course. On putting aside his text books he entered upon his business career as a dealer in boots and shoes, forming a partnership with Mrs. Rose Routzahn in 1892, under the firm name of Routzahn & Company. They built up a good trade and continued in business together until 1897, when the partnership was dissolved and L. M. Wright became a member of the firm, the name being changed to Routzahn & Wright. Their place of business is at No. 11 South Fountain avenue, and they carry a large and well selected stock of goods. The reliable business methods of the house, combined with their reasonable prices, has led to the acquirement of a good trade, which has reached profitable proportions.

On the 26th of April, 1888, Mr. Routzahn was united in marriage to Miss Carrie Rupert, of Springfield, a daughter of Henry

and Emily Rupert. Both having spent their entire lives here, they are well known to a large number of Springfield citizens, and the hospitality of many of the best homes is extended to them. In his political views Mr. Routzahn is an earnest Republican, taking an active interest in local, county and state politics, and doing all in his power to promote the growth and insure the success of the party. Upon his ticket he was elected in November, 1900, to the position of sheriff of Clark county for a term of two years, and entered upon the duties of his office in the following January. In November, 1902, he was re-elected to the same office, so that he will retain the incumbency until January, 1905. Fearless and faithful in the discharge of his duties, his course has won him high commendation, and as an officer he deserves the regard and confidence of his fellow men. Mr. Routzahn was made a Mason in Anthony Lodge, No. 455, F. & A. M., and is also a member of Springfield Chapter, No. 48, R. A. M., and Springfield Council, No. 17, R. & S. M. He is also a member of Red Star Lodge, No. 205, K. P. Mr. Routzahn is popular with a large circle of acquaintances, for he is of genial manner and kindly temperament, and the sterling traits of his character have gained for him many friends.

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#### CHARLES R. CRAIN.

For more than a third of a century Charles R. Crain has been numbered among the most prominent and progressive citizens of Springfield. He has earned for himself an enviable reputation as a careful man of business, and in his dealings is known for



his prompt and honorable methods, which have won him the deserved regard and unbounded confidence of his fellow men. He is today the president and treasurer of the business conducted under the name of P. P. Mast & Company, manufacturers of Buckeye agricultural implements.

Mr. Crain comes of one of the honored pioneer families of Clark county. His paternal grandfather was John Crain, who was descended of sturdy Scotch-Irish stock and who, at an early period in the development of this portion of Ohio took up his abode in Clark county. He married a Miss Reeder, whose father, emigrating westward, took up his abode in the midst of the green woods on the waters of Mad river. Among the children born of this marriage was John A. Crain, the father of our subject, whose birth occurred in Clark county in 1811. He was reared as a farm boy and followed agricultural pursuits throughout the greater part of his life. He married Anner M. Bacon, also a native of this county and a daughter of John Bacon, one of the pioneer settlers who came to Ohio from New England, and took up his abode in Springfield when the city was a mere hamlet, giving little indication of future growth and development. As the city began to extend its borders, however, John Bacon became an active factor in mercantile interests there and later became extensively engaged in the banking business, being for a number of years the president of the old Mad River National Bank, holding that position at the time of his death. His wife bore the maiden name of Mary Cavalier, and they reared a family of six children, including the mother of our subject.

Charles R. Crain spent his boyhood in the city which is still his home and is in-

debted to the public school system for his preliminary education, which was supplemented by study at the Wittenberg College, where he remained as a student until his eighteenth year. He then became a factor in the business life of Springfield and has since been closely and actively associated with business affairs. In 1867 he embarked in the dry-goods business with Brelsford & Dinwiddie, acting in the capacity of clerk until 1869, when he resigned his position to enter the employ of Thomas & Mast, manufacturers of agricultural implements. He continued with them until 1871, at which time the firm was dissolved and the P. P. Mast & Company was incorporated with a capital stock of five hundred thousand dollars, P. P. Mast being elected president and treasurer and J. S. Eberhard as secretary. Mr. Crain remained with the new company and at various times was promoted to responsible positions of greater and greater importance until he had a broad and comprehensive knowledge of the business in principle and detail and was a member of the first board of directors when the company was incorporated in 1871, and at the present time is the only member of the original board still connected with the company. In 1881 he was elected secretary of the company, which position he held until the death of Mr. Mast, in October, 1898, at which time Mr. Crain succeeded him as president. He also became one of the large stockholders of the company. The corporation name has remained unchanged, but the business has been enlarged and the company now employs four hundred men. The various buildings are substantial brick structures, equipped with highly improved machinery, and the plant, which is located on Warder street, covers an area of eight acres.

The present officers are: C. R. Crain, president and treasurer; C. C. Kirkpatrick, vice-president; and J. W. Spahr, secretary. The Buckeye agricultural implements, consisting of grain drills, cultivators and cereal mills, are manufactured on an extensive scale. The implements manufactured by this firm are extensively sold throughout the United States and there is also a large foreign trade, which covers all of the grain growing countries of the world.

Mr. Crain has not confined his efforts to one line, but has extended his operations into other fields in the world of activity. He is now a director and vice-president of the Springfield National Bank. He has also made extensive and important investments in real estate and is the owner of the old homestead in the Mad River valley, southwest of Springfield, consisting of three hundred and forty acres. This he has placed under a high state of cultivation and has made it beautiful by many improvements which he has placed thereon. He also has one of the finest herds of pure bred red polled cattle, registered, to be found in southern Ohio. On this farm, on the Dayton, Springfield & Urbana interurban road, Mr. Crain and his family make their home, and the household is known for its gracious and cordial hospitality.

In 1870 occurred the marriage of Charles R. Crain and Miss Susan Stoler, of Springfield, a daughter of Jacob Stoler, and they now have two children, Charles Edward, who is in the employ of P. P. Mast & Company; and Nellie R., the wife of Louis E. Bauer, of this city. Mr. Crain is a member of St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal church, of Springfield, and for some years has served as a member of its board of trustees. He is a citizen whose public spirit

and deep interest in the welfare of Springfield have been manifest in substantial assistance to many enterprises and movements for the general good. Politically Mr. Crain is a Republican. He takes an active interest in the growth and success of his party. He has never desired or sought public office. Socially he is connected with the Masonic fraternity, his membership being in Anthony Lodge, No. 455, F. & A. M., Springfield Chapter, No. 48, R. A. M., Springfield Council, No. 17, R. & S. M., and Palestine Commandery, No. 33, K. T.

Mr. Crain is one of Springfield's solid men who has done a great deal for his native city. He possesses a genial manner, and is a fine illustration of a self-made man, his career well serving as a lesson to the young. He began his career under adverse circumstances, being compelled to make his own way, and his success in life illustrates most forcibly the power of patient and persistent effort and self-reliance. He has so conducted all affairs, whether of private interests or public trusts, as to merit the esteem of all classes of citizens, and no word of reproach is ever uttered against him. As a man and citizen he enjoys the prosperity which has come to those genial spirits who have a hearty shake of the hand for all those with whom they come in contact from day to day, and who seem to throw around them in consequence so much of the sunshine of life.

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#### NICHOLAS KRIEGBAUM.

For more than a half century Nicholas Kriegbaum has resided in Springfield and he has passed the seventieth milestone on life's journey. He was born in Germany,

December 3, 1832, and spent the first eighteen years of his life in his native country, acquiring his education according to the laws of that land and there learning the cabinet-maker's trade. He was a young man of eighteen when he determined to try his fortune in America, for he had heard favorable reports of the business opportunities of this country and hoped to more readily advance toward the goal of success than he could do if he remained in Germany. Accordingly in 1851 he sailed for America, and settled in Springfield, Ohio, where he began working at the cabinet-maker's trade, following that successfully for ten years. During that time he acquired capital sufficient to enable him to engage in the grocery business in 1857, and for seven years he conducted his enterprise in that line. At length, however, he sold out on account of ill health. He then went abroad, visiting Germany, France and England, spending four months in his travels in European countries.

On the expiration of that period he again took up his abode in this city, and in 1866 established a bakery. He was not long in gaining a good trade, which constantly grew until his business had assumed profitable and extensive proportions. He conducted it with growing success from year to year until 1891, when Charles Nicholas Kriegbaum, his son, became his successor in the enterprise and our subject retired from active business life. For over a third of a century he has resided at his present location at the corner of Plum and Columbia streets, having first built a small house on the site of his present fine brick residence.

Nicholas Kriegbaum was married to Minnie Banner, who was born in Auglaize county, Ohio, and during her infancy was

left an orphan. Six children have been born unto our subject and his wife. Mary Jane, the eldest, is the wife of George Tritsch, who was born in Indiana and is now engaged in the real estate business in Indianapolis. They have reared two children, Arthur and Walter. William George, the second of the family, wedded Barbara Myers and is now the owner of an orange grove at Riverside, California, where they are living with their one child, Lawrence. Emma Minnie is at home with her parents. Charles N. married Alice Brandt, of Dayton, Ohio, by whom he has one child, Clarence, and is now engaged in the bakery business in Springfield, as his father's successor. George P. is associated in business with his brother Charles. Edward J. is working as a florist in this city.

For almost a half century Mr. Kriegbaum has been a member of the Odd Fellows society and enjoys the high regard of his brethren of that fraternity, while in his life he has ever been true to the teachings and principles of the order. He is also connected through membership relations with the Knights of Pythias, the Red Men and the German Benevolent Society. He is a stalwart Democrat in political affiliations and has been honored with public offices, having served from 1880 until 1885 as a member of the common council, during which time he exercised his official prerogatives in support of every measure which he believed would prove of benefit to the city. He belongs to St. John's Lutheran church, of which he was the secretary and treasurer for about a quarter of a century. This indicates how upright has been his life. He is a man of strong character, of marked intelligence and is ever found to be fearless in defense of his honest convictions, and his

political service, like his business life, is above reproach, while his church connections have been manifested in his just and honorable treatment of his fellow men.

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### JOHN W. MARTIN.

John W. Martin, who is now engaged in the business of renovating feathers on the Dayton pike, near Pleasant street, Springfield, was born near the Rocky Point school, southwest of the city, on a farm now owned by the Howell heirs. The date of his birth was February 28, 1840, and his parents were David and Rachel (Sands) Martin. His father was born in Berks county, Pennsylvania, in 1797, and was a son of Richard Martin, who was also a native of the Keystone state and died on what is now the Ben Mellinger farm in Clark county, Ohio. He was a farmer and cooper. He served in the war of 1812, and the father of our subject witnessed the burning of the capitol during that war, being then in Washington. The latter was fourteen years of age at the time.

In 1828 David Martin came to Clark county, Ohio, and located south of Springfield on the present Stratton farm. After a short time, however, he removed to the farm on which our subject was born, there living until 1840, when he went to Beatty and conducted a cooper shop there for a number of years. Later he took up his abode at Yellow Springs, where he engaged in the cooper-age business in connection with agricultural pursuits for about seven years. He next located at New Carlisle, where he farmed for about two years, after which he settled two miles south of Troy, carrying on agricultural pursuits at that point for seven

years. His next home was at Gettysburg, Darke county, Ohio, but two years later he removed to the Adolph Smith farm and from there to the Miller farm, southwest of Enon. His next removal took him to Piqua, Ohio, and later he returned to Enon, where his death occurred September 21, 1874. His wife, who died June 24, 1884, bore the maiden name of Rachel Sands and was of English descent. There was a fortune left in England to the family but it was never claimed. Thomas Sands, her father, resided in Maryland, and in that state she was born in 1804 and there gave her hand in marriage to David Martin.

This worthy couple became the parents of eight sons and one daughter, namely: Samuel wedded Katherine Deaver, now deceased, by whom he had two children, one of whom is dead, while the other resides in Kansas. Richard married Elizabeth Martin, who died in 1898. Thomas wedded Caroline Newhouse and died in October, 1890, while two of his five children are also deceased. David wedded Mary Speelman and died January 7, 1890. He had four children, two of whom are now deceased. Elizabeth, the only daughter, died at the age of three years. John W. of this review is the next younger. Joseph married Sallie Gibbs and they had three children, one of whom is deceased. William married Frances Beadle and of their five children one is deceased. James married Minnie Graves and they have two children. The four eldest sons of the family were coopers and our subject became a farmer, while the younger sons were carpenters.

Under the parental roof John W. Martin was reared to manhood and when he arrived at years of maturity he became a soldier, enlisting on the 15th of August,

1861, as a member of Company I, First Ohio Cavalry, being mustered in at Piqua. He was then sent to Camp Chase, near Columbus, Ohio, where the regiment remained until the 1st of November, when it took the field in Kentucky. Mr. Martin was in the service for four years and fifteen days, and he had three brothers who were also soldiers. Samuel, the eldest, contracted illness at Vicksburg which caused his death after his return to his home in Miami county, Ohio. John W. Martin participated in the battles of Stone River, Chickamauga, Shiloh, the siege of Atlanta, and the engagements at Lovejoy Station and Champion Hills, after which he returned to Louisville. He had previously been in three raids, including the Kilpatrick raid around Atlanta and through Tennessee after General Wheeler. He was under fire at Atlanta for four days and nights. The third raid was that of General Wilson from Mississippi through Alabama and back to Georgia. During this raid he participated in a heavy battle at Columbus, Georgia, and was also in a hard fight at Selma. Before the Wilson raid the regiment had gone back to Louisville to get arms and horses, having given up their own to General Kilpatrick's men. Mr. Martin was at Atlanta for two months, thence went to South Carolina, where he remained until the 1st of September, 1865, when he went by vessel from Hilton Head to New York city and thence returned to Columbus, Ohio, where he was mustered out in September, 1865. He had enlisted for three years and on the expiration of that period he rejoined the army as a veteran. He was a dashing, gallant soldier and on one occasion was one of two volunteers to ride into what is supposed to have been an ambush to reconnoiter. Fearless and loyal

in defense of duty he made for himself a most creditable military record.

In January, 1867, Mr. Martin was married to Miss Susan E. Aldrich, a daughter of Aaron and Sarah (Bell) Aldrich, who were farming people. The Aldrich family came to Ohio from Maine and the father was born in Clark county, while the mother's birth occurred in Champaign county, this state. Mrs. Martin was born in 1848, and by her marriage to our subject became the mother of two daughters: Effie, born February 13, 1868, is the wife of John Burroughs, of Springfield, and they have three children, Mabel, George Wesley and James. Cora, born August 15, 1870, is the wife of Ed Baker, who is living on the corner of Ludlow avenue and Harrison street, Springfield, and they have two children, Irvin and Wayne. Mrs. Martin died August 27, 1877, and on the 28th of October, 1880, Mr. Martin was again married, his second union being with Miss Mary Manzella Reed, who was born at Plattsburg, Ohio, and is a daughter of Josiah Wesley and Charlotte (Taylor) Reed, from Maryland. She is heir to some land in that state but knows little of her early ancestry. Her father, who was a farmer by occupation, entered the Union service in 1861, and at the end of sixteen months was discharged for disability, but he finally re-enlisted on the 2d of May, 1864, in the One Hundred and Fifty-third Ohio Volunteer Infantry. Being taken prisoner, he was first incarcerated at Andersonville and later in the military prison at Millen, Georgia, where he died July 3, 1864. By his second marriage Mr. Martin has one child, Laura May, who was born May 16, 1883, and is yet living with her parents. She was educated in Springfield and is now a successful music teacher.

Mr. Martin is a member of the Odd Fellows society and has held all of the offices in Ephraim Lodge, No. 146, with which he is identified. After his return from the war he was ill for a year and then began business. He is now engaged in feather renovating and receives a liberal patronage in this line. In matters of citizenship he is as loyal and faithful to-day as when he wore the blue uniform of the nation and fought for the defense of the stars and stripes on southern battle-fields.

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#### JOSIAH RAMSEY, D. D. S.

Through forty-nine years Dr. Josiah Ramsey engaged in the practice of dentistry and became an eminent member of the profession in this state, his ability classing him with the best representatives of the calling in Ohio. The qualities of his manhood, too, were such as to command for him the highest regard and confidence of his fellow men, and the circle of his friends was constantly enlarged as his acquaintance grew. It was, therefore, a matter of widespread regret when he was called from this life, and his memory is yet dear to many who knew him, not only in Springfield but throughout the state as well.

Dr. Ramsey was born near Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, May 12, 1816, and in 1836 became a resident of Ohio. For one year he was a student under the instruction of Mr. McWilliams, a well known educator of that day, and then his brother John wished his assistance in the fulling and carding mill, which was near Dayton, Ohio. There our subject remained for six months, after which he went to Oldtown, where he was

employed in a large spinning factory, which was operated by water power, the machine being about twenty-eight feet long. While thus engaged he received eighteen and twenty dollars per month for his services. From that place he returned to the neighborhood in which lived his brother John and taught school at what was called Cuppy's school for three months. He was afterward employed as teacher of a school near Fairfield, Ohio, for three months and later taught the Fulks school, near Xenia, for a year and three months. His next school, located between Fairfield and Dayton, was called the Cost school, and of this he had charge six months, after which he spent a half year as teacher in the Fullcuff school near Dayton. In the fall of 1843 he went to Indiana, thence made his way to the Ohio river, down which he proceeded on a raft to Natchez, Mississippi, but he found no favorable opening there for a school and he continued on horseback up the banks of the Mississippi river to Rodney, about thirty miles north of Natchez, where after a short time he secured a position as teacher, at a salary of thirty-five dollars per month, being employed there for six months. He later was teacher of another school in the same locality for a year, after which he returned to Springfield in 1847, having been absent for four years. During his first two years' residence in the south he had suffered much from fever.

About 1847 or 1848 Dr. Ramsey went to Cincinnati, Ohio, and entered the office of Drs. Edward and James Taylor, dentists, with whom he studied for a time and then pursued a full course in the Ohio Dental College, from which he was graduated, entering upon the active practice of the profession in Springfield in August, 1850. By

his skill, judgment and ability he soon earned for himself well merited eminence in professional ranks and a liberal patronage was accorded him. He was known as one of the best dentists in the state. He practiced for forty-nine years, having his office in the Fisher block for twenty-six years, after which, in 1893, on account of his health, he established his office in his home, where he remained until his death. Throughout the long period of his connection with the dental profession he kept abreast with the times and with all new inventions which tended to promote the efficiency and value of dental work. He was a close, earnest and discriminating student and continually augmented his ability by research and investigation, so that his skill was second to that of no practitioner of dentistry in this part of the state and his ability made him the superior of the large majority of members of the profession. He was a respected and honored member of the State Dental Association.

Dr. Ramsey was united in marriage to Mrs. Emma M. Steele, at Pine Grove Furnace, near Hanging Rock, Ohio, September 23, 1857, and they had two daughters, M. Jennie B. and Mary E. C. The latter is the wife of James M. Rumsey, of Rawlings, Wyoming, and their children were Jean Harriet and Elizabeth Margaretta. The home relations in the Ramsey household were ideal. The Doctor was devoted to his wife and children and his greatest pleasure was found at his own fireside. He provided liberally for his family to the best of his ability and he was also found as a faithful and devoted friend.

Dr. Ramsey passed away September 27, 1899, at the age of eighty-three years, and was laid to rest in Ferncliff cemetery. In

politics he had been a strong Republican, giving an earnest support to the principles of the party which he believed would promote the best interests of the nation. He was a charter member of the Second Presbyterian church of Springfield and a useful and valued member, who gave freely of his means to the support of the church and earnestly strove to promote its growth and extend its influence. "His life was like the quiet shining of a star," whose light is unobtrusive but steadfast. He was conscientious and upright in all that he did and his example is worthy of emulation, while his influence and memory are yet a potent element for good in the lives of many who knew him and who honored him for his unflinching devotion to principle.

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DAVID L. YARNELL.

David L. Yarnell is filling the position of sergeant at arms in the house of representatives at Columbus, and his promptness and capability, accompanied with a genial and courteous manner, have made him a popular officer. His home is at Selma and he is one of the native sons of Clark county, his birth having occurred in Green township on the 30th of May, 1842. He is a son of Jesse and Rachel (Miller) Yarnell. He was reared upon a farm and received a fair common school education. In 1858 he went to Richmond, Indiana, where he began learning the carpenter's trade, following that pursuit until the country became involved in civil war, when business was largely suspended and he returned to Selma. He watched with interest the progress of events in the south and when it was evident that it



was to be no mere holiday affair, but would be a long, hard struggle, he offered his services to the government in October, 1861, enlisting in Company D, Forty-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, for three years. When two and one-half years had passed he veteranized and became a member of Company D, Eighth Ohio Cavalry, with which he remained until the cessation of hostilities, proclaiming that the preservation of the Union was an assured fact. He was mustered out in August, 1865, and returned home with a most creditable and honorable military record. He was largely engaged in scouting duty and thus took part in very few pitched battles, although his services were often of a very difficult and arduous nature. He, however, was in the siege of Knoxville, and afterward, when in the cavalry service, he took part in Hunter's raid. He was captured at Beverley, Virginia, where the Union troops were surprised in camp on the 11th of January, 1864. Mr. Yarnell was sent to Libby prison and was kept there until February, 1865, when he was among the first to be exchanged.

After the war Mr. Yarnell returned to Selma and began working with his brother-in-law at blacksmithing, entering into a compact to work for two years for four hundred dollars. When that period had elapsed he received two dollars per day for his services, continuing with his brother-in-law for three years. In 1869 he established a shop of his own and prospered in the new undertaking. He has carried on his trade continuously since in Selma and he still owns the shop, although he is now largely giving his attention to his official duties.

On the 25th of March, 1869, David L. Yarnell was united in marriage in Madison township to Miss Mary Wise, a daughter of

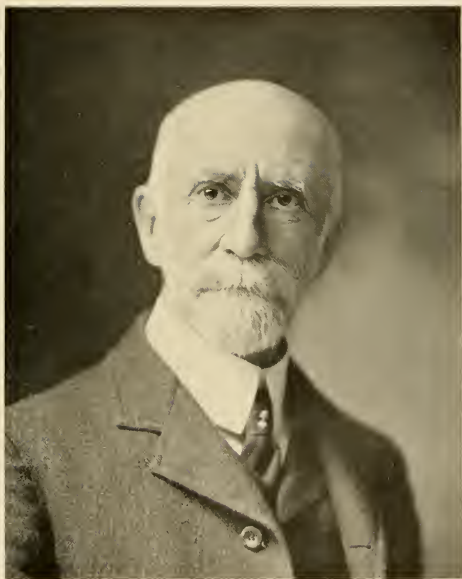
Jesse and Mariel (Honn) Wise. Two children were born unto them: Emma, the wife of Dr. A. E. Cotes; and Herbert, who died at the age of five years. Mr. Yarnell is a Republican, having given his support to the party since he cast his first vote for Lincoln in 1864. He has served as a member of the township board of education, but has not been an active politician. He is now serving as second assistant sergeant at arms in the house of representatives, filling the office in the seventy-fourth and seventy-fifth assemblies. He was also postmaster for the house. In 1866 he was initiated into the Masonic fraternity, becoming a member of Fielding Lodge, No. 192, F. & A. M., of South Charleston, in which he has filled the position of senior deacon. This, in brief, is his life history, and it is the record of one who has been thrifty in business and loyal in citizenship, proving his patriotism in military service as well as in civic office.

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#### PROFESSOR JOHN S. WEAVER.

In educational circles the name of Professor John S. Weaver is widely known and he has attained distinction among those who are devoting their energies to the dissemination of knowledge. He is now superintendent of the schools of Springfield and under his guidance rapid and satisfactory advancement is being made along educational lines. A native of Warren county, Ohio, he was born near Carlisle Station September 28, 1846, and comes of a family of German ancestry. His father, John S. Weaver, was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in 1802, and was a Presbyterian minister, who, in his boyhood days, came to Ohio. He was a





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member of the first class that graduated from Miami University at Oxford. On the completion of his course he entered the ministry and devoted the greater part of his life to proclaiming the Gospel among his fellow men. For two years he also served as a teacher in the University. In 1865 he came to Springfield and thereafter lived retired until called to the home beyond in 1871. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Amanda Hurin, was born in Lebanon, Ohio, in 1810, and pursued a public school education. She survived her husband a number of years, passing away in this city in 1885. In their family were seven children: Susan, who died in Springfield; Catherine, the wife of Captain J. H. Robison, and a resident of this city; Dr. James M., of Dayton; Margaret, who is the wife of Andrew Robison, and is living in Cincinnati; Georgiana, the wife of R. E. Naylor, of Osage county, Kansas; Walter L., who was formerly an attorney of Springfield and a member of congress and is now a judge of the United States court, of Indian Territory, to which position he was appointed by President Roosevelt in 1902; and John S., whose name introduces this review.

Professor John S. Weaver spent his boyhood days under the parental roof, being eighteen years of age when his parents came to Springfield. Prior to this time he pursued a preparatory course in Monroe, Ohio, after which he became a sophomore in Wittenberg College in the fall of 1864. He was graduated with the class of 1867 and at once entered upon the profession which he has made his life work. He taught in various schools in Clark, Greene and Wayne counties, and for one year was a teacher in the academy at Canaan, Ohio. In the year 1874 he went to Sioux City, Iowa,

where he remained until 1880 as principal of the schools there. In the latter year he returned to Springfield and accepted the position of principal of the old northern school here, while from 1892 until 1900 he was principal of the high school. He was then advanced to the position of superintendent of schools and was reappointed in 1902. He has entire charge of the educational features of the public schools of this city. Professor Weaver is a most capable instructor, having the ability to impart with readiness and clearness to others the knowledge of the branches of learning which he has mastered. His own zeal and enthusiasm in the work inspire both teachers and pupils to renewed and better efforts. He is continually alert for improved practical methods which will advance the work of the schools and raise the standard of education here, and under his guidance the public schools of Springfield have made marked and gratifying advancement.

In 1876, in Le Mars, Iowa, was celebrated the marriage of Professor Weaver and Miss May Burlingame, who was born and reared in Illinois. They now have two daughters: Helen, the wife of Van C. Wilson, of Springfield, Ohio; by whom she has one child; and Katherine, of this city. The parents are members of the Third Presbyterian church and Professor Weaver is entitled to membership in the Grand Army of the Republic, because in 1864 he responded to his country's call for troops and served for four months as a member of Company B, One Hundred and Forty-sixth Regiment of Ohio Volunteers, being at the time only seventeen years of age. He now belongs to Mitchell Post. He is a member of Phi Kappa Psi, a college fraternity, and also holds membership in the National Teach-

ers' Association and the County Teachers' Association. A man of scholarly attainments and broad intellectuality, there is in Professor Weaver a weight of character, a native sagacity, a far-seeing judgment and a fidelity of purpose that command the respect of all.

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### RALPH S. THOMPSON.

Ralph S. Thompson is the president and manager of the New Era Company, general printers, blank book manufacturers and book binders, as well as publishers of the New Era. In the control of this enterprise, which has become an extensive one in Springfield, Mr. Thompson displays marked executive ability and business force, and has gained that success which indicates the character of the man—success which comes through diligence, unremitting labor and capable business management.

Mr. Thompson is a native of Illinois, his birth having occurred in Edwards county, on the 19th of December, 1847. His parents were Samuel and Katherine (Ronalds) Thompson. The father was a native of England and spent his boyhood days in London, where his birth occurred, and where he acquired his education. At length he came to the United States, traveled to some extent over the country and finally took up his abode in Edwards county, Illinois, where he engaged in agricultural pursuits, and there studied medicine, becoming prominent in his profession, though continuing to work his farm. He died in 1872, having long survived his wife, who passed away in 1850.

Ralph S. Thompson worked in his youth on the farm. Owing to some peculiar ideas of his father he was not allowed to attend

school, but got what education he could at home, which was added to by a free use of his father's extensive library. His favorite studies were chemistry and mechanics. He had a workshop in his father's barn and a chemical laboratory in his father's library until the frequent explosions caused the banishment of the laboratory to a separate building. He entered upon his business career in his native county in the year 1865, as a druggist and chemist, and conducted it with considerable success until 1872, when he sold out. In the meantime, in 1869, he had become a member of a printing company of Edwards county, owning and editing the *Albion Pioneer*. In 1873 he sold his interest in the paper and moved to Cincinnati, where he engaged in printing and editorial work, and through the failure of others lost all he had accumulated. In 1876 he arrived in Springfield, accepting a position as manager of the *Grange Visitor*, which was afterwards changed to the *Farmers' Advance*, which he controlled until 1886. At this time Mr. Thompson joined others in the organization of the New Era Company, which was incorporated January 21, 1886, with a capital stock of twenty-five thousand dollars, and at the first election Mr. Thompson was made president and manager, in which capacity he has since been retained, his associate officers being Rei Rathbun, secretary, and S. P. Behrends, treasurer. The company does a general job printing and book business, and at the same time publishes the *New Era*. Theirs is one of the best equipped modern printing offices in this portion of the state. The plant is supplied with the latest improved machinery for turning out a high grade of work, and the office has acquired a very favorable reputation not only for neat, but also for artistic

work. From fifty to one hundred men and girls are employed in the establishment. Recently the printing establishment has been removed to the large stone front building 24 and 26 North Fountain avenue. Mr. Thompson is also associated with other business affairs here, being at the head of the Springfield Furnace Company, of 28 and 30 North Fountain avenue, manufacturing the Thompson Tubular Hot Air Furnace, of which he is the inventor, and also of a burner for the use of oil as fuel. There is a promising future before this furnace, which is rapidly finding favor with the public and already meeting with a good sale, and the oil burner has attracted attention not only in this country but in Europe. Mr. Thompson is also assistant secretary of the Springfield Board of Trade.

In 1872 was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Thompson and Miss Margaret Weed, of Albion, Illinois, a daughter of Hampton Weed, who was a relative of Wade Hampton, the Revolutionary patriot. In political thought and action Mr. Thompson has always been independent, adhering to his convictions without fear or favor. In business he has achieved success through honorable effort, untiring industry and capable management, and in private life he has gained that warm personal regard which arises from true nobility of character, deference for the opinions of others, kindness and geniality.

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E. J. GARD.

If every young man thoroughly understood and believed what wise men and philosophers are always pointing out—that success almost never comes to anyone without

great and persevering effort—the multitude of failures in life would be averted. In countless thousands of instances, especially in the United States, where men are rated at their true personal worth, poor boys have risen to places of prominence and influence because they were not afraid of work and because they were actuated by the commendable ambition to do something and be something worthy of the respect of all mankind. In reviewing the history of E. J. Gard, now engaged in the real estate business in Tremont, we note that the salient features in his career have been earnest and persistent labor and honorable dealing.

He was born in German township, Clark county, January 23, 1834, and is a representative of an old family of Virginia. His grandfather, Job Gard, came from the Old Dominion to Ohio in 1803, and was the first settler in Miami county, upon the site of the present city of Piqua. He followed wagon-making and repairing and lived to the advanced age of about seventy-six years. In the meantime he removed to Kentucky, where the father of our subject was born, but afterward he returned to Ohio and spent his last days in Clark county, his remains being interred in Rector cemetery.

Gursham Gard, the father of our subject, was born in Kentucky and at the age of nineteen years accompanied his father on his return to Ohio. In early life he engaged in the operation of rented land, but ultimately he became well-to-do. He deserved great credit for what he had accomplished, as all that he had was acquired through his own diligence and enterprise. He was also widely known as a man of honor and genuine worth. He wedded Mary Peacock, and among their children was the subject of this review.

H. J. Gard was reared upon the home farm, and at the usual age entered the common school, where he acquired a good education. On the 17th of March, 1853, in the village of Tremont, he was married to Miss Martha Friernood, who was also born in German township, her parents being Reuben and Sarah (Kiser) Friernood. The young couple began their domestic life upon a farm and for thirty-two years Mr. Gard was extensively and successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits. From the time of early spring planting until crops were garnered in the late autumn he earnestly carried on his work, and as the result of his unremitting labor he acquired a handsome competence. At length, however, he sold his farm and removed to Fletcher, Miami county, where he purchased property and made his home for four years. On the expiration of that period he returned to Clark county and, settling in Tremont, has since engaged in the real estate business, in which he has secured a good clientage. He is thoroughly conversant with values in this section of the state, and has negotiated many important real estate transfers.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Gard were born the following children: Albert, who attended school in Lebanon and became a teacher, died of consumption at the age of twenty-one years. Jennie, who was also provided with good educational privileges, became an expert bookkeeper and was employed by the governor of Kansas in general office work and as an accountant. She married Rufus Buck and died in Miami county, Ohio, but was laid to rest in the cemetery of Tremont. Elizabeth is the wife of Elbert Skillman and resides in Piqua, Miami county. Grant died at the age of thirteen years, from the result of

accidental shooting. Martha died when about seven years of age. Lillie May, the youngest of the family, died in infancy.

Mr. Gard was formerly a Republican in his political views, and voted for John C. Fremont on the organization of the Republican party, but of recent years he has been a Prohibitionist. He belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he has served as steward and trustee, taking an active part in the work of the church and giving his co-operation to many measures for the general good. He is a fearless champion of what he believes to be right, and at all times his course has been such as to commend him to public confidence and esteem.

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#### JOHN CHARLES NAVE.

John Charles Nave, who follows farming in Green township on the place where he was born, October 6, 1870, is a son of John Garlough and Margaret Elizabeth (Gram) Nave, whose sketch appears on another page of this volume. The home farm became his play ground in boyhood and his training school for the practical duties of a farmer's life. His literary education was acquired in the common schools and he remained under the parental roof until his marriage, which was celebrated on the 7th of April, 1892, at the Methodist Episcopal parsonage in Springfield, Miss Jennie Matilda Littler, of Pitchin, becoming his wife. She is a daughter of James R. and Margaret (Hurley) Littler, who are also mentioned elsewhere in this work. In their family were twelve children, of whom Mrs. Nave is the sixth in order of birth, while Mr. Nave was the youngest in a family of five children. Their

home has been blessed with six children: Olive Esther, born in Springfield August 17, 1892; Margaret Elizabeth, born in Green township June 17, 1894; Goldie Fern, born November 18, 1895; Harold Jennings, born February 27, 1897; Paul De Motte, born September 12, 1898; and Frank Russell, born February 23, 1900.

For one year after his marriage Mr. Nave resided in Springfield, working in the Ross shops and also in the Lagonda shops. He then came to his present place of residence in Green township, and has had charge of this farm ever since. He operates one hundred and fifty-three acres of land, which he has fenced and the fields have been placed under a high state of cultivation. He also has a dairy of sixteen cows. His farm work fully occupies his time, and indolence and idleness are utterly foreign to his nature. He is independent in politics and takes an active part in political work. In April, 1900, he was elected to the office of road supervisor in district No. 1, which office he still holds. He became a charter member of the Junior Order of the United American Mechanics, and during the first year served as one of its trustees.

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#### CHARLES F. MCGILVRAY.

From the farm come many of the strongest and best men found in business and professional circles. In the free life of the country they seem to imbibe self-reliance, independence and strong purpose, and, entering into the competition which forms so great a part of business life, they so direct their energies as to win success. Such a one is Charles F. McGilvray. He was born in Peterboro, New Hampshire,

January 22, 1849, and is a son of Thurston McGilvray, whose birth occurred in Amhurst, New Hampshire, as did that of the grandfather of our subject, while the great-grandfather was a native of Scotland. He became the founder of the family in America, leaving the land of hills and heather in 1792, and taking up his abode in New England. Thurston McGilvray went to California in 1851, attracted by the discovery of gold in that state, and there died when about thirty-seven years of age. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Mary A. Bullard, is still living in Peterboro, at the age of eighty-nine years. She came of English ancestry noted for longevity. The family was first established at Dublin, New Hampshire, and the maternal grandfather of our subject was a soldier in the war of 1812. Unto Mr. and Mrs. McGilvray were born three children, but our subject is the only one living, Albert and Marsena having both passed away. After the death of her first husband Mrs. McGilvray became the wife of David Smiley. Mrs. Addie Greenwood, a sister of Thurston McGilvray, is now living in Everett, Massachusetts.

Charles F. McGilvray pursued his early education in the public schools of Peterboro and when eleven years of age he began earning his own livelihood by working on a farm. He followed various occupations for a few years, and at the age of eighteen he entered a foundry and learned the trade. When he had completed his apprenticeship he began working as a journeyman at the age of twenty-one, and continually advanced in his chosen pursuit. He remained in the east until 1870, when he came to Cleveland, Ohio, which was his place of residence for a time. He afterward took up his abode in Elmira, New York, where he

had charge of the foundry at the New York State Reformatory, continuing in that position for one year. On the expiration of that period he returned to Cleveland, where he remained about three months, and in February, 1884, he came to Springfield and here took charge of the shops of the Robbins & Meyers Company foundry. He has remained in that capacity until the present time, and under his capable supervision the business has rapidly increased and he has been advanced to the important position of superintendent of the entire plant, having three hundred men under his supervision. In 1888 the company was incorporated as the Robbins & Meyer Company, and in 1900 J. A. Meyers and Mr. McGilvray purchased the interests of Mr. Robbins, and H. E. Meyers also became a member of the company. Mr. McGilvray gives his entire time and attention to the management of the business. The plant is now used for the manufacture of electric ceiling fans, desk fans, dynamos and motors, and a general foundry business is carried on. The sales of the house are extensive and the annual output is constantly increasing, bringing the stockholders an enlarged annual income.

In 1873 Mr. McGilvray returned to New Hampshire and was there married to Miss Addie F. Gray, who was born in the old Granite state and pursued her education in the high schools there. Her father, David Gray, was a contractor and builder. After his marriage Mr. McGilvray remained in the state of his nativity until 1877, when he returned to Cleveland, Ohio. One child was born of this marriage, but died in 1876 at the age of two years. Mr. and Mrs. McGilvray reside at No. 717 East High street, where they have a pleasant and hospitable home.

In politics he is a Republican where national affairs are concerned, but at local elections, where no issue is involved, he votes for the men whom he regards as best qualified for the office, aside from political affiliations. He is a member of Anthony Lodge, F. & A. M., and also belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, to the Royal Arcanum, and to the Mystic Circle. He devotes his entire time to the management of the business, but in social life is found as a genial, courteous and kindly gentleman. He is a man of wide experience and broad-minded—a man whose strong individuality is the strength of integrity, virtue and deep human sympathy.



#### JAMES E. McCLURE.

James E. McClure, a retired farmer now engaged in the grocery business in Springfield, has spent his entire life in Clark county, his birth having occurred in Mad River township on the 5th of December, 1868. He is a son of George and Harriet A. (Dory) McClure. The father was born in Mad River township in 1833, and the mother in Springfield, in 1839. The paternal grandfather, Jefferson McClure, was of Scotch-Irish parentage, and came from Maryland to Ohio in his early boyhood days, being reared to manhood in Clark county. He worked as a farm hand and teamster in early life, and during pioneer times in this locality he purchased land in Mad River township and there carried on farming until his death. He and his wife were buried in the cemetery at Ebenezer. In their family were four children who are yet living: William, a resident of Spring-



field; George, the father of our subject; Samuel J., a dairyman residing west of Springfield; and Addie, the wife of Cyrus Kissell, of Mad River township. These children were all educated in the public schools of the locality and reared upon the home farm.

George McClure spent his boyhood days in the usual manner of farmer lads of the period, and when he attained to man's estate he continued to follow the occupation to which he had been reared, making it his life work. At length he retired from active business cares, and is now living retired in Springfield, having purchased a home in the city. He was a good business man, energetic and resolute, and his success is attributable to his own efforts. In politics he is a Democrat, and both he and his wife are highly esteemed people of the community in which they make their home. This worthy couple became the parents of twelve children, all of whom reached adult age, although three are now deceased. The others are: D. Dory, who is a gardener of Springfield township; Rosa, the wife of Samuel Arthur; Charles J., who is living in Pueblo, Colorado; Harriet A.; William; J. E., of this review; Seth, also of Pueblo; Mary, the wife of Elmer Cale; and Thomas. All were educated in the district schools, and Harriet was a student in Nelson's Business College.

James E. McClure of this review attended the country schools through the winter months, and in the periods of vacation worked upon the home farm, continuing to assist in its cultivation until he had attained the age of twenty-two years. During the last two years of that time he had charge of the farm work, successfully carrying on general farming and stock-raising. He

cultivated one hundred and seventy acres of land, improving it and bringing it to a high state of production. His farming operations were continued until December, 1901, when he sold his property and came to Springfield to make his home. On the 17th of January, 1902, he established a grocery at his present location, purchasing a new and complete line of groceries, provisions, and feed. He has since been increasing his stock as the trade demanded, and is now well fixed to meet the demands of his growing trade. He delivers to any part of the city, and has gained the confidence, good will and therefore the patronage of a large number of the residents in his part of the town.

On the 15th of March, 1888, Mr. McClure was united in marriage to Miss Fannie Johnson, a daughter of Eli Johnson, who was a farmer of Mad River township. Mrs. McClure was educated in the common schools and by her marriage became the mother of one son, Arthur J., who was born December 30, 1892. On the 6th of January following, Mrs. McClure died. In 1895 our subject was again married, his second union being with Elizabeth Geron, a daughter of Jacob Geron, who was born in Germany. The lady was educated in Springfield township and has two daughters—Gertrude, who was born December 15, 1895; and Margaret, born September 3, 1902.

In his political views Mr. McClure is known to be independent, casting his ballot for the men and measures that he deems best calculated and qualified to promote the general welfare. To church and charitable work he gives hearty endorsement. He is a member of Lincoln Castle, No. 49, K. T. E., and while at Enon served as keeper of

the exchequer. While there is nothing in the life history of Mr. McClure to attract the reader who delights in a sensational chapter, there is nevertheless in his career much that is commendable and worthy of emulation, for he has always been found industrious, honest and straightforward, and these qualities should ever be cultivated by men who wish to attain success and at the same time enjoy the respect of their fellow men.

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#### FRANCIS MARION HAGAN.

Whatever else may be said of the legal fraternity, it cannot be denied that members of the bar have been more prominent actors in public affairs than any other class of the community. This is but the natural result of causes which are manifest and requires no explanation. The ability and training which qualify one to practice law also qualify him in many respects for duties which lie outside the strict path of his profession, and which touch general interests of society. Holding marked precedence among the members of the bar of Springfield stands Mr. Hagan, who has also been honored with various official positions of trust, and the confidence thus reposed in him has never been betrayed in even the slightest degree.

Judge Hagan has spent his entire life in Clark county, his birth having occurred near Enon, in Mad River township, on the 10th of June, 1844. He comes of Scotch-Irish lineage. His paternal grandfather was a native of county Monaghan, Ireland, and in the year 1708 he left the Emerald Isle for the new world, taking up his abode in Pennsylvania. Subsequently he continued his

westward journey until he reached Clark county, Ohio, being a resident of this place from 1815 until 1825, when he was called to the home beyond. Among his children were Hugh Hagan, the father of our subject. His birth occurred in Northumberland county, Pennsylvania, June 3, 1803, and he was therefore about twelve years of age when the family cast in their lot with the pioneer families of this locality. He was reared amid the wild scenes of frontier life and through many years witnessed the development and upbuilding of this section of the state, bearing his part in the work of public improvement. Having arrived at years of maturity, he married Ann Furay, who was born in Ross County, Ohio, October 3, 1816, and was of French and Irish extraction and a daughter of Peter Furay. Her death occurred September 22, 1892.

The youth of Judge Hagan, like that of other boys, was largely given to the work of acquiring an education. He attended the public and select schools and later became a student in Antioch College, at Yellow Springs, but ill health prevented his graduation. From early life he was imbued with a desire to become a member of the legal profession, and so directed his reading and efforts that he might ultimately realize his ambition. It was not possible for him at once to prepare for the bar, and for a number of years he engaged in teaching in common and select schools, but he never lost sight of what was his real aim, and pursuing his reading as he found opportunity, he was admitted to the bar in 1873. The following year he opened an office and began the practice of law in Springfield, where he has since remained. His preparation of cases is most thorough and exhaustive; he seems almost intuitively to grasp the strong



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points of law and fact, while in his briefs and arguments the authorities are cited so extensively and the facts and reasoning thereon are presented so cogently and unanswerably as to leave no doubt as to the correctness of his views or of his conclusions. No detail seems to escape him; every point is given its due prominence and the case is argued with such skill, ability and power that he rarely fails to gain the verdict desired.

Many positions of honor and trust have been conferred upon him and the official career of Judge Hagan is one worthy of the highest commendation, because it has ever been characterized not only by capable but by most earnest devotion to duty and by loyalty to the trust reposed in him. In 1879 he received the endorsement of many of the leading members of both the Democratic and Republican parties for the office of city solicitor of Springfield and was triumphantly elected. A contemporary biographer, in speaking of this period of his career, has said:

"Mr. Hagan's first term as city solicitor was so full of achievement that he was again elected in 1883. Mr. Hagan was pre-eminent in his services in this connection. His efforts for the city's weal in important litigation, the successful defense of the municipal rights, his thoughtful and broad command of the law in relation to cities marked his years of public performance with conspicuous force. It is a significant fact that he is yet summoned into consultation by the city in all important cases, no matter who is city solicitor, nor how able. The mature and ripened judgment of Mr. Hagan and his close familiarity with the city's past render him highly essential as an adviser."

Other offices, both in the direct line of

his profession and in other departments of activity, have claimed the services of Judge Hagan. From President Cleveland came his first appointment to the position of post-master of the city of Springfield, in which capacity he served from 1887 until 1890, discharging his duties in a manner that promoted the business affairs of the office and won for him the high commendation of the general public. In 1890 he was the efficient president of the board of trade, and his co-operation with leading business men connected with that organization led to substantial improvement in Springfield. He has ever had firm faith and enthusiasm in Springfield and its future and his capacity to direct large movements was ably demonstrated during his incumbency as president. From 1885 until 1890 the Judge served as a trustee of the Mitchell-Thomas Hospital, of this city, and in the latter year he became judge of the common pleas court of Clark county, Ohio, by the appointment of Governor Campbell, thus becoming the successor of the Hon. Charles R. White. Judge Hagan was president of the Clark County Bar Association in 1892 and 1893. He has been one of the trustees of the Associated Charities for the last four years. Judge Hagan is a member of the Second Presbyterian church and is strongly identified with the church element. In his politics he is a firm but liberal Democrat, and stands high in the councils of his party.

Judge Hagan was married May 21, 1881, to Justina Bevitt, of Springfield, Ohio, daughter of Dr. Bevitt, of St. Charles, Missouri. His life partner is a lady of many intellectual graces. Three children have blessed the union—Francis Marion, Hugh and Margaret. Judge Hagan's domestic life is an ideal one, and the quiet, scholarly

man, finds pleasure and satisfaction in the society of his interesting family. His spotless career, his force of character, his varied accomplishments as barrister, jurist and pleader, his broad personality as an individual, make him indeed a man among men. In his home life harmonious tastes produce congeniality, the scholarly attainments of Judge Hagan being well pointed out by the intellectual graces of his wife, while the influence of both is ever found on the side of right, the true and the beautiful.

The practice of law has been the real life work of Judge Hagan and at the bar and on the bench he has won marked distinction. A man of unimpeachable character, of unusual intellectual endowments, with a thorough understanding of the law, patience, urbanity and industry, Judge Hagan took to the bench the very highest qualifications for this responsible office of the state government, and his record as a judge has been in harmony with his record as a man and a lawyer, distinguished by unerving integrity and a masterful grasp of every problem which has presented itself for solution. He is a man of cultivated literary taste and of wide reading. He has prepared a large number of papers for the Literary Club, of Springfield, all of which were well received. He, together with Judge A. N. Summers, was the author of the special code for Springfield, under which the city has been governed since 1891. He is a man of benevolent purpose and broad humanitarian principles, and his charitable nature is indicated by his acts of kindness and interest in the welfare of those less favored than himself. Faultless in honor, fearless in conduct, stainless in reputation—such has been his life record. His scholarly attainments, his statesmanship, his reliable judgment and his

charming powers of conversation would enable him to ably fill and grace any position however exalted, and he has been no less honored in public than loved in private life.

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#### WILLIAM HENRY SIDLEY.

William Henry Sidley is the distinguished representative of the Catholic church here, now serving as pastor of St. Raphael's church in Springfield. He was born at Thompson, Geauga county, Ohio, November 17, 1844, and is a son of Henry and Mary (Turner) Sidley. When a young man his father, who was a native of Limerick, Ireland, came from the Emerald Isle to the new world, and after his marriage located in Geauga county. The family had many representatives in the Catholic ministry, including Rev. Robert Sidley, an uncle of our subject, and two brothers, Rev. John and Rev. Alexander A. Sidley. The latter is now pastor of a church in Ravenna, Ohio, and the former died in 1893. One sister of the family entered the order of Ursulines in Cleveland. The father and mother both came of families noted for longevity. The former was a farmer, and at an early day secured a claim of government land in the western reserve of Ohio. He had to clear his farm and blaze a trail for miles in order to reach his property. In the family were twelve children, of whom William H. Sidley was the second in order of birth. There are now four living sisters and one is deceased. Lizzie is an Ursuline nun at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Mrs. P. H. Butler is a widow, and with her two children, Alexander and Marguerite, reside with Father Sidley. Sarah makes her home with her

brother, John, in Ravenna, Ohio. Mrs. M. B. Moroney is living in Cincinnati, Ohio. The mother still survives, and is residing upon the old homestead with her son, George M. Sidley, at the age of eighty years, while another brother, Charles A. Sidley, is a resident of Cleveland.

Rev. William Henry Sidley of this review was reared on a farm and attended the district schools, thus acquiring his preliminary education, which was supplemented by study in the Notre Dame University, which he entered at the age of sixteen years. Two years afterward he became a student in the Roman Catholic Theological Seminary at Cleveland, completing his theological studies in the Provincial Seminary, in Cincinnati, Ohio. He was ordained to the priesthood June 11, 1870, by Bishop Toeble, of Covington, Kentucky. His first pastorate was at Sidney, Ohio, and he labored there for three years, removing thence to Springfield, Ohio, in 1873, to assume charge of St. Raphael's parish. He is a man of ripe scholarship, pleasing manners and a persevering and efficient pastor. He has the love of his congregation and the esteem of the entire community. During his pastorate a magnificent stone church has been erected, besides a large parochial school and pastoral residence. There are six hundred children attending the school, and a congregation numbering six hundred families is in a prosperous condition. In 1887 Father Sidley was made dean of the Springfield conference and permanent pastor of St. Raphael's church.

The history of Catholicity in Springfield is almost identical with its history in every city in Ohio—a few scattered families, a missionary's visit once or twice a year and gradual and steady increase of population

until finally from a small nucleus has grown a strong, young, thriving parish with a resident priest. There was not a Catholic family in Clark county in 1830, but from 1835 and the following ten years several Catholic families located in or near Springfield. The first priest who visited this city, as far as known, was the Rev. Henry D. Juncker, of Dayton, Ohio. This was between 1844 and 1849. Two others, J. J. O'Mealy and his brother, Patrick, are known to have attended Springfield about that time. From 1849 St. Raphael's parish may date its history as a distinct congregation attended by its own pastor, the Rev. James Kearney, by whom was begun the first parish register in August, 1849. The first church was erected through the generosity of M. P. Cassilly and completed later by Rev. Kearney. This was started in 1848. The old church was remodeled in 1865 and 1866, and was dedicated in 1867 by Bishop Rosecrans. Until 1865 the pastoral residence was in the rear of the church, but Father Thisse purchased a separate residence, which was sold as a part of his estate in 1873. At that time Rev. William H. Sidley was appointed pastor, and arrived in June of that year. The present residence was then begun and completed on the 1st of June, 1874. In 1884 a residence was purchased for the sisters at a cost of seventy-five hundred dollars and a chapel was added to the rear of the church, which cost eighteen hundred and fifty dollars.

In the spring of 1889 a meeting was held in the school hall to prepare plans for the erection of a new church to meet the demands of the increasing congregation. The property was purchased at a cost of seventeen thousand dollars, the amount to be met in special payments, the last of which was

made on the 2nd of February, 1892. Mr. Cregar was engaged as architect and prepared the plans. Father Sidley visited many prominent cities of Ohio and submitted the designs as seen to-day—a modern structure with one tower one hundred and eighty-four feet high and another one hundred and thirty-five feet high. The corner stone was laid by the Most Rev. William H. Elder, D. D., on the 25th of September, 1892, while on the 17th of July, 1898, the church was dedicated. This house of worship is one of the objects of public interest in Springfield, and non-Catholics, as well as members of the denomination, point with pride to the high tower, and from its lofty height a splendid view can be had of the city. The other tower contains the bell. The style of architecture is modified Gothic, with a ceiling fifty feet high, three graceful arches meeting in a beautiful drop, giving a clear space in the auditorium sixty by one hundred and seventy-five feet. It is all finished in quarter sawed oak, and the material used for the outer walls is Berea sandstone. The complete cost of the church was more than seventy-five thousand dollars. It has taken years of hard labor to accomplish all this. The first Catholic school was held in the basement of the church, instruction being given by Father Howard. In 1864 Father Thisse purchased a small frame house standing on the site of the present school building. In 1876 the old frame structure was sold, and the following year the present place was ready for occupancy, having been erected at a cost of nineteen thousand dollars. The course of instruction is the same as that given in the public schools, and the scholarship is of as high a grade as that found in the select institutions. The pupils who have left this school

are found in all branches of business, in professional life, in educational work and in government positions. The first diploma was issued in 1882 to Miss Ella Maher, who died soon afterward. This school is conducted by the Sisters of Charity, and is the delight of Father Sidley. Always zealous and self-sacrificing, the Sisters have given to the school their most fervent care and, cheerful and happy, they have contributed their happiness to others.

Father Sidley devotes his entire attention to the church work and its various departments, and to the building and completing of the beautiful house of worship, and he has had the hearty support of his entire congregation, who hold him in the highest esteem and give him their entire confidence. The design for the church was laid out by him, including the beautiful entrance, which is one of the most attractive and modern in the west. Father Sidley is a public-spirited man, and in all enterprises that have for their object the general good and improvement of the city he is found as a co-operator, giving liberally to their support. He takes an active interest in public gatherings, and his council is widely sought. He has been the organizer and promoter of many worthy objects and his gifts of charity are without number. He is a thorough American in love with the institutions of the country, and his work has been carried along on progressive American lines.

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GEORGE W. BERRY.

No one is more deserving of success than is the man who begins the battle of life empty handed and by honest toil continued



through a long period accumulates a competence. Such has been the life record of Mr. Berry, who is now well known as a substantial horticulturist and farmer of German township, his home being pleasantly situated a quarter of a mile west of Tremont.

He was born in Mad River township, Champaign county, Ohio, April 22, 1857, his parents being Achory and Angeline (Kite) Berry. His father was born in Champaign county and throughout his entire life carried on agricultural pursuits. He located in Johnson township, of his native county, and purchased eighty acres of land, on which he carried on general farming until about 1874. He then bought a farm at Westville and continued his agricultural pursuits until his life's labors were ended in death, in March, 1901, when he was sixty-eight years of age. As the years passed he had accumulated a comfortable competence, and thus left his family in good financial circumstances. He was the father of five children, of whom the subject of this review is the eldest. The others are: Monroe E., a farmer residing in Champaign county, who is married and has three children; Albert, who is also of Champaign county, and has two children; Minnie, the wife of Charles Straub, of Clark county, by whom she has three children; Nina, who became the wife of Frank Wyant and died in German township, leaving one child. The father was a Democrat in his political affiliations, and was a member of the Myrtle Free Baptist church, in which he served as deacon for a number of years, filling that office up to the time of his death.

George W. Berry of this review was a little lad when his parents removed to Johnson township, Champaign county, where he

remained until seventeen years of age, when the family went to a farm near Westville. There he continued until he had attained his majority, giving his father the benefit of his services until he was twenty-one years of age, when he began to work by the month as a farm hand. He was thus employed for two years, after which he operated land on shares.

On the 2nd of November, 1881, in Mad River township, Champaign county, he wedded Miss Laura B. Ward, a native of that township and a daughter of Joseph and Sarah J. (Wyant) Ward. They began their domestic life upon a rented farm, and after renting for about nine years Mr. Berry purchased property. He had come to Clark county a year after his marriage, and had lived on the Thackery place, thus getting his start in life. He found a warm friend in Mr. Thackery, who helped him to buy the sixty-eight acres of land upon which he is now living. Later Mr. Berry has purchased an additional tract, and now has ninety-two acres, which are well improved. He has remodeled the house and has added other equipments such as are found upon a model farm of the twentieth century. He had to incur an indebtedness of over four thousand dollars when he purchased the property, but Mr. Thackery told him that he would stand by him, and as the years have advanced the enterprising efforts of our subject have resulted in clearing away all incumbrances from the place. He planted fruit trees and also began raising garden vegetables, and by the sales of his products he was not only enabled to meet his financial obligations, but also to add to his farm, and in his work attained success.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Berry has been blessed with two daughters: Lula,

born in German township December 20, 1882, is the wife of William Aylshire and resides in German township; Ruth, born September 26, 1891, is at home. Mr. Berry holds membership with the Knights of the Maccabees at Tremont, and since his first presidential ballot was cast for Hancock he has been an advocate of the Democracy. Truly he has earned the title of a self-made man. He has overcome obstacles and difficulties in his path and by persistent and honest industry he has gained a competency and a position where he is highly respected by his acquaintances.



#### DR. ALBERT E. COTES.

Dr. Albert E. Cotes, who is successfully practicing medicine and surgery in Selma, was born in Bates county, Missouri, July 2, 1874, and is a son of Eliphalet and Julia (Hallenbeck) Cotes, the former a native of Jefferson county, New York, while the mother's birth also occurred in the Empire state. Upon a farm the father was reared, and when about twenty years of age made his way westward to Ohio, where he was first employed as a clerk in a store. He afterward began teaching school, and followed that profession for about twenty years, being well known in educational circles. Removing to the west, he there engaged in teaching and in following farming, but after a time he returned to Ohio and for fourteen years was principal of a ward school in Springfield. He is now connected with journalistic interests as a member of the staff of the Morning Sun, of Springfield.

The Doctor was only a year old when

his people returned to the Buckeye state, and in the schools of Springfield he obtained his early education, while later he entered Antioch College at Yellow Springs. After three years spent in that institution he became a student in the State University at Columbus and was graduated in the class of 1897 with the degree of Bachelor of Science. He had determined to engage in the practice of medicine as a life work, and then took up the study of medicine in the Ohio Medical University, where he was graduated in 1900. For a short time he practiced in Springfield, and in December, 1900, he came to Selma, where he has already secured a good patronage of a lucrative character.

On the 30th of September, 1901, in this town, the Doctor wedded Miss Emma Yarnell, who was born here and is a daughter of David and Mary (Wise) Yarnell. She is a graduate of the high school of Selma of the class of 1893, and is one of the esteemed ladies of the place. The Doctor votes with the Republican party, and the character of his life is indicated by the fact of his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church and in Clark Lodge, No. 166, I. O. O. F., at South Charleston. In his profession he is advancing, and his laudable ambition and earnest purpose gives promise of a bright future. He belongs to the Clark County Medical Society.



#### WILLIAM W. WARNER.

William W. Warner is assistant chief of police of Springfield, and in this city has made his home since 1878. Capability and worthiness led to his selection for his present office, for during the years of previous

connection with the police service he had ever shown himself to be a stalwart defender of law and order. He was born in North Lewisburg, Champaign county, Ohio, February 2, 1862. The family is of English lineage and was established in America at an early day when the William Penn colony was planted in Pennsylvania. His forefathers were members of the Society of Quakers or Friends. William Warner, the grandfather of our subject, removed to Clark county, Ohio, at a very early period in the development of this portion of the state. He had two children: Levi D. and Angeline Garwood, the latter a resident of North Lewisburg, Ohio. The former, the father of our subject, was born in Selma, this county, and became a blacksmith, learning the trade in early life. He was always an active, industrious man, very temperate and exemplary in his habits. In 1878 he removed with his family to Springfield, and here followed his trade for a number of years. He came of a family noted for longevity, but an accident terminated his career, he being killed by a train at South Charleston. He had served his country in the Civil war, was a member of Mitchell Post, G. A. R., and also belonged to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, while both he and his wife held membership in the Methodist Episcopal church. Mrs. Warner bore the maiden name of Lue Hurd, and they were married in Union county, Ohio. She was born in Clark county. Her great-grandfather and great-grandmother are buried in Harmony township, where her step-sister, Mrs. Marian Darrow, whose maiden name was Brooks, was born in 1818, while Charles Brooks, a half-brother, is a resident of North Lewisburg, Ohio. Mrs. Warner was one of three children born unto

her parents, the others being James, of Kenton, and Thomas, who is living in Kansas. The Hurds were farming people, and were very early settlers of Union county, Ohio. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Warner were born five children, but two of the number died in early childhood. The others are: A. Woodrow, of this city; Rilla, at home; and William W., of this review.

The last named pursued his education in the common schools of North Lewisburg and spent the days of his boyhood and youth under the parental roof. He served his apprenticeship with his father and for a few years followed the blacksmith's trade, being employed as a journeyman from the time he was twenty years of age. He always sought employment in this city, and as he was a good workman he had little difficulty in obtaining situations in the various factories here. By the city council he was appointed a member of the police force, as guard of the chain gang, in 1885, while in 1887 he was promoted to a position on the regular force and has gradually worked his way upward through all the different offices, having served at various times on the different beats of the city. For five years he has been assistant chief of the police force, which he believes in keeping up to a high standard of discipline, and all such men stand as an able bulwark in times of excitement and danger or when the public safety is in any way menaced. Mr. Warner is known as a worthy representative of the official life of Springfield.

In 1886, in this city, was celebrated the marriage of our subject and Miss Sadie C. Shoemaker, who was born in Pike township, Clark county, Ohio, a daughter of Samuel Shoemaker, a farmer of that township. Her mother is now deceased. Mrs. Warner

is one of five children, the others being Ida, the wife of Walter Calhoun, of Springfield; Carrie, the wife of Emory Zerkle, of Lawrenceville, Ohio, who follows farming; Mary, deceased; and Elwood, who died in 1902. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Warner was born one son, Edward W., whose birth occurred in 1887, and who is now a student in the high school. The wife and mother died in December, 1887, and Mr. Warner then returned home with his son and they have since resided with his mother.

Mr. Warner holds membership in Ephraim Lodge, No. 146, J. O. O. F., and also belongs to Mad River Encampment. For five years he was a member of the old Seventh Regiment of the Ohio National Guard, and during that time attended six encampments. Public-spirited and progressive, he withholds his support from no enterprise or measure calculated to benefit the city. He has a wide acquaintance in Springfield, enjoys the confidence of a large circle of friends and has always proved an efficient officer, devoting his entire time to his duty.

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#### CHARLES BRIGGS.

Charles Briggs is a well known farmer and stock-raiser of Madison township, Clark county, and was born on the farm where he now lives. He has here four hundred acres of valuable land and his realty possessions altogether aggregate eleven hundred acres lying in Clark, Madison and Greene counties and ten hundred and fifty acres in Jackson county, Ohio. As Mr. Briggs has a wide acquaintance in this portion of the state, his friends will receive his life record with interest and it is therefore with pleasure that we present his history to our readers.

He was born September 25, 1832, and is a son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Hempleman) Briggs. The father came to Ohio from Virginia when but a boy, in company with his parents John and Catherine (Peterson) Briggs. The grandfather at that time settled near where the subject of this review now lives and became the owner of a large tract of land. He made his home in the county at a time when Indians were encamped near by and when primitive conditions existed, all being wild and unimproved in this section of the state. He lived to be over ninety years of age. Samuel Briggs, then a boy, would frequently play and wrestle with the Indian boys. He was reared amid the wild scenes of frontier life, sharing with the family in the hardships and trials incident to frontier existence, and eventually he began farming on his own account, carrying on that pursuit throughout his active business career. The mother of our subject came to Ohio from Pennsylvania with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Hempleman. Her mother died when she was quite young and the father afterward married Miss Fletcher, and George Hempleman, now of Clark county, is her half-brother. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Briggs was celebrated in Clark County, May 10, 1821. The grandfather had given to each of his children a farm and Samuel Briggs became the owner of the tract upon which our subject now lives. His home was a hewed log cabin and therein he reared his family. Unto him and his wife were born seven children, six of whom reached years of maturity. Lucinda became the wife of John Selsor and died in Illinois. Mary became the wife of Martin Luther Carr and is now a widow living in White county, Indiana. She has four children. Matilda is the wife of Clement





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Shockley and is residing in Fayette county, Ohio. Amos died in Clark county. Charles is the next in the family. Elizabeth married Daniel McKillip and is living in Clark county. In his political affiliations the father of the subject of this review was a Democrat but was never an office seeker. In early life he belonged to the Baptist church but later changed his religious views and joined the Christian church. His life was ever upright and honorable and commended him to the confidence and good will of those with whom he came in contact. He passed away September 8, 1850, at the age of fifty-three years, his birth having occurred January 15, 1797. His wife, who was born October 8, 1803, long survived him, passing away on the 13th of January, 1889.

Charles Briggs spent his boyhood days on the old home farm and pursued his education in a log schoolhouse, continuing his studies until about sixteen years of age. At that time his father died and the following year Charles Briggs began earning his own livelihood. He inherited about three hundred and fifteen acres of land from the estate, but had to meet some indebtedness left by his father. He engaged in raising sheep and found that a profitable industry, owing to his successfully conducted work and untiring enterprise. As his financial resources increased he kept adding to his land from time to time until he is now accounted one of the most extensive land owners of this portion of the state, having altogether two thousand, one hundred and seventy acres of land. Much of this is very rich and highly cultivated and returns to him a splendid income. For the past six years Mr. Briggs has been interested in coal mining and now owns about one hundred and fifty acres of

coal land in Jackson county, this state. After opening up the mines, he has leased them, and they are now in shape to put out one hundred tons per day. They are conveniently located on the Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern railroad and give promise of being very profitable.

On the 9th of December, 1867, Mr. Briggs was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Woosley, of Clark county, where she was born and reared, her parents being Benjamin and Keturah (Hunt) Woosley. Her father was also born in this county, while her paternal grandfather, James Woosley, was a native of Virginia and of English ancestry, being a descendant of Lord Woosley. For a time he lived in Circleville, Ohio, and then located on a farm near South Charleston. The mother of Mrs. Briggs was born in New Jersey and when about three or four years of age came to Ohio with her parents, Isaiah and Rebecca (Sleeper) Hunt, who lived to an advanced age here. Her father died at the age of seventy-two, her mother when sixty-three years of age. In their family were six children, of whom Mrs. Briggs is the eldest. The others are: Lavina, the wife of Jesse Stroup; Isaiah, who died in infancy; James, who died at the age of sixteen years; Emma, the wife of Edward H. Florence; and William, who is living in Clark county. Four children graced the union of our subject and his wife, of whom the eldest died in infancy. Francis M. married Florence Hopkins and died at the age of thirty years, leaving three children—Charles F., Nellie, and Amos P. Mary became the wife of E. Barton Shepherd and died in Greene county, Ohio, leaving one child, Merrill Briggs Shepherd. Laura, the youngest of the family, died in infancy.

Mr. Briggs is a staunch Democrat and never fails to cast his ballot for the men and measures of that party, but the honors and emoluments of office have had no attraction for him. His wife belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church and both are well known and highly respected people of the community. Although Mr. Briggs inherited some land, he did not sit down idly content with what he possessed, but with great energy and determination he entered upon his business career and has steadily advanced to a position of wealth and affluence, acquiring lands and property as the result of his industry and capable management. His life history shows what can be accomplished if one has the will to dare and to do, and his example should serve as a source of encouragement and inspiration to others.

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ALBERT K. HAHN.

On the list of officers of Clark county appears the name of Albert K. Hahn, who is now serving as county auditor and makes his home in Springfield—his native city—where his birth occurred on Christmas day of 1855. His parents were Casper and Caroline (Kastner) Hahn, both of whom were natives of Germany, the father having been born in Frankfort-on-the-Main, February 5, 1826, while the mother's birth occurred in Strasburg on the 1st of January, 1827. She came to America in her fifth year, but the father was twenty-one years of age when he crossed the Atlantic. For a long period he was a resident of Springfield, Ohio, and here he died in 1884, his remains being interred in the beautiful Fenciliff cemetery. His wife passed away in 1876, and she, too,

was laid to rest there. The name of Casper Hahn figured prominently in connection with the mercantile interests of the city. At one time he conducted a merchant tailoring establishment and was afterward proprietor of a dry-goods store, which did an extensive and profitable business.

Albert K. Hahn, whose name forms the caption of this review, was educated in the public schools of his native city, and after thus preparing for college he became a student in Wittenberg College, where he remained a student for five years, pursuing a scientific course that has greatly broadened his mental ken and well fitted him for business life. He entered upon his business career in the capacity of a clerk in the employ of T. J. Casper and W. T. Smith, with whom he remained for twelve years. No higher testimonial of the intelligent and faithful service of this gentleman could be given than the fact that he was so long retained in one employ. On the expiration of that period, in 1894, he was appointed deputy county auditor under L. F. Young, and in November, 1899, he was elected auditor of Clark county, assuming the duties of the office on the 15th of November, 1900, for a term of three years. He is methodical and systematic in conducting the work of the office and faithfully performs every duty devolving upon him in this position of public trust. In March, 1902, he was re-nominated, and was again elected to that office. He is a director, vice president and treasurer of the Fairview Floral Company, of which he was one of the incorporators. This company has an extensive trade, which extends from Maine to California, and from the Great Lakes to the Gulf of Mexico.

In September, 1886, occurred the marriage of Mr. Hahn and Miss Emma Circle,

of Clark county, a daughter of Samuel and Hannah (Overholser) Circle. Two children grace this union, Esther and Justus A. The family attend and support 'St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal church, of which Mrs. Hahn is a member.

For many years Mr. Hahn has been an active worker in the ranks of the Republican party and for five years was a member of the county central committee and of the executive committee for ten years. He is a member of the Commercial Club, which he joined on its organization. He is also connected through membership relations with Red Star Lodge, No. 205, K. P.; Clark Lodge, No. 101, F. & A. M.; Springfield Chapter, No. 48, R. A. M.; Springfield Council, No. 17, R. & S. M.; and Palestine Commandery, No. 33, K. T., while in the Scottish Rite he has attained the thirty-second degree, and is therefore a Consistory Mason. Mr. Hahn is a representative of our best type of American manhood; in his business he has been diligent, enterprising and honorable, and in public affairs loyal and patriotic, so that he has justly attained to a position as a director of public thought and action in political circles.

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#### MICHAEL BAUER.

Michael Bauer, who was formerly engaged in blacksmithing and now follows farming in Harmony township, is one of the worthy citizens that Germany has furnished to Clark county. A native of Hesse Darmstadt, he was born July 11, 1843, his parents being Michael and Barbara (Winkler) Bauer. In the town where his birth occurred he was reared to manhood and at-

tended school there until fourteen years of age, when he began learning the blacksmith's trade, serving an apprenticeship of two years. Instead of receiving any pecuniary compensation for his services, he had to pay his employer one hundred dollars for the privilege of learning the business. When his term of apprenticeship was ended he received about twelve cents a week for his services for a year. He was afterward paid one dollar a week, and later commanded two dollars a week for his labor. This was considered good wages in the fatherland. Hearing favorable reports of the business opportunities of the new world, Mr. Bauer believed that he might better his financial condition in America, and after attaining his majority he crossed the Atlantic. In the meantime, however, when he had reached the age of twenty-one years, he was called to serve in the army according to the laws of his native land, and was on military duty for three years. He was then granted a furlough. At the end of another year the war between Prussia and Austria broke out and he was again called to service, participating in the battle of Aschaffenburg, in Bavaria, in which his knapsack was pierced with bullets, but he was uninjured. He was also in the battle at Schaffhauser.

The year 1868 witnessed the emigration of Mr. Bauer to the United States. He came in company with his parents, who located in Hancock county, Ohio, where they are still living, both having reached an advanced age, the father having been born in 1819, the mother in 1816. Mr. Bauer of this review secured work at West Milton in Miami county, Ohio, and there remained for about two years, after which he went to the vicinity of Xenia, where he conducted a shop of his own. After his marriage he

resided near Cedarville for a few years and then went to Clifton and there conducted a smithy. There he also bought twenty acres of land, and in connection with work at his trade he engaged in the cultivation of his fields. Removing to Harmony township, he purchased ninety acres of his present farm and has erected good buildings upon this place, developing an excellent property highly improved with modern equipments.

On the 23d of March, 1871, Mr. Bauer was joined in wedlock, in Stormtown, Greene county, Ohio, to Miss Lizzie German, who was born in Springfield township, Clark county, July 14, 1850. Her parents, Bals and Barbara (Hartmann) German, were both natives of the fatherland, and the former was about twenty-three years of age and the latter eighteen years of age when they came to America with their respective parents. They were married in Springfield September 15, 1849, and for some time thereafter Mr. German worked at his trade of shoemaking in order to provide for his family. Eventually, however, he abandoned that pursuit and purchased land in Green township, Clark county, where he died, October 8, 1900. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Bauer have been born three children: Anna, born in Greene county, January 17, 1872, is the wife of George Conrad, of Great Falls, Montana, and they have three children—Daisy, Clarence and Frances; John, born in Greene county, July 7, 1874, was married in Great Falls, Montana, to Nellie Tyler, and now lives in the state of Washington; and William, born in Clifton, Greene county, November 12, 1870, is also living in Great Falls, Montana. Mr. Bauer votes with the Democracy. Both he and his wife were reared in the faith of the German Lutheran church and were confirmed therein at the

age of fourteen years. All that he has acquired he owes to his own industry and perseverance. He has been a faithful toiler in the field of business activity, and his good farm is the visible evidence of his enterprising life.

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#### WILLIAM WILDMAN.

More than a century ago George Washington said that "agriculture is the most useful and honorable occupation of man," and the truth of this statement stands to-day as it did then. Among the representatives of farming interests in Madison township, Clark county, is William Wildman, who was born near Selma, in what is now Cedarville township, Greene county, Ohio, his natal day being June 19, 1833. His parents were Edward and Hannah (Thorn) Wildman. The father was born in Virginia in 1806 and was about seven years of age when his parents, John and Elizabeth (Bond) Wildman, came from Grayson, Virginia, to Ohio, locating upon the farm which is now the home of our subject. Here the grandfather purchased land, comprising about one hundred acres, which had been improved to a slight extent. Upon the farm was a small log cabin, which is still standing as one of the landmarks of pioneer days. The grandfather was a native of Loudoun county, Virginia, and after coming to Ohio he spent his remaining days upon the old homestead farm here, it being his place of residence from 1814 until 1840. He soon added to his original purchase until he had three hundred and eighty acres. He also enlarged and improved the log house and occupied it as long as he lived.

Edward Wildman, the father of our sub-

ject, was reared to manhood amid the wild scenes of frontier life and was married in Greene county in 1831. There he resided until 1843, when he removed to the farm upon which William Wildman now resides, purchasing the interest of the other heirs in the old home property. Here he continued to carry on agricultural pursuits throughout his remaining days. Four children were born unto him and his wife, all of whom reached maturity, although only two are now living, William and Rachel T., the wife of Israel H. Hollingsworth, who lives near Richmond, Indiana. John, the second son, made his home in Greene county, where he died in 1878; and Marion, who was the third of the family, died in Richmond, Indiana, in January, 1901, leaving a widow and children.

In his boyhood days William Wildman acquired a good common-school education and was trained to habits of industry, economy and honesty upon the home farm, gaining, too, that practical experience of farm work that enabled him to successfully carry on agricultural pursuits on his own account after he had attained his majority. On the 19th of October, 1859, he married Miss Eliza Harrison, of Clark county, a daughter of John F. and Elizabeth (Paist) Harrison. Mr. and Mrs. Wildman began their domestic life upon a farm in Madison township, on which they lived for several years. When the father died in 1870 he left an estate of about one thousand acres, which was divided among his heirs. In the home farm Mr. Wildman has four hundred and eighty acres, and his landed possessions also comprise a farm of three hundred and twenty acres in Elk county, Kansas, and also three hundred and twenty acres in Wright county, Missouri. In 1878 Mr. Wildman

became a partner in a mercantile enterprise in Selma, Ohio, with which he was connected until 1898. In 1894 the firm established the Exchange Bank, of which Mr. Wildman was president, doing a general banking business in Selma until 1898, when he removed to Cedarville and opened what is known as the Exchange Bank of Cedarville. He serves as president of the same, and his son, Walter J., as cashier. This bank has elegant quarters in the township building, although they own business property in Cedarville. Mr. Wildman's business interests have been of an extensive and important character and he deserves to be ranked among the captains of industry in this portion of Clark county.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Wildman have been six children. Bertha is now the widow of John Fremont Hickman and a resident of Wooster, Wayne county, Ohio. She has two children, Hilda L. and Roger A. Walter J., who married Cora D. Atkins, by whom he has two children, Ernest A. and Gladys, is now cashier in the Exchange Bank of Cedarville. Alvin Edward, who manages the home farm, married Anna White, and they have five children, Edith E., Edna E., William Wendell, Walter E. and Winnifred. Louis H. married Myrtle Mandeville and died in Cedarville February 23, 1899, leaving one son, Louis M. He was the cashier of the bank at the time of his death. Rachel T. is the wife of Robert Elder, of Selma, and has two children, Robert Newell and Lois. William Ernest died in 1889 at the age of twelve years.

At the time of the organization of the Republican party, when John C. Fremont became its first presidential candidate, William Wildman advocated its principles and for many years gave to it his support, but in recent years he has been identified with

the Prohibition party. He served for several years as a member of the board of education. He is a birthright member of the Green Plain Society of Friends and his wife became a member before her marriage. They have many friends in the community and are widely known here. Mr. Wildman has been energetic and resolute in business affairs and owes his success to his ability to recognize a business opportunity and improve it.

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#### JOHN G. SADLIER.

John G. Sadlier, deceased, was born in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, June 14, 1856, a son of John and Ann (Graham) Sadlier, the latter a native of the Keystone state, while the former was born in Ireland and was a farmer by occupation. The subject of this review attended the common schools until thirteen years of age, and then began learning the molder's trade in the Cambria Iron Works, where he was employed for eight years, thoroughly mastering every branch of the business with which he was connected. He then went to Alliance, Ohio, entering the service of the Morgan Engineering Company in the capacity of assistant foreman, serving three years. At Sharon, Pennsylvania, he was for three years employed by D. J. Egan, in his iron and steel works, being for one year the foreman of the plant. He had been very much interested in steel work from his boyhood and he made the first steel casting ever manufactured in Johnstown, Pennsylvania. Removing to Cleveland, Ohio, Mr. Sadlier entered the works of the Walker Manufacturing Company, now the Westinghouse Company, and after a short time was made

assistant foreman of the foundry department, his duties being important and onerous. When six years had passed in that way he gave up the position and came to the Springfield Company, at Springfield, Ohio, taking charge of the foundry, which was then a very small concern, but under his able guidance the business increased until an extensive plant was demanded in the conduct of the enterprise, and the works were enlarged until they became one of the leading industrial concerns of the city. Mr. Sadlier was after a short time made vice-president and manager, and to his practical knowledge of the foundry business, his unflagging industry and enterprise the splendid growth of the business was largely attributable. At the time of his death he was planning to place upon the market a dust-proof ratler for cleaning. The model had been completed, but the machine had not been constructed when his life's labors were ended in death. He designed the drill made by the Fairbanks Machine Tool Company, secured the patent upon it and a vast number are now in use. In addition to acting as the vice president of the Springfield Foundry Company, he was the manager of the Fairbanks Tool Company and the Indianapolis Switch & Frog Company, and his connection with extensive and important mechanical interests made him known in trade circles of this kind throughout the country. Devices which are his inventions have proved of practical utility in the business world, and his life work was therefore of material benefit to his fellow men.

In 1876 Mr. Sadlier was united in marriage to Miss Mary Luther, a native of Johnstown, Pennsylvania, and unto them were born thirteen children, ten of whom are now living: John W., Mary G., Dan-

iel I., Thomas, Frances, Charles, Margaret, Rose, Laurence and Ruth. They also adopted a son, William, a nephew of Mrs. Sadlier. To his family Mr. Sadlier was devoted, putting forth every effort in his power to promote the happiness and welfare of his wife and children.

Although Mr. Sadlier started out in the business world with little education to aid him, he broadened his knowledge by attending night school, also by reading, experience and observation, and became a well read man. He often wrote articles for publication upon subjects relating to foundry work. He was an honorary member of the Iron Moulders' Union, and in June, 1901, he was elected the president of the American Foundry Association, at Buffalo, and was filling that position at the time of his death. In politics he was a Democrat who took an active interest in the growth of the party, and when in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, he delivered many campaign addresses in behalf of Hancock and was a delegate to the convention which nominated Patterson. In 1901 he was a candidate on the Democratic ticket for mayor of Springfield. He held membership in St. Joseph's church and in that faith died, passing away January 6, 1902, his remains being interred in St. John's cemetery, at Johnstown, Pennsylvania. He was an earnest Christian man, and perhaps no better estimate of his character can be given than the words of his pastor, who delivered the funeral sermon, and who said: "Early in life he learned to follow the Savior's instruction—'Seek first the Kingdom of God and his justice and all things will be added unto you.' He has left a legacy more precious than jewels and gems—a legacy of faith, hope and charity. He has shown that a man could live, mingle

and labor in the world and practice his faith every day." The transcendent goodness and purity of his life commanded uniform respect and the life record of John G. Sadlier is worthy to be cherished in the minds and hearts of his many friends as long as memory endures.

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D. WALTER SPENCE, M. D.

Since 1808 Dr. D. Walter Spence has engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery in Springfield. Professional advancement is proverbially slow, for the physician has to demonstrate his ability and skill, and time, which tests the merits of all things, then places its approval or disapproval upon his work, and thereby public patronage is gained or lost. Dr. Spence, however, has continually advanced in public regard since he became a factor in the medical fraternity in Springfield. He was born in Moncton, New Brunswick, March 22, 1864, and is a son of David Spence, whose birth occurred in New Brunswick, in March, 1843, and who in early life was employed as a foundryman. He is now living at Dover, New Hampshire, and is the general manager of the Kidder Press Company. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Margaret MacClaren, was born at Charlottetown, on Prince Edward's Island, in 1844, and both were educated in the academic schools of Canada. They were married in New Brunswick, and afterward the father removed with his family to Nova Scotia, where he engaged in the foundry business at Annapolis. There he continued until 1878, when he went to Boston, Massachusetts, remaining for four years in that city, acting as superintendent of the Sturtevant Blower Works. Later he



was located at Williamsport, Pennsylvania, as superintendent of the Demorest sewing machine and bicycle factory, capably filling that position until 1894. From there he went to Dover, New Hampshire. He is a scientific melter and foundryman, fully acquainted with great mechanical principles and has always led an active, busy and useful life. In the family were two children, the Doctor and Florence E. The daughter died at Valatia, Columbia county, New York, at the age of twenty-one years.

Dr. Spence of this review pursued an academical education and was fourteen years of age when he went to Boston, Massachusetts, with his parents. There he entered a drug store in the capacity of clerk and after some connection with mercantile life he determined to devote his time and energies to the important work of alleviating human suffering, and accordingly, in 1884, he entered the Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and was graduated in that institution in the class of 1888, with the degree of M. D. He afterward took a post-graduate course in the Bellevue Hospital Medical College of New York, and was graduated in 1889. After his graduation the Doctor located in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, where he continued in practice until 1898, when he came to Springfield. He has here made a specialty of surgery and of the diseases of women, and in these lines has progressed rapidly, for his skill and close attention to his professional work have made his labors of much value in the line of his chosen calling. He has built up a lucrative practice and is numbered among the representative surgeons of the city. He was vice president of the Springfield Academy of Medicine before it was

merged into another organization, and in Williamsport he was a member of the Lycoming County Medical Society. He now belongs to the Clark County Medical Society, of which he is the treasurer. He is one who puts into practice modern methods of utility and value, and at the present time he is surgeon for the Detroit Southern railroad, is examiner for the Pacific Life Insurance Company of California, the Interstate Company of Cincinnati, and the Central Life Insurance Company of Pittsburg, in addition to performing the duties devolving upon him as a practitioner.

The Doctor was married in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, in 1899 to Miss Blanche V. Fegley, who was born in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, in 1876. Her father, Alvin D. Fegley, was engaged in merchandising. She was one of two children, the other having died in infancy. The Doctor and his wife have one son, Walter Alvin, who was born in July, 1901.

The Doctor belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Williamsport, Pennsylvania. He is a Republican and is a citizen of worth, his efforts in behalf of the general good having been effective and far-reaching. His close and earnest study of the science of medicine has given him a comprehensive knowledge of the best methods of treating disease and Dr. Spence's reputation is by no means far behind that of many surgeons of twice his years.

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HON. CHARLES J. BOWLUS.

One of Springfield's prominent and influential citizens is Hon. Charles J. Bowlus, ex-mayor of that city, who is now exten-





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sively engaged in business as a wholesale dealer in fruit and produce and is a general commission merchant doing business under the name of the Bowlus Fruit Company, at No. 23 West High street and No. 20 North Market Place.

It is in the county of his nativity that Mr. Bowlus has attained distinction, for he was born in Clark county upon a farm, December 17, 1866, his parents being George C. and Barbara (Crabill) Bowlus. The father was born in Maryland in 1841 and in his boyhood days came to this county with his father, Captain Samuel H. Bowlus, and settled on the old Urbana pike. The grandfather was a farmer by occupation and improved one of the finest farms in Clark county. A man of forceful individuality, unwavering in support of his honest convictions and ever loyal to what he believed to be right, he commanded the respect and confidence of all who knew him. When, according to his political convictions, he had reason to change his position he became a Democrat, having previously been a stalwart Whig. However, with equal fervency he became devoted to the principles of the Democracy, affiliating with the latter party up to the time of his death, which occurred November 26, 1896, at Bowlusville, which is on the county line. He took a very active part in the Vallandigham campaign and gave a barbecue, which he conducted with great success, attracting thousands of people. His wife bore the maiden name of Lucinda Michael. She was a native of Maryland, and possessed many excellent qualities of heart and mind. She, too, passed away at Bowlusville in the year 1896.

George C. Bowlus, the father of our subject, was reared to manhood on the old

family homestead in this county, and the public schools afforded him his educational privileges. Throughout the period of his youth he also assisted his father in the work of the home farm, and after he put aside his text books he carried on agricultural pursuits on his own account for a number of years. He afterward removed to Springfield, where he has now made his home for some time and at present is serving as superintendent of the city prison. His wife is a native of Pennsylvania and a daughter of Joseph Crabill, who was also born in the Keystone state.

Charles J. Bowlus of this review spent his early boyhood days in the usual manner of farmer lads of the period, performing the duties of the school room, enjoying the pleasures of the playground and assisting in the work of the field and meadow during the periods of vacation. On leaving the farm he took up his abode in Springfield and has since been identified with its mercantile interests. He first secured a clerkship in a grocery store conducted by C. C. Funk, now deceased, with whom he remained for several years, and afterward he engaged in clerking for other parties. His enterprise and industry at length brought to him sufficient capital to enable him to begin business on his own account in 1888, and he established a wholesale fruit and produce store on High street, there carrying on a large and successful trade. In 1897 he entered into partnership with William R. Hackett under the name of the Bowlus Fruit Company, doing a general commission business, dealing in wholesale specialties. They handle potatoes, cabbages, bananas, apples, strawberries and melons and their trade covers a radius of one hundred miles. They

receive their goods in car-load lots from all parts of the United States, from Maine to California, and from Canada to the Gulf.

On the 31st of March, 1887, Mr. Bowlus was married to Miss Fanny Lee Duvall, of Springfield, a daughter of William H. and Sarah (Bingham) Duvall. By this union were born three sons: Roger C., now a student in Kenyon Military Academy; William D.; and Charles J. They also lost an infant daughter named Thelma.

In religious belief both Mr. and Mrs. Bowlus are Episcopalians, being members of the church of the Heavenly Rest, of which he is junior warden, and he is also a director of the Young Men's Christian Association, taking an active interest in that line of work. Fraternally he is connected with Red Star Lodge, K. P., and with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. He is also a member of the Commercial Club and is a director of the Board of Trade and of the Episcopal hospital in Cincinnati, Ohio. He has interested himself in matters pertaining to the history of Clark county and was a member of the committee on city government and its departments at the centennial anniversary held in Springfield in 1901. In his political affiliations he has always been a Democrat and for two years following the election of April, 1899, he was mayor of Springfield, his administration being commendable because it was business-like, practical and progressive, many important movements and measures being executed during that time. His life has been one of exceptional activity and usefulness and has been characterized by the most unswerving integrity and honor. He began life as a poor boy and has made a success not only as a business man, but also as a respected resident of Springfield.

#### JOHN S. GARD, M. D.

By the death of this honorable and upright citizen Clark county sustained a great loss, for he was prominent in his professional life and in public circles and was widely regarded as a most highly respected citizen. As the day with its morning of hope and promise, its noontide of activity, its evening of completed and successful effort ending with the grateful rest and quiet of the night, so was the life of this honored man. Through many years he devoted his efforts and energies to the practice of medicine, his labors proving of great benefit to his fellow men. He remained to the end of his life a kindly, genial friend, one whom it was a pleasure to know and to meet under any circumstances and his influence was ever exerted in behalf of the true and the right.

Dr. Gard was born in German township, Clark county, October 12, 1829, and died November 19, 1886, his remains being interred in Rector cemetery. The ancestral history of the family can be traced back to New Jersey, in which state Job Gard, the grandfather of the Doctor was born. He became one of the early settlers of Kentucky and subsequently removed to Ohio, settling first at Cincinnati and afterward at Dayton, whence he removed to Miami county, and finally, in 1805, he took up his abode in German township, Clark county, where he spent the greater part of his remaining days. He was one of the honored pioneer settlers here and assisted materially in the early development and improvement of this section of the state.

His son, Gershon Gard, the father of the Doctor, was about thirteen years of age when the family was established in Clark county, and here he was reared in the pio-

neer home. All around grew the great forests, standing in their primeval strength, and Indians still roamed through the woods. The work of improvement and upbuilding had scarcely been begun, but the Gards resolutely bore their part in the labor which resulted in reclaiming this section of the state for the uses of the white man. Gershon Gard was reared upon a farm and after attaining his majority carried on both agricultural pursuits and milling, building and operating several mills on Mad river. He also served his country in the war of 1812 and led a very active and useful life. He was twice married and by the first union had thirteen children, while by the second marriage two children were born. He first wedded Mary Peacock, who died in 1849. The same year he married Maria Smith. His death occurred on the 1st of November, 1865.

Dr. Gard of this review was trained to manual labor in his youth and until eighteen years of age he spent the winter months as a student in the district schools. Better educational privileges were then afforded him and he became a student in the Ohio Conference high school of Springfield, where he remained for two years. He was also a student for two years in the Wesleyan University of Delaware, after which he entered the R. S. Bacon commercial college of Cincinnati. All this mental training served but as a foundation upon which to rear the superstructure of professional knowledge. Determining to devote his life to the practice of medicine in order to lessen the sum of human suffering in the world, he entered the Starling Medical College of Columbus, from which he was graduated in the class of 1864.

Dr. Gard had been previously married

on the 11th of November, 1851, to Miss Emma E. Hurd, who was born near Bridgeport, Connecticut, August 10, 1831, a daughter of Edwards and Elizabeth (De Forest) Hurd. Her father was born in Connecticut and was a son of Frederick and Susanna (Edwards) Hurd, his mother's maiden name being used as his Christian name. Mrs. Gard's mother was also born near Bridgeport, Connecticut, in the town of Stepney, and her parents were Philo and Nancy (Beach) De Forest. The De Forests were of French lineage. When Mrs. Gard was two months old her parents removed to Otsego county, New York, and lived there until she was seven years of age, when they went to Chenango county, that state, there spending six years. In December, 1846, they came to Ohio, locating in Cincinnati, where her father worked at the carpenter's trade and she attended the Methodist Female College Institute. She afterward engaged in teaching school for a year and was then married. Her aunt, Miss Mary De Forest, who afterward became the wife of Rev. Dexter Witter, of Burton, Ohio, engaged in teaching school for about twenty years. While she was in school Miss Lucy Webb, after Mrs. Rutherford B. Hayes, was a student there, and she and Mrs. Gard were warm friends. The latter now has her picture, which was given to Miss De Forest and afterward willed to Mrs. Gard.

When Dr. Gard had completed his medical studies he entered the army as assistant surgeon and was located at Madison, Indiana, where he remained until he was appointed demonstrator of anatomy in his alma mater, the Starling Medical College. He filled that position for three years and in 1867 he purchased the old homestead near Tremont, Ohio. Taking up his abode there

he devoted his attention to the practice of his profession and secured a large and growing patronage. He had three farms, all of which he rented. In 1879, wishing to retire from professional life, he removed to one of his farms, upon which his widow is now living, and there he spent the last years of his life in quiet retirement from the more arduous duties of the practice of his profession.

Unto the Doctor and Mrs. Gard were born five children. Edward De Forest, who was born November 10, 1852, acquired a fair common-school education, but died at the early age of twenty-one years. He was a model young man, his life being actuated by noble and honorable principles. He died December 3, 1873, in full faith of the Christian hope and was laid to rest in the Rector burying ground. Horace Arthur, born May 13, 1854, is a resident of Pennsylvania. He married Elizabeth Fleming, whose home was in Leesville, Virginia, and they have two children. He deals in fruit trees, carrying on an extensive business. Warren Emerson, born October 11, 1857, married Ida Wallace and they have two children, Carrie Ima and Nellie Eulalia. Mary Belle, born October 14, 1859, became the wife of Fred Coxley and died in California, leaving twin sons, Earl Gard and Glenn Breesec. Laura Alberta, born January 10, 1862, was married November 17, 1885, to George McMahon, and they became the parents of four children, but their first born (twins) died in infancy. The others are Glenn Arthur and Fred Carroll.

Since the Doctor's death Mrs. Gard and her son have administered the estate and she has never sold or mortgaged any of the property, but has been very successful in her control of her business interests. She

is a most estimable lady and a devoted Christian woman, and her strong character and sterling worth, combined with her many acts of kindness and charity, have endeared her to all with whom she has come in contact. Perhaps no better estimate of the character and life work of Dr. Gard can be given than in quoting from the "In Memorium" which was written after his death:

"John S. Gard, M. D., was born October 12, 1829; died November 19, 1886, aged fifty-seven years, one month and seven days, having been born and reared within a short distance of this place and with the exception of three years resided in this community all his life. His face was a familiar one to old and young and his sterling qualities as a true Christian and his integrity of principle is a fact that none can question. He was raised in the lap of Methodism by his now sainted mother. He was soundly converted in the winter of 1870 or 1871, under the ministrations of Rev. John Black and joined this church, where he has been an acceptable member since. He sincerely loved the church of his choice, was always desirous to see its prosperity, ready and willing to give of his means to the support of the gospel and the advancement of the cause of Christianity. With a free and willing heart he cheerfully gave to aid in the construction and completion of this beautiful structure, this temple of God. For a quarter of a century Dr. Gard successfully practiced medicine here and brought comfort to many a household, as many can testify to his power to restore the sick, but as years and infirmity came upon him he retired and engaged in less arduous avocations. His last illness of five months' duration, was borne with the most perfect Christian fortitude and resignation, although his sufferings

at times were almost more than humanity could bear, yet he counted all the trials as nothing compared with the bliss he would enjoy when the toils and cares and sufferings of this short life were ended, knowing they would work out for him a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory. Many times when talking with his family of the joys of Heaven and the bliss that awaited the faithful he became enraptured and shouted aloud praises to God, and his soul would be so overwhelmed with the magnitude of God's great love and mercy that he longed to depart to mingle his praises with that blessed throng who had washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. He was confined to his bed but three weeks and such was the nature of the disease that he was unable to partake of any nourishment or even a glass of water, until within fifteen hours of his departure, but like a patient lamb he quietly bore all these privations without a murmur or complaint, having constant communion with his blessed Master, ever rejoicing in the wondrous love of God that was giving him such complete victory over his last foe. A devoted, loving husband, kind, affectionate father, and true friend has been called to his reward. A sorrowing wife and four children survive him and a host of loving friends to mourn their loss, but there will be a happy reunion in the sweet bye and bye, beyond the swelling tide of Jordan where all tears shall be wiped away. No more separations shall be known or farewells spoken, there to bask in the sunshine of God's love."

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#### ALVARO S. KROTZ.

Alvaro S. Krotz, whose inventive genius and mechanical skill has gained for him prominence in the business world, is an elec-

trical and mechanical engineer of marked ability and since 1890 he has resided in Springfield. He was born in Defiance county, Ohio, November 3, 1864. His father, Charles W. Krotz, was born in Germany and when a boy devoted all his time to farm work. He became a resident of Ohio during his boyhood days, and from that time forward until his retirement from active life his energies were given to the work of field and meadow. His birth occurred in 1821, and he is still living, a hale and hearty man. He is numbered among the honored pioneers of Defiance county who aided in clearing the land and preparing it for the purposes of civilization. He hunted all over that district when wild game was to be had in abundance. His first home was a log cabin, which he built upon his land, and later he erected a colonial mansion, for as the years passed he prospered in his undertakings. He has accumulated considerable land and today has a large farm, well stocked. In early manhood he wedded Elizabeth Brubaker, who was born in 1828 and died in 1871. She was a native of Pennsylvania and their marriage was celebrated in this state. Mr. Krotz has been twice married and has had fifteen children, all of whom reached years of maturity, while twelve are yet living. His sons were: Fillmore; Charles W.; Daniel F.; Alvaro S.; Linford E., who is an attorney; Walter, who was born of the second marriage; and three sons who are deceased. The six daughters were Sarah, Lovina, Elizabeth, Clara, Mary and Josephine. The last two were also children of the second marriage, the second wife of Mr. Krotz having borne the maiden name of Caroline Corwin. The sons are all enterprising business men and three of the daughters have married farmers. The father educated his children in the best schools

of the county, thus preparing them to meet the duties and responsibilities of life. They were reared upon the home farm until they reached the age of seventeen years, when he gave to each the sum of two hundred dollars in cash and told them they could then choose the mode of life which they preferred. The sons all went to the city of Defiance and became identified with business circles there. In politics the father has ever been a Democrat, but has never aspired to political offices. He is a liberal minded man who believes in supporting all measures for the general good and has been a liberal contributor to church work and charitable institutions. A prominent man of the community, he enjoys in the highest degree the respect and good will of those with whom he has been associated and he well deserves mention among the honored pioneer settlers whose efforts have been of avail in improving the conditions of Defiance county from early days.

Mr. Krotz, whose name introduces this record, spent his early childhood upon the old home farm and when seventeen years of age was given his portion and told to choose a business which he desired to follow. For a year longer, however, he remained upon the home farm in his father's employ and then, believing that he would be better fitted for the business world by further educational training, he entered the Valparaiso Normal School of Valparaiso, Indiana, where he pursued special studies, spending two years in the college. On the expiration of that period he entered the employ of the Defiance Electric Light Company as an operative. When but fourteen years of age he built a small engine and put it on wheels. It was similar to the automobiles in use at the present time. He early gave evidence of mechanical ability and inventive genius, and, following out the

natural trend of his life, he has won success and gained distinction. He remained with the electric light company for five years and in the meantime it was reorganized under the name of the Power, Light & Railway Company. The marked ability of Mr. Krotz gained him advancement until he was promoted to the very responsible position of general superintendent, and in that position he installed the electric railway system of Defiance, Ohio. He remained as superintendent for two years and in 1890 he removed to this city, for the company in which he worked had purchased the railroad system of Springfield. On removing here he served as engineer and superintendent of construction, and he designed and installed the street car system which is now in use and which has been such an important factor in facilitating the business of the city by affording quick and sure transportation, thus shortening the time needed to bring the business men into the commercial sections of the place. Mr. Krotz continued in the employ of the company until 1895, after which he devoted his time and attention almost exclusively for two years to developing experiments of his own and in perfecting various inventions on which he had previously begun work. In 1897 he entered into business relations with the Kelly Rubber Tire Company, having charge of the mechanical work in their factory. In 1900 he was elected superintendent of the Grant Axle & Wheel Company, with which he remained until the fire. He was one of the stockholders and directors of this company. He still holds his position with the Kelly Rubber Tire Company and has made two trips to Europe in behalf of that company, but in the meantime the company has changed its name to the Consolidated Rubber Tire Company. He has traveled



all over America in its interests, also in Germany, France and England. From 1895 to the present time he has labored on his own inventions and has developed many of value, which he has disposed of to good purpose to companies desiring to place his inventions upon the market.

Under the firm name of the Krotz Manufacturing Company, Mr. Krotz is now engaged in the manufacture of automobiles and quite a number of electric automobiles have been built under his direction. In these he has carried out experiments which have proven of value in this new method of transportation and has various patents on appliances for automobiles. The company is meeting with success and has orders in advance of the finished vehicles. They are now building special machinery for European parties. Mr. Krotz's knowledge of the great mechanical principles, his skill of a superior order and his work have called to him the attention of the business world and gained him distinction by reason of the advanced steps he has taken in the line of mechanical and electrical construction. He is one of the organizers and constructors of the Springfield Railway Company, installed the sixth electric railroad system in the state, and has done considerable designing for outside railway companies. He is a contributor to various technical journals throughout the country and his opinions are considered authority on various subjects connected with mechanical and electrical work. With a nature that could not content itself with mediocrity, with a mind keenly analytical and of an investigating turn, with pure mechanical skill and handicraft, he has gained distinction along lines of usefulness to the world.

In Defiance, Ohio, in 1889 Mr. Krotz

was united in marriage to Miss Grace P. Shirley, who was born in Indiana, but was educated in Defiance. Unto our subject and his wife have been born four children, namely: Faye E.; Emma L.; Alva S.; and Roy, all of whom are students of the public schools of Springfield.

Upon coming to Springfield Mr. Krotz purchased property and located in his present home at No. 272 Clifton avenue. He and his wife are members of the Baptist church and he is an officer in the Sunday-school. He devotes considerable time to missionary Sunday-school work, is superintendent of the same and his efforts in behalf of Christianity have been effective and far-reaching. He belongs to Commercial Camp M. W. A., also to the Tribe of Ben Hur. In politics he is a Republican, but has never sought or desired office. He is a member of the Young Men's Christian Association, takes a deep interest in the work, serving on several committees. Mr. Krotz is a man of broad capabilities, as his varied and extensive business interests indicate. He is at all times approachable and patiently listens to whatever a caller may have to say, always courteous and at all times a gentleman in the truest and best sense of the term. He cares not for notoriety, nor is there about him the least shadow of mock modesty. He is a gentleman of fine address and thorough culture, occupying a first place in society as well as in the business circles of Springfield.

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CHARLES HERMAN BIGLER.

Prominent among the business men of Springfield whose enterprise and labors result in promoting the commercial prosperity

of the city and at the same time enhance individual prosperity is numbered Charles H. Bigler, who is the president of the Springfield Hardware Company. He was born in the city of Cincinnati April 23, 1868, his parents being Dr. George W. and Laura F. (Collins) Bigler. His father was a native of Pennsylvania and was there reared to manhood. He studied medicine in that state, was graduated and soon afterward removed to Cincinnati, Ohio, where for a number of years he conducted a successful practice, being recognized as a distinguished physician of that place. There he died in the year 1870. His wife, who was a native of Cincinnati, still survives and is now a resident of Springfield.

In the public schools of his native city Charles H. Bigler acquired his preliminary education, which was supplemented by study in Antioch College, remaining there as a student for several years. On putting aside his text books in 1887 he went abroad and there added to his knowledge through travel and investigation. Many points of historic and modern interest were visited by him in Switzerland, Belgium, Germany and England, after which he returned to his native land.

In the year 1893 he became identified with the electrical world of business of Chicago, where he was connected with the Columbian Exposition. After the close of the fair he removed to Indianapolis, Indiana, and there he entered the employ of the Kingen Company, pork packers, with whom he remained for six months. He then removed to Zanesville, Ohio, where for a short time he occupied the position of clerk in the St. Charles Hotel, and on the expiration of that period he came to Springfield, in 1896, and purchased an interest in the Springfield

Hardware Company. He became assistant and soon afterward became the partner of H. C. Wisner, who was then at the head of the enterprise. Not long after this the business was incorporated and Mr. Bigler was chosen the president and Mr. Wisner secretary and treasurer. Their house is centrally located, being at No. 36-38 East Main street. The store building is fifty by one hundred and ten feet and the first floor and basement are occupied by their large stock of hardware. They carry a general line of both shelf goods and heavy hardware and a constantly increasing trade is indicative of their reliable business methods, their enterprise and the high reputation for business integrity sustained by the house. In connection with their retail trade in Springfield they sell to a considerable extent in smaller places.

In the year 1896 Mr. Bigler was happily married to Miss Stella Pursell of Springfield, a daughter of L. H. Pursell, formerly of Pennsylvania. Mr. Bigler is a member of Clark Lodge, F. & A. M. As a citizen he is progressive, wide-awake, withholding his co-operation from no enterprise for the general good. In politics he has always supported the men and measures of the Republican party. He ranks high in commercial circles in Springfield and deserves the credit which is accorded to those who owe their business prosperity and prominence to their own enterprise and diligence.

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#### WILLIAM H. HUGHES.

William H. Hughes is the efficient superintendent of Clark County Infirmary, his incumbency in the position covering ten years, during which time his labors have resulted to the benefit of the institution by



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the adoption of movements which have advanced sanitary conditions and thereby promoted the helpfulness of the place. He has likewise gradually improved the appearance of the infirmary by keeping everything in first class condition and improving the grounds in a way to add to their attractiveness.

Mr. Hughes is a native of Wilmington, Clinton county, Ohio, born August 31, 1844, and is of English descent. The family was founded in this state at a very early day. Jesse Hughes, the grandfather of our subject, was one of the early settlers of Clinton county and a distinguished jurist of Ohio in pioneer times. He served for twenty-eight years as judge of the common pleas court and left the impress of his individuality upon the judicial history of this commonwealth. He was a man of broad learning in his profession and his decisions were strictly fair and impartial, his rulings being seldom reversed. He had come from Virginia to Ohio and was a well educated man. Indians were numerous in this state at the time he took up his abode here, and the work of improvement and development largely lay in the future. An active and prominent member of the Baptist church, he did much to promote the cause of religion here. His son, Jesse Hughes, Jr., succeeded his father upon the bench of common pleas. Judge Hughes lived to the advanced age of eighty-eight years and the county profited by his labors, by his mentality and by his efforts in advancing the general good. From the establishment of the family in Ohio representatives of the name have been leaders in public affairs. They have become well-to-do citizens, actively associated with the business interests as owners of a packing house, woolen mills, and as merchants.

Charles D. Hughes, the youngest son of Judge Jesse Hughes, was a farmer and merchant, who was born in Clinton county and made that locality his home throughout his entire life. During the greater part of his manhood he carried on general mercantile pursuits, meeting with good success in his undertakings. He was an excellent accountant and penman, and in his store was found to be an obliging salesman, putting forth every effort to please his customers. The cause of temperance and religion found in him a warm friend and he was an earnest Christian gentleman, doing everything in his power to uplift his fellow men and add to their usefulness in the world. As an active member of the Christian church, he served for many years as one of its officers and contributed liberally of his means to its support. In politics he was a Republican, but he never held or desired office. He married Mahala Jones, who was born in Hillsboro, Highland county, Ohio, and was of Welsh and German ancestry. Her father was a colonel in the war of 1812 and was also a distinguished citizen in civil life. He served as a state senator from Highland county, was treasurer of his county and was very prominent and influential in political circles. The father of our subject died in Clinton county at the age of seventy-one years, and his wife passed away near Wilmington at the age of fifty-one years. They were the parents of eleven children, of whom seven are living, as follows: John J., of Kansas City, Missouri, who is engaged in contracting and building; Charles, a retired lumber merchant of Wilmington, Ohio; Emma, the widow of Colonel Elias Wright, of Buffalo, New York; William H., of this review; Belle, the wife of Albert Stowell, the custodian of the Garfield Memorial, of

Cleveland, Ohio; and David, who is engaged in the insurance business in Allegheny City; also Jasper S., who is a Christian preacher and lecturer of note, living in Chicago. Charles was a soldier of the Civil war, serving for about six months as leader of the band in the Fifty-ninth Ohio Infantry. The second child of the family died in infancy and the others who have passed away are Mrs. Elizabeth Neville, who resided at Great Falls, Montana; and Jennie, who died at the home of her brother in Dayton, Ohio. The members of the family were all born and reared in Clinton county, and the children received good public school advantages.

William H. Hughes, whose name introduces this record, was a student in the common schools of Clinton county until seventeen years of age and remained at home with his father until 1863, when he enlisted in the Seventh Ohio Cavalry, as a body-guard and escort to President Lincoln, remaining in that service until the close of the war. He was on detached duty as usher in the White House for President Johnson for several months and was a non-commissioned officer. The company to which he belonged was made up by Governor Tod, of Ohio, and the majority of its members were all very large men. Mr. Hughes has many times assisted President Lincoln in mounting his horse when the chief executive wished to ride, as he always rode with him as an escort. At the time of the muster out of the various companies he returned to the Seventh Cavalry and was discharged in September, 1865.

Mr. Hughes at once returned to Clinton county, Ohio, and began carpentering in connection with his brother Charles, who was a contractor and lumber merchant. He

learned his trade and followed it as a journeyman for a number of years. He was married in 1867 and then went with his wife to West Kansas City, Wyandotte county, Kansas, where he secured employment in the car shops of the Union Pacific Railroad at carpenter and repair work. In 1869, however, he returned to Yellow Springs, Ohio, and followed his chosen pursuit there, working on the Neff House and Antioch College. When two and one-half years had passed in that way he removed to Dayton and in the spring of 1873 he came to Springfield, where he was employed as a journeyman, and also spent a few years in the Whiteley and Mast shops. In the spring of 1880 he was appointed to the position of patrolman on the police force of the city and after four years spent in that capacity he was elected as city marshal for a term of two years, when on the expiration of this period, in 1886, the office was abolished by law. Mr. Hughes then returned to the police force, acting as patrolman for a year, after which he secured a situation as watchman with the P. P. Mast Company, being thus employed until January, 1892, when he was appointed superintendent of the county infirmary, having since had charge of the institution. There have been a good many changes made during the last decade, a new laundry having been added, with modern machinery. There are sixty-nine acres of land in connection with the home and twelve employes in addition to Mr. and Mrs. Hughes and upon the farm the work has been kept up to a high standard and Mr. Hughes superintended many changes in the interior as well as on the exterior of the farm and buildings. He has secured better sanitary conditions and has added many modern equipments. There are now one

hundred and twenty-six inmates of the infirmary and at times the number has reached as high as one hundred and seventy-three. He gives his personal attention to all the details of the institution, to the purchase of supplies and to the general supervision of the inmates and has received high commendation by reason of his efficient service.

In 1867 was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Hughes and Miss Cornelia King, of Yellow Springs, a daughter of William King, a nurseryman. He was very prominently identified with Antioch College, acted as one of its first trustees, and came from New York to Ohio to look after the erection of the college buildings. His sons and daughters were all educated in that institution. Sarah passed away in April, 1902; Moses King is now in the department of seeds at Washington, D. C., and formerly was a newspaper man. Celia resides at Yellow Springs, Ohio. Mrs. Hughes is the next of the family. Nathaniel was a soldier of the Civil war and died in a hospital, and Moses was also a soldier. Mrs. Hughes was a student in Antioch College under President Horace Mann, a noted educator, and is a lady of culture and refinement. By her marriage she has become the mother of three children: Lavinia Belle, the wife of Irving Lawrence, of Lagonda, by whom she has three children, Harold, Edwin and Helen; William K., born in 1876, is the steward and baker in the infirmary; Albert N. is a bookkeeper and stenographer in the state hospital at Toledo. The children attended the public schools and both sons have been students in a business college.

As the years have passed Mr. Hughes has made investments in real estate and has erected four houses. He still retains the ownership of his home place, which is now

known as the Golf Club House. He is connected with Mitchell Post, G. A. R.; Ephraim Lodge, I. O. O. F., and since 1880 has been a member of the Encampment. Since 1885 he has also been a member of Red Star Lodge, K. P., and he belongs to the Commercial Club. His wife is a member of the Christian church, and he contributes generously to its support. In his political views he is a Republican and served at one time as sanitary marshal of Springfield. His course in office has ever been commendable, being characterized by unflinching performance of duty, and his loyal citizenship stands as an unquestioned fact in his career.

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#### WILLIAM F. PAYNE.

There is no man in Clark county who more deserves the confidence, respect and good will of his fellow men and citizens of his community than does William F. Payne, of Springfield. His efforts toward advancing the material interests of the city are so widely recognized that they can be considered as being no secondary part of his career of signal usefulness. His public spirit, progressiveness and liberality have been of substantial aid to Springfield and at the present time he is serving as president of the board of education, the schools finding in him a warm friend who believes in introducing all advanced methods that will prepare the young for the practical duties of business life.

Mr. Payne was born in Harmony township, Clark county, April 19, 1864, and is a son of Asa Payne, who was a farmer, born in Marietta, Ohio, in 1835. William Payne, the paternal grandfather of our sub-

ject. was one of the early settlers of Marietta, living in a block house when such buildings were necessary as a protection from Indian attacks. His early life had been passed in Connecticut, and he came of an old New England family. He served his country in the Revolutionary war prior to coming to Ohio. As a pioneer he took up his abode in Marietta and afterward removed to a place in that vicinity known as Duck Creek. Like other early settlers, he secured land from the government and engaged in farming. During the 'fifties he came to Clark county and located in Harmony township, where he continued to engage in agricultural pursuits throughout his active business life. In his family were twelve children, eleven of whom reached years of maturity, and nine of the number are still living.

Asa Payne, the father of our subject, was reared upon the old family homestead and after arriving at years of maturity wedded Catherine Farrynan, who died in Clark county in 1872. They had three children: William F., of this review; Samuel, of Catawba, Clark county; and Arthur, of Marion, Ohio. Shortly after the death of his wife Mr. Payne removed to Marion, Ohio, where he followed farming. He was again married and by the second union had three children, who are yet living, being residents of Brighton, Ohio. Asa Payne is now in the employ of the United States government as a mail carrier. He has always been a Republican, but has never taken an active part in political work. He belongs to the Christian church and his life has ever been in consistent harmony with its principles. He comes of a family noted for longevity. One of his aunts, Mrs. Hannah Messenger, died in Marion, Ohio, at the age of ninety-seven

years, while his father died at the age of seventy-six years.

William F. Payne, whose name forms the caption of this review, was educated in the common schools of Marion, Ohio. At the early age of eleven years he started out in life to earn his own living, and though difficulties and obstacles have barred his path to success, he has worked on with continued perseverance and has eventually gained a position of affluence. He first was employed at farm labor, working by the month as a farm hand until nineteen years of age. In 1883 he came to Springfield and entered the employ of an uncle, working at the painter's trade for four years. For some years he also engaged in teaming, and gradually his work developed into heavy contracting. He began business on his own account on a small scale, but kept increasing his facilities and is now one of the heaviest contractors of the city. He makes a specialty of excavations and street paving, laying out of new additions, and has laid out the Brain's, Frey's, Clark's and Rogers' additions. He uses all modern machinery, is well equipped for handling heavy contracts and his patronage has been such as to bring to him a very comfortable competence. He has enjoyed a good business since he started out on his own account in 1891. He now employs from fifty to one hundred and twenty-five men and a large number of teams in the prosecution of his work. He paved Union street in Springfield, and does all of the work of the Big Four Railroad Company here. Although he began with no capital, he has gradually worked his way upward and has gained an enviable position as a contractor of Clark county. Perhaps one of the secrets of his success is his ability to



control men, as well as his fidelity to the terms of a contract.

Mr. Payne was married in Springfield in 1885 to Hattie B. Rhoderick, a daughter of Henry B. Rhoderick, who was a cabinet-maker and carpenter by trade. She was educated in the public schools of this city. They now have two children, Mabel and H. Rhoderick, the former a student of the high school.

Mr. Payne and his wife are members of the Third Presbyterian church, of which he is serving as trustee, and is also secretary of the Sunday-school. He exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the Democracy. He was appointed a member of the board of education in 1898, has been twice elected to that office, and in 1902 was chosen president of the board, in which capacity he is serving in a manner that has awakened commendation from Springfield's best citizens. He belongs to Red Star Lodge, K. P., and the Commercial Camp of the Modern Woodmen of America. He purchased the interest of the heirs in the old Rhoderick home and there erected his present residence. He is also building a modern and attractive residence on North Limestone street. Mr. Payne deserves great credit for what he has accomplished. From early boyhood he never knew a mother's care or really had a home of his own until he was married. During his long and successful industrial career, characterized by enterprise, he has ever maintained an enviable reputation for the highest honor and principle and no unworthy deed or word has ever linked itself with his name. He has been particularly prompt in keeping his business engagements and expects the same consideration from others. Many of his associates testify in strong terms to his kindness of

heart, finding in him not only a safe adviser, but also one whose counsel was not that of words alone. He has been the architect of his own fortunes and has builded wisely and well.

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ROBERT J. BECK.

Robert J. Beck was born in the shire of Wigton, Scotland, October 9, 1832, and is a son of James and Elizabeth Beck, who in the year 1835 left the land of hills and heather to become residents of the new world. Taking passage on a westward bound sailing vessel, such as was used in ocean travel at that time, they eventually reached the harbor of New York, and proceeded thence to Buffalo, New York, by way of the Erie canal, and from there to Silver Creek, Chautauqua county, New York, where the parents spent their remaining days. In their family were nine children, of whom seven were born in Scotland and two in the United States. These were Mrs. Jane Dyer, a resident of Red Wing, Minnesota; Hugh, deceased; Mrs. Margaret Gardner, of Albert Lea, Minnesota; James, who was a sailor on Lake Erie and in a storm near Buffalo, New York, in 1844, the crew lost control of their vessel and were blown in the Niagara river and over the falls, not a person being saved; Mrs. Elizabeth Morrison, deceased; Robert J.; John, who passed away; Mrs. Lydia Wilder, who resides on the old family homestead at Silver Creek, Chautauqua county, New York; and Isabella, the wife of J. J. McCrum, the mayor of Titusville, Pennsylvania.

Robert J. Beck attended school at Silver Creek, New York, but his educational privileges were quite limited and in the school of

experience he has largely broadened his knowledge. At the age of fourteen he was bound out to learn the trade of carriage trimming and served a six years' apprenticeship. He afterward worked as a journeyman for two years at Cleveland, Ohio, and one year at Fort Wayne, Indiana, after which he located at Ravenna, Ohio, where he was employed as a foreman for four years. In 1859 he came to Springfield and entered the employ of E. & J. Driscoll as foreman, filling that responsible position in a most satisfactory manner for eleven years, while for fourteen years he was the foreman in the shops of David West. He has also worked for a number of other firms in this city and is still following his trade. His thorough understanding of the business, his reliability and his enterprise has made him a valued factor in the trade circles of this city.

Mr. Beck was married in 1857 to Miss Elizabeth Allison, a native of Pennsylvania, and they now have two children: Cora B., who has been employed in the office of the Farm and Fireside for the past fourteen years; and Agnes May, the wife of C. C. Hayner, of Troy, Ohio.

Mr. Beck has been honored with a number of positions of public trust and responsibility. He was one of the trustees of the Clark County Children's Home for fourteen years; was a member of the school board for four years, and has been infirmary director for six years and was recently nominated for another term of three years. He was also an active member of the Rover fire department, an independent company, and long served as its treasurer. In politics he has always supported the men and measures of the Republican party and for many years was a member of the Republican central committee. He and his family are valued mem-

bers of the First Presbyterian church of this city. Mr. Beck purchased a home at No. 228 South Center street, which he has remodeled into a fine property, and it has been his place of residence for the past thirty-six years. His success in life is not the result of any outside aid or influence, but has arisen from his earnest effort, unfaltering diligence and devotion to his business career. He merits the good will of his fellow men, and throughout the forty-three years of his residence in Springfield he has made many friends here.

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#### SAMUEL REEDER BATTIN.

Among the prominent farmers and stock raisers of this section of the country is Samuel Reeder Battin, who since 1874, has been a resident of Clark county and has borne an important part in the development and progress of agricultural interests here. He traces his ancestry back to an early epoch in the history of this county, being descended from Quaker forefathers. The traditions of the family state that the Battins were originally of Welsh extraction, and that the name was originally spelled Batten. The founder of the family in America crossed the Atlantic soon after the landing of William Penn. Our subject's great-grandparents, Richard and Elizabeth (James) Battin, settled in the upper part of Philadelphia county, Pennsylvania, and there followed agricultural pursuits, in peace with mankind, living in faithful accord with their religious views, as they were members of the Society of Friends.

Their son, John Battin, was the grandfather of our subject. He was born near Wilington, Delaware, on the 13th of

June, 1767, and in early life learned the cooper's trade. On reaching manhood's estate he removed to Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, and throughout life followed his trade in connection with farming, finding coopering quite profitable at that time. From the Keystone state he removed to Stark county, Ohio, and later to Columbiana county, being one of its early settlers. There he died in 1847. He married Ann Raley and to them were born ten children. At the time of their death the combined ages of these children were seven hundred and seventy-seven years, making an average of seventy-seven years. They were thus noted for their longevity and well fitted to become the progenitors of such sturdy men and women as were required to take the work of the progress of this great country. And it is due to such a type of civilization that America stands today as she does—foremost among the nations of the world. It was the possession of such strong traits of character, courage to overcome and endure the hardships and trials of frontier life while this country was yet in its undeveloped state, that has led to the establishment of the grand industrial institutions of which the United States may well be proud. The brave spirits who braved the dangers of the ocean voyage, which was then not the easy and comfortable one of to-day, brought this country the best elements of manhood and womanhood and well may we be grateful to them for the privileges and opportunities of this land of the free which we to-day enjoy as the result of their toil.

David Battin, the father of our subject, was born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, June 8, 1803, and as a child accompanied his parents on their removal to Ohio. On reaching years of maturity he bought a

tract of heavily timbered land in the midst of the forest, which he cleared and transformed into a good farm. As his two sons grew older they added to the farm, more than doubling the original number of acres. Throughout his active business life the father followed farming and stock-raising, and became quite a prominent breeder of fine sheep. In early manhood he married Sara Ann Reeder, a daughter of Samuel and Ann (Malone) Reeder, who were among the pioneers of this state, having come here in 1806 from near Westtown Boarding School, Chester county, Pennsylvania. They were also members of the Society of Friends. David Battin died in Columbiana county, Ohio, September 6, 1877, at the age of seventy-four years, and his wife, who survived him about six years, was eighty at the time of her death.

Samuel R. Battin of this review was born in Columbiana county, March 3, 1829, and was there reared upon a farm, where in the summer seasons he became accustomed to the work of the field and meadow, while through the winter he acquired a good practical education in the common schools. When twenty years of age he began working on a farm at ten dollars per month, but later turned his attention to the sawmill business, purchasing a half interest in a mill, for which he paid what he could and gave a note for the balance to his uncle, who had faith in his honesty. Subsequently he was engaged in farming in Columbiana county until 1874, when he took up his abode in Clark county, purchasing one hundred acres of land, to which he has since added, so that he now has one hundred and eighty-three acres. He has made most of the improvements upon the place, which is a rich and arable tract under a high state of cultivation.

A part of his farm is devoted to pasturage, for he is engaged in stock-raising, having for many years paid especial attention to the raising and breeding of fine wool sheep. He has also been interested in shorthorn cattle, and is quite widely known as a progressive agriculturist and breeder of fine stock.

Mr. Battin was one of the charter members of the Clark County Farmers' Mutual Protection & Aid Association, of which he was adjuster for many years, and now holds the office of president. This company does an extensive business in insuring farm property in Clark and adjoining counties, and now carries nearly one and a half million dollars of risks, its membership being over eight hundred.

In 1853 Mr. Battin was united in marriage to Miss Lydda Ann Winder, also a native of Columbiana county, and a daughter of Joseph and Ephama (Yates) Winder, of Carroll county, Ohio. By this marriage were born four children: Ephama Ann married John Cole, of Fairfield county, and died, leaving one child, Harry Battin Cole. Dr. David Wilmot Battin, a resident of Clarksville, Iowa, married Jura Cubbison and they have one child, Edna Cubbison Battin. Charles Sumner Battin, a florist and plumber of South Charleston, Ohio, wedded Mary Ann Mather and they have two children, Leonard Winslow and Jessie. Amanda died at the age of three years. The wife and mother died December 24, 1864, and Mr. Battin was again married, June 7, 1866, his second union being with Miss Emily Tomlinson, of Jefferson county, Ohio, a daughter of Samuel S. and Rachel (Street) Tomlinson. Four children bless this marriage: Orlando T., who assists his father in farming and stock-raising, married Esther Matthews and they have one daughter, Edith

W. Kersey Raley is now engaged in the building of electric railways. Martha Alma is at home. Mary Alice is the wife of Walter Sanders Boone, whose home is near Richmond, Indiana.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Battin remain steadfast members of the Society of Friends. On coming to this county he was in debt four thousand dollars, but by perseverance and industry has steadily advanced to a high degree of prosperity, and is recognized by those who know him as a man of integrity and honesty, these qualities alone being worth a fortune to any man. In early life Mr. Battin was a Free-soiler, but in 1856 he cast his presidential vote for John C. Fremont and has since been a staunch supporter of the Republican party, although he has never been an office seeker. He has served on the board of education and the cause of education has ever found in him a warm friend. He is one of the highly respected citizens of Clark county and well does he deserve mention in this volume. He has been quite an extensive traveler, having visited many places of national and historic interest in this country, including the homesteads of his early ancestors.

#### THE GARLOUGH FAMILY.

Among the old and prominent families of Clark county, Ohio, none stand higher in public esteem than the Garlough family, who have been actively identified with the growth and development of this section of the state for almost a century. Its members have been noted for patriotism and loyalty to country and have participated in the wars in which the United States has



J. P. GARLOUGH.



been engaged. John H. Garlough, the progenitor of the family in America, aided the colonies in their struggle for independence as a soldier of the Revolutionary war, and some of his sons took part in the war of 1812. He was a native of Germany and for some years made his home near Hagerstown, in Frederick county, Maryland, but his last days were passed in Clark county, Ohio. He was about eighty years of age when he came with his family to this state, and was the first man buried in the Garlough cemetery. He was a shoemaker by trade, but had retired from that occupation before coming west.

John Garlough, son of John H., was practically the founder of the family in this state, whither he removed from his old home near Hagerstown, Maryland, in 1807. After spending one winter on Beaver creek, near Oldtown, Greene county, he came to Clark county in February, 1808, and located on a farm in Green township, which is still in possession of the family. Here he purchased one and a quarter sections of land, which was inherited by his children, and upon that tract he made his home throughout the remainder of his life. His remains were also interred in the Garlough burying ground. By occupation he was a farmer. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Margaret A. Eichelbarger, died in Clark county and was buried in the Garlough cemetery.

John Garlough, Jr., was born near Hagerstown, Maryland, and was nineteen years of age when he took up his residence in Clark county. He engaged in business, both as a farmer and millwright, and built mills all along Mad river, including Schmidt's, Snyder's and many others, some of which are still standing. He was the owner of

one hundred and forty-four acres of land, one hundred acres of which he had inherited from his father. In politics he was first a Whig and later a Republican, and for several years he filled the office of justice of the peace, also serving as township trustee and assessor. He married Miss Ann Patton, and to them were born two children: Jane D., the elder, married Sylvanus Tuttle, and they made their home in Harmony township, Clark county, where three of their children are still living, while another lives in Kansas.

John Patton Garlough, son of John, Jr., was born on the farm in Green township, where he now resides, March 1, 1825, his birth occurring in a part of his present residence. In the common schools of the neighborhood he acquired a fair education, and on the old homestead grew to manhood. After his marriage he operated rented land until the death of his father, in 1858, when he and his sister inherited the farm, and he purchased her share in the property, being now the owner of the entire tract of one hundred and forty-four acres. The front part of his house was erected by his father, and he built the remainder. On the 4th of December, 1845, he was united in marriage to Miss Tabitha Jane Tuttle, and to them were born seven children, five of whom are still living: George Edward, now deceased, married Annie E. McCourtney, and they had four children. Their home was in the village of Pitchin, this county. James Harvey, formerly a wagon maker, but now a bookkeeper in a bank in Jeffersonville, Fayette county, Ohio, married Emma Boyer and has four children. Oliver, whose home is near Clifton, Greene county, wedded Mary B. Corry and has four children. He is a farmer and carpenter by occupation.

Anna died unmarried. John H. was married at Sandwich, Illinois, August 18, 1892, to Miss Anna M. Torrence, who was born in Xenia, Greene county, Ohio, and was left an orphan when quite young. She received a good high-school education and for two years taught in the schools of Enon, Clark county, and nine years in Clifton. By her marriage she became the mother of three children: John Patton, born May 3, 1894; William Torrence, December 6, 1897; and Willis Findley, September 4, 1901. All were born in the house where their grandfather still lives, as was also their father. Emma Jane, daughter of John P. Garlough, is the wife of George W. Rife, of Greene county, and has three children. Rhoda May is the wife of James R. Corry, of Greene county, and also has three children. The mother of these children died in 1862 and was buried in the Garlough cemetery. For his second wife Mr. Garlough married Miss Ann Elder, who died August 5, 1891. He took an active part in the Harrison campaign of 1840, but was not old enough to vote until 1848, when he supported Zachary Taylor for the presidency. He supported John C. Fremont in 1856 and has since been a stalwart Republican. Prominent in public affairs, he served as township trustee for fifteen years and as school director many years. For about thirty years he also filled the office of justice of the peace in a most commendable and satisfactory manner, though in the meantime he was out of office a little over one term. He only had two cases appealed to higher courts, and in these his decisions were not reversed. He married a number of couples and in one instance the wife afterward came back and wanted him to untie the matrimonial knot. Religiously he is a member of the Presbyterian

church at Clifton, and is a man highly respected and esteemed by all who know him.

Jacob Garlough, another son of John, the founder of the family in Clark county, was born near Hagerstown, Maryland, October 28, 1796, and in 1808 came with the family to this county. Amid pioneer scenes he grew to manhood, early becoming familiar with the arduous task of clearing and improving a new farm. Throughout life he followed agricultural pursuits and to the property he inherited from his father he added several hundred acres, becoming a large land owner and quite well-to-do. On the 19th of January, 1826, he was united in marriage with Miss Nancy L. Luse, who was born in New Jersey, February 5, 1803, and was quite young when brought by her parents to this county, her father being Justus Luse. By his ballot Jacob Garlough supported the men and measures of the Republican party, but he never cared for the honors and emoluments of public office. He died when about eighty-three years of age and his wife departed this life seven years previous. Thus passed away one of Clark county's honored pioneer couples. They were the parents of seven sons.

William H. Garlough, the eldest of these, was born in Clark county October 16, 1826, and died on the 13th of September, 1898. He was married in Springfield, March 2, 1848, to Miss Phebe Dalrymple, who was born near South Charleston, Ohio, August 29, 1825, and still survives her husband. They began their domestic life upon the farm where she yet makes her home. Mr. Garlough having inherited a part of the place and purchased the remainder. It comprised one hundred and eighty-three acres. He supported the Republican party and was a member of the agricultural board of Clark



country, but was opposed to secret societies. An earnest and consistent Christian, he was a faithful member of the Presbyterian church, and being a good singer, he was a member of its choir for many years. He also taught vocal music to some extent, and was successful in that as well as in his farming operations. In his family were six children, namely: Nancy L. is now the wife of Asahel Johnson, a resident of Virginia, and they have six children: Mary E. died at the age of sixteen months; Laura Jane is the wife of William Paden, of Greene county, Ohio, and they have one child: Edwin Austin, a resident of Colorado, married Ellen Mehan and has three children; Isalina D. is the widow of Sterling Sprague, and with her one child resides in New York state; Minnie E. is the wife of Frank A. Whitaker, mentioned below.

Frank A. Whitaker, a well known farmer and dairyman of Green township, Clark county, was born on the 6th of May, 1851, in Magoffin county, Kentucky, and is a son of Thomas P. and Evaline (Marshall) Whitaker. His paternal great-grandfather was a native of England and a pioneer of Virginia, where his death occurred. The family records unfortunately have been lost, but could the family history be traced they would show that Frank A. Whitaker is one of the heirs to millions in the Whitaker estate in England. His grandfather, Francis A. Whitaker, was born near Abingdon, Virginia, and from that state removed to Kentucky, where his last days were spent. Thomas P. Whitaker, the father of Frank A., died at Kingfisher, Oklahoma, in 1893, and his wife died at Arapahoe, Oklahoma, in 1899. When fourteen years of age Frank A. Whitaker removed with his parents to Douglas county, Kansas, and two years

later went to Barber county, that state. While residing there he began herding cattle, which occupation he followed for fifteen years, traveling all over the west. In 1874 he joined the Kansas state militia and engaged in Indian warfare, taking part in several battles, including two engagements at Salt Fork river and near Medicine Lodge. Later he became interested in shipping horses to the east. On the 1st of August, 1882, he married Miss Minnie E. Garlough, who was born on the farm in Green township, Clark county, Ohio, where they now reside. They have three children: Claude C., who was born in Sun City, Kansas, April 24, 1884; Goldie May, born in the same place August 14, 1885; and Gladys Fern, born there August 25, 1890.

John L. Garlough, the second son of Jacob, wedded Mary Tuttle. Thomas F., the third son, was twice married, his first wife being Lottie Hawkins, and the second Margaret Ann Nave. During the Civil war he enlisted in Company F, Forty-fourth Ohio Infantry, was made lieutenant and afterward promoted to captain of his company. James T., the next of the family, is mentioned below. Edward R. married Eliza A. Williams and lives in Hillsdale, Michigan. He has nine children. Benjamin F. married Mrs. Sarah J. Garlough, nee Littler, and has six children. He was also one of the boys in blue during the war of the Rebellion, enlisting September 2, 1861, in Company F, Forty-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and in the spring of 1864 re-enlisted, this time becoming a member of Company F, Eighth Ohio Volunteer Cavalry.

James Todd Garlough, the fifth son of Jacob, was born on the old homestead in Green township, June 3, 1834, and remained under the parental roof until he attained his

majority, receiving a fair common-school education and becoming familiar with all the duties which fall to the lot of the agriculturist. He was assisted by his father in purchasing the farm which he now occupies, and today has a well improved and valuable tract of one hundred and forty-seven and one-half acres. He was married March 6, 1856, to Miss Sarah Jane Hause, a native of West Virginia and a daughter of William and Sarah (Murphy) Hause, who brought their family to Ohio when Mrs. Garlough was three years old and settled in Green township, Clark county, but later removed to Madison township, where she was reared and educated. To James T. Garlough and wife have been born ten children, namely: Florence, who died at the age of six years; Clara, wife of Charles F. Stewart, of Green township; Mary H., who died at the age of twenty-three years; Alva, who married Emma Crabill and lives in Springfield township; Sheridan G., mentioned below; Alice, who married Charles Otstot and died, leaving four children; Jesse Elmer, mentioned below; Forest W., at home; Marguerite, who died at the age of eleven months; and Robert C., who was born in 1876 in Green township, and is still at home. In his political affiliations James T. Garlough is a pronounced Republican, having supported that party since casting his first presidential vote for John C. Fremont in 1856. During the Civil war he became a member of what was known as the Squirrel Hunters and assisted in the protection of Cincinnati. As one of the prominent and influential men of his community he has been called upon to serve as trustee of his township for several years, and is still filling that office in a most acceptable manner. He has also served as

township treasurer six years and always faithfully discharges any duty evolving upon him, whether public or private. He was a member of the county agricultural board for nine years, when he resigned.

Sheridan G. Garlough, the fifth child of James T., is now a traveling salesman for the Mast Manufacturing Company, and makes his home with his father. He was born October 13, 1864, and was married September 4, 1889, to Miss Stella Hanes, by whom he has two children living—Ruth E., born September 7, 1891; and Harry Hanes, born March 30, 1893. Blanche, the first born, died at the age of two months and two days.

Jesse Elmer Garlough, the seventh child of James T., was born in this county, a little south of the village of Pitchin, February 25, 1869, and grew to manhood on the home farm. At the age of twenty-one he began life for himself by working as a farm hand by the month, and was thus employed for five years, during which time he managed to save sufficient to start in life for himself. On the 20th of February, 1895, he married Miss Cora May Hess, a daughter of Thomas M. and Calista (Stratton) Hess, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this volume. He continued to live on his father's place until the spring of 1901, when he removed to his present farm of seventy-five acres in Green township, which he had purchased the previous fall. He has made many improvements upon the place, including the erection of a pleasant residence in 1901. Like the other members of the family, he supports the Republican party and its principles, casting his first presidential ballot for Benjamin Harrison in 1892. He takes an active interest in educational affairs and has efficiently served as a member of the

school board. Both he and his wife are members of the Methodist Protestant church, in which he has served as steward and superintendent of the Sunday-school, and they are held in high regard by all who know them. Their children are Nellie Marie, born January 13, 1896; Robert Hess, born January 26, 1898; and Fern C., born June 28, 1902.

William Forest Garlough, the eighth child of James T., was born July 27, 1871, and was married November 15, 1894, to Miss Maude May Jones, who was born in Madison township, this county, a daughter of Willard and Eliza (Oates) Jones. Her father was also a native of Clark county, and is now deceased, but her mother, who was born here December 25, 1855, is still living. Her maternal grandfather, Richard Oates, was a native of England and came to America when about eighteen years of age. William F. Garlough and wife have two children: Russell Pearl, born in Green township July 8, 1895; and Mary E., born June 14, 1897. The father of these children is a charter member of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, of Pitchin, Ohio, and, like the other members of the Garlough family, commands the respect and confidence of all who know him.

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#### GEORGE C. LYNCH.

George C. Lynch, the subject of this review, is a self-made man, who, without any extraordinary family or pecuniary advantages at the commencement of life, has battled earnestly and energetically and by indomitable courage and integrity has achieved both character and position. By sheer force

of will and untiring effort he has worked his way upward and is numbered among the leading business men of Springfield.

Mr. Lynch was born in Virginia and comes of an old and well established family of that state. He pursued his education in the primary schools there, but was early thrown upon his own resources, beginning to make his own way in the world at the age of twelve years, at which time he entered a general store. Subsequently he was employed in a wholesale grocery house in Weston, Virginia, and in 1890 entered the employ of the Herb Medicinie Company as a bookkeeper, and in 1892, when the business was removed to Springfield, he also came to this city in the same capacity. In 1898 he was promoted to the office of general manager of the Herb Medicine Company, of this city. This business was established in 1888 by John Morrow, who conducted the enterprise for several years and then sold out to the present company, retiring in June, 1898. The capital stock of this company is largely owned by parties residing in Virginia, who have been connected with the business from the beginning. In fact, the business had its origin in the Old Dominion and thence was removed to Springfield, Mr. Lynch being connected therewith from the first. Under his control the concern has been put upon a substantial footing and is one which adds to the material prosperity of Springfield as well as to the individual success of the stockholders. The company now employs a large force of operatives in the factory and the plant is well equipped with the latest improved machinery. One among the leading proprietary medicines manufactured by the company is that called Lightning Hot Drops. These and other medicines are sold throughout the United States and

the patronage of the house is continually increasing because of the excellence of its product.

In June, 1892, Mr. Lynch was united in marriage to Miss Cecilia Kitson, of West Virginia, a daughter of William J. and Sarah Kitson. Mr. and Mrs. Lynch now have three children—Ruth and Rhea, both in school, and George C., at home. Our subject is well known in Masonic circles, belonging to Clark Lodge, No. 101, F. & A. M., also to Springfield Chapter, No. 48, R. A. M., and Palestine Commandery, No. 33, K. T. Among the leading representative business men of Springfield Mr. Lynch is justly numbered, where in an unostentatious way he is fulfilling his duties of citizenship as well as promoting the industry which adds to the development and financial prosperity of the community.

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#### MICHAEL WILSON.

Mr. Wilson's residence in Springfield covers almost a third of a century, for he located here in 1870. He was born on a farm near Brighton, Ohio, March 11, 1837, and is a son of Washington Wilson, who at an early day came to Ohio from Kentucky with his parents, the family settling in this state when the country was infested with Indians. The land was purchased from the government and farm work was continued for many years. The father of our subject died in Springfield when he had attained to an advanced age, and the older generation has all passed away. Washington Wilson was probably of Scotch-Irish ancestry and his wife of German origin. He was a well educated man for those days, was an apt pupil and readily retained what he

read or heard. In early life he learned the blacksmith's trade and to some extent followed that pursuit, but afterward devoted his attention to farming and stock-raising. He was a large stock dealer, prospered in his undertakings, and though he had but little capital with which to start in life, by his good management and enterprise he prospered and thus accumulated over two thousand acres of land. He also invested in property in Springfield, and thus his realty holdings were the visible evidence of his life of industry and earnest toil. His honesty, too, was proverbial, for he was just in all his dealings with his fellow men. On leaving the farm he took up his abode in Springfield, where he lived for about thirty years, passing away at the age of seventy-five. He was president of the Harmony township board of education and was interested in all that pertained to educational, moral, as well as material advancement, of his community. Many of the landmarks of Harmony township stand today connected with his name and work, including the Wilson school, chapel and cemetery. He was a member of the Christian church of Plattsburg and aided largely in the moral advancement and development of the community. He prospered, too, in his undertakings, adding from time to time to his land and extensively engaging in stock dealing. He would purchase stock in adjoining counties and feed and fatten for the market. He was one of the largest stock handlers in Clark county and this branch of his business added materially to his income.

Washington Wilson was united in marriage to Mary A. Foreman, who was born and married in Clark county. Her father, William Foreman, was for many years engaged in conducting a tannery. Mrs. Wil-

son died at the age of sixty-five years. By her marriage she became the mother of ten children, one of whom died in infancy, while the others reached years of maturity. Mary became the wife of Dr. Strain of London, but is now deceased. Hattie married Fred Gillette, and died at the home of her sister, Mrs. Kay. Those still living are: Michael, who is the eldest of the family; William J., a banker, stockman and manufacturer, and a leading resident of Gibson City, Illinois; George W., who was a soldier in the Civil war and is an attorney at law, practicing in London, while at the same time he represents his district in congress; Harrison, who was also a veteran of the Union army and is a retired farmer, now living in London, Ohio; John, who likewise aided in the preservation of the Union, is now living in Gibson City, Illinois; Addison, who is engaged in the real-estate business in Springfield; Nancy, who is the widow of John Goodfellow, once county treasurer, and makes her home at the old family property at the corner of Factory and Washington streets; and Flora, the wife of Dr. Clarence Kay, of this city. The members of this family were all reared upon the old farm in Harmony township, and attended the township schools. George afterward pursued a college course in Antioch College, and Mrs. Kay was a student in a private seminary.

Michael Wilson, whose name introduces this record, was educated in the schools of his home district and in his youth assisted in farm work. He drove oxen to the plow and aided in breaking the land and cultivating the fields. When he had attained his majority his father gave him a tract of land upon which he followed farming on his own account and began building up a stock business. He continued farm work until he

came to Springfield, in 1870, this removal being occasioned by his ill health. After coming to the city Mr. Wilson turned his attention to the grocery business under the firm name of Wilson & Son Company, at High and Market streets. After the death of the senior member, our subject removed to East High street and purchased an interest in the store of Mr. Goudy. This partnership was maintained for a few years, when Mr. Wilson became sole proprietor of the store and conducted a general grocery business. In his mercantile efforts he prospered as the years passed by, and, having acquired a handsome competence, he sold out his store in 1885 and retired to private life, putting aside the more arduous business cares. He still owns one hundred and fifty acres of land which was a part of the old Wilson farm. He has also purchased a small farm near Plattsburg, and has made investments in real estate in the city, so that his property interests now return him a good income.

In the year 1850 Mr. Wilson was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Ann Prugh. She was born in Madison county and died in Springfield about 1883. There were three children born of the marriage: Luella, who died at the age of twenty years; Carrie B., who passed away when about the same age; and George C., who resides upon a farm near Plattsburg. Mr. Wilson was again married in 1886, his second union being with Mrs. Lovina Marsh, the widow of John Marsh. They now reside at No. 200 West High street, where they have a very pleasant home, which was purchased by Mr. Wilson about 1895.

Mr. Wilson has served as trustee of the Childrens' Home, and for one term he was also a member of the school board of Spring-

field. He has always been a warm friend of the cause of education and has been active in promoting good schools here. In early life his political support was given to the Whig party and upon its dissolution he joined the ranks of the Republican party, which he has since continued to endorse. He is a member of the Plum street Episcopal church and his influence and efforts have ever been given upon the side of advancement and of the right. His success in life is attributable entirely to his own efforts and his labors have been rewarded with the success which comes from earnest purpose, unflinching industry and capable management. He is one of the honored and esteemed citizens of Springfield and Clark county, where his entire life has been passed, his fidelity to the principles of honorable manhood having gained him the good will and esteem of all with whom he has been associated.

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#### PHRAORTES E. BANCROFT.

This gentleman has passed the eightieth milestone on life's journey. His entire life has been passed in Springfield and he is justly numbered among the honored pioneers and leading representatives who have been prominently identified with her business interests in connection with manufacturing affairs. His is an honorable record of a conscientious man, who by his upright life has won the confidence of all with whom he has come in contact. He has rounded the psalmist's span of three-score years and ten, and although the snows of several winters have whitened his hair, he has the vigor of a much younger man and in spirit and interests seems yet in his prime. Old

age is not necessarily a synonym of weakness or inactivity. It need not suggest as a matter of course want of occupation or helplessness. There is an old age that is a benediction to all that comes in contact with it, that gives out of its rich stores of learning and experience and grows stronger intellectually and spiritually as the years pass. Such is the life of Mr. Bancroft, an encouragement to his associates and an example well worthy of emulation by the young.

Phraortes E. Bancroft was born in Springfield on the 28th of January, 1822, and is of English lineage. Three brothers of the name originally came from England to America in the year 1632, and founded the various branches of the family now residing in the United States. John Bancroft, the paternal grandfather of our subject, was a native of Massachusetts, born in Reading, and at the time of the Revolutionary war he joined the Colonial army and served for seven complete years, holding the rank of first lieutenant. He was married September 17, 1777, to Ann Waters, and removing to the west spent his last days in Springfield, Ohio, where he died in 1834. His wife survived him until 1842 and departed this life in her eighty-ninth year. He could trace the ancestral line back through Moses, Thomas, Thomas, Thomas and Thomas Bancroft.

Louis Bancroft, the father of Phraortes E. Bancroft, was born near beautiful Lake Champlain, in the state of Vermont, in 1796, and during his early manhood was connected with educational work, teaching school during the winter months, while in the summer seasons he worked upon the farm. He came to Springfield in 1812, after having taught for a year in Chautauqua,



*P. L. Bancroft*





New York. He took a boat to Upper Sandusky and proceeded thence on horseback to Springfield, camping two nights on the way. He largely followed trails to this locality and he found here a hamlet containing a population of two or three hundred. He soon enlisted for service in the war of 1812, but was rejected on account of his health. Turning his attention to general merchandising, he conducted a country store, following that business for many years with success. He also filled the position of deputy sheriff and later was appointed government inspector, there being many distilleries in this vicinity. He afterward engaged in the wholesale grocery and liquor business and was an extensive dealer and trader in real estate, his name appearing on many abstracts of the city. Thus his business interests were of a varied and important character and he was recognized as one of the leading residents of Springfield. He wedded Mary Christie, who was born October 11, 1792, and was reared upon a farm. Her father, Robert Christie, was one of the pioneers of Clark county, having come to the Buckeye state from Massachusetts at an early day. He was a contractor and builder and many of the leading business houses, homes and churches of the early day stood as monuments to his skill and enterprise. Not only did he attain success in business affairs, but he was also widely and favorably known for his many sterling traits of character. Mr. and Mrs. Louis Bancroft resided together as man and wife for sixty-five years, and then he laid her remains in Ferncliff cemetery, within a few rods of the home where they were married, the old farm being now used for cemetery purposes. She passed away at the age of eighty-four years, and Mr. Bancroft died in Spring-

field at the advanced age of ninety-two years. Their children were: Leonidas; Phraortes E.; LaFayette, who resides in Springfield; Oscar, who is living in California; Amanda M., the wife of Benjamin Churchill, both deceased; and Flavilla G., the wife of William Kleiman, of Cincinnati, Ohio.

The subject of this review pursued his education in the private schools and in a little schoolhouse which stood on Market street. It is still one of the landmarks of the city and today may be seen on Fountain avenue. Later Mr. Bancroft attended the Springfield academy, which was then under the control of Milo G. Williams, a noted educator of his day. On putting aside his text books Mr. Bancroft assisted his father in the store, and so continued until his eighteenth year, when he was apprenticed to learn the hatter's trade under the direction of the firm of Coates & Lathrop. When he had completed his apprenticeship he was a journeyman for a time and in March, 1851, began business on his own account at No. 4 East Main street, as a hatter and furrier. He made all the hats which he handled by the hand process and began business on a small scale. His store was located in a frame structure, which he rented for a number of years, after which he bought the site upon which his present fine business block now stands. In 1882 he erected here a splendid four-story brick structure in connection with the Lagonda National Bank building, which was erected at the same time, the two constituting a very fine business block. Mr. Bancroft succeeded in building up a very extensive business and for many years was considered not only the leading hatter of Springfield, but also did an extensive trade in the line of fine furs, occupying the four floors of his building with goods

of this character. Recently he has turned over the business to his son, who is now conducting the enterprise along the same lines by which it was established by the father. For many years Mr. Bancroft has been a director of the Lagonda National Bank, with which he thus became connected in the early period of its existence. Today in point of service he is senior member of the board of directors. In 1851 he aided in laying the corner stone of the Union Hall building and has been one of the directors of the company since that time, acting as manager.

In 1845 Mr. Bancroft was united in marriage to Miss Catherine Moody, of Springfield, who died in 1854, leaving no children. On the 12th of July, 1859, occurred the marriage of Mr. Bancroft and Miss Louisa M. Mayhugh, of Warren county, Ohio. She was born in Butler county, this state, April 27, 1834, her parents being William and Mary (Foot) Mayhugh. Her maternal grandfather, John Foot, died in 1883. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Bancroft has been born but one son who survives, Robert C., who is his father's successor in business and carries a large and varied stock of goods at the old location, and who is conceded to be one of the ablest business men of Springfield. He married Miss Esther Simpson, and they have two children—Dorothy Louise and Robert Christie.

Mr. Bancroft gave his political support to the Whig party at an early day, and on the organization of the new Republican party he joined its ranks and has since followed its banners, voting for each of the presidential candidates. He is a prominent Mason and in his life exemplifies the noble spirit of the fraternity. His membership is in Clark Lodge, No. 101, F. & A. M.; Spring-

field Chapter, R. A. M.; and Palestine Commandery, K. T. For fifty-five years he has been a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, has filled nearly all of the offices of the lodge, and has been treasurer of the grand encampment. He has also been a trustee of their property for many years. A genial gentleman, he receives the veneration and respect which should ever be accorded to one of advanced years, and furthermore, he deserves all the esteem which is tendered him. Through eight decades he has been a witness of Springfield's development and growth and has taken an active interest in its progress and advancement. His mind bears the historic impress of the years and his memory forms a connecting link between the primitive past and the progressive present.

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#### ROBERT N. LANTZ.

Robert N. Lantz is filling the position of city clerk of Springfield in a very capable and efficient manner. He is a native of Hagerstown, Maryland, born July 16, 1868, and is a son of John Nelson and Mary A. (Huffman) Lantz, both of whom were born and reared in Maryland and there spent their entire lives, each passing away in 1876. For a number of years the father was engaged in the grocery business and subsequently he turned his attention to the manufacture of buggies and carriages in Hagerstown, being well known in the industrial circles of that city as one whose enterprise and progressive spirit contributed not alone to his individual prosperity but was also a means of advancing the general success.

In the public schools in his native town

Robert N. Lantz began his education and later continued his studies in a Lutheran school in Loysville, Pennsylvania, going thence to Selin's Grove Institute, at Selin's Grove, Pennsylvania, where he pursued his studies for several terms. His literary education being completed, he afterward learned the printer's trade in the office of the People's Advocate and Press, at New Bloomfield, Pennsylvania. After he had completed his apprenticeship he went to Roanoke, Virginia, where he was employed as a salesman in a men's furnishing goods store. The year 1889 witnessed his arrival in Springfield, where he entered the office of the paper known as the Farm and Fireside in the capacity of compositor. He was connected with that paper for seven years, on the expiration of which time he accepted the position of bookkeeper in the house of Benjamin Harris & Company. Later he occupied a similar position with the house of Charles J. Bowlus Fruit Company, with which he remained until 1900, when he was appointed by the city council to the position of city clerk for a term of two years. In 1902 he was reappointed for another term of two years, so that he is the present incumbent. His appointment came to him in direct recognition of his ability and his fidelity in matters of citizenship. In the discharge of his duties he is prompt and systematic and his control of the affairs connected with this office has made his administration one that has commended him to the trust and good will of his fellow townsmen.

On the 7th of December, 1897, occurred the marriage of Mr. Lantz and Miss Mary A. Miller, of Springfield, Ohio, whose father, John Miller, was one of the old residents of the city. Two children have been born to this union: Luther M., born Janu-

ary 1, 1900; and Nelson B., born March 18, 1902.

Of the Masonic fraternity Mr. Lantz is a worthy, exemplary and popular representative. He belongs to Clark Lodge, No. 101, F. & A. M., in which he served as master for two years, and represented his lodge at the meetings of the grand lodge at Toledo and Springfield. He is also a member of Springfield Chapter, No. 48, R. A. M., is a past high priest, and represented the chapter at the meeting of the grand chapter at Toledo. He has also taken the degree of Cryptic and Chivalric Masonry, belonging to Springfield Council, No. 17, R. & S. M., and Palestine Commandery, No. 33, K. T. Thirteen years cover the period of Mr. Lantz's residence in Springfield, and during that time he has continually advanced in public favor and regard. The elements of character depicted in the best type of American manhood are his. He has energy, progressive ideas and a loyal spirit, which is manifest in his devotion to the general good along lines pertaining to public progress and improvement.

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#### MADISON OVER.

Madison Over, one of the leading members of the Democratic party in Springfield and Clark county, has filled a number of positions of public honor and trust and although the county is strongly Republican, he has always won the commendation of the public by reason of fidelity and promptness in the discharge of his duties. He was formerly probate judge of the county, and since his retirement from that office he has lived a retired life. He was born in German township, this county, on the 15th of December, 1841, a son of Elias and Sarah

(Welchans) Over. The father, also a native of this state, was a son of Jacob Over, a Pennsylvania-German, who served his country in the war of 1812 and came home with five bullet holes in his hat, but though he escaped uninjured from the war he met death shortly after his return, being accidentally drowned.

Elias Over was a man of considerable mechanical ability and business ingenuity. He learned the trade of a tanner and also that of a blacksmith and was likewise a successful school teacher at an early day. At the time of the grading of the national road from Zanesville, he was engaged in construction work. The road was not macadamized beyond Springfield and he settled here, taking up his abode in German township. His political support was given the Democracy and his fellow townsmen, recognizing his worth, loyalty and ability, frequently called him to public office. He served as township trustee, assessor and clerk. His wife, who was born in this county in 1820, was a daughter of George Welchans, who was a Pennsylvania-German and on removing to Clark county settled in German township in 1806, there living until called to his final rest. Unto the parents of our subject were born sixteen children, nine of whom reached mature years: Adaline, the wife of George Myers, of Indiana; Madison; George, who died in Indiana; Mrs. Lucy Helvie, who resides in Thackery, Ohio; Cynthia, who married and is now deceased; Mrs. Rachel Proctor, of Indiana; Peter D., who is living in that state; Jacob, a resident of Arkansas; and Mrs. Clara Strasburg, a widow of Springfield, Ohio. The mother died in 1874, the father in 1875, and both were buried at Merom, Indiana.

In the district schools Madison Over be-

gan his education and at the age of eighteen he entered Wittenberg College of this city, studying there for a year, after which he began teaching at North Hampton. He taught altogether for thirteen years and was a capable educator whose ability to maintain discipline was equalled by his power of imparting to other the knowledge he had acquired. While at North Hampton he was elected justice of the peace, serving for eight years with promptness and fairness, after which he resigned to accept the position of special examiner in the pension office with headquarters at Bloomington, Illinois. He served thus until 1880, when a change in the national administration caused him to be dropped and he returned to North Hampton, where his family were living. In 1890 he was elected assessor of Pike township and the same year he removed to Springfield. In 1886 he was the nominee for sheriff on the Democratic ticket and made a very hard fight, being defeated by only nine votes. This was a defeat that amounted almost to a victory as the vote indicated his personal popularity and the confidence reposed in him, as at previous elections very large majorities had been won by the Republican candidate. In 1890 he was the candidate on the Democratic ticket for probate judge of the county and was defeated by a small number of votes, but in the same year there occurred a vacancy on the probate court bench and Governor Campbell appointed him to the office, which he acceptably filled. From 1893 until 1895 he served upon the city board of equalization and resigned to accept the position of assistant postmaster of Springfield, creditably filling that position during the four years of President Cleveland's second term. Since that time he has lived a retired life.

In 1865 Mr. Over was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary J. Jenkins, of Champaign county, Ohio, and seven children have been born unto them, of whom three are now living: Sallie, the wife of J. F. Kneisly, of Springfield, by whom she has two children, Blanche and Bessie; Florence L., an elocutionist now living in the Indian Territory; and Edwin J., who resides with his father and is now one of the mounted police at Snyder's Park. He served for three years in the Philippines in the Fourth United States Cavalry and returned home with the rank of corporal.

Mr. Over is a man of literary tastes, has been a broad reader and profound thinker and is particularly well informed on ancient and modern history, being familiar with the world's progress.



#### BYRON OLIVER ELIFRITZ.

When only nine years of age, Byron O. Elifritz started out upon an independent career and since that time has made his own way in the world. All that he has; all that he has accomplished; and all that he has achieved are the result of his own enterprise and capability. He is now conducting a large and practical job printing business and is one of the progressive citizens of Springfield.

Mr. Elifritz was born in Circleville, Pickaway county, Ohio, and comes of a family of German ancestry. The father, George Elifritz, was born in Greencastle, Pennsylvania, and was one of seven children. The only survivor is Daniel Elifritz, an inmate of the Soldiers' Home at Marshalltown, Iowa, George Elifritz removed from his native

state to Maryland at an early day, when a young man, and was there married. Subsequently he took up his abode in Circleville, Ohio, where he remained from 1844 until 1848, when he came with his family to Springfield. He was a tanner and also a butcher by trade and in the latter years of his life he worked in the manufacture of brick, carrying on an extensive and profitable business in that way. He manufactured the brick used in the construction of Wittenberg College, for the seminary on East High street and in the old Catholic church. He afterward removed to Yellow Springs, where he manufactured the brick for Antioch College, as well as for many other of the old land marks of the place. During the summer months he conducted his brickyard and in the winter sessions he followed butchering. He was a self-made man of limited educational advantages, but he possessed business capability, and strong qualities of character and steadily he has advanced in his business affairs. He died in 1853, at the age of thirty-two years, respected by all who knew him. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Elizabeth Boward, was born in Maryland and received but limited educational privileges. She belonged to a farmer's family and her services were needed in the home. She was born in 1811 and died in 1900. Her mother died at the advanced age of eighty-two years. Mrs. Elifritz was laid to rest in Ferncliff cemetery, while her husband was interred in Greenmount cemetery. Unto them were born six children. Of these, Upton, the eldest, died in Springfield, in 1899, at the age of fifty-eight years. He was a member of the Seventeenth Ohio Battery during the Civil war, serving throughout the period of hostilities. At his death

he left a son, William, and three daughters. The son now makes his home in Toledo, Ohio, while the daughters reside in Springfield. Charles H., the second member of the family of George Elifritz, is a farmer now living retired, at Vienna Crossroads, in this county. He was a member of the Artillery service during the Civil war. Byron O. is the next younger. Emma is the wife of Robert Smith, of Springfield, and has one son and one daughter. Laura is the widow of John Miller, of this city, and has a son and daughter. Carrie is the wife of Peter Critzinger, of this city, who has one daughter, the wife of John Powell. The daughters of Mr. Elifritz were educated but the sons attended school for only a short time. After the death of her first husband Mrs. Elifritz was again married, becoming the wife of John Webster, and they had twin children, one of whom died at the age of thirteen and the other at the age of twenty-one, and both are interred in Ferncliff cemetery. The home of the Elifritz family was on ten acres of land on what is now Harrison street in Springfield. In religious faith they were Lutherans. The father was well known and was very successful in his business career for many years, but afterward met with reverses which undoubtedly hastened his death. In politics he was an ardent Democrat.

Mr. Elifritz, whose name introduces this review, was a lad of only seven years when his father died. He spent six months as a student in the first public school of Springfield, near the East High street bridge. In the fall of 1855 he became connected with the printing business, receiving a salary of one dollar and twenty-five cents per week, but even this was many times not forthcoming. He worked in the office of the

Evening News, published by Hastings & Nichols. The printing of job work was then all done by hand presses, which were afterward superseded by the cylinder press. Mr. Elifritz fed the first cylinder press that was brought into this city. In 1863 he left the employ of the firm of Hastings & Nichols and then went to work for Freye & Freye, on the Tri-Weekly Republic, continuing with that house until 1865. On severing that business connection he began the publication of the Weekly Transcript, now the Springfield Democrat. This was the second Democratic paper published in the county, and the only one that prospered. John McGaffey was his partner in the enterprise, which was conducted until 1869 by the first firm, when Mr. McGaffey sold his interest to David C. Ballentine, who is now in the navy department at Washington, D. C. He remained with the house until 1872 and then sold out to Charles E. Winters. During the continuation of this partnership they branched into the job work and also established the Morning Globe, which is to-day the Press Republic. After a time, however, they gave up all newspaper work and entered upon lithographing, getting out all of the work for World's Columbian Exposition, in Chicago, with a large amount of other job work. Mr. Elifritz continued in the business until 1890, when he left the company and purchased the present business, which was then very small, for three thousand dollars. In this undertaking he and his brother Upton formed a partnership, which continued for a year, when Byron purchased his brother's interest and has since secured a very lucrative patronage. He now has a large and well equipped plant and has added many improvements in technical and mechanical

work. He is thoroughly practical in all that he undertakes and has advanced in the business through comprehensive knowledge; through fidelity to the terms of a contract; through the capable execution of all trusts given into his care. Good management has always been one of his strong characteristics. Although he was in debt to some amount when he embarked in this business, the enterprise has proved successful financially and he has paid dollar for dollar. He enjoys the respect of the best business men of the city and their trade is constantly bestowed upon him. Mr. Elifritz is a mechanical genius and can manufacture anything necessary to carry out his plans and please his patrons. He has done considerable printing for manufacturing concerns from 1855 to the present time. He left home when a boy of only eight years of age and went to Illinois, where he remained for a year, after which he returned to Ohio. From that time forward he has depended entirely upon his own resources for a living and all that he has acquired is the merited reward of his labor.

In 1867 in Hagerstown, Maryland, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Elifritz and Miss Alice V. Boward, who was born there in 1848 and there pursued her education. This union has been blessed with three living daughters, while one son, Harry, died at the age of twenty-one years. May L. is the wife of Charles E. Winckler, who is associated with Mr. Elifritz in the office; Ada E. is assisting her father in business; and Pearl Dot is at home. The children were all educated in the public schools.

Mr. Elifritz is a member of the Lutheran church and his political support is given the Democracy. He has never sought or desired office and has always declined to serve

although he has frequently been solicited to do so. He has given his entire time and attention to his business and his unremitting diligence and honorable efforts have brought to him gratifying prosperity. He is a member of Anthony Lodge, F. & A. M., and also belongs to Ephraim Lodge, I. O. O. F., and is one of the past grands of the lodge. He is also identified with the Order of Rebekah, to which his wife likewise belongs. Mr. Elifritz was a member of Moncrieffe Lodge, K. P., and later became a charter member of the Red Star Lodge. He is one of the old original Company Six, of the Uniformed Rank, and left that to become a member of the Forty-fourth Company. He is now commissary of the Fourth Ohio Regiment. He is likewise identified with Te Ha tribe of the Improved Order of Red Men, which was the first tribe installed in Springfield. He belonged to the Senior Lodge of American Mechanics, which was later absorbed by the Junior Order of American Mechanics. He is likewise a member of Knights of the Ancient Essenic Order, and past senator of the same. He is also a member of the Commercial Club. He belonged to the Silver Gray Fire Company and later he became connected with the old Rover Company, an independent fire organization, which was chartered under the state law. He remained with that company for fourteen years and through a long period was thus connected with the important work of fighting fires. He has been loyal in all matters of citizenship pertaining to the general good, and as the years have advanced he has gained a very prominent position in business circles because he has realized that energy and perseverance are two salient features in his prosperity. Amid surroundings and obstacles that would have utterly discouraged many a man of less



resolute spirit, he has worked his way upward and to-day stands amid the successful representatives of the printing business in Springfield.

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### MICHAEL TRIMMER.

Michael Trimmer, who traveled life's journey until after he had passed the ninety-third milestone, was a man whose worth to the world was widely acknowledged. He was so conscientious and faithful in the performance of duty that he sustained an unassailable reputation in business circles and in his private life was equally above reproach. In some of the good buildings of the city are yet seen the evidences of his handiwork, but he built for himself a monument more lasting than any of brick or stone in the regard and friendship of his fellow men, who yet honor his memory as one who was worthy of their highest regard.

Mr. Trimmer was born in Adams county, Pennsylvania, February 26, 1806, a son of Mathias and Elizabeth (Fisher) Trimmer, who were also natives of the same county, and was there reared and married. The former was of German descent, while the mother was of English lineage. Four of their sons became residents of Springfield, but John remained here for only a brief period. David and Mathias were associated for some time in brick contracting with the subject of this review, and David died in this city in August, 1849, while Mathias passed away in Iowa in the spring of 1873. He is buried in Greenmount cemetery, while David lies in Ferncliff.

In the county of his nativity Michael Trimmer pursued his education and also learned the stone mason's trade, after which

he went to Hagerstown, Maryland, and there secured work in that line. While there he formed the acquaintance of Miss Catherine Barbara Eitel, who was born in that city May 11, 1806, a daughter of John Martin and Christiana (Stotler) Eitel. Her father was a native of Germany, born near Stuttgart, and when a young man came to America. His wife was a native of Winchester, Virginia, and was an only child. Her father died when she was but fifteen months of age and her mother passed away in Hagerstown, Maryland. Mr. Trimmer sought in marriage the hand of Miss Eitel and being successful in his wooing they were joined in wedlock in 1834.

The bridal trip of the young couple consisted of a journey to Springfield, Ohio, made by stage, for that was before the advent of railroads into this state. Mr. Trimmer here began working at the stone mason's trade. He had also learned the trade of laying brick and was one of the first brick masons of this city. He came to Ohio a young man full of determination, industry and perseverance and it was not long before he had won a commanding position in the industrial circles of the city. He at once began contracting, and a little later was joined by his brothers, David and Mathias, who entered into partnership with him. After the death of David the surviving brothers dissolved partnership, and our subject was afterward a partner of John Kershner, who had learned the trade with Mr. Trimmer and who joined him under the firm style of Trimmer & Kershner, a relation that was maintained through consecutive years until 1873. Mr. Trimmer received and executed contracts for the erection of many of the most important buildings of the city in an early day. He erected the old Pennsylvania







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MICHAEL TRIMMER.



building in the west end; the Barnett mills; the First Presbyterian church, which has since been remodeled; the Second Presbyterian church, which remains as he built it, save that the interior has been improved; the first building of the Wittenberg College; the P. P. Mast shop; the Miller Hotel, and the Commercial block on Limestone street. He also erected the Buckingham building, opposite the Commercial, many smaller business blocks and a large number of the fine homes of the city. He easily maintained a position as one of the leading contractors and builders of Springfield during his active business life and received a very liberal share of the public patronage, which indicated the excellence of his labor and the confidence reposed in his business probity by the citizens of Springfield.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Trimmer were born five children: Anna R. is the wife of Seth H. Arbogast, and has one son, David Sheridan, who wedded Mary Donohue, and resides in Springfield. Mary E. is the deceased wife of Jesse C. Trimmer. John Martin died in 1852 at the age of ten years and was laid to rest in Ferncliff cemetery. Sarah Jane died in infancy and was also buried in Ferncliff. David S. is his father's successor in business. Mrs. Trimmer was a member of the Central Methodist church.

In his political views Mr. Trimmer was originally an old-line Whig and afterward became a Republican, but while he was unfaltering in advocacy of the party principles he would never accept office. He owned the property which later belonged to Jacob Seitz and built for him the home which now stands on the site. A self-made man in the trust and best sense of the term, he carried on his business in such a way that his correct methods and honorable principles

as well as his excellent workmanship recommended him to all who needed the services of a mason contractor, and thus he gained a most liberal patronage and won a satisfactory financial reward, at the same time maintaining a high place in public confidence and regard. Ambitious and resolute in early manhood, persevering and diligent in the prime of life, he reached a venerable old age, which like a day with its accomplished labors, passed into the grateful rest and quiet of the night. His wife was called to her final rest June 14, 1893, and on the 16th of September, 1899, at the age of ninety-three, he passed away as one who

"Wraps the drapery of his couch about him  
And lies down to pleasant dreams."

Davis S. Trimmer, who became his father's successor in business, was born in Springfield, January 10, 1845, acquired his education in the schools of the city, and in 1865 began learning the bricklayer's trade. In 1863, however, he ran away from home and enlisted in the Union army as a member of Company C, One Hundred and Twentyninth Ohio Infantry, being mustered in at Cleveland, Ohio. In March, 1864, he was mustered out in the same city. He learned his trade under his father and followed it until 1886, when he retired from the business. In 1873, upon the retirement of his father, he became the partner of Mr. Kershner under the firm style of Kershner & Trimmer, which connection was continued until 1880. In that year David S. Trimmer went to St. Paul, Minnesota, where he worked at his trade until 1886, when he returned to Springfield because his parents were reaching advanced years. He has since resided in this city, where he is well known, having spent the greater part of his life here.

## WILLIAM MOORE.

William Moore has a wide acquaintance in Springfield and the circle of his friends is almost as large. He was for many years connected with the fire department of this city and rose to the rank of chief, his labors in this connection winning him the approval and the gratitude of the public. The field of battles is fraught with no greater danger or demands no greater bravery than does the life of the fireman. In the position of chief Mr. Moore filled a most responsible position, his office demanding a cool, calm and yet ready judgment in the hour of peril, a quick comprehension of the situation and a ready utilization of the forces and means at hand. He discharged the obligations devolving upon him in such a capable manner that he won high commendation and well does he deserve mention as one of the representative citizens of Springfield, where he is now living in honorable retirement.

A native of this city, he was born at the corner of Plum and West Main streets, August 30, 1847. His father, William Moore, Sr., was a native of County Cork, Ireland, born in 1808, and was one of a large family of children noted for their tall stature and longevity, which was a familiar characteristic. William Moore, Sr., was educated in his native country and with his parents emigrated to America, the family settling in Uniontown, Pennsylvania, in 1816. Subsequently they came to Clark county, Ohio, establishing their home in Springfield, where the grandfather of our subject died at an advanced age.

After reaching America, William Moore, the father of our subject, completed his studies in the schools of Philadelphia, and there he learned the tinner's trade, which he

followed until his death. He started out in life a poor man, but by good management and unflinching industry he accumulated considerable property, and at the time of his death was in very good financial circumstances. In addition to his other business interests he was a stockholder in the old Union hall. He possessed excellent executive ability and when he died he had all his affairs in good condition. His business reputation was unassailable because of his honesty in all trade transactions. He was an active, sturdy man, six feet and six inches in height and of commanding appearance. His political support was given the Whig party in early life and afterward he became a staunch Republican. He served as a member and president of the first city council of Springfield, served as the second mayor of the city, was also the county coroner, was justice of the peace and held many other offices of public honor and trust. His aid and influence were ever given in behalf of all measures for the general good. He was a well-read man, keeping informed on all general topics of the day, and his knowledge of law was also quite extensive. He always worked to obtain better conditions for the people and was ever the opponent of oppression in any form. Charitable and benevolent, he gave freely to church work and to charitable interests. He belonged to the Methodist Episcopal denomination and was a charter member of Clark Lodge, F. & A. M., being well posted in Masonry. He also was a charter member of Springfield Lodge, I. O. O. F. At the time of the Civil war he was a staunch advocate of the Union cause and the soldiers and their families found in him a faithful and helpful friend. He married Charlotte Nagel, who was born in Boston, Massachusetts, in 1809, and was reared

in Springfield, acquiring her early education in the schools of this city. Mr. Moore died on the 14th of February, 1889, at the age of eighty-one years and five months, and his wife passed away in 1872. In their family were five children, of whom four are yet living, Mrs. Annie Bradbury having died in Springfield at the age of fifty-five years. Marion is foreman in the paint shops of the O. S. Kelly plant on Plum street in Springfield. Elizabeth is the wife of Barlow Lawrence, of this city. Charlotte is the wife of Emanuel Reigel, of Seattle, Washington. William completes the family. All of these children were reared and educated in Springfield. After the death of their mother the father removed to Richmond, Indiana, and later to Centerville, Indiana, where his death occurred. He was married a second time while in Richmond. After his demise his remains were brought back to Springfield and laid to rest in Greenmount cemetery. Although he was a resident of Indiana for twelve years, from 1877, he yet retained business interests in this city.

William Moore, whose name introduces this record, pursued his education in subscription and public schools, the latter being organized during his boyhood days. On the 26th of July, 1862, he enlisted in Company A, Ninety-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with which he served for three years, taking part in the battle of Perryville and the Perryville campaign, the engagements at Stone River, Chickamauga, Chattanooga, Look-out Mountain, Missionary Ridge and the Atlanta campaign and the march to the sea under General Sherman. He was also at the battle of Bentonville, which was the last general engagement of the war, General Johnston there surrendering his Confederate forces. Later Mr. Moore participated in the

grand review in Washington, D. C., and was mustered out in June, 1865, without having ever received an injury or wound, although during his entire service he was in active duty on southern battlefields. When he returned home he found that his father had manifested his patriotic devotion to the Union cause by painting a chimney of his house with the national colors.

For a time after his return Mr. Moore attended school in 1866 and then entered upon an apprenticeship in the butchering business under William Grant. Afterward he began working in the finishing room of the furniture factory of Foss & Milligan, acting as foreman in that department for several years. In his early manhood he became a member of the Rover Fire Company, an independent organization, and served with that company until the first of April, 1869, when he became a member of the paid fire department, which had been organized. He first served as hoseman, but gradually he worked his way upward until he became chief, acting in that capacity for four years. From 1869 until 1900, with the exception of eight years, he was continuously a member of the fire department and witnessed its development as the work of improvement was carried steadily forward. He was the first one to use the city water works in a fire. He has seen some very large conflagrations in this city and has done his full share in fighting fires here. He was injured while in the service by a falling horse and at length he was retired from the service on a pension. He is to-day the oldest surviving member of the fire department of Springfield.

Mr. Moore was married December 26, 1869, to Miss Anna Belle Tiffany, who was born in Xenia in 1849, a daughter of Aaron Tiffany, who was a minister of the Method-

ist Episcopal church. Mrs. Moore is a lady of good education and has been an able helpmate to her husband. Unto them were born five children, but four of the number died in childhood. La Verna, born in 1874, is now the wife of Foster Huchings and they are now in the theatrical profession, residing at Springfield. Mrs. Huchings has taken a musical course and is a graduate of the high school of this city. Mr. and Mrs. Moore are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and he belongs to Moncrieffe Lodge, K. P. He was formerly an active member of Ephraim Lodge, I. O. O. F., and was a member of Company 6 of the Uniformed Rank of the Knights of Pythias when the company won the world's prize at Detroit. He also served as lieutenant in the first brigade in the fraternity in Ohio. He is also a member of the Firemen's Relief Association, and in 1876 he took a fire engine, the Queen of the West, to Findlay, Ohio, to the firemen's tournament, at which time he had to give seven thousand dollars bonds for the safe return of the engine. Mr. Moore and Richard Powell are now the only survivors that attended the tournament. He is well known to firemen throughout the state and is also recognized as a prominent and influential citizen of Springfield, having many friends here.

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DANIEL McKILLIP.

Daniel McKillip is engaged in the tilling of the soil and in raising stock in Moorefield township. He is one of the native sons of this locality, his birth having occurred eight miles south of South Charleston, in Fayette county, August 24, 1832.

His father, Thomas McKillip, was born in North Carolina and when only three years of age was brought by his father, John McKillip, to the Buckeye state. He is descended from Scotch ancestry, who fled from Scotland to the northern part of Ireland, and from the Emerald Isle the great-grandfather of our subject crossed the Atlantic to America. Mr. McKillip's grandfather was a poor man when he came to Ohio, but as the years passed he accumulated a comfortable competence, becoming the owner of a large tract of land in Fayette county. There Thomas McKillip was reared to manhood and he, too, prospered in his farm work until he was the owner of eight hundred acres of land. He followed farming and cattle-raising and had his life been spared he would have probably become a very wealthy man, but he died when but forty-eight years of age. He was the father of twelve children, four of whom passed away in early youth, while the other eight reached years of maturity, our subject being the second in order of birth. In his political views Thomas McKillip was an old-line Whig, but was never a politician in the sense of office seeking.

The educational privileges afforded Daniel McKillip were somewhat limited, for he was never able to attend school after he was thirteen years of age until he had attained his majority. He then spent seven months as a student in Antioch College, his father having purchased a scholarship in that institution. He was forced to give up school in early boyhood in order to go to Illinois and take care of a herd of cattle which belonged to his father, the man who had been employed for this purpose having been taken ill. There Mr. McKillip engaged in herding cattle for seven years, during which time



he made many trips to and from Ohio. In the fall he would make his way to Illinois, purchase a herd, feed the cattle during the winter and until July, when he would start east with them, driving them to markets in this section of the country. He made eight trips to the east, crossing the Allegheny mountains. When he had attained his majority his father gave him one hundred acres of timber land, which he at once began to clear and also to drain by ditching, thus preparing it for the plow.

Like most young men starting out in life for themselves, he desired a companion for the journey and was married in Clark county July 13, 1856, to Miss Elizabeth Briggs, who was born in Madison township and is a daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Hempleman) Briggs. After his marriage he lived upon his farm in Fayette county for about five years and then traded that property for a tract of land in Stokes township, Madison county, where he made his home until the fall of 1862. He then removed to his present place, having traded for one hundred and eighty acres of land here. To this tract, however, he has since added until he now has in the home place two hundred and eighty acres of rich land and likewise owns another farm of one hundred and sixty-two acres in Moorefield township. He has been very successful and, although he lost two thousand dollars by going security for a friend, he is accounted one of the prosperous agriculturists of his community.

Mr. and Mrs. McKillip now have two living children. Laura, born April 24, 1857, was married February 3, 1876, to William H. Winter, and they have five children: Effie, born April 1, 1878; George, who was born September 5, 1879, and married Zella Byers; Lizzie; Crawford; and

Daniel. Emma Frances, the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. McKillip, was born June 17, 1859, and on the 23d of March, 1882, became the wife of John S. Swaidner, of Springfield township. They had two children: Jessie Belle, born February 5, 1895; and Charles, who died in infancy.

When age gave to him the right of franchise Mr. McKillip proudly cast his first presidential ballot for John C. Fremont and from that time to the present has never wavered in his allegiance to the Republican party. He has had neither time nor inclination for office seeking, preferring to give his attention to his business affairs, which have been capably controlled so that his earnest toil and business sagacity have resulted in making him one of the prosperous agriculturists of his community.

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JOHN W. ATHY.

John W. Athy is a prosperous farmer whose home is located about five miles from Springfield on the Dayton pike, and through close attention to business, unremitting diligence and the assistance of his estimable wife he has accumulated about one hundred acres of land, which, because of the excellent improvements that have been placed upon it, is now valued at about one hundred and fifty dollars per acre.

Mr. Athy was born March 17, 1848, within a half mile of the farm on which he now resides, and on the paternal side is of English descent. His parents were John and Frances (Rue) Athy, the former a native of Cumberland, Maryland, and the latter of Mad River township, Clark county, Ohio, her family being pioneers of this coun-

ty. Throughout life the father of our subject followed farming and died in 1870, at the age of fifty-eight years, while his wife, who long survived him, passed away in 1891, at the age of eighty-one years. This worthy couple were the parents of nine children, eight of whom are still living, namely: Jacob R., whose sketch appears on another page of this volume; Sarah, deceased; Jesse C., a resident of Mad River township; Wilmina, wife of Martin Leffel, of Bethel township; Maria, wife of Ephraim Creel, of Mad River township; Malinda, wife of David Sheets, of the same township; Margaret Elizabeth, who married William Burnett and now resides in Combs, Arkansas; John W., of this review; and Elisha P. S., a resident of Springfield.

In the usual manner of farmer boys of his period John W. Athy spent the days of his boyhood and youth, working in the fields through the summer months, while in the winter season he attended the district schools of the neighborhood, thus acquiring a good common English education. In 1872 he married Miss Nannie G. Wallace, who was born in Enon, this county, and is a daughter of John and Martha A. (Bush) Wallace. Her mother died in 1878, at the age of fifty-eight years, and the father subsequently married Elizabeth Staats, with whom he is now living near Osborn, Greene county, Ohio, at the age of eighty-two years. He is a native of England and on coming to this country first settled in Pennsylvania. When a young man he learned the tailor's trade and later engaged in the nursery business, but is now living a retired life. For sixteen years he served as postmaster of Enon, Ohio, and subsequently lived for a time in Missouri. By his first marriage he had five children: Mary, the deceased wife of Major McBride;

Martha Ellen, the wife of George Maple, of Holt county, Missouri; T. D., who is a resident of Springfield and at one time served as postmaster of that city; Nannie G., wife of our subject; and Anna M., the wife of John Jackson, who is living in Forest City, Missouri. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Athy have been born two children: L. Ione, a musician, and John Earl, who is engaged in the stock business, both at home with their parents.

In his political views Mr. Athy is a Republican, and like all true American citizens should do, he keeps well informed on the issues and questions of the day. For five years he served as clerk of the school board. He is actively interested in everything pertaining to the material, intellectual and moral welfare of his community. He is a self-made man, whose life has been one of industry and earnest toil, and to his own efforts and the assistance of his wife, who has indeed been a helpmate to him, he owes his prosperity and his advancement in the business world. They have a happy home and everything about the place is neat and attractive in appearance. They deserve great credit for what they have accomplished and are well known and highly respected citizens of their community.

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#### DWIGHT H. OLDS.

Dwight H. Olds has for more than a quarter of a century been a resident of Clark county, having located within its borders in 1875. He has been engaged in the dairy business as a member of the firm of Olds & McGregor since 1898, and in March, 1902, he became sole proprietor of the business, which he is now successfully conducting.

Mr. Olds is a native of Massachusetts, his birth having occurred in Middlefield, Hampshire county, on the 10th of April, 1848. He comes of Welsh ancestry on the paternal line and of English descent on the maternal line, but for many generations the Olds family has been established in America. Levi Olds, the father of our subject was a farmer who lived and died in Berkshire county, Massachusetts, passing away at the age of sixty-two years. His wife, who was born in the same locality, bore the maiden name of Emily Meacham and died upon the old home farm at the age of eighty-four years. This worthy couple were the parents of fifteen children, eight of whom reached years of maturity, while six of the number are still living: Levi F., the eldest, who was a member of the Fifty-second Massachusetts Infantry during the Civil war and is now living in Springfield; Dwight H., of this review; William C., of Bridgeport, Connecticut; Helen S., the widow of John Hamilton, a resident of Rantoul, Champaign county, Illinois; Mrs. Elma Rammage, of Decatur, Alabama; and Edwin W., of Chicago.

In the public schools in his boyhood days Dwight H. Olds pursued his education. Upon the father's death he was left with the care of the family upon his shoulders and he assumed the management of the farm, carrying on the work there until twenty-five years of age. The first five hundred dollars which he ever earned he spent in the acquirement of an education, studying between the ages of twenty-one and twenty-five years. He then embarked with his brother Levi in the fancy-goods business in Concord, New Hampshire, and after remaining for one year in that city he came to Springfield, where he continued in the same

line of business in Black's Opera House building. For fourteen years the new enterprise here was attended with success, continuously conducted by the brothers, and then our subject sold out his interest and turned his attention to the insurance business in connection with G. W. Bellow, this relation being maintained for six years, on the expiration of which period Mr. Olds disposed of his interests and turned his attention to agricultural pursuits. He purchased an improved farm in German township and there began dairying. He has also been engaged in the raising of full-blooded registered Jersey cattle and now has one hundred and fifty head upon his place. He handles nothing but blooded stock and he ships to all parts of the country. In 1898 he came to the city and entered the dairying business with the firm of McGregor Brothers. This relation was maintained until 1902, when Mr. Olds purchased his partners' interest. He cultivates three hundred and fifty acres of land and has a large number of cows for dairying purposes upon that tract. Mr. Olds became sole proprietor of the dairy and farm, which adjoins the city of Springfield, in 1902, and has since carried on the business with good success. The dairy is equipped with all modern appliances, and, as he keeps a high grade of cattle, the milk is of excellent quality and receives a ready sale upon the market. The other farm is located in German township and is improved with all modern equipments and accessories for the purpose of his business. Mr. Olds is a member of the American Jersey Cattle Club of New York and a member of the Ohio Jersey Cattle Club, organized to promote the interests of the raisers of Jersey stock. Throughout his entire life he has been connected with the stock business and is largely

considered an authority in such matters, especially regarding Jersey cattle. He ran three wagons, delivering one hundred and fifty gallons of milk per day for four years but now disposes of his product through the Pure Milk Company. All is aeriated and bottled in the building upon his farm and to this business he largely gives his personal supervision.

In 1878 Mr. Olds was united in marriage in Madison county, Ohio, to Sallie Corns, the widow of Otis Smith, of London, Ohio. Socially our subject is connected with Clark Lodge, F. & A. M., and in his political affiliations is a Republican, but has never been an aspirant for office. He is a member of the Fourth Lutheran church and at one time was a deacon in the First Lutheran church. He contributes liberally to church and charitable work and to many public enterprises for the good of the community. In Sunday-school work he is particularly active, having devoted his time and energies to this branch of Christian activity for a quarter of a century. For a number of years he filled the office of assistant superintendent of the Sunday-school of the First Lutheran church. A man who in all his business dealings is honest, upright and conscientious and who in all life's relations follows the golden rule, doing unto others as he would be done by, he has gained a most enviable reputation and has made a success of his labors. In manner he is modest and unassuming, but his genuine worth makes him well liked by his many friends.

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#### WILLIAM E. COPENHAVER.

William E. Copenhaver occupies the responsible position of superintendent of the Foss Manufacturing Company, his thorough

understanding of the great mechanical work well qualifying him for this position. He came to Springfield in 1886 and represents one of the oldest families of the south. His birth occurred in Baltimore, Maryland, on the 9th of April, 1805, and he is of German lineage, although the family was established in the new world at an early period in the colonization of this country. The paternal great-grandfather of our subject was born in Maryland, while his father was a native of Pennsylvania. The paternal grandfather, Abraham Copenhaver, was likewise a native of that state and served as a soldier in the war of 1812. The members of the family have been interred in Greenmount cemetery in Baltimore, Maryland.

Augustus Copenhaver, the father of our subject, was born in Maryland in 1817 and was married in 1847. Fifty years later he and his wife celebrated their golden wedding and in 1901 he passed away in Baltimore. He was then the oldest living manufacturer in the city. He built and operated the first paper mill in the state of Maryland and was always an active factor in the development of manufacturing interests there. He was also connected with the Second National Bank of Baltimore and his time, talents and capital were largely given to the improvement of the city through the establishment of manufacturing concerns and in many other ways. In politics he was never bitterly partisan, nor did he at any time seek public office. He made his own way in life and his business capability and enterprise have brought to him creditable prosperity. His labors, too, were of a character that resulted largely in the prosperity and upbuilding of the city, for he was active in bringing into Baltimore various manufacturing plants, which contributed to the commercial activi-

ty. He was a member of the board of trade of Baltimore and also of the board of associated charities and he gave freely and generously but unostentatiously, his benefactions many times being known only to himself and the recipient. He was a gentleman of strong, robust manhood and remained an active factor in business circles until about ten years prior to his death, when he retired from active life. He was an earnest and helpful member of the Methodist Episcopal church and a man of domestic habits. He lived a very useful life, gathered around him a close circle of friends and business associates, who honored and respected him for his genuine worth. His wife bore the maiden name of Elizabeth Raine and was born in Maryland, of English parentage, the year of her birth being 1827. Her parents were natives of Manchester, England. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Copenhaver were born six children: Susan, who became the wife of John Nicholson, and died in Baltimore at the age of forty-eight years, leaving one son, Fred; John, a farmer of northern Maryland, who has a family of three children; Emma, the wife of Tilman Shafer, of Kennedyville, Maryland, by whom she has two daughters; Elizabeth, the wife of E. Frank Dodson, an employe of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, by whom she has two sons and one daughter; Carrie, who is at home with her mother; and William E., of this review. The children of this family were provided with excellent school privileges and Emma received the first premium, a gold medal, of the Peabody Institute. She followed teaching for some time, as did Susan, who is now deceased. The mother still resides at the old home place in Baltimore. With the exception of our subject and one sister,

the representatives of the family have always made Baltimore or the state of Maryland their home. Mrs. Dodson, however, is a resident of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

At the usual age William E. Copenhaver entered the public schools of Baltimore and was graduated in 1882. He afterward pursued a course in mechanical drawing at the Maryland Institute and he began learning the machinist's trade with the firm of Poole & Hunt, of Baltimore. He then completed his course in mechanical training at the Maryland Institute, one of the oldest educational institutes of the state. While learning his trade he lived at home and for four years continued in the employ of Poole & Hunt. In 1886 he came to Springfield, Ohio, and found employment in the tool room of Whiteley, Fassler & Kelly Company. He remained with that house until they closed their business and then entered the experimental department of the P. P. Mast Company's foundry, but remained there only a short time, after which he went to Chicago and accepted the position of foreman with the Aermotor Company, with which he remained for three years. On the expiration of that period he returned to Springfield and here took charge, in 1893, of some of the business interests of the Foss Manufacturing Company, as assistant superintendent. In 1900 he was promoted to the superintendency and now has entire charge of the manufacturing department. He is a practical mechanical engineer and has largely assisted in the advancement and improvement of the manufacturing department of the house with which he is still connected. His business success is the result of his own merit and he enjoys in an enviable degree the confidence of those whom he serves.

Mr. Copenhaver was married in Springfield, in 1888, to Miss Maude Smith, who was born in 1870, and is a daughter of Willard Smith, who is now an employe of the Foss Manufacturing Company. She is the third in a family of three children, the others being: Mrs. Charles Schindler, and Charles W., of Springfield. The father, who has been a resident of this city for many years, now makes his home on Mason street. Mrs. Copenhaver is a graduate of the high school, and is a lady of culture and refinement, who has many friends here. Unto our subject and his wife have been born three children: Henry Callis, born January 3, 1890; Elizabeth Steele, March 25, 1893; and Maude Miriam, May 10, 1900.

Mr. Copenhaver purchased a lot and erected his present home at No. 607 East High street. It is a modern structure, beautifully furnished, and is noted for its gracious hospitality. He and his wife are members of the Fifth Lutheran church in Springfield, and he is now secretary of the church board of trustees. Formerly he was identified with the Sunday school as its superintendent. He has never had any political aspirations, but in April, 1902, was appointed a member of the police and fire board to fill out an unexpired term, and was then re-appointed for the ensuing two years. He is now serving with merit and ability, devoting his best thought and energy to the affairs brought before him in his official capacity and serving on important committees. In Baltimore, Maryland, when twenty-one years of age, he was made a Mason, and he now belongs to Doric Lodge, No. 124, F. & A. M., of Baltimore; Springfield Chapter, No. 48, R. A. M., of which he is past high priest; Springfield Council, No. 17, R. & S. M.; and Palestine Commandery, No. 33,

K. T., in which he is a past eminent commander. He likewise belongs to the board of trade, in which he was formerly very active. In business affairs pertaining to the welfare of the city he takes a deep interest, supporting the various movements intended to promote the commercial and industrial prosperity here. He is conservative in his dealings and has followed safe policies that have won him strong commendation and confidence.

A man of domestic tastes, he has gathered about him a large circle of friends during the sixteen years of his residence in Springfield. Those who are daily associated with him are numbered among his most stalwart friends, and this fact indicates that his life record is an honorable one and that his history will bear the closest investigation.

#### JAMES W. LUDLOW.

James W. Ludlow is a carpet weaver of Springfield, living on the Dayton pike and Pleasant street. He was born in this city July 19, 1832, and in the paternal line comes of Scotch ancestry. His parents were Cooper and Elizabeth (Layton) Ludlow. The father was born in Kentucky at a place called Ludlow and the mother's birth occurred in Mad River township, this county. Mr. Ludlow was a butcher and tanner by trade and came to Springfield in early pioneer days. He owned property on Main street, at the corner of Factory street, and was an enterprising and progressive business man here in early times. His death occurred in January, 1833, and his widow always remained true to his memory, never marrying again. Their children were William, Jason,

George, Joseph, Catherine, Abraham, Cornelius, Mary Jane and James Watts, and the family is noted for longevity.

James W. Ludlow remained at home until twenty-one years of age, when he began to learn the trade of molding iron and brass. He thoroughly mastered the business in all its details and followed that occupation for forty-five years but is now a carpet weaver. He now has quite a large trade and his excellent workmanship secures him a continuous patronage of the people who once come to him. In early life he went south to Mexico, where he was paid a dollar per hour for his services, being employed as a bell maker and chime builder. There he continued for a year. At different times he has worked in Philadelphia, Baltimore and in New Jersey, and while in the first named city he was superintendent of a brass foundry. He still has a standing offer of a good position in a brass foundry of Philadelphia but he prefers to make Springfield his home.

On the 1st of July, 1854, Mr. Ludlow married Miss Eliza Metzger, a daughter of Gerbert Metzger. She died in 1866, leaving one child, Charles Henry, who was born in 1855, and is living in this city. In 1871 Mr. Ludlow was again joined in wedlock, to Margaret Ann Mead, a daughter of Alfred Mead, and they have three children: Gertrude, the wife of William Hulsizer, an engineer, by whom she has one child, George Ludlow; Thomas Edgar, who is a press-feeder and is living at home; and William Oscar, who is also employed in the same pursuit.

When the country was involved in civil war James W. Ludlow offered his aid to the government in May, 1863, enlisting in Company E, One Hundred and Sixtieth Volunteer Infantry, and was mustered in at Cum-

berland Gap, Tennessee, where he participated in skirmishes. He was present at the siege of Vicksburg and saw the surrender of the city, after which with his command he proceeded down the river to New Orleans and then up the Rio Grande, following General Kirby Smith. He was in the southwest at the time the war ended, and, though he had been a faithful follower of the old flag, he gladly received the news which said that the Union was preserved and that the soldiers might return home. He has traveled quite extensively over this country, gaining much knowledge of the land and its people. Socially he is identified with the Masonic fraternity, belonging to the lodge in Lancaster, Ohio. He is also a member of the Odd Fellows society. His first presidential vote was cast for Fillmore, which, he says, has been a matter of regret ever since. He afterward voted for Abraham Lincoln, and from 1861 down to the present he has never wavered in his allegiance to the Republican party.

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#### FLAVIUS J. BIRD.

Flavius J. Bird, an extensive farmer and stock-raiser, as well as a highly honored and respected citizen of Green township, Clark county, Ohio, was born in Springfield township, four miles east of Springfield, January 19, 1844, and is a son of Herbert and Catherine (Tuttle) Bird. The father was born in Rockingham county, Virginia, and was a young man when he came with his parents to Clark county. The maternal grandfather of the subject of this review was Caleb Tuttle. Being one of the pioneer settlers of Clark county, he was the owner of a large tract of land and was an extensive cattle



dealer, making a great success of that business and acquiring a great deal of money thereby. He was an active and energetic man and his extensive individual interests did not prevent him from taking a deep interest in the growth and development of his community. He therefore became one of Clark county's valued representative citizens, contributing an important share in the prosperity of the county and township in which he resided. He lived to the advanced age of eighty-one or two years and died in Clark county, where his loss was regretted by many friends.

Herbert Bird, the father of our subject, became the owner of about two hundred acres of land, which he developed into a rich farm. To this home he brought his wife and they became the parents of six children, of whom the subject of this review is the second in order of birth. Rollin, the eldest, is unmarried and resides in Clark county. He served for three and one-half years as a member of Company I, Forty-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and later in the Eighth Ohio Volunteer Cavalry. Flavius J. is the next younger. Mary became the wife of Thomas Roger, and made her home in Clinton, Iowa, where she died, leaving four children. Jennie, also deceased, became the wife of Lewis Laybourn, and lived in Clark county, where she died, leaving one child. Mary. Luke died in Clark county, leaving two children. Martha was the wife of George Olney and passed away in Clark county at the home of her mother.

Flavius J. Bird passed the days of his childhood in a happy, uneventful way upon the home farm, assisting his father in the work of field and meadow during the summer months and in the winter he attended the common schools of the district, receiving a

fair education, thus fitting him for life's practical duties. At the age of nineteen, he could not endure to remain inactive when his country needed the services of the brave and true in quelling the rebellion of the south. He therefore, in 1864, enlisted in Company K, of the One Hundred and Fifty-second Ohio Volunteer Infantry, as a private, and was in service about four months. The first occasion of his being under fire was at Brier Gap, West Virginia. He was also engaged in many skirmishes, as in conducting a wagon train they were attacked almost every day by bushwhackers. He assisted in heading off Johnston's and McCauslin's armies, who had burned Chambersburg and were on their way to take Cumberland. This was the most important engagement in which he participated. On his return home he engaged in teaching school for two years. He then went to Bates county, Missouri, where he purchased a farm of two hundred and twenty acres. With characteristic energy he began its improvement and cultivation. After he had the farm in excellent condition, he returned to Clark county, Ohio.

At this time, on February 9, 1870, an important event in the life history of Mr. Bird occurred, the occasion being his marriage to Miss Margaret Snodgrass, of Dayton, Ohio. She was born in Kosciusko county, Indiana, November 26, 1844, and is a daughter of William and Sarah (Edgar) Snodgrass. Her father and mother were both natives of Clark county, Ohio, where they were reared and married. From there they removed to Indiana, where the father died two months before the birth of Mrs. Bird. When she was about seven years of age her mother returned to Springfield, Ohio, where she made her home until she received the appointment of matron to the



Children's Home in Dayton, Ohio. She was filling this position at the time of the marriage of her daughter with Mr. Bird.

The latter took his bride to his farm in Misosuri, where they made their home for four years. Mr. Bird then rented his farm and returned to Clark county, Ohio, renting land there and remaining in that place for ten years, carrying on general farming and stock-raising. He then returned to Missouri, where he remained for five years, when he sold his farming interests there and removed with his family to Colorado, settling in Arapahoe county, in the eastern part. Here he entered land from the government and conducted thereon a stock ranch, in which business he was successfully and extensively engaged for eight years. He still owns three quarter sections of land in Colorado. In 1894 Mr. Bird returned to Ohio, renting for a time and then purchasing the farm in Green township, consisting of seventy-five and one-half acres, upon which he makes his home at the present time.

The union of Mr. and Mrs. Bird has been graced with four children, namely: Harry, who was born in Bates county, Missouri, February 8, 1871, and died in Clark county, Ohio, at the age of six years; Della C., who was born in Clark county, April 23, 1875, and married George Haines, by whom she has one child, Howard, born in Greene county, Ohio, their home being in that county; William, born in Clark county, Ohio, August 20, 1878; and Fred H., also born in Clark county, July 12, 1881.

Mr. Bird has taken an active part in the progress and improvement of his township, and every measure intended to prove of public benefit is strongly advocated by him. A firm believer in the principles of the Republican party, he cast his first ballot for General

U. S. Grant in 1868 and has since adhered to the party, doing all in his power to promote its success, although not an office seeker in any sense of the word. For one year he served as justice of the peace and had occasion to try many cases, which he did with exceeding fairness, showing favor to none. He tried one case in which his friends thought his life would be the forfeit should he render an honest verdict, but so far was he from being intimidated that he not only rendered a verdict on the side of justice and right, but he won many friends by so doing. So popular was he and his decisions were considered so just that only one case was tried by a jury, over which he had supervision. His opinions were always considered wise and just and no case which he tried was ever appealed. Both he and his wife have long been earnest Christians and acceptable members of the Baptist church, he since the age of seventeen, his wife since the age of eighteen. He was superintendent of the Sunday-school both in Missouri and Colorado and also of a mission in Clark county, and has always taken a deep interest and an important part in such work. A man of good business judgment, and of high personal character upon which there is no blemish, always desiring the welfare of his community, he is as loyal to-day to his duties of citizenship, as when he wore the blue upon southern battle-fields and fought for the starry banner, emblematic of the land he loved so well.

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#### JOHN LEUTY.

John Leuty, deceased, was one of Springfield's best known citizens and for many years was engaged in the great business here.

His commercial interests brought him into contact with a large number of residents of the city and of Clark county and by all he was held in high esteem on account of his genuine worth of character, his reliability and the enterprise which he manifested in working his way upward from a humble financial condition to the position of affluence which he occupied.

He was born November 9, 1808, in Merton Cum Grafton, Yorkshire, England. There he learned the butcher's trade. Prior to his departure for America he was united in wedlock at Masham in Yorkshire, April 14, 1832, to Miss Mary Anderson. They became the parents of one son, now deceased. After the death of the wife Mr. Leuty was again married on the 7th of January, 1839, his second union being with Miss Sarah Grant.

Soon after his first marriage, however, Mr. Leuty crossed the "briny deep" to the new world, accompanied by his bride. He spent one night in Springfield on his way to Dayton and in the latter city he worked at his trade until March, 1833, when he returned to this city and entered the employ of William Middlebrook. Subsequently he became a partner of William Grant, whose sister he afterward married. This partnership was maintained for a quarter of a century and their first place of business was a stall in the old market house which was located near where the Black opera house now stands. There they continued until the new market house was opened at Fountain Square. Later Mr. Leuty conducted his market on West Main street near Center street and it was afterward removed west on the same street to a point between Factory and Mechanic streets, where he carried on business until he purchased property on South Fountain ave-

nue, where his sons are still engaged in trade. After dissolving his partnership with Mr. Grant he conducted the business alone for a time and as his boys reached years of maturity they were admitted to an interest in the business. Mr. Leuty was a self-made man in every sense of the word, for he started upon his business career empty handed. He built up a fine trade which brought him prosperity and he also enjoyed the unqualified confidence of his fellow men because he was always square in his dealings.

Unto John and Sarah (Grant) Leuty were born ten children, but Henry and James Lewis are now the only survivors. Among those who have passed away were George, who belonged to the "squirrel hunters," an organization that was formed at the time when Morgan made his raid into Ohio; William Houseman; Sarah Jane, the wife of Samuel Kilpatrick; and Albert Livingston. John, the son by the first marriage, was a member of Captain Sparks' company of the Forty-fifth Ohio Volunteer Infantry during the Civil war. Mrs. Leuty was born in 1823 and survived her husband for five years, passing away in 1893—his death had occurred in 1888—and she was laid by his side in Ferncliff cemetery.

John Leuty was a member of Ephraim Lodge, No. 146, I. O. O. F., and he and his wife belonged to the Methodist church of this city. He supported the Republican party and was a strong temperance man. His aid and co-operation were never asked in vain in behalf of any movement calculated to prove of general benefit. He gave according to his means and was a citizen of worth to the community. All who knew him respected him for his upright and honorable life and the family name has ever been an honored one in trade circles. Since the death

of the father the business has been conducted by his sons under the firm name of J. Leuty's Sons. The partners are the only two surviving children of the family, Henry and James L. The business is now an extensive one and their products are shipped to Cincinnati and other cities by the carload. The family name has ever been a synonym for honorable dealing, for promptness, energy and dispatch in business affairs and the partners both enjoy the regard and confidence of their fellow men.

Henry Leuty, the fourth child in order of birth, was born February 1, 1845, and acquired his literary education in the city schools of Springfield and afterward learned the butcher's trade under his father. He married Miss Mary E. Schulte, a native of this city and a daughter of Arnold and Margaret Elizabeth (Hartman) Schulte. Her father was born in Holland, while the mother was a native of Hanover, Germany, and they were married before coming to America. By trade Mr. Schulte was a shoemaker and after locating in Springfield in the early '30s he opened a shop which he conducted for many years. As he prospered in his undertakings he purchased property here and built a fine brick home at No. 127 West North street in which Henry Leuty and his wife now reside. Both Mr. and Mrs. Schulte were members of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran church. In 1862 he responded to the call for aid to preserve the Union and became a lieutenant of the Forty-fourth Ohio Infantry. The regiment left Springfield for Cincinnati, where they embarked. While going aboard the vessel, however, Mr. Schulte fell off the gang-plank and was drowned. About ten days later his body was recovered and was laid to rest in Greenmount cemetery, where

the remains of his wife were also interred at her death in 1883. They were the parents of twelve children of whom Mrs. Leuty is now the only surviving member. By her marriage she has become the mother of four children: Harry, who was a musical director residing in Chicago, Illinois, where he died August 5, 1902; Maude E., the wife of W. L. McClellan, who is a clerk in the postoffice of Springfield and by whom she has two sons, John L. and an infant; Mabel and John, both deceased. In his political views Henry Leuty is a Republican and for three years he served as assistant chief of police of Springfield. He is a worthy representative of an honored pioneer family, true to the traditions of his race concerning honesty and indefatigable industry.

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PATRICK J. AGNEW.

Engaged in the pleasing and delightful, activity of cultivating flowers and plants, Patrick J. Agnew is a well known florist of Springfield, where he has resided since 1881. He was born in County Cavan, Ireland, in 1858, a son of Thomas Agnew, who is a farmer by occupation and is still living in the Emerald Isle, at the age of seventy-five years. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Ann Carroll, is also living there at the age of sixty-five years. They were the parents of six sons and three daughters, all of whom reached the years of maturity, but James died in England in 1897. The others are: Patrick J. Thomas, who is employed with the Dayton Gas Company, of Dayton, Ohio; Mary, who is living in Australia; Eugene, who is employed by the Bicycle Chain Company, of Indianapolis, Indiana; John,

who is engaged in the liquor business in Indianapolis; Rose, a resident of Springfield; Bridget, who makes her home in Indianapolis; and Michael, who lives upon the home farm with his father. In the year 1881 John, Thomas and Patrick left home and came direct to Springfield, Ohio. Up to that time all of the children had remained upon the home place.

Like the other members of the family Patrick J. Agnew pursued his education in the public schools. From early life he has been connected with the cultivation of flowers and plants, having early been employed by private parties to take care of their plants and gardens. Thus he has worked his way upward, gaining a comprehensive knowledge of the business which he now follows. In 1875, in Ireland, he became connected with the occupation. In Springfield he found employment with McGregor Brothers with whom he remained for three years and in this way he became educated in the work in this country. At various times he has been employed in different capacities, thus gaining a comprehensive knowledge of the business. Going to London, Ohio, he embarked in vegetable and truck gardening with a partner but after one year he returned to Springfield and began business on a small scale on his own account on Grand avenue. He built a house upon his land and as his trade increased he gradually added to his buildings. In 1893 he purchased four and one-half acres of land just outside the city limits and erected his present residence there. He has built up a good retail trade and carries on a general florist business, although he makes a specialty of bedding plants, having a stand in the Market House, where he serves his customers. He is now extending his efforts to the wholesale trade,

raising about fifty thousand rose plants from slips annually. He also deals with home florists, for he believes in patronizing home industries. He gives his personal attention to the business, acting as salesman, at the same time superintending the cultivation of his plants.

In Springfield, in August, 1886, Mr. Agnew was united in marriage to Mary O'Neill, who was born in Columbus, Ohio, and they have six children living, while two died in infancy. Those who still survive are: Mary, Catherine, Agnes, Paul, Walter and Vincent.

In politics Mr. Agnew is a Democrat, but would never accept public office. He has given his personal attention to the business which he has now established on a paying basis. Fraternally he is connected with the Knights of Columbus, and is a member of St. Raphael's church and gives generously to church and charitable work, and he co-operates in every movement calculated to promote the city's upbuilding and welfare.

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J. M. KNOTE.

J. M. Knote has served as a member of the city council of Springfield and is well known in business circles here, being the oldest clothing merchant in the city. His present store is located at No. 11 East Main street. He was born near Brookville, Franklin county, Indiana, August 22, 1846, his parents being Samuel and Margaret (Swartzbaugh) Knote. The father was a miller by trade and about the time of the discovery of gold in California he went by way of the Isthmus of Panama to seek his fortune in the mines. For a time he pros-



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pered but his health failed and he returned home. He lived for about a year thereafter and at his death left a wife and four children, the subject of this review being the third in order of birth. The family then came to Clark county, where Mrs. Knoté continued to make her home until April, 1900, when she removed to Wheeling, West Virginia, taking up her residence with her daughter, Miss A. C. Knoté. There she died at the advanced age of ninety-one years.

As soon as our subject was old enough to earn his own living he began working out, receiving his board for his services. He was thus employed in his early youth and his educational privileges were therefore limited prior to the time that he attained his fourteenth year. He then came to Springfield, April 3, 1860, and here worked during the summer months, while during the winter season he attended school for two or three years. At the age of fifteen he secured a position in Rabbits woolen mills and afterward in the Champion shops, remaining in the latter service for about a year. He then began clerking in a clothing store, when about eighteen years of age, and continued to serve in that capacity for nine years. He was in the employ of a Mr. Franklin for eight years and on the expiration of that period accepted a position offered him by I. P. Strauss & Brother. When a year had passed he decided to enter business life for himself. His employer did not desire to lose his services, however, and offered him a fourth interest in the business. A few years later he became interested in another stock of goods in connection with Mr. Kaufman and afterward he purchased Mr. Kaufman's part of the business and has since been alone. He has built up a good trade, having now a liberal patronage which

returns to him an excellent income. He carries a large and well selected stock of clothing and men's furnishings and is to-day accounted one of the reliable and trustworthy merchants of the city. As his financial resources have increased he has invested in real estate in Springfield and has both made and lost money in this way. His business career, however, taken altogether has been a prosperous one, in which he has attained a creditable place on the plane of affluence.

On the 12th of June, 1878 in Springfield, Mr. Knoté married Miss Lillie McBride, a daughter of Jacob and Matilda (Arbogast) McBride. They have three children: Rosetta, who was graduated from Wittenberg College with the class of 1900; and John M. and Theodore W., who are now students in that institution.

The Democracy receives the political support of Mr. Knoté where questions of state and national importance are involved. However, he was twice elected on an independent ticket to the office of city alderman and served for four years, beginning in 1876. During that time he was chairman of the police committee and was in the council when the water works were instituted. He assisted in organizing the first militia company of Springfield after the close of the Civil war and being called out during the great railroad strike in 1877 it received special mention for meritorious service by Governor Young in his message to the legislature.

Mr. Knoté belongs to the First Lutheran church of Springfield, in which he is serving as an officer, and he has membership relations with the Masonic fraternity and Ephraim Lodge, No. 146, I. O. O. F., in which he has taken the encampment degree and filled all of the chairs of the subordinate

lodge. He is a member of the Order of the Red Cross, has filled all of the chairs and has been a representative to the supreme lodge. He likewise belongs to the Independent Order of Red Cross, in which he has been supreme commander and has several times represented the local organization in the grand lodge. Such has been the life history of one of Springfield's citizens, who manifests a commendable interest in everything pertaining to the material, social, intellectual and moral welfare of his community.

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#### HENRY ERTER.

Henry Erter, who since 1878 has been a resident of Springfield and has been engaged in the livery business here since 1885, was born in Moorefield township, Clark county, Ohio, August 20, 1845. His paternal grandfather, John Erter, Sr., came to this county in 1831 and purchased land in Moorefield township. Here he carried on agricultural pursuits, but subsequently he removed to Logan county, Ohio, where both he and his wife died. John Erter, the father of our subject, was born in 1821, was reared and educated in this county and died upon his farm here in 1876. He married Nancy Grube, who is still living in Champaign county, at the age of eighty-five years, making her home with her daughter. She was born in Pennsylvania and is of German lineage. Her husband was one of four children, of whom one is living. William, who is retired in Logan county, Ohio. Mrs. Erter has one brother, who resides at St. Paris and is named Simon Grube. Unto the parents of our subject were born seven children, of whom four sons and a daughter are yet living. One son, John, and a daughter,

Elizabeth, died in this county after reaching maturity. Those still living are: Amanda, the wife of John H. Aerr, of Champaign county, Ohio; Henry, of this review; David, who is traveling inspector of road rollers for the O. S. Kelly Company and resides in Springfield; Frank, who is living on the home farm; and Charles, a farmer of Washington, who has been an extensive traveler throughout the west. All of the children were educated in the common schools of Clark county and were reared to manhood upon the home farm.

Henry Erter, whose name introduces this record, became a student in the district schools of Moorefield township, which he attended through the winter months, while in the summer seasons he assisted in the work of field and meadow, continuing in the work of the home farm until 1871. At that time he was married and rented land in Moorefield township, where he carried on agricultural pursuits on his own account until he came to Springfield in 1878. He conducted a milk dairy in this city for three years prior to the time when he took up his abode here. For some time he continued as a general stock and dairy farmer and in this business met with a fair degree of success. After locating in Springfield he turned his attention to the business of manufacturing crackers, and in 1885 he established his livery stable, which he started with an entirely new stock. He began business on West High street, where he remained for nearly three years, when, in order to meet the growing demands of his trade, he removed to his present location in 1887, and remained there until 1893, when he removed to the opposite side of the street on account of the better facilities at No. 22 North Limestone. In 1901, when Captain A. M. Winger erected



the fine modern livery stable at 19 and 21 North Limestone street he returned to that location, where he now has one of the most complete and best arranged barns in the city. Mr. Erter keeps good horses and a fine line of vehicles, catering to the best trade of Springfield, and he has met with most excellent success in this line of business. He was also one of the organizers of the Ridgely Paper Trimmer Company and is a director and treasurer of the same.

In 1871 Mr. Erter was united in marriage to Miss Marietta Cartmell, who was born in Pleasant township in 1852 and is a daughter of N. M. Cartmell, one of the pioneer settlers of this county and a representative farmer of Pleasant township. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Erter have been born two children: Bertha, born in September, 1877, in Moorefield township, is now the wife of S. A. Dunbar, of Columbus, Ohio. Marietta, born in 1882, is a graduate of the Wittenberg College. The parents hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church and Mr. Erter is a member of Red Star Lodge, K. P. He also belongs to Springfield Lodge and the Encampment of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, to the Commercial Club and to the Board of Trade, while his political support is given the Republican party. He is a self-educated as well as a self-made man and a worthy representative of an honored pioneer family. His pleasant residence is at No. 401 North Limestone street.

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#### HAMILTON WADE.

Hamilton Wade, a native of Clark county, since arriving at years of maturity has been closely associated with the industrial

and agricultural development of the same. He is to-day engaged in farming and stock-raising. He was born in Clark county, January 20, 1828, and is a son of John and Mary (Butterfield) Wade, both of whom were born near Chester, Virginia, and were there reared and married, removing to Clark county, Ohio, several years before the birth of Hamilton. The father followed farming, having one hundred and sixteen acres of land in Clark county. He died when our subject was but five years of age, and the mother passed away when he had reached the age of thirteen or fourteen. He was thus early left an orphan, with life's intricate problems to solve for himself. In the father's family were seven children, but the youngest died in infancy; Mary A. married Jackson Allen, and moved to Iowa, living near Mount Pleasant, but is now deceased; Isaac married and removed to Greene county, Missouri, where he died; Thomas resides near Cedarville, Ohio; John died near Lafayette, Indiana; Joshua died in Indiana; and our subject is the youngest of the family.

The subject of this review, after his mother's death, worked upon a farm, earning a livelihood for himself as best he could. At first his salary was four dollars per month and later eight dollars and thirty-three cents per month, which was the highest he received during his minority. However, as the years passed by he grew familiar with the work of field and meadow, and as he had early learned habits of industry, economy and frugality these stood him in good stead in later life and formed a good capital on which to build his fortunes.

In Clark county, March 26, 1848, Mr. Wade was united in marriage to Miss Anna Eliza Wise, of this county. For the next

five years he rented land, on which he raised good crops and was able to save quite a little money. He had started with the earthly possession of two horses, a dear wife and his own willing hands. At the expiration of five years he bought one hundred and three acres of land, on which he resided for about a year. He next removed near his present location and rented over four hundred and forty acres, where he engaged in the raising, buying and selling of sheep. In this he was very successful. Here he remained for two years, when he rented his present place, which at the expiration of two years he purchased. He now owns one hundred and fifty-four acres of rich and highly cultivated land in Madison township, his present place of residence, with his postoffice address at South Charleston.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Wade was blessed with six children: Jane, who is at home; Emma, who died in early womanhood; Luey, now deceased, who became the wife of Sterling Sprague, and left one child, Charles Sprague, who married Katie McQuaide, and has two children—Elden and Frank; Jesse D., who was born in Madison township, December 17, 1857; Charles, deceased; and Alice, at home.

Mr. Wade may truly be called a self-made man and deserves all the praise that the term implies. Starting out in life for himself when nothing more than a child, having had limited educational privileges, through experience, reading and observation he has improved the natural faculties with which nature endowed him, has led an honorable, upright life and has achieved a very creditable degree of success. He has also taken an active part in the upbuilding of his community. He was born in the county at an early date in its history and has witnessed

its advancement to its present proud position as one of the leading counties of this great commonwealth. He was reared amid the scenes of frontier life and endured many of the hardships that fall to the lot of the pioneer. Throughout all of his career he has embodied the brave and courageous spirit of one who, brooking no obstacles, has gradually and steadily won his way to success, until he is to-day one of the honored and highly respected citizens of his community.

Mr. Wade is a Republican in his political views, although not an aspirant for office, yet ever taking a deep interest in the growth of the party. As an agriculturist and stock-raiser of Clark county he stands as a representative citizen, whose sterling traits of character have won for him many friends.

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#### THOMAS J. THOMAS.

With a capital of five dollars Thomas Johns Thomas arrived in America. To-day he is numbered among the men of Springfield to whom industry and enterprise have brought a comfortable competence. His birth occurred in Cornwall, England, February 17, 1849. His father, William Thomas, who was born there in 1818, was a farmer by occupation and died in his native country in 1895, while his wife, who bore the maiden name of Catherine Johns, passed away at the age of sixty-eight years. In their family were two sons, Thomas Johns and William. The latter is now a waiter in the hotel in Ilfracombe, England.

Mr. Thomas, whose name introduces this review, attended the public schools until thirteen years of age, when he apprenticed

himself to learn the blacksmith's trade and served for a term of five years, after which he worked for the same firm for two years. He was then married in 1868 to Charlotte Rabey, who was born in England in 1851, and the same year Mr. Thomas sailed for New York, where for two years he was employed. He then went to Lafayette and to Jersey City, New Jersey, where he remained for two years, later spending eighteen months in New London, Connecticut. He learned the trade of a practical horse-shoer, which he followed at the various places mentioned, and subsequently removed to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where he lived for a year. While there he was joined by his wife, who had been left in England while he was securing a home for her in the new world. On Christmas Day of 1874 they arrived in Springfield and took up their permanent abode here.

Mr. Thomas was yet a young man but was an expert workman and soon found employment, remaining for six months in the service of William Dickson, but desiring to engage in business on his own account he then entered into partnership with Messrs. Cathcart & Cassiley. They opened a shop back of the present office of the P. P. Mast Company and there remained for nineteen months, Mr. Thomas being the practical workman of the firm. On the expiration of that period the partnership was dissolved and Mr. Thomas then became a partner of John Kearns, on Market Square, this relation being maintained from the fall of 1876 until 1884. Mr. Thomas then sold out his interest and started in business for himself in the rear of the Square in 1878. He erected one of the model shops of the city and built up an extensive trade, which grew so rapidly that he increased the length of

his building by an addition of twenty feet. He does nothing but practical horse shoeing, but his work is of such excellent grade that his patronage demands that he employ three workmen. He uses nothing but hand-made goods and utilizes about six thousand horse-shoes in his trade each year, giving especial attention to shoeing track horses. He is located at No. 22 Fisher street, where he has a modern and neat shop, supplied with all necessary equipments for carrying on his business.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Thomas have been born eight children: Carrie, the wife of James Phillips, of Cornwall, England, was born in England, was educated in this country and afterward returned to her native land, where she was married; Hetty is the wife of John H. Shortan, of Newport, Kentucky; William, who engaged in the feed business on Clifton street in Springfield, married Bertha Ward, by whom he has one son, and they reside on Stanton avenue; Charles, who learned the horse-shoeing business with his father and is now following that trade in Columbus, married Sarah Ingram, of that city, and they have one son, Seth; Catherine is at home; Thomas is a pattern maker; Henry is a piano tuner; and Gertrude is yet in school. The parents hold membership in the Heavenly Rest Episcopal church, of which Mr. Thomas is one of the vestrymen. He belongs to Clark Lodge, F. & A. M.; Springfield Chapter, R. A. M.; Springfield Council, R. & S. M.; Palestine Commandery, K. T.; and Antioch Temple of the Mystic Shrine, of Dayton, having joined the Masons in 1879. He is also a member of the Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks. His political support is given the Republican party and its principles and for three years he represented the old fourth

ward of the city in the city council. He served on the committee on streets and highways and chairman of the committee on the police and fire department. At that time the various committees of the council superintended the improvements made in the city and he was the prime mover in having Sheridan avenue opened up, thus furnishing an outlet to the manufacturing concerns of the east end. The market house was also built during his incumbency in the council and the first stone pavement was laid in the city. In all enterprises that have been established to promote the welfare of Springfield and its people Mr. Thomas has been found as an earnest and active worker. He purchased property at the corner of Kelly avenue and Summer street, where he built seven houses, his home being at No. 129 Summer street. He has a natural talent for music and since 1889 has been a member of the choir of the Heavenly Rest church, acting as a paid singer for eight years. He has taken vocal lessons, possessing a fine voice, and is a valued addition to musical circles of this city.

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#### TURMAN NEFF.

Turman Neff, who is a retired farmer and stock-raiser, but is now engaged extensively in the practice of veterinary surgery and deserves the gratitude of agricultural classes and horsemen for his discovery in relation to the cure of tetanus or locked jaw, makes his home in German township and is widely and favorably known throughout this portion of the state. He was born March 4, 1843, near his present farm, his parents being Adam and Mar-

garet (Turman) Neff. His father was born in Shenandoah county, Virginia, December 30, 1808, and was a son of Abram and Barbara (Weaver) Neff, who on emigrating to Ohio located near Tremont, where Adam Neff, Sr., became the owner of two farms. He was sixty-two years of age at the time of his death and his wife passed away at the age of sixty, their remains being interred on what is now the Emerson Gard farm. They had two sons and five daughters, and after the death of the parents the sons purchased the interests of the daughters in the two farms previously owned by the grandfather.

Adam Neff, the father of Dr. Neff, was about thirty years of age when his parents came to Ohio. He became the possessor of one of the farms which had been the property of his father and through many years carried on agricultural pursuits. He was married in March, 1841, in Clark county, to Margaret Turman, who was born February 6, 1823. Two children were born to them and the mother died August 22, 1843. The father afterward married again, but there were no children by the second union. Mr. Neff was an honorable, upright man and because he believed others were also, he trusted friends by going security and thus lost much that he had saved, although he still possessed a comfortable competence. In politics he was a Democrat and was a member of the Reformed church, in which he served as trustee. His death occurred February 8, 1885, when he had reached an advanced age. There were but two children in the family, the daughter being Elvora, the wife of Jacob Mitzel, a farmer of this locality.

The mother of Dr. Neff died when he was only five months old. He was reared,

however, upon the home farm after his father's second marriage, acquiring his education in the common schools and gaining much practical experience concerning farm work. When he was about twenty-one years of age he married Miss Mary Ann Shick, who was born in Bellefontaine, Ohio, a daughter of William and Catherine (Shawfer) Shick. Unto our subject and his wife have been born the following children: William, a carpenter of Springfield, who married Allie Thompson and has one child: Lottie, who became the wife of Henry Samsel and died at the age of twenty-five years; Clinton F., of Springfield, who married Miss Ferree of Springfield, who married Miss Ferree and has two sons; Harry, who wedded Sarah Owens and lives in German township; Laura, Irvin, Glenna and Ida, all at home.

At the time of his marriage Dr. Neff's father assisted him to buy the farm upon which he now lives. He has here fifty-two acres, on which he has made many excellent improvements, adding to the value and attractive appearance of the place. He also owns another farm of about thirty-five acres north of Tremont. When he was thirty-five years of age he began reading works on veterinary surgery and as his knowledge of the subject broadened he commenced practicing. It was soon evident that his skill and ability ranked him with the most capable members of the profession in this locality, and his patronage steadily grew until now it is very extensive. He has had remarkable success in the treatment of lockjaw, effecting a cure in nearly every instance, and he is frequently called in his professional capacity to Springfield and surrounding towns. He has fifteen autograph letters and testimonials from those who have employed him in the treatment of this dread

disease of the horse. One of these reads as follows:

*"To Whom it May Concern:*

"This is to certify that I saw at different times a horse belonging to Frank Wones, of New Moorefield, that was afflicted with a genuine case of tetanus or lockjaw. This horse was treated successfully by Dr. Neff, of Tremont City, and is now doing service on an adjoining farm to mine. I believe if the owners of horses would inform themselves of the first symptoms of this dreaded disease, Dr. Neff could successfully treat a large per cent. of cases. This is the first case that ever came under my observation that recovered. We had had three cases on this farm, two we treated, but all died.

"JAMES CLARK."

Many other letters speak in equally favorable terms of Dr. Neff's ability in this direction and his practice is constantly growing. He is well known in the county, where he has long made his home, as a reliable, upright man, and has gained many friends who esteem him highly for his genuine worth.



#### WILLIAM HOLMES CRABILL.

William Holmes Crabill is a retired farmer and stock-raiser now living in Springfield. He was born four miles northeast of the city, in Moorefield township, upon the farm which he still owns—a tract of three hundred and fifty-four acres which his father entered from the government. David Crabill was a native of Virginia, born and reared near the Potomac river, and on leaving the Old Dominion he

made his way westward to Ohio. He had been married in his native state and two of his children were there born. He served as a soldier under General Wayne in the war of 1812, holding the rank of first sergeant, and after his death our subject obtained the land warrant for his widow, which entitled her to an entire section of land because he had been an officer. Mrs. David Crabill bore the maiden name of Barbara Baer, and like her husband was a native of Virginia. His death occurred in 1839, when he was about fifty-seven years of age, and his wife passed away in 1863. They were the parents of twelve children, eleven of whom reached years of maturity. Sarah became the wife of George Kiser and died in Champaign county, leaving four children. Maria became the wife of Adam Yeazell, by whom she had seven children, and her death occurred in Champaign county, Illinois. John died at the age of sixteen years. Thomas married Sydney Yeazell, who died leaving a large family. David married Eliza Hedges, by whom she had one child, and died in Clark county. James and Joseph have also passed away. Mary became the wife of Joshua Crown and died leaving several children, but all are now deceased. Susan married Levi Enos Weir, and her children died prior to her death. Pierson S. is living upon the home farm. William H. is the eleventh in order of birth. Eliza married Oscar Jones and died leaving three children.

William Holmes Crabill was reared under the parental roof. He had but limited opportunities for securing an education, never attending a free school. He was, however, a student in a subscription school for a short time and he has always been a great reader, whereby he has largely broad-

ened his knowledge. He was but eight years of age at the time of his father's death, and he remained with his mother until twenty-two years of age, when he started out on his own account. The father was in very limited circumstances when he arrived here, not having money enough to purchase a cow. He had made the journey with Thomas and Solomon Voss, and he worked for them by the month while his wife did the house work for them. As the years passed, however, Mr. Crabill prospered and became an extensive land owner, having twelve hundred acres. Our subject therefore inherited over one hundred acres of land and has made the money with which he purchased the remainder of his farm property, now comprising three hundred and fifty-four acres. In earlier days he was an extensive stock dealer and drove stock from Illinois to Pennsylvania. His life has been a very busy one, and his close attention to his farming interests resulted in bringing to him a very desirable capital. As the years passed his competence increased until he is now enabled to live retired and yet to enjoy all of the comforts and many of the luxuries of life. His birth occurred May 10, 1826, so that he is now seventy-six years of age. He was reared in the faith of the Whig party, and cast his first presidential ballot for Taylor in 1848. In 1856 he voted for Fremont, and has since been a staunch Republican, although he has never been an office seeker. He served as assessor for sixteen years. He never sought the position, but proved so capable and efficient that he had no opposition. He was also land appraiser at one time. Socially he is identified with Clark Lodge, No. 101, F. & A. M., and in his life he has exemplified the helpful and charitable spirit of the fraternity.

## THOMAS L. CALVERT.

Thomas L. Calvert is a well known agriculturist, extensively engaged in stockraising and the breeding of thoroughbred Jersey cattle and also conducts a dairy in Madison township. He was born in Georgetown, Maryland, December 20, 1858, and is a son of Thomas L. and Elizabeth (Paist) Calvert. When quite young his parents removed with their family to Delaware county, Pennsylvania, where he remained until he was eleven years of age, when he accompanied his brother to Clark county, Ohio, and here began working on a farm by the month, which occupation he followed until about six years had elapsed. At first he worked for his board and clothes, but afterward, as his strength and capability improved, he obtained ten dollars per month. In 1876 he returned to Pennsylvania and attended school in Montgomery county, to which locality his parents had in the meantime removed. There he pursued his education for two years, when he again returned to Clark county, Ohio, and worked as a farm hand until 1882, when he accepted the position of clerk in a general store in Selma, Ohio, where he remained for one year. On the expiration of that period he and his brother purchased the stock of that store, upon which they were able to pay but five hundred dollars; the balance they went in debt for, and as their business was very successful they were able to pay off all indebtedness and soon began to acquire a comfortable competence as the result of their integrity, industry and fair dealings with their customers. This partnership was maintained until 1892, when Thomas L. Calvert sold out his interest to his brother.

On the 14th of June, 1888, occurred the

marriage of Mr. Calvert to Miss Elta F. Warner, of Madison township, who was born and reared in the house in which she now resides. She is a daughter of Simeon and Elizabeth (Merritt) Warner. Her father was born in Ross county, Ohio, October 22, 1817, and the mother was born in New Jersey. Her parents came to Ohio when Mrs. Warner was about eight years of age, settling first in Ross county. In 1842, after the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Warner, they settled on a farm in Ross county. In 1846 they came to Madison township, Clark county, and settled on the farm which is now the home of Mr. and Mrs. Calvert. Mr. Warner was a very energetic and progressive man, and his enterprising spirit and capable management of his business affairs brought to him a good return for his labors. He at first purchased two hundred acres of land in Madison township, which he brought to a high state of cultivation. To this he added until the farm at the time of his death comprised three hundred and eighty-nine acres of fine farming land, the well tilled fields and thrifty appearance of the place indicating the careful supervision of the owner. Mr. Warner died November 22, 1895, while his wife passed away November 3, 1891. The couple were highly respected and honored as worthy pioneer settlers in the community where they lived and labored, and many friends as well as their near relatives regretted their passing away. In his political views Mr. Warner was a staunch and unswerving Republican. For many years he served as trustee of his township, his fellow citizens being thus pleased to honor him with their confidence. Mr. and Mrs. Warner were the parents of twelve children, but only seven grew to years of maturity, Mrs.



Calvert being the youngest. Six of this family are yet living. The daughters who reached womanhood are: Martha J.; Margaret A.; Mrs. Sarah E. Schofield, who resided for a time in Knoxville, Tennessee, but died in Madison township in 1899; Mrs. Laura E. Wilson, the wife of Fred Wilson, a resident of Green township, Clark county; Mrs. Mary E. Dugdale, a resident of Dayton, Ohio; Mrs. Emma Pierce, of Springfield; and Mrs. Calvert. The last named received a good education, attending school in Baltimore, Maryland, some two years. Six children were born of her marriage to our subject, but three died in infancy. Those living are: Leland S., born November 4, 1894; James Donald, born November 26, 1896; and Helen E., born November 13, 1898.

Mr. Calvert supports the men and measures of the Republican party, having cast his first vote for James A. Garfield in 1880. For six years he has served as township trustee. He has been a member of the Clark County Agricultural Society for over seven years and was its president for two years. He is also a member of the State Board of Agriculture, and is now acting as its treasurer. He has attended as a delegate many of the conventions of his party; was a member of the Knights of Pythias, at Selma, Ohio, while the lodge was in existence there, filling all the chairs and representing his lodge in the grand lodge of the state. It will be seen from this brief sketch of the life of one of Madison township's most highly respected citizens that Mr. Calvert has fulfilled his duties of citizenship in a creditable way to himself, and for the general social, moral and industrial welfare of his community. From small beginnings, he has taken advantage of the opportunities that have

arisen as he has advanced in the business world. From early youth he has faithfully fulfilled all business obligations, thus winning the respect and confidence of all with whom he has had dealings. Taking a great interest in agricultural pursuits, he has made his farm one of the attractive and well conducted places of the county. His business yields him a good return, and he fully realizes in his prosperous life the value of labor judiciously expended and energy directed along the lines of sound business judgment.

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#### SAMUEL J. LAFFERTY.

Among the valued representatives of mercantile interests in Springfield is Samuel J. Lafferty, a dealer in stoves, tinware and queensware. In a humble clerkship he entered upon his business career but has since steadily advanced, improving his opportunities, securing promotion through close application to duty, and by conscientious regard for the tasks imposed upon him. From the time he became a member of a mercantile firm he also has continuously progressed and is to-day at the head of one of the leading stores in his line in this city.

Upon a farm in Harmony township on the 28th of November, 1846, he was born, representing one of the old families of that locality. His paternal grandparents, William and Jane Lafferty, became early settlers of Harmony township, removing to that place from Pennsylvania, where had occurred the birth of Samuel H. Lafferty, the father of our subject. The latter was reared to manhood upon the old family homestead in this county, and after arriving at years of maturity he married Catherine Corson. The



mother died two weeks after the birth of her son; the father died when he was but a year old, so that at a very tender age Samuel J. Lafferty was left an orphan. He was then taken to the home of his grandfather, William Lafferty, and at the usual age entered school. He was also trained to habits of industry and economy upon the farm, where he remained until his twentieth year, when, desiring to enter mercantile life, he secured a situation in a country store of Plattsburg. Subsequently he was employed in the Capital City Plow & Harrow Works, where he remained for two years, after which he came to Springfield and accepted a position in the hardware store of Baker & Brown. His connection with that house was maintained for three years, at the end of which time the firm sold its stock to Messrs. Coblentz & Myers. Mr. Lafferty remaining with the new firm and afterward purchasing an interest in the business, at which time the firm was changed to Coblentz, Myers & Company. They dealt in hardware, stoves and shelf goods. When three years had gone by, Mr. Lafferty disposed of his interests and then spent two years upon a farm, after which he again became an active factor in mercantile circles, buying out the interest of Mr. Coblentz in the store in which he had formerly been a partner. At that time the firm style of Myers & Lafferty was assumed and it was in 1897 that the partnership was dissolved. Mr. Lafferty taking as his share of the business the stoves and queensware. He has since been actively connected with the hardware trade of Springfield and now has a large and well equipped store, occupying a building forty by one hundred feet. He carries an extensive and well-selected stock of shelf goods, heavy hardware and queensware. Through

the many years of his business connection with Springfield he has gained a wide acquaintance and is well known for his honesty and square dealing that has resulted in bringing to him a growing and profitable trade.

On the 28th of May, 1874, Mr. Lafferty was united in marriage to Miss Belle McCord, of Springfield, a daughter of Elias and Emeline (Hayward) McCord. They now have four children: Clarence S., the eldest, who is now interested in the store with his father, was married in 1897 to Ella M. Van Cleef, a daughter of George C. Van Cleef, and they have one son, Charles V. Charles, the second member of the father's family, is also in the store. Emeline and Nellie, the daughters, are at home.

When the country was involved in Civil war Mr. Lafferty manifested his loyalty to the Union cause by enlisting in the northern army as a member of the One Hundred and Fifty-third Ohio Infantry, in which he served faithfully until honorably discharged, thus being entitled to membership in the Grand Army of the Republic. At the present time he is identified with Mitchell Post. In the Masonic fraternity he is a member of Clark Lodge, No. 101, F. & A. M.; Springfield Chapter, No. 48, R. A. M.; and Palestine Commandery, No. 33, K. T. His fraternal relations also connect him with another of the oldest and most honored organizations of this character in the country—the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is identified with Springfield Lodge and has been a representative to the grand lodge. He has served as master of Clark Lodge; high priest of the Springfield Chapter; and eminent commander of the Palestine Commandery, all of which indicates that he is honored by his brethren of these or-

organizations. There has been nothing sensational in his life history, which is the chronicle of a business career marked by steadfastness of purpose and by close adherence to a high standard of commercial principles.

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#### JOSEPH MILNE NORMAND.

Viewed from a standpoint of financial advancement and from that of the regard of his fellow men the life of Joseph Milne Normand may be termed a successful one. He is a machinist by trade and has placed upon the market his own valued inventions. He was also one of the organizers of the United States Tool Holder Company which is doing business in Springfield and is an important factor in the industrial interests of the city.

More than a quarter of a century has passed since Mr. Normand came to Springfield, having arrived here on the 28th of September, 1872. He was born in Brooklyn, New York, September 8, 1843, and is of Scotch lineage. His father, Alexander Normand, was born in Edinburg, Scotland, in 1812 and died in 1845 at the age of thirty-three years. He was an architect and builder of New York. His education was acquired in the University of Edinburg, and after coming to America he followed the line of work for which he had prepared in his native land. The year 1833 witnessed his arrival in the new world and here he soon established a successful business. He was one of the architects of the old Trinity church of New York city and many other important edifices there still show his handiwork. He belonged to the old Scotch Covenanter church and was a man of unquestioned

probity. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Isabella Milne, was borne in Dalkeith, Scotland, in 1825 and died in Worcester, Massachusetts, in 1897. By her first marriage she had three children: Joseph M., of this review; John C., who is superintendent of the Wire Cloth works, for the firm of Wright & Colton, of Worcester, Massachusetts, is married and has three children: Joseph, Charles and John C., Jr.; and Agnes, who died in infancy. After the death of her first husband Mrs. Normand became the wife of James Neale, who was of Scotch-Irish ancestry, and the children born of the union were Charlotte, Isabelle and Edward. The father of our subject was a burghess in Scotland, and came of a well-to-do family, noted for longevity. He met his death, however, by accident. Like the other members of his family he was connected with the Masonic fraternity, belonging to Mount Moriah lodge in Scotland. After the death of Mr. Normand his widow went to Worcester, Massachusetts, where her children were reared and educated.

The subject of this review had but limited advantages in his youth. He attended school until he was eight years of age, at which time he was bound out to a millwright of Spencer, Massachusetts, and resided upon a farm. There our subject worked for seven years, after which time he ran away and went home to his mother. After visiting her he started to go to sea, but stopping at Norwich, Connecticut, he there accepted a position in a machine shop. After he had been there for about four months his former employer found him. Not wishing to return to the old service Mr. Normand again ran away and this time went to sea as a stowaway. He was compelled to work his passage at first but he was an apt



J. M. NORMAND.



pupil and before he left the vessel he had been advanced until he became engineer on the steamer Whirlwind. He was engaged in the coasting trade in the West Indies and South America. After four years he returned to Massachusetts, where, in 1863, he enlisted in the Milbury Light Artillery, the command being known as the Tenth Unattached Company. He served for one hundred days and then re-enlisted for three years or during the war, becoming a member of Company F of the First Massachusetts Heavy Artillery. He was regimental armorer or ordnance sergeant and thus he served until the close of the war, when he was honorably discharged on the 28th of June, 1865.

Mr. Normand afterward worked four years as a machinist and in 1866 he again went to sea, being an engineer on various boats engaged in the coasting trade. He took out five United States licenses during his seafaring experience. He followed this life until 1868 when he returned to Norwich, Connecticut, working in the machine shops there until 1872, and in that year he started to California, but did not proceed beyond Cincinnati, Ohio. The same year he came on to Springfield, where he found employment as a journeyman machinist in the James Leffel Wheel works, where he remained for a year. He was afterward engaged in experimental work on the Anderson boiler in the employ of P. P. Mast & Company until 1874. In that year Mr. Normand was married and removed to Mechanicsburg, Ohio, where he became superintendent for the Mechanicsburg Screw Feed Grain Drill Company. He developed the business and remained there until the shops were completed and in running order. In 1876, however, he returned to Springfield and here found employment with the St.

John Sewing Machine Company, remaining as tool maker and contractor for three years. He afterward became a journeyman machinist in the John H. Thomas & Sons factory and later he held responsible positions with various concerns dealing in implements, going upon the road as a traveling salesman. He was thus engaged until 1884, when Mr. Thomas sold out the engine business and Mr. Normand went with the department to the Springfield Engine and Thresher Company. The next spring he spent in Pennsylvania, introducing their goods, separators and engines. In 1885 he developed what is now known as the Thomas Pump and Lawn Mower. He remained with the company for three years, or until 1888, when he sold his interests and patents to the Thomas Manufacturing Company. In 1889 he went to Belmont, New York, where he developed a pump for Clark Brothers. After a year, however, he sold his interests there and again came to this city. In 1878 he built his property in the west end, which he sold when he went to New York and after his return from the east he interested himself in the development of a corn planter and opened a shop at No. 87 South Factory street, doing experimental work. Later he sold his patents on the corn planter and was engaged in other mechanical work until July 6, 1901, when he organized the United States Tool-holder Company and began the manufacture of various goods. He was elected vice president and manager of the company and held that position until its re-organization, at which time he was chosen superintendent. Since the re-organization the business has been carried on under the name of the Fairbanks Tool Company, with which the United States Tool-holder Company was merged. Mr. Normand has

achieved marked success in the line of his chosen field of endeavor. He has thoroughly mastered the principles of mechanics and his own investigation, research and ingenuity have succeeded in giving to the public many valuable patents which have proved of much use in the business world.

In 1871 occurred the marriage of Mr. Normand and Miss Sarah C. Brandle, who was a daughter of Daniel Brandle, a farmer and carpenter. She was born in 1844 and attended the public schools. Mr. Normand purchased and remodeled his present home and is now comfortably situated there. He is a member of Clark Lodge, No. 101, F. & A. M.; Springfield Chapter, No. 48, R. A. M.; Springfield Council, No. 17, R. & S. M.; and Palestine Commandery, No. 33, K. T. He is likewise a member of Ingomar Lodge, No. 610, K. P., and of the Uniformed Rank of the Knights of Pythias, having been sergeant major of the Third regiment of that organization. He is a past grand of Ephraim Lodge, No. 146, I. O. O. F.; belongs to the Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks; to Mitchell Post, No. 45, G. A. R. and to H. H. Stevens Command, No. 16, of the Union Veterans Union. In politics he is a Democrat but has never aspired to office. As a citizen he has always been progressive, interested in everything pertaining to the general good and to public progress and improvement. He is a man of domestic tastes, yet of wide experience in the affairs of life and one who by his marked ability in his chosen calling has gained distinction therein.

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WALTER C. POWELL.

Throughout Springfield, where he has long made his home and where he has a wide acquaintance, the subject of this re-

view is known as Dick Powell and the circle of his friends is an extensive one, showing that he is popular with his many acquaintances. He occupies the position of chief engineer in the city water works and over his record in this position there falls no shadow of wrong or suspicion of evil.

Walter C. Powell was born in Springfield March 9, 1851, and comes of a family of Welsh origin. The family has, however, been established in America through many generations. At an early day representatives of the name settled in Kentucky, whence others of the family came to Ohio. The great-grandfather and the grandfather of our subject were both soldiers of the Revolutionary war, the former serving as an officer in the American army, while the latter was in his father's regiment. It was in the year 1812 that the grandparents came from Kentucky to Ohio. The country was then the hunting ground for the red men and was almost an unbroken wilderness. The Powell family endured the hardships of early pioneer times and when they came to Ohio they passed through Springfield and Clark county, continuing their journey to Urbana. Their youngest child, Benjamin Powell, was born in Paris, Kentucky, July 15, 1806, and was only six years of age at the time of the removal of the grandparents to this state. He had two brothers, Elijah and Timothy, who were soldiers in the war of 1812. Longevity is one of the characteristics of the Powell family. Benjamin Powell was reared in Urbana and was there married in 1828 to Miss Elvira Munson, who was born in Otsego county, New York, in 1808. She was a daughter of Walter Munson, who was buried in the Columbia street cemetery of Springfield in 1814. Her mother bore the maiden name of Lois Norton. Elvira Munson had two brothers and

one sister, and by her mother's second marriage to a Mr. Winans, two daughters and two sons were born. The family resided in Champaign county, Ohio, but in the early '20s removed to South Bend, Indiana, living on the site of the city. They became very prominent people of that locality, but all of the members of the family have now passed away with the exception of Mrs. Olive Chess, who lives in New York city and who has always been a favorite aunt of Mr. Powell, of this review. This branch of the Munson family comes from the old Manhattan stock that first settled in New York city. After his marriage Benjamin, the father of our subject, removed to South Bend, Indiana, where he followed the tailor's trade for sometime, but subsequently he returned to Ohio. In the Hoosier state he purchased considerable land at a low price and Walter C., of this review, had visited the place. Soon after his return to Ohio, Benjamin Powell came with his family to Springfield, but after a short time removed to Tremont, where he carried on the tailor's trade. He also was tollgate keeper for sixteen years. In all matters pertaining to the public good he was interested and was a public-spirited and progressive man. He died in 1875, and in 1877 his wife passed away and was laid by his side in Ferncliff cemetery, Springfield. Benjamin Powell had a large circle of friends and associates and was a man of dry humor and considerable satire, whose interesting and humorous sayings are often recalled by many of his old associates. He kept well informed on the questions of the day and was an earnest Christian gentleman. His wife, too, was a believer in Christianity and reared her children in the faith of the Methodist Epis-

copal church, of which she and her husband belonged.

This worthy couple were the parents of nine children. Martha A. became the wife of E. P. Myers, who was one of the old merchants of Springfield, and died in 1881. Charles E., who was a blacksmith by trade, served for five years in the Civil war as a member of the Union army and died in St. Paris, Ohio, July 9, 1873. Mary Grace is the widow of Josiah Driscoll, a well known liveryman of Springfield. Eliza, born in 1834, became the wife of Colonel H. D. John and died in Springfield in 1863. Olive, born in 1840, is the widow of George C. Yager, who was a miller of Fostoria, Ohio, and her home is now in Springfield. William, born in October, 1842, enlisted for service as sergeant of Company B, Sixty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry in the Civil war, and was killed upon the field of battle at Cedar Mountain August 9, 1862. John, who was a drummer in Company H, Seventy-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, was killed while in the service of the fire department in Springfield June 24, 1873, at which time he was twenty-seven years of age, his birth having occurred September 15, 1845. One son, who was the eighth in order of birth, died in infancy.

Walter C. Powell, the youngest son and child in the family, pursued his education in the public schools of Tremont and of Springfield, and also attended a private school. At the age of seventeen he put aside his text-books and began learning the trade of carriage manufacturing under the direction of David West, who is now deceased. In 1860 he entered the railroad service of the Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati & Indianapolis Railroad, running between

Cleveland and Columbus as fireman, and in 1872 he was promoted to engineer on the Cincinnati division. He ran on this road until 1878, when on account of ill health he gave up railroading and in the same year began work in the fire department as captain of the Factory street engine house and engineer of the steamer. On the 8th of April, 1882, he began working for the city as chief engineer of the pumping department of the water works and in this capacity he has rendered very effective service to the city. In 1885 he became identified with the Hopes Manufacturing Company, as one of the incorporators and directors, and remained with that company until 1893. In 1892 he was one of the incorporators and directors of the Safety Emery Wheel Company and remained with that company until January, 1902. Mr. Powell is self-educated in mechanics but has a comprehensive understanding of mechanical principles, as well as being a practical workman in this line. In the development of the water works system he has taken an active part, having assisted in improving the plant, and as the demands for the city water has increased he has assisted in selecting and purchasing the machinery, which is now used in pumping three and one-half million gallons of water daily for current consumption. When he accepted his present position there was a demand for only three hundred thousand gallons daily, and the pumping engine had a capacity of two to five millions. This pumping engine has been superseded by one with a capacity of from five to seven millions of gallons daily. Since 1882 Mr. Powell has had full charge of the pumping service. In 1902 the supplemental water supply system was put in under his supervision and the pumping station is equipped with the most

modern machinery, including an Allis engine, a triple expansion.

In November, 1878, occurred the marriage of Mr. Powell and Miss Margaret E. Yager, who was born in Sidney, Ohio, September 6, 1859, and obtained a public school education. She was married in West Liberty, where her father, Clark Yager, had located in 1878. He was a miller by trade and he died at the home of his daughter in 1892, at the age of seventy years. His widow, who bore the maiden name of Ellen Thomas, is living with a daughter in Sidney, at the age of seventy-six years. There are three children living, two daughters and a son. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Powell have been born nine children. Nellie E., born August 25, 1879, is the wife of William A. Webster, who is assistant engineer of the pumping house. Wilda G., born June 12, 1883, is a graduate of the high school of the class of 1901. Olive Margaret, born December 31, 1893, Agnes Louise, born March 14, 1895, and Mary Elizabeth, born December 8, 1897, are at home. Ruth Fay died in 1892, at the age of three years; Benjamin C. died at the age of eighteen months; and two sons died in infancy.

For a time Mr. Powell lived on Factory street, but in 1882 removed to the water works. His wife is a member of the Second Congregational church and he is one of its liberal supporters. He belongs to Anthony Lodge, F. & A. M.; Springfield Chapter, R. A. M.; Springfield Council, R. & S. M.; and Palestine Commandery, K. T. He is also a member of Moncrieffe Lodge, No. 33, K. P., which he joined in 1872. Having spent his entire life in Springfield Mr. Powell is well known and it is a recognized fact that his labors have been untiring in behalf of the water works system here, since he



became connected therewith. The acquaintance of his manhood, classing him among the men of worth in the community, have made him one of the representative residents of this place.

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### THE CITY PUMPING STATION.

The localities from which many cities of the world derive their water supply are among the most beautiful and interesting spots on earth, particularly so when such supplies have their sources in mountain regions adjacent to these cities. Upon the other hand, such cities as Springfield, having no such source of supply, have to look to local surroundings for their base of supply. From a geological point of view the present supply of the city is received from a valley covering an area of seventy square miles of watershed. At one time the location was a lake, connected with the chain running through Ohio, coming from Pennsylvania. The bed is a fine gravel, which, of itself, is a filter. At a given point, fifty-seven hundred feet from the pumping station, there is a depth of thirty-two feet of clear, pure water, which has never been drawn upon, and at a nominal cost the mains can be extended to that and, taking a northeasterly direction, can be extended to ninety-seven hundred feet from the station and get an unlimited supply lasting for many years. A topographical survey of this valley made by William Sharon, and test wells sunk by W. C. Powell for the interests of the city, show conclusively that such conditions exist, and even though there would be a drought for years it would not impair the supply of water.

In 1902 Mr. Powell had charge of the laying of mains for supplemental supply and

has worked hard to carry through his cherished plans. The work thus started, and now extending twenty-five hundred feet from the pumping station, which stands in the neck of Buck Creek valley with its lateral run out into the valley, gives a flow of four and a half million gallons daily.

In 1897 there was an excessive rainfall which filled the area completely, and only the lower end has been drawn upon. There has been over three million gallons daily pumped by the station, and the flow from the supply base has been one million. The fall is seven feet to a mile. By running to the ninety-seven hundred-foot point from the station the city could get a flow of ten million gallons daily. The water supply of any city is one of the most necessary as well as of the most important requisites. By the expenditure of a few thousand dollars the city could get a water supply equal to any city of four times its size and lasting for all time. The plant is equipped with the most modern machinery, including an Allis triple-expansion pumping engine and one Gaskill compound-pumping engine of five million-gallon capacity, and all attachments to facilitate and lessen the cost of producing water. Mr. Powell is a man of wide mechanical knowledge, and the present system being laid is the result of years of persistent labor on his part. He is a conscientious man and competent to hold the responsible position he has held for the past twenty years.

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### REV. EDWIN C. DINWIDDIE.

In the temperance field of Amercia the Rev. Edwin C. Dinwiddie is a distinguished worker, and is known to many of the labor-

ers in behalf of temperance in the old world. Untiring in his devotion to the cause, his efforts have been availing in many instances in promoting temperance sentiment which has been directly followed by good results, and his influence is a power for good in behalf of humanity that is widely acknowledged by those interested in the abolition of the sale and use of intoxicants.

Mr. Dinwiddie was born in Springfield September 29, 1807, a son of John A. and Edith J. (Brelsford) Dinwiddie. The father was born in Bellbrook, Greene county, Ohio, and was the son of John Dinwiddie, Sr., whose birth occurred in a wagon while his parents were on their way westward from Adams county, Pennsylvania. His father, who was also named John, became a resident of Sugar Grove township, Greene county. John A. Dinwiddie, the father of our subject, was reared and educated in Bellbrook, spending his boyhood days in his father's shop and on a farm, and in 1858 he came to Springfield, where he entered upon his business career; was a salesman in the employ of Mr. Murphy, a dry goods merchant, and eventually became a member of the dry goods firm of Brelsford, Dinwiddie & Company. They conducted a store on "Trappers' Corner" until about 1870, the business prospering, and for fifteen years Mr. Dinwiddie was connected with Warder, Mitchell & Company, the Champion Machine Company and Whiteley, Fassler & Kelly. In 1890 he entered the employ of the government at Washington, D. C., in the census bureau, and has since been in the capital city. His wife was also born in Bellbrook, Ohio, and was educated in the old Springfield Seminary of this city. She was a daughter of William and Nancy Brelsford, who died during her girlhood,

after which she was reared by her grandfather. Unto the parents of our subject were born two children: William, who resides in the south; and Edwin C.

From his early boyhood Edwin C. Dinwiddie has taken an active interest in temperance work, and while yet in school became identified with the Band of Hope, a children's temperance organization, and was also in the "blue ribbon campaign" instituted by Francis Murphy. After leaving school he became a stenographer in the employ of John Foos, president of the St. John Sewing Machine Company, in whose employ he remained for seven years, resigning to attend Wittenberg College, and later to engage in temperance work. In 1894 he became identified with the Anti-Saloon League, and was the second lecturer and organizer employed in its work. In 1883 he had taken an active part in the fight for constitutional prohibition, and was a staunch supporter of the Prohibition party from 1884 until 1890, and was the secretary of the state executive committee of that party. Since the year mentioned, however, he has been identified with the Republican party. In December, 1896, he was appointed superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League of Pennsylvania, prior to which time he had been the editor of the official organ of the league—*The American Issue*—and manager of the legislative department of the state work, but resigned to accept the new appointment. In the fall of 1890, when the league decided to establish national headquarters at Washington, D. C., he was appointed legislative superintendent of the American Anti-Saloon League, which position he still holds, being elected successively by the conventions at Chicago in May, 1900, and at Washington in December, 1901. He has carried

on his work along progressive and practical lines, which have been attended with good results in awakening and directing public sentiment against the saloon.

Mr. Dinwiddie is a member of the Beta Theta Pi, a college fraternity, and a charter member of Ingomar Lodge, No. 610, K. P., and a member of the Independent Order of Good Templars. In 1893 he represented the Good Templars of Ohio at the International Supreme Lodge held in Des Moines, Iowa, and was elected grand counsellor at Sandusky, Ohio, the same year, and grand electoral superintendent at Marietta, Ohio, in 1895. In 1902 he was the representative of the District of Columbia Grand Lodge of Good Templars to the international meeting held in Stockholm, Sweden, and there was appointed a member of the international committee on prohibitory legislation, representing the United States. This committee is a permanent one. He was also requested to officially represent the Good Tempars in national legislative matters before congress.

On the 8th of November, 1894, Mr. Dinwiddie was united in marriage to Miss Olive H. Smith, a daughter of Oliver and Margaret (Negus) Smith, of Emporia, Kansas, formerly of Selma, near Springfield, Ohio, and to them have been born one child, Horace Milton. Our subject and his wife hold membership in the Fourth Lutheran church of Springfield, and in 1894 he was licensed and later ordained to preach by the Wittenberg Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran church. Rev. Dinwiddie makes his home in Springfield, although his official headquarters are in Washington, D. C., but wherever he is, he is untiring in his efforts to promote the cause of temperance along all lines that tend to the suppression of the

liquor traffic, and in this line of his life's activity he has become widely known throughout this country and abroad.

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#### THE SHAW FAMILY.

As representatives of the class of substantial builders of the great commonwealth who served faithfully and long in the enterprising west, we present the Shaw family that in pioneer times was established in the Buckeye state, its members nobly doing their duty in establishing and maintaining the material interests, the legal statute and the moral welfare of this community. Robert Shaw, now deceased, was born near Trenton, New Jersey, November 29, 1804. His parents were Roger and Ann (Swanger) Shaw, who removed to Ohio during his boyhood, probably about 1812. The father settled in Greene county and there Robert Shaw was reared to manhood. His father never owned land but was in limited circumstances. He had a large number of children, of whom Robert was the fourth in order of birth. After arriving at years of maturity he was married in Clark county in January, 1834, to Miss Polly Wilson, who was born near Boston, Massachusetts, October 3, 1812, a daughter of Junius and Sally (Chapin) Wilson. Her mother's people came to Ohio when Mrs. Wilson was a young girl. She was born in 1779, and Mr. Wilson's birth occurred in 1776. Mr. Shaw had made a start in the world and owned land in Greene county before his first marriage. Ultimately he added to his possessions until he was a large land owner. By his marriage he became the father of eleven children: Sarah J.; Charles, who

is a grocer in Springfield; Snowden, a farmer of Greene county, who married Angelina Jacobs and has three children: Margaret Ann, the wife of John Kemp, of Hammond, Louisiana, by whom she has two children; Cyrus; Lydia Elizabeth, the wife of Abram Rasner, of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, by whom she has two children; Mary C.; Achillens, who married Ida Kettles; Carrie; Horace; John A.; and Findley W. The father of this family was a Democrat in his political affiliations, but never sought or desired office. His wife died in 1882, and he passed away February 9, 1886, respected by all who knew him. He was a leading and influential citizen of his community at an early day in its development. He shared in the task of reclaiming the wild land for purposes of civilization and carried on farm work at a time when the cruder implements of an early day made such work much more difficult than it is at present. He labored energetically and perseveringly, however, and thus he became a large land owner of the county.

Findley Whiteman Shaw is the youngest of the eleven children of Robert Shaw, and was born in Miami township, Greene county, Ohio, January 11, 1856. There he was reared to manhood upon the home farm until he was nineteen years of age, and during that time acquired a good common school education. At the age of nineteen he left home, going to Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, where he was employed in the manufacturing establishment of Rasner & Dinger for two years, receiving one dollar per day for the first year and eight dollars a week for the second year. He found this occupation congenial, but as the factory closed down in the winter he was therefore thrown out of employment. He returned home and

resumed farming. On the 31st of December, 1878, he was united in marriage to Miss Mary A. Patton, a daughter of Thomas and Marietta (Wilson) Patton. For some years after his marriage he rented land, and in 1888 purchased the farm of sixty acres upon which he is now living, and has since given his attention to its improvement. In his family were ten children: Emerson J., Raymond B., Wilbur G., Walter R., Edward, Paul, Minnie E., John, Nettie and Ruth. Findley W. Shaw has followed in the footsteps of his father as regards politics, giving his support to the Democracy. He is a leading member of the church of Yellow Springs, in which he is now serving as trustee, and he also belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at that place.

Cyrus Shaw, the fifth child in the family of Robert and Polly (Wilson) Shaw, was born in Miami township, Greene county, October 30, 1842, and, like the other children in the household, spent the days of his youth on the old homestead, acquiring his education in the common schools, which he attended through the winter months, while in the summer seasons he worked on the farm. He remained at home until 1864, when he enlisted for service in the Union army as a member of Company F, Eighth Ohio Volunteer Cavalry, joining the command on the 15th of February. He was sent to Camp Dennison, and thence to Charleston, West Virginia. He took part in the Lynchburg raid, and his company was detailed to forage. He was first under fire at Beverly, where the command was captured for the second time, on the 11th of January, 1865. He was then taken to Libby prison, where he remained for thirty-five days, when with other Union soldiers

he was exchanged. At Beverly he was ill in the hospital with erysipelas in the limb. After being exchanged he returned home on furlough and on the expiration of his leave of absence he rejoined his regiment at Clarksburg, West Virginia, and was soon afterward mustered out, the war having been brought to a close. After returning home Cyrus Shaw began farming, which he continued in Ohio until 1872, when he went to California, by way of New York and across the isthmus of Panama, being thirty-one days on the trip. He remained only a few months, and then returned by rail, but when he had spent a few months at home he again went to California in the following April, and was gone until 1876, when he once more took up his abode in Clark county. In 1879 he was united in marriage to Miss Sarah E. Baker, of Green township, Clark county, who was born in Ripley county, Indiana, April 23, 1857, a daughter of Asa and Caroline (Lefell) Baker. Her maternal grandfather, Daniel Baker, lived to be a very old man. Her father was born near Enon in Mad River township, Clark county, August 12, 1820, and his wife's birth occurred in Springfield township October 13, 1825. In their family were five children: Thomas Hialmer, of Springfield, who married Augusta McGrath and has two children; Margaret A., the wife of Lloyd Fryant, of Springfield, by whom she has one child; Mrs. Shaw; Alice and John B., both of whom are living in Springfield. The mother also survives, and lives in that city. Cyrus Shaw and his wife became the parents of seven children: George W., born February 20, 1880; Charles D., born January 15, 1882; Leslie P., born October 23, 1884; Margaretta, born December 30, 1887; Ralph I., born April 7, 1890; Harvey, born Janu-

ary 25, 1892; and Henry Foster, born March 28, 1894. Before entering the army Cyrus Shaw had purchased land in Clark county, and he now owns one hundred acres, on which he has made excellent improvements. He also farmed another tract of land, and his agricultural pursuits are bringing to him a creditable and satisfactory income. He, too, votes with the Democracy, and is a member of the Presbyterian church at Clifton. Socially he is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Yellow Springs, and he maintains his comradeship with the boys in blue through membership in James Elder Post, G. A. R.

Horace Shaw, who follows farming and stock-raising and is also a dairyman of Green township, Clark county, was born in Miami township, Greene county, April 18, 1851, and is the ninth in a family of eleven children whose parents were Robert and Polly (Wilson) Shaw. Under the parental roof in the usual manner of farmer lads of that period he spent his boyhood days, and the common schools afforded him his educational privileges. He remained at home until about thirty years of age, and was married in Green township, Clark county, on the 10th of June, 1880, Miss Angie B. Hamma becoming his wife. Their union has been blessed with seven children: Frank, Maude, Dessie, Fanny, Lucy, Carl and Lydia. For some years Horace Shaw lived in Greene county and in 1884 came to his present place of residence in Clark county, having the previous year purchased eighty-three acres of land. He has erected a good house and has other modern equipments and accessories upon his place. In the cultivation of the soil he is meeting with good success. He is a Democrat in his political affiliations. Although the Republicans in his

district outnumber the Democrats three to one he was elected land appraiser in 1900, a fact which indicates his personal popularity and the confidence reposed in him by those who know him best. He belongs to the Lutheran church and is a member of the Knights of Pythias fraternity at Clifton, in which he has filled all of the chairs, while in 1902 he was elected deputy grand chancellor.

John Shaw, another member of the well-known and honored family of this portion of Ohio, opened his eyes to the light of day on the old family homestead in Greene county September 1, 1853. He and his brother Horace started out in life for themselves at the same time, and as a companion and helpmate for life's journey John A. Shaw chose Miss Elizabeth Hamma, the sister of his brother's wife, this wedding being celebrated on Christmas-day of 1877. In 1883 he purchased the farm adjoining that which belongs to his brother Horace, becoming the owner of one hundred and twenty-two acres of land here. All the improvements found upon it have been made by Mr. Shaw, who is a wide-awake and progressive farmer, carrying on the work in harmony with advanced ideas concerning agriculture. He and his wife have five children: Ethel May, Clara H., Jessie, Irvin C. and Orvil. The eldest, Ethel May, is now the wife of William T. Waddle and resides in Green township. Mr. and Mrs. John Shaw hold membership in the Lutheran church. He began his life in Clark county, following farming on his father's land, and since that time he has lived in this county, where he is a worthy and respected agriculturist. The Shaw family is a prominent and honored one in this portion of Ohio. Its members have ever been true to the duties of citizen-

ship, have been found reliable and trustworthy in business and loyal to the duties of private life. They are business-like and energetic farmers, and all who know them—and their friends are many—entertain for them high regard.



#### GEORGE F. HEMPLEMAN.

George F. Hempleman, for many years a farmer and stock-raiser in Madison township, Clark county, near South Charleston, was born August 13, 1827, just across the road from his present home. He was a son of George and Sarah (Fletcher) Hempleman. His paternal grandfather, George Hempleman, Sr., was born in Germany in 1732 and was twenty years of age when he came to America, locating near Philadelphia. He was a weaver by trade, but at the time of the Revolutionary war he put aside business cares and joined the Colonial army, being present during the memorable winter at Valley Forge, when Washington and his troops suffered such hardships. He lived to the very advanced age of one hundred and ten years, five months and twenty-nine days, his death occurring in 1842. He was laid to rest in the old cemetery at South Charleston. After he was one hundred years of age he applied for a pension, but as he was then old and feeble and his mind was not as active as it had formerly been, he could not furnish the data necessary, so he never received the aid from the government which he deserved. He had three children: Adam, who died in West Union, Adams county, Ohio; George, the father of our subject; and Elizabeth, who became the wife of George Weaver. After living for a time

in Georgia they came to Ohio, and removed from Clark county, this state, to Madison county, where Mrs. Weaver died. After the family came to this state the grandfather made his home with his son George. The latter was born within three miles of Philadelphia, and while yet a boy accompanied his parents on their removal to the west shore of Maryland. They afterward went to Virginia, and from the Old Dominion came to Ohio about 1808. The father of our subject was married while in Virginia, the lady of his choice being Sarah Fletcher, who was born near Winchester, that state. After coming to Ohio he purchased one hundred and seventy acres of land and later added a tract of one hundred and sixty acres to his farm property. He lived to be about seventy-five years of age, passing away in 1853. He was twice married, and our subject was of the second family. By the first marriage there were ten children, and by the second there were but two—George Fletcher and his twin sister, who became the wife of Evan Evans and made her home in St. Louis, where she died. Of the first marriage there is only one survivor, Daniel, who is now living near Clinton in DeWitt county, Illinois.

George Fletcher Hempleman, whose name introduces this record, was reared to manhood upon the home farm and acquired a good common school education. At the age of twenty years he began to operate his father's land on shares, and when twenty-two years of age he went to Perry county, Illinois, where he purchased a small tract of land. He and his brother Henry bought cattle, our subject herding them during his one year's stay in the west. After his return to Ohio he was married, on the 19th of December, 1850, to Miss

Margaret Hill, a native of Clark county and a daughter of Robert C. and Margaret (Harvey) Hill. She grew to womanhood in this county and received a common-school education. For a year after their marriage Mr. Hempleman rented land, and then removed to the place where he spent the remainder of his life. It was then owned by his father, and fifty acres of the land had been partially cleared, but the remainder was a brush pasture. Our subject made all of the improvements upon the farm, including the erection of the fine brick house, which was built in 1870. He placed many rods of tiling on his land, and it is now a very rich and productive farm of one hundred and sixty-two acres.

Unto our subject and his wife were born five children: Marguerite, the wife of Levi Jones, of Madison township, by whom she has two children, Mabel E. and George Fletcher; Sarah E., who became the wife of John L. Hess, and they died leaving three children, George H., who married Mabel McDonald; Clifford M., who wedded Fannie Mills and Margie E.; Adella D., who is the wife of William C. Butcher and resides near Yellow Springs, in Clark county, and they have one child—Clara K.; Anna L., who is the wife of John L. Stroup and resides at Yellow Springs, Greene county, with their three children—Elwood D., Fannie M. and Effie C.; Effa, the youngest member of the Hempleman family, is at home.

In his political affiliations Mr. Hempleman was a Democrat until the time of the repeal of the Missouri compromise. He cast his vote for Fremont in 1856 and later he supported Cooper. He was a member of the Presbyterian church, to which his wife also belongs, and in which he served as an elder, and he did everything in his power



to promote church work and advance the cause of Christianity. In 1850 he became a member of the Masonic fraternity and exemplified in his life its beneficent teachings. After a useful and well spent life he died suddenly of heart trouble June 14, 1902.

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JOHN LEFFEL.

Hardly had the work of improvement and progress been begun in Clark county when the Leffel family was established within its borders. John Leffel was then but a boy but he was destined to bear a part in the work of early development and to continue as a valued citizen of this community through many years. He was actively engaged in agricultural pursuits and at all times his co-operation could be depended upon to aid in promoting measures for the general prosperity and upbuilding of his locality. No history of Clark county would be complete that did not mention the Leffel family.

The subject of this review was born in Botetourt county, Virginia, on the 18th of February, 1808, his parents being Jacob and Mary (Kritz) Leffel. The father was also a native of Virginia, whence he came to Ohio, settling in Bethel township, Clark county, in 1820. On his removal to this state he was accompanied by several of his brothers. Throughout life he followed the occupation of farming and became one of the influential men of this community, being highly respected not only for his genuine worth but for his business sagacity and open-handed methods of doing business. His word was ever considered as good as his

bond and when he died at the advanced age of eighty years Clark county mourned one of its honored pioneers and worthy citizens.

In the family of Jacob Leffel were the following children: John, the subject of this sketch; William, who married Julia Tritle; Samuel, who married Catherine Gordon; James, a sketch of whom appears on another page of this volume; Peter, who married Jane Brandinburg; George, who married Caroline Kiefer; Henry, who never married; Mrs. Mary Botkin; Mrs. Margaret Croft; Mrs. Elizabeth Brandinburg; Mrs. Martha Rowland; Mrs. Lucinda Verdeer; Mrs. Catherine Olinger; and Mrs. Sarah Shull.

John Leffel, whose name introduces this record, was only twelve years of age when he became a resident of Clark county, removing thither with his parents, the family being established in a new home near Carlisle in Bethel township. To a limited extent our subject had attended school in Virginia and he also studied in the schools of this county, but his educational privileges were meager and although he became a well informed man in later years, his knowledge was acquired through practical experience, reading and observation. He remained under the parental roof until twenty-one years of age, although on attaining his majority he began earning his own livelihood. He started out for himself with an ax and a cash capital of two and one-half dollars, but he possessed strong determination to succeed, combined with marked industry, and these are a sure foundation upon which to build prosperity. He engaged in chopping away the timber on many an acre in this county and thus was a material benefit in clearing and improving the land.

When twenty-eight years of age Mr.





JOHN LEFFEL.



Leffel was united in marriage to Mrs. Susanna Lowry Croft, widow of George Croft and a daughter of David Lowry, who was one of the honored pioneer residents of Bethel township. Her mother died when she was very young. Mrs. Leffel was a native of this locality and her entire life was spent within a radius of three-quarters of a mile from the place of her birth. After their marriage the young couple located on a farm just south of Donaldsville, on which they resided a few years and then purchased an adjoining farm, where they remained until called to the home beyond. Mr. Leffel was a very hard working man and he was found in the fields early in the morning and there continued his labors until night overtook him. It was his unremitting diligence that brought him success, making him one of the substantial residents of his community. He was always a man of unquestioned integrity in business affairs and in private life, and he enjoyed the high esteem of all with whom he came in contact. As he prospered in his undertakings he added to his property from year to year until he became the owner of five hundred and twenty-five acres of well improved land which he owned at the time of his death in addition to valuable city property.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Leffel were born four children. William Blair, the eldest, died at home. Jacob Wright passed away and was buried in Ferncliff cemetery of Springfield. Nancy Rebecca became the wife of James E. King and unto them have been born three children who are yet living, while two passed away and were laid to rest in the family lot in Ferncliff cemetery. Those who still survive are: Ida May, the wife of Michael O'Harra, a resident of

Columbus, by whom she has three children—Maude, Edward and Earle; William Grant, who married Alma Beck and is living in Dayton, Ohio; and Daisy A., the wife of Frank J. Wragge. Paulina C., the youngest member of the Leffel family, died at the age of sixteen years and was buried in the New Carlisle cemetery.

Mr. Leffel was a man of very liberal and generous impulses. The poor and needy found in him a friend. He was always considerate of the feelings of others and when his substantial assistance was needed he did not hesitate to give it. He was a member of the Lutheran church, while his wife belonged to the Christian church. Both were true to their religious convictions and the principles of Christianity found exemplification in their good deeds, noble purposes and kindly impulses. Mr. Leffel passed away on the 19th of March, 1888, and his wife departed this life April 6, 1893, at the age of eighty-seven years. Thus ended with Clark county the connection of two of its most worthy pioneer citizens. Through many decades Mr. Leffel had been a witness of the growth and transformation of this county and had ever rendered practical assistance to the work of improvement. His life is in many respects well worthy of emulation and should serve as a source of inspiration to others who have to begin a business career as he did, without capital. He realized the value of industry and honesty as factors in the world, and upon those qualities he builded his success. His efforts, too, were conducted in a manner that gained for him the unqualified confidence, respect and good-will of those with whom he was associated and his is an honored name which is revered by all who knew him.

## JOSHUA T. RIDGELY.

The pulsing industrial activities and extensive commercial interests of Springfield which have led to the rapid growth and material progress of the city, find a worthy representative in Joshua T. Ridgely, the president of the Ridgely Decorative Company. He established the business in 1894 and has since conducted it in such a manner that substantial profits have accrued, while at the same time the enterprise has fully met the demands of the public in the line of paper hanging, painting and decorating.

From Maryland comes Mr. Ridgely, who was born in Middletown, that state, January 3, 1831, his parents being Joshua and Margaret (Holter) Ridgely, who were also natives of the same state, the latter being a daughter of Samuel Holter, who was likewise born in Maryland. The father of our subject was a soldier in the war of 1812. In the year 1853 Joshua T. Ridgely left his native state and came to Springfield, where he has since resided, covering a period of half a century, during which time he has been actively connected with the line of business which yet claims his attention. In the spring of 1849 he began learning the trade of a house painter, paper hanger and decorator, and after mastering the business he worked as a journeyman for a time, after which he began business on his own account. Later he took and executed contracts, employing men to carry on the business as the demand came. Gradually his patronage has increased, and during the busy season of the year Mr. Ridgely employs from twenty-six to thirty men, being one of the largest contractors in this line in central Ohio. He carries a large and full stock of paints, wall-paper and other supplies of a like character,

and his sons, who are practical business men, are associated with him. Some of the finest decorative work in Springfield has been executed by the representatives of this house, and in the conduct of his business Mr. Ridgely has ever kept in touch with the advancement which is continually being made. This artistic work is being carried on by the Ridgely Decorative Company, which holds high rank as a representative of this department of industrial activity.

On the 3d of January, 1854, occurred the marriage of Mr. Ridgely and Miss Elizabeth Geisinger, of Maryland, a daughter of Samuel L. Geisinger, who was a leading merchant tailor of that state. She is also a niece of Commodore David Geisinger, who when a midshipman with Commodore Blakeley on the *Wasp*, in 1814, was sent home in command of the *Atlanta*, an English vessel, which the latter had captured and found to be a great prize. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Ridgely were born four children, three sons and one daughter: Clara Blanche, the wife of William H. Holmes, of Springfield; Charles Tilghman, who is a member of the firm and secretary and treasurer of the Ridgely Decorative Company; Hiram Geisinger, who has charge of the paper department of the business; and Francis B., who is foreman of the company's paper hangars.

Mr. Ridgely exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the Democracy, and his first vote was cast for Franklin Pierce and his last for William Jennings Bryan. Upon the Democratic ticket he was elected a member of the school board of Springfield, serving in that capacity for sixteen consecutive years. He is an active and valued member of the St. Paul Methodist Episcopal church and long served as one of its trustees, was steward of the

church for a number of years, and for thirty-four years has been secretary of the Sunday school.

He entered upon his business career in an humble capacity, but like many other brainy, energetic young men who have come to the city in the day of small things and have since left their impress upon the important development of Springfield, he did not wait for a specially brilliant opening—indeed he could not wait, and his natural industry would not have permitted him to do so, even if his financial circumstances had been such as to make it possible. He early showed conspicuously the traits of character that have made his life successful. He performed all his duties conscientiously and industriously. Like most other business men, he may not have found all his days equally bright, but his rich inheritance of energy and pluck have enabled him to turn defeat into victory and promised failure into success. His strict integrity, business conservatism and judgment, have been so universally recognized that he has enjoyed public confidence to an enviable degree, and this has naturally brought to him a lucrative patronage.



### JAMES BOYD THOMSON.

James Boyd Thomson is now living a retired life at No. 284 West High street, having accumulated a handsome competence which has enabled him to put aside the arduous cares of a business career. He was born in Pleasant Ridge, Mad River township, September 14, 1841, and is a son of Robert Thomson, whose birth occurred in county Antrim, Ireland, in 1814. The paternal grandfather, James Thomson, was a

native of Ireland, and spent his last days on the Emerald Isle. He followed the occupation of farming. In the family were three sons, of whom James died in Iowa, Robert in Ohio, and William in Ireland. The grandfather of our subject lived to the advanced age of seventy-eight years, and his wife passed away when Robert Thomson was only two years of age. The little lad then went to make his home with his grandparents and was reared under their roof, pursuing a common school education in his native country. He served an apprenticeship to the mercantile business with an uncle, and on the 27th of June, 1837, he landed at Castle Garden, New York, with but little money, yet possessed of a resolute determination to make the most of his opportunities and thus advanced in life. He opened a night writing school in Philadelphia, being a good penman. He afterward went to Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, and secured a clerical position, which he later resigned in order to remove to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he became wharf clerk. In 1840 he was married in Dayton and there secured a situation as a clerk in a store which was conducted by Samuel McPherson. In the same year Robert Thomson came to Clark county. His wife who bore the maiden name of Charlotte Patton, was born in Warren county, this state, in 1815, and was of Scotch-Irish lineage. She inherited considerable property from her people, being one of the heirs of a bachelor uncle, James Ferguson, who died in Hagerstown, Maryland. He was a great hunter. He visited Clark county in company with Henry Bechtel, and had located land here, having purchased eight hundred acres. Through his judicious investments and well directed business affairs he accumulated much wealth.

Robert Thomson and his bride came to Clark county and settled upon some of this land which had been entered by her uncle. They remained upon the farm there twelve years, and in 1852 came to Springfield. Mr. Thomson did not achieve very great success as a farmer for he had been reared in mercantile lines. He therefore opened up a grocery business in Union Hall, in connection with Samuel McPherson, which partnership continued about two years. He then opened a store of his own on the east side of Fountain avenue, between High and Main. This he carried on for three years, after which he began the manufacture of candles, a business which claimed his time and energies for twenty years and proved a profitable source of income. During this time Mr. Thomson also became connected with business enterprises which were successfully conducted, and thus he won a very gratifying and handsome competence. His was a sturdy manhood and an active, industrious nature, and in matters of citizenship he was found to be progressive and public-spirited. He accumulated considerable property, but before his death he disposed of most of this. Although his school privileges were limited he read widely, keeping well informed on the questions of the day. His death occurred at the family home at the corner of Thomson avenue and High street in 1886. His wife had previously passed away on the 21st of August, 1873, and Mr. Thomson had been again married, his second union being with Elizabeth Faber, who was born in Pennsylvania and is now living in Springfield. In politics Mr. Thomson was a Whig until the dissolution of that party, when he became a staunch Republican. By his first marriage there were two children, James B. and Annie, the lat-

ter the wife of William C. Smith, who resides on West Main street in Springfield. Her first husband was Hudson B. Clark, who was a descendant of the founder of this county. By her first marriage she had one son, Robert Clark. There were no children by the second union of Mr. Thomson.

James Boyd Thomson spent his childhood days in Springfield, and after pursuing his preliminary education in a select school he entered Wittenberg College. At the age of nineteen he began his business career as a salesman in the dry goods store of Isaac McCreight, and on leaving that employer he entered the United States army for one hundred days' service under Captain Asa Bushnell. On the expiration of that period Mr. Thomson returned home and entered the candle manufacturing business of his father, continuing the same until the business was closed out, a period of twelve years. He acted as its manager, thus relieving his father of the care and responsibility in his old age. Their factory was equipped with modern machinery for making candles, and the enterprise was successfully conducted. Mr. Thomson is a man of resourceful business ability, and he extended his affairs into other lines of activity. He carried forward to a successful completion whatever he undertook, and his counsel and judgment have proved valuable in the conduct of many leading enterprises here. In 1879 the candle factory was closed and Mr. Thomson joined Montgomery Patton in the establishment of a grocery store, which they carried on until 1884, when they closed out the enterprise. Mr. Patton was one of the heirs of Mr. Ferguson, from whom Mr. Thomson's grandmother had received her legacy. Since retiring from merchandising our subject has

been engaged in handling real estate, but is largely living retired, save for the personal supervision which he gives to his invested interests.

In 1875 in Springfield occurred the marriage of Mr. Thomson and Miss Julia McPherson, a native of Baltimore, Maryland, and a niece of Samuel McPherson, who was the first employer of the father of our subject. Her parents were John and Elizabeth (McKinnell) McPherson, both natives of Scotland. They had but two children—Mrs. Thomson and Mrs. Virginia Heckler, both of this city.

In politics Mr. Thomson is a Republican and has been registrar in his precinct since 1892. He has never been an aspirant for office, although he has been tendered official preferment many times. In 1900 and 1901 he served as a member of the board of revision and equalization, faithfully discharging his duties to the satisfaction of all concerned. He has been appointed executor of many estates and has thus gained an insight to legal matters. He belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic. He is interested in matters of general good and his cooperation is never withheld from any movement for the substantial improvement of his community. His memory carries him back over a long period in the development of Ohio. He was a boy in Enon when in 1848 the Sandusky Railroad was being built. The old men of that day greatly opposed the railroad, but the work of progress cannot be impeded by a few individuals, and the building was continued. Mr. Thomson has also witnessed many changes in Springfield, as it has grown and developed into one of the most enterprising manufacturing cities of the central west. Through his long connection with business affairs here he has ever

borne an unassailable reputation for honesty in dealing and for fidelity to duty and well does he merit the rest which is now vouchsafed him, as he lives in his pleasant home surrounded by all of the comforts which go to make life worth the living.

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#### JOSEPH A. BECKER.

Joseph A. Becker, who resides on the National pike, three miles from Springfield, was born in Dauphin county, Pennsylvania, in 1848, and is a son of John and Elizabeth (Zimmerman) Becker, also natives of Dauphin county. Removing westward, they took up their abode in Clark county, two and one-half miles north of Springfield, in the year 1849, driving from their old home in the Keystone state with a wagon and team of horses. After arriving at their first place of residence the father purchased a farm in German township, near Eagle City, Clark county, Ohio, and upon that place Joseph A. Becker spent his boyhood days. He was one of a family of nine children, eight of whom are yet living: Solomon, a resident of Kansas; John, who makes his home in Tremont City, Clark county; Louise, deceased; Susie, the wife of John Beard, of Winfield, Kansas; Lydia, of Tremont City, Ohio; Amos, a twin brother of Lydia, and a resident of Kansas; Joseph A.; William, who is living in Kansas; and Emma, the wife of Lewis Miller, of Tremont.

Joseph A. Becker was only a little lad when brought by his parents to Clark county and was only eight years of age at the time of his father's death. He remained on the home farm, however, until after he had

attained his majority, and acquired his education in the Mount Zion school of Eagle City. In 1871 he began learning the butcher's trade under the direction of Aaron Reader, for whom he worked for four years. On the expiration of that period, with the capital he had acquired through his own labor, he embarked in the butchering business on his own account, renting a place in String Town for about a year. He next removed to Sugar Grove Hill, on his own property, and built a home, in which he resided for nine years. He afterwards purchased five acres on the National pike, near Rockaway, three and one-half miles west of Springfield, and erected thereon a fine brick house, which is one of the most attractive country seats of Clark county. Until elected assessor in April, 1902, he carried on the butchering business at that place, disposing of his products at the city meat market, and his success was largely attributable to the fact that he applied himself closely to the work in which he embarked as a young tradesman. He was one of the oldest market men doing business in Springfield, having helped build the old market, in which he owned a stall until it was torn down to be replaced by the new market. When the latter was completed he was one of the first to rent a stall, and continued business there until he entered upon the duties of his present office, when he turned the slaughtering and market business over to his sons, who now have charge of the same under the name of Becker Brothers.

On May 10, 1876, occurred the marriage of Mr. Becker and Miss Barbara Lohnes, a daughter of Peter and Catherine (Bingert) Lohnes, both of whom came to this country from Germany. They were married in Springfield and reared a family of five chil-

dren: John, who married Tilda Krapp and is living in this city; Mrs. Becker; Elizabeth, who married C. S. Courson and resides in Springfield; Catherine, the wife of John Clark, of the same city; and William, who married Anna Holly and is living in Springfield. They also lost one child—Cora, who died in infancy. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Becker was blessed with five children, four of whom are yet living: Bertha, Irvin, Joseph and Catherine. Laura died at the age of four and one-half years.

Mr. Becker is identified with the Knights of Pythias fraternity and in his political views is a Republican. Although elected assessor of Springfield township, he has never been a politician in the sense of office seeking, preferring to devote his time and attention to his business affairs, in which he has met with creditable success.

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#### OSCAR N. STEWART

Oscar N. Stewart belongs to one of the leading and prominent families of Clark county and is now successfully following farming and stock-raising in Harmony township, near the town of Plattsburg. He was born in Green township, Clark county, Ohio, February 5, 1833, and is a son of John T. and Ann (Elder) Stewart, who were natives of Dauphin county, Pennsylvania, whence they came to Ohio. The father made the trip with his brother Samuel in 1806, and the mother came with her parents in 1813. They were married in Green township in 1815 and began their domestic life upon the farm. Samuel Stewart, the grandfather of our subject, had died in Pennsylvania and his wife also passed away



there, but Robert Elder, the maternal grandfather, took up his abode in Green township, Clark county, Ohio, in 1813.

John T. Stewart was born in 1781 and after coming to this state he and his brother purchased five hundred acres of land, which was divided between them. It was all in the wild woods and was destitute of any improvements placed there by the white man. He first erected a log house and in 1823 he erected a brick residence, which is still standing and is used to-day. In the family were ten children. Our subject was the seventh son and eighth child. Nine of the children grew to years of maturity and six are still living. Perry was a soldier of the Civil war and captain of Company A, Ninety-fourth Ohio Infantry, and is now living in Springfield; has served two terms as county commissioner and for one term represented his district in the state legislature. Elder R. is also living in Springfield. Samuel died in Hardin county, Ohio, in 1888. Charles died in Springfield October 26, 1902. James M. served for two terms as probate judge of Greene county, Ohio, and is living in Xenia, where he is a prominent attorney. Thomas E., who was first lieutenant in a company in the One Hundred and Thirty-fifth Ohio Infantry, is now living in Green township. Oscar N. is the next of the family. William C. is living in Springfield. Harriet died in infancy. Julia, who was born in December, 1815, being the eldest of the family, became the wife of David Anderson and lived in Green township until her death. The father was at time a supporter of the Whig party and left its ranks to become a member of the Liberty party. He was a very strong temperance man and was opposed to oppression in any form. Upon the organization of

Green township he became its first clerk and served in that capacity for several terms. When the Presbyterian church of Clifton was organized he also became its first clerk and filled the position for several years. He was likewise justice of the peace for twenty-three years and though he tried many cases only one of his decisions was ever reversed. He was likewise associate judge for one term and thus figured prominently in public affairs, leaving the impress of his individuality upon the judicial history and upon the general progress of his community. He died April 16, 1850.

Oscar N. Stewart spent his boyhood days upon the home farm in Green township and during that period acquired a good common school education. When about twenty-two years of age he started out in life on his own account. His father had become an extensive land owner and he inherited from his estate a tract of one hundred and forty acres. To the development and cultivation of this he devoted his energies until the 23rd of April, 1861. Almost immediately following the outbreak of the Civil war, in response to President Lincoln's first call for volunteers, Mr. Stewart offered his services to the government, becoming a member of Company E, Sixteenth Ohio Infantry, under command of Captain Philip Kershner. He was with that regiment for about four months and was with the division that was at Phillippi and Carricks Ford. On the expiration of his term of service he returned home.

On the 28th of January, 1862, Mr. Stewart was married to Miss Rachel Nicholson, of Harmony township, Clark county, where she was born, a daughter of Andrew and Rachel (Hammond) Nicholson. They lived upon his farm in Green township until

1884, and he and his wife owning altogether more than eight hundred acres of land. In the year mentioned they removed to his present home in Plattsburg, where Mr. Stewart erected a fine residence, and has since practically lived retired although he has valuable and extensive farming interest.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Stewart has been blessed with three children who grew to maturity. Herbert P., the eldest, married Miss Armina Tuttle and resides in Green township. They have four sons, Ira, Roy, Walter and Arthur. Ralph, who is secretary of the Mutual Aid Society and resides in Springfield, married Miss Grace Carlton and they have one son, Oscar Carlton. Frank E. who completes the family, is at home.

Mr. Stewart votes with the Republican party, having endorsed its principles since the time when John C. Fremont was its first candidate in 1856. He belongs to the Christian church at Plattsburg and is one of its deacons. He is also a member of Wilson Post, No. 602, G. A. R., at Vienna Crossroads. He has filled all of the chairs in the local post and has attended the national reunions held at Philadelphia and Columbus. He also visited the Centennial Exposition in Philadelphia in 1876 and the World's Columbian Exposition in 1893.

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#### CAPTAIN HARRY M. RANKIN.

Harry M. Rankin, who is captain of the Central Fire Company of Springfield, was born in West Jefferson, Madison county, Ohio, October 4, 1859, and is a son of Warren H. Rankin, Sr., being the second child and oldest son born of his father's second

marriage. In the public schools of Clark county he obtained his education and at the age of eleven years he began work on a farm attending school during the winter months. He was in the employ of Thomas McBeth, a farmer, and when Mr. McBeth removed to Springfield the subject of this review remained in his employ. He learned the florist business with that gentleman and after having thoroughly mastered it in principle and detail he began business for himself in 1880, renting the Clayson greenhouse. There he engaged in the raising of flowers and vegetables and as success attended his efforts he was afterward enabled to purchase land and erected a home and greenhouses of his own, meeting with prosperity in the conduct of his business through a number of years. He spent a few months in the south, but did not relinquish his business during his absence from the city. While in the south he worked for the South Florida Railroad Company for eight months and then returned to Springfield, where he continued in business as a florist for a year, conducting a general retail trade. In 1886 he was employed as a clerk in a large general store in Springfield.

The same year he became a member of the fire department and later received a regular appointment. By close attention to his duty he has steadily worked his way upward until he now occupies the responsible position of captain of the Central Fire Company. He was first stationed in the Central engine house, where he remained until 1889, when he was transferred to No. 4. Soon afterward he was made captain there and subsequently he was returned to the Central station with the rank of captain. As is usual with the firemen he has had varied experiences and has many times narrowly escaped



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with his life. As great courage, fearlessness and sound judgment are required from those who aid in protecting the community from the fire element as is demanded of those who fight for liberty or principle upon the field of battle. Captain Rankin also has had varied experiences in handling apparatus and men and has kept abreast with improvements that have been made in the methods of fighting fires through the means of superior mechanical appliances. His attention is given in an undivided manner to his duties and he enjoys the highest respect and regard of the men who serve under him.

On the 16th of August, 1880, occurred the marriage of Captain Rankin and Miss Anna E. Ritter, who was born in Springfield August 31, 1860, and is a daughter of Samuel and Catherine Ritter, both of whom are residents of this city and are now in advanced years. Mrs. Rankin was educated in the public schools here and by her marriage became the mother of twelve children, but four of this number are now deceased. Frederick, born in 1881, died at the age of eighteen years, four months and fourteen days; Earl E., born February 11, 1883, is now a resident of Muncie, Indiana; Elmer, born in 1884, died in infancy; Walter Y., born November 12, 1885, is serving in the United States navy, being stationed at Newport, Rhode Island; Clifford, born in 1887, died at the age of two months; Herbert, born October 22, 1888, is in the employ of his uncle in the restaurant business; Ralph, born May 1, 1890, is at home; Wilbur, born in 1892, died at the age of five months and twenty-one days; and Arthur, born September 20, 1893, Hazel M., born September 13, 1895, Harry, Jr., born August 8, 1898, and Esther, born April 10, 1901, are still with their parents.

Captain Rankin purchased lot No. 584 Lagonda avenue and erected thereon his present home. In his political affiliations he has ever been a Republican but has never sought or desired office. He belongs to Clark Lodge, No. 101, F. & A. M., and Springfield Chapter, No. 48, R. A. M., and he also holds membership in Ephraim Lodge, No. 146, I. O. O. F., and the Firemen's Relief Association, in which he has filled all the offices. His wife is a member of the First Congregational church. He obtained a practical education in the school of experience and realizing that fidelity to duty is one of the strong elements of success he has through this means and through ability steadily worked his way upward.

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#### LUKE L. YOUNG.

Almost twenty years have passed since Luke L. Young became a resident of Springfield. He is now an engineer on the Ohio Southern Railroad, and is one of the most capable representatives of the company. He was born in Woodburn, Macoupin county, Illinois, August 15, 1860, and is a son of the Rev. John C. Young, a minister of the Christian church, who was born in North Carolina in 1807 and went to Illinois when eleven years of age in company with his father, John Young, who was one of the pioneers of that state, locating there in the year in which Illinois was admitted to the Union. There the father of our subject was reared to manhood amid the wild scenes of pioneer life and became connected with the farming interests, which he followed successfully for many years, accumulating considerable property. He also devoted

much of his time and energies to the work of proclaiming the gospel, as a minister of the Christian church, and his influence was of no restricted order. He left the impress of his individuality for good upon many lives with whom he came in contact. As a companion and helpmeet for life's journey he chose Sarah F. Hall, who was born in Tennessee June 14, 1826, and is now residing in Mattoon, Illinois. He had been previously married, and by the first union there were three children. Unto the parents of our subject were born four sons and a daughter: Edwin, who is the superintendent of the Young Advertising Agency in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; S. P., who is a traveling salesman for the firm of Fairbanks & Morse, and lives in Mattoon Illinois; Arthur C., who is engaged in the drug business in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; Luke L. of this review; and Mrs. Sarah Madison, whose husband is general car foreman for the St. Louis & Peoria Railroad Company, and resides in Springfield, Illinois. The children were all educated in the public schools and in the colleges in Eureka and Carrollton, Illinois. The father, after a long, useful and honorable life covering seventy-five years, passed away in Toledo, Illinois, in August, 1882.

To the public school system of his native state Luke L. Young is indebted for the early educational privileges he received. At the age of twelve years he began working in a printing office in Litchfield, Illinois, and after learning the trade he followed it for six years. Subsequently he spent two years in a machine shop, being employed as a brass founder in the railroad shops. In April, 1883, he came to Springfield and secured a situation in the shops of the Ohio Southern Railroad. He there remained for a few

months, but in the same year he went upon the road as a fireman, and in February, 1886, was promoted to the position of engineer in recognition of his capability and faithfulness. He has been in the passenger service since 1899 running between Springfield and Jackson, and at different times has worked on various divisions of the road. He has seen many changes in the road and the management, has witnessed many improvements, and is now the third oldest man in the service of the company. He has been fortunate in that he has never had to serve any time because of accidents to property. He is very careful in his work, and his systematic labors and his care and precision have gained for him the confidence of the corporation which he serves.

Mr. Young organized the division No. 360 of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and was made its master. He afterward left that organization and joined the division No. 208 of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, of which he became corresponding and financial secretary, serving in this office for eleven years. He was a delegate to the St. Louis convention in 1898 and to the convention in Milwaukee in 1900. He is at present chairman of the board of adjustments of the Northern and Southern Divisions of Engineers, and has been brought in touch with the leading men of the country in this way.

In Illinois, in 1880, Mr. Young was united in marriage to Miss Minnie D. Strickland, whose birth occurred in Charleston, Illinois, June 21, 1860. Her father, Henry Strickland, is one of the oldest engineers on the St. Louis division of the Big Four Railroad, and although sixty-five years of age is still in active duty. In his family are three daughters and a son: Mrs. Min-

nie Young; Mrs. Samuel Wheat, of Waco, Texas; Olive; and Charles, who is an engineer and lives at home. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Young have been born five children, of whom two died in early childhood—Ethel and Charles. The others are: Frank, who was born July 4, 1886; Florence, born May 30, 1889; and Ruth, born October 5, 1891.

Socially Mr. Young is connected with Clark Lodge, No. 101, F. & A. M.; Springfield Chapter, No. 48, R. A. M.; Springfield Council, No. 17, R. & S. M.; and Palestine Commandery, No. 33, K. T. He also belongs to Moncrieffe Lodge, No. 33, K. P., and his wife is a member of the Clifton Avenue Methodist Episcopal church, to the support of which he is a liberal contributor. In politics he is a Jacksonian Democrat, but has never been an active worker in party ranks. In his life he exemplifies the spirit and teachings of the Masonic fraternity, of which he is a worthy representative. He has a railroad career above criticism, and is deserving of high commendation because of his ability and fidelity.

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#### CHARLES EDWARD BOST.

Charles Edward Bost, who is occupying the position of foreman blacksmith for the Superior Drill Company, having served in this capacity since March, 1886, was born in Frederick City, Maryland, January 18, 1851, and is a son of Isaac Bost, whose birth occurred in Frederick county, Maryland, in 1817, while his death occurred in 1895. The paternal grandfather, Henry Bost, was a farmer and slave-holder. Under the parental roof Isaac Bost was reared, acquiring a common-school education and through-

out his active career he was engaged in wood-working. He wedded Mary Frazier, who was born in Maryland in 1820 and died in that state in 1900. Her father, Jeremiah Frazier, was a soldier in the war of 1812, and our subject now has in his possession a musket which was carried by the grandfather in that second struggle with England. Jeremiah Frazier was a cabinet-maker by trade and thus supported his family. The Bost family is of English lineage. The father of our subject was a Democrat in his political views, and both he and his wife were members of the Lutheran church. Unto them were born nine children, of whom two daughters died in early childhood. The others are as follows: Cornelia is the wife of Valentine Hartman, a resident of Carroll county, Maryland. George served in the Civil war, becoming a member of the First Maryland Regiment of Infantry, with which he served as a private until he was wounded in both legs. He went to the west in 1875. Simeon L. W., a resident of Braddock, Frederick county, Maryland, is a blacksmith by trade and is now serving as a member of the state legislature. Charles Edward is the next of the family. Zachariah F., is a blacksmith of Springfield, now in the employ of the Springfield Architectural Iron Works Company. Gideon is a butcher by trade and is living in Michigan. William D. is a fireman residing in Springfield. The children were all educated in the common schools and in an academy in Frederick county, Maryland, and all of the sons have become connected with mechanical pursuits.

Charles Edward Bost was educated as were the other members of the family until sixteen years of age, when he put aside his text books and was apprenticed to learn the blacksmith's trade in Lovettsville, Vir-

ginia. He served for a term of two years there and afterward spent two years at another place as an apprentice in the same neighborhood. He was afterward connected with the Antietam Iron Works for a time and subsequently followed blacksmithing in Knoxville, Maryland. In the spring of 1875 he arrived in Springfield and found employment as a journeyman tool dresser in the New Champion Works. In the summer of 1885 he entered the service of the P. P. Mast Company in the same capacity, and in 1886 he was offered a position of foreman of the blacksmith department of the Superior Drill Company, which position he accepted, having since served in that capacity. He now has twenty-three men under his immediate supervision and is well qualified to direct their labors owing to his practical understanding of the business. He has devoted his entire attention to the work of the department and hundreds of tons of iron annually pass through the shops, being molded under his supervision.

Mr. Bost was married in Virginia in 1870 to Jane E. Butts, who was born in Virginia in 1852, a daughter of Oliver G. Butts, who was a blacksmith by trade and died in the Old Dominion in 1901. In his family were three sons and four daughters, including Mrs. Mary Conard, of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania; Mrs. Etta Nuse, of Springfield; and Mrs. Bost. Unto our subject and his wife have been born three children, two daughters and a son, who have lived to years of maturity, and one daughter died in infancy at Antietam, Maryland. Orrie, born in Virginia, in 1871, is the wife of Rev. F. E. Leamer, a Lutheran minister, who was educated at Wittenberg College. She, too, was a student in Wittenberg, making a specialty of vocal and instrumental

music, and for ten years, from the time of the organization of the Second Lutheran church, she served as its organist. Franklin G. born in 1875, is now in the blacksmith department of the Superior Drill Company. Oliver G., an adopted son, was born in Sandy Hook, Maryland, in 1881, and is a son of a sister of Mrs. Bost. He was educated in the public schools, afterward made a tour of the south, the west and of Canada, and is now a bolt-maker in the employ of the Superior Drill Company.

In 1875 Mr. Bost removed to his present location and after renting for a time he purchased a house and remodeled it, making it a very comfortable home. He came to Springfield a poor man, but by saving his earnings and judiciously investing his capital in real estate he has accumulated a comfortable competence. He and his wife have worked harmoniously side by side and are now living to enjoy the fruits of their labor. He owes his advancement entirely to his well directed efforts, his capability and his well-known honesty. Both Mr. and Mrs. Bost are members of the Second Lutheran church. They were among a company of forty-five who left the First Lutheran church and organized the Second Lutheran church in 1885, becoming charter members. For ten years he served as a deacon and in 1900 was elected an elder. He has served on the official board since the organization of the church, and for ten years was treasurer of the Sunday-school. In politics he is a Democrat and while he has never been an aspirant for public office he has frequently served as a delegate to the city and county conventions. In the spring of 1902 he was appointed by Mayor Milligan as a member of the board of police and fire commissioners. He has taken



a decided stand against Sunday desecration and labors earnestly to uphold the dignity of the police and fire departments. Socially he identified with Anthony Lodge, F. & A. M., having been made a Mason in 1893. He is also a member of the National Fraternal Union, in which he is an officeholder. A man of domestic habits, fond of his own home, he is also public-spirited and progressive and is one of the highly respected residents of his adopted city.

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#### SAMUEL R. HOCKMAN.

Samuel Rhodes Hockman since 1876 has owned and operated the Eagle City Mills in German township, on the banks of Mad river, and is a well known and worthy representative of the industrial interests of this portion of the county. He was born in Shenandoah county, Virginia, near Woodstock, September 26, 1821, and is a son of Peter and Rebecca (Rhodes) Hockman. His grandfather, George Hockman, was also a native of Shenandoah county, born April 26, 1777, and his death occurred April 21, 1847. The father of our subject was a farmer by occupation, carrying on agricultural pursuits throughout his business career. He passed away December 11, 1873, at the age of seventy-three years, eight months and eleven days, while his wife who was born November 17, 1798, died in Virginia, April 7, 1878.

Mr. Hockman of this review remained with his parents until he had attained his majority, at which time he secured employment in a mill at Tomsbrook, in his native county, entering the services of William Wright, with whom he remained for a year,

receiving five dollars per month in compensation for his labor. He was then able to do a journeyman's work, and manifested such efficiency that not long afterward he obtained a position as foreman of a mill. He also operated rented mills in different places.

On the 29th of January, 1852, in Shenandoah county, Virginia, occurred the marriage of Mr. Hockman and Miss Eliza Gochenour, who was born in that county February 14, 1829, the youngest daughter of Christian Gochenour and his wife, who were likewise natives of Virginia. As Mr. Hockman was a miller he was exempt from military service in the Civil war. He lived, however, in the path of the contending armies and had to grind grain for both the Union and Confederate troops. He also suffered considerable loss because of the conditions of the war and after its close he came to Ohio in 1867, having just about enough money to bring him to this locality. He had a brother living in Champaign county and was thus induced to seek a home in this state. Mr. Hockman worked by the month for a year at fifty dollars per month. He afterward rented mills, which he conducted until 1876, when he purchased the Eagle City Mills, becoming the owner of a half interest and of twelve acres of land. After two years he became sole proprietor and has since conducted the mill with good success. In 1885 he equipped it with a full roller process and is now doing a good business in the manufacture of flour, the sales of his product being quite extensive. He also bought other land until he now has eighty-five acres.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Hockman have been born ten children: Milton Henry, born November 11, 1852, married Ella Dietrich

and lives in German township. They have three children—Ada, who is keeping house for her grandfather; Nora and Ida. Lydia Catherine, born April 6, 1854, in Shenandoah county, Virginia, is the wife of George Swartz of German township, and they have two children, Elma and Cora. Mary M., born in Virginia April 6, 1858, died March 1, 1885, and was buried at Tremont. John Martin, born September 14, 1859, in Virginia, married Anna Christ, and they have two children, Effie and Noah. William A., born November 2, 1862, in Virginia, married Edna Mann, by whom he had one child, Wesley. He afterward married Miss Grube and his third wife bore the maiden name of Agnes Markee. Their home is near New Carlisle, Ohio. Benjamin F., born in Virginia, March 18, 1865, is married and lives at Sumner, Illinois. Samuel D., born in Virginia, January 8, 1867, is a dentist, practicing in Charleston, Illinois. Emma V., born in Campaign county, Ohio, April 19, 1869, is the wife of Thomas H. Prosser, who was born in Monmouthshire, England, October 7, 1870, and came to America with his parents when ten years of age. Anna R. died in childhood. Betty, born August 12, 1874, is the wife of Charles Shoup, of Pike township.

Mr. Hockman is not a politician nor an office seeker. He served, however, as postmaster of Eagle City for twenty-two years for the accommodation of the neighborhood. He was reared in the faith of the German Baptist church and he has always lived an upright, honorable life, characterized by diligence and perseverance. All that he possesses has come to him as the direct reward of his earnest labor and the popular miller of Eagle City is widely and favorably known.

#### JAMES P. LEFFEL

Eighty-five years have passed since James P. Leffel, now deceased, came to Clark county to cast in his lot with its pioneer settlers. People of the present century can scarcely realize the struggles and dangers which attended the early settlers, the heroism and self-sacrifice of lives passed upon the borders of civilization, the hardships endured, the difficulties overcome. These tales of the early days read almost like a romance to those who have known only the modern prosperity and conveniences. To the pioneers of the early days, far removed from the privileges or conveniences of city or town, the struggle for existence was a stern and hard one, and these men and women must have possessed indomitable energy and sterling moral worth of character, as well as marked physical courage, when they thus voluntarily selected such a life and successfully fought its battles under such circumstances as prevailed in Ohio in the early part of the nineteenth century. Mr. Leffel was one formed in strong physical and moral mold and he took an active and important part in transforming this wild region from its primitive condition to a state of richness that made it a valuable farming district.

Born in Botetourt county, Virginia, March 20, 1799, James P. Leffel was a son of John and Margaret (Osleshane) Leffel, who were also natives of Botetourt county, where the father died. In their family were eleven children: Samuel; John; Jacob; Daniel; Anthony; Thomas; James P.; Mary, who became the wife of Abraham Perry; Elizabeth, the wife of William Dood; Margaret, the wife of Arthur Colason; and Sarah, the wife of Michael Tay-

lor. After the death of the father the mother and children left Virginia and came to Clark county, Ohio, settling in Bethel township.

Daniel Leffel was the first of the brothers to emigrate to this state, arriving some four years before our subject. In 1817 James P. Leffel and his mother came overland, arriving at Daniel's home on the day on which he was eighteen years of age—March 20, 1817. The family has long been connected with the history of Springfield and of Clark county, many of them becoming prosperous farmers here. The subject of this review found employment as a farm hand, receiving eight dollars per month for his services. He was industrious and economical and after four years spent in that way he entered the employ of his brother John in a fanning mill and a year later became a partner in his milling and distilling business near Enon. They built the mill which for years was owned and operated by Henry Snyder and were thus early connected with the development of industrial interests here. At that time there were no railroads or canals and Mr. Leffel would take the flour which he manufactured to Cincinnati by ox-teams. Money was very scarce in Ohio in those times and so he frequently received merchandise in exchange for the breadstuffs which he sold, and on returning with this to Clark county he would sell it to the people of this community for cash or exchange it for wheat. He continued in the milling business for about eight years, selling out in 1854. He then removed to Springfield township, south of the city, where he purchased a farm and thereon he spent his remaining days, adding to his property from time to time as his financial resources increased. His judicious

investments made him one of the prosperous agriculturists of the community and he owned sixteen hundred acres of fine farming land, well improved, besides valuable business blocks and other city property.

On the 1st of January, 1820, James P. Leffel was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Miller, a native of Virginia and a daughter of Ferdinand and Elizabeth (Perry) Miller. They had ten children: Michael born March 22, 1822, married Elizabeth Cosler and died at his home on the Yellow Springs pike; Martin, a farmer, died in Miami county, Ohio; James M. is also deceased; Joseph is mentioned elsewhere in this volume; Reuben, born May 9, 1836, married Rachel McClelland; Elizabeth is the widow of Mathew Irie and resides on South Limestone street, Springfield; Scott is a resident of Dayton; Margaret died in childhood; Abigail and Benjamin are also deceased.

Mr. Leffel was a man of strict business principles, thoroughly reliable, and his word was as good as his bond. He was never known to enter into any business transaction that could not bear the closest investigation and his name thus became a synonym for honesty. He was an adherent of the Methodist Episcopal church and in his political views was first a Whig and after the organization of the Republican party joined its ranks. He died April 7, 1887, having for fourteen years survived his wife, and was then laid by her side in Ferncliff cemetery. He had passed the eighty-eighth milestone on life's journey and his path had ever been the straight one, which indicates an upright character and devotion to principle. He bore no unimportant part in the early development and improvement of this portion of Ohio but helped to change pioneer condi-

tions to those of a more advanced civilization, that the white man might have the use of this rich and fertile section of the state. His work was well done, his prosperity worthily won and to him is due a debt of gratitude from present and coming generations who profit by what he accomplished in pioneer times.



#### HARRY A. TOULMIN, B. L.

As a representative of the class of substantial builders of the great commonwealth of Ohio who have served faithfully in this enterprising state, we present the subject of this sketch who has performed his full duty in establishing and maintaining the material interests, legal status and moral welfare of this community. He is particularly well known as a patent lawyer and in this branch of the science of jurisprudence he has become a specialist. He has gained distinction, continuous study and investigation broadening his knowledge and increasing his capability until he has few equals among the patent lawyers of Ohio.

Harry Aubrey Toulmin was born in Toulminville, Alabama, November 26, 1858. His father, Morton Toulmin, was a cotton broker of Mobile, Alabama, and died in the year 1896. His widow, who bore the maiden name of Frances H. Toulmin, is now a resident of Springfield. The boyhood days of Harry A. Toulmin were passed in the city of Mobile, where he attended a private school and later he was a student in New Orleans and subsequently in Washington, D. C., where he pursued his studies for several years. After completing his school education he entered the law department of

the National University at Washington, D. C., and was graduated in that institution in June, 1882, with the degree of Bachelor of Law, standing second in a class of fifty. During this time he was also employed as managing clerk in the office of a patent law firm of the capital city. After his graduation he was admitted to the bar of the state of Maryland in October, 1883, first upon oral examination in an open session of court and then upon motion in the supreme court of the state. In March, 1884, he was admitted to practice in the supreme court of the District of Columbia.

In the meantime, in 1883, Mr. Toulmin formed a partnership for the practice of patent law, which he had adopted as his specialty, becoming a member of the firm of Toulmin & Sennekes, which relation was maintained until February, 1897. He received early recognition at the bar in his specialty and his services were retained by many manufacturing establishments in various parts of the country. He was regarded as one of the leaders of the younger members of the bar of the patent office. Finally, in September, 1885, on the solicitation of clients who desired him to open an office in Springfield, he came to this city still retaining, however, his Washington office. He received further recognition from Springfield manufacturers and offers were made by them of retainers if he would settle regularly in this city. Accordingly he took this step in February, 1887, and has since been a resident of Clark county. He has an extensive clientage, receiving the patronage not only of many Springfield manufacturers and inventors, but also of many prominent business men throughout the middle west, his practice covering a wide territory. He is retained by the year by numerous manufacturers and



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the patent law business which he has managed has been of a very important character.

Following his admission to the eastern courts referred to above, he was admitted to the federal courts of Ohio and of other states of the middle west and of the west, while in December, 1893, he was admitted to practice in the supreme court of the United States, upon the calling of his first case in that tribunal. He fought for a doctrine in that case which was adopted and announced by the court in its opinion and which thereafter became the leading case upon that proposition—the effect of a prior patent issued by the government upon a subsequent patent issued to the same party for subject matter embodied in such prior patent; the proper practice of the patent office under such conditions and the relation of such question to the matter of attempted perpetuity under patents. While Mr. Toulmin has been so engaged in the practice of patent law he has also become associated with some of the important industries of Springfield. He was one of the organizers and incorporators of the Victor Supply Company and is now one of its directors and the vice president. This company conducts a manufacturing and jobbing house, doing business in Springfield, Ohio.

In April, 1887, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Toulmin and Miss Rosamond Evans, a daughter of Dr. Warwick and Mary Mason, (Washington) Evans, of Washington, D. C. Unto them have been born two children, Warwick Morton, who died at the age of sixteen months; and Harry Aubrey, Jr. The parents are members of Christ Episcopal church, of which Mr. Toulmin is serving as vestryman at the present time. He has taken an active part in charitable and benevolent work in this

city and is recognized as a benefactor of different public benevolent interests. For a short time he was a director in the Young Men's Christian Association while its new building was being erected. He resigned that position for want of time to give to the duties of the office as he conceived them to be. For the past seven years he has been a member of the board of associated charities of Springfield, is an active worker on the finance committee and does all in his power to promote the object of its organization. He has also taken an active interest in the city hospital which at one time came under the care of the board of public affairs.

Mr. Toulmin has always been a Democrat in his political affiliations and both in and out of office has been an earnest worker in behalf of improvements and measures for the general good of the city. He was an advisory member and the vice president of the board of public affairs of Springfield from 1895 until 1897 during the administration of Mayor P. P. Mast, and during that time the initial work involved in the planning and construction of Snyder Park was done and he is the author of the inscription on the memorial stone in the park. The park comprises a tract of two hundred and ten acres which at that time had recently been donated by Snyder Brothers to the city and this board had in charge the plan for preparing the park and instituting the work of improvement. As a citizen Mr. Toulmin has ever been actuated by motives for the general good, with no desire for the honors of office, finding that his time and attention are fully occupied by his private business interests. In the department of jurisprudence which he decided to make his specialty he has achieved prominence and is no less distinguished and honored as a citizen than as a lawyer.

## REV. CHARLES STROUD.

Rev. Charles Stroud, whose labors have been a potent element in the moral development of Springfield and of this section of Ohio, and whose business ability has been demonstrated in his judicious investment and careful conduct of private affairs, well deserves representation in this volume as one of the most prominent and honored men of this city. For nearly twenty years he was pastor of the German Lutheran church. He was born in the city of Reading, Pennsylvania, on the 4th of January, 1822, and is a son of Jonathan and Catherine (Eisenbeise) Stroud. His paternal grandfather was born in Bristol, England, and, having attained to man's estate, he emigrated to America. He first settled in Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, but afterward removed to Reading, that state, where he carried on agricultural pursuits until his death, which occurred when he was sixty years of age. He was a member of the Society of Friends and a man whose upright, honorable life won for him the confidence and respect of all with whom he was associated. Jonathan Stroud, the father of our subject, was born in Reading, Pennsylvania, and was reared in that state. In his youth he aided his father in conducting a store and later engaged in merchandising on his own account in that city, where he died when thirty-two years of age. His wife was a native of Pennsylvania and was of German ancestry. She died in 1843. In their family were six children, of whom the subject of this review was the fourth in order of birth.

Rev. Stroud of this review was only seven year of age at the time of his father's death. He acquired his preliminary

education in the public schools, also pursued a preparatory course in the Pennsylvania College at Gettysburg, and in 1849 came to Springfield, where he pursued his education at Wittenberg College. In 1850 he took up the study of theology and was graduated in that department with the class of 1851, after which he was licensed to preach by the Miami synod. While still a student he had begun preaching in Springfield, having been engaged as regular pastor of St. John's church, and for twenty years he continued to occupy its pulpit. During this time the church made substantial and commendable progress and proved a potent element for good in the community. Rev. Stroud labored earnestly for the upbuilding of the cause of Christianity through this organization. He was an earnest, logical speaker and was the loved pastor of his flock. People of all denominations respected and honored him and his work in behalf of the church which proved of great public good.

While in school, Rev. Stroud had become acquainted with Miss Clara Keever, who was a student in the boarding school of Springfield, while he was here pursuing his collegiate work. She was born near Lebanon, in Warren county, Ohio, and there their marriage was celebrated on the 28th of August, 1851. The lady was a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Rogers) Keever, who were natives of Franklin county, Pennsylvania, and of Georgetown, Kentucky, respectively. Her paternal grandfather was John Keever, formerly of Pennsylvania, in which state he lived and died. John Keever the father of Mrs. Stroud, removed to Warren county, Ohio, purchased large tracts of land there, improved his farms and thereby gained a fortune. He died in



1834, while his wife passed away at the age of seventy-two years. In their family were twelve children, Mrs. Stroud being the eleventh in order of birth. She pursued her education in the seminary on East High street and was a most estimable lady. At the time of their marriage Rev. Stroud received the meagre salary of two hundred and fifty dollars per year and it was not until nine years later that his salary was increased to five hundred dollars per year. As time passed, however, he managed to save some money and make investments in real estate, which were so judiciously placed that his capital was largely increased. He then made other improvements and in this way acquired a handsome capital. He made two additions to the city of Springfield known as Stroud's first and second additions. These were platted in 1875, and in 1871 his wife inherited a half interest in Mount Ayr, the county seat in Ringgold county, Iowa. In 1901 Rev. Stroud was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, who departed this life on the 27th of September, of that year. Their married life had covered the long span of fifty years and twenty-seven days and they celebrated their golden wedding only a short time prior to the death of Mrs. Stroud. The warm esteem in which she was universally held was indicated by the fact that her funeral was one of the largest ever held in Springfield. The synod took action upon her death in the following: "Resolved, that the sympathy of this body is hereby extended to our sorely bereaved Brother Stroud in these hours of loneliness." The above was a report on the president's report, which follows: "We are called upon also to record the death of the wife of our brother, the Rev. Charles Stroud, which occurred at

Springfield, Ohio, on September 27th after a protracted illness. Funeral services were held from the family residence on the 29th. They were conducted by Dr. M. J. Firey, of the First church of which the deceased had long been a consistent member. He was assisted in the services by Drs. Ruthrauff and Breckenridge, of Wittenberg Seminary, and your president. In the death of his wife Brother Stroud lost a helpmeet, indeed and the sincere sympathy of our synod goes out to him in his great affliction. May 'He who giveth His grace to the sorrowing' ever be his comfort and support."

The father of our subject was an old line Whig, and reared in the faith of that party, Rev. Stroud cast his first presidential ballot for Henry Clay. In 1856 he voted for Fremont and has since been a stalwart Republican. In early life he became a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, but afterward demitted from that organization. Soon after his marriage he joined Springfield Lodge, No. 101, F. & A. M. and has since attained to the eighteenth degree of the Scottish Rite. At the time of the Civil war he was a staunch Union man and used his aid and influence to further the cause of freedom. Rev. Stroud's fine residence at the corner of High and Shafer streets is a splendid structure standing in the midst of fine grounds and the beauties of this place do much to make the evening of life pleasant for this honored and venerable man who has traveled life's journey for more than eighty years. Although he has retired from active connection with the ministry, his zeal and interest in church work have never abated and his influence has ever been found on the side of the right the true and the beautiful. Whatever has tended to

benefit man or uplift the race and to promote the cause of Christianity have received his endorsement and support, and while he has prospered in his business undertakings he has used his wealth worthily, contributing most generously of the support of those measures the object of which is to promote the intellectual and moral culture of the community. There is no citizen of Springfield who is more truly honored and respected than the Rev. Charles Stroud, and in the evening of life he can look back over the past without regret and forward to the future without fear.

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#### DAVID ANDERSON.

The United States holds nowhere in her confines more energetic, progressive or enlightened citizens than are found within the borders of Green township, Clark county, Ohio—a district well adapted for agricultural pursuits, being rich in natural advantages which have required only the touch of civilization to yield up of the the abundant stores contained in the rich farming land there. Among the leading agriculturists in the township above mentioned was numbered David Anderson, who was born there May 28, 1844, upon the land where his widow now resides. He was a son of John and Mary (Smith) Anderson, both of whom were natives of Scotland, the mother of Edinburgh, and the father born in the northern part of the same country. Both were reared in their native land, but did not become acquainted until they arrived in America. John Anderson came to the "land of the free" with his parents, John and Agnes (Smith) Anderson, who were the parents of

five children namely: James; David, for whom the subject of this review was named and who is now deceased, having died in Greene county, Ohio; Elizabeth, deceased wife of William Bradfute, who resided in Greene county; Marjorie, who became the wife of Thomas Elder and died in Clark county; and John, the father of David of this review.

Upon the home farm, which was the place of his birth, David Anderson was reared and in the common schools of the district he received a fair education. He was early trained to the work of the farm, and remained with his parents until, in response to his country's call for aid, he enlisted in Company D, One Hundred and Forty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He was in the army for about four months, during which time he took part in many skirmishes and engagements. He was taken sick and was in the hospital for a time, and his early death at the age of thirty-two, when in the prime of life, was probably the result of exposure while in the service. Upon his father's death he inherited the home farm of one hundred acres, and there continued to reside until called to his final rest, August 7, 1876.

On the 30th of November, 1871, occurred the marriage of Mr. Anderson and Miss Margaret Funston, a daughter of Thomas and Hannah (Mills) Funston. She was born in Green township, Clark county, September 5, 1843, and received a good common-school education in the district where she resided, which was supplemented by attendance in a select school at Clifton. Her father, Thomas Funston, was a cousin of General Funston, of Philippine renown, and was a native of the Blue Grass state, having been born in Bourbon county, Ken-

tucky, whence he came to Ohio at the age of two years, with his parents, John and Keziah (Scott) Funston. Her grandfather, John Funston, was born in Ireland, and was a young man when he came to America. While en route to the new world he was captured by pirates and was held a prisoner for two years. He was a valiant soldier in the war of 1812 and took part in the battle called Perry's Victory.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Anderson were born two children: Clarence, born on the home farm June 2, 1873, received the advantages of a good common and high school education, having graduated in the class of 1892. Upon the home farm he was reared, and on the 23d of November, 1898, he was united in marriage to Miss Julia Hatfield, who was born in Green township, a daughter of James and Harriet (Stewart) Hatfield. They make their home on the farm owned by his mother. Albert Funston, the second son, was born upon the home farm February 1, 1876, and was but six months old at the time of his father's death. He, too, resides with his mother upon the home farm and assists in the care of the same. Upon completing his high school course, he entered Antioch College, where he took a business course.

David Anderson was a man of high principles and undoubted integrity, of a genial, pleasant manner, which endeared him to his many friends. He was ever interested in the growth and prosperity of his community, and at his death the township lost one of her representative citizens, the country a brave and loyal patriot and the wife and children their nearest and best friend. The sons have grown to be valued members of the community in which they live. The father was a staunch Republican, though not a politician in the sense of office

seeking. The sons, too, affiliate with the Republican party. The eldest son voted for William McKinley at the time of his first nomination, and the younger brother cast his first ballot for that honored president on his second nomination. Mrs. Anderson has proved a most capable manager of the home farm, which she now conducts with the assistance of her two sons. All the improvements and accessories of a model farm of the twentieth century are to be found upon the place, the neat and attractive appearance of which is enhanced by a substantially and beautifully constructed residence which was erected by Mrs. Anderson in 1898, their old home having been burned in 1892. The home farm comprised one hundred acres, which Mrs. Anderson inherited in part from her husband's estate. The balance she purchased of the heirs. To this she has added other tracts until the farm is one of the large and highly cultivated tracts of the township, and is as a monument to the efficient care and supervision of Mrs. Anderson. She and her two sons are respected members of the Presbyterian church at Clifton, as was also the husband and father in his life time. The community regard them as honored and valued citizens and they enjoy the confidence, respect and good-will of all who know them.

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#### JAMES M. LEFFEL.

There is proof of the attractiveness of Clark county as a place of residence in the fact that so many of her native sons remain within her borders, finding pleasant homes here and carrying on business pursuits which yield them a good living. James

M. Leffel was among those born in Clark county who have spent their entire lives here. Mr. Leffel was a progressive farmer and stock-raiser known for his straightforward dealing in business, and his death removed from the county one who was widely and favorably known in this part of the state. His birth occurred in Mad River township, near Enon on the 31st of January, 1832. His father, James P. Leffel, is mentioned on another page of this work, and from early pioneer times the family name has been inseparably linked with the history of this portion of the state, associated with progress, improvement and advancement.

The boyhood days of our subject were quietly passed upon the home farm. He enjoyed the pleasures in which boys of the period indulged, pursued his education in the public schools and assisted in the farm work, living with his parents until his marriage. On the 25th of March, 1865, he wedded Miss Isabelle Wells, a native of Miami county, Ohio, and a daughter of Richard Wells. They became the parents of four children: Clarence B., who resides in the west; James L., who is living on a farm on Clifton pike, and wedded Mary E. Wike, by whom he has one son, Ralph; Maud V., the wife of James B. Rice, of Springfield, where they live with their six children—Raymond, Homer, Guy, Blanche, Marie and Helen; and Leslie B., who married Mabel Harris, by whom he has three children, Leona, James W. and Franklin, and resides on the old home place which belonged to his grandfather.

Throughout the years of his manhood James M. Leffel followed the occupation to which he was reared—that of farming. He also carried on stock-raising quite extensive-

ly, having good grades of stock upon his place, for which he found a ready sale on the market. He was never dilatory or negligent in his work which was always characterized by diligence and progressiveness, and thus he prospered in his undertakings. He died upon the farm where his father's death occurred, passing away April 26, 1877, his remains being interred in the family lot in Ferncliff cemetery. He was a member of Ephraim Lodge, I. O. O. F., and Improved Order of Red Men, and both organizations assisted in conducting the funeral services. In politics Mr. Leffel was a Republican and twice served as trustee of Springfield township. On another occasion he was the nominee for the office and was defeated by only one vote. By reading he became a well informed man, and was a close and interested student of the world's progress as manifest in the happenings of the present age. The sterling traits of his character were such as drew him to his associates in close bonds of friendship and endeared him to his family in such a way that his loss was most severely felt. He had added to the sum total of the world's good because he favored everything that tends to uplift humanity and threw his influence on the side of right and truth. His widow still resides on the home farm and is a most estimable lady, well known in this community.

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#### CHASE COLVIN.

Chase Colvin is a well known merchant of South Charleston, where he is engaged in dealing in wire fencing and farm implements. He was born March 1, 1864, in Greene county, Ohio, near Cedarville, and

is a son of David T. and Maria (Larkin) Colvin. The paternal grandfather, Thomas Colvin, came to Ohio, at an early day, locating in Greene county. He was a self-made man and prospered in his undertakings. His son, the father of our subject, was born in Frederick county Virginia, February 18, 1829, and came with the family to this state, where he was married April 13, 1853, to Maria Larkin. His death occurred in 1886 and his wife passed away in December, 1898. His parents removed from Greene county to a farm in Madison township, Clark county, settling near South Charleston, when Chase Colvin was only about three years of age. He is the third in a family of five children. Wilbur was a graduate of the high school at South Charleston and afterward entered college at Athens, Ohio, where he was also graduated. He then read law with J. Warren Keifer, at Springfield, and subsequently pursued a course in the State Law School, where he was graduated. For several years he practiced in Springfield and then went to Harri-man, Tennessee, being employed as a teacher in the university of that state. He is now with the Alkahest Lecture Bureau, of Atlanta, Georgia. He married Miss Ada Duvall, of Springfield, and they have one child. Estella is the wife of J. W. Townsley, a farmer and horse breeder of Fayette county, Ohio, and they have two children. Chase is the next younger. Matta is the wife of Charles A. Ware, who is engaged in the real estate and oil business in Florence, Alabama. David L. is a graduate of the Ohio Wesleyan University, pursued a post-graduate course in the university at Columbus and is now traveling in the interest of Prohibition.

On a farm near South Charleston Mr.

vin spent the days of his boyhood and youth, early becoming familiar with the labors of field and meadow. He also acquired a good education in the schools of South Charleston and was graduated in the class of 1881. Subsequently he attended Nelson's Business College at Springfield. About the time of his father's death, in 1886, he entered upon his business career. Being the oldest of the sons who were left at home, he took charge of the five farms belonging to the estate, being one of the administrators of the property. The land was not divided for several years and Mr. Colvin of this review had full control.

On the 27th of October, 1897, Chase Colvin was married near South Charleston to Miss Nellie Ramsey who was born in this locality, and is a daughter of William J. and Jennie (Murray) Ramsey. She is a graduate of the high school of South Charleston and for one year was a student in the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware. They have two children, Jane, who was born in this town October 10, 1898; and Edith, born September 25, 1902.

At the time of his marriage Mr. Colvin took up his abode in South Charleston where he has since lived. He inherited about one hundred and forty acres from his father's estate and purchased some of the other heirs until he had about two hundred and thirty-six acres. He has, however, since sold one of his farms. In addition to his other realty interests he has five residences in Harri-man, Tennessee. He began dealing in wire fencing, has built up a large trade in this portion of the county and is now prospering. He also manufactures iron fence posts. His business interests have been capably managed and his enterprise and industry have brought to him creditable success. In

politics Mr. Colvin is independent, his sympathies being with the Prohibition party. He belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he is serving as a trustee.

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WARREN H. RANKIN, Sr.

Warren H. Rankin, Sr., was born in Springfield, January 6, 1821, and was a son of George Rankin, who was a prominent character in the early history of Springfield. The father was a contractor and builder and erected the old courthouse here and also the old newspaper building where the Bushnell building now stands. It was built, however, as a hotel and was known as the Exchange Hotel but later it was converted into a newspaper office. He also built the brick and stone building at No. 67 North Spring street. The year 1811 witnessed the arrival of the family in Springfield. George Rankin was a native of Virginia and there made his home until his removal to this state in 1811. The following year he joined the American army to serve in the war of 1812. He bought land in Springfield and was the owner of a plat of ground from North street to Main street and all east of the alley to Spring street, also from the National pike and from Greenmount avenue east to Belmont avenue and south to Mill Run. He was a very prosperous man but the heirs never realized anything from the estate because of the mismanagement of guardians. George Rankin was married in 1821 to Sarah Meadows, who was connected with the Lyons and Meadows families of Virginia, prominent and early settlers of that state represented by loyal American soldiers of the Revolutionary war.

Unto George Rankin and his wife were born ten children: Cyrus, who went south in 1840, became a captain in the Confederate army during the Civil war and has never been heard from since; Charles died in Clark county; William died in Columbus; Warren H. is the subject of this review; Mary Jane and Lorenza Dow are the next younger of the family; Eliza A. is living in Springfield; George is deceased; John makes his home in Moorefield township, Clark county; and Joseph died in childhood. The family is noted for longevity. The children received good educational privileges, fitting them for life's practical duties. All were born at the family home on Spring street. John was a soldier in the Civil war and his son William became a soldier in the Spanish-American war. On the maternal side the Rankins come of German lineage and of Scotch ancestry on the paternal side. George Rankin died in 1852 when about sixty-four years of age, his birth having occurred in 1788 and he was buried in the northwest corner lot in the Columbia street cemetery. After his death his wife purchased ten acres of land in Moorefield township and there made her home until her death, in 1866, when she was laid to rest in Greemount cemetery.

Farther back than the first generation, however, could Warren H. Rankin trace his ancestry, for the family was founded in America by James Rankin, who was a native of Scotland. Coming to the United States he settled in Virginia on the banks of the James river near Stanton, Augusta county. He brought with him his six sons and three daughters. He had considerable money which he invested in land and slaves in the Old Dominion, but his sons did not like the portion of the state in which they were



WARREN H. RANKIN.





reared and having attained their majority they scattered. At the time of the Revolutionary war James Rankin joined the American army and loyally fought for the cause of independence.

Warren H. Rankin of this review pursued his education in what was known as Reed's school, three miles east of the city, having good advantages for that period. At the age of twelve he drove carts while the national pike was being built and he also had experience as a rider of race horses when a lad. For two years in early life he engaged in truck gardening and subsequently was a clerk in a hotel in Columbus, Ohio, for a time. Later he engaged in training horses for track work and was in the employ of the United States mail service as a mail carrier before railroads were built into Springfield. At the time of railroad construction he became a brakeman and after a few years began firing on the Little Miami Railroad between Columbus and Cincinnati, Ohio. Later he was promoted to the position of engineer in recognition of his trustworthiness and ability. He had charge of a stationary engine at South Charleston and also one at West Jefferson, Ohio, during the days when wood was burned for fuel; but eventually he abandoned railroad work and turned his attention to the conduct of a hotel and restaurant in West Jefferson, also carrying on a livery business there. For a time he ran a train from Dayton to Toledo, Ohio, and was always actively engaged in one or another line of work. At various times he resided in West Jefferson, South Charleston and Yellow Springs and in 1864 he came to Springfield, establishing a grocery store near the corner of East Main street and Spring street. He had previously moved his family to this city and after lo-

cating here he not only was connected with commercial affairs but followed the business of a stationary engineer in and near the city for a number of years. He was always an active and industrious man, well liked by all who knew him and trusted by all who had business relations with him. In 1896, however, he retired from active business life to enjoy a rest which he had truly earned and richly deserved. He died September 27, 1902, at the age of eighty-one years and nine months.

Mr. Rankin was twice married. In Springfield, Ohio, he wedded Miss Hannah Heckman, who was born in Clark county in 1824 and they became the parents of four children but all died in early life. His wife also passed away and later he left Springfield and engaged in railroad work and as a stationary engineer for railroads and other concerns for some time. In 1854 he was again married in West Jefferson, Ohio, the lady of his choice being Miss Matilda McNeal, who was born in Carlisle, Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, September 15, 1832, and was a daughter of Jacob and Catherine (Fought) McNeal. Nine children were born unto her parents: Catherine, who was born October 20, 1823, became the wife of A. L. Martin and is now deceased; Jacob, born December 16, 1825, is yet living; Mary A., born December 22, 1827, has passed away; Isabella, who was born on the 19th of September, 1829, became the wife of M. S. Carter, of St. Louis, Missouri; Matilda, born February 7, 1832, married W. H. Rankin and died September 21, 1892; Julia, born May 24, 1834, is the wife of J. J. Booth; Sarah, born October 17, 1836, is a resident of Plain City, Ohio; Eliza, born March 24, 1839, is the deceased wife of William Churchman; Maria, born February

16, 1842, has also passed away. These children were educated in the schools of their day and were members of a prosperous and highly respected family. They came of Scotch-Irish ancestors and were reared in West Jefferson. The father was justice of the peace for many years in West Jefferson and was a leading and influential citizen of his community. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Rankin were born eight children: Mollie, who died in childhood; Harry M. and Warren H., who are represented elsewhere in this work; John, who is a dealer in fruit and vegetables in Springfield and has two children; Clara, who is living in Dayton, Ohio; George, who is a florist employed by Good & Reese, and has three children; Edward, who is engaged in clerking for C. J. Bowlus; and Jacob, who is in the employ of Good & Reese, is married and has three children.

Mr. Rankin of this review had many and varied experiences during his long life. He met with reverses and successes in business and watched the growth and development of Springfield, always taking an active interest in everything pertaining to the general welfare and progress. He ever endeavored to do what was right, to maintain straightforward relations between himself and his fellow men and his career was noted for his integrity and fidelity to duty. From an early period in the history of Clark county the name of Rankin has been closely interwoven with the same. The representatives of the family have ever been people of worth, active in support of all measures for the general good. Warren H. Rankin sustained the enviable family reputation by an upright life characterized by industry, integrity and diligence, and well deserves honorable mention in the history of his native county.

#### WARREN H. RANKIN, JR.

Warren H. Rankin, Jr., was born in Springfield, March 8, 1861, and at the usual age became a public school student, there continuing his studies until he reached the age of eleven. He then started out in life to earn his own living, entering the employ of a market gardener who carried on business north of Springfield. For fifteen years he remained with that man, mastering the business in principle and detail. As his efficiency increased he was promoted gradually until he was given full charge of the business and at times, he has had as many as fifty men working under him. At length he severed his connection with his old employer in order to engage in business for himself and in 1886 established the wholesale commission house on West High street. Later he removed to No. 55 Market Square, where he carried on a very extensive trade, employing eight men and utilizing three teams in the delivery of his goods. He also carried on business as a wholesale and retail dealer in baled hay, doing his own baling of local products. A disastrous fire, however, occurred and occasioned him considerable loss, but phoenix-like his enterprise arose from the ashes and in due course of time he had retrieved his lost possessions and had succeeded in securing an extensive and lucrative business. In 1898, however, he sold out and gave his whole attention to the restaurant business which he had purchased in 1891 of William Curtis. The new enterprise also proved a profitable one and his patronage has increased from the time that he furnished sixty meals per day until he now supplies seven hundred meals daily on an average. He employs twenty persons in the conduct of the business, to which he



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gives his personal supervision. He is a popular restaurant proprietor and because of his reasonable prices, palatable products and straightforward dealings he has secured a very liberal patronage.

On the 15th of August, 1881, Mr. Rankin was united in marriage to Miss Alice Brady, who was born on Main street in Springfield, in 1866, and died in 1888, leaving two children, Mabel Florence, the elder, born June 17, 1883, is the wife of Rev. J. W. Keller, a minister of the Baptist church of Dayton, Ohio, to whom she gave her hand in marriage in 1902. The son, Warren H., born July 4, 1885, died in 1889, the year succeeding his mother's death. On the 20th of April, 1891, Mr. Rankin was again married, his second union being with Miss Anna A. Baker, who was born at Yellow Springs. They have three daughters, Hazel Mildred, born March 4, 1892; Ruth Naomi, born January 29, 1894; and Ethel May, born December 1, 1895.

Mrs. Rankin is a member of the Methodist church and an estimable lady who enjoys the high regard of many warm friends. Mr. Rankin has been a generous contributor to the support of the church. In politics he is known as an earnest Republican, who labors untiringly in behalf of the party and his service is disinterested because he has never cared for political preferment for himself. He belongs to Springfield Lodge, No. 33, I. O. O. F., and Mad River Encampment, nor would he accept offices in these organizations. He is also a member of the Junior Order of the American Mechanics and the Commercial Club. Mr. Rankin has gained a very wide acquaintance during the years of his business connection with Springfield and he has the qualities which render him a popular restaurant

proprietor, for he is genial, obliging and courteous and moreover his many friends recognize and appreciate his genuine worth and upright manhood.

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#### JOHN M. DEARDORFF.

For more than a half century John M. Deardorff, a capitalist and now a retired manufacturer has been a resident of Springfield. He was born in York county, Pennsylvania, January 4, 1824, and is of Holland Dutch descent. His grandfather, John Deardorff, and his father, Daniel Deardorff, were also natives of York county, and the latter was born in 1793 and married Margaret Miller whose birth occurred in Perry county, Pennsylvania, March 17, 1795. Mr. Deardorff was a tanner by trade and his grandfather and his great-grandfather were also tanners, and the old tannery in York county is still standing and is now owned and operated by Mr. Cook.

Under the parental roof John M. Deardorff of this review spent the days of his childhood and in the common schools of York county acquired his preliminary education, which was supplemented by study in a select school, but his early advantages were not of a very important character or much in advance of those enjoyed by most lads of the period. He worked at the carpenter's trade in his native state and followed that business for several years when, thinking that perhaps he would have better opportunities in newer districts of the country, he came to Springfield, Ohio, in 1849, and began business here as a contractor and builder. Success attended his efforts and his patronage gradually increased and became

more and more important in character until large contracts were awarded him and he thus became connected with the construction of many of the leading structures of the city, including the First Presbyterian church, the Zion German Lutheran church, several of the fine schoolhouses which adorn Springfield, the German Lutheran church on Plum streets, many of the substantial business blocks and beautiful private residences. He also worked upon the plant of William Whiteley, which at that time was the largest of the kind in the world. He also built the old Springfield Seminary, this being one of the first contracts awarded him after his arrival here. While engaged in this work Mr. Deardorff was also winning for himself an enviable reputation for reliability and trustworthiness in business affairs.

At a later date he became employed by the Thomas & Mast Company, manufacturers of agricultural implements, and indeed was one of the members of the firm, his associates being John H. Thomas and P. P. Mast. They engaged in the manufacture of wheat drills, seeders, mowers and farm implements. For seven years Mr. Deardorff remained a member of the firm and then sold his interest to his partners and withdrew from the company.

At the outbreak of the Civil war Mr. Deardorff was commissioned recruiting officer to fill the quotas for Clark county, and succeeded in enlisting many of the men of the Second and Third Regiments. He held his commission during the five years of the war, and in 1863, he was commissioned to organize the Seventy-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry, of which Rodney Mason was the colonel. At the time of the threatened raid through Ohio, upon short notice, he at once raised a company of men, was made its cap-

tain and in a few hours was on his way to Columbus, Ohio, with his command, where this company was to be armed. It was composed of the best citizens of Springfield, men prominent in business and other walks of life. Throughout the dark and trying period of civil strife Mr. Deardorff never wavered in his allegiance to the government or faltered in his faith in the ultimate triumph of the Union arms.

When hostilities had ceased our subject returned to Springfield and became a member of the firm of Deardorff, Miller & Company, manufacturers of coffins and caskets. This partnership existed for fourteen years, at the end of which time Mr. Deardorff sold his stock and the name of the company was changed to the Springfield Casket & Coffin Company. His next business connection was with John Bean, Roscoe Bean, George H. Leffel and John Stafford. They formed a company called the Springfield Tricycle Manufacturing Company with a capital stock of fifty thousand dollars and continued business from 1880 until 1896, when the plant was rented out and the name of the house changed to the Springfield Gas & Engine Company, at which time Mr. Deardorff retired from active business. He has since devoted his attention to his private interests and to individual investments which have been so judiciously made that he is now one of Springfield's capitalists. Yet his success has been so honorably won and so worthily used that the most envious cannot grudge him his prosperity.

Fifty-one years ago, Mr. Deardorff was married. He wedded Miss Elizabeth Pettigrew, of Springfield, a daughter of David Pettigrew, the wedding ceremony being performed in 1851. Five children have been

born of this union: Harry E., now of Salt Lake City; Lizzie, the wife of W. D. Martin, of Springfield; Minnie, who married John S. Graham; Charles L. who is largely interested in the printing business at St. Augustine, Florida; and Clara M., at home. The parents are devoted leaders of the Methodist Episcopal church, with which Mr. Deardorff has been identified since 1849, covering a period of fifty-three years. He has served as class leader for thirty years, has been steward for a number of years and is now clerk of St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal church.

A Republican in politics, upon that ticket he was elected a member of the city council where he served for four years, and twice elected to the school board; he was also one of its members for four years. Earnest effort, close application and the exercise of his native talents, have won him prosperity, but his energies have not been given solely to the acquirement of wealth. He has never allowed its accumulation to warp his kindly nature. He has found time and opportunity to assist in measures for the general good, to aid in the moral development of the community and to put into practice his broad humanitarian principles. Kindness has been one of the motives of his life and his friends have found in him a man of a forgiving nature and of quick and generous sympathy.

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#### HENRY L. SCHAEFER.

Henry L. Schaefer, who is engaged in the undertaking and embalming business at No. 144 West Main street, Springfield, was born July 31, 1850, in this city. His father, Leonard Schaefer, was born in Germany

in 1823, learned the trade of locksmith in that country and came to America from Stuttgart, Germany. He had there occupied the position of foreman in a large lock factory, being a very experienced and expert man in his line of business. In 1849 he emigrated to the new world, making his way direct to Springfield, Ohio, which was then a city containing about five thousand inhabitants. Here he began business as a locksmith, and from the beginning his trade constantly increased. He also conducted a machine shop and began the manufacture of railings, fences and awnings. The first iron railing which he made is now on the residence of the Catholic sisters of Springfield. The enterprise which he established in 1850 was located on East Main street, between Spring and Foster streets. For many years he followed an active business career here and was regarded as an important factor in the industrial life of the city. It was an accident which caused him to choose Springfield as his place of residence. While on board the vessel coming to America he was taken ill with smallpox. He had intended to locate in Cincinnati, Ohio, but as cholera was very prevalent there he remained in this city. For nearly forty years he conducted business here and was respected as an industrious, energetic man, who well merited the success which attended his efforts. His business card was in the first directory ever published in this city, in 1852. Leonard Schaefer came to America a single man and was here married by Dr. Chandler Robbins to Rosina Esslinger, who was born in Germany in 1823. This marriage took place in 1849, Mrs. Schaefer coming to America soon after her husband's arrival. Her father, John Gottlieb Esslinger, was a soldier against Bonaparte in 1814, and our subject

now has a painting of his grandfather in his uniform, it having been brought to this country by Mr. Esslinger. Henry L. Schaefer was the only child born of these parents who grew to maturity. The mother died in 1869, and in 1870 the father was again married and had three sons by this union—C. Albert, who is now associated with the Thomas Manufacturing Company; Leonard, who is in the employ of Elder & Tuttle, dealers in hardware; and Paul, who is employed by the Webster & Perks Tool Company, of Springfield. The father died at the old home place on East Main street, May 5, 1895, where he had erected a residence. In politics he took an active interest and supported the Democratic party, but was never an aspirant for office. He belonged to St. John's German Lutheran church and was a member of the old Union Fire Company, No. 3, of Springfield.

Henry L. Schaefer, whose name introduces this record, pursued a public school education and entered his father's machine shop, where he learned the trade of a machinist. In 1869 he went to Stuttgart, Germany, where for two terms he studied mechanical drawing in a government mechanical college, returning to this country in the fall of 1870. He was abroad during a part of the Franco-Prussian war. On his return he took up his abode in his native city and entered his father's shop, where he remained until 1875. In that year he secured a position in the tool department of the Champion Bar & Knife works and was in charge as foreman of one of the departments. Gradually he worked his way upward until he was foreman of several departments. He gained the confidence of his employers because of his fidelity to duty and by reason of his natural mechanical genius. There he

remained until 1893, when he went to Chicago, Illinois, and entered the school of enameling. After successfully passing his examination there he returned to Springfield and began business here as an undertaker and enlainer, in which work he has been very successful, his daughter acting as lady assistant.

In 1872 Mr. Schaefer was married to Bertha Orthmann, who was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1851, and was the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Frederick Orthmann. Her father practiced medicine in Hillsboro, Ohio, where he died in 1858. The mother afterward returned to Germany, where Mrs. Schaefer was educated. Unto our subject and his wife were born four children, of whom one died in early childhood. Katherine is the wife of Henry S. Carpenter, of Hamilton, Ohio, and they have two children, Henry Schaefer and Gertrude Helen Carpenter. Bertha C. and Theodore Frederick are yet at home. The son is a graduate of the high school of Springfield and for two terms was a student in Wittenberg College. He also pursued a course in Nelson's Business College, and he is a member of the Phi Gamma Delta, a college fraternity. He is now assisting his father in business, while Bertha is acting as lady assistant. The son-in-law of our subject is engaged in manufacturing confectionery in Hamilton, this state.

Mr. Schaefer now resides at No. 59 North Yellow Springs street. He erected a home on Clifton street, where he lived for nineteen and one-half years, and during the thirty years of his married life he has moved but twice. In politics he is a Republican, but is not active in political work. He held the office from 1895 until 1898, inclusive, of county coroner and served as a member of



the board of education for the sixth ward in the '80s. Socially he is connected with Clark Lodge, No. 101, F. & A. M.; Springfield Chapter, No. 48, R. A. M.; Springfield Council, No. 17, R. & S. M.; Palestine Commandery, No. 33, K. T., all of Springfield, and Antioch Temple of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Dayton. He is also a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, and with his wife and daughter Bertha, belongs to Dayton Chapter. He has held a number of offices in the various Masonic bodies and he belongs to Moncrieffe Lodge, No. 33, K. P., also belongs to the Uniformed Rank and holds the position of major. He is a member of Al Yembo Temple, No. 112, D. O. K. K., and holds the post of royal vizier in that organization, while in the lodge he is a past chancellor and a past grand representative to the grand lodge. He likewise holds membership in Goethe Lodge, No. 384, I. O. O. F., and Mad River Encampment, No. 16, and has passed the chairs in both, while his wife belongs to the Daughters of Rebekah. He is a member and senior past captain of Canton Occidental, No. 21, Patriarchs Militant; belongs to Champion Council, No. 2, Jr. O. U. A. M.; and Violet Council, No. 29, Daughters of America; and Champion Castle, No. 26, K. G. E.; and to the Commercial Club. He was the secretary and treasurer of the local committee who succeeded in establishing the Knights of Pythias Home in this city and was also a member of the committee that located the Independent Order of Odd Fellows Home here. He is one of the directors of the Clark County Building and Savings Company and is a member of St. John's Lutheran church. For many years he served as a member of its board of directors and has long been its

president. Mr. Schaefer is well known in business, social and church circles, where his fidelity to all the best interests of these has gained for him the warm regard and friendship of many. In business he has been successful because he has followed progressive methods and honorable dealings and as one of the respected representatives of Springfield we present him to the readers of this volume.

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#### I. NEWTON SEEVER.

I. Newton Seever, who is a civil engineer of Springfield, was born in Sylvania, Licking county, Ohio, May 13, 1855, and is a son of Benjamin Seever. On the paternal side of the family he comes of French and German ancestry, while there is Scotch blood in the maternal line. For many generations, however, the Seever family has been connected with Pennsylvania. Benjamin Seever was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, September 10, 1814, and was educated in the common schools. When twenty-five years of age he began preaching as a minister of the Christian church and was thus engaged in spreading the gospel in Maryland, Virginia, Pennsylvania and Ohio. He crossed the Alleghany mountains forty times, making the journey each time on horseback with the exception of one trip, when he traveled in a buggy of his own manufacture. In later years, after coming to Springfield, he became engaged in the manufacture of brooms, building up a good business in this line. In 1856 he established his home at Enon, Ohio, and after engaging in preaching for a time at that place he turned his attention to the business of making brooms, increasing his output to

meet the growing demands of the trade until he was at the head of a large business. He is still alive, a hale and hearty old man, and has retained his physical and mental faculties unimpaired. He is a self-educated man and became well read, formerly doing considerable literary work. He now resides at 737 West Main street in Springfield, and he is respected and honored by all who know him. He wedded Mary J. Johnson, who came of an old Virginia family, and was born in Frederick county, that state, December 20, 1820. They celebrated their golden wedding on the 1st of July, 1901, at which time both were in good health but on the 28th of September, of the same year, Mrs. Seever was called to her final rest. In their family were two children: Isaac Newton, and Martha, who is at home with her father. Benjamin Seever was one of fourteen children who reached maturity, but he and his brother Louis are the only ones now living. The old home place was in Fairfield county, and almost throughout an entire century the family has been identified with the progress and upbuilding of this portion of Ohio.

Benjamin Seever served as justice of the peace in Enon, and since coming to Springfield he has acted as a member of the board of education of this city. In politics he is a Republican and socially is connected with Anthony Lodge, F. & A. M., being the oldest living member of the organization in point of years or continuous connection therewith. He is likewise the oldest member of Springfield Lodge, I. O. O. F. A public-spirited citizen and a man of upright and honorable purpose, he has gained a wide circle of friends and enjoys the esteem of all with whom he has come in contact.

I. N. Seever, whose name introduces this record, began his education in the public schools of Enon and when nine years of age removed to the city. He attended the township schools until his father's place was incorporated within the corporation limits of Springfield, when he became a student in the city schools. He afterward worked with his father in the manufacture of brooms until 1880, and likewise engaged in truck gardening. In 1880 he became interested in civil engineering and mastered the profession under the direction of Thomas Kizer, who was one of the early surveyors of the county, but is now deceased. He remained with Mr. Kizer until the latter's death, when he joined the son, J. T. Kizer, acting as his assistant until the death of J. T. Kizer, when Mr. Seever succeeded to the business. He has surveyed the greater part of the county and when with Thomas Kizer had a wide experience in line surveying. He does all kinds of civil engineering work, has practical ideas and has ever been anxious to advance in the line of his chosen calling. Being an excellent mathematician, he readily learned the business and has become an expert surveyor. In his profession he has laid out many additions to the city and has watched with interest the steady growth and development of Springfield.

In politics Mr. Seever is a Republican, but he never aspired to office. In early life he made a study of music, which he pursued under the instruction of private teachers, being at one time a pupil of Professor Arthur Mace, of Cincinnati, with whom he studied both vocal and instrumental music. He was afterward connected with various church choirs as a director, singer and organist for fifteen years. He also organized a class and

taught music for twelve years while connected with the churches. In later years he has given his attention more exclusively to civil engineering. For the past twelve years, however, he has been well known in connection with target rifle shooting and has won many prizes for his skill. He is a member of the Springfield Shooting and Fishing Club, and has been largely instrumental in maintaining the existence of this organization. Mr. Seever is a very popular man who has a large circle of friends in Springfield and the surrounding country, and wherever he is known he is held in high regard by reason of his sterling worth and his social, genial disposition.

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#### DAVID BALLENTINE.

David Ballentine, deceased, was well known in Clark county as a representative farmer of German township, whose word was above question, whose life was honorable and upright and whose loyalty to citizenship was one of his marked characteristics. He was born in Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, and with his parents came to Ohio when yet a young boy. His father and his mother, William and Nancy Ballentine, were both natives of Ireland, and in that country were reared and married, their wedding journey consisting of the voyage to America. They crossed the Atlantic to Baltimore and in that city both were taken ill and their money was exhausted in this way. The father was a weaver by trade and when he had sufficiently recovered his health he began working at his chosen pursuit in Baltimore, his wife spinning the yarn. After they had gotten a start and acquired a little money they removed to Pennsylvania, where

they purchased a farm. There the father also followed weaving, while his sons cultivated the land. Their home was in German township, Cumberland county, and it was upon that farm that David Ballentine of this review was born and grew to manhood. While at home, with others of the family, he lained the brick and built a good brick house, which has since been burned down, after having been occupied for many years.

David Ballentine acquired a fair common-school education, and always fond of books, he became an extensive reader. He had considerable elocutionary ability and all enjoyed hearing him read aloud. He also sang well and those accomplishments made him a favorite in the various households where he visited and among the friends who were entertained at his own home. He remained in his father's home until the time of his marriage, which important event in his life was celebrated September 10, 1856, in German township, Clark county, by Rev. Jesse Goddard, the lady of his choice being Miss Loretta Wagner, who was born in Springfield township, November 30, 1838, but at the time of her marriage was living in German township. Her parents were John and Nancy (Frey) Wagner, natives of Virginia, and in her childhood they came to Ohio with their respective parents. Mrs. Ballentine's father was a soldier in the war of 1812, enlisting for service when only sixteen years of age. He was a poor man and worked at day labor in stone quarries, but he provided as best he could for his children. Mrs. Ballentine acquired a good education in the public schools. She was the fourth in order of birth in a family of twelve children, and Mr. Ballentine was also a member of a family of twelve.

In the spring prior to his marriage Mr. Ballentine had purchased seventy acres of land and soon after his marriage he and his wife removed to that farm, upon which he lived throughout his remaining days. As time passed he added to the place, investing his savings in further property, until he became the owner of valuable land, comprising a farm of one hundred and seventy acres, which he placed under a high state of cultivation, the well tilled fields bringing to him a good return for his labor. He was enterprising and energetic, made the most of his opportunities and through his diligence acquired a comfortable competence.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Ballentine were born eleven children, of whom five are still living. Of those who passed away James was eighteen years of age at the time of his death, and the others died in infancy. Clara, the wife of John Gove, had five children—David, Clarney E., Edgar Lamar, Della Myrtle, and Florence Belva. The last named was the eldest and died at the age of fourteen years. Ada, the second surviving daughter of Mrs. David Ballentine, became the wife of Oliver Rust and has five children—Grace Adele, Clinton Luther, Roydon Earl, Lottie Gail and Oliver. McClellan, who lives in German township, married Ida Michael, and their children are—Pearl S., Estella G., Ernest, Glennie May, Emery and Bertha Loretta. Martin Luther married Rosa Donovan, and with their one son, Paul Lamar, resides in Springfield. John W., the youngest, wedded Maggie Wilson and lives in Lawrenceville.

Mr. Ballentine was a Democrat in his political affiliations. He was pleasing in personal appearance, being a man five feet, eight inches in height, heavy set, well proportioned, and with black hair and eyes. In

manner he was rather reserved and retiring, but when once his friendship was gained he was always true and loyal, holding friendship inviolable. He was a temperate man and to his family a devoted husband and father. His personal characteristics were such that they endeared him greatly to those who knew him best. He passed away in 1885 at the age of seventy-one years and was laid to rest in Lawrenceville cemetery where Mrs. Ballentine has erected a tasteful monument to his memory. His life was characterized by diligence in business, by honesty in all transactions and it won for him the respect and confidence of those with whom he was associated. He left to his widow sixty acres of land and also the home in which she lives in German township, so that she is well provided for and is able to enjoy the comforts as well as the necessities of life. She is an estimable lady who is widely known and has many friends in Clark county.

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#### CHARLES V. BRETNEY.

The record of an honorable, upright life is always read with interest and better perpetuates the name and fame of the subject than does a monument, seen by few and soon crumbling into dust beneath the relentless hand of time. The history of Charles Van Bretney well deserves mention in this volume, for he was long classed among the representatives of Springfield, where he conducted a successful business and his course was one which would serve to inspire others, as it showed what could be accomplished through determination, laudable ambition and faithful adherence to the ethics which govern commercial life. He died re-

spected by all who knew him, because of his honorable career and his genial manner, which won for him many friends.

Mr. Bretney was born in Springfield, March 9, 1836, and was a son of Henry and Lucinda (Van Meter) Bretney. His father was born in Hagerstown, Maryland in 1796 and when a child was brought to Ohio by his father, Tobias Bretney. The latter was a native of Pennsylvania and was left an orphan in early childhood. He was reared, however, in the Keystone state and afterward went to Maryland, whence he removed to Ohio, settling in Cincinnati. Later he took up his abode in Lebanon, Warren county, Ohio, and there established the first tannery in this section of the state. He was a man of some means and in his business affairs he prospered, for he applied himself closely to his work, and by his thorough understanding of his trade, his close application and unremitting diligence worked his way steadily upward until he had acquired a competence. A devout and earnest member of the Methodist church, he was one of the standard bearers of the organization to which he belonged and devoted much time and money to the cause of Christianity. He is a Democrat in political affiliations. His wife was long a sufferer from rheumatism and for nineteen years was unable to work, but she bore her affliction with Christian fortitude and patience. Her death occurred in 1845, when she was seventy years of age, and Tobias Bretney passed away in 1853 at the very advanced age of ninety-three years, both being interred in Lebanon, Ohio. Unto this worthy couple were born thirteen children, ten of whom reached years of maturity: Mrs. Elizabeth Sinnard, of Hamilton county, Ohio; Henry, the father of our subject; William, of Warren

county, Ohio; Sarah, the wife of William Lakin, of Clermont county, Ohio; Mary, the wife of John Lakin, also of Clermont county; Joseph, who was a graduate of the Philadelphia Medical College and died in Holly Springs, Mississippi, where he was engaged in the practice of medicine; Rebecca, the wife of Richard Ritchey, of Lebanon, Ohio; Tobias, who died at the age of nineteen years; Nancy, the wife of Dr. Nathan Thompson; Clarissa C., the wife of Nathan Nesbitt; and Allen, now deceased.

From his early childhood Henry Bretney, the father of our subject, resided in Ohio, and in 1830 he came to Springfield, where he established a tannery, which has since been carried on and has never gone out of the possession of the family. He was succeeded by Charles Van Bretney, and at the latter's death his son, Harry Van Meter Bretney, became the owner and is still conducting the business. Henry Bretney was widely recognized as one of Springfield's best business men in an early day. He was progressive, wide-awake and enterprising and was thoroughly reliable in all his trade transactions. In the manufacture of leather he displayed a comprehensive knowledge of the business and of the best methods of carrying on the work and his products always found a ready sale on the market. His patronage steadily increased until he was at the head of a large and paying business. He was twice married and by his first union he had one child, but the mother and daughter are both now deceased. By his second marriage there were born four children: Sarah, the deceased wife of Joseph Van Meter; Wickliffe, who is living in Kentucky; Gifford; and Charles Van. The father passed away in 1869 and was laid to rest in Ferncliff cemetery. His wife survived him until

1876 and then she, too, was interred in Ferncliff.

Charles Van Bretney, whose name introduces this record, was born, reared and educated in Springfield, and throughout his entire life remained a resident of this city. He won for himself a leading position in trade circles, gained an honorable name and at his death left behind many friends, who still cherish his memory. In early youth he became interested in his father's leather business, and, working in the different departments, he became familiar with the trade in principle and detail. Upon his father's death he succeeded to the ownership of the enterprise and from that time until his own demise he remained at its head, faithfully carrying on an industry which had become of much importance in trade circles of the city, through furnishing employment to a large number of workmen. At the same time it brought to him a good financial return, owing to his careful guidance of his business affairs. At his death his son succeeded to the management and the business is now carried on under the name of H. V. Bretney & Company.

On the 5th of July, 1866, Charles Van Bretney was united in marriage to Miss Josephine H. Clarke, a native of Virginia and a daughter of William and Sarah (Hansberger) Clarke. Her parents were married in Virginia and in the fall of 1840 came to Ohio, settling in Urbana, where they remained until called to their final rest. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Bretney were born nine children: Lee Clarke, who died at the age of eleven years; Harry Van Meter; Lucinda; Sarah, who died in childhood; Charles William, who is residing in New York City; Leontine; Clara; Ralph; and Josephine. All of the children are still at home with the ex-

ception of Charles, and with their mother reside at No. 313 East High street, in Springfield. The family is one of prominence in the community and the members of the household occupy an enviable position in social circles in which they move.

Mr. Bretney indorsed the principles of the Republican party and gave his earnest support to the organization, believing it the duty of each American citizen to take an active part in political affairs so far as supporting by ballot the measures in which one believes. At one time he served as a member of the city council and while in office put forth every effort to promote the welfare and substantial improvement of the city along lines of progress and reform. He was a faithful member of the High Street Methodist Episcopal church and served on its official board. In 1893 he was called to the home beyond, his death occurring on the 5th of December. He was then laid to rest in Ferncliff cemetery and the deep regard of all who had known him. While he gained success in business, he had also won an untarnished name. He was popular because he was always genial and approachable. His friendship was highly prized by those who knew him and he was always one who held friendship as inviolable and home ties as sacred.

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#### SAMUEL HOUGHTON.

There is particular satisfaction in reverting to the life history of the honored and venerable man whose name initiates this review since his mind bore the impress of the historical annals of the state of Ohio from the early pioneer times down to the twentieth



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century, and from the fact that he was ever a loyal son of the Republic. He attained to a position of distinctive prominence in the thriving city where he long resided, and in his later years was regarded as one of the revered patriarchs of the community. He passed away at the age of ninety-two, but in his latter days was a remarkably well preserved man, for nature is kind to those who oppose not her laws and Mr. Houghton ever had due regard for the principles of right living. He witnessed the development of this country through almost an entire century and ever felt a just pride in what has been accomplished as the nation has progressed, taking its place among the great powers of the world.

Mr. Houghton was born in Gilford, Vermont, December 24, 1810. His paternal grandfather, John Houghton, was long a resident of Green Mountain state and lived to attain the remarkable age of one hundred and four years. He came of English ancestors who were among the first settlers of New England. His wife bore the maiden name of Miss Hoyt and among their children was Samuel Houghton, Sr., whose birth occurred in Brattleboro, Vermont, October 15, 1781. He became a farmer and also had other business interests of importance, being engaged in the manufacture of brick. His activity in commercial and financial circles made him a valued citizen of the community with which he was identified, and he thus left the impress of his individuality upon its material advancement. He married Polly Chamberlain, a daughter of Benjamin Chamberlain.

Samuel Houghton of this review was the fourth in order of birth of the fourteen children born of this marriage. Ten of the number reached mature years and five were

married, having families of their own. In early life he pursued his education in a private school and was afterward for three months a student in a public school, but at an early age he put aside his text books in order to assist his father, who at that time was engaged in the manufacture of brick. When he had attained his majority he accepted a position as clerk in the postoffice at Brattleboro, Vermont, at a salary of ten dollars per month. When three years had passed, however, he resigned the position and returned to his home to assist his father, who paid him twelve dollars per month. He was thus engaged for a few years and on the expiration of that period sought a home in the west, believing that he might have better business opportunities in a country less thickly settled. Accordingly, he went to Michigan City, Indiana, where he entered into partnership with his brother-in-law, Rodney Field. This association was maintained for seven years, on the expiration of which period Mr. Houghton sold out and turned his attention to the milling business, operating what was known as the City Mills, located in the vicinity of Michigan City. He continued in that business for one and one-half years and then resigned his position preparatory to returning to Vermont. He spent four years in his native state and was then again attracted by the possibilities of the west.

In the year 1849 Mr. Houghton became a resident of Clifton, Greene county, Ohio, where he engaged in the grocery business for several years, securing a good patronage which made his enterprise a profitable one. When Mr. Houghton established this business his entire cash capital consisted of but sixty dollars. In the year 1856 he came to Springfield and entered into partnership

with George Frenkenburg, under the firm name of Frenkenburg & Houghton. Together they carried on business for thirteen months and then the senior member of the firm sold his interest to Mr. Muzzy, this latter partnership continuing for seven years. The firm engaged in the grocery business, and on the expiration of that period they sold out to John Winters, who carried on the business for some time thereafter. At that time Mr. Houghton returned to Vermont on business. When his work in the east was accomplished he again came to Springfield and entered into partnership with William Crothers, as a merchant. Their store was conducted for thirteen years, at the end of which time Mr. Crothers died. Mr. Houghton then became sole proprietor of the enterprise and was well known as a leading and prominent business man of the city until his retirement to private life. He carried a large and well selected stock of goods and his careful management, enterprise and business activity resulted in gaining for him very desirable success.

In August, 1836, Mr. Houghton was united in marriage to Miss Cora A. Field, of Gilford, Vermont, who had been a schoolmate in his youth. She died in 1875. In 1886 Mr. Houghton married Mrs. Anna Herr, a most estimable lady, and Mrs. Houghton now occupies a pleasant home in the city of Springfield at No. 19 South Factory street.

In his political views Mr. Houghton was a pronounced Republican, giving an inflexible support to the party from its organization. For four years he was a trustee of the Children's Home. He was a church member from 1835 until the time of his death, filling many offices in the church, including that of sexton and warden. Up to

the time of his death he was in possession of his faculties and gave his personal supervision to the greater part of his business interests, and while not connected with mercantile affairs for some years, he had investments requiring constant attention. By energy and good management he won a place among the substantial residents of this city. He died November 1, 1902. He stood in his old age when clothed with honor of wealth and a host of friends which his life work won, just where he stood as a young man beset with difficulties, for the best elements of Christian progress, for education, for absolute justice, for the dignity of manual labor, for the church and the widespread of the gospel. Such lives are well worthy of study. Though his early education was meager, he achieved for himself, by conflict with obstacles and by continuous interest in every question of the age, an education which the profoundest thinkers might covet and which the thoughtful lines of his face and the simplicity of his bearing at once revealed. The story of his achievements must inspire all young men who read it with a truer estimate of the value and of the surer rewards of character.

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#### JOHN REDDISH, M. D.

Dr. John Reddish, who is now practically living retired at his pleasant home at 229 West Jefferson street, Springfield, was born near Fletcher Chapel, in Harmony township, this county, on the 3d of October, 1827, and is a son of Nathan and Harriet (Oxby) Reddish. The father was born near Kingston, Somerset county, Maryland, December 29, 1783, and was there reared

to manhood. He learned the tanner's and currier's trade there and when a young man came to what is now Clark county, Ohio, establishing the first tannery near Clifton about 1807. A little later he removed to Springfield township, settling on section 14, near the headwaters of Mill Run, and established a tannery at what is now known as Locust Grove. He was three times married, the Doctor being a son of the third union. His first wife bore the maiden name of Matilda Miller and unto them were born five children. For his second wife he chose Mary McCleve. On the 26th of November, 1826, he was united in marriage to Mrs. Harriet Loomis, nee Oxtoby.

When the war of 1812 was in progress Nathan Reddish joined the army, serving with the militia at Zane's blockhouse near Bellefontaine, Ohio, near the headwaters of Mad river. While defending that place he was wounded by an arrow shot from an Indian's bow. Later in life he purchased a farm, upon which he lived in practical retirement, for his business ventures and investments in land had brought to him capital sufficient to enable him to put aside the more arduous duties of life. He had two farms, a part of one being now owned by Dr. Reddish. After an active, useful and honorable life he passed away July 7, 1853. By his third marriage there were three children, but two of the number died in infancy. In his political affiliations Nathan Reddish was a Whig, but he never sought or desired office. Numbered among the pioneer settlers of the county, he took an active part in its early development and improvement and in this work was associated with Jonathan Donnell, David Lowry and other well known early settlers. He held mem-

bership in the Baptist church at Muddy Run and was well known as a man of sterling worth and unquestioned integrity.

Dr. Reddish of this review was reared upon his father's farm and pursued his education in a log schoolhouse, where he spent a few weeks each winter. When only seven years of age he was taught to handle a gun and when a boy of nine or ten years he hunted wild turkeys and other wild game. When ten years of age he spent one term as a student in a school in Springfield and later a summer session in the preparatory department of Wittenberg College. Much of his youth and early manhood, however, was devoted to farm work, but at the age of twenty-seven years he read medicine for one year under the direction of Dr. Isaac Kay and the following year attended lectures in the Starling Medical College at Columbus, in which institution he was graduated with the degree of M. D. in 1803. His study there, however, was not continuous. After he had spent one year in college he entered the office of Josiah Ramsey, a dentist, in order to learn that profession, but on account of ill health he gave up dentistry. He is now wearing a set of teeth which he made in 1866—the last work that he did as a dentist. He finished the first vulcanized work done in the office of his preceptor and would have undoubtedly become a successful dentist had not circumstances compelled his relinquishment of the work. About the time of the inauguration of the Civil war Dr. Reddish returned to Columbus and completed his course in medicine and surgery, being graduated in February, 1863. He afterward took a trip to the west and located four hundred acres of land about one hundred and fifty miles

northwest of St. Paul, Minnesota, returning to Ohio in 1866.

On the 2nd of October, of that year, the Doctor was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Vicory, a teacher in the public schools of this city. He then removed to his farm in Springfield township, where they lived until 1883. There the Doctor carried on general farming and also engaged in dealing in land, buying and selling many farms in this part of the county. He also became known as a dealer in city real estate and found the business to be profitable. In 1883 he removed to Yellow Springs, where he remained until 1896, and there erected a modern home. In the latter year, however, he disposed of his property interests there and took up his home just outside of the city limits, but in 1897 he came to Springfield, where he has since lived. On the 17th of August, 1900, he was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife. Two children had been born unto them, but John B. died at the age of seventeen years. Bruce Vicory, born June 30, 1876, is a graduate of Wittenberg College and is now preparing for the Episcopal ministry as a student in the Theological Seminary at Chelsea Square, in New York city. In 1902 the Doctor was married to Mrs. Ella Melus, who was born in Waynesboro, Pennsylvania, a daughter of Amzi and Catharine (Gray) Melius. Mrs. Reddish was reared to womanhood in Pennsylvania and was there married to Charles Melus, by whom she had one daughter, Minnie Gertrude, who became the wife of Charles Ketchen, by whom she has one son, Charles, Jr. Mr. Melus died in Pennsylvania about a year after their marriage. His widow afterward removed to Maryland, and in 1890 came to Clark county, Ohio.

Dr. Reddish is a Democrat in his politic-

al affiliations and in early life was a Whig, his first vote having been cast for Taylor in 1848. In 1856 he supported John C. Fremont and afterward cast his ballot in support of Lincoln, Grant and Greeley. He belongs to the Central Methodist Episcopal church and served as a trustee of the church at Yellow Springs, which he joined in 1886. He was also an active Sunday-school worker there. The Doctor has traveled quite extensively, gaining that broad culture and wide information which only travel can bring. In 1853 he attended the Crystal Palace exposition in New York; in 1876 the Centennial exposition in Philadelphia, and in 1888 he took a trip to California, traveling extensively along the Pacific coast. He returned by way of Yellowstone Park. In 1893 he was a visitor at the Columbian exposition in Chicago and in 1901, accompanied by his son, he made a trip to the old world, landing at Liverpool on the 1st of June. Then, on pleasure bent, he traveled to many interesting points in England, Scotland, France, Switzerland, Italy and Germany, making a trip down the Rhine, and also going to Holland and Belgium. He then returned to his native country and he and his wife are now living quietly in their pleasant home in Springfield in the enjoyment of the fruits of his successful business ventures. He is a self-educated and self-made man. Without any special family or pecuniary advantages in early life, he has worked his way steadily upward, continually broadening his knowledge by reading, travel and investigation, and at the same time acquiring a handsome competence through well directed business efforts and judicious investments. He has a wide acquaintance in the county of his nativity and the circle of his friends is an extensive one.

## LEVI ATKINSON.

Levi Atkinson, now deceased, was a respected and honored resident of Clark county. He was born on the Jonathan Cheney farm, December 5, 1818, and was reared to farm life. His parents were Cephus and Abigail (Oren) Atkinson, and our subject accompanied them on their various removals during his youth. They went to Madison county, where they owned a large farm, but afterward sold that property and took up their abode in Champaign county. The father became a wealthy man and gave to each of his children twelve thousand dollars when they were ready to leave the parental roof and start out in life for themselves. They had also been provided with good educational privileges and were thus well equipped for life's responsible duties.

Levi Atkinson was united in marriage July 27, 1848, to Miss Mary B. Phillips, who was born in Fairfax, Vermont, April 22, 1827. She was four years old when she came to Ohio. Her father, Seth Phillips, had removed to this state some time before and the mother, Mrs. Nancy (Blake) Phillips, came about 1831, bringing with her her seven children, including Mrs. Atkinson and her twin sister, who were then but four years of age, and two younger children. Mrs. Atkinson received fair educational privileges in her early girlhood, but her mother died when the daughter was only thirteen years of age and she afterward went to work to make her own living, receiving but fifty cents per week, and among her duties was that of milking ten cows each night and morning.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Atkinson lived for some time upon his father's farm. They afterward removed to Greene

county, where Mr. Atkinson purchased two hundred and ninety-six acres of land, upon which he spent his remaining days. He became the owner of over thirteen hundred acres, all in one body. His business affairs were capably conducted and his enterprise and untiring labor brought to him very creditable success.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Atkinson were born six children: John O., who is living at Lawrence, Kansas; Mrs. Ann Pennington, of Jamestown, Ohio; Mrs. Laura Larkin; Charles, who died at the age of four years; Seth, who died in 1890; and Gwenn, who married James Armstrong and lives in Denver, Colorado. The father of this family was called to his final rest February 5, 1881, while the mother passed away on the 29th of September, 1901.

Mr. Atkinson was a Republican in his political affiliations. He was a birthright Quaker, and his wife joined the Society of Friends. Both were highly esteemed people, whose lives were in harmony with their Christian faith and all who knew them respected them for their sterling worth. In his business affairs as the years passed Mr. Atkinson prospered, and his course was such as to commend him to the confidence and regard of all. He won a handsome competence and was thus enabled to provide well for his family. He left behind a comfortable competence, and also an untarnished name.

Mrs. Laura Larkin, his daughter, was born September 2, 1854, obtained a good common school education and afterward became a student at Earlham College at Richmond, Indiana. On the 8th of March, 1874, she gave her hand in marriage to O. M. Larkin and unto them have been born seven children, who are yet living. Paul P., who was born February 24, 1876, in Lyon

county, Kansas, where the family resided from 1874 until 1879, is at home. Mary F., born in Kansas, November 12, 1877, is the wife of Porter Cook, who is a graduate of Earlham College, and is now a teacher in the high school at Anderson, Indiana. Carl B., born in Greene county, Ohio, November 21, 1880, is now engaged in clerking in a general store in Anderson, Indiana. Lena M., born in Greene county, September 22, 1883, is now a student in a hospital in Denver. Walter J., born in Stokes township, Madison county, December 30, 1885, is at home. Mark R., born in Madison county November 14, 1892, and Ruby Gwem, born in Madison county September 12, 1897, are also with their parents. Mrs. Larkin's father gave to each of his children two hundred and thirty acres of land. She sold her share in January, 1902, and has since purchased one hundred and fifty-two acres, upon which she is now living, having a good home here. She is a birthright member of the Quaker church, as are all her children. The Atkinson family and the Larkin family are well known in this section of Ohio, where they have gained many friends.

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#### IRVINE MILLER, LL. B.

The rare example of sons of great men rising as high as their fathers seems to support the notion that there is in this country a sort of hereditary bar to public succession. This class of young men is not judged by their associates, but by their distinguished fathers and to bear an illustrious name seems often to invite the shafts of jealousy and envy. As a western editor has expressed it: "If any scion of a house still honored

rises to greatness he will have achieved it. He will not be born to it or have it thrust upon him, but he must be very great indeed to overcome the disadvantage of standing in the shadow of the colossal dead." And yet an honorable ancestry is a precious heritage. This Mr. Miller can claim, and at the same time he has become recognized as a most prominent lawyer at the Springfield bar.

A native of Iowa, he was born in the city of Keokuk, June 10, 1860, his parents being Samuel F. and Eliza (Winters) Miller. Her paternal grandfather was a soldier of the war of 1812. The father of our subject was a distinguished lawyer and jurist, serving as judge of the supreme court of the United States, to which he was appointed by President Lincoln in 1862, when in his judicial capacity he was called to Washington, D. C. There he died in 1890. He was a native of Kentucky and was a strong anti-slavery man, whose influence was marked in behalf of the Union. His wife died in 1900 in the nation's capital.

Irvine Miller began his education in a private school in Keokuk, Iowa, and later attended the public schools at Mount Pleasant, Iowa, and Sharon, Pennsylvania. He was next in a private school at Washington, D. C., for two years, and after that spent three years abroad, continuing his studies in France and Germany and becoming thoroughly familiar with both languages, so that he was able to read, write and speak each. The following two years were spent at Emerson Institute, in Washington, D. C., preparing for college, and then entering Cornell University, he was graduated in the class of 1881. He was one of the editors of the Cornell Daily Sun, one of the first college dailies issued, and was one of the directors of the Cornell

navy. After leaving college he entered the law school of the National University at Washington, D. C., and was graduated there in 1883 with the degree of LL. B. While a student there Mr. Miller was employed in the patent office as a member of the examining corps.

In 1884 he went to Chicago, where he was admitted to practice before the supreme court of Illinois and the United States circuit and district courts. He has always made a specialty of patent law and has been more particularly interested in the mechanical side of the business, in which he has had long and special training. While in Chicago in 1893 he served as judge of awards at the World's Columbian Exposition in the division of transportation. He built up a good practice in that city along the lines of his specialty, numbering among his clients the Pullman Palace Car Company, Armour & Company and the National Biscuit Company.

Mr. Miller remained in Chicago until 1900, when he came to Springfield, Ohio, and associated himself with Harry A. Toulmin, a prominent patent attorney of this city. For the last fifteen years Mr. Miller's principal business has been that of an expert witness on patent cases and in that capacity he is constantly called on in important patent causes in all parts of the country. In 1889 and 1890 he was secretary and disbursing officer for the Sioux commission, composed of ex-Governor Charles Foster, General George Crook and Major William Warner, of Kansas City, and assisted in negotiating the purchase of several million acres of land from the Sioux Indians in Dakota. Mr. Miller has always been a Republican, while his father was one of the founders of the party, and while in Chicago he

was active in city affairs. In the spring of 1900 he was president of the congressional steering committee for James R. Mann and was a delegate to the congressional convention that nominated him for congress. Socially he is a member of the Lagonda Club, of Springfield.

In March, 1902, Mr. Miller was united in marriage to Mrs. Augusta C. Feeney, of Springfield, a daughter of John Conklin, an old resident and prominent business man of this city. They have a pleasant residence at 273 North Fountain avenue.



#### AUGUST STELZER.

August Stelzer, a cigar manufacturer, doing business at No. 47 West Main street, has been identified with the trade interests of Springfield since 1886. He was born in Piqua, Miami county, Ohio, February 8, 1859, and was educated in the German parochial school and in the Piqua high school until he was sixteen years of age. His father, Reinhart Stelzer, was born in Germany, was a cooper by trade and followed that occupation until his death, which occurred in Piqua in his fifty-eighth year. He had long been a resident of Miami township. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Barbara Shoepf, was also born in Germany, and died in Piqua, Ohio, when about fifty-six years of age. In their family were seven children, five sons and two daughters, all of whom are yet living.

August Stelzer of this review acquired his education in the schools before mentioned and then began to learn the business of manufacturing cigars in Piqua, following that trade there continuously until 1886,



with the exception of one year which he spent in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He then came to Springfield and entered into business on his own account in partnership with Mr. Kloeb. This connection was maintained for a little more than a year. Since that time Mr. Stelzer has been alone in business. He began operations on a very small scale, but gradually his trade has increased until he now employs fifteen hands in the manufacturing of his goods. He is doing a wholesale business in Springfield and adjacent cities. In 1895 he removed to his present location, where he is now engaged in the manufacture of the Stelzer, a ten-cent cigar, while No. 47, Union Boy, Club and Beauty are his leaders in the five-cent goods.

In 1887, in Piqua, Ohio, Mr. Stelzer was united in marriage to Miss Emma Franz, who was born in that city in 1805 and was there educated. They now have five children: Walter A.; Edward J. and Marie E., who are twins; Leonard G.; and Paul C. All were born in this city and the family circle yet remains unbroken by the hand of death. The parents hold membership in St. Raphael's church and in politics Mr. Stelzer is a Democrat where questions of state and national importance are involved, but at local elections he votes independently of party ties. He is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and of the Ohio division of the United Commercial Travelers. He is likewise connected with the Knights of Columbus. Since 1895 he has resided at No. 60 East Columbia street, where he has provided a good home for his family. In all matters pertaining to the city and the welfare of its people he has taken a deep interest and gives his support. He has never sought official honors, but has been content to devote his time and attention to

his business affairs, which he has capably managed so that he has gained considerable success.

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#### JAMES T. EICHELBERGER.

The farming interests of Clark county are well represented by James Todd Eichelbarger, whose richly cultivated fields and well improved farm in Green township indicate him to be one of the progressive and intelligent agriculturists of his community. That he has always lived in this locality is a proof that Clark county is kindly in her treatment of her sons and that she offers them good opportunities for acquiring wealth.

He was born April 29, 1847, in the house which is yet his home, his parents being Michael and Margaret Ann (Todd) Eichelbarger. His father was born in Washington county, Maryland, September 3, 1815, and he spent his boyhood days upon the farm, acquiring a fair common-school education. In Maryland he learned the carpenter's trade and when about twenty-one years of age he came to Clark county, Ohio. Later, however, he returned to the state of his nativity, but again came to the west, attracted by the opportunities of this section of Ohio. He was married on the 27th of May, 1841, to Margaret Ann Todd, whose birth occurred in Green township, November 21, 1819. He afterward followed the trades of a carpenter and millwright and on the 14th of December, 1844, he purchased a small tract of land of about five acres, on which he built a house and barn, which still stand upon the farm belonging to our subject. There he made his home throughout his remaining days, and he added to his original purchase until he had forty-four



acres of land. He was never an office seeker and was independent in his political affiliations. His time was largely given to his business affairs and to the enjoyment of home life and he therefore sought no notoriety in political lines. In the family were four children: Frances E., who was born October 13, 1842, and became the wife of Isaac Tuttle; Margaret Ann, who was born July 28, 1845, and is the wife of Jerry M. Paschall, their home being at 166 Euclid avenue, in Springfield, Ohio; James T., of this review; and John William, who was born January 23, 1853, and died December 22, 1890. The father's death occurred January 7, 1867.

Under the parental roof Mr. Eichelbarger of this review spent the days of his boyhood and youth and in early life he worked at the carpenter's trade with his father. During his school years he pursued his education in the institutions of learning near his home. He was married December 26, 1872, in Green township, to Miss Mary Eliza Nave, who was born in that township January 22, 1853, a daughter of Jacob and Mary (Knable) Nave. Her father was born in Green township August 20, 1811, and died March 16, 1865. Four children graced the marriage of our subject and his wife: John, born in Green township November 24, 1874; Nina, born February 27, 1882; Claude, who was born December 29, 1884, and died March 21, 1887; and Byron, born August 29, 1890.

For several years Mr. Eichelbarger owned a portable sawmill, which he operated in different parts of the county, and after abandoning that line of work he turned his attention to farming. In 1885 he purchased forty-four acres of land where he now lives and has since extended the boundaries of

his farm until it comprises fifty acres of rich land. He voted for Grant in 1868 and is an independent Republican in politics but has never been an office seeker.

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ADAM B. PARKER.

Adam B. Parker is a retired contractor, making his home in Springfield. He was born April 22, 1846, in Highland county, Ohio, near Rainsboro, his parents being Samuel and Mary (Kinzer) Parker. On the paternal side he comes of English ancestry and in the maternal line is of Holland lineage. His father was also born in Highland county and his parents were Jonathan and Margaret (Crawford) Parker. The grandfather was a son of Sir Henry Parker, who came from England to America in company with two brothers and settled in Virginia. The city of Parkersburg, that state, was named in his honor. Sir Henry and his two brothers were in the Revolutionary war and his brothers died of yellow fever. All three were laid to rest in the cemetery in Parkersburg. Jonathan Parker became one of the pioneer settlers of Highland county, Ohio, and was actively connected with the work of improvement and development when this was a frontier region. He made his home in this state until called to his final rest and was well known as a progressive agriculturist. Samuel Parker spent his entire life in Highland county and was known as a successful farmer there. He died August 22, 1863, while his wife passed away January 12, 1861, the remains of both being interred in Highland county. They were the parents of seven children: William Henry, a resident of Iowa; Adam B.; Mrs. Martha Pennington,

of California; John, deceased; Mrs. Rebecca Cowgill, who is living in Highland county; Charlotte, the wife of John Barkley, of Springfield; and Joseph.

Adam B. Parker pursued his education in the district schools near his boyhood home and assisted his father in the work of the farm until 1863, when he could no longer content himself to follow the plow when his country was in danger, and enlisted for service in the Union army, being enrolled at Hillsboro as a member of Company A, Second Heavy Artillery. He then went to the front and served until the close of the war, receiving an honorable discharge at Nashville, Tennessee. He was with Sherman's army during the Atlanta campaign, and throughout his military service was always found at his post of duty as a faithful defender of the old flag and the cause it represented.

After his return from the army Mr. Parker resumed farming, which he followed for ten years, when on account of ill health he removed to Springfield, in 1875, and entered upon his business career in this city as a contractor and builder. He was thus identified with the improvement of Springfield until 1891, when he retired to private life, except that he is now known as a poultry fancier, having some fine breeds of poultry. He is largely, however, enjoying a well merited rest, but to a man of his energetic nature, to whom indolence and idleness are utterly foreign, it would be impossible to put aside business cares entirely.

On the 10th of September, 1868, Mr. Parker was united in marriage to Miss Lydia A. Burgess, a native of Highland county, Ohio, and a lady of English descent. They have seven children: Walter Franklin, who married Helen Sholts and resides

in Cleveland, Ohio; Beverly B., who married Miss Fedder, and is living in Springfield, his first wife, Mary Grady, having died in February, 1898; Charles, Arthur, Adam Clyde and Robert C., all at home. The family reside at No. 83 South Greenmount avenue.

In his political views Mr. Parker is a Republican, firm in his advocacy of the principles of the organization. He once served as assessor of the sixth ward, but otherwise has held no office, nor has he desired political preferment. He and his wife hold membership in the Friends' church at Selma. He has been a successful man, whether following farming, contracting or the poultry business. He has realized that perseverance and energy are two very important conditions of prosperity and upon that foundation he has reared the superstructure of his success. He has always been found faithful in friendship, loyal in citizenship and true to the various duties of life which have come to him as the years have passed.

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#### JAMES B. NORTH.

James B. North is a retired merchant of Springfield, now living at No. 249 South Limestone street. He has been a resident of this city since 1873 and from that time has been regarded as a valued addition to the ranks of the business men here. He belongs to that class of representative American citizens who, while promoting individual success, also advance general prosperity and contribute to the general good.

Mr. North is one of Ohio's native sons, his birth having occurred in the city of Cincinnati on the 7th of June, 1853. He is a

son of Patrick North, who was born in county West Meath, Ireland, in 1816. The paternal grandfather was James North, who had four children: Patrick K.; James, who died in Selma, Ohio, in 1887; and two daughters. Mary, the elder, was married in Cincinnati, and there died. The other daughter was married and removed to Bridgeport, Connecticut, where her death occurred. The father of these children died in 1863 at the age of seventy-nine years, while living in Selma. All of the family came to this country, leaving no relatives in Ireland, and they remained in close touch with each other until death separated them. When they arrived in Ohio they found the township in which they took up their abode almost an unbroken wilderness. They called it the "Bush" because the timber grew so densely.

The father of our subject was educated in the parochial schools of his native country and came to America in 1842, remaining a resident of Bridgeport, Connecticut until 1848. He was there married in July, 1852, to Ann Mangan, who was born in the town of Cooksboro in county West Meath, Ireland, in 1820. Patrick North followed various occupations, devoting his last years to farming in Madison township, having removed to this county in the spring of 1854. He was a hard working man, but never accumulated any property. He was well read and commanded the respect and confidence of his neighbors and friends. He died September 3, 1861. After the death of her husband the widow reared her children, educating them in the public schools of Selma. In the family were five sons and one daughter, who were born in Clark county, while the subject of this review was born in Cincinnati. Two of the sons died in

early childhood. Those still living are James B.; Owen E., who is now living in Harmony township; John Henry, who is engaged in the grocery business at 212 East Pleasant street in Springfield; Mary A., the wife of Charles Armbruster, of Urbana, Ohio; and Joseph S., a clerk in Springfield. It was in the year 1878 that the mother came with Joseph and Mary A. to Springfield, where she died in 1882. She was very devoted to her children and insisted that they should have good educational advantages in order to be well fitted for life's practical duties. She and the others of the family were identified with the Catholic church, and the father of our subject was a Democrat in his political affiliations. At the time of the Civil war, however, he was a Union sympathizer and conducted a station on the famous underground railroad.

James B. North, of this review, received a common school education, attending school during the winter months, while in the summer he worked on the farm. He also clerked for a year in a general store in Selma, and then came to Springfield, where he was employed as a salesman for several years. He was employed in various groceries until 1876, when he formed a partnership with James A. Myers, now a member of the Robbins & Myers Company. This connection was maintained for six months when Mr. North sold his interest to his partner and in 1877 entered the employ of B. F. Hunt & Company, grocers. One of his fellow clerks there was C. C. Funk and in October, 1877, they joined A. P. Trout in organizing the firm of C. C. Funk & Company, which for some time did the leading grocery business in Springfield. In 1880 Mr. Trout retired from the firm and in October, 1893, Mr. North disposed of his

interest, but the firm carried on the enterprise until the following year. When Mr. North sold out he went upon the road as a salesman for an oil company, but was engaged in that line for only five months. On the 1st of March, 1884, he embarked in the grocery business for himself, locating on Fountain avenue near High street, and was thus engaged in the conduct of a large and profitable trade until the 1st of March, 1896, when on account of ill health he retired and since that time he has been engaged in the real estate business and his well directed efforts have brought to him splendid success. He invested in city real estate when it sold at a low figure and with the increase of the city's population his property has largely increased in value and returns to him an excellent income, so that he is now enabled to live a retired life. In 1900 he served as decennial appraiser of ward No. 5 and in 1901 he was appointed as a member of the decennial board of revision. He performed his duties capably and faithfully, thus advancing the interests of the city and at all times he has been known as a public-spirited and progressive man, ever in favor of any movement or measure that would advance the welfare of Springfield.

On the 1st of October, 1878, in this city, Mr. North was united in marriage to Miss Bridget McDonald, who was born in Springfield township in May, 1853, and is a daughter of John McDonald, who was a farmer, but is now deceased. Unto Mr. and Mrs. North have been born three children: Anna Maria, born December 19, 1881, is a graduate of St. Raphael's school; Catherine, born April 29, 1885, is a student in the in the same school; Margaret Helen, born December 21, 1886, is also in school.

Mr. North and his family are communi-

cants of St. Raphael's church and he is a member of the church committee. His political views are in accord with the Republican party and its principles, and he always gives to its men and measures his support, but he has never been a politician in the sense of office seeking, preferring to give his time and energies to his business affairs, in which he has met with signal success. He is a man of strong purpose, determined in his execution of all plans that he makes and at all times his honesty in trade transactions has been above question. He thus deserves mention among the representative men of Springfield and with pleasure we present his record to our readers.

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#### JAMES HENRY DALIE.

James Henry Dalie, who was born in Devonshire, England, December 22, 1843, is a son of George Dalie, whose birth occurred in Devonshire, England, in 1815. The paternal grandparents died in Lockport, New York, at an advanced age. George Dalie, the father of our subject, learned the carpenter's trade and was a ship-builder in England. About 1852 he came with the family to America, settling in Lockport, New York, where he followed carpentering. There he resided until 1855, when he came to Clark county, Ohio, having a favorable business opening here. His death occurred in the city of Springfield in 1897. For many years he has been prominently known as an extensive contractor and among others which he built was the Bretney tanyard on Main street, one of the old landmarks of the city. For thirty-five years he lived at No. 67 North Spring



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street, where his death occurred. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Elizabeth Croft, was born in Devonshire, England, in 1820, and now resides at the old home place. In their family were nine children, of whom two daughters were born in New York, and one in Springfield, while the others were natives of England. Mary A. became the wife of James Henry, and died in Chicago, Illinois, in 1900. Alice is the widow of Joseph Ayers and is living in Cleveland, Ohio. James H. is the next younger. Marie became the wife of Harry Rhoderick, of Springfield, and died in this city. Rose is the widow of William Sibert, who makes her home in Cleveland. John G. is living retired in Springfield. Emma is the deceased wife of Charles Aldrich. Matilda is the wife of Joseph Holmes, a lake captain living in Cleveland. Cynthia is the wife of John P. Allen, of Springfield. The children were educated in the public schools of this city and the youngest daughter pursued a musical course. In politics the father took an active interest, first as a member of the Whig party and afterward as a supporter of the Republican party. He served as constable for more than twenty years and was also township trustee. He belonged to the old Union Fire Company and was a member of the Independent Order of Red Men, and his wife was a member of the Episcopalian church.

James H. Dalie was educated in the public schools of New York and after coming to Ohio was a student in the old school on East High street in Springfield. At the age of seventeen he left the schoolroom and began working at his trade of carpentering, which he partly learned under Robert Johnson. In October, 1862, however, he enlisted as a musician of the Second Brigade,

Third Division, Sixth Army Corps, at General Keifer's headquarters. The regimental bands were discharged and the brigade bands were organized at that time. Mr. Dalie served as a musician until the close of the war. He was present at the time of Lee's surrender and took part in the grand review at Washington. As their corps arrived late it was reviewed by itself.

In July, 1865, Mr. Dalie received an honorable discharge in the capital city of the nation and at once returned home. Here he began work for Nimrod Myers, a contractor, under whom he completed his trade and worked as a journeyman. He was afterward made foreman and continued in the employ of that gentleman altogether for sixteen years. In 1881, having mastered the trade in all of its branches, he began contracting and building on his own account, starting out on a small scale but gradually working his way to the front as one of the leading builders of this city. He has secured and executed the contracts for the erection of the Ross-Mitchell building on East High street; the annex to the high school; the Central building; the new Zimmerman building at the corner of Main and Limestone streets; the Zimmerman Library building of the college and also built the Hamma Divinity Hall and re-built it after the fire. He has erected twenty-seven residences on the north side and has built the Palace Hotel and many other fine structures of the south side. He erected the present hospital on East Main street and now employs on an average of twelve men who are masons and carpenters. His business has become of an important character by reason of the kind of contracts awarded him, and throughout business circles he is known as one whose word is as good as his bond and whose

reliability is above question. Aside from his other business interests he is a stockholder in the Citizens' National Bank, a director in the Springfield Metallic Casket Company, a stockholder in the Springfield Building & Loan Association. He erected his present home at No. 410 South Fountain avenue in 1887 and he also owns other property which he rents.

On the 27th of May, 1871, in Springfield, Mr. Dalie was married to Arabelle Aldrich, who was born on East High street in this city, April 20, 1847, and is a daughter of Azro Aldrich, who is of Welsh descent and was born and reared in Vermont. For a time he lived in Massachusetts and while still single he came to Springfield and was here married to Sarah Wissinger, who was of German ancestry. He was twenty-one years of age when he removed to this city and his death occurred here in 1887, at the age of seventy-three. For a time he was employed in the flax mills and afterward carried on a butcher business for a quarter of a century. His wife died in 1890 at the age of sixty-nine, her birth having occurred in Virginia, in 1821. In their family were nine children: William, who died in infancy; Lucinda, who was the wife of Christopher Dowling and died in Xenia; Minerva, who died in infancy; Arabelle, the wife of our subject; Charles, who is living in Akron, Ohio; Elizabeth, who died in infancy; Ella, the wife of Andrew Shanks, of Springfield; George, of Cleveland, Ohio; and Effie, who died in infancy.

Mr. Dalie votes with the Republican party, but has never been an aspirant for office although he has been active in political affairs and has frequently been a delegate to county, city, judicial and state conventions. In 1890 he was elected on the Re-

publican ticket to the office of county commissioner. He has been a member of the city central committee for three years, was re-elected for three succeeding years and afterward served for another period of nine months to fill out an unexpired term. He was made president of the board at different times during the six and three-quarter years of his incumbency. He has been solicited to accept other official positions but has declined such honors. Mrs. Dalie belongs to the Third Presbyterian church, and he is a member of the Red Star Lodge, K. P., and of the Uniformed Rank, No. 44. He likewise belongs to Logan Castle Knights of the Golden Eagle, has filled all of its offices, and is a member of the Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks. He holds membership relations with the Union Veteran Union, in which he is serving on the board of trustees, and is a member of the Springfield Gun Club. His prominence in political circles is widely recognized and arises from earnest devotion to the general good and not from a desire for the rewards of office in return for party fealty. His business life has been creditable and his success has been worthily won, placing him among the ranks of well-to-do citizens of Clark county.

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#### JOHN H. MOORMAN.

John H. Moorman, a proprietor of a meat market and a dealer in live stock at South Charleston, was born near Jamestown, Greene county, Ohio, June 24, 1844, and is the son of Thomas C. and Martha (Bangham) Moorman. He was reared upon a farm two miles east of Jamestown and received a common school education. When the Kirby riot took place he joined the



"Squirrel Hunters," a company organized to guard Cincinnati and was thus on duty for about two weeks. He also took part in the chase after Morgan, and in 1864 he offered his services to the government as a private but was rejected on account of age and physical disability. Wishing, however, to aid his country he went to the front as a wagon master, hauling supplies from Camp Nelson, Kentucky, to Halls Gap and thence to Tennessee. He was taken ill with typhoid fever at Camp Nelson and when he had partially recovered he took a train of twenty-five teams to Halls Gap, where he suffered a relapse and was then sent home. It was supposed that he would never recover, because his health was in such a precarious condition at the time, and before he did recover the war had ended. He had been very active in raising funds and troops from the first in order to prevent the draft. He had also acted as drill sergeant of a home company from the beginning of the war and did much gratuitous labor for his country during the critical period of the Civil war. Enabled to resume business he began to handle live stock and thus entered upon an active connection with trade transactions in this locality.

On the 17th of September, 1868, Mr. Moorman was united in marriage at South Charleston to Miss Sarah J. Clemans, who was born and reared in Madison township, a daughter of William and Catherine (Ladd) Clemans. He made his home in Madison township until 1870 and, with the exception of the year 1875, when he was engaged in general merchandizing in Cedarville, he has since resided in South Charleston. His wife died while in Cedarville, on the 17th of September, 1875—the seventh anniversary of their marriage. They had

two children, who grew to maturity, and one who died at the age of nine months. Those living are: Lillie May, who was married September 8, 1901, to McClure Shough in South Charleston; and W. B., who in 1895 established a meat market, which he conducted until 1898, when he enlisted in Company A, of the Second Engineer Regiment, Fourth Battalion, for service in the Spanish-American war. He was on duty both in the United States and Cuba. After the death of his first wife Mr. Moorman was again married on Christmas Day, of 1880, the lady of his choice being Miss Catherine Clemans, a sister of his first wife.

In his political affiliations Mr. Moorman is a Republican, having cast his first presidential vote for Grant in 1868. He had to make the trip from New York in order to cast his ballot, but he has always been so staunch a Republican that he has made many trips home in order that he might vote. His father was an orthodox Friend or Quaker, and a strong anti-slavery man, his home being a station on the famous underground railroad. Mr. Moorman, of this review, was frequently sent to conduct runaway slaves to the next station on this railroad. He thus early became a lover of liberty and was therefore active in support of the Union at the time of the Civil war. He long served as a member of the school board in South Charleston, but declined to continue in that position for any greater length of time. For fifteen years he was a member of the village council and then retired from that office on his own account. Since he was first married he has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and has served as one of its trustees, has also been a worker in the Sunday-school and has put forth every effort in his power

to advance the cause of Christianity. His entire life has been actuated by Christian principles and thus in his business relations he is found to be reliable and trustworthy, while in social life he is known for his sterling traits of character, which in every land and in every clime command respect.

Wilbur B. Moorman, his only son, was born in South Charleston, June 13, 1872, and has always lived in this place with the exception of the year 1875, which was spent with the family in Cedarville, and a period of five years, spent with his grandmother, Catherine Clemans. He acquired a good education in the schools of South Charleston, and was also a student for two and one-half years in the Ohio Wesleyan University, at Delaware, Ohio. He then entered upon his business career and in 1895 established a meat market, which he conducted successfully until the 20th of June, 1898, when he enlisted in Company A of the Second Regiment of the United States Engineers. He was sent to Fort Sheridan, where the regiment was drilled and equipped, after which they spent two months at Montauk, going thence to Savannah, where they remained in camp for three weeks. The regiment was then ordered to Cuba, and landed at the city of Havana under the command of Captain Geary. The company was stationed in the vicinity of Havana and remained there until early in the year 1899, when it was mustered out in Cuba. Mr. Moorman was never in the hospital and was never under fire, his duty being of a different character. In December, 1898, he was detailed as a mounted courier for Major-General Greene, then military governor of Havana, and at the close of his military life he received an honorable discharge and returned to his home in South Charleston, where he is now living.

#### OWEN E. NORTH.

Owen E. North was born January 1, 1855, in Madison township, Clark county, and is a son of Patrick North, who is mentioned on another page of this work. His entire life has been passed in this county, except one year, 1877, spent in Iowa and Nebraska, and he is now numbered among its representative agriculturists. He was educated in the district schools of Selma and was reared to manhood upon a farm in Madison township. His father was a man of strict principles, always fair and just. He died when his son Owen was only seven years of age, and the latter then went to live with his uncle, James McCormick, living in Xenia, but is now deceased. Mr. North attended school in Xenia and later returned to Selma, where he worked on a farm. In 1879 he went with the family to Springfield, where he embarked in the grocery business first as a clerk, while later he established a store of his own, becoming a grocery merchant in 1881. In the new enterprise he prospered, soon securing a large and lucrative patronage. He continued business successfully until 1894. He was associated for some time with his brother as a partner in his store on Pleasant street. In 1894, however, he disposed of his business interests and removed to a farm which he had purchased. He has improved this property, making it very valuable and attractive, and he is now successfully engaged in general farming, everything about his place indicating the careful supervision of the progressive and practical owner. His place is located on section 27, Harmony township, near Brooks Station.

Mr. North was married in Springfield in 1883 to Miss Catherine Glenn, who was

born in Warren county, Ohio, upon a farm, in 1857, and when ten years of age removed to Springfield, pursuing her education in the public schools of that city and in St. Raphael's school. Mr. and Mrs. North now have four children: Paul C., born in 1885; Edward E., born in 1888; Clare, born in 1891; and James Glenn, born in 1892. The eldest son was educated in St. Raphael's school, of Springfield, and in the district schools.

In his political views Mr. North is a Democrat. He served as assessor of the fifth ward of the city in 1890 and he has been a delegate to the city and county conventions, acting as a delegate to the county convention in 1901. For four years he served as supervisor of district No. 14 and has always been found true and loyal to any public trust reposed in him. He belongs to St. Raphael's church, and for six years he was a member of the committee of St. Joseph's church, while residing on Pleasant street in Springfield. In his youth the country around Selma was mostly timberland. He has seen this cleared away and the tract developed into a splendid agricultural district. He has always taken a deep interest in everything pertaining to the general welfare and is a citizen of value who, in the faithful performance of each day's duties, so lives as to characterize him as a man of worth in his neighborhood and community.

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#### ANDREW N. BROOKS.

Andrew N. Brooks is a representative of a pioneer family of Clark county, of English lineage. He lives on section 27, Harmony township, where he follows agricultural pursuits. His birth occurred in this

township June 7, 1835, a son of Harvey Brooks, who was born in New York and was a well educated man for his day, having pursued a college course. At an early period in the development of this portion of the state he came to Ohio and purchased government land, which he cleared and transformed into a good farm. He was one of the first school teachers in this part of Clark county, conducting a subscription school. He acquired one hundred and sixty acres of land and through his farming interests was able to provide comfortably for his family. He died in the prime of life in the year 1841 and was buried in the Good-fellow cemetery. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Margaret Hammond, was born in Vermont in 1800 and died on the old homestead at the age of seventy-six years. After the death of her first husband she became the wife of William Troxell, who is also deceased. By her first marriage there were eight children, all of whom were born on the old family homestead here and with the exception of our subject all are now deceased. Four of the number died between the ages of nine and twenty-one years. Nathan was married and had four children, one of whom is yet living, but the father died at the age of thirty-five years, upon his farm in this county. Harvey Brooks, the father of our subject, was actively identified with public affairs in Harmony township and was one of the leading and influential residents of this part of the county. His political support was given the Whig party and both he and his wife were members of the Christian church.

In the district schools Andrew N. Brooks pursued his education, but his advantages in that direction were very limited. At the age of eight years he went

among strangers, working as a farm hand for four dollars per month. He afterward inherited some land from his father's estate and when about nineteen years of age began business on his own account as a stock raiser, preparing stock for the market. As his financial resources increased he added to his property from time to time until he now has two hundred acres of valuable farm land. In early life he began buying and shipping stock to Buffalo and Pittsburg and for twenty-two years he carried on an extensive business in that line, making purchases in adjoining counties. He also conducted his farm work with the aid of hired hands. In 1876 he formed a partnership with James Hamilton, of London, Ohio, who was an extensive grain merchant, and at that time Mr. Brooks rented his farm and removed to Springfield, making that city his headquarters, while Mr. Hamilton remained in London. They conducted a mammoth business, having stations at twelve different towns along the Big Four and Little Miami Railroads. Their business was conducted on a wholesale commission basis and they handled thousands of carloads of grain, making shipments to eastern points. They also built the elevator at New Carlisle and for twenty years Mr. Brooks remained in the grain trade. At the end of that time he suffered a stroke of paralysis and was forced to give up business, after which he returned to the home farm, having erected there a good residence. He is now practically living retired, merely superintending his farm interests, although he continued in the stock business until 1902. When only seventeen years of age he was put in charge of a large drove of cattle which was being sent across the mountains to Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and from that early

age down to the present he has ever been known as a reliable and trustworthy business man, always faithful to every duty and managing his own affairs with enterprise and determination, which have resulted in bringing to him excellent results and splendid success.

On the 8th of February, 1855, Mr. Brooks was united in marriage to Miss Mary A. Foreman, a daughter of Harvey Foreman, of Harmony township. She was born in this township in 1837, attended school with Mr. Brooks and afterward gave him her hand in marriage. She became the mother of seven children and died in 1886, her death proving a great loss to her family. Of the children all are yet living with the exception of Harvey, who was the eldest son and died at Brown Station, west of Springfield, where he was conducting a grain elevator. He was then thirty years of age. Dora is the wife of John Stephenson, of Harmony, by whom she has two sons and two daughters. Frank A., who is engaged in the grain trade in Yellow Springs, is married and has one daughter. Twing W., a grain merchant of Enon, is married and has a son and a daughter. Milton, who is an engineer on the railroad and lives at Chillicothe, Ohio, has two daughters. Charles, of Springfield, has one son, Andrew. Fanny is the wife of Charles White, of Homer, Illinois. In 1890 Mr. Brooks was again married, his second union being with Mary McKittrick, of Jackson, Ohio, who was born in London, England, and came to this state when but six years of age, the family settling in Jackson. Her father was a farmer by occupation.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Brooks are members of the Baptist church and are highly esteemed people of the community. He has

always been generous in support of church work and a liberal contributor to many enterprises instituted for the public good. In politics he is a Republican and served as a school director for many years, while for several years he was supervisor of district No. 14. While in the city he would never accept office, although many official preferments were offered to him. He belongs to Clark Lodge, F. & A. M., of Springfield; Springfield Chapter, R. A. M.; Springfield Council, R. & S. M.; and Palestine Commandery. He is likewise a member of Springfield Lodge, I. O. O. F., has filled all of its offices and is the only living charter member of Vienna Lodge, which he joined when twenty-one years of age. He is a man who by broad reading has kept well informed on all questions of the day political or otherwise and as a citizen he has manifested a public-spirited interest in everything pertaining to the general good. Starting out in life at the early age of eight years and since then entirely dependent upon his own resources he has worked his way steadily upward and certainly deserves great credit and commendation for what he has accomplished, for he stands to-day among the prosperous farmers of Clark county and is one of the most reliable and honored men within the borders of Harmony township.

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#### JOHN G. NAVE.

John G. Nave is now numbered among the energetic and successful farmers of Clark county and is a veteran of the Civil war. He was born on the farm now owned by John P. Garlough, in Green township, his natal day being June 10, 1838. His fa-

ther, Jacob Nave, was born in the same township on the farm which is now the property of Martin Shope, on the banks of the Little Miami river, August 22, 1811, and his parents were Jacob and Catherine (Garlough) Nave. About 1807, when a single man, the grandfather took up his abode in Clark county. The Garloughs removed Maryland to Ohio about the same time and became residents of Green township. Amid the wild scenes of frontier life Jacob Nave, Jr., was reared and throughout his business career he carried on farming. After arriving at years of maturity he married Mary Knable and unto them were born eleven children, of whom our subject is the eldest. The others are as follows: Mrs. Catherine Shobe lives in Green township. Mrs. Margaret Williams is a resident of Madison township. Jacob H. was a soldier of Company F, Forty-four Ohio Infantry, and the Eighth Cavalry, joining the army in 1861. He was wounded at Beverly, West Virginia, and died in camp, after which his remains were brought home and interred in Garlough cemetery. Enoch H. is living near his brother John. William O., residing in Tremont, married Miss Emma Bare, by whom he has four children. Thomas, a resident of Springfield, wedded Miss Sarah A. Laybourn and has two children. Harriet is the wife of Greene P. Ramy and lives in Plattsburg, Ohio. Eliza is the wife of James Eichelbarger. Ezra L. married Sallie Hatfield, by whom he has two children. Their home is in Pitchin. Ervin Elroy, who is a carpenter of Pitchin, wedded Ellen Littler and they have five children. The father of this family died at the age of fifty-four years, in 1865. The mother is still living at the advanced age of eighty-six.

Upon the home farm John G. Nave, of

this review, spent the days of his youth and in the district schools near by he pursued his education. He was married August 8, 1861, and afterward followed farming until 1864, when he joined the Ohio National Guard and in May of that year was mustered into the United States service as a member of Company D, One Hundred and Forty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He was sent to West Virginia and was at the front four months, having enlisted, however, for one hundred days. During his service he became ill and many years had passed before he fully regained his health. For a few years he rented a farm and in 1868 he purchased a place, upon which he had been living. He now has one hundred and fifty-three acres of good land and his well developed fields indicate his careful supervision.

In 1861 Mr. Nave was joined in wedlock to Miss Margaret E. Gram, who was born in Green township and is a daughter of Jacob and Catherine (Weller) Gram. They now have five children: Minnie P., born in Green township May 16, 1862, is the wife of William Todd, of Springfield township, and they have six children. Alpharetta O., born in Madison township October 16, 1863, is the wife of Wylie Hewett, by whom she has two children, and they reside upon her father's farm. Justinus T., born on the home farm September 3, 1865, married Jennie Jones, by whom he has two children, and their home is on a farm of fifty acres. Jacob Pearl, born November 23, 1867, married Aurelia Garlough, by whom he has two children, and their home is in Green township. John Charles Fremont, born October 6, 1870, married Jennie B. Littler and with their six children they reside in Green township. Mrs. Nave's fa-

ther, Jacob Gram, was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, spent the days of his minority there and when a young man came to Clark county, where he married Catherine Weller, a daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Steffie) Weller, the former a native of Maryland and the latter of Virginia. Her father removed to Virginia and from that state came to Ohio in 1830, settling on the Weller farm in 1836. The father of Mrs. Nave passed away in 1870, at the age of about sixty years, his birth having occurred in 1811. His wife died in 1884, at the age of sixty-five years.

On attaining his majority Mr. Nave became a supporter of the Republican party and continued to affiliate with that political organization until 1880, when he became a Prohibitionist. For two years he served as township trustee and for twelve years was a member of the board of education. Both he and his wife belong to the Free Will Baptist church, in which he served as superintendent of the Sunday-school for twelve years. He takes an active interest in church work and does all in his power to promote the general good along all lines of substantial advancement.

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#### JOHN H. MULHOLLAND.

A leading and influential citizen, whose efforts have been a potent factor in shaping the commercial history of Springfield in recent years, John H. Mulholland is widely known as a representative of the jewelry trade of this city. He comes of an old and honored family and from 1822 the name has been a prominent one in connection with mercantile interests here, where its representatives have conducted affairs in such

close harmony with the true ethics of commercial life that the most malevolent could utter no word of detraction. From the time of the establishment of the business eighty years ago the name Mulholland has ever been above the store, which has been carried on continuously and which is now the property of the subject of this review.

John H. Mulholland was born in Springfield February 2, 1836, and is a son of George G. Mulholland. The paternal grandfather, William Mulholland, was a native of Scotland and pursued his education in that country. He prepared for the practice of medicine, winning the degree of M. D. For a time he resided in Stewartstown, in County Tyrone, Ireland, where he practiced for a number of years, or until the time of his emigration to America in 1816. He crossed the Atlantic in a sailing vessel, for steam navigation was not known at that time, and at length arrived in New York city. He was married in Scotland to a lady of Scotch-Irish lineage and after landing in this country they proceeded to Wheeling, West Virginia, where Dr. Mulholland engaged in the practice of medicine for a time. His death occurred in that city.

In his family were seven children and George Mulholland was the youngest of the four sons. He was born in County Tyrone, Ireland, in 1809, and was therefore a little lad of seven summers when the family crossed the briny deep to the new world. His educational privileges were somewhat limited as he attended school for only a few years, but reading, study and experience continually broadened his knowledge until he became well informed, conversant with all modern topics. In his youth he began learning the watchmaker's trade with a firm in Wheeling, West Virginia, serving a seven

years' apprenticeship, during which time he became familiar with the business in all of its departments, and became an expert workman. He also learned the business of manufacturing silverware at a time when the process was carried on by hand work. In the fall of 1822 George Mulholland removed to Ohio, settling in Springfield, where he established the first jewelry store of the city and continuously since the family name has appeared on the signboard above the store. It has become a synonym for honesty and fair dealing in the trade circles of Springfield and over the commercial record of the store there falls no shadow of wrong or suspicion of evil. His first establishment was located about where the clothing store of J. M. Knoté now stands on East Main street. A small frame building occupied the site at that time. Later Mr. Mulholland removed his store to various buildings and for a time was opposite the Murry House. When he began business here he was but a young man with limited capital, but he constantly increased his stock to meet the growing demands of his trade and year by year his business grew until it had assumed extensive proportions and his annual sales brought to him a very gratifying and satisfactory income.

Mr. Mulholland also became an active factor in the public life of Springfield, recognized as a man of influence and prominence. He was a supporter of the Whig party, labored earnestly for its success and was the man to establish a lyceum in Springfield. He also helped organize the first fire department here, was chosen its secretary and held that office for a number of years. He would never consent to accept political office, although often solicited to do so, yet as a citizen he never wavered in the perform-



ance of any duty which could be executed in a private capacity. He co-operated in many movements and measures for the up-building and improvement of Springfield along, material, intellectual and social lines, and he left the impress of his individuality upon the growing town.

Mr. Mulholland was united in marriage to Miss Mary Spinning Hunt, a native of this city and a daughter of Judge John Hunt, who was one of the associate judges of the county for many years. He was a native of New Jersey and was of English descent. In the east he studied law and at an early day in the history of this locality he took up his abode in Springfield. When he arrived here the old Jeremiah Warder flouring mill had been built at Lagonda and Judge Hunt took charge of that, continuing its operation for a number of years. He afterward conducted one of the very earliest hotels of Springfield. He remained in charge for a number of years and was a genial and popular host. On selling that property he removed to Enon, where he spent his remaining days as proprietor of the only hotel there. An associate judge of the county he aided in shaping the early judicial history and he was widely known for his fairness and impartiality in rendering decisions. He married Sarah Foster, a native of New Jersey, in which state the wedding was celebrated.

Under Mr. and Mrs. Mulholland six children were born, but only two are living: John H., the eldest, who is his father's successor in business; and William, the youngest, who resides in Montana. The others were: Nancy, the deceased wife of Willis Whitehurst; George, who died in childhood; Fannie E., who has also passed away; and Mrs. Sarah Aukey, deceased. The parents

were members of the First Presbyterian church of Springfield and took a deep and abiding interest in its work, contributing generously to its support and aiding in all possible ways in its growth and in the extension of its influence. Mr. Mulholland died in August, 1849, and was buried in Ferncliff cemetery. After his death his widow assumed the management of the store which he had founded and conducted until her oldest son was capable of taking charge. She passed away when sixty-five years of age and was then interred by the side of her husband.

John H. Mulholland, whose name introduces this review, was educated in the public schools of Springfield, in the academy here and in Wittenberg College, where he remained as a student for two years. At the age of seventeen he began to learn the watchmaker's trade, going first to Columbus, where he entered the employ of William Savage, with whom he remained for two years. He afterward spent a similar period in the service of Henry Nunnemaker, of South Bend, Indiana, who had previously learned the trade of George Mulholland, the father of our subject. In 1856, returning to Springfield, he assumed the management of the store, which he has since conducted with excellent success. It has long and easily maintained the foremost position among the jewelry establishment of the city. Mr. Mulholland carries a large and complete assortment of everything in this line, including a full line of musical instruments.

On the 6th of November, 1856, was celebrated the marriage of John H. Mulholland and Miss Mary J. Grant, a daughter of William Grant. Their union has been blessed with six children: Emma, who is at home; George G., a watchmaker by trade,



now located in Memphis, Tennessee; Carrie, deceased; Charles E., who is a watchmaker of Los Angeles, California; Nellie M., the wife of Dr. Noah Myers, of this city, by whom she has three children, Robert, Mildred and Mary; William M., who is his father's assistant in business.

Politically Mr. Mulholland is a Republican and keeps well informed on the issues of the day, but has never been active in political work. He is well known in Masonic circles, belonging to Clark Lodge and to Springfield Chapter, R. A. M. He also holds membership in Springfield Lodge, I. O. O. F., in which he is a past grand and his name is also on the membership roll of the Knights of Pythias fraternity. He belongs to the First Presbyterian church, in which he was an elder for ten years. Honored and respected by all there is no man who occupies a more enviable position in commercial and financial circles in Springfield than does John H. Mulholland. It is true that he entered upon a business already established, but in enlarging and controlling such an enterprise many a man of less resolute spirit would have failed. Our subject, however, has carried on his work with determination, keeping in touch with the progressive spirit of the times and his life history proves that success is not a matter of genius or of inheritance, but of skillfully directed labor and sound business judgment.

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#### JOSEPH HINKLE.

The subject of this review is one of the representative farmers and highly respected citizens of Springfield township, where his entire life has been passed, his birth oc-

curing there July 20, 1860. His father, Joseph Hinkle, was born in Lancaster county, Ohio. In 1833 he came to Clark county with his parents, John and Rebecca Hinkle, who settled in Springfield township and in the midst of the forest developed and improved a farm, on which they continued to make their home throughout the remainder of their lives. When called to their final rest their remains were interred in the Hinkle burying ground. They were the parents of ten children, namely: John; Samuel; Joseph; Henry; William, who died young; Mary, who wedded Henry Graham; Ann, who married Peter Markley; Elizabeth, who married Wesley Stillman; Sarah, who became the wife of Michael Way; and Rebecca, who wedded Edward Highwood.

The father of our subject passed the days of his boyhood and youth upon the home farm, remaining with his parents until he was married. The lady of his choice was Miss Margaret Jane Ault, a native of Clark county and a daughter of Adam Ault, who was one of the early pioneers of the county. After his marriage Mr. Hinkle began farming on his own account and throughout his active business career continued to follow that pursuit with most excellent success, becoming one of the substantial, as well as one of the most highly esteemed citizens of his community. He died about twenty-five years ago, and his wife passed away in August, 1902. Unto them were born thirteen children, as follows: Adam, who died young; Maria, the deceased wife of Austin Blessing; Rebecca, now the widow of John M. Stewart and a resident of Springfield; George and John, both deceased; Henry, who makes his home in Springfield township; Mary, wife of James W. Foreman, of Springfield; Anna,

wife of George Orstot, of Springfield township; Amanda, wife of George Oates, who is living in the city of Springfield; Margaret, deceased; Ida, who makes her home with her brother James; Joseph, of this review; and James, a resident of Springfield township.

Mr. Hinkle, of this review, spent the first twenty-three years of his life in his parents' home, nothing of any importance occurring to vary the routine of farm work except that he attended the district schools of the neighborhood as opportunity permitted. He was married on the 27th of December, 1883, to Miss Mary E. Pierson, who was also born in Springfield township. Her parents, John and Sarah (Brunley) Pierson, were both natives of Yorkshire, England, where their marriage was celebrated, and on their emigration to America they settled in Clark county, Ohio, where they continued to make their home until called to the world beyond. Of their nine children four are still living, namely: Mrs. Eliza Sultzbaugh, of Springfield; James, who is living on the old homestead in Springfield township; Mary E., wife of our subject; and Martha, wife of William Snyder, of the city of Springfield. The only child born to our subject and his wife is Clarence W., but they also have an adopted daughter, Marie.

Mr. and Mrs. Hinkle began their domestic life upon the farm which they still occupy, it being the property of her father. Our subject rented the place until Mr. Pierson's death, when it became the property of his wife. He has made many improvements thereon, including the erection of a fine modern residence and good barn, and the neat and thrifty appearance of the farm indicates his careful supervision and well di-

rected labors. He is a progressive and practical farmer and has attained a fair degree of success. His political support is always given the men and measures of the Republican party and he takes a commendable interest in public affairs.

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#### SAMUEL THEODORE LUSE.

Among Green township's honored and respected native sons is numbered Samuel Theodore Luse, who was born upon the farm and within the walls of his present home, January 25, 1858. He is a son of Thomas and Nancy Funston Luse. The father was born probably in Pennsylvania and came to Ohio when a boy, with his parents, Justice and Mary Luse. Justice Luse settled upon a farm now owned by William Luse, on the outskirts of Clifton, in Green township. Here he cleared and improved a farm and spent the remaining days of his life, honored and respected by all who knew him. He was a pioneer settler of his district, and his efforts were brought to bear upon the wild and uncultivated land, thus early laying the foundation for future development and improvement, which has resulted in the present prosperity of the great commonwealth of Ohio.

His son, Thomas Luse, the father of our subject, was early trained to the work of the farm and spent his boyhood and youth in his native county. He had no start in life save the limited education which was to be obtained in the then primitive frontier district, but he possessed sterling qualities of character, and, early realizing that from labor come all desirable benefits, he persevered, prospering as the years passed by and

he became the owner of two hundred and twenty-five acres of valuable land, the most of which he purchased, having acquired the means through his own untiring efforts. He was honored, too, with the respect and confidence of his fellow citizens. In his political views he was a Republican and for several years he served as township clerk and treasurer of Green township, fulfilling his duties of office capably and to the satisfaction of all concerned. He was almost eighty-one years of age at the time of his death, which occurred on the 28th of April, 1880, while his estimable wife was called to her final rest in 1890. They were both highly respected citizens of their community and were the parents of the following named children: Mary is the widow of Richard Bean, residing in Springfield, and is the mother of five children; Justice Henry resided in Madison county, Ohio, where he carried on farming, but died leaving three children to mourn his loss; Keziah, now deceased, became the wife of Samuel Andrews and resided in Trebeins, Greene county, Ohio; Lavinia is the widow of Henry C. Kiler, and resides in Greene county, near Clifton; John F. died in Green township, Clark county, soon after his marriage; Calvin, a hotel keeper residing in Clifton, has five children; Amelia died in early womanhood; Emma resides in Clifton; Anna, the wife of James Swaby, resides on a part of the old homestead and has three children. Both parents were laid to rest in Clifton cemetery.

Samuel Theodore Luse spent the days of his boyhood and youth upon the home farm, enjoying the pleasures of the boys of his period, receiving the advantages of a common school education, which was supplemented by attendance at high school in

Clifton. His father died when he was nineteen years of age, and he remained at home with his mother, assisting in the conduct of the farm until his marriage, which important event in his life took place on the 11th of April, 1889, the lady of his choice being Miss Harriet Swaby, of Green township. She was born in Wisbeck, Cambridgeshire, England, October 3, 1870, and is a daughter of Henry and Mary Ann (Wool) Swaby, both of whom are still living in Green township. She received the advantages of a good common school education. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Luse have been born three children: Ernest Douglas, born on the home farm, May 20, 1890; Egbert Theodore, born March 17, 1892; and Kenneth, born March 25, 1896.

After his marriage Mr. Luse took his bride to the home farm. He purchased one hundred and thirty acres of the home farm from his father's estate and this he has cultivated and improved, adding thereto from time to time as occasion offered, and his well tilled fields yield to him golden harvests in return for the care and labor bestowed upon them.

Mr. Luse is a stalwart Republican, unfaltering in his allegiance to the principles of the party. He cast his first presidential ballot in 1880 for James A. Garfield. He has been a member of the board of education of Clifton, taking a deep interest in educational work, knowing well how important a bearing it has upon the growth and prosperity of any community. In agricultural matters he is also an advanced theorist and a practical demonstrator of the improved methods of the day. He has served as a member of the board of agriculture of Clark county for ten years, of which organization he is a valued member, his opin-

ions carrying weight with the members of the board, and in this capacity he has done much toward the improvement in agricultural development of Clark county, by which it has become one of the leading counties of the Buckeye state. An earnest and consistent member of the Presbyterian church, he is also trustee of the same and finds time to devote to the good cause of extending Christian influence in his community, where all alike respect him for his qualities of heart and mind.

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#### FRANK P. TORRENCE.

The recognition of business possibilities and the utilization of his opportunities have been the elements upon which Mr. Torrence has based his success—a success so marked as to attract the attention and admiration of those who know aught of his career and to make the history of his life a matter of interest to his many friends. There is always something inspiring in the story of a career wherein advancement has resulted from individual effort well directed, and therefore an account of what Mr. Torrence has accomplished may serve as an example and an impetus to others. He is now one of the prosperous brokers of Springfield, but at the outset of his career he had no capital.

A native of Jamestown, Ohio, he was born June 11, 1855, a son of Dr. J. M. and Mary (Curry) Torrence. The father was also born in Greene county, this state, the grandfather, Robert Torrence, having located there in the early pioneer days. He came to Ohio from Pennsylvania, but the family is of Scotch-Irish ancestry. After

his removal westward Robert Torrence served as a soldier in the war of 1812. Settling near Xenia, he there owned a large tract of land, much of which came into the possession of his son, Dr. J. M. Torrence. The latter pursued his collegiate course of study in Cincinnati, Ohio, where he was graduated with the degree of M. D. and became a practitioner of the regular school of medicine. He located for practice in Jamestown and subsequently removed to Xenia, where he became a prosperous as well as eminent representative of the profession. He married Miss Mary Curry, of Jamestown, a daughter of William Curry, who was of Scotch lineage. During the Civil war, in order to prevent a general draft in Greene county, the Doctor and three other gentlemen guaranteed a large sum of money to the government and through this means he lost almost his entire possessions. He was later made regimental surgeon of the Seventy-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry and with that command went to the front. The close of the war found him with his health broken and his fortune nearly ruined, but he again took up the practice of medicine in Xenia. After a few years, however, his death occurred there and he was buried with the honors of the Masonic fraternity and of the Grand Army of the Republic. His wife had previously passed away. The Doctor made a great sacrifice for his country, his health and his property both going to sustain the Union cause.

Frank P. Torrence, of this review, pursued his education in the public schools of Xenia and in the seminary there. When about fifteen years of age he left home to make his own way in the world and was variously employed. Eventually he became the advertising and route agent for a num-

ber of large theatrical companies, but after his marriage he gave up that business and entered commercial life as a traveling salesman for a St. Louis tobacco house. Later he became connected with an extensive cigar house of Detroit, Michigan, which he represented for two years, and during the last year of that time—1890—he removed to Springfield. Not being content, however, to remain in the employ of others, he then went into the brokerage business for himself and from that time has achieved a very gratifying and creditable degree of success. For eight years he has continued in the business as one of its leading representatives in Springfield. He has also extended the scope and extent of his business labors and activity and at one time was connected with the Victor Rubber Tire Company, serving as its vice president until he disposed of his interest in that concern. He is now the vice president of the Citizens' Heating & Power Company and also one of its directors.

Mr. Torrence was united in marriage to Miss Laura Baldrige, of Urbana, Ohio, the wedding taking place October 9, 1877. The lady is a daughter of Dr. A. H. Baldrige, who is one of the founders of the medical college of Cincinnati. They now have one child, Gertrude Mabel, the wife of William Payton McCulloch, of Springfield.

Mr. Torrence belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, to Ingomar Lodge, K. of P., and is also a charter member of the United Commercial Travelers, the Commercial Club of Springfield, and with the Columbia Republican Club, the last named indicating his political affiliations. He owns a block of modern houses on Woodlawn avenue, which he erected in addition to his beautiful home at No. 343

North Fountain avenue. He is a representative of our best type of American manhood. By perseverance, determination and honorable effort he has overthrown the obstacles which barred his path to success and reached the goal of prosperity. His life being one of continuous activity, he has been accorded due recognition of labor and to-day he is numbered among the substantial and prominent citizens of Springfield.

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WILLIAM SHAWD.

William Shawd, an experimental and general machinist of Springfield, carrying on a shop here, has been a resident of this city since May, 1886. He was born in Franklin county, Ohio, near Reynoldsburg, on the 15th of February, 1857, and is a son of Samuel Shawd. The father was born in Switzerland in 1812 and pursued his education in that land and came to America about 1845. Here he followed farming until his death, which occurred in 1859. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Annie Rostover, was born in Switzerland in 1815 and departed this life at Kenton, Hardin county, Ohio, in November, 1897. In the family were nine children, of whom three died in early life. Those living are Samuel, John and Fred, who are employed in a machine shop in Kenton, Ohio; Jacob, a farmer of Iowa; Emma, the wife of S. F. Kennedy, also of Kenton, Ohio; and William, who is proprietor of the Shawd machine works, of Springfield. Three of the sons, Samuel, Jacob and John, were born in Switzerland. The parents were members of the German Reformed church and the political faith of the family is Republican, all of the sons sup-

porting that party with the exception of Fred, who is a Democrat. The children were all educated in the district schools of Franklin and Hardin counties, receiving good mental training. Jacob was a soldier in the Civil war, serving for two years in a regiment of Ohio infantry.

William Shawd, having received a common school education, attending school through the winter months, while in the summer he worked upon the farm, entered upon his active business career at the age of seventeen years, by securing employment in a sawmill, where he remained for four years, being steadily advanced as he mastered the business. He then entered the employ of the Champion Iron Company at Kenton as an apprentice. He began at the bottom, steadily working his way upward, mastering the various branches of the business until he was made general foreman, his connection with the works continuing from 1879 until 1886. In the latter year he came to Springfield and accepted the position of general foreman with the Rodgers Iron Company, then known as the Rodgers Iron Fence Company. His connection with that house was maintained until 1896, when he was given the position of foreman in the Springfield Architectural Iron Works. After two years, however, he embarked in business for himself purchasing the plant of J. S. Ellis. He began in general repair work and as he found opportunity he added other branches of machine work including the building of gas engines and experimental work in machine building. He also conducts a general repairing establishment. In the various shops in which he has been employed he has acquired a thorough knowledge of all branches of machine work and has built up a lucrative business, giving

his personal supervision to the work which goes into his shop. He is well known to the leading business men and manufacturers of this city and enjoys the confidence and esteem of all with whom he has been associated.

Mr. Shawd was married in Kenton, Ohio, May 4, 1881, to Miss Ella Gary, who was born in Kenton in 1859 and is a daughter of John H. Gary, who was one of the early pioneers of Hardin county, where for many years he owned and operated a saw and grist mill. In his family were ten children: William, of Kenton; Enos, who is engaged in the sawmill business at Kenton; George, of New Hampshire; HURRIS, a farmer of Hardin county; Edward, who is the proprietor of a sawmill in West Virginia; Louis, of New Hampshire; Amanda, the wife of W. H. H. Wagner, a farmer of Hardin county; Ella, the wife of William Shawd; Hattie, the deceased wife of Henry Schrader; and Asa, who was killed in service in the Civil war while acting as captain of a company of Ohio Infantry. The mother of these children died in 1886. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Shawd have been born four children: Grace Fay, who was born July 21, 1885, and is a graduate of the Springfield high school of the class of 1902; Arnold, who was born in 1887 and in September, 1902, became a high school student; Archie B., born January 13, 1890; and Clifford, born in April, 1899.

In politics Mr. Shawd is an earnest Republican, taking an active interest and influential part in the work of the party. For five years he has been a member of the county central committee in precinct A of the second ward and for two years in precinct A of the third ward, and since 1888 he has served as a delegate to the county

conventions and has several times been a delegate to congressional conventions. His daughter and his oldest son are members of the Second Presbyterian church and he has been a liberal contributor to church work. He belongs to Amicitia Lodge, No. 79, I. O. O. F., and filled all of its offices. He is also a member of Mad River Encampment, No. 16, at Springfield, and is a charter member of the Columbia Republican Club of this city. He resides at No. 166 West North street in the third ward and he and his family have many friends in the community. As the architect of his own fortunes he has builded wisely and well and is now in control of a large and profitable business.

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#### WILLIAM S. GLADFELTER.

Prominent among the energetic, farseeing and successful business men of Ohio is the subject of this sketch. His life history most happily illustrates what may be attained by faithful and continued effort in carrying out an honest purpose. Integrity activity and energy have been the crowning points of his success and his connection with various business enterprises and industries have been a decided advantage to this section of Ohio, promoting it material welfare in no uncertain manner.

Mr. Gladfelter is a native of York county, Pennsylvania, born upon a farm near Little York, March 10, 1841, but since 1868 he has made his home in Springfield. His father, John P. Gladfelter, who was a contractor and builder, was also a native of York county, Pennsylvania, and with his parents removed to Guernsey county, Ohio, but afterward returned to his native coun-

ty and there engaged in contracting and building. He married Louise Smith and died near the old home in York county, at the age of fifty-two years, while his wife passed away at the age of seventy-two. They were the parents of thirteen children, of whom five are yet living: William S., of this review; George, also of Springfield; Sophia, who resides upon the old homestead and is the wife of William Schriever; Matilda, the wife of Emanuel Richcreek of York county Pennsylvania; and Lydia Stambaugh of York county.

William S. Gladfelter of this review pursued his early education in the district schools, which he attended during the winter months, while he worked upon the home farm in the summer seasons. He was for two winters a student in the academy at York, Pennsylvania, walking to and from that place, a distance of six miles. When quite a young lad he began earning his own livelihood, working as a farm hand and he also worked with his father for a season as a carpenter. In the year 1862 he came to Ohio making his way to Columbus and in the vicinity of that city he spent the first year as a farm hand. He was then employed in a warehouse as shipping clerk and in 1864 he went to Decatur, Illinois, where he worked for a large agricultural firm. Returning to Columbus, he was for a short time employed in that city and in the year 1866 came to Clark county, being employed as a farm hand here for a short time. He next aided in building a bridge in the park in Springfield, after which he returned to the farm and remained there for another year, but in 1868 he took up his permanent abode in this city, accepting a position as salesman for W. W. Diel with whom he remained for five years. His close applica-



tion, his economy and his industry won him some capital and on the expiration of that period he began business on his own account, establishing a flour and feed store in 1873. He conducted that business with creditable success until 1878. In the meantime he had begun contracting and had erected several houses. He had also purchased property, building thereon a number of houses in the vacant lots which he had acquired. In 1878 he disposed of his store in order to give his entire time and attention to contracting and building. He inherited unusual mechanical ability and has successfully carried on operations in this line. In fifteen years of this time he constructed on an average of fifty houses annually and during the remainder of the time has built as many as forty houses each year. During the busy season he formerly employed twenty-five workmen and he is always faithful and prompt in the execution of contracts, living fully up to the letter and to the spirit. He has given his personal attention to the business and is one of the best known and most reliable contractors of the city. With interest he has watched the improvement of Springfield and has assisted materially in its substantial growth; has built some business blocks here and has always maintained a creditable position as a representative of the great department of industry with which he was connected. He was his own architect, making out plans and specifications. The work comes to him unsought, his conscientious labor being his best advertisement. Mr. Gladfelter is now practically living retired, although to some extent he yet superintends his son's building interests.

In May, 1869, in this city, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Gladfelter and Miss Anna Lankenau, who was born in Spring-

field in 1844 a daughter of John D. Lankenau who was a shoemaker and died of cholera in 1849. Unto our subject and his wife has been born one son, Charles Frederick, whose birth occurred in July, 1872. He is a graduate of the public schools of Springfield and completed a course in Wittenberg College by graduation in the class of 1894. He afterward worked with his father until June, 1897, when he went to Chicago where he was employed as bookkeeper and auditor for an electric traction company, with which he was connected for five years, occupying a most responsible position, but he is now located at Washington, D. C., as assistant manager of an electric traction company. He was married in this city to Emma Town, formerly a successful teacher in the public schools and they now have one daughter Katherine Eleanor, who was named for both of her grandmothers and is now seven years of age. Mr. Gladfelter also has an adopted son, Ryburn Barton Gladfelter, who is his nephew and he became a member of our subject's household upon his mother's death, when he was four months old. He has taken up his father's business, and has now relieved his father of the care and responsibility and management of his extensive business interests.

He is a member of the Second English Lutheran church, has served as one of its officers and in his political views is a stalwart Prohibitionist. He has resided at his present location since 1869 and in 1892 built the residence now occupied by himself and wife. He has made an untarnished record and unspotted reputation as a business man, and in all places and under all circumstances he is loyal to truth, honor and right, justly valuing his own self-respect as infinitely more preferable than wealth, fame and position.



In those finer traits of character which combine to form that which we term friendship, which endear and attach man to man in bonds which nothing but the stain of dishonor can sever, which triumph and shine brightest in the hour of adversity,—in those qualities he is royally endowed.



### JOSEPH GARRARD.

Joseph Garrard is a retired farmer of South Charleston owning a valuable tract of land on the dividing line of Greene and Madison counties, in Stoke township of the latter county. There he has two hundred and thirty acres which is well improved and returns to him a good annual income. Mr. Garrard is a native of Madison county, his birth having occurred in Union township, November 15, 1842, his parents being Stephen and Nancy (Davis) Garrard.

He was reared upon a farm, acquired a fair common school education and when nineteen years of age he offered his services to the country to aid in the suppression of the rebellion in the south. It was in May, 1862, that he enlisted in the Union army, becoming a member of Company F, Forty-fifth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He was sent to Camp Chase and after two weeks was ordered to the front being first under fire at Richmond, Kentucky, early in July of that year. He afterward went with the army to the Ohio river. He was in thirty-one pitched battles besides many skirmishes, these including engagements at Dutton Hill, Resaca, Kenesaw Mountain, Lovejoy Station the siege of Atlanta and others. After going about fifty miles with Sherman on his

march to the sea, his regiment was ordered back and returned to Nashville under General Thomas. Mr. Garrard then participated in the battles of Pulaski, Tennessee, Franklin, the siege of Nashville and the battle of Philadelphia, Tennessee, where the Union troops were forced back to Knoxville. They were there besieged and nearly starved suffering almost untold hardships. Mr. Garrard was wounded at that place, being shot through the left leg. He did not go to the hospital but had the wound bound up where he was and remained with the regiment, which at that time was mounted. He followed Morgan on the raid through Indiana and Ohio, and was always found at his post of duty. He was never captured and was in the hospital for only twenty-four hours. A brave soldier boy, he was fearless and faithful in his defense of the old flag and the cause it represented and made for himself a most creditable military record. In June, 1865, he was honorably discharged and mustered out, after which he returned to his old home in Ohio.

Mr. Garrard then began working by the month in Clark county, following that pursuit for several years. He was married in Springfield on the 22d of October, 1872, to Miss Amanda M. Hill, whose birth occurred in this county and who was a daughter of C. C. and Delilah (Briggs) Hill. She acquired a fair common-school education and was reared on a farm in South Charleston. The young couple removed to Henry county, Missouri, where Mr. Garrard purchased land and made his home for ten years. He then returned to Clark county, Ohio, and for several years lived upon a farm belonging to his father-in-law. In 1895 he purchased one hundred and eighty-seven acres of good land in Fayette county, Ohio, which

he made his home for a year after which he spent a few months in Springfield and then bought one hundred and seventy-five acres near South Charleston. On selling that tract he bought the farm which he now owns in Madison county. On the various purchases and sales which he has made he has realized quite handsomely and from his investments he has thus acquired a good income.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Garrard has been blessed with two children: John Howard, who is now engaged in the livery business in Springfield, married Ida Sprague. Anna is still with her parents. While in the army Mr. Garrard cast his first presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln and has always been a Republican. He is identified with the Methodist Episcopal church as one of its active and earnest workers and his wife served as superintendent of the Sunday school while they were living in Madison township, Clark county. They have a pleasant home in South Charleston and many friends extend to them the highest regard.

It will be interesting in this connection to note something of the family history of Mrs. Garrard. Her father, Calderwood Covington Hill, was born in Culpeper county, Virginia, November 13, 1814, and was a son of Robert and Margaret (Harvey) Hill, who were natives of Virginia, whence they removed to Pickaway county, Ohio, when their son Calderwood was about four years of age. They spent four years in that county and then came to Clark county, where the grandfather died at the age of thirty-eight years. At the time of his marriage the father of Mrs. Garrard owned land four miles from South Charleston, where he cleared and improved a farm,

making his home thereon through a long period. During the last six years of his life he was a resident of South Charleston. He married Delilah Briggs, a daughter of Joseph and Mary Briggs, who were early settlers of Ohio, probably coming to this state from Virginia. Mrs. Hill was born October 11, 1818, and died August 20, 1894, at her home in South Charleston. Mr. Hill afterward made his home with his daughter, Mrs. Garrard, until his death, which occurred February 9, 1896. He was the owner of three hundred and ten acres of good land and was well known as an honorable and progressive farmer. In politics he was a Republican and for many years he served as trustee of his township. An active and influential member of the Methodist Episcopal church, he served as one of its class leaders and was largely instrumental in the building of Williams chapel near his farm.

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#### HENRY WICKHAM.

The rapid development of all material resources during the closing years of the nineteenth century and the opening years of the twentieth century, has brought business enterprises up from the day of small things to gigantic proportions where thousands of dollars take the place of hundreds and where men are required to handle extensive interests as successfully as did their grandfathers the small business enterprises of fifty or seventy-five years ago. The more thorough training of the schools and the more rigorous preparation demanded for business life have all well qualified the men of the present day for the work which awaits them, and the enterprises are controlled by



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those who not only successfully continue a business but also enlarge it, increasing its scope and its usefulness. Henry Wickham has been an important factor in carrying on what has become a leading industry of Springfield, being a member of the firm of Wickham, Chapman & Company, manufacturers of piano plates for grand and upright pianos. Their foundry has been enlarged until the plant now covers seven acres, furnishing employment to several hundred workmen.

Mr. Wickham was born in New York city in 1854, and on the paternal side he comes of English ancestry, while in the maternal line he is of Irish lineage. He was an only child and pursued his education in De La Salle Institute of his native city. He has been identified with manufacturing interests since 1876, in which year he became connected with the St. John's Sewing Machine Company of Springfield, Ohio. He was in the japanning and ornamenting department, having forty workmen under his control. He also lived in Brooklyn for a time and on the 1st of September, 1889, he returned to Springfield, where he established the piano plate manufacturing business, which he had formerly conducted in Brooklyn. The company was incorporated in that year, John Chapman, of Newark, New Jersey, becoming a partner. The plant was removed to Springfield because of the facilities of this city as a distributing point. Eight acres of land were purchased and the various buildings erected according to special designs fitting them for the uses of the company. They manufacture piano plates and piano hardware, including action brackets, pedal feet, pedal guards, bearing bars, organ pedal frames and other accessories to the line. The business has steadily grown and the

plant has been enlarged in order to afford facilities to meet the demands of the trade. Each department is thoroughly equipped with the latest improved devices and machinery for carrying on the work and the plant now covers about seven acres, while the number of workmen employed reaches four hundred. These are experienced foundrymen and polishers, together with other men well qualified for executing work in the various departments. Shipments are made to all points of the United States and Canada, and a very high grade of plates and also piano hardware is manufactured. Mr. Wickham and Mr. Chapman give their personal supervision to their constantly increasing business. The business relation between them has been a most harmonious one and the efforts and labors of one fully supplement and round out the work of the other, so that the firm is a strong one. They have labored earnestly and continuously for the success of their enterprise, which has become an important industry of the city and the largest of its kind in the world.

On the 15th of October, 1878, Mr. Wickham was united in marriage in Springfield to Miss Theresa Murphy, who was born in West Jefferson, Ohio, and is a daughter of John Murphy. They now have five children: Grace, who was born in Springfield and is a graduate of the Cedar Grove Academy at Cincinnati, Ohio; Edna, who was born in Brooklyn and is a student in Notre Dame Academy of South Bend, Indiana; Frank, a native of Brooklyn; and John and Henry, who were born in Springfield. Mrs. Wickham was educated in St. Raphael's School of this city and the family are communicants of the St. Raphael's church. Their home is at the corner of Burnett road and Harrison street, where

Mr. Wickham has improved a fine property and now has an elegant country residence. He has watched with interest the material growth and improvement of the city and has co-operated in many movements for the general good. He votes with the Republican party and belongs to the Knights of Columbus of Springfield. His life is a type of the utilitarian and progressive spirit of the age when maximum results are accomplished by minimum effort, business having been so systematized and all forces so utilized that the rapidity of growth and increase of business seems almost phenomenal.

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JOHN C. MILLER.

It is an important public duty to honor and perpetuate as far as is possible the memory of an eminent citizen, one who, by his blameless and honorable life and distinguished career reflected credit not only upon the city but also upon the state and upon the profession which he represented. John C. Miller was long a distinguished member of the Clark county bar. A man of irreproachable private life, his example is indeed well worthy of emulation. The memory of his upright career should serve as an inspiration to those who knew him. A well known jurist of Illinois said: "In the American state the great and good lawyer must always be prominent, for he is one of the forces that move and control society. Public confidence has generally been reposed in the legal profession and it has ever been a defender of popular rights, the champion of freedom regulated by law, the firm support of good government. No political preference, no mere place can add to the power

or increase the honor which belongs to the pure and educated lawyer." Judge Miller was one honored by and an honor to the legal fraternity of Ohio. He stood prominent among the representative members of the bar of the state and he attained to his position through marked ability.

Springfield may be proud to number him among her native sons. He was born in this city when it was but a village, his natal day being April 13, 1834. He came of an ancestry honorable and distinguished. In the maternal line he was a lineal descendant of Sir Charles Hedges, an English statesman of the seventeenth century and a member of the cabinet of Queen Anne, the last reigning sovereign of the house of Stuart. In America the Miller family has figured prominently in public affairs establishing the history of the nation. The great-grandparents of the Judge were Robert and Elizabeth Miller, who, in 1738, left their home in Scotland and sailed to the new world, taking up their residence in Prince George county, Maryland. David Miller, the great-grandfather of the Judge, became a soldier of the Colonial army during the Revolutionary war and in 1778 gave up his life as a ransom for the liberty of the people. His son, Robert Miller, the grandfather of our subject, was born in Prince George county, Maryland, in 1767, and at the age of about thirty years became a resident of Kentucky, making his way into that state when the work of progress and improvement had scarcely been begun there, and ere its admission to the Union. During the journey of the family to the new home in the western wilds Reuben Miller, the father of the Judge, was born, his birth occurring in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, January 19, 1797. At that time the emi-

grant company were constructing keel boats to carry them down the Monongahela and Ohio rivers to their destination—the town of Limestone, Kentucky, now known as Maysville, Kentucky. Robert Miller took up his abode in Fleming county, that state, and became a prosperous landowner and slaveholder. He was also accounted one of the prominent and influential residents of his community. His was an irreproachable life in consistent harmony with his professions as a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, which he joined at an early age. In 1809, through the appointment of Bishop Asbury, he became a licensed local preacher and his strong, logical and convincing utterances made him a power in his denomination. He was a man of remarkable originality of thought and his diction was concise and forcible. His sermons were famous for graphic descriptions and illustrations and his words seldom failed to arouse his hearers in a way that left a deep impress upon their lives. With a keen sense of justice, it became apparent to him that the system of slave holding was wrong, and acting upon his conviction, in 1812, he liberated all of his bondsmen and with his family removed to Champaign county, Ohio, settling upon a large tract of land on Pretty Prairie, which is now within the limits of Clark county.

Reuben Miller, the father of the Judge, was reared upon the old homestead farm here and acquired his education in the schools of this portion of the state. He also bore his part in caring for the home farm and in controlling the property, giving his father the benefit of his assistance until he reached his majority. About this time Reuben Miller was united in marriage to Miss Mary Hedges, a native of Berkeley county, West Virginia, and they became the parents

of seven children: Mrs. Caroline H. Harris, who resided near Monticello, Illinois, but is now deceased; D. B., who was a physician of Covington, Kentucky, but has also passed away; Mrs. Elizabeth N. Ogden, of Keokuk, Iowa, also deceased; Robert Tabb, who died in Springfield just as he was entering upon what appeared to be a very successful business career; John C., the subject of this sketch; Joseph N., a rear admiral of the United States navy, who is now living retired; and Henry R., who is now a prominent citizen of Keokuk, Iowa. In order to provide for his family, Reuben Miller, the father of our subject, engaged in teaching school and in surveying land. In 1826 he received the appointment of surveyor of Clark county and acted in that capacity for nine years in a most creditable manner. On the expiration of that period he was elected county auditor and his fidelity to duty and the confidence reposed in him is indicated by the fact that for eighteen consecutive years he filled that position. He inherited his father's talent for speaking and his zeal for religion, and during all the years of his public service he also acted as a local minister of the Methodist Episcopal church and filled various pulpits of central Ohio on Sabbath days in the absence of the regular pastor. His public utterances were earnest, thoughtful, logical, and carried weight wherever he was heard. As a writer, too, he possessed more than ordinary ability and was a most entertaining conversationalist. Being noted for his wit and humor. These characteristics have been found in many members of the Miller family and representatives of the name have therefore been of more than local prominence and importance as well as influence.

In taking up the personal history of

Judge John C. Miller we present to our readers the life record of one of the distinguished sons of Clark county. His early education was supplemented by study in the Ohio Conference High School of Springfield, at which time the Rev. Solomon Howard was principal—a man of great learning, who afterward became president of the Ohio University of Athens. Judge Miller completed his course by graduation when only fifteen years of age and after leaving school he entered a printing office where he learned the trade. When he had mastered it he became anxious to prepare for professional life and at the age of eighteen he entered upon the study of law under the direction of the Hon. Samuel Shellabarger, who in later years became very prominent, both in the profession and on the floor of congress, where he represented his district for several terms and was one of the most prominent attorneys in the famous Hayes-Tilden contest. In April, 1855, after a thorough preparation, Mr. Miller was admitted to the bar of Ohio and a few years later began practice in Springfield. He entered upon his chosen work at a bar which numbered many distinguished members, but his ability, close application and indefatigable efforts soon won recognition and he gained a very desirable reputation for a young man—a reputation that increased as the years went by, gaining him distinction as a leading jurist of the state. In public affairs he was prominent and honored. In April, 1861, he was chosen mayor of Springfield by a very flattering majority and when the Civil war broke out, less than a month later, he immediately became identified with all of the measures for the promotion of recruiting, for relief to soldiers' families, and for everything that could pertain to the Union cause in defending its

welfare. He was chairman of the citizens' military committee of Clark county, and he afterward served as a private in the One Hundred and Fifty-second Regiment of Ohio Infantry, in the company of Captain Bushnell, who was later governor of Ohio. In the fall of 1861 he was elected prosecuting attorney of Clark county and was several times reelected to that office. In 1869 he was chosen city solicitor of Springfield and was retained in that position by continued re-elections until 1876, when he resigned to accept the office of probate judge, to which he had been elected in the previous October. Four times he was chosen for that position and before the close of his fifth term he was elected one of the judges of the court of common pleas of the second judicial district, at the general election in the fall of 1890. Taking his place upon the bench of that court, he there served until his death in 1900. A man of unimpeachable character, of natural intellectual endowments, with a thorough understanding of the law, patience, urbanity and industry, he took to the bench the very highest qualifications for this responsible office of the state government, and his record as a judge was in harmony with his record as a man and a lawyer—distinguished by unswerving integrity and a masterful grasp of every problem which presented itself for solution. He had a thorough and comprehensive knowledge of the published decisions of courts, but he was not a case lawyer. His own decisions were founded upon principles of law and attracted the attention of the profession throughout the state. Possessed of a keen, incisive intellect, the controlling points of a case were quickly perceived by him and his strong, thoroughly trained and logical mind enabled him to present his conclusions



tensely and concisely and in a manner to carry conviction. In the exercise of these high judicial qualifications Judge Miller was entirely impartial and independent, and yet always courteous and considerate.

On the 4th of October, 1860, was celebrated the marriage of John C. Miller and Miss Marianna T. Hoglen, a daughter of James R. Hoglen, of Dayton, now deceased. They became the parents of two children: Robert J., who married Miss Freda Bretney, of Lebanon, Kentucky, and has a son, Robert Wickliffe; and Eleanor C., the wife of Louis E. Niles, of New York city. The Judge's interest centered in his family and he considered no personal sacrifice on his behalf too great if it would promote the welfare and happiness of his wife and children.

He was a member of Clark Lodge, No. 101, F. & A. M., and Palestine Commandery, No. 33, K. T. He also belonged to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, and Mitchell Post, No. 45, G. A. R. In the line of his profession he was connected with the county and state bar associations and he was regarded as a valued representative of each social, political or professional organization with which he was connected. While he was inflexible in support of everything which he considered to be right and of political principles which he endorsed, it can truly be said that Judge Miller was never an office seeker, but that political preference came to him in recognition of his marked ability and superior merit. A contemporary biographer has said of him: "The irreproachability of his private life contributed to fix and maintain his place in public esteem and his great popularity was due to his recognized ability and magnetic personality."

He voted with the Republican party, and his religious faith was that of the Methodist church, in which he long held membership. He was never narrow, however, but was found as the friend of all deserving people irrespective of creed or belief. When death claimed him the different societies with which he was connected attended his funeral in a body. Deep indeed was the regret felt throughout the community. It is said of an eminent man of old, that he has done things worthy to be written; that he has written things worthy to be read; and by his life has contributed to the welfare of the republic and the happiness of mankind. This eulogy can well be pronounced upon Judge Miller and the many who looked up to him and respected him realized as fully as did his social friends that a true man had fallen.

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#### REAR ADMIRAL JOSEPH N. MILLER.

Upon the pages of history Rear Admiral Joseph N. Miller has engraven his name. With a laudable ambition for advancement, with devotion to his country's good, with marked merit and ability arising from thoroughness, close application and enterprising industry, he attained to high rank in the navy and when his years of service had reached the number which merits retirement his name was placed upon the list of those from whom no longer active aid is required.

Admiral Miller was born in Springfield, Ohio, November 22, 1836, and is a son of Reuben Miller, who was long a prominent office holder and influential citizen of Clark county, identified with the development of this portion of the state from its pioneer times. In early life Admiral Miller became

imbued with a desire to become a member of his country's navy and after passing the required examination he was appointed an acting midshipman at the naval academy at Annapolis, on the 1st of October, 1851. In February, 1852, he was advanced one year and was graduated with third rank in his class in June, 1854. In the meantime he had made two cruises in practice on the ship *Preble*, in 1852-53. From the 1st of September, 1854, until the 20th of September, 1856, he served on board the United States flag ship *Independence*, in the Pacific squadron, and on the 22d of November, of the latter year, he passed his final examination and was warranted as a past midshipman in the navy. From the 20th of February, 1857, until October 26, 1858, he was assistant in the department of ethics and English studies in the naval academy, and on the 22d of in the navy. From the 2d of November, January, 1858, he was warranted as master 1858, until September 24, 1860. Admiral Miller served on board the United States ship *Preble* on the Paraguay expedition and in the Home Squadron, and assisted in the capture of the steamers *General Miramon* and *Marquis de la Habana*, off Vera Cruz, Mexico, on March 6, 1860. He was commissioned as a lieutenant of the navy February 19, 1860, and was assistant in the department of ethics and English studies at the naval academy from October of that year until the breaking out of the Rebellion in April, 1861. At that time he was detached and ordered to the brig *Perry*, which was being fitted out in New York, and which was employed on the blockade and captured the privateer *Savannah*, off the coast of Charleston on the 3d of June, 1861, this being the first privateer captured during the war. In November, 1861, Admiral Miller

was transferred to the United States steamer *Cambridge*, as executive officer, and was in the action when the *Cumberland* and *Congress* were destroyed by the *Merrimac*, on the 12th of March, 1862. In May of that year he was transferred to the practice ship *John Adams*, and in August was detached on application for active service. He was commissioned as a lieutenant commander of the navy July 16, 1862, and from September following until June, 1863, he served on board the ironclad *Passaic* as executive officer, and was present at the naval attack on Fort McAllister, March 3, 1863, and the attack on Fort Sumter, April 7, 1863. In June of the same year he was appointed to duty with Admiral Gregory in New York, superintending the construction of ironclads, and in September, 1863, he was ordered as executive officer of the United States steamer *Sacramento*, from which, in November, he was transferred to the ironclad *Sangamon*, on the blockade off Charleston. In April, 1864, he became commander of the ironclad *Nahant*, and in May he was detached from that ship and granted a sick leave. When he had recovered his health, in the following August, he was ordered to the ironclad steamer *Monadnock*, and was present in both attacks on Fort Fisher, the first on the 24th and 25th of December, 1864, and the second on the 13th, 14th and 15th of January, 1865. In February, of the latter year, he was detached from the *Monadnock* and ordered to the naval academy as head of the department of seamanship and commanded the practice ship *Marion* during the summer cruise of 1865. From that ship he was detached on the 30th of September, 1865, and assigned to duty at the naval academy as head of the department of ethics and English studies, and in September, 1867, he was or-

dered to the United States steamer Powhatan, belonging to the South Pacific Squadron. There he served in the Pacific waters and in the Gulf of Mexico until January 5, 1870, when he was detached and placed on leave of absence. He was commissioned as commander in the navy of the United States January 25, 1870, and in February of that year was ordered to duty at the New York navy yard, whence in April he was ordered to the South Pacific Squadron as chief of staff. In February, 1871, he was assigned to the command of the United States steamer Ossipee, in addition to his duties as chief of staff. In December, 1872, he was detached from that vessel and placed on waiting orders. In January, 1873, the order came which made him executive officer of the naval station at New London. In February he was transferred to the hydrographic office at Washington as assistant hydrographer. In November he was ordered to command the ironclad Ajax, which joined the fleet at Key West, assembled in anticipation of trouble with Spain. In June, 1874, he was detached from the Ajax and again assigned as assistant hydrographer, and in August, 1875, he was ordered to the command of the United States steamer Tuscarora, which ran a line of deep sea soundings from the Sandwich to the Fiji islands and Australia. In September, 1876, he was detached from the Tuscarora and placed on leave. After enjoying a brief rest, in the month of December of the same year he was ordered as assistant to the chief of bureau of yards and docks, and in March following he was detached from that service and ordered as inspector of the Eleventh lightouse district, which embraced Lakes Huron, Michigan and Superior. On the 1st of October, 1880, he was detached from

light house duty and ordered on special duty in the navy department at Washington, D. C. Commander Miller was promoted to the captaincy in 1881, and since then has been in command of the recruiting ship Wabash; command of the flagship Tennessee; member of the Jeanette court of inquiry; captain of the navy yard at New York; commander of the United States ship Chicago, flagship of the squadron of evolution; in command of the training ship Vermont; and was commandant of the Boston navy yard from August, 1894, until 1897. Being at the head of the list of his grade, he was promoted to the rear admiralty on the retirement of Rear Admiral Walker in March, 1897. With General Miles he represented the United States at the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Later he was in command of the Pacific Squadron at Honolulu and raised the United States flag on the annexation of the Hawaiian islands.

Admiral Miller has been twice married, his first wife being a daughter of Captain Joseph Comstock, captain of one of the vessels of the Cunard line. She died about a year after their marriage, and several years later he married Miss Helen Wills, a prominent Baltimore lady. They had one child, a beautiful daughter, whose death occurred in England during the jubilee festivities. She was buried in the Woolsey necropolis near London.

The Admiral was retired in October, 1898, and now makes his home in New York city. The student who reads between the lines will recognize qualities in him without which there is no advancement in naval service. From the time when, as an active midshipman, he went to Annapolis, he was found faithful to duty, discharging every task assigned to him with dispatch and ac-

curacy. He mastered the science of naval warfare in all its departments and in its practice he was found equally proficient. Thus he gained advancement from one position to another and important trusts were reposed in him, with the result that the country has been benefited by his efforts in her behalf. He saw active warfare during the civil strife, and through many years has occupied prominent positions in guarding the interests of the nation and instructing those who have arisen to take the place of others who have at one time been members of the navy. Such a career is worthy the gratitude and recognition of the nation and Admiral Miller is honored by those who are at all familiar with his career.

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PAUL A. STALEY.

Among Ohio's honored native sons and Springfield's representative citizens stands Mr. Staley, who by the exercise of his native abilities and those acquired through diligent effort has secured a foremost place at the bar. He comes of a family noted for strong intellectuality and mental force, and, though deprived of many of the advantages which have aided in their life work some of the most eminent jurists of our country, he has made the most of his opportunities, overcoming the difficulties and obstacles in his path, steadily working his way upward until he has left the ranks of the many and gained a place among the honored and successful few. His energies have not been dissipated over a wide field, but have been concentrated in a particular line, and thus he has become known as one of the most able patent law-

yers of the nation. In the courts of the country have been tried criminal cases which have attracted widespread attention, but no more absorbing interest has been elicited than by patent cases which have involved the claims to inventions of the utmost importance. These claims involve immense financial interests, and the trial of such cases has come to be regarded as a special department of law. The successful patent lawyer must possess not only a broad and thorough knowledge of authorities, able power as an advocate and a keen, comprehensive mind that quickly and surely masters the situation, but must also have considerable scientific knowledge and mechanical ingenuity, for in this field of practice many complications are involved, which demand the exercise of peculiar talents and a knowledge to be gained from peculiar experience.

Paul A. Staley was born in Mechanicsburg, Champaign county, Ohio, May 1, 1859, and comes of a family of German lineage. His parents were Stephen and Emma (Rathbun) Staley. His paternal and maternal grandparents lived to reach advanced ages, and his maternal grandfather was a staunch abolitionist, his home being a station on the famous underground railroad. The paternal grandfather of our subject was a very wealthy man and owned nearly all of the land upon which Mechanicsburg is located. The Rathbuns were also well-to-do and they were of English ancestry.

Stephen Staley is still a resident of Champaign county. He was educated in the public schools there and both he and his wife were successful teachers for several years. By trade, however, he is a miller. He is now sixty-nine years of age,

while his wife has reached the age of sixty-five years. They were the parents of four children: William C., who is traffic manager of the Western Grocery Company, in Chicago, Illinois; Paul A., of this review; Elizabeth, the wife of M. A. Saxteder, of Chicago; and Florence, the wife of Joseph E. Wing, of Mechanicsburg. The children were educated in the public schools and for a time the eldest son attended college. The father was identified with various manufacturing interests in Champaign county, but is now living a retired life. He is a well read man, having gained a broad knowledge concerning sciences as well as general literature, and his comprehensive learning has made him authority upon many subjects. He is well preserved, although he has led a very active life and both he and his wife enjoy the high regard of a large circle of friends.

Paul A. Staley spent his boyhood days under the parental roof and in early life worked in the machine shops of Mechanicsburg, thoroughly mastering the business, for which he has special adaptability. He inherits his father's splendid mechanical talents, while from his mother's people he receives excellent business ability. He became a mechanical engineer and in 1878 he removed to Springfield, where he was identified with the Whiteley Manufacturing Company as a mechanical draughtsman. He also became interested in patent business and in 1880 he went to Chicago where he took up the study of law and was likewise there engaged in preparing mechanical plans and specifications, being employed at a lucrative salary. He remained there until 1884, when he returned to Springfield. He had been admitted to the bar of Chicago the previous year and on returning

to Ohio he opened an office in this city. He did some expert work in the legal departments of patent law and he followed a successful business which rapidly increased until now he is at the head of a very extensive practice, his patronage coming from a broad district. While in Chicago he was associated with such well known attorneys as George P. Barton and the firm of Harrison & Hare, being at the head of their soliciting department for some time. It was while there that he decided that he would become a specialist in the line of patent law, his natural ability for mechanical pursuits largely adding to his proficiency in this direction. Steadily he has built up a good patronage and has been very successful. In 1900 he admitted B. Bowman to a partnership and they are now engaged in general practice as well as in patent law, but our subject devotes the greater part of his attention to the latter. The intricate and scientific points of jurisprudence claim his interest and to patent law he has been giving close attention, standing in the front rank among those who are connected with this department. The business of the firm is all done in the United States courts and their patronage is drawn from all parts of the country.

Mr. Staley was married in Leavenworth, Kansas, in 1889, to Jamesonia Dickson, who was born in 1864 and died in 1900. They had two children, Ruth and Kate. In his political views Mr. Staley is a Republican and he belongs to Lagonda Club. He was a member of the board of trade for some time but is not now associated with that organization. His best thought and tireless energy have been given to his profession, and as a lawyer he is noted for his care, skill and faithfulness to

his clients. He devotes himself almost exclusively to his calling and while his comprehensive and well trained mind and large experience and knowledge of men fit him for doing any work needed, it is as a patent lawyer that he is most conspicuous.

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#### ERASMUS JONES KITCHEN.

Erasmus Jones Kitchen, who follows farming and stock-raising in Green township, where he has about six hundred and fifteen acres of land, all in one body, was born August 11, 1836, on the farm which is yet his home, his parents being Abraham and Matilda (Jones) Kitchen. His paternal grandfather was Stephen Kitchen, who was born in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, about 1785, and on coming to Ohio about 1818 settled in Clark county. He was the seventh in order of birth in a family of nine children, whose father was Richard Kitchen, a native of England, who came to the United States about 1750 and located in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. Richard Kitchen married Margaret Voorhees, who was the grandmother of Senator Voorhees.

On the old homestead our subject's boyhood days were passed in a manner not unlike most lads of the period. The temple of learning in which he acquired his education was one of the district schools of the county and he received ample training in farm labor by assisting his father in the work of the fields. When about twenty-one years of age he began earning his own livelihood, although he still remained at home. He did not leave the county until 1861, when prompted by a patriotic spirit he offered his

services to the government, enlisting as a member of Company F, Forty-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, while subsequently he became a member of Company M, Eighth Ohio Volunteer Cavalry. With his command he was sent to aid in the capture of Floyd, at Cotton Mountain, in West Virginia. He was also at Lewisburg and with his regiment was driven back to the Ohio river, fighting all along the way. He participated in the engagements of Dutton Hill, Cumberland Gap, the siege of Knoxville and the battle of Bristol, near the line of Virginia and Tennessee. In January, 1864, he returned home on furlough, having previously veteranized. After spending thirty days in this locality he again went to the south, becoming a member of the Eighth Ohio Cavalry, with which he took part in the battles of Lynchburg and Liberty. At the time the regiment was captured he managed to make his escape by staying in his bunk until daylight. He then went out to give himself up, but as there seemed to be no one looking for him he walked off and eventually made his way to the Union lines, although for a day and a night he lay out in the snow on the mountains and suffered greatly from cold and hunger, three days having passed ere he reached the Union troops. In 1865 he received an honorable discharge, and with a creditable military record he returned to his home.

On the 12th of October, 1865, Mr. Kitchen was married to Miss Lavina M. Hatfield, a daughter of James and Margaret (Kitchen) Hatfield. After his return from the war he had purchased eighty acres of the land upon which he is now living and on which he and his sons made excellent improvements in keeping with the progressive spirit of the times. To his

farm he has added as opportunity has offered and to-day he is the owner of a valuable tract. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Kitchen was blessed with six children: Joseph L., who is living with his father; Abraham, who died at the age of twenty-two years; James, at home; Stephen, who married Josie Alice Stewart; Erasmus J.; and Wayne, who died at the age of ten years. Mr. Kitchen lost his first wife and afterward wedded Miss Sarah M. Bate, of Frankfort, Indiana, with whom he became acquainted while she was visiting in Ohio. She is the daughter of Josiah and Hannah Bate.

Mr. Kitchen belongs to the Free Will Baptist church and was reared in the faith of that denomination. He is a charter member of Mitchell Post, G. A. R., and has attended several national reunions. He also visited the World's Fair in 1893, viewing with interest the indications of the world's progress, as shown in the many exhibits there. In politics he has long been a Republican, and save that he has served as a member of the school board for several years, he has always refused to accept public office. He was a loyal soldier of his country in the hour of her peril and is to-day as true to his duties of citizenship as he was when he wore the nation's blue uniform.

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#### JOHN P. NORTH.

John P. North, who is engaged in the grocery business at No. 210 East Pleasant street, in Springfield, was born in Selma, Ohio, February 26, 1856, and was the third son of Patrick and Ann North, both of

whom are now deceased, the father having died in 1861. The subject of this review obtained his education in the public schools of his native town and was reared to manhood upon the home farm in Madison township. In 1879, when twenty-three years of age, he came to Springfield and secured employment in the new Champion works, where he remained until June, 1880, when he left that shop and became a salesman in the store owned by his brother, O. E. North. The following year he purchased his interest in the business and in 1889 he became the sole proprietor. In April, 1890, he removed to his present location at No. 210 East Pleasant street. He handles a general line of groceries and provisions and now has a liberal patronage, which has been won by reason of his honorable business methods, his earnest desire to please his patrons and his fair dealing.

In May, 1888, was celebrated the marriage of John P. North and Miss Mary Connor, who was born in Springfield in 1865. Her father, Daniel Connor, was a railroad man and by trade was a brick-molder. For over fifty years he was a resident of Springfield, Ohio, and his death occurred here in the year 1901. In his family were but two daughters: Mary, the wife of our subject; and Catherine. At the time of his marriage Mr. North purchased his present home, which has been blessed by the presence of three children: Charles C., born in 1889; John D., born in 1896; and Elizabeth A., born in 1899.

Both Mr. and Mrs. North are members of St. Joseph's church and he has served as a member of the of St. Joseph's church and he has served as a member of the church board. In his political affiliations he is a Democrat and has served as a delegate to



city and county conventions. He belongs to the National Union and to the Springfield Grocery Association. Entering upon his business career with a small capital of only a few hundred dollars, he has attained very creditable and desirable success. He has not only secured a good patronage in the grocery line but has made judicious investments in real estate in the city, and is today a well-to-do and reliable resident of Springfield.

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#### CAPTAIN JOHN S. FOSTER.

The patriot who fought and suffered that the Union might be preserved, that this country, now recognized as one of the greatest among the nations, might continue to be great, increasing in strength and power in the future as it has done in the past, is entitled to praise and honor not only in his own generation but in succeeding generations who are entering into the heritage made secure to them by the heroism of the brave soldier boys who wore the blue. Loyal American citizens never weary of hearing the praises of the brave defenders of the Union, and though much has been said and written in commendation of them the debt of gratitude which this country owes them can never be fully paid. Captain Foster won distinction upon the field of battle and well does he deserve mention among the representatives of Clark county, who in the hour of the country's peril went to the defense of the Union.

The Captain is a well known resident of Springfield and this portion of the state. His birth occurred upon a farm near Williamsburg, Clermont county, on the 16th of June, 1822, his parents being Thomas and

Sarah (Raper) Foster. The father, who was born in what is now Berkeley county, West Virginia, when but a boy removed from the Old Dominion to the neighborhood of Williamsburg, Ohio, in company with his parents and there the grandfather left the family, going to Mason county, Kentucky, with the expectation of settling there but was killed by the Indians and was robbed of all the money which he had taken with him to buy land. His widow, who bore the maiden name of Miss Twigg, was thus left in destitute circumstances, but as best she could she provided for her family, making sacrifices for them that only a mother can and will. There were four sons, Isaac, Israel, Thomas and John, all of whom became residents of Ohio. Israel was the father of Bishop R. S. Foster, a noted divine of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Thomas Foster, the father of our subject, was reared to manhood near Williamsburg, and during the war of 1812 he served as a lieutenant under Captain Bösler. After the cessation of hostilities he returned home and began farming in the primitive manner of the times, enduring all of the hardships and trials of frontier life; but he labored persistently and energetically and in course of time acquired considerable land and was regarded as one of the wealthy property owners of his time. A man of strong convictions, fearless in defense of what he believed to be right, he was the first resident of his county to cut and harvest without furnishing whiskey for the men employed in the harvest field. He believed this course to be right and therefore nothing could swerve him from his purpose. He married Sarah Raper, a daughter of Leonard Raper, who was an English





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school teacher and as a young man came to this country, settling at Columbia, Ohio, near Cincinnati. Through a long period he followed educational work, being largely engaged in teaching in Clermont county, where he made his home. It was in that county that his daughter Sarah was born, reared and educated. Her brother, William H. Raper, became a pioneer Methodist Episcopal preacher, and it is in his honor that Raper chapel of Dayton is named. Unto Thomas and Sarah (Raper) Foster were born eight children: Elizabeth, who was the wife of George Duckwall; Mary Ann, the wife of Samuel A. Pegg; Eleanor, who was the wife of Henry Weaver; Joseph, who married Susan Ricker; Margaret, the wife of Elbridge G. Ricker; Sarah, who followed teaching throughout her entire life; John S., of this review; and Mahala, who is now the wife of Benjamin Penn. The parents of this family were lifelong members of the Methodist Episcopal church, who labored earnestly and untiringly in behalf of Christian advancement. The father was a Whig and a Republican, and he died in his eighty-sixth year, having long survived his first wife, who passed away at the age of fifty-seven years. For his second wife he married Elizabeth, widow of John Kain, of Williamsburg, and she passed away about fifteen years before his death.

Captain Foster, whose name introduces this record, was reared upon the home farm near Williamsburg, obtaining a good common-school education and then spent one year as a student in a college at Granville, Ohio. After his return home he accepted a position as a salesman in the general store of Israel Foster, the father of Bishop Foster, in Kentucky, where he remained for two years, acquiring considerable knowl-

edge of mercantile methods during that period. He then embarked in business on his own account, purchasing a stock of goods and establishing a store in Fayetteville, Brown county, Ohio, where he carried on business for four years and then sold out. In 1849 he married Margaret C. Thompson, a daughter of Edward Thompson, a prominent miller of Georgetown, and the young couple began their domestic life in that place, where Captain Foster embarked in business in partnership with his brother-in-law, under the firm style of Foster & Thompson. He was also connected with the building of the first plank road in the county, extending from Georgetown to Higginsport, on the Ohio river, Mr. Foster serving as treasurer of the company which constructed this road. When he had devoted four years to merchandising in Georgetown he then sold out and bought a farm two miles from the city, taking up his abode thereon.

Captain Foster has always been a man of influence because he holds practical views, is progressive and is widely known for his unswerving loyalty and patriotism. These qualities led to his election in the fall of 1854 as an independent candidate for sheriff of Brown county, Ohio. He endorsed the Whig party, but as that party was in the minority it did not put up a ticket and Captain Foster's friends solicited him to make an independent race. This he did and was elected to the office by a majority of eleven hundred and five over Mr. Young, who was nominated for re-election by the Democratic party, which usually had a strong majority. When he had served for two years he was re-nominated, but that was the presidential year and party lines being more tightly drawn, he was beaten

in the race, although he ran six hundred votes ahead of his ticket. On retiring from the office of sheriff he sold his farm and removed to Keokuk, Iowa, where he conducted a prosperous business as a real estate dealer for some time, but during the financial panic which involved the entire country in 1857, his fortune was lost and he found himself sixty-two hundred dollars in debt. He then returned to Cincinnati, Ohio, and took a position as auctioneer in a sales stable, with which he was connected also in the buying and selling of horses. At the end of twenty-three months he had made enough to clear off all indebtedness in Iowa, and was conducting a prosperous business when the war broke out. He then engaged in purchasing horses and selling them to the United States government for military use.

On the 9th of July, 1861, a cavalry company, which had been recruited by Captain McIntyre, was to be mustered in at Georgetown, and Captain Foster went to that place to buy horses for the government. Captain McIntyre, however, declined going to the front and the company then met in the courthouse to elect a captain. The choice fell on Mr. Foster, who was given every vote, and he decided to accept the position, so settling up his business he went to Camp Chase, near Columbus, as commander of what was called the Fourth Independent Ohio Cavalry Company. In the following August he was ordered with the company to St. Louis to report for duty to General Fremont and there acted as provost guard for the city until the campaign through Missouri, to Springfield, that state, was inaugurated. Leaving St. Louis, Captain Foster then acted as one of the body guard for General McKinstry and was thus en-

gaged until after the capture of Springfield, in the meantime reporting to General Pope. He next returned to Syracuse, Missouri, where a post had been established, and there he acted as commander of the post, which was also used as a shipping point for a number of weeks. After General Pope succeeded General Fremont, Captain Foster and his company acted as body guard to the former during the campaign through Missouri. Subsequently our subject was ordered to Sedalia, Missouri, and from Booneville went on the campaign with Major Hubbard to look up Poindexter. On the 1st of January, 1862, they attacked the enemy at Silver Creek and Major Hubbard, being ill, asked Captain Foster to take command. With two hundred and eighty men he made the attack on Poindexter, who was there encamped with nine hundred men, succeeded in defeating him, and captured his camp with one hundred and five tents, one hundred and sixty horses and twenty wagons and teams, and killing and wounding more men than were in his entire command. Captain Foster himself was wounded in the left arm, but he only lost twenty-seven men in killed and wounded in his entire command. Later he was granted a leave of absence that he might return home and care for his wound, but after his recovery at the end of sixty days he returned to the south, finding his company at St. Louis serving as body guard to General Hallock, in which capacity they acted until ordered to Pittsburg Landing. Captain Foster continued as commander of the three companies acting as body guard to General Hallock during the siege of Corinth, and later he reported to General Logan at Jacksonville, Tennessee. The Eleventh Illinois

Cavalry was on duty in the command of Major Ingersoll, and as Captain Foster had the reputation of being an excellent disciplinarian, he was told to go into camp near the Eleventh Illinois Cavalry, which was composed of badly disciplined troops. Major Ingersoll was then put under arrest, that Captain Foster might take command of and discipline his regiment, and there he remained in command, also doing a great amount of scouting in that region with the Eleventh Illinois Cavalry as well as his own company. At the battle of Britton's Lane he was under Colonel Ellis of the Thirty-first Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and acted as aide-de-camp to Colonel Ellis, who had all told less than five hundred men. They were attacked by General Jackson with nine thousand cavalry, who captured their artillery and teams, but not their ammunition, in the first raid. Colonel Ellis and Captain Foster took a good position and withstood their repeated attacks until finally they defeated them, recaptured the wagon train and brought it back to camp, also continuing the fighting until the Confederate troops left the field, the Union troops holding the position until re-inforced after the enemy had retired. The next day they returned to camp at Jackson and the Captain remained in command of his company and of the Eleventh Illinois until the organization of the Army of the Tennessee, when he reported with his men to General McPherson to act as his body guard. He was with him in this capacity during all of his marches around Vicksburg and participated in all the battles of that neighborhood. As there was but a small number of cavalry troops, he was much of the time in command of the advance guard and had the honor of escorting General Grant at the close of the

siege of Vicksburg to General Pemberton's headquarters, where the Confederate commander surrendered on the 3d of July. On the 5th of July the Union troops took possession of the city, Sergeant Dugan, of Captain Foster's company, climbing the courthouse steeple and tying there the United States flag with his saber knot.

After the capture of Vicksburg Captain Foster was detailed as a member of the court martial that sat in the courthouse under General Belknap and held military court in that city for six months. At the inauguration of the movement known as the march to the sea, from Chattanooga, he resumed command of his company, acting in General Logan's body guard, and marched from Huntsville, Alabama, to Chattanooga, preparatory to continuing on across the country to the seaport. From Chattanooga he acted as escort to General McPherson, participating in all the battles up to the time of the expiration of his term of service, in front of Atlanta. There on command of General Sherman, July 12, 1864, he shipped his command from Big Shanty to Cincinnati, Ohio, to be mustered out of service July 20, 1864. During his three years' military duty Captain Foster was in thirty-one battles and skirmishes and the reports show that during the three years his company took part in no engagement in which he did not command them.

After being discharged in Cincinnati, Captain Foster was sent to Springfield, Missouri, by the government as an appraiser and inspector of horses, remaining there for about three months or until Price's army drove them out, when he returned to St. Louis and occupied the same position for a number of months. He next returned to Cincinnati and became connected with a

firm that was buying horses and mules, which were sold to the government and delivered at Lexington, Kentucky. At Lexington the government inspector was discharged for misdemeanor and Captain Foster was appointed as inspector of horses and feed, holding that position in the quartermaster's department until the close of the war. When hostilities had ceased the quartermaster had on hand five thousand horses and mules and entered into a contract with Captain Foster to sell the stock, for which he was to receive three per cent. of the proceeds. He succeeded in making the sale in eleven days, his commission amounting to fifty-four hundred dollars. While that sale was in progress the quartermaster of North Carolina, having in charge all of the stock, wagons and other property belonging to the army when the war closed, asked Captain Foster to name a price for which he would go to Greensboro, the army headquarters, and take charge of the sale of all government property there. Captain Foster decided to do this for two per cent. of the proceeds and at Greensboro he found seventeen thousand horses and mules, beside the wagons, harness and army equipments, all of which he sold. He divided the stock and at different parts of the state conducted sales, requiring five months to close out all the supplies, and for this work he received eighty-five hundred dollars. While there he formed a partnership with Mr. Day, a brother of the quartermaster, Colonel Day, and leased a cotton plantation of five hundred acres near Goldsboro, North Carolina, on which they raised a crop of cotton. This product was shipped to New York, where it sold for from sixty to seventy-five cents per pound, but a part of the crop was lost on account of wet weather, so that alto-

gether the investment did not prove profitable. Thus closed an active, important and honorable service in connection with the government as a brave soldier and trusted agent, and certainly the military career of Captain Foster is worthy of the highest commendation, for not only on the field of battle did he display loyalty and bravery, as well as marked valor, but in positions of public trust he was always found faithful to the duties assigned him.

Returning to the quiet walks of civil life, Captain Foster entered into a partnership in the sale of horses in Cincinnati, occupying the same stable which he had left at the time of his enlistment. He purchased his father's old home in Clermont county and resided thereon, carrying on farming for two years, but not feeling satisfied with his condition there, he sold the property and devoted his entire time and attention to dealing in horses and cattle in Cincinnati until his removal to Washington Court House, where he continued in the same business. After a few years he removed to Greenville, where he carried on business and there he admitted his youngest child, John K. Foster, to a partnership in 1885. Since that time they have been associated under the firm name of J. S. Foster & Son. In 1892 they came to Springfield, continuing the old business, and in addition carrying on a livery and coach business. During the last three years the firm has built two of the finest livery barns in the city, both large brick structures. The last one erected is a four-story building with pressed brick front and is probably the finest barn in this section of the state. He is a man of excellent business ability, of sound judgment and keen discrimination, and he has the force of character which enables him

to carry forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes.

Unto Captain and Mrs. Foster were born six children, all of whom reached years of maturity, but Edward T. died at Washington Court House, Ohio, in 1874. Susan T. is now the wife of W. H. Dial, of Washington Court House. Sarah Belle is the wife of B. H. Smith, of the same place. Kate V. became the wife of Hamlin Smith, of Washington Court House, and died leaving a daughter Bertha, who after the death of her father was reared and educated by our subject. She is now the wife of Clyde Minor, of Springfield. Mary V., who for a number of years was engaged in teaching, is now a resident of Greenville, Ohio. John K., as stated, is associated with his father in business. The wife and mother passed away August 2, 1898. She had been a life-long member of the Methodist Episcopal church and her labors were effective and earnest in the cause of Christianity. Her traits of character were also such as won for her the love and confidence of those with whom she was associated, and her loss throughout the community was therefore deeply deplored.

In politics Captain Foster is a staunch Republican, but has never been an aspirant for office and has served in no political positions save that of sheriff. In 1850 he was made a Mason in Georgetown Lodge, No. 39, F. & A. M., and is now a member of Clark Lodge of Springfield. About 1875 he joined John Bell Post, G. A. R., of Washington Court House, and has since been a member of various posts in the different towns in which he has lived, holding membership at the present time with Mitchell Post, No. 45, G. A. R., of Springfield. For many years he served as a delegate to

state and national encampments. Captain Foster has been a lifelong member of the Methodist Episcopal church and it is a noticeable and praiseworthy fact that since the close of the war the Captain has lived in nine different places and in each town he has been chosen as a member of the official board of the Methodist church. He is now a trustee of the Central Methodist Episcopal church of Springfield. His religion is not a matter of Sunday worship, but of every day living, being manifested continually in his honorable dealing with his fellow men. His daily life commands respect and is indeed worthy of emulation, and his career as a soldier, a business man, a citizen and a Christian is one which reflects credit upon the locality with which he is connected.

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#### GEORGE DEAN TURNER.

George Dean Turner is a well known representative of industrial interests in Springfield, although he has been a resident of the city only since April, 1897. He is now occupying the responsible position of superintendent for the Wickham, Chapman & Company Manufacturing Company. He was born in Moline, Illinois November 18, 1855, a son of George W. and Abbie J. (Clark) Turner, both of whom are still living. In September, 1902, they celebrated their golden wedding. The former is now seventy-five years of age, and the latter seventy-six years of age. For a number of years they resided in Wisconsin, thence removed to Chicago, Illinois, and in 1900 came to Springfield, where they are now living in a pleasant home on Hubert ave-

nue. The father is a minister of the Second Adventist church and in early life he was a molder, having learned that trade while a resident of Syracuse, New York, where his early years were passed. On the maternal side the family came from Massachusetts and the great-grandmother in that state lived to the very advanced age of one hundred and four years. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Turner were born five children, two of whom died in infancy, while Delos was accidentally killed in 1879, at the age of sixteen years. Alice is now the wife of Dr. C. E. Miller, of Cadillac, Michigan.

George Dean Turner, the only surviving son of the family, pursued his education in Eau Claire county, Wisconsin. He remained in that county until sixteen years of age, when, in March, 1872, he went to Chicago, Illinois, and there entered upon an apprenticeship to the iron molder's trade. In the spring of 1876, having mastered his trade he began work in the press rooms of the Chicago Times, where he occupied the position of foreman. He was also for two and one-half years employed in the mailing department of that paper and later he spent a year in California. In April, 1879, he returned to the foundry business, securing a position as a journeyman molder, in which capacity he served until 1886. He then established the Garden City Foundry, which he operated for eleven years and later he incorporated the business. Under his direction the volume of trade steadily grew until it had reached extensive proportions. He held the offices of president, vice-president and general superintendent. The business was conducted under the style of Turner, Dickinson & Company, but the third member of the firm sold out and Mr. Turner conducted the business for a time or

until he disposed of the plant to the Wickham, Chapman & Company Manufacturing Company, remaining with them as general manager. The entire plant was shipped to Springfield, Ohio, in April, 1897, and Mr. Turner has since been superintendent of the work here.

On the 27th of March, 1879, Mr. Turner was married in Chicago to Miss Clara M. Doud. They now have three children. Zelma May, who was born in 1880, is a graduate of the high school of Austin, Illinois, and has been a teacher in the kindergarten in Springfield. Ira Delos died at the age of fourteen years. Abigail, born July 9, 1893, is now in school. The parents hold membership in the Second Adventist church of which Mr. Turner is one of the trustees.

Since age gave him the right of franchise he has been identified with the Republican party, has served as a delegate to county conventions and was an alternate delegate to the Ohio State Convention in 1901. In the same year he was appointed a member of the county executive committee and he was elected a member of the city council from the sixth ward. He is chairman of the city improvement committee and a member of the committee on finance, streets and highways, auditing and claims. He faithfully serves the interests of his constituents and is a public-spirited official, who has put forth every effort in his power to advance the welfare of Springfield. He belongs to Ben Hur Lodge, F. & A. M., of Chicago, and to the Chevaliers, an insurance order. In the line of his business he has attained success and prominence and now has under his supervision three hundred and fifty men. He is a member of the Commercial Club and of the Columbian



Republican Club, and is thus well known in business, social and fraternal circles in this city. His manner is genial and affable, his disposition friendly, and although he has resided in Springfield for a comparatively brief period he has formed a wide acquaintance and is well liked in the city.

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WILLIAM H. LUSE.

He who tills the soil adds much to the prosperity of his community, for it has everywhere been demonstrated that the agricultural interests of any state and country are the very bone and sinew from which is nurtured the body of that state or country, therefore the life of the same depends upon the success of the agriculturist. William Luse comes of a family who have long been devoted to agricultural pursuits, and who have been honored pioneer settlers of Clark county, taking an important part in the up-building and improvement which has here taken place within the past century, and leaving a stainless and respected name to their descendants.

He was born October 15, 1846, in the house which is yet his home, having been built by his grandfather, Justice Luse. He is a son of John and Martha Luse. Justice Luse, the grandfather, was the first of the Luse family to come to Clark county, Ohio, his arrival here being about the year 1804. His family consisted of his wife, Mary Luse, and his five children, William, Betsey, Thomas, John and Nancy, the last two being small children at the time. William, the eldest son, followed farming in Clark county, where he owned one hundred acres of land, which he cleared, improved and cultivated.

His death occurred in September, 1845, leaving a wife and one child, Josephus William. Betsey became the wife of Benjamin Rowan, lived in Madison township, Clark county, and died, leaving six children. Thomas was the father of Samuel Theodore Luse, whose sketch appears upon another page of this work. Nancy, the fifth and youngest child of Justice Luse, married Jacob Garlough and became the mother of six children, but is now deceased.

John Luse, the fourth member of the family of Justice and Mary Luse, was born in 1799 and was therefore but five years of age when brought by his parents to Clark county, Ohio. Here he was reared to manhood and became a wealthy and influential farmer and stock-raiser, dealing extensively in good graded stock and owning and operating a large farm of six hundred and twenty-five acres of land in Clark county. He was married in Green township, Clark county, first to Miss Mary Hume, and one child was the offspring of this marriage, who died in infancy. Death claimed the young wife and the second marriage of Mr. Luse took place east of Springfield, the lady of his choice being Mrs. Martha Reed, a daughter of Mr. Bird. By this marriage were born three children: Laura J. became the wife of Harvey Tuttle and resides in Licking county, Ohio. They are the parents of nine children. William H. is the subject of this review and the only son of his parents. Mary C. married William Tuttle, who died, leaving her a widow with three children. John Luse was a prominent man of his community and took a deep interest in the growth and development of his county. He was a Whig in politics, and living to see the inauguration of the Republican party, he afterward voted for each

of its presidential candidates until his death. Although firm in his political views he was not a politician in the sense of office seeking, preferring to devote his time and attention to the supervision of his extensive landed and stock-raising interests. He was actively identified with the building of good roads and was a member and the first president of the Turnpike Company of Clifton, and was also one of the first stockholders in the same. A member of the First Baptist church of Springfield, he served as one of its deacons for thirty-five years, and in his community the cause of Christianity had no more earnest advocate than he. His upright life and sterling worth of character endeared him to many friends and he was a valued member of the social and business life of his township.

His only son, William H. Luse, spent his boyhood days upon the home farm, the place of his birth, which had been purchased by his grandfather, Justice Luse. Here he received a common-school education, thus fitting him for life's practical duties. When he had arrived at man's estate he was married on the 13th of February, 1873, to Miss Susan Cloud, who was born at Yellow Springs, Greene county, a daughter of Joseph Cloud. Her mother having died when she was an infant, she never remembers to have seen her, nor does she know her name. With the exception of five years spent in Springfield, from 1878 until 1883, Mr. Luse and his wife have resided upon the home place. On the death of his mother, in May, 1901, he inherited two hundred and nineteen acres of land, which he still owns and operates. He, like his father and grandfather, has a natural liking for agricultural pursuits, and the latest improved methods in farm work are taken advantage of by him

in the conduct of his highly cultivated farm, whereon are raised the cereals adapted to soil and climate, as well as a good grade of stock. The passer-by would not fail to note the thrifty and neat appearance of the home and the fields surrounding it, and would at once class it among the model farms of the rich agricultural county of Clark.

Eight children have graced the union of Mr. Luse and his wife: Laura Belle is the wife of Samuel Pearson and resides near Springfield; James Clifford chose as a life partner Susie Wagner and they are the proud parents of a little daughter, Mildred; Martha Cloud is the wife of Clarence Northrup and has one child, Olive; John Bird is living in Allegheny, Pennsylvania; Paul Grafon is employed in a wholesale drug house in Columbus, Ohio; William Herbert resides at home with his parents; Ida May and Arthur are also under the parental roof.

Mr. Luse has supported the Republican party since casting his first ballot for Abraham Lincoln. In his township he has served on the board of education and has held other local offices. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, of whose official board he is also a member. The name of Luse is honored as among the pioneer settlers of the district and William H. Luse is a worthy representative of the family.

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#### WILLIAM POOLE.

William Poole, whose successful career excites the admiration of all who are acquainted with his history, has since 1895 been engaged in contracting and building on his own account. At the same time he be-

longs to that class of typical representative American citizens, who, while promoting individual prosperity, have contributed to the general welfare and improvement. He has always lived in the Mississippi valley, his birth having occurred in Danville, Illinois, August 26, 1863. His father, Lemuel Poole, was born in Clark county, Ohio, January 11, 1833, and his parents, Hiram and Elizabeth Poole, were early settlers of this county, where they remained until called to their final rest. The latter was a native of England and by her marriage she became the mother of two children, the son being Lemuel Poole, the father of our subject, while the daughter was Mary, who became Mrs. Miller, of Paulding county, Ohio.

Lemuel Poole was educated in the common schools, learned the carpenter's trade and also served an apprenticeship to the gunsmith's and locksmith's trades. He was reared in his native county, possessed much natural mechanical genius and for a number of years was employed as a stationery engineer. He has traveled quite extensively and has followed his trades in Indiana and Illinois, but in 1868 returned to Clark county, Ohio, the place of his nativity. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Lucy Nason, was also born in this county, November 28, 1830. Their marriage was celebrated in 1855 and Mrs. Poole died July 12, 1893. They were the parents of four children: Frank, a carpenter of this city; Alice, the wife of Ed A. Rice, of Logan county, Ohio; Emma, the wife of James E. Dudley, of Springfield; and William. The first two were born in Clark county, the third in Indiana and our subject in Illinois, and all received the advantages of a public-school

education. The father was a soldier of the Civil war, serving for three years in defense of the Union.

William Poole, whose name introduces this sketch, was educated in the public schools and when thirteen years of age began working at the carpenter's trade under Smith Dudley. For several years he was employed as a journeyman and then, having thoroughly mastered the business and become an expert in his line, he served as foreman in the employ of various contractors and builders. In 1895 he began contracting on his own account and the first contract awarded him was a public building of the city. He has erected the residences of William Bles and of Messrs. Warders and John Harshman. He also built the new amphitheater and casino in the park, and the residence of Guy Coblentz. He has worked faithfully at his trade and has met with success, having established an excellent reputation for honesty and capability. His patronage is constantly increasing and he now furnishes employment to fifteen men during the building season.

In 1882, in Springfield, Mr. Poole was united in marriage to Miss Effie Hawken, a most estimable and cultured lady, who was born in this city, in October, 1863, and is a daughter of Henry C. and Sarah (Kindell) Hawken, who are yet living here. She is the eldest of three children, the others being Mabel and Earl K., the latter the leader of the Cadet Band. Mrs. Poole is a graduate of the public schools here and is a well read lady, whose friendly manner and genial disposition render her a favorite in social circles, the hospitality of many of the best homes of the city being freely extended to both Mr. and Mrs. Poole. This worthy

young couple now have two daughters, Saidee M. and Myrtle Irene, both of whom are graduates of the public schools and have taken a two years' course in high school.

Mr. Poole is a staunch advocate of the Republican party, has frequently been a delegate to city and county conventions and in 1900 he was elected a member of the city council for a two years' term, and has taken an active interest in promoting the welfare of his constituents and in advancing general improvements in Springfield. He holds membership with the Knights of the Golden Eagle, has passed all of the chairs in the local order, has served for twelve years as master of records and has been captain of the uniformed rank since 1892. Mrs. Poole is a member of the ladies auxiliary of this order and she too has been honored with many offices and for two years has served as grand templar of the Grand Temple of Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Poole are interested in church and charitable work and are highly esteemed people of Springfield, whose circle of friends is almost coextensive with the circle of their acquaintances.



#### THOMAS S. RAYNER.

With a thorough knowledge of the builder's art and with a capacity for controlling business affairs of large scope in his line, Thomas S. Rayner advanced to a leading position among the contractors and builders of Springfield and his enterprise and diligence have made him a successful man. He was born in this city August 14, 1852, and is of English lineage. His paternal grandparents, John and Sarah Rayner, were born, reared and married in England. The form-

er was a cabinet-maker by trade and his excellent ability made him noted for his fine work. He lived to the advanced age of ninety-one years and was buried in Greenmount cemetery, while his wife passed away at the age of eighty-four years, both dying in Springfield. They had but two children, and the daughter Mrs. Sarah Coman, died in this city in 1902, at the advanced age of more than ninety years.

John Rayner, their son and the father of our subject, was born in Yorkshire, England, in 1820 and was a lad of sixteen years when with his parents he came to America, the family settling at Buffalo, New York. There he became familiar with the lakes and with marine life and traffic, and to prevent his becoming a sailor the family removed to Springfield, Ohio, in the latter part of the '30s. In early manhood John Rayner learned the carpenter's trade and followed that continuously for forty years, doing a general contracting business. He devoted his time largely to the erection of fine residences and many of the leading homes built in Springfield during his day stand as monuments to his skill and handiwork. He was also a leading and influential member of the Methodist Episcopal church and was one of the organizers of the Center Street church and was also among those who colonized the St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal church, and he put forth every effort in his power to advance the cause of Christianity and of the denomination with which he was affiliated. He occupied various offices in the church and was a licensed exhorter but did not regularly engage in that branch of Christian activity. In politics he was a Republican where matters of state and national importance were involved, but at local elections he voted independently. In early man-

hood he wedded Ann Johnson, who was born in Yorkshire, England, in 1821, and when a child came to this country with her mother. She was the youngest of three children, the others being Richard and Mrs. Amelia Stickney. The family resided in Columbus, Ohio, for several years, and there the children were educated but all are now deceased. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Rayner were born the following named: Sarah, the widow of Frank Matoon, who resides at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania; Richard, who was a soldier of the Civil war and is a machinist of this city; Margaret, the wife of A. J. Chatfield, who conducts a steam laundry in Xenia, Ohio; John, who is living in Rochester, Pennsylvania; and Thomas S., of this review. The parents were married in Springfield and the children were all born, reared and educated here. The old home place of the family was built by the father at No. 177 West High street. Both he and his wife died while visiting their daughter in Xenia, but were buried in Springfield. The father passed away in 1898 and the mother's death occurred in December, 1901, and she was laid by his side in Greenmount cemetery. Both were earnest Christian people of the highest respectability. Generous to a fault, benevolent and kindly, they took a very active part in church work, Mr. Rayner being a leader in advancing the cause of his denomination in this community. He was a man of strong personality, of marked force of character and sterling worth, and he drew around him a large circle of friends, who entertained for him the highest regard and respect. He left the impress of his individuality not only upon the material development of Springfield but also upon its moral progress and improvement, and his memory

yet remains as a blessed benediction to all who knew him.

Thomas S. Rayner was the third child and second son in his parents' family. He spent his early years in attending the public schools and at the age of fourteen he went into the country, where he worked upon the farm during the summer months, while the winter season was spent in attending the district schools. At the age of nineteen, however, he returned to the city and here followed carriage painting for one year, in the employ of John A. Shannon. On the expiration of that period he became an apprentice to his father at the carpenter's trade and worked with him for two years, after which he was employed by J. M. Dardorff for a time. He also worked with others, wishing to learn the business methods of other men and broaden his mind and opportunities in business affairs. When he had mastered the trade he worked as a journeyman until 1880, when he opened a general jobbing shop at the west end of the city building on South Center street. There he conducted business for seven years, during which time he not only secured a good trade but also formed a wide acquaintance among business men, so that his patronage steadily increased. He began the general contracting business on a small scale, for it was necessary to make a reputation in order to compete with men older in the business than himself. Gradually, however, his skill and ability became recognized, his field of labor was extended and he is now acknowledged to be one of the leading contractors and builders of the city, employing ten men during the busy season. When James Johnson, Sr., was serving as postmaster of Springfield, Mr. Rayner was

appointed a mail carrier and also held that position under the administration of F. M. Hagen and during a part of the term of office of P. M. Cartwell, serving in that capacity altogether for five years. He then returned to his trade which he has followed continuously since. He has erected three additions to the Bushnell building, also built the St. John's Lutheran church, remodeled the Second Presbyterian church and has erected many residences including A. W. Grant's home, which now adorn the city. He was also superintendent of construction of the Masonic Home during the entire time of its building. He has a thorough knowledge of his trade in all its departments and possesses natural mechanical genius, which has been developed through experience and labor until Mr. Rayner is a thorough master of the builder's art.

On the 27th of October, 1882, in Springfield, occurred the marriage of Mr. Rayner and Miss Mary A. Kizer, who was born in German township, Clark county, in 1863. Her parents died during her early girlhood and she was reared by an aunt. To our subject and his wife have been born two children: Nellie G., who was born in 1883; and Benjamin D., born in 1887. Both have received high school educations. Mr. Rayner purchased a lot and erected a pleasant home for his family at No. 398 West Cedar street. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and he belongs to Clark Lodge, No. 101, F. & A. M.; and Springfield Chapter, R. A. M. In politics he is a Democrat and has frequently served as a delegate to county and state conventions and has been a member of the central committee. His entire life has been passed in Clark county and with the exception of the short period devoted to farm

work he has always lived in Springfield. He has a wide acquaintance in his native city and that many who have known him from boyhood are numbered among his staunchest friends is an indication that his career has ever been honorable and upright, worthy of the regard of those with whom he has been associated. The success, which crowns persistent labor, guided by sound judgment is his, and Springfield now numbers him among its substantial citizens.

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#### CHARLES O. YEAZELL.

Death frequently removes from our midst those whom we can ill afford to lose, but the memory of a useful and upright life still bears its influence for good in the world. Widespread and deep was the regret that was felt when Charles O. Yeazell was called to his final rest for he was a young man of excellent attainments, strong mentality and bright promise, but he left behind him an untarnished name and though his life record was but brief it reflected credit upon a family which has long been an honored one in Clark county.

Mr. Yeazell's parents were John W. and Sarah (Ferguson) Yeazell, of New Moorefield, who are represented elsewhere in this work. Under the parental roof the subject of this review spent the days of his boyhood and at the usual age began his education, attending the Vernon district school. When he had mastered the branches of learning there taught he entered the Urbana high school and was graduated on the completion of the regular course. For a time he was also a student in Delaware College and in Wooster College and when his literary edu-

cation was completed he came to Springfield, where he began preparing for a profession, which he wished to make his life work—that of the law. He entered the office of Pringle & Johnson, well known attorneys of this city, and while pursuing his law studies he also engaged in the real estate business, in which he was very successful. He had a broad and comprehensive knowledge of realty values and this enabled him to assist his clients in making judicious investments in property. He was also very courteous and obliging and this won him many friends as well as patrons. In 1893 Mr. Yeazell was admitted to the bar and opened an office in the Gotwald building, in Springfield. It seemed that a bright future was opening for him because he had come to the bar thoroughly equipped for practice. He had largely mastered the principles of the science of jurisprudence, had been an earnest and discriminating student, possessed more-over business ability of a high order and added to this was a personality which made him popular and gained for him the good will and confidence of all with whom he was brought in contact. He had been a member of the bar for only a brief period, however, when his life record was terminated in death and he passed away on the 7th of February, 1893, his remains being interred in Ferncliff cemetery.

On the 1st of January, 1880, Mr. Yeazell had married Miss Emma Miller, a native of Columbia, Missouri, and theirs was a happy married life. Their union was blessed with two children: Leona and Edwin N. The latter resides in Columbia, Missouri, where he is engaged in the shoe business with his maternal uncle. For nine years after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Yeazell resided with his parents and then removed to the city of

Springfield. They had gained many friends here, enjoying the hospitality of a large number of the best homes.

Mr. Yeazell held membership in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of Cawtwa and with the encampment of Springfield, and he belonged to the Center Methodist Episcopal church. In politics a stalwart Republican, he was ever active and earnest in support of the party and its principles, believing it the duty of every American citizen to stand firmly by the cause which he thought would prove of greatest benefit to the nation. Having spent his entire life in Clark county, Mr. Yeazell was quite widely known. His business affairs, too, had been the means of bringing to him an extended acquaintance and with those with whom he came in contact he always left a favorable impression, because of his gentlemanly demeanor, his unflinching courtesy and deference to the opinions of others. He was known to be reliable, trustworthy and sincere and he held friendship inviolable, while to his family he was a devoted husband and father. Mrs. Yeazell now resides with her daughter in a fine home at No. 81 East Pleasant street, and she, too, has many friends in Springfield.

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HENRY NAWMAN.

Henry Nawman, deceased, was born in German township during the early period of Clark county's development and through more than sixty years was known as a leading and representative citizen of his community. His natal day was July 16, 1817, his birth occurring upon the farm which is still occupied by his widow. His parents



were Thomas and Catherine (Baker) Nawman, who were pioneer settlers of German township and aided in laying broad and deep the foundation for the present prosperity and progress of this portion of Ohio. Henry Nawman acquired a good common school education pursuing his studies through the winter months when his services were not needed on the home farm. He lived in the usual manner of farmer lads of that period, taking his place as a hand in the fields at an early age, and thus he gained a broad and practical experience of farm work.

On the 29th of March, 1855, Mr. Nawman married Miss Ingebee Jane Rhonemus, of Clark county, who was born in Clinton county, Ohio, August 17, 1834, a daughter of William and Matilda (Clark) Rhonemus. Her father was born and reared in Clinton county, while her mother's birth occurred in Virginia, where she remained until she attained to womanhood. Both were well educated people and successfully engaged in teaching in early life. After their marriage the father turned his attention to farming, while Mrs. Rhonemus continued her work as a teacher for a number of years. Removing to Indiana Mr. Rhonemus purchased land there, but on account of poor health he could not till his fields and therefore returned to Clinton county, Ohio, whence he afterward came to Clark county. Mrs. Nawman had resided in this county for about two years prior to her marriage. She was taken as a bride to the home farm upon which she now resides, Mr. Nawman having inherited about seventy acres of land here. His parents made their home with the young couple until called to their final rest. As the years passed, children to the number of twelve were added to the family. Clara is now the wife of John Kunkle, of Clark coun-

ty, and they have eight children. Samuel G. is married and has one child. Thomas wedded Alice Hinkle, by whom he had four children, and for his second wife he chose Mrs. Mary Yerkle, *nee* Baker. Louisa died at the age of fourteen years and six months. William is living in the west. Mary died at the age of fifteen years. Webster married Mrs. Elizabeth Henkle, in Donovan, and they have three children. Catherine became the wife of Charles Wey and has one child. Matilda married Albert Greene and with their two children they reside in Clark county. Amanda is the wife of Jesse Belt, of Springfield, and has two children. Andrew married Leah Harris and they have four children. Henry wedded Emma Collison and they have two children.

In his political views Mr. Nawman was a Democrat in early life, but subsequently became a Republican and was fearless in defense of his honest convictions. He was a man of medium height, heavy build, with light hair and blue eyes. Being of a rather reserved nature he made friends slowly, but he never lost one, and his family and friends knew him as a pleasant, genial gentleman, of generous disposition. He was always willing to aid in good and worthy causes and the sterling traits of his manhood were such as are well worthy of emulation. He carried on farm work until his death, which occurred June 24, 1870. When he died there were twelve children in the family, the eldest being little more than fourteen years of age, while the youngest was only three weeks old. The mother, with brave and resolute spirit, kept them all together until they were grown, giving to each a fair common school education. It was almost a herculean task and her neighbors predicted that she could not do it, but by great per-



severance and untiring labor she accomplished it and she certainly deserves the gratitude and the love of her children for what she did for them. She is a most estimable lady and has furnished to the world a worthy example of devoted and self-sacrificing motherhood.

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### JOSEPH E. HEFFELFINGER.

The large business interests capably controlled and managed by Joseph E. Heffelfinger indicate his business capacity and executive force and the financial reward of his labor has been adequate, placing him among the men of affluence in Springfield. His position is that of manager of the Union Central Life Insurance Company, of Cincinnati, for the central Ohio district, his offices being in the Bushnell building.

Mr. Heffelfinger was born in Shippensburg, Pennsylvania, October 19, 1844, and a son of William and Margaret (Bistle) Heffelfinger. The father, also a native of the Keystone state, was in the county where in his son's birth occurred, and by occupation he was a farmer. Being left motherless when only eleven years of age, Joseph E. Heffelfinger started out to make his own way in the world two years later, having previous to this time attended the public schools, where he acquired a good practical education. He made his way to Kenton, Hardin county, Ohio, where he had a brother living, and there he worked as a farm hand, at first receiving only five dollars per month. He was thus employed when he attempted to enlist soon after the breaking out of the Civil war, but was rejected, however, on account of light weight. At the time of the Morgan raid in Ohio he enlist-

ed for six months and was located at Camp Dennison. After his company was disbanded Mr. Heffelfinger accepted a position as sutler's clerk in the Army of the James, and was later in the Army of the Potomac until the close of the war.

Mr. Heffelfinger returned to Kenton, Ohio, in 1865, and in the spring of 1868 he became interested in the insurance business at West Liberty, representing the Union Central Life Insurance Company, of Cincinnati, soon after its organization. His capability in this line was soon recognized and he was promoted to a general agency. Later, in 1876, he removed to Springfield to assure the management of the affairs of the company in central Ohio and has since continued in that position, making thirty-four years' service with the same company, during which time over thirty million dollars' worth of business has passed through his hands. In point of service he is today the oldest general agent in the company, and it is needless to say that he has the entire confidence and high regard of the officials, as his long retention in the important position he now fills plainly indicates that fact.

In 1870 Mr. Heffelfinger was united in marriage to Miss Dora McDonald at West Liberty, Ohio. Her father, Major James McDonald, was of Scotch nativity and prior to the Civil war was engaged in the wholesale dry goods business. During that struggle he served as division quartermaster in the Army of the Cumberland, and was also on the staffs of General Stedman and General Thomas. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Heffelfinger were born four children, namely: Maud, now the wife of C. J. McDiarmaid, an attorney at Cincinnati; Nellie E., who died in 1901; Mabel J., the wife of Harry E. Bauer; and Gwendolyn, now Mrs.

John A. Bookwalter, of Springfield. The wife and mother died in 1877, and in June, 1879, Mr. Heffelfinger married her sister, Miss Gertrude McDonald. The family hold membership in the High Street Methodist Episcopal church and occupy quite a prominent position in social circles. Fraternally Mr. Heffelfinger is a prominent Mason, belonging to Clark Lodge, No. 101, F. & A. M.; Springfield Chapter, No. 48, R. A. M.; and Palestine Commandery, No. 33, K. T. He is a man of marked business and executive ability, of keen perception and unbounded enterprise, his success in life being due entirely to his own efforts, and he deserves prominent mention among the leading and representative citizens of this section of the state.

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#### HARRY S. MELLINGER.

Harry S. Mellinger, who is successfully carrying on farming and stock-raising in Springfield township, four miles from the city of Springfield, was born on the homestead where he yet resides in the year 1861, his parents being John H. and Rachel Mellinger. His paternal grandfather was Jacob Mellinger, a native of Pennsylvania, whence he emigrated westward to Clark county, Ohio, locating on the farm which is now the home of our subject. In his family were four children: Mary who is now living in Springfield; John H.; Martha, the wife of Montgomery Patten, of Springfield; and Jacob, also of that city, who married Ella Wheeler and has one child, Frank.

John H. Mellinger, the father of our subject, was a native of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, born in 1837, and there spent

the days of his childhood and youth. When about six years old he accompanied his parents on their removal to Ohio, taking up his abode upon a farm in Mad River township, two miles southwest of the home of Harry S. Mellinger, and after his marriage purchased the farm on which our subject now resides. He wedded Mrs. Rachel (Line) Rosser, and unto them were born five children, namely: Harry S., of this review; Emma Rosser, the wife of David Heer, of Springfield, by whom she has one child, Harry; Martha, the wife of Harry Hedges, a resident of Cleveland, Ohio; John, who is living in Springfield; and Annie, who married Robert Mills and had three children, Robert, Rachel and Ralph. Her death occurred on the 6th of May, 1901. The mother now resides in Springfield, but the father died August 27, 1896. For many years he was engaged in stock buying and was an extensive stock shipper. He spent much of his time upon the road and he thus became widely known as an upright, honorable business man, who gained the confidence and respect of all with whom he came in contact. He never forgot a face nor a name and could always remember a man whom he had once met. Genial and courteous in manner, he made a host of warm friends wherever he went, and was held in the highest regard by all who knew him.

On the old homestead Harry S. Mellinger was reared and the place is therefore endeared to him through the associations of his boyhood as well as of later years. It was his playground in youth, his training ground for the practical duties of life, and it has been the scene of his activities through manhood. He has always engaged in raising stock and in general farming on

this place, which comprises one hundred and sixty acres of good land located on the Fairfield pike four miles from Springfield.

Mr. Mellinger was united in marriage to Miss Emma Fenner, of Hamilton county, Ohio, a daughter of Charles and Cora Fenner, who now reside in Hamilton, where her father was at one time engaged in the livery business. Our subject and his wife have one child, Harry Fenner, born June 30, 1902.

In his political views Mr. Mellinger is a Republican and his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist church. Frank and jovial, his genial nature has won him many friends. He is now in comfortable financial circumstances and is recognized as one of the enterprising farmers of the community, well liked by all who know him.

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#### WILLIAM C. STEWART.

William C. Stewart, a large land owner now living a retired life at No. 325 South Limestone street in Springfield, where he is enjoying the fruits of long years of diligent labor, represents one of the old and honored pioneer families of Clark county. He was born on the old homestead in Green township October 27, 1835, and is a son of John T. and Ann (Elder) Stewart, in whose family he was the ninth in order of birth. His boyhood days were spent in the usual manner of farmer lads. He worked in the fields and meadows and attended the common schools. His father died when the son was fourteen years of age, but the latter remained at home with his mother until he had attained his majority. He then took posses-

sion of the old home farm and cared for his mother until a short time before her death. In his youth he gained a practical experience of farm work and was thus well qualified to carry on agricultural pursuits on his own account when he had reached the age of manhood. He inherited one hundred and twenty-nine acres of land from his father's estate and for several years after reaching his majority he remained on the old homestead, carrying on general farming. To his original tract of land he added from time to time as he succeeded in his operations and he now owns in one body over five hundred acres of very valuable and productive land in Green township, Clark county, and in Greene county.

On the 9th of September, 1880, Mr. Stewart was united in marriage to Elizabeth Theodosia Sellers, of Cedarville township, Greene county, Ohio, where she was born. Her parents were Albert and Harriet (Johnson) Sellers. By her marriage she has become the mother of one daughter, Hazel Marie, who was born in 1888 and is now a student in the public schools of Springfield. In 1895 our subject and his wife removed to the city, where Mr. Stewart has since lived a retired life. They came to Springfield in order to provide their daughter with better educational privileges and have gained many friends during their residence here.

Mr. Stewart is recognized as a man of strong purpose and inflexible honesty and has enjoyed the unqualified respect of his neighbors. His advice has often been sought on important business arising in the vicinity of his home. In politics he is a Republican and he cast his first vote for John C. Fremont only about twelve days after he had attained his majority. He is a charter member of Clifton Lodge, No. 669, K. of P. At

the time of the Civil war he joined what was known as the "Squirrel Hunters," a company called to protect Cincinnati from Morgan's men, but was only on duty for ten days. For several years he was a member of the state militia. In 1876 he attended the centennial celebration held in Philadelphia. He has always been a careful and broad reader and is a well informed man. He has been interested in church work and in public movements for the general good, has followed the even tenor of his way and by an upright life has commanded the respect of his friends and neighbors.

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LOUIS F. OVER.

Louis F. Over is a young man of keen foresight, strong determination and executive ability, whose efforts in the business world have been of a nature to promote the general prosperity as well as his individual success. He is now an active factor in manufacturing circles in Springfield, Ohio, being the secretary and treasurer of the Miller Improved Gas Engine Company. Mr. Over was born in Bellaire, Belmont county, Ohio, May 24, 1868, and is a son of C. H. Over, whose birth occurred in Germany about 1842. With his parents the father of our subject came to America when a child, the family settling in Wheeling, West Virginia. The grandfather was a manufacturer of shovels in Germany and both he and his wife spent their remaining days in Wheeling. In their family were seven children, of whom two sons and a daughter reached years of maturity and are still living. Frederick was a soldier of the Civil war and was incarcerated in Libby prison for eleven months. He

responded to President Lincoln's first call for troops and remained in the army until the close of the war. He now resides in Muncie, Indiana. A daughter, Louise Joy, is a resident of Martin's Ferry, Ohio.

The father of our subject received but limited educational privileges, but prospered in business and is now living in honorable retirement from labor in Muncie, Indiana. For a number of years he was engaged in the manufacture of glass. After his marriage he came to Ohio and established a glass factory in Bellaire, where he continued until 1888, when he removed to Indiana and there engaged in the same line of manufacturing on a very extensive scale, carrying on business successfully until 1900, when he disposed of his holdings and has since lived retired. He is a self-made man and deserves great credit for what he has accomplished. At the time of the Civil war he served in the Union army as a non-commissioned officer of the First Ohio Volunteer Cavalry. He has also taken an active interest in religious work and is a valued member of the Presbyterian church. Charles H. Over was united in marriage to Matilda Gayman, who was born in Wheeling in 1846. Unto them have been born three children, of whom two are living, one daughter having died in early life. The others are: Mrs. Dr. A. K. Smith, of Muncie, Indiana, and Louis F., of this review.

Louis F. Over, whose name introduces this record, obtained a common school education and attended Washington and Jefferson College, at Washington, Pennsylvania, largely studying scientific branches. He was graduated in 1887 and then became connected with glass manufacturing, as his father's associate in business. This relation was maintained

until the father's retirement from active business life and during that period they built several factories in Indiana, Mr. Over of this review, having the management of the practical glass making. He remained in the capacity of superintendent until 1901; and in that year he came to Springfield, where he purchased an interest in the Miller Improved Gas Engine Company, of which he has since been secretary and treasurer. A disastrous fire occurred in that year, in which their plant was destroyed, but they immediately rebuilt a larger and more complete plant at the corner of Fair and Penn streets. The plant is devoted exclusively to the manufacture of large gas engines and the business is constantly increasing in volume, importance and magnitude, having become one of the leading industries of this city.

In 1890, in Muncie, Indiana, Mr. Over was united in marriage to Miss Adah Kirby, who was born in Muncie, and is a daughter of John M. Kirby, a wholesale lumber merchant of that city. In this family were four children, three daughters and a son. Mr. and Mrs. Over now have one son, Charles H., who was born in 1897, and they reside in a modern and attractive home at the corner of East High street and Forest avenue. Mr. Over is a member of Delaware Lodge, F. & A. M., of Muncie, and also belongs to the Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks, and to the United Commercial Travelers' Association. He has always been identified with manufacturing interests, having spent about twenty years in glass making. He has a thorough understanding of the great mechanical principles which underlie the work, is able to superintend much of his work therefore, and at the same time is giving his attention in an exclusive manner to the con-

trol of the business management of the house with which he is identified. He possesses energy, discrimination, laudable ambition and perseverance, and these qualities prove a safe foundation upon which to rear the superstructure of business success.

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#### COLONEL GEORGE SINTZ.

To have fought for one's country, to have faced danger and death on the battle-field forms a record well worthy of perpetuation. He whose name introduces this record fought in the service of his country and true to the flag of the Union for almost three years he aided his country in her struggle to suppress the rebellion of the south and to continue the nation one and undivided.

Colonel Sintz was born in Springfield township, Clark county, in 1846 and is a son of Peter and Hester A. (Shellenbarger) Sintz. His paternal grandfather, Peter Sintz, came from Virginia to Ohio in an early day, locating on a farm which is now the home of our subject. There he owned about two thousand acres of land, on which he erected two gristmills and two sawmills, and one of each is still standing. He took an active part in the early development and progress of this portion of the state and was a leading and influential resident of his community.

Peter Sintz, Jr., the father of our subject, was born and reared about a mile from the Colonel's homestead. After arriving at years of maturity he wedded Hester A. Shellenbarger, by whom he had four children, namely: George; Clark, who is living in Grand Rapids, Michigan; Mary E., who is a resident of Zion City, Illinois; and Mrs.

Clara Halloway, who is living in Springfield, Ohio.

The early boyhood days of Colonel Sintz were spent in his parents' home, but when only fifteen years of age he offered his services to his country, imbued with a patriotic desire to aid in the preservation of the Union. It was in 1862 that he joined Company A, of the Ninety-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with which he served until sixteen years of age, when he was discharged on account of ill health. The following year, however, he again joined the army, becoming a member of the Sixteenth Ohio Independent Battery of Light Artillery. He remained with that command until the close of the war and was mustered out in 1865. He took part in the battle of Tate's Ford, near Lexington, Kentucky, on the 8th of October, 1862, the day on which he was sixteen years of age. He organized the Springfield Light Artillery in 1883, this command afterward becoming the Fifth Battery. He commanded this battery for five years and when it was organized as a regiment of artillery he was elected lieutenant colonel, serving for four years in that capacity. On account of ill health he then resigned and went to the west, where he remained for about eleven years. On the expiration of that period he returned to Ohio to take charge of and manage his father's estate.

Colonel Sintz was united in marriage to Miss Martha E. Latimer, a daughter of John Latimer, who was one of the first sheriffs of Clark county, Ohio. Her mother's maiden name was Martha Brown, and her parents came from the north of Ireland, locating in this section of Ohio. Unto the Colonel and his wife has been born one daughter, Aimee Olive.

The Colonel was a member of Stephens Post, G. A. R., of Seattle, Washington, and a charter member of Mitchell Post, of Springfield. In his political views he is a Republican and keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day, but has never been an aspirant for office. Well known throughout his native county, he has a wide acquaintance here, and among these are many friends who esteem him highly for his genuine worth. His name is certainly deserving of a place on the roll of honor of the Civil war.

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#### GEORGE FOLLRATH.

George Follrath deserves great credit for the admirable way in which he has built up the fire department of Springfield, and he is today the valued chief engineer of that organization. He has realized that by reason of the rapid growth and development of the city, it should have a metropolitan fire system, one adequate to the demands of a place of its size, and to this end he has labored continuously and effectively for a number of years.

Mr. Follrath is one of Ohio's native sons, his birth having occurred in Springfield, November 23, 1852. His father, Henry Follrath, was born in Hesse Darmstadt, Germany, and there pursued his education. When a young man, prior to his marriage, he came direct to this city and was employed in various lines of business. During the latter years of his residence here he followed undertaking, being thus engaged at the time of his death, which occurred when he was sixty-two years of age. He had married Anna B. Seifert, who was also a native of the fatherland and is now living at the ripe

old age of eighty-two years. She came from Germany to America in 1848, and like her husband was educated in the common schools of that country. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Follrath were born five children, one of whom died in infancy, while those living are: George; Flora, the wife of Squire Riegle, of this city; Henry, who is engaged in the commission business on West High street; and William D., who is foreman for Follrath & Company, tanners. The children were all provided with good educational advantages in the public schools of Springfield.

At the usual age George Follrath began his education, which he continued until he was thirteen years of age, when he entered upon an apprenticeship to the carriage maker's trade under the direction of the firm of E. & J. Driscoll. He remained with that house for a time and then went into business with the H. Field Manufacturing Company, as a partner. They engaged in the manufacture of buggies and carriages until the company was finally merged into the Field-Johnson Carriage Company, the business being thus continued from 1875 until 1890. The firm was among the best known in this part of the state and carried on a large and profitable business until 1890, when the plant was sold. Mr. Follrath acted as foreman of the paint department. He was a mechanic of good ability and from a humble position gradually worked his way upward. He started in business for himself on West Main street in the manufacture and repair of carriages, and in the undertaking had to compete with machine-made goods. He succeeded in securing a good patronage, however, and continued the business from 1890 until the 1st of September, 1895, when he sold out and was appointed by the board of police and fire commissioners as chief of the

fire department of Springfield. In 1875 he had joined the paid fire department when the call system was in use and continued as a call man until 1887, when he was made assistant chief, continuing in that position until promoted to the position of chief of the department. Thus he gradually advanced until he now stands at the head of this important service in the city. During his relation with the fire department he has been engaged in fighting some very large and serious conflagrations, but he has sound judgment, executive force and is a man that is cool and collected in times of danger, and this has enabled him to so direct the men and use the apparatus in a manner that has been most effective in quelling the fiery element. He has thirty-five men under his supervision, seven engine stations and twenty-five horses in the department. In early life he had been a member of the Rover volunteer fire company. Mr. Follrath has been instrumental in developing the present metropolitan fire system of Springfield and its excellent improvements. The discipline of the men he has maintained at a high standard and the department is a credit to the city and its chief. In the building up of the pension fund Mr. Follrath has taken a very active part and there is now a fund of twenty-five thousand dollars and five men upon the pension list. He has also instituted and built up three of the fire stations of the city.

On the 1st of June, 1876, occurred the marriage of Mr. Follrath and Miss Kate Keller, who was born in Fredericksburg, Maryland, and was educated in Dayton, where her father, John Keller, located with the family in her early girlhood. Two children have been born of this union, but the daughter died in infancy. Clarence W., born in 1879, is at home with his father.



Mr. Follrath is a member of Clark Lodge, F. & A. M.; Springfield Chapter, R. A. M.; Springfield Council, R. & S. M.; and Palestine Commandery, K. T. He is also a member of the International Association of Fire Engineers and was the vice-president for one year. He takes an active part in all of its conventions and is widely known to firemen throughout the country. Both he and his wife are members of St. John's German Lutheran church, and to church and charitable work he is a liberal contributor, and in matters of citizenship he is progressive and public-spirited. He now resides at No. 95 West Columbia street, where he purchased land and built for himself and family a pleasant home. Springfield acknowledges its indebtedness to his efforts in her behalf in protecting the city from great losses of property and life through fire and his labors in this direction certainly make him worthy of public confidence and regard.

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HENRY FOLLRATH.

Henry Follrath has been engaged in the commission business in Springfield for a longer period than any other man connected with this line of trade. He has prospered in his undertakings and is today one of the men of affluence in the city, respected and honored for what he has accomplished and the manner in which he has gained his creditable position in trade circles.

He was born in Springfield on Christmas day of 1855, a son of Henry and Anna B. (Seifert) Follrath. His father was born in Germany in January, 1825. The grandfather was a farmer by occupation and under the parental roof Henry Follrath, Sr.,

remained, attending school during his youth, and also learning the cabinet-maker's trade. On crossing the Atlantic to America he landed at New York and thence made his way to Pittsburg, where he remained for a time. In 1849 he arrived in Springfield, where he was employed at his trade for a time, while later he began business for himself. He also engaged in the undertaking business and conducted a grocery store in Springfield. He was united in marriage in May, 1850, to Miss Mary Barbara Seifert, whose birth occurred in Germany in 1822. She came to America in 1846, making her way to Springfield, Ohio, and here she has since lived. She has seen the city grow from a mere hamlet to a thriving metropolitan center of over forty thousand inhabitants. She was a daughter of Jacob and Barbara Seifert. Her father was a farmer in Germany and was also a wagon-maker. Both he and his wife lived and died at the old home place in their native land, and on crossing the ocean Mrs. Follrath joined her brother, Adam Seifert, who was engaged in the hotel business on East Main street in Springfield.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Follrath were born five children: George, who is now chief of the fire department, and is represented on another page of this work; Flora, who is the wife of Squire Riegle and resides in Springfield, having one daughter, Verna, who is now the wife of Robert Netts, of this city, by whom she has one child, Lucile; Henry, of this review; Charles, who died in childhood; and William D., who completes the family. He conducts a tinning establishment in Springfield, in which city he was born December 11, 1860. He was educated in the schools here and learned his trade here. He is now a member of the firm known as the Furnan & Follrath Company, doing busi-



ness at No. 93 West Main street. He married Miss Clara E. Shillings, a native of Springfield, and a daughter of Benjamin and Lena Shillings, both residents of this city. They have one child, Benjamin.

Henry Follrath, the father of our subject, erected a brick residence in Springfield, and also has two other homes here. He borrowed the money in order to gain a start in life, but with determined purpose he steadily worked his way upward, achieving success through earnest and persevering effort. His death occurred May 13, 1888, and he was laid to rest in Ferncliff cemetery. He was a member of the German Benevolent Society and of the St. John's Evangelical German church. From early life dependent upon his own resources, all he achieved was the direct result of his own labor, and he won not only a comfortable competence but also the confidence and good will of his fellow men, because his life was in accord with honorable, manly principles.

Henry Follrath, whose name introduces this record, is indebted to the public schools of Springfield for the educational privileges which he enjoyed. He continued his school work until fifteen years of age, when he began to learn the trade of a painter and followed that pursuit for six years. He afterward engaged in clerking for ten years, spending six or seven years as a clerk in a retail fruit store. He then began business for himself by opening a wholesale commission house on High street in 1888. He remained at that place for a year and then removed to Market street, but soon returned to High street, where he has since been located. His store extends through to North Market Place, occupying two store rooms facing on each street. He is today the oldest commission merchant in the business in this city.

He started on a small scale, but has gradually enlarged his stock to meet the growing demands of his patronage, and today controls an extensive trade. He is well known throughout this portion of Ohio as a representative, successful and reliable business man, who maintains pleasant relations with his patrons and at all times is straightforward in his dealings.

On the 29th of October, 1879, Mr. Follrath was united in marriage to Miss Rebecca Circle, a native of this county and a sister of Mrs. A. K. Hahn. She is a member of the First Lutheran church and is a most estimable lady. Mr. Follrath is identified with the Knights of Pythias fraternity and with the Knights of Khorassan and in his political views he is a Democrat. His life record is in contradistinction to the old adage that a prophet is not without honor save in his own country, for in the city of his birth and among his own people Mr. Follrath has attained an enviable position because of his success. He possesses excellent business qualifications, combined with the fitting sense of honor in all trade transactions, and today he is enjoying an extensive business, which has returned to him well merited affluence.

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#### JESS M. MARSHALL.

Jess M. Marshall, who is occupying the position of letter carrier in Springfield, was born near Cedarville, in Greene county, Ohio, September 6, 1866, and is a son of George W. and Eliza J. (Todd) Marshall. The mother makes her home with her son Jess, who is the younger of her two children. The daughter, Minnie, is the wife of Andrew Fink, who resides at No. 195 East street, in

Springfield. In 1871 the mother and her children came to Clark county, settling in Pitchin, and the subject of this review was educated in the district schools. When eleven years of age, however, he left the school-room and began working on a farm, being thus employed until 1884, when he came to Springfield. Here he found employment in the East street shops as a packer. From his early youth he had been dependent upon his own resources and is therefore a self-made man. He deserves much credit for what he has done in the way of achieving a competence. He remained in the shops for five years and in the meantime learned the meat cutting trade and worked for Mr. Fink, who now conducts a meat market. In 1890, however, Mr. Marshall abandoned that line of business, having been appointed by P. M. Cartmell, then postmaster at Springfield, to the position of letter carrier. He has since acted in this capacity and saving his earnings he has placed his money in that safest of all investments—real estate—and is now the owner of, considerable valuable land which is the visible evidence of his life of industry. He resided on Clifton street until December, 1900, when he removed to his farm just outside of the city in Green township. He had purchased this property, comprising eighty-two acres, in 1896. He rents the land and maintains his residence upon the place, having there a very pleasant and comfortable home.

On the 17th of September, 1890, Mr. Marshall was united in marriage to Georgia E. Shocknessy, who was born in Green township, June 10, 1868, a daughter of Michael Shocknessy, who resides at No. 532 Clifton street, Springfield, and is a retired farmer. Unto our subject and his wife have been born three children: Florence E., born in

1891; Robert W., born in 1893; and Edgar H., born in 1897. They are now students in Hopewell school.

In his political affiliations Mr. Marshall is a stalwart Republican, but has never had any desire to fill public office. He is connected with the civil service and by reason of his merit and ability is continued in the government position which he now occupies. He is a member of the National Union, an insurance organization, and also belongs to the National Association of Letter Carriers. Mr. Marshall has a wide acquaintance in Springfield and throughout the surrounding country and his social manner and obliging disposition have gained for him many warm friends. He deserves great credit for what he has accomplished in life and his success has come as a direct result of his own labors.

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#### CHARLES ROUSH.

Charles Roush, who is engaged in farming and dairying in Green township, was born in Springfield township, Clark county, April 1, 1866, his parents being J. M. and Catherine (Ostot) Roush. He was reared upon the farm, acquiring a common school education, and remained at home until the time of his marriage, which important event in his life occurred on the 24th of November, 1896, the lady of his choice being Miss Elizabeth Victoria Bosley, of Springfield. She was born in Harrison county, Ohio, August 10, 1874, and is a daughter of James and Mary Ellen (Ralston) Bosley, both of whom are natives of the same county and are now living retired in Cleveland.

After his marriage Mr. Roush removed to the farm upon which he is now living,

having there ninety acres of good land, which is attractive and well improved. He has placed his farm under a high state of cultivation, and in addition to general agricultural work he is engaged in dairying, keeping a number of cows of a good grade for this purpose. Everything about his place is neat and attractive in appearance and the products of his dairy and of his fields find a ready sale on the market.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Roush has been born one son, Clarence Kay, born November 25, 1897. Politically Mr. Roush is a Republican, but he is not an office seeker. He is a self-made man, having acquired all that he possesses through his own efforts. He and his wife are valued residents of Green township, taking an interest in the progress and welfare of their community, and enjoy the regard and respect of their friends and acquaintances.

It will be interesting in this connection to note something of the family history of Mrs. Roush. James Bosley, her father, was born in Cross Creek township, Harrison county, October 8, 1841, his parents being Thomas and Sarah (Hilbert) Bosley, the former born near Baltimore, Maryland, where he grew to manhood and was married. In 1832 he emigrated westward to Ohio. The family is of English descent, the grandfather of James, Samuel Bosley, having been born in England, whence he crossed the briny deep to Maryland with his father, but the latter afterward returned to England and there spent his remaining days. The grandfather came to Ohio, but subsequently went to West Virginia, and his death occurred near Wheeling. He had the following children: Rachel, Jacob, Elizabeth, Sarah, Mary, Samuel and Thomas.

Thomas Bosley died in Harrison coun-

ty, Ohio. He was a shoemaker by trade and in order to provide for his family followed that pursuit for many years. He had ten children who reached years of maturity, but only three of the number are yet living. Amos is a contractor and builder residing in St. Louis, Missouri, while Greenbury is living in East St. Louis, and is also a contractor. The third surviving member of the family is James Bosley. There were two uncles of Mr. Bosley, Thomas and Greenbury Bosley, who never married and who owned three hundred and twenty acres of land where Baltimore now stands. This they leased for ninety-nine years. This land should now be in the hands of the Bosley heirs, of whom Mrs. Roush is one. She was the fifth in a family of ten children, nine of whom grew to years of maturity, while Lucy E. died in infancy. The others are: Hilbert R., who is engaged in the grocery business in Dayton; Lewis Walter, a machinist of Cleveland, Ohio; Lawrence Scott, a fireman of Springfield; Robert H., a printer of Cleveland; Bertha Olive, the wife of James Christopher, of Springfield; Mac Leroy, who is a machinist, of Cleveland; Sidney Baxter, who died at the age of twenty-three years, one month and three days; and Daniel Claud, who died at the age of sixteen years and four months.

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#### TEMPEST W. WILSON.

Tempest W. Wilson is the oldest member of the police force of Springfield in years of continuous connection therewith. He is familiarly known as "Temp" Wilson, and throughout this state he has a wide acquaintance, having gained many friends by reason

of his fidelity to duty and by his genial manner. He was born near the town of York, in York county, Pennsylvania, March 31, 1847, and in the paternal line he comes of English ancestry, while on the maternal side the line of descent can be traced back to German ancestors.

John H. Wilson, the father of our subject, was a farmer by occupation, born, reared and educated in York county, Pennsylvania. He married Sarah Heistand, also a native of the same locality, and died at the age of fifty-two years, and his wife passed away in York county, Pennsylvania, when about seventy-six years of age. In their family were eleven children, of whom three daughters and five sons are yet living, namely: Mary; Mrs. Emma Haffer; Sarah; John, who is an engineer on the Pennsylvania railroad and resides in Philadelphia; Tempest W., of this review; Stephen, who is proprietor of a hotel at Wrightsville, Pennsylvania; Webster, who carries on farming on the old homestead; and Frank, who is a foreman in a cigar manufactory. Those who have passed away are: Heistand, George and Thomas, who died in Pennsylvania. The others are all living in Pennsylvania, with the exception of our subject. Upon the old home farm they were reared, while in the common schools they pursued their education. The father died when the children were small, but the widow kept her children together, putting forth every effort to provide a comfortable home for them.

As Tempest W. Wilson was one of the oldest of the family, he began to support himself at the age of sixteen years and for several years was employed as a farm hand. He afterward spent eighteen months in loading and running ore cars from the mines to the furnaces. He was foreman of a con-

struction gang in Maryland on the new railway and later he came to Ohio. He had some relatives living in Clark county and in 1870 he made his way to this locality. Here he worked upon a truck farm for a short time and then came to the city, where he found employment as a laborer in the shops of the New Champion Company, being thus employed through three years. For a time he served in the fire department of the city and then returned to the shops, but later again entered the fire department, with which he was connected for thirteen months. At a meeting of the city council he was elected to a position on the police force February 3, 1875, and has since been connected with this department of the city service, proving a very efficient officer. For about two years he was city detective. At that time he met with an accident, being shot in an encounter with a criminal, and he yet carries the bullet in his body. Since 1894 he has been captain of patrol No. 1, and in all the departments of the service with which he has been connected he has proven an efficient officer.

Mr. Wilson was married in Springfield in 1878 to Ellen Day, who was born in Greene county, was educated in the public schools, and was living in this city at the time of her marriage. They now have six children, four sons and two daughters: Frank, who is employed in a tool shop in Chicago, Illinois; Ellen, a milliner working at her trade in Springfield; Harold; Paul; Ruth; and Carroll John. Mrs. Wilson is a member of St. Raphael's Catholic church, and the children were educated in the parochial school connected with that church.

Mr. Wilson has made his own way in the world from the age of sixteen years, and although he has met with some difficulties and obstacles, he has steadily advanced, ow-

ing to his fidelity to duty and to his capability. He now resides at No. 56 West Columbia street, having purchased his home there in 1902. In politics he is a Democrat. He is a member of Ephraim Lodge, I. O. O. F., and also of the Firemen's Relief Association, of which he was one of the organizers while connected with the fire department. He is now the oldest man in continuous service on the police force of this city, and this fact indicates unmistakably how faithful he has been to his duties as a preserver of the peace and of law and order.

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HERMAN VOGES, Sr.

Among the men of foreign birth who have sought homes in America, becoming important factors in the business life of the communities with which they are identified, is Herman Voges, Sr., superintendent and general manager of the Springfield Coal & Ice Company. He was borne in Peine, Hanover, Germany, in 1844, and in his native country acquired a good common school education. After putting aside his text books he was apprenticed to learn the hardware business, serving for four years and after completing his trade he continued three years longer in the employ of the same firm as a clerk and bookkeeper.

The favorable reports concerning the new world which reached Mr. Voges attracted him to the United States, and with the desire to benefit his financial condition, he made his way across the Atlantic to New York city. He did not tarry long in the eastern metropolis, but went directly to Cincinnati, where he found employment in a hardware store, acting as salesman in that

establishment for five years. In 1870 he went to College Corner, near the Ohio and Indiana line, there opening a hardware store on his own account. The new enterprise was attended with a fair degree of success and he conducted it for five years, after which he sold out.

In 1875 Mr. Voges came to Springfield and was employed by the Champion Bar & Knife Company, with which he remained for seven years as shipping clerk. On the expiration of that period he entered into partnership under the firm name of Voges & Hedges, this relation existing until June, 1883, when the Champion Coal & Ice Company was organized with a capital stock of fifty thousand dollars, the officers being: E. S. Kelly, president; M. M. Hedges, secretary; and H. Voges, manager. From the beginning to the present time Mr. Voges has remained in the responsible position which he now fills. It was in May, 1888, that the company was reorganized and incorporated with a capital stock of one hundred thousand dollars, with the following named officers: W. S. Wilson, president and treasurer; T. W. Ludlow, secretary; and H. Voges, general manager. The company deals extensively in coal, coke, and also handles sewer pipe and cement and is engaged in the manufacture of ice. The location of the ice plant is at the corner of Warder and Water streets and the capacity is fifty tons daily, a fact which indicates that there is a large trade extended to the company. In the coal and coke business the company also does a wholesale as well as retail business. In the various lines these commodities are handled in extensive quantities and the success of the enterprise is due in no small measure to the energy, business sagacity and capable control of Mr. Voges.

In 1868 was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Voges and Miss Ida Sattler, of Cincinnati, Ohio, a well known resident of that place. This union has been blessed with the following children: Herman is a member of the firm of Voges & Perks Tool Company manufacturers of solid die automatic bolt threading machinery and grinding and polishing machines. The other members of the family are William F., Albert, Olga, Ida and Flora. They have a pleasant home at No. 406 South Fountain avenue and Mr. Voges has accumulated a good property, although he started out in life empty handed. He realizes that in this country, more than in any other, is success due to energy, determination and strong purpose and it has been along these lines that he has advanced to a very creditable position in commercial circles in Springfield.

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#### MICHAEL C. RUSSELL.

Michael C. Russell is a cement paving contractor and is not only a good artisan with a thorough understanding of mechanical principles, but has taken advanced steps in the line of his chosen pursuit, as a designer of new kinds of curbs and walks, and in this way he has added not a little to the improvement of the city. Mr. Russell is a native of Kirkcudbrightshire, Scotland, born on the 4th of August, 1854, and is a son of Hugh Russell, who was born in Queens Ferry, Scotland, in 1814, but who died in Springfield, Ohio, October 5, 1902. He was educated in paid schools of his native country, acquiring a fair knowledge and becoming a well read man through research, reading and investigation after leaving the school-

room. He also possessed considerable mathematical skill. In early life he engaged in granite cutting in Scotland and when he came to Springfield he entered into business relations with James Mott, conducting a stone-cutting enterprise. The year 1866 witnessed his arrival in Ohio, at which time he and his family located in Xenia, in Greene county, and in 1869 they sought a home in Springfield, where the father maintained his residence until his death. He had married Elizabeth Conning, who was born in Creetown, Kirkcudbrightshire, Scotland, in 1814, being but three months younger than her husband. She died December 10, 1898, having reached the advanced age of eighty-four years. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Russell five sons and two daughters had been born ere their emigration to the new world. The eldest of these was William, and the second Anthony C. They came to America in the year 1861 and both joined the Union army, after which no news was ever received from William and it is supposed that he was killed in battle. Anthony C. was wounded in the battle of the Wilderness while serving with General Keifer in the One Hundred and Tenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, but at the close of the war he received an honorable discharge and, recovering from his injuries, lived many years. He passed away in Mexico in 1901, and his remains were interred in Ferncliff cemetery in Springfield. Hugh Russell is represented on another page of this work. James R. is living retired in this city. Michael C. is the fifth in the family. Elizabeth is the wife of William McCullough, and Mary J., wife of Andrew J. Burnett, died in Texas, and was also laid to rest in Ferncliff cemetery. While in the land of hills and heather the father was a member of the United Presbyterian church and both in

Xenia and in Springfield held membership with the same denomination. In politics he was a Republican, but was never an aspirant for office. His was a long, useful and honorable career and he received the veneration and respect which should ever be accorded to one of advanced years.

Michael C. Russell attended the paid schools of Scotland until fourteen years of age, but afterward spent two years in the public schools of Xenia. He also attended the southern and western schools in this city and at the age of eighteen years he became an active factor in the industrial world, working with his father, under whose direction he mastered the stone-cutter's trade. He was afterward employed as a journeyman for four years and then began working at cement work. He entered the employ of I. Ward Frey, with whom he remained for a time, after which he formed a partnership with George H. Frey, Sr., and was thus in business for two years. While with Mr. I. Ward Frey, who had the contract for laying cement walks, he aided in laying the first walks of that character ever put down in the city. After the partnership was formed they devoted their entire time to this business. As before stated Mr. Russell was associated with George H. Frey for two years and on the expiration of that period he entered into partnership with his father, Hugh Russell, Sr., and the business was carried on by them for six years, our subject doing the active work of the firm. He then started upon an independent business career and the first contracts which were ever awarded to him, and which were executed at Santa Ana, California, required four months for the completion of the work. On the expiration of that period he returned home and has since engaged in business as a contractor

of cement walks and curbs. He also laid the first cement walks in Dayton, in Xenia, in Delaware, and Kenton, Ohio. Until 1897 he had no competition in his business, but since that year other firms have come into the field, but Mr. Russell maintains a leading position in his line. He also takes and executes contracts for all kinds of cement paving and employs fourteen men in carrying on the business. He has done work in this direction for the best and oldest families of the city and three teams are continually utilized in hauling materials. To his business he gives his personal supervision and has all that he can well attend to. He was the first contractor to lay the combination curbing and gutter, a design of his own. He has added many improvements in the composition of walks and on many beautiful streets of the city he has constructed some of the finest walks. To him was awarded the contract for building the combination curb and gutter in Ferncliff cemetery. Mr. Russell purchases cement by the carload and in 1901 he used twelve carloads, and in 1902 sixteen carloads, showing the substantial increase in his business. His work is of a substantial and lasting character, as is shown by the fact that walks which he laid twenty-two years ago seem as good today as when put down. The walk which he makes is laid in sections independent of each other. As his financial resources have increased he has become the owner of several building lots in Springfield and has been very successful in all his business affairs.

On the 12th of February, 1880, in Delaware, Ohio, Mr. Russell was united in marriage to Miss Emma Wohlater, who was born in Delaware, Ohio, in 1855, a daughter of Christopher Wohlater, who was a molder by trade, but is now deceased. In his family



were five children: Caroline, the wife of John Riddle, of Delaware, Ohio; Mrs. Russell; Hattie, the wife of Charles Brown, of Cleveland, Ohio; Lillie, the wife of Charles Matthews, who is foreman of the B. H. Winter Lithographing Company; and William, who is engaged in the dry-goods business in New York city. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Russell have been born two children: Roy R., who died at the age of one year; and May Belle, who is attending Wittenberg College, and will there complete a course in music in 1904. Mr. Russell purchased a lot and in 1885 built his modern home, which was the first erected on College avenue. He and his wife hold membership in the United Presbyterian church and he belongs to Red Star Lodge, K. P., also to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. In politics he is a Republican and has served as a delegate to county and state conventions, but would never accept public office. Entering upon his business career with opportunity before him but with no capital to assist him, he has proven that adaptability, unremitting diligence and honorable dealing may constitute a firm foundation upon which to rear the superstructure of success. His reputation in his chosen field of labor is one which extends throughout the city and his efforts in this direction have been of benefit to the various circles in which he has labored and at the same time have brought to him creditable and gratifying prosperity.

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#### CHRISTIAN KUQUA.

The man of wealth is not the one whom the American citizens hold in the highest regard, but he who can plan his own advance-

ment and accomplish it in the face of competition and obstacles that are always to be met in the business world. The "captains of industry" are those whose business foresight can recognize opportunity and whose executive force can utilize advantages which are not given to one alone, but perhaps encompass the whole race. The life history of Christian Kuqua is simply that of a successful man who owes his advancement to close application, energy, strong determination and executive ability. He has never allowed outside pursuits to interfere with the performance of business duties or the meeting of any business obligations and thus he stands today one of the prosperous residents of Springfield, strong in his honor and his good name. He deserves, however, special credit because at the early age of seven years he was thrown upon his own resources and has since that time depended entirely upon his own labors for advancement, so that whatever he has achieved is the direct result of his enterprising efforts. He is today successfully and extensively engaged in the manufacture of carriages in Springfield as the senior member of the firm of Kuqua & Son, where he has carried on business since 1883.

Mr. Kuqua was born in Wittenberg, Germany, August 12, 1825, and was the youngest son of Charles and Clara Kuqua. The father died in Germany in 1826, after which the mother came with her four sons to America, settling in Baltimore, Maryland, where she remained for five years and thence removed to Lancaster county, Pennsylvania. Charles, her eldest son, reached the age of eighty years and died in Erie, Pennsylvania, after a successful career as a jeweler. John enlisted for service in the United States army in the Civil war and was among the missing



after hostilities ceased. William went west to Utah, and no news has since been received of him. He had two daughters: Katherine, now the wife of William Houston, of Columbus, Ohio; and Mrs. Cyrus Dilger, of Fairfield county, Ohio. After the death of her first husband Mrs. Kuqua became the wife of John Detwiler, and she died in Lancaster, Ohio, when about seventy years of age.

When a little lad of seven summers Christian Kuqua was bound out. He remained in Pennsylvania until after he had attained his majority, and in the meantime learned the carriage making trade. His educational privileges, however, were very limited, as he had no opportunity to attend either day or night school. In the school of experience, though, he has gained much practical knowledge and his mind has been continually broadened through research and observation. When he had attained to man's estate he came to Ohio, settling first in Lancaster, where he opened a shop for the conducting of the carriage-maker's trade.

It was in that city in 1851 that Mr. Kuqua was united in marriage to Sarah E. Jackson, who was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, in 1833, and is a representative of one of the old pioneer families there. Her father, Samuel Jackson, was a farmer, operating in Fairfield county, Ohio, and his parents were from Maryland. For twenty-five years he served as justice of the peace and was a leading and influential resident of his community. He died in Fairfield county at the age of seventy-three, and his wife, who bore the maiden name of Elizabeth Collins, passed away in 1873. She was a native of Fairfield county and belonged to one of the old families established there in pioneer times. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Jackson were born twelve children, of whom nine are yet

living, namely: Sarah E., the wife of our subject; Mrs. James Fickle, of Groveport, Ohio; Mrs. Elizabeth Swartz, a widow living in Columbus; Catherine, the wife of Thomas Moyer, of Fairfield county; Maria, the wife of Joel Fickle, of Des Moines, Iowa; Emma, the wife of Len'uel Grove, who was the captain of a Union company in the Civil war, and now residing in Onarga, Illinois; Jacob J., who was for many years superintendent of schools in Springfield and is now living in Des Moines, Iowa; John C., who is pastor of the Eastwood Congregational church in Columbus, Ohio; and Frank, who is pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church of West Jefferson, Ohio. Mrs. Kuqua acquired her education in the common schools and in a select school, and by her marriage she has become the mother of seven children, all of whom reached years of maturity: Clara became the wife of Boyd Hollenbeck and died in Springfield at the age of thirty-three years. She had three children, one of whom died in infancy. The others are: Mrs. Ada Baker and Mrs. Alice Berkey. Charles, the second member of Mr. Kuqua's family, is associated in business with his father and is married and makes his home in Springfield. Henrietta is the wife of Oliver Bott, of Fairfield county, Ohio, and has three children—Carrie, Wilbur and Alice. Samuel J. is a traveling salesman for the Babcock Carriage Manufactory of Watertown, New York, and lives in Columbus. For five years he was a partner in his father's business in Springfield. He has two daughters, Fern and Pauline. Elmer E., the fifth member of the family, is now associated in business with his father, is married and has one son, Lawrence. Alice C. is the wife of Charles Cartmell, of Springfield, by whom she has two children, Madison and Sarah. Mary K.

the youngest of the family, became the wife of Edward Donnell and died at the age of twenty-six years. Her one child and her husband have also passed away. These children were educated in the public schools of Winchester and Springfield, and the family is one of prominence in the community.

At various places Mr. Kuqua has carried on carriage manufacturing. He conducted a business near Lancaster and afterward at East Rushville, at Logan, Ohio, at Canal Winchester, and in 1883 came to this city. The various undertakings which he has established have prospered. He began business here on a small scale on Main street, but gradually he enlarged his plant in order to meet the demands of the growing trade and in 1901 he built an extensive factory, which he equipped with modern machinery. The firm of Kuqua & Son ranks high as representatives of industrial interests of the city. With a comprehensive and thorough understanding of his business, gained through practical experience, Mr. Kuqua is well qualified to direct the labors of the men and today he stands at the head of a large and growing business, while the output of his factory is sent to many parts of the country. He manufactures various kinds and designs of carriages which, because of their durability and excellent workmanship and finish, find a ready sale on the market. The house, too, sustains an unassailable reputation for fair dealing.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Kuqua hold membership in the Central Methodist Episcopal church and he was at one time a member of the Odd Fellows lodge at Logan. He now has a pleasant home at No. 94 Pearl street, and this, together with his business, is the visible evidence of his life of industry. He certainly deserves the proud American title

of a self-made man, for when but seven years of age he began to earn his own living and without aid or influence has steadily worked his way upward and his earnest toil has been the sure foundation upon which he has builded his prosperity.

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#### ISAAC KAY, M. D.

A history of Springfield would not fulfill its designated purpose or reach completion without mention of Dr. Isaac Kay, for no other physician of the city has practiced so continuously here as this gentleman. His usefulness can not be measured by any known standard, but for forty-nine years he has gone about among his fellow men, relieving pain and suffering, restoring health and prolonging life. Long after he shall have passed away he will be held in grateful remembrance by those who have benefited by his services. Not only his professional skill, but his kindly temperament, his genial manner and unflinching sympathy have endeared him to those with whom he has come in contact.

The Doctor is a native of Pennsylvania, his birth having occurred near Chambersburg, on the 8th of December, 1828. His parents were William and Susanna (Unger) Kay, also natives of the Keystone state, and he traces his ancestry back to John Kay (or Key, as the name is sometimes spelled), whose parents came from England in the same fleet with William Penn during the year 1682. He was born in the month of December, 1682, near the Delaware river, upon ground subsequently taken into the first plat of Philadelphia, and died in Kennett Square, Chester county, Pennsylvania,



DR ISAAC KAY.



on the 5th of July, 1767, in the eighty-fifth year of his age. His son, John Kay, the great-grandfather of our subject, was born in Philadelphia, in 1734; was a manufacturer of firearms for the American government during the Revolutionary struggle, and finally died in the city of his birth in 1804, aged seventy years. The latter's son, John Kay, grandfather of our subject, was born September 6, 1763, and married Elizabeth King, of nearly the same age. In 1801 he removed to Franklin county, Pennsylvania, and died October 13, 1832. William Kay, our subject's father, was born in Pennsylvania, February 22, 1800, and his mother was born in 1809.

Dr. Kay was reared in the state of his nativity until 1836, when the family removed to Ohio. When his medical education was completed he began the practice of medicine, having determined to make it his life work. He became a student in the Starling Medical College, of Columbus, in which he was graduated in the spring of 1849. He then began practice in Lewisburg, Ohio, and after four years' residence there, he arrived in Springfield on the 18th of May, 1853, so that he has been a resident of this city and a member of its medical profession for almost a half century. No other physician has so long been continuously connected with the profession here and throughout all these years he has occupied a foremost place in the ranks of the medical fraternity, honored and respected by his fellow practitioners as well as by the general public.

The Doctor had been married prior to his arrival here. On the 4th of November, 1852, he had wedded Miss Clara M. Deckert, of Miamisburg, Ohio, and for fifty years they have traveled life's journey together, sharing with each other its joys and

sorrows, its adversity and prosperity, their mutual love and confidence increasing as the years have gone by. Their home was blessed with two sons: Charles S. and Clarence H., both of whom are residents of Springfield, the latter being associated with his father in the practice of medicine.

Upon the organization of the Republican party Dr. Kay espoused its cause and has never wavered in his allegiance to its principles, for he believes that its platform contains the best elements of good government. For a half century he has been identified with the Masonic fraternity, and in his life has truly exemplified its teachings concerning mutual helpfulness and brotherly kindness. From the foundation of the Gentlemen's Literary Club he has been one of its members and has thus been identified with the intellectual culture of the city. From early manhood down to the present time he has also been a member of the Baptist church. These social, fraternal and religious relations indicate clearly what has been the life of the man.

His attention, of course, has been mainly given to his professional duties, which have been extensive, because his ability has made his services in constant demand. He has been a member of the Clark County Medical Society for forty-eight years, and for at least one-third of this time has served as its secretary, while on two different occasions he has been honored with the election to its presidency. For forty-seven years he has been a prominent member of the Ohio State Medical Association. In the summer of 1869 he was, in connection with Drs. O. G. Sheldon and E. W. Howard, both of this state, appointed on a committee of three to appear before the Ohio legislature in order to secure, if possible, a law for improv-

ing the opportunities of studying practical anatomy. In this purpose the committee was eminently successful. For this essential service in behalf of the medical profession these three committeemen had publicly conferred upon them, in March, 1871, the honorable and highly prized Addendum degree in medicine, by the Miami Medical College, of Cincinnati. Dr. Kay has read a number of papers before the Ohio Medical Society, particularly at its sessions held in Delaware, Columbus and Cleveland, in the years 1868, 1869 and 1880, respectively, and at the annual meeting held at Cincinnati in May, 1871, he was elected its first vice-president. For many years Dr. Kay has been in the habit of contributing articles occasionally to the medical and surgical journals of the day. He has served as physician to the Clark County Infirmary, and also as city physician, acting in each capacity for a number of terms, and for almost nine years he was a member of the board of education of Springfield. He was also coroner of Clark county for one term. On the 4th of March, 1898, which was the fiftieth anniversary day of his graduation, and also the semi-annual occasion of Starling Medical College, Dr. Kay was elected president of the Alumni Association. He signalized his incumbency of the office during the year by producing a completely classified catalogue of all the graduates of the college from its foundation in 1848 to the year 1898, together with a note of most of the deaths which had occurred among them during that time. It was a catalogue constructed upon a new plan, and consisted of two parts; first, an alphabetical list, including the entire semi-centennial period; and second, a separate and distinct class registry for each one of the fifty years. For this laborious and use-

ful service he received an expression of high commendation from the college authorities.

Dr. Kay has succeeded in his life work because he deserved to succeed; he is great because nature endowed him generously; and he studiously, carefully and continually increased the talents which were given him. He is one of the most honored and capable representatives of the medical fraternity in Ohio, of strong intellectual force and broad sympathy, he made the most of his opportunities, and regarding his profession as something besides a means of earning wealth, he put into his life work the best efforts of heart and mind. He has received the generous commendation of his contemporaries and the respect of the younger members of the profession, who unite in bearing testimony to his high character and his superior mental gifts. His life is exemplary in all respects and he has ever supported those interests which are calculated to uplift and benefit humanity, while his own high moral worth is deserving of the highest commendation.

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#### CLARENCE H. KAY, M. D.

Dr. Clarence H. Kay early turned his attention to the profession which has for its object the noble aim of assisting one's fellow man. From the outset of his business career Dr. Kay has engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery and has fully sustained the enviable reputation which has ever been connected with the family name.

The Doctor was born in this city on the 28th of October, 1856, and has spent his entire life in Springfield. He is a son of Dr. Isaac and Clara M. (Deckert) Kay. After acquiring a thorough literary training

he began reading medicine with his father and later entered the Columbus Medical College, where he remained for one term. He next became a student in the Miami Medical College of Cincinnati, Ohio, and was graduated from that institution in March, 1882. He also took a special course in gynecology in the Cincinnati hospital and to some extent has made this branch of medical science a specialty. On the 1st of April, 1882, he began practicing medicine in Springfield in connection with his father and the association between them has been maintained up to the present time. To the experience and mature judgment of the senior partner was added the energy and enthusiasm as well as the ambition of the son. By this means the firm became a very strong one and has ever maintained a leading position in the ranks of the medical fraternity. Dr. Kay of this review is now a member of the staff of the Mitchell-Thomas hospital of this city. For fifteen years he was in charge of the medical department of the county infirmary. He is also examining physician for twelve life insurance companies, performing this work in addition to the demands of his large private practice. For several years past he has been giving special attention to electro-therapy. He is a member of the Clark County Medical Society, of the Ohio State Medical Society and Roentgen Ray Society of America.

In 1881 was celebrated the marriage of Dr. Kay and Miss Florence Wilson, a daughter of Washington and Mary (Foreman) Wilson, her father being one of the prominent old citizens and a retired farmer of Springfield. The Doctor is a member of the First Presbyterian church and is connected with the Masonic fraternity, belonging to Clark Lodge, No. 101, F. & A. M.;

Springfield Chapter, No. 48, R. A. M.; Springfield Council, No. 17, R. & S. M.; and Palestine Commandery, No. 33, K. T. He was president of the Springfield board of education during the years of 1888 and 1889. He has a wide acquaintance in Springfield, being known among his numerous friends as a courteous and most genial gentleman. Fortunate is the man who has back of him an ancestry honorable and distinguished, and happy is he if his lines of life are cast in harmony therewith. In person, in talents and in character, Dr. Kay well maintains the family name and in his chosen profession he has added new lustre to it.

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#### PROFESSOR ZACHARY TAYLOR.

This gentleman is one of the prominent and most competent representatives of educational work in Springfield or the surrounding country and is to-day the principal of the Lincoln school. He is one of the native sons of Clark county, his birth having occurred in the village of Enon on the 30th of April, 1852. His father, Samuel Taylor, was a native of Maryland, born in 1808, and was a stone-mason by trade, which business he followed to a greater or less extent throughout his active life. He married Miss Nancy Mummert, also a native of Maryland, and in 1849 they removed from that state to Ohio, settling in the village of Enon, Clark county, which was their home until called to their final rest. The father died in 1888 and the mother in 1868.

Professor Taylor acquired his early education in the public schools of Enon, and in

1871 he began teaching, having charge of the Snyder school west of Springfield the first year. The following year he taught in the extreme southwest corner of Mad River township and then returned to his original school, continuing to teach in the schools of Mad River township until 1879. In the meantime he became interested in local politics and served as clerk of that township five years and as justice of the peace three years, holding both offices the last three years he was in the township.

In August, 1879, Professor Taylor removed to Springfield, and that fall commenced teaching in the Possum school. The following year he taught in the Rockaway school and then gave up teaching for two years, during which time he engaged in business as a contractor in stone work in Springfield and vicinity. He resumed teaching, however, in 1884 at Rocky Point, where he spent two years and then taught about the same length of time at Mill Creek. In February, 1887, he opened a school on Pearl street, Springfield, now known as the Lincoln school, and at the end of two years was transferred to the Shaffer street school as its principal, in which capacity he served eight years. He then returned to the Lincoln school and has been principal of the same ever since, having eight English and one German teachers under him. In point of service he is today one of the oldest principals of the city and has been a teacher in this county since 1871 with the exception of two years.

On September 7, 1871, Professor Taylor was united in marriage to Miss Lizzie Schrock, of Mad River township, a daughter of Franklin and Anna (Miller) Schrock. By this union were born twelve children, ten of whom are still living, namely: Frank M.,

Stephen D., Clifford S., Inez E., Ralph E., Clarence E., Howard L., Justin D., Elizabeth M. and Adella M. Lola died at the age of twenty-three years.

The professor and his wife hold membership in the Christian church, and he is also identified with Anthony Lodge, No. 455, F. & A. M., and Red Star Lodge, No. 205, K. P., of which he is past chancellor. He has also represented the latter organization in the grand lodge of the state, and was actively interested in the founding of the Knights of Pythias Home and was instrumental in securing its location in Springfield. Soon after its opening he was made one of its board of directors, which position he has now filled for eight years. During that time the number of residents of the home has been increased from sixteen to one hundred and fifty and the facilities correspondingly. At the beginning there was only one cottage, but at present there is an administration building, two dormitories and a large dining room and hall with a closed corridor connecting them all. In addition to these there is a hospital building and a modern brick barn. The farm consists of eighty-four acres, forty-nine of which is woodland. The object in founding this place was to furnish a good home for the orphans of the Knights of Pythias, and its success is due in no small measure to the indefatigable labors of Professor Taylor, who has been untiring in promoting its interests.

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#### HERBERT PERRY STEWART.

Herbert Perry Stewart, who follows farming on sections 10 and 15, Green township, where he owns and operates one hun-



dred and fifty acres of land, was born on his father's farm in this township, December 12, 1862. He is a son of Oscar N. and Rachel (Nicholson) Stewart, who are mentioned on another page of this work and are well known residents of Clark county. In his youth the subject of this review enjoyed the pleasures of the playground, performed the duties of the schoolroom and assisted in the farm work while at home. His preliminary education was afterward supplemented by study in Antioch College, where he was a student for several terms. Later he continued his studies in Lebanon for a few terms and thus acquired a good education, fitting himself for the cares of a business life. He has always carried on farm work and the practical experience which he gained in his youth has proven of value to him since he has attained man's estate. He began operating his father's land, cultivating the old home place until 1895. In the previous year he purchased his present home in Green township and in 1899 he erected thereon a fine, commodious residence, one of the most attractive country places in this portion of Clark county. Around the house is a well kept lawn, adorned with beautiful shade trees. In the rear are good outbuildings and well kept fences divide the fields into convenient size, while the crops of early spring give promise of golden harvests in the autumn.

On the 24th of January, 1889, Mr. Stewart was united in marriage to Miss Ermina Tuttle, who was born in Green township December 29, 1862, and is a daughter of Isaac and Fannie (Eichelbarger) Tuttle. Four children graced this union: Ira E., born August 14, 1891; Roy Levon, born October 5, 1893; Walter Nesbit, born October 26, 1895; and Elmer Arthur, born November

28, 1900. The parents are well known in this county, where they have spent their entire lives, and many of the friends of their childhood days are still visitors at their home. Mr. Stewart first voted for James G. Blaine in 1884, and he has always endorsed the Republican party, believing that its principles are best calculated to conserve good government.

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#### GEORGE H. HARRIS.

The city of Springfield has rapidly increased in population in recent years and therefore there has been a great demand for the services of capable and progressive contractors and builders. To this class belongs George H. Harris and he has received a liberal patronage, because of his thorough understanding of the builder's art, his faithful execution of a contract and his honorable dealings. He is numbered among the native sons of Hamilton county, Ohio, his birth having occurred near Cincinnati, April 5, 1852. He is a son of Shadrach Harris, a contractor and builder of Cincinnati and that vicinity, who was born in Bethel, Ohio, and was a son of James Harris, a minister of the Methodist Episcopal church, and was for many years a resident of Bethel, where he died at the advanced age of eighty years. In the family were four sons and a daughter, James, who is living in Shenandoah, Iowa, and Mrs. Martha Ullery, of Clermont county, Ohio, being the surviving members of the family. Shadrach Harris removed to Hamilton county, Ohio, and for many years followed his trade, there being engaged in building in suburban districts of Cincinnati. He died at the age of fifty years, while his

widow, who bore the maiden name of Louisa Corl and was born in 1823, is now living in Springfield at the age of seventy-nine years. After the death of her husband she came to this city, having relatives here. In his political views Mr. Harris was a Republican, but never desired the honors or emoluments of office. In the Methodist Episcopal church he held membership and filled official positions, contributing generously to the support of the church and to the advancement of the cause. In the family of this worthy couple were nine children, one of whom died in infancy, while another daughter passed away at the age of eighteen years. The others of the family are Mrs. Arabelle Patterson, of Indianapolis, Indiana; Asbury, who is a farmer and resides in Springfield; George H.; Elizabeth and Ella, who are living with their mother; Frank, a molder; and Joseph, who is engaged in the butchering business in Springfield. The last named was educated in the public schools of this city and the others in the public schools of Mount Washington. Mrs. Harris is a member of the Congregational church and is a most estimable lady, having gained many friends in Springfield during her residence here.

Like the other members of the household George H. Harris pursued his education in Mount Washington. He came to Springfield in 1870, and entered the employ of James Johnson, Sr., as a carpenter, having previously spent about a year at that trade before his father died. In the fall of 1870, however, he removed to Missouri, where he secured carpentering work for three years, returning to Springfield in 1873. Since that time he has been identified with the building interests of this city, and for about eight years worked as a journeyman in the

employ of various contractors. He acted as foreman for some time and in 1885 he entered upon an independent business career, taking his first contract at job work. He has since devoted his attention to job work and to the construction of dwellings in Clark county and acts as his own superintendent.

In 1870, in Springfield, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Harris and Miss Susan Evans, who was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1855, and was a daughter of James Evans, who, about 1805 came to Springfield and embarked in the shoe business as a member of the firm of Finch & Evans. Thus he was connected with mercantile interests for a number of years and his death occurred in this city. Mrs. Harris pursued her education in the schools of Cincinnati and of Springfield and by her marriage she has become the mother of four children: Edna A., who is a graduate of the public schools of Springfield and is now a teacher here; Raymond G., who is a stenographer in the employ of the government in connection with the land commissioners in Indian Territory; Glenna, who is a graduate of the high school; and James D., who is a high school student of Springfield. Of this family Raymond G. is married. He wedded Martha Dye, of Troy, Ohio, and they now reside at South McAlister, Indian Territory.

Mr. Harris is a member of the Junior Order of American Mechanics, and also of the Foresters. In politics he is a Democrat where political issues are involved, but at local elections, where the only requisite for office is the capability of the candidate to discharge the business affairs of town or county, he votes independently. His pleasant home is located at No. 30 Perrin avenue, where he purchased land and erected his res-

idence. His business success is attributable entirely to his own efforts and as the architect of his own fortunes he has builded wisely and well.

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ROBERT HOMER THORPE.

Robert Homer Thorpe, who follows farming and stock raising on the Springfield and South Charleston pike, was born in Harmony township January 17, 1843, and is a son of Robert and Mary (Homer) Thorpe. The father was a native of Yorkshire, England, born May 8, 1808, and when nine years of age came to America with his parents, Robert and Elizabeth Thorpe, who made their way to Ohio and settled on the farm where our subject now resides. The grandfather brought some capital with him and purchased land in 1817. The tract was largely covered with timber, but with characteristic energy he began to clear away the trees and prepare the land for cultivation. In his business affairs he prospered and from time to time he added to his possessions, making his home on the farm until about 1840, when he was called to his final rest. He was the father of nine children, of whom Robert Thorpe was the fifth in order of birth. He was the only one who married and about 1836 he was joined in wedlock to Mary Homer.

The young couple began their domestic life upon a farm which was a part of the Thorpe estate and after the death of the grandfather the father inherited eighty-six acres there. Subsequently he sold that property about 1856 and purchased a larger farm of one hundred and thirty-two acres in Madison township. It remained his home for

a few years when he again sold out and bought one hundred acres of land in Harmony township, there carrying on agricultural pursuits throughout his remaining days. He died February 1, 1881, and his remains were interred in the cemetery at Fletcher chapel. His wife was also a native of England and came to the new world with her parents, Richard and Rachel Homer, who settled in Clark county, but later removed to Indiana, taking up their abode near Evansville, where their last days were passed. Unto Robert and Mary Thorpe were born eight children, six of whom reached years of maturity. Mrs. Mary J. Mitchell is now living in Springfield township and has four children. Robert Homer is next in order of birth. Rachel Elizabeth became the wife of Leroy Whittredge and lives in Springfield township. George C. is a farmer of Harmony township and has three children. Phebe Ellen is the wife of D. A. Sprague. Sarah F. married A. S. Schoenlarger, of Clark county, by whom she has two children. The father of this family was a Whig in his political affiliations in early life and upon the dissolution of that party he joined the ranks of the Republican party, strongly endorsing its principles, but never seeking or holding office.

The boyhood days of our subject were spent upon the home farm in Harmony township and he acquired a good common school education. On attaining his majority he began working for himself, devoting his attention to stock dealing and agricultural pursuits. In 1869 he went to Kansas, settling in Labette county, where he purchased two hundred and twenty-five acres of land. He did not remain in the west, however, for any great length of time, but returned to Clark county in 1870. He then purchased

one hundred and six acres of land in Madison township and made his home thereon for nineteen years. He and his brother inherited the farm upon which he is now living and he purchased his brother's interest. The fine brick residence upon the place was erected in 1854, the brick being made from clay obtained on the farm. Mr. Thorpe is a Republican but not an office seeker, preferring to give his entire time and attention to his business interests. Throughout his entire life he has been connected with agricultural pursuits and his labors have been well conducted, and his business so carefully carried on that he has continually increased his capital and is now one of the substantial residents in this part of the state.

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#### HARMAN H. TYNER.

In days of increased commercial activity, advertising is considered one of the most potent elements in conducting successful business affairs. Many methods of advertising have been employed in introducing goods to the market, but not the least of these has been through bill-posting and distributing and this has led to the building up of a large business, so that many men are employed in carrying on such work. Mr. Tyner, who is well known throughout Springfield by the title of major, is a bill-poster and distributor of this city, now conducting a large business because of the liberal patronage extended him.

He was born in Wabash, Indiana, July 20, 1842, and attended the public schools there until fourteen years of age. His parents were Daniel H. and Caroline C. (Flora) Tyner, the former a native of Indiana and

the latter of Kentucky. In 1856 they removed to Mankato, Minnesota. The father was a general horse trader and buyer and conducted a livery stable. In his political affiliations he was a Republican and he served as sheriff of Blue Earth county, Minnesota, for two terms. His wife held membership in the Methodist Episcopal church and was a devout Christian woman, who passed away in 1887, in Mankato, Minnesota, at the age of sixty-nine years, while her husband died at Medicine Lodge, Kansas, in 1883, at the age of sixty-eight years. He was a self-made man and his position in the business world was the result of his untiring energy and diligence.

To a limited extent, after the removal of the family to Minnesota, Harman H. Tyner attended school in that state, but there were only five houses in Mankato when the family arrived there. He afterward became identified with his father in the livery business and engaged in buying horses for the eastern markets and as he grew older he was given the management of the business. In 1861, at the first call for troops to aid in the preservation of the Union, he enlisted as a drummer in the First Minnesota Regimental Band. The regiment was stationed at Fort Snelling. He was in no active service during his three months' term of enlistment. Later he re-enlisted for three years, but after fifteen months regimental bands were discharged by general order and he returned home. At the Indian outbreak in Minnesota in the same year he and his father became scouts and served in the battles of New Ulm and Wood Lake against the Indians. They organized an independent company, the father being looked upon as a leader in the community because he had served as sheriff of the county and was fa-

miliar with all that region, and both father and son served throughout the outbreak.

In 1864 occurred the marriage of Harman H. Tyner and Carrie C. Cannon, who was born in New York in 1838, and had resided in Minnesota for several years prior to her marriage. They had two children: Frank H., the elder, is now conducting a bill-posting plant in Englewood, Illinois. He married Edith Hoff, of Springfield, Ohio, and they have one son, Elmer. William H. is associated in business with his father and resides at home. In the year 1869 Mr. Tyner came with his family to Springfield and here his wife died in 1894, after thirty years and one month of married life, her remains being interred in Ferncliff cemetery. In 1898, in this city, Mr. Tyner was again married, his second union being with Miss Margaret Reising, who was born, reared and educated in Cincinnati and is a sister of Professor John Reising, the leader of the Big Six Band. With this band our subject was connected as a drummer for seventeen years. He purchased and erected his present home at No. 22 North Race street and there he resides with his wife and son.

After coming to Springfield Mr. Tyner began work as a carpenter and followed that business for four years, being an expert in the use of tools. Finally, however, he drifted into the bill-posting business, purchasing the half interest of a man who conducted a small plant. Mr. Tyner has since continued in this line and with the growth of the city his business has increased and he has given to it his personal supervision. He put bill boards up all over the city and has been very successful in enlarging his business and making it a profitable source of income. He was one of the originators and organizers of the Ohio State Bill-Posters Association,

which was organized in Columbus in 1890 and has gradually grown until it now covers all of the cities of any importance in the state. He became one of its charter members, was its president in 1894-5 and has served on various committees, while for one year he was treasurer of the society. He has the franchise for Springfield and South Charleston and in July, 1902, Urbana was added to his list. He has always enjoyed the respect and confidence of the men with whom he has done business and the firm of H. H. Tyner & Company is a reputable one of Springfield. In 1891 Mr. Tyner joined the National Association and since that time has attended every national convention with one exception. In the thirty-two years of his business career here he has never been censured for neglect of duty by an advertiser. He employs two men throughout the year and is doing a business which is growing and has long since become profitable.

Mr. Tyner belongs to Moncrieffe Lodge, K. of P., also to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, in which he has served as an office holder for five years. He is a member of Springfield Lodge, A. F. & A. M., and the Union Veteran Union, and in politics he is a Democrat, save at local elections where no issue is involved, on which occasions he gives his support to the men best qualified for the office. His wife is a member of St. Raphael's church. Both are well known in Springfield and the Major has a large circle of friends here.

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W. BRAND TODD.

W. Brand Todd, one of the leading citizens and prominent farmers of Green township, was born there on the 20th of August,

1820, and is a worthy representative of one of the honored pioneer families of this county. His grandfather, James Todd, was an energetic farmer, who was born in County Cork, Ireland, and came to America before the colonies achieved their independence. Settling in Massachusetts, he joined the Continental army on the outbreak of the Revolutionary war, taking up arms against the hereditary foe of his native land. When peace was restored he located near Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and there he was united in marriage to Miss Mary Brand, by whom he had seven children, James Todd, Jr., the father of our subject, being the fourth in order of birth. The latter was born near Philadelphia, October 22, 1796, and in 1806 accompanied the family on their removal to Warren county, Ohio. Their first home in this state was a little cabin on a small branch of the Miami river, which still bears the name of Todd's fork. It was here that James Todd, Sr., lost his first wife and he subsequently married a Miss Neely, by whom he had two children. They continued to make their home at Todd's Fork until they, too, were called to their final rest.

James Todd, Jr., grew to manhood in this portion of Ohio and on the 28th of January, 1819, was married in Green township, Clark county, to Miss Elizabeth Garlough, who was born in Maryland January 12, 1799. Her parents, John and Mary Garlough, were natives of Germany and Maryland, respectively. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Todd located permanently in the northern part of Green township, where he followed the peaceful vocation of a farmer until his death, which occurred December 29, 1867. His wife survived him and passed away on the 13th of April, 1890. He was a soldier of the war of 1812 under the com-

mand of General Harrison, and the rifle, powder-horn and bullet pouch which he carried throughout the struggle are now in possession of our subject. In religious faith he was a Presbyterian, and was long an earnest and consistent member of that church.

W. Brand Todd, whose name introduces this review, was the fifth in order of birth in a family of nine children, and was reared upon the old homestead in Green township, following the general routine of farm work. His early education was obtained in the subscription school of the neighborhood, but reading and experience have given him a knowledge of men and affairs that could not be acquired in the schools of any period. Until thirty three years of age he remained with his parents on the farm, assisting in the work of field and meadow with exception of the summer season for eight years, when he worked at the millwright's trade.

On the 26th of May, 1863, Mr. Todd was united in marriage to Miss Rebecca Wilkinson, of Madison township, this county, a daughter of Joseph and Mary (Williams) Wilkinson, who were natives of Berks county, Pennsylvania, the former born March 24, 1801, and the latter January 6, 1806. Her grandfather, William Wilkinson, was also born in that county on the 10th of October, 1769, and his wife, who bore the maiden name of Lydia McCord, was born in the same county October 8, 1773. He spent his last days in Ohio, where he died of typhus fever at the age of sixty-three years and eleven months and was buried in the David McComick burying ground on the west side of the Big Miami river. At the age of twenty-two years Mary Williams gave her hand in marriage to Joseph Wilkinson and a few years later they

decided to come west and try their fortune in Ohio. Accordingly in 1832, accompanied by their two little ones, they started for the Buckeye state, traveling by horse and wagon, the only means of conveyance at that time. After several weeks spent upon the road they landed in Belmont county, Ohio, where they resided for a short time and then came to Clark county, Ohio, which was the home of Mrs. Wilkinson for nearly half a century. Her husband dying of smallpox January 27, 1850, she was left a widow at the age of forty-four years with seven children to provide for, but by hard work and the assistance of her eldest son she reared them all to man and womanhood and gave them all a fair education. In 1886, in company with two daughters and a grandson, she visited her childhood home in Pennsylvania, meeting her only surviving sister, then seventy-eight years of age, after a separation of fifty-four years. When in her eighty-fifth year this remarkable old lady was still hale and hearty and not only cooked, washed and ironed for her family of four, but also wove carpets. On the Sabbath day she attended church regularly, some times walking the entire distance of three miles. She was a most exemplary Christian, an affectionate mother and kind neighbor and was highly respected by all who knew her. She was the mother of nine children and had nineteen grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. She passed away March 1, 1901, at the advanced age of ninety-five years and was buried near her husband in Greenplain cemetery.

In 1870 Mr. Todd purchased a farm of one hundred acres, one mile east of Clifton, and to its cultivation and improvement he devoted his energies until 1888, when he bought the Elder Stewart homestead in Clif-

ton and resided there for fourteen years. He then removed to Springfield, where he and his wife now reside with their son. In politics he is an ardent Republican and has taken quite an active part in public affairs, serving as township trustee five years; assessor eighteen years; and as a member and treasurer of the Clifton school board fifteen years. He was always found prompt and faithful in the discharge of his official duties and true to every trust reposed in him whether public or private. He is a well informed, agreeable gentleman and is held in high regard wherever known.

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CHARLIE E. TODD.

Charlie E. Todd, proprietor of a livery, coach and boarding stable in Springfield, was born on the old homestead farm in Green township October 6, 1865, and is the only surviving child of W. Brand and Rebecca (Wilkinson) Todd, whose sketch precedes this. He pursued his education in the village of Clifton as a student in the Clifton Union school, and during the winter of 1881-2 he took a course in the Champion City Business College at Springfield. On leaving school he engaged in business at Clifton on his own account, handling farm implements, and in 1896 went to Xenia, where he engaged in the same business, remaining there for one year. He then removed to Springfield and purchased the livery stable of the firm of Deffenbaugh & Morand on Fountain avenue. In 1901 Mr. Todd removed his stock to Nos. 22 and 24 Limestone street, where he now has a good stable and is doing a successful livery business, his being among the best horses and turnouts in



the city. He caters only to the best trade, takes charge of funerals and does an extensive boarding business.

In 1888 Mr. Todd was united in marriage to Miss Etta Confer, of Donnelsville, Clark county, a daughter of John H. Confer, an honored old pioneer. Mrs. Todd, like her husband, was an only child. She died of tuberculosis May 26, 1902, at the age of thirty-six years. She was an earnest member of the First Lutheran church of Springfield and led a true Christian life. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Todd were born two children, Fern and Elmer, aged, respectively, thirteen and ten years.

In his social relations Mr. Todd is a prominent Mason, holding membership in Yellow Springs Lodge, No. 421, F. & A. M.; Springfield Chapter, No. 48, R. A. M.; Springfield Council, No. 17, R. & S. M.; and Palestine Commandery, No. 33, K. T. He is likewise a member of Antioch Temple of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Dayton, and of Clifton Lodge, No. 669, K. of P. Close application to business and an earnest desire to please his patrons have secured to him a good patronage and he is now conducting one of the leading and profitable livery stables of the city.

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#### ALFRED J. SLACK.

Alfred J. Slack is now proprietor of the P. Slack Sons' gun and sporting goods store, the third oldest commercial enterprise of Springfield. The establishment was founded by his father, with whom he was associated in the years of his early manhood and now he is sole proprietor, carrying on a business of considerable magnitude and main-

taining a reputation which the house has ever sustained.

Mr. Slack is a native of Cincinnati, where he was born January 10, 1852. His father, Peter Slack, was born in Peterboro, Lincolnshire, England, in June, 1820, and died in September, 1892, at the age of seventy-one years. He was educated in England and learned the gunsmith's trade there, serving a seven years' apprenticeship for his board and clothes. After working there for a few years as a journeyman he crossed the Atlantic to America in the fall of 1851, making his way direct to Cincinnati, Ohio. Ere leaving his native land he was married to Maria Manton, who was born in Spalding, England, and died in this city in 1873, at the age of fifty-one years. They became the parents of six children: A. J., who is the only one born in Cincinnati; Lucy, the wife of M. Johnston, of Springfield; Laura, the wife of John J. Rowthan, of Springfield; Charles M., who was in business with his brother Alfred and died in March, 1898, at the age of thirty-eight years; and two who died in early childhood. Charles M. Slack was married and had two children, Charles and Helen. His widow was a daughter of Dr. Leonard and now resides in Brooklyn, New York.

In the fall of 1851 Peter Slack arrived in Cincinnati and at once found employment there. He remained in that city for two and one-half years, working as a journeyman gunmaker and then came to Springfield, where he embarked in business for himself, establishing a gun store and repair business. He received credit for four hundred dollars from the man by whom he had been employed in Cincinnati and thus he was enabled to begin business on his own account. He manufactured guns and did much work



along that line. The building was located where the Leuty meat market now stands. He gave close attention to his business, enlarging its scope from time to time in order to meet the growing demands of the trade and removed from his first location to East Main street below Spring street. There he remained for six years, after which he rented a store east of the present site of the store conducted by our subject. There the father carried on business until his death. He not only manufactured guns, but carried a large line of sporting goods of all kinds. He also began buying raw furs during the war, which he shipped to market, finding this a profitable source of income, and in 1872 he began dealing in wool, the firm soon becoming known as extensive wool dealers in Ohio. Gradually Mr. Slack attained success in his business as a result of his enterprise, careful management and determination. He purchased and erected several houses in the city and built his home at No. 279 South Fountain avenue, there residing for twenty-nine years. Both he and his wife died in that home and were then laid to rest in Ferncliff cemetery. Mr. Slack was a Republican and took an active part in civic affairs. He served as a member of the city council for several years and kept well informed on the issues and questions of the day, reading extensively on all general matters. Both he and his wife held membership in the Center Street Methodist Episcopal church, in which he long served as an officer, and were charitable and benevolent people who gave freely of their means to promote the cause of Christianity and to aid the poor and needy.

In the public schools of Springfield Alfred J. Slack, of this review, pursued his education and he first received practical knowl-

edge of business affairs through association with his father. In his boyhood days he worked in the store at intervals and at the age of seventeen entered the store permanently. After he had been in business for some time the father admitted his sons to partnership and together they conducted the business until a few years prior to the father's death, when he retired from the active management. When the business came into the hands of the sons they extended it greatly and built up a large trade, the enterprise proving a very profitable one. The relations between the brothers was maintained continuously until the death of Charles Slack, when Alfred J. Slack purchased his brother's interest and has since carried on the business alone under the old firm name of P. Slack Sons. From the time when he became a partner at the age of twenty-one years until the present he has been an active factor in its successful conduct. He not only deals in guns, but other sporting goods, and is also extensively engaged in buying fur and wool, his business in that direction amounting to a considerable sum each year.

In May, 1875, in Springfield, occurred the marriage of Mr. Slack and Miss Lydia Sparks, who was born in Bellbrook, Ohio, in 1849 and was a daughter of Ephraim Sparks, who at one time owned a farm and blacksmith shop in Clark county, Ohio, afterward living a retired life. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Slack have been born five children: Leona, who is now pursuing a special course in music and painting; Bertha; John Edward, who assists his father in business and is a graduate of the high school and of Nelson's Business College, and has also been a student in Wittenberg College; and Glenna and Alvia, both in school. The family home is at No. 313 South Fountain avenue. Mr.

Slack purchased the property here and erected his residence in 1877. Both he and his wife hold membership in the Center street Methodist Episcopal church and take an active interest in its growth and upbuilding. He is a member of Red Star Lodge, K. of P., and in politics is an active Republican. While never an aspirant for office himself, he has served as a delegate to county and state conventions and does all in his power to promote Republican successes. He is justly accounted one of the reliable business men of the city, honored and esteemed by all for his reliability, his trustworthiness in trade circles and his genuine worth.

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#### DANIEL A. MYERS.

Daniel A. Myers is a representative farmer and dairyman of German township. He was born near Reynoldsburg, Franklin county, Ohio, July 17, 1857, and is a son of Abram and Maria (Wingert) Myers. The father was a farmer by occupation. He was born in Franklin county, Pennsylvania, July 27, 1812, and was there reared to manhood and married. His wife was also a native of Franklin county, and some of their children were born in Pennsylvania before the removal of the family to Ohio. On coming westward they settled in Franklin county, this state, where they spent their remaining days. In their family were ten children, but only four are now living. Nancy became the wife of Benjamin Motts and died in Franklin county, leaving five children. John, a farmer near Etna, Licking county, Ohio, married Anna Blosser and they have five children. Barbara became the wife of William Will and died in Franklin county,

Ohio, leaving four children. Levi married Catherine Will and died in Franklin county, this state, leaving two children. Abram F. married Mary Kenney, by whom he had ten children and is now living in Franklin county. David, who died in that county, left a wife whose maiden name was Jane Overholser. Margaret is the wife of John Trish, of Newark, Ohio, by whom she has three children. Mary became the wife of George Kissel and died in Franklin county, leaving two children. Daniel A. is the next of the family. Elizabeth, the youngest, died in girlhood.

Daniel A. Myers was the youngest son of the family and his boyhood days were spent on the old home farm, while in the public schools he acquired a fair English education. At the age of eighteen he began to earn his own living, his father giving him a start by making him a present of a team, wagon and plow and some other farm implements. He then farmed his father's land and showed that his practical business training in youth was of material benefit in enabling him to carry on the work of farming on his own account.

Coming to Clark county on a visit Mr. Myers here became acquainted with Miss Martha Overholser, of this county, who was born in German township and is a daughter of Moses and Eva (Rust) Overholser. He sought the hand of the young lady in marriage and in Columbus, on the 26th of September, 1876, the marriage ceremony was performed. They lived for about eighteen months in Franklin county. Mr. Myers operating rented land. After gaining a start he purchased ninety acres, where he now lives in German township, Clark county. Here he now has one hundred and seventy-eight acres all in one body, although it ex-

tends on the other side of the county boundary line. This is a highly improved place and in 1890 he erected a good residence, while in 1900 he built his large barn. He is now successfully carrying on general farming and dairying and both branches of his business provide him with products which find a ready sale on the market and return to him a good income.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Myers have been born four children: Rosa, born April 17, 1878; Mary Ellen, born September 23, 1879; John Henry, born March 31, 1883; and Noah Orlando, born August 15, 1885. Mr. Myers usually votes with the Democratic party, but is not a strong partisan man. He belongs to the religious order known as the River Brethren, being connected with the Dayton District and his membership is in the church at Donnelsville. He is true to upright principles of life and commands the respect and confidence of his fellow men, while through his business affairs he has gained for himself and his family a comfortable home and good competence.

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#### HENRY LEFFEL.

Henry Leffel was born in Clark county, Ohio, in the township of Springfield, October 27, 1821. His father, Thomas Leffel, was a native of Virginia and was one of a family of ten children, seven sons and three daughters. The sons were: Samuel; John, who is mentioned elsewhere in this work; Daniel; Jacob, who married a Miss Stafford, of Yellow Springs; Thomas; Anthony; and James P.

Thomas Leffel was married in Virginia to Miss Margaret Carney, and about 1818

came to Ohio, journeying in a one-horse wagon and bringing with him his wife and one child, then but eighteen months of age. On the journey he tied a tree to the rear of the wagon to act as a brake to impede its progress in going down hill. He first settled just east of Carlisle and afterward removed to the Sients farm on the National pike. There he remained for a number of years, after which he removed to Springfield township, south of the city of Springfield. He was a poor man when he came to Ohio and being unable to buy ready made furnishings for his home he used a box for a table. By hard work and indefatigable industry, however, he at length won success and became the owner of a very desirable farm, provided with many of the comforts of life. His death occurred in October, 1856, when he was sixty-one years of age. His wife survived him for twenty-two years and died in the eighty-seventh year of her age. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. In his political views Mr. Leffel was a Democrat. He was very energetic and persevering and set for his family an example in this respect well worthy of emulation.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Leffel were born eleven children, eight of whom are now living, while one died in infancy and two others have also passed away. The family record is as follows: John, born in Virginia, is now deceased. Hannah became the wife of George Deaton, but both are deceased. Sarah is the wife of Isaac Stratton and their home is in Green township, Clark county. Henry is the fourth in order of birth. Elizabeth is the wife of David Wolf, a resident of Upper Sandusky, Ohio. Catherine married Asa Baker, who is now deceased, while her home is on North Factory street. Susan

is the widow of John Dudley and resides on East Clifton street in Springfield. Polly is the wife of William Armstrong, of Indiana. Amanda is the widow of Pierson Dudley and resides in East Liberty. Thomas is living on West Mulberry street in this city.

Henry Leffel, whose name introduces this review, was born and reared near Springfield and attended the district schools, pursuing his studies in what is known as the Possum school, which was conducted on the subscription plan. He was thus engaged until eighteen years of age through the winter months, while in the summer months he assisted his father in clearing and developing the home farm. He remained at home until twenty-two years of age, when he began cutting wood. He received twenty-five cents per cord and boarded himself. Later he secured work of the same kind and received his board in addition to the twenty-five cents per cord paid him. He also cradled grain for one dollar per day and for mowing received fifty cents per day. Later he worked at eight dollars a month during the summer season. He was industrious and economical and in this way he was enabled to lay by some money. When twenty-seven years of age he made his first purchase of land, becoming the owner of forty acres, for which he paid seven hundred dollars. Later he bought another tract, for which he paid sixteen hundred dollars, and subsequently he bought eighty-four acres for three thousand dollars. This was his father's old farm, and for it he paid cash. It is situated in Green township and the purchase was made after his father's death. It will thus be seen that as the years advanced he worked earnestly, carefully and systematically and gained due success.

Mr. Leffel was united in marriage to

Miss Agnes Inlow, who is now deceased. They had two children: Margaret Jane, the wife of George Plattenberg, a resident of this city; and Henry Oliver, who resides in Green township. He married Martha Gram and they have five children—Viola, Dora, Harriet, Mary and Margaret. Mrs. Leffel, the mother, was buried in Greenmount cemetery, and in 1856 Mr. Leffel was again married, his second union being with Miss Lucinda Slater, who was born in Clinton county, Ohio, a daughter of William and Sarah (Thomas) Slater. Her parents removed to Springfield when the daughter was only three years of age, and a year after the father died, passing away in 1835, at which time his remains were interred in Columbia street cemetery. He was a carpenter and cabinet maker. His wife, who was born April 16, 1800, died November 5, 1876, and was buried in Ferncliff cemetery. They were the parents of seven children, of whom two died in childhood. The others were: Joseph, now a resident of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Martha, who became the wife of Gilbert Souder, but both are now deceased; Calvin, who has also passed away; Lucinda, the wife of our subject; and Henrietta, who married Samuel Deffenbaugh, but is now deceased. Her husband resides on West Pleasant street in this city. Mr. Leffel was married the second time in Springfield and continued to reside in the city for two years.

He was engaged in hauling wood from his farm to the city until 1858, when he removed to the old home place in Green township, where he engaged in farming for six years. On the expiration of that period he returned to the county seat, this being during the time of the Civil war. Here he enlisted as a member of Company D, One

Hundred and Forty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, becoming a private of that command in May, 1864. In August, of the same year, he returned home and in 1866 he again took up his residence upon the farm, here remaining until 1894. On the expiration of that period he removed to Yellow Springs, Greene county, Ohio, where he lived for four years and then removed to Springfield, Ohio, his present home being at No. 497 West Mulberry street. Since leaving the farm four years ago, he has lived a retired life. He owns eighty-four acres of fine farm land and has erected good buildings upon his place, which he keeps in excellent condition.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Leffel have been born five children. Frances is the widow of Henry Cosler and resides on West High street. She has an adopted daughter, Frances. Calista is the wife of William Randolph Seever, of Springfield, and they have five children—Laura M., Elmer O., Cozetta V., Pearl R. and Raymond. Florence died at the age of three months. Luella is the wife of John Sparrow, a resident of Green township, Clark county, and they have one child, Sarah M. William Sheridan resides at home.

In his political views Mr. Leffel was first a Whig and upon the dissolution of that party he joined the ranks of the new Republican party, which he supported for some time, but to-day he is a Prohibitionist. For about three years he served as a member of the school board. Both he and his wife are devoted Christian people, holding membership in the Central Methodist Episcopal church. For fifty years he has been a licensed preacher and has served as a class-leader and trustee, while for over a half century he has been a member of the official board. In religious matters he has been very active, con-

scientious, zealous and influential. When twenty-one years of age he became superintendent of the Sunday-school and long acted in that capacity. He is a member of Mitchell Post, No. 43, G. A. R., and he takes a deep and abiding interest in everything pertaining to the general good, doing all in his power to promote advancement along social, material, intellectual and moral lines.

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#### PATRICK J. HIGGINS.

Patrick J. Higgins, a practitioner at the bar of Springfield, was born in Springfield township, Clark county, July 9, 1862. His father, Redmond Higgins, was a native of Ireland, and in that country acquired his early education. In 1854 he came to the United States and soon afterward married Bridget O'Brien. They began their domestic life in Pleasant township, Clark county, Ohio, where the father engaged in general farming and stock-raising. He was an active, industrious man and a good citizen and neighbor, and in this locality he made his home throughout his remaining days, passing away on the farm in 1895, when in his seventy-sixth year. His wife, who survives him, is still living upon the old home place in Pleasant township. She is a devout member of the Catholic church, to which her husband also belonged. Patrick J. Higgins of this review is one of a family of six children, the others being: John; Thomas; Catherine, the wife of John Golden; Ellen, who is with her mother; and Redmond.

No event of special importance occurred to vary the routine of farm life for Patrick J. Higgins in his youth. He assisted in the

work of field and meadow, laboring with his father and his brothers in the conduct of the old home place. During the winter months when the farm work was practically over for the year, he would enter the public schools, and thus he acquired his education. He remained under the parental roof until his eighteenth year and then desirous of enjoying more advanced educational privileges he entered the State University, at Columbus, where he pursued his studies for three years. Subsequently he engaged in teaching for two and one-half years in Madison county, Ohio, and six months in Clark county, and this provided him with the means necessary to enable him to prepare for the practice of law, which he desired to make his life work. He pursued his reading under the direction of George Spence, of Springfield, and on the 5th of June, 1880, was admitted to the bar at Columbus before the supreme court. Immediately afterward he came to Springfield and opened his office. Already he has gained good success. He is a close student and his application, combined with his comprehensive knowledge in his profession and his devotion to his client's interests, has given him an advantage in the courts that has enabled him to readily progress to a creditable standing as a member of the Springfield bar. In 1901 he was admitted to practice in the United States courts. He is well known throughout the county as a rising young lawyer and the future undoubtedly holds in store for him creditable success.

On the 24th of May, 1899, Mr. Higgins was united in marriage to Catherine Moran, of Springfield, a daughter of Martin Moran, a native of Ireland. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Higgins have been born two sons, Redmond and Martin Leo. Our subject is a genial,

affable gentleman, who makes friends wherever he goes and is popular throughout this county. His success in the chosen field of his labors is such as may well be envied by many an older practitioner and indicates that his qualifications and native ability are such as to command consideration at the bar.

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#### CYRUS M. LONG.

Cyrus M. Long is a cement contractor doing a good business in Springfield, although he has been a resident of this city only since the 6th of June, 1900. He was born on a farm in Milford township, Knox county, Ohio, January 31, 1853. His family is of Welsh lineage and comes of a long-lived race. One of the great-grandfathers of our subject, who bore the name of Postlewaite, was a soldier of the Revolutionary war. Solomon Long and his wife, the paternal grandparents of our subject, came to Ohio in 1825 and cast in their lot among the pioneer settlers of Licking county. They took up their abode in the midst of the heavy timber and began to clear their land, Mr. Long owning one hundred and fifty acres, which he developed into good farming property, and upon the homestead which he improved both he and his wife spent their remaining days, his death occurring in 1867, when he was sixty-five years of age, while his wife passed away at the age of eighty-four.

Rollins Long, the father of our subject, was born in Virginia, in 1821, and was brought by his parents to Ohio in 1825. He was the oldest of three children, the others being Joseph, who is now living in Licking county, Ohio, and Phoebe, deceased. The

educational advantages which Rollins Long received were limited. He attended school which convened in a log building, the methods of instruction being very primitive. He grew to manhood in Licking county and after his marriage he removed to Knox county, Ohio, where he purchased a farm and improved a good property. He died in May, 1899, while his wife passed away December 13, 1881. She bore the maiden name of Elizabeth Conway and was born in 1821. In their family were ten children, seven sons and three daughters: Rensleer, who died in 1864, at the age of twenty-one years; Caroline, who died in 1863, at the age of eighteen years; John, who was a soldier in an Ohio regiment during the Civil war and is now a farmer residing in Knox county, Ohio; Joseph, a retired minister of the Methodist Episcopal church who has preached in Ohio and Pennsylvania, and is now resting from his labors in Columbus, Ohio; Cyrus M., of this review; Chase, a farmer of Knox county; Warren W., a Methodist Episcopal minister, located at Grafton, Ohio; Herbert, who is a graduate of Delaware College and followed teaching for a time but now carries on farming in Licking county, Ohio; Mary, the widow of Edward Barker, her home being on a farm in Licking county; and Sarah J., the wife of Lewis Litzenburg, of Knox county, Ohio. The father of this family was reared in the faith of the Democratic party but during the Civil war he followed the fortunes of the Republican party, which he continued to endorse for some time, but later he became independent in his political connections. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and was a very well read man, being particularly well informed concerning the history of this country from the time of

the Revolutionary war. During the years of his business activity he was an extensive farmer and cleared a large tract of land in Knox county.

Cyrus M. Long of this review was the seventh child in his father's family. He is indebted to the district school system of Knox county, Ohio, for the early education which he enjoyed, was afterward a student in the high school of Licking county, and at the age of twenty-one years he put aside his text-books and turned his attention to farming. In the years 1875 and 1876 he was engaged in the drug business in Tuscola, Illinois, and while in the west he was married, the lady of his choice being Miss Jennie Sims, who was born in Macoupin county, Illinois, January 12, 1859. Her father, Preston F. Sims, was a farmer and afterward removed to Wichita, Kansas, where he died May 11, 1889, at the age of sixty-three years. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Mary Ford, died in 1891, at the age of sixty-one years. Both were born in Kentucky and were there married. In 1858 they went to Illinois, settling upon a farm, where they resided continuously until 1880, when they removed to Kansas. In their family were nine children, of whom two died in early childhood. The others are: John, of Grand Rapids, Michigan; William, James and David, who are living in Kansas City, Missouri; Martha, the wife of John Hazel, of Utica, Illinois; Julia, the wife of Henry Burchman, of Myers Falls, Washington; and Jennie, the wife of our subject. These children were educated in the public schools of Tuscola, Illinois, and the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Long was celebrated in 1876. Six children graced this union, of whom one son died at age of three years, while a daughter passed away at the age of



fifteen years. The others are: Fanny M.; William W., who works with his father; Grace L.; and James E.

After his marriage Mr. Long resided for a time in Illinois and then sold his drug business and returned to Ohio, settling on a farm in Licking county. There he carried on agricultural pursuits until 1883, when he removed to Wichita, Kansas, where he embarked in the plastering business as a contractor. He plastered the first building in Guthrie, Oklahoma, and leaving his family in Wichita, he worked in various places in the west and south for several years. In 1890 he returned to Ohio and was again engaged in farming in Licking county, where he had fifty acres of land. In the spring of 1896 he removed to Newark, Ohio, where he conducted a restaurant until 1898, when he established a plastering business in that place. In 1900 he came with his family to Springfield, where he has since engaged in cement work. He was connected with M. C. Russell, for a few months, and was at the Highlands for Ellsworth & Brentlinger. In the spring of 1901 he began taking contracts for himself and has been quite successful in the new enterprise. He executes everything in the line of cement work, including paving, curbing and gutters, and is now prepared to take contracts for the erection of houses, having the processes and machinery for the manufacture of hollow cement building blocks. He is the city contractor for current curbing and gutters. He purchased a lot at the corner of Pearl and Catherine streets, and upon this he has erected a modern home constructed from the manufactured stone. He employs about fifteen men and personally superintends the work. His faithfulness to the terms of a contract, com-

bined with his efficiency, have made his services in constant demand.

Mr. Long, at local elections, supports the men whom he regards best qualified for office, but at national elections he votes the Republican ticket. He is a member of Licking Lodge, No. 291, F. & A. M., of Utica, also belongs to the Springfield Gunning and Fishing Club and is well known in the city, although one of its more recent arrivals. Much of his life has been spent in Ohio and he takes a deep and active interest in everything pertaining to the welfare of his city and his community.

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#### PETER GERMAN.

The farming and stock-raising interests of Clark county are well represented by Peter German, who is successfully carrying on business along those lines in Green township. His entire life has been passed in this county, he being a native son of Springfield township, where his birth occurred January 4, 1855. His parents were Baltz and Barbara (Hartmann) German, both of whom were natives of Germany, the father being about twenty-two years of age when he crossed the Atlantic to America, while the mother was a young lady of eighteen years when she came with her parents to the new world, the family locating in Green township, Clark county, Ohio. In Springfield the parents of our subject were married. Mr. German was a poor man, but had learned the trade of shoemaking and with this knowledge he determined to start out in life upon his own account, believing that he could earn a good living through industry



and economy. He earned money enough to send back to Germany and pay his parents' passage to this country. For a number of years he carried on shoemaking and then, with money which he had gained through his own labor, he purchased land where the subject of this review now resides, becoming the owner of one hundred and fifteen acres. On the farm he made excellent improvements, including the erection of substantial buildings. He lived to be seventy-four years of age, passing away in 1900. In his family were twelve children, eleven of whom reached adult age, while nine are yet living and all are residents of Clark county with the exception of John and Philip, who reside in Grinnell, Poweshiek county, Iowa. The father endorsed the Democracy and was a member of the German Lutheran church.

Peter German was the fourth in order of birth in his father's family, and was about twelve years of age when they removed to the farm. He acquired a fair common school education and assisted his father until he was twenty-two years of age, when he began earning his own livelihood, working by the day and month as a farm hand. When he had succeeded in saving a few hundred dollars he established a home of his own, completing his arrangements for that home by his marriage to Miss Blumenchein, a daughter of Peter and Hannah (Kriegbaum) Blumenchein. The marriage was celebrated in Springfield July 12, 1881, and the young couple began their domestic life upon a farm. He is now operating his mother's farm, comprising one hundred and fifteen acres, and in its cultivation shows a thorough knowledge of farm methods. The home has been blessed with two children, William and Minnie, who are still with their parents. In 1876 Mr. German cast his first

presidential vote for Tilden and has always endorsed the men and measures of the Democratic party when national questions have been involved, but at local elections he votes independently. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Lutheran church.

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#### HENRY P. BRADBURY.

Henry P. Bradbury was born in Preble county, Ohio, in the city of Camden, March 17, 1825. His father, Hezekiah Bradbury, was born in Pennsylvania April 21, 1790, and was the son of Hezekiah and Abigail Bradbury. The grandfather came to Ohio in 1794 and was a bushwhacker in the Revolutionary war. He changed his name to Broadberry because of some trouble in which he became involved in the army. By trade he was a weaver. He settled near Fort Hamilton, where he reared his family, and where he lived during his remaining years.

Hezekiah Bradbury, Jr., the father of our subject studied navigation but by trade was a nailmaker and boilermaker. In 1825 he removed to Camden, Ohio, where he conducted a general store and in his business affairs prospered, becoming well-to-do as the result of his enterprise and capable management of his business affairs. In 1832 he removed with his family to Niles, Michigan, where he began farming and at that place he died February 3, 1865. He served his country as a soldier in the war of 1812. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Lucy Wright, was born near Uniontown, Pennsylvania, September 20, 1790, and was a representative of an old family that came from Ireland. They were married in But-

ler county, Ohio. Unto Hezekiah and Lucy Bradbury were born nine children, eight sons and a daughter: Sircon, who was a surveyor and teacher, and died at the age of sixty-six years; William, who died at the age of eighty-one years; Sarah A., a resident of Springfield; Clarkson, who died at the age of seventy-eight years; John, who died in 1856, at the age of thirty-three years; Henry P.; Pliny, a miner living in Utah; Diadorus, who died in Michigan; and Seneca, of Cumberland county, Tennessee, who was a soldier of the Civil war. The children were all born in Ohio, with the exception of the last named whose birth occurred in Michigan.

Henry P. Bradbury had but limited educational privileges, for his father had lost much of his property and therefore could not afford to send his children away to school. When fourteen years of age the subject of this review returned to Camden, Ohio, where he was engaged in clerking for a time. In 1843-4, however, he was a student in a branch of the University of Michigan at Niles. In the latter year he served an apprenticeship in South Bend, Indiana, in the works of the St. Joseph Iron Company, and he afterward spent some time in Coldwater, Michigan, in the same line of trade. In 1846 he became a partner in the establishment of the first machine shop in Niles, Michigan, where he continued for some time engaged in the construction of cars for the Michigan Central Railroad and also in the manufacture of threshing machines. In 1849 he came to Springfield to work for John A. Pitts, founder of the threshing machine manufactory which is now conducted under the name of the O. S. Kelly Manufacturing Company. Since that time he has been a valuable employe in

the shops almost continuously. In 1852, however, he left the shops and purchased a store, which for one year was conducted under the firm name of Nagel & Bradbury. He then went to Piqua, Ohio, where he was engaged in fitting up car axles until 1854. In that year he returned to this city and began working for Warder, Brokaw & Childs, as foreman of the Lagonda machine shops. In 1857 he took a contract to build wheat drills for Jacob Winger and the same year took a contract to make bolts and nuts. He also worked for a time for the firm of Thomas & Mast. In 1860, 1861 and a part of the year 1862 he was connected with the Methodist Book Concern, acting as pressman. In 1864 he was drafted for service in the Union army and assigned to the command known as the Shiloh Racers, being a member of Company G, Seventy-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He received his discharge on the 12th of June, 1865. After the close of the war Mr. Bradbury went to work with McClellan Brothers and was promoted to the position of assistant foreman for O. S. Kelly, with whom he remained until 1899. He is now employed in the shops of the O. S. Kelly Company. He is a thorough mechanic, has worked in all branches of machinery and has a comprehensive and accurate understanding of the business in principle and detail.

In 1851 Mr. Bradbury was united in marriage to Anna E. Moore, a daughter of William Moore, and unto them were born eleven children, of whom three sons and two daughters are yet living. William H. was a captain in the Spanish-American war and was also a member of the Ohio National Guards. John H. is a machinist of this city. Frank J. is also a machinist. The daughters are Sallie A. and Effie B. In

1881 the family was called upon to mourn the loss of the wife and mother who died on the 23rd of April of that year. Mr. Bradbury afterward wedded Mary E. Cline, the widow of William Newport and a daughter of Jonathan Cline, of Cedarville. By her first marriage she had two daughters, Mrs. Luella Thomas and Mrs. Gertrude Bunting.

Mr. Bradbury had charge of the exhibit of the threshing machines of John A. Pitts at the first state fair of Ohio. In politics he is a Republican; in religious views is a Spiritualist and president of the society in the city. He has a wide acquaintance in Springfield, where he has so long made his home, and is particularly well-known in mechanical circles.



#### CAPTAIN WILLIAM H. BRADBURY.

For many years the list of war heroes in America contained the names of only those who were soldiers of the Civil war. The veterans of the early struggles in which our country engaged had passed away and there was an era of peace covering a third of a century from the time of the strife for the preservation of the Union until the United States again felt it its duty to take up arms. The wars of this land have never been those of aggression. They have always been in defense of a principle and of liberty, and when Spain was violating the terms of the Monroe doctrine and extending its monarchical interests into the new world America arose as a defender of liberty and independence in the western hemisphere. It was at this time that William H. Bradbury, with the rank of captain, entered the Spanish-American war, commanding Com-

pany B, of the Third Infantry, of the Ohio National Guard.

The Captain was born in Springfield November 16, 1862, and in the public schools of this city pursued his education. In 1876 he began working for himself, being at that time only fourteen years of age. He found employment in the finishing department of St. John's Sewing Machine factory, learning the trade and following it for three years. He then went into the shop of Rinehart, Ballard & Company, learning the trade of machinist under his father, who was foreman of that shop for a number of years. There Mr. Bradbury was employed until 1882 when the old firm sold out to O. S. Kelly and the Springfield Engine and Threshing Works Company was organized. Our subject remained with the new concern and is still there employed as a journeyman machinist, being one of the old and trustworthy representatives of the machinist's craft. He has resided continuously in Springfield with the exception of the summers of 1882 and 1883, when he was employed as a farm hand in the neighborhood of Niles, Michigan.

In March, 1896, Mr. Bradbury was united in marriage to Miss Ella D. Bratton, who was born in McArthur, Ohio, in 1878, a daughter of Anthony W. Bratton. Her father died in July, 1902, at the age of fifty-seven years and his wife, who bore the maiden name of Lydia M. Ulmer, is now living at No. 67 West Columbia street, at the age of fifty-four years. In their family were six children, of whom four are still living: Ella D. is the wife of Captain Bradbury; Lillie M. is the wife of Burt Jones, an engineer of the Foos Manufacturing Company; Maggie B. is the wife of Willard L. Berry, grand chief of the Knights of the

Golden Eagle and a resident of Springfield; Archie M. is living in this city; Anthony W. was killed on the railroad in 1893; and Edward A. died May 8, 1902. He was first sergeant of Company B, Third Ohio National Guard, and served as a trumpeter to Company B, of the Third Ohio Volunteer Infantry, during the Spanish-American war. The father of this family was a printer by trade and followed that pursuit throughout his business career. He was also a soldier, having served in the Civil war for four and one-half years altogether. He was a private of Company A, One Hundred and Forty-eighth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, but first enlisted as a teamster at the breaking out of hostilities in 1861. Later he became a second lieutenant of Company K, One Hundred and Ninety-fourth Ohio Infantry. He was born in Guernsey county, Ohio, and always remained a resident of this state, coming in 1888 to Springfield, where he spent his remaining days. He was a member of the Typographical Union and also of the Union Veteran Union. Mrs. Bradbury attended school until she was fourteen years of age and then began learning type-setting under the direction of her father in Springfield. She became employed on the Champion City Times and was a member of Typographical Union No. 117, of this city.

Captain Bradbury has a military record of which he has every reason to be proud. He became a member of the National Guards, but joined Company A of the Seventh Regiment on the 6th of June, 1881. He became a corporal on the 9th of January 1884; sergeant, February 23, 1885; and was discharged on the expiration of his service, June 6, 1886. The following day, however, he re-enlisted and was transferred

to Company A of the Thirteenth Infantry, May 11, 1887. He became a corporal December 26, 1887; sergeant, May 25, 1889; first sergeant May 10, 1889; and was discharged June 7, of that year. Once more, on the 26th of June, 1889, he re-enlisted and on the 10th of March, 1890, was made corporal. On the 10th of June of the same year he became second lieutenant, acting in that capacity until the 12th of January, 1891, when he resigned. On the 4th of January, 1892, he became a member of Company B, Third Regiment of the Ohio National Guard, was made first lieutenant March 16, 1892, captain October 2, 1895, major of the Third Infantry November 21, 1899, and resigned December 22, of the same year. He was re-commissioned captain of Company B, Third Infantry, January 8, 1900, to rank from the 2d of October, 1895. He was in active service in the Cincinnati riots from the 29th of March to the 3d of April, 1884. Company C of the Fourth Ohio National Guard was the only company of the old Fourth Regiment that reached the jail of Cincinnati, Ohio, performed its duty faithfully and returned home and preserved its organization intact. Our subject was at Carthage, Ohio, from the 6th to the 17th of May, 1886, and at Wheeling Creek from the 8th of June to the 17th of the same month, in 1894. He was also in active duty in the Urbana riot in June, 1897. Captain Bradbury was also on active duty at the time of the Arcade Hotel fire February 19, 1894; in the East street fire February 10-11, 1902; and at the time of the cyclone at the south end of the city. He enlisted in the army of the United States, November 29, 1890, was assigned to Company F of the Tenth United States Infantry, March 10, 1891, and discharged December

15 of the same year under provisions and paragraphs 1 and 3 of the general order No. 81, issued at the adjutant general's office. In the war with Spain he enlisted on the 10th of May, 1898, becoming a captain of Company B, Third Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was mustered out with his regiment October 26, 1898. He was one of the organizers and is the commander of Keifer command No. 52, of the Spanish War Veterans, with which he is yet associated. While encamped at Tampa, Florida, he was joined by his wife, who spent seven weeks with him in the south. After the war he was sent to Cuba in the interests of the O. S. Kelly Company. The Captain belongs to Ingomar Lodge, No. 610, K. P., and is captain of Springfield company, No. 6, of the Uniformed Rank. He also belongs to Al Yembo Temple, No. 112, D. O. K. K., and to Logan Castle, No. 1, K. G. E. In his political views he is independent, supporting the men and measures regarded by him as best qualified to promote the public welfare. He is well known in military circles in Springfield and throughout Ohio and has the warm regard of many of his comrades who wore the blue uniform.

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#### THOMAS R. WINGATE.

Thomas R. Wingate is a retired merchant of Catawba. For many years he has been widely and favorably known in Clark county, dating his residence here from 1844. He was born on the eastern shore of Maryland, in Cecil county, January 24, 1827, and is of English lineage. His great-grandfather was a native of England while the

grandfather of our subject, born in this country, served as a soldier of the Revolutionary war, valiantly aiding in the struggle to throw off the yoke of British oppression and establish the American Republic. Peter Wingate, the father of our subject, was born in Maryland and became a soldier of the war of 1812. About 1844 he came to Ohio, settling in Pleasant township, Clark county, where he lived until 1856, there following farming upon a tract of land which he transformed from its wild state. He married Eliza Ward, who was also of English descent, her people having come to the United States about the time the Wingate family was founded in the new world. She, too, was born in Maryland and she died in Delaware, at the age of forty-two years, after which her husband always remained a widower. He survived her about twenty years and passed away in Missouri, in 1864, at the ripe old age of seventy-seven years. They were the parents of seven children but the only one now living is Thomas P. Wingate of this review, the second in order of birth. One son, James, was killed in a skirmish during the Civil war, when only twenty years of age. Robert W. was a member of the Home Guard in the state of Missouri during the Rebellion. The other members of the family were George, Susan, Mary and Martha, all of whom died in early life. They were educated in the common schools. The father gave his political support to the Whig party until its dissolution, when he became an advocate of the principles of the new Republican party. In religious faith he was a Universalist while his wife was identified with the Methodist Episcopal church.

Thomas R. Wingate, of this review, spent the first seven years of his life in

Maryland. He then accompanied his parents to Delaware, where he pursued his education in the subscription schools of the state until seventeen years of age. He accompanied his father to Ohio in 1844 and remained at home until after he had attained his majority. He then learned the carpenter's trade, following that pursuit for a number of years. In 1856 he went to Missouri where he carried on farming until 1864, and in that year he turned his attention to general merchandising. In 1865, however, he returned to Clark county and here he embarked in business with his brother George, as a merchant of Catawba, the partnership being maintained until 1876, when his brother died at the age of fifty-six years. Mr. Wingate of this review then continued alone in business until 1892 when he retired and was succeeded in the store by his sons. He had built up a good trade as a general merchant and for many years enjoyed a liberal patronage whereby he annually gained a satisfactory income.

In 1853 Mr. Wingate was married to Miss Mary Lefferty, who was born in Pleasant township, Clark county, in 1835, the only child of Isaac Lefferty, who was a well known farmer of that township. She was educated in the common schools there and in the old academy on East High street, in Springfield. For many years she was the faithful companion and helpmate of her husband, but on the 19th of September, 1901, she was called to the home beyond. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Wingate were born five children who are yet living, and one died in infancy. Laura is the wife of Byron Hull, who is in the Farmers' Bank at Mechanicsburg, Ohio, and their children are Lucile and Marian. Ella is the wife of Sewall Tullis, a farmer of Champaign county, and

they have three children, Thomas W., Marguerite, and Martha. George married Anna Burgess and is engaged in merchandising in Catawba. Isaac Burton wedded Mary Coffey and is engaged in the creamery business in Catawba. Their three children are Kenneth S., Thomas Byron and Margaret. Maud is still at home. Mr. and Mrs. Wingate provided their children with common-school educations which they acquired in Pleasant township and the two eldest daughters also attended Delaware College, while George was a student in Nelson's Business College, of Springfield.

While in Missouri Mr. Wingate joined the Home Guards. He was a strong Union man and exerted his influence and aid in support of the administration at Washington. He also served as a school director in that state and was the only man in his neighborhood who would take the oath. He likewise served as judge of elections for one year and it was impossible to get enough voters to fill out the board. He has been a school director of Catawba and treasurer of his township for eleven years, and also school trustee. He has been a delegate to county and district conventions and for four years was postmaster under General Grant's administration. He is a devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he has been a trustee for many years, and his daughters are workers in the Sunday-school. His wife was also a Christian woman, earnest and consistent in her religious belief, and ably supplemented his labors in behalf of the church. Socially he is identified with the Masonic fraternity. He has lived a retired life since 1892 and owns a good farm in Champaign county, and also one in Pleasant township, Clark county. Mr. Wingate has ever been fearless in defense

of his honest convictions and has taken a decided stand in favor of all that tends to develop the best in mankind. Ever honorable and upright, he has been found as the champion of truth and justice, and his high moral worth is widely acknowledged by his friends.

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DANIEL S. ROYER.

Daniel S. Royer, who is now living a retired life at No. 29 East Ward street, in Springfield, where he has made his home since 1891 was born in Center county, Pennsylvania, upon a farm near Rebersburg, December 17, 1836, and is of German lineage. His paternal grandfather, Christopher Royer, was born in Germany, and Daniel Royer, the father of Daniel S. Royer, was his eldest son. The latter was reared in Center county, Pennsylvania, from early boyhood and in 1838 he removed to Clinton county, being an early settler of this place. He always followed farming and when he started out in life he had no capital. He prospered in his undertakings and became the owner of several hundred acres of land in Center and Clinton counties. He died in the latter county in 1876, at the advanced age of eighty-three years. In early manhood he had wedded Rachel Shutt, who was born in Pennsylvania and died in 1846, at the age of forty-seven. Mr. Royer was a Whig in his political affiliations in early life and afterward became a Republican. He held membership in the German Reformed church and his wife was a member of the Lutheran church. They became the parents of nine children one of whom died in early childhood. Of the six sons and

three daughters, all are now deceased with the exception of Daniel S., who was the eighth in order of birth, and George A., who is living near Akron, Ohio. One of the sons, Samuel Royer, died in Pennsylvania in 1901, at the age of eighty years.

In the district schools Daniel S. Royer pursued his studies during the winter months and worked on the farm in the summer until he had attained his majority. There were no threshing machines and he had to ride the horse to tramp out the wheat. He attended the seminary at Williamsport, Pennsylvania, for two years, pursuing an elective course, and then returned to his father's farm, where he remained for three years longer. In 1863 he married Miss Eva Heckman, who was born in Clinton county and was educated in the common schools. He then removed to a farm near the old homestead which had been purchased by his father and in a few years he bought this land and continued its cultivation for twenty-seven years. It is now well improved with modern buildings. His first home was a log cabin, but that primitive dwelling was afterward replaced by a substantial and commodious brick structure. He kept a high grade of stock and successfully cultivated his fields until 1891, when he sold his farm and is now living retired in Springfield. Unto him and his wife were born four children, one of whom died at the age of four years. The others are: Rachel, the wife of Professor Heckert; Newton H., who is a Lutheran preacher and is married and lives in Brookville, Ohio; and Nettie K. The parents and children are all members of the Fourth Lutheran church. In politics Mr. Royer is a Republican and has ever been the advocate of all measures to advance the



genral welfare. He commands the respect and confidence of his fellow men throughout this locality and has many friends in the city and county.

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#### JACOB PEARL NAVE.

Of a well known family that from pioneer days has figured in the history of agricultural development in Clark county, Mr. Nave of this review well deserves representation in this volume. He was born November 23, 1867, on the farm on which his father, John G. Nave is still living. His mother bore the maiden name of Margaret Gram and they are well known people of Green township, widely and favorably known. Under the parental roof the subject of this review spent his boyhood days, being trained to habits of industry, economy and honesty. The common schools afforded him his educational privileges and through the summer months he worked in the fields. After putting aside his text books he gave his attention altogether to farm work until twenty-four years of age, being employed by the month by his father.

He then made preparations for having a home of his own by his marriage to Miss Aurelia Garlough, their wedding being celebrated on the 24th of December, 1891. The lady was born in Green township and is a daughter of Benjamin and Matilda (McKinney) Garlough, who are now residents of Pitchin. Two children were born unto our subject and his wife, but John Benjamin, who was born November 19, 1892, died February 5, 1895, at the age of two years and two months. The other son, Edgar Pearl, born in Green township, January 27, 1894, is yet with his parents.

In his political views Mr. Nave is independent. He did not vote at all in 1892 and in 1896 he cast his ballot for William Jennings Bryan. During the years of his manhood he has always carried on farm work which is thoroughly familiar to him in principle and detail. From the time of early spring planting until after his crops are harvested in late autumn he gives close attention to his farm work, plans his labors so as to utilize his land to the best advantage and as the result of his capability as an agriculturist he is steadily adding to his income and is now a substantial resident of Green township.

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#### JOSEPH C. O'BRIEN.

Joseph C. O'Brien is engaged in the undertaking and embalming business in Springfield. He was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, February 25, 1855, and is a son of Patrick O'Brien, whose birth occurred in Ireland. The father was educated in the common schools of his native land and received a business training in his native country as well. He served an apprenticeship to the carpenter's trade and about 1849 sailed for America, believing that he might have better business opportunities in the new world. For a time he resided in Quebec, Canada, and in 1850 he came to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he engaged in contracting and building for four years. On the expiration of that period he removed his family to Urbana, Ohio, and was a resident of that city until 1869, when he believed that he might better his condition by becoming a resident of Springfield. Accordingly he brought his family to this place



and for many years successfully followed his chosen occupation, being actively and prominently identified with building interests here. He is now living retired in the enjoyment of the fruits of his former toil. Before he left the Green Isle of Erin he was united in marriage to Miss Ann Esmond, and unto them were born four children, of whom one died in infancy. The others are Joseph C., Mary and John. Mary is the wife of Daniel Kenney, of Springfield. John, also a resident of this city, has been a member of the board of equalization since 1893, and is an active worker in the ranks of the Democratic party. He married and had three children, Elizabeth, Patrick and Paul, but the wife died in 1897. Patrick O'Brien, the father of our subject, has always been an active and enterprising man and is one of the old, respected contractors of the city. He provided his children with good educational advantages in the public and parochial schools of Urbana and Springfield and gave them instruction at night in different branches of learning in order that he might prepare them for life's practical duties.

Joseph C. O'Brien was thus educated until sixteen years of age, when he began work with his father at the carpenter's trade, the business association between them being maintained for a few years. Our subject then secured work in a planing mill and possessing much natural mechanical skill, he made rapid advancement. He followed that pursuit for a time and later began work in a foundry, being then twenty-one years of age. He was in the James Leffel Wheel Works under the superintendency of Timothy Hennessey, learning the trade and remaining in that place for seven years, but in 1882 he abandoned that work in order

to secure other opportunities in the business world. He purchased an interest in the undertaking business of Callahan & Graham, buying out the junior partner, the firm being known as Callahan & O'Brien. Mr. O'Brien then had no knowledge of the business, but with ready adaptability he mastered all the details. At the time the new firm was organized they purchased the interest of Mr. Breslin in the livery business of Brennan & Breslin. They continued to do a successful business, gaining a wide reputation for honesty and industry. In 1890 Mr. O'Brien purchased the interest of his partner in the undertaking business and has since been alone in this enterprise. He follows modern methods, keeping abreast with the times and personally superintends his business in its various branches. From 1890 until 1898 he experienced some trying years in business. He worked against strong opposition and competition, and as this covered a period of financial depression in the history of the country, it was all the more difficult for him, but his honesty and industry, combined with resolute purpose, enabled him to overcome all obstacles.

Mr. O'Brien keeps well read on current events, politically and otherwise, and is a man of high standing. He is a worker in St. Raphael's church, and to charitable institutions of the city he has been a liberal supporter, although he is very quiet and unostentatious in his giving. He was an active worker and a member of the Father Matthews T. A. B. Society from its organization until it disbanded, while in the foundry he was an active member of the Iron Molders Union, and is a member and also treasurer of the Knights of Columbus. In politics he is a Democrat and for two

and one-half years took part in public affairs as a member of the police and fire board. Modest in demeanor and of a quiet temperament, he nevertheless has gained the warm regard of a very large circle of friends.

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#### JONATHAN MATTHIAS EVANS.

Jonathan Matthias Evans, who by attainments, results accomplished and eminence in his chosen line of labor, in every way fills the ideal called to mind by the expression "captain of industry," in all that the term implies, being well worthy of the title. His leadership rests upon a knowledge and understanding of industry itself, for his has been a busy and useful career, in which he has accomplished much not only for his individual profit but also in promoting industrial and commercial activity, in furnishing employment to others and in pushing forward the wheels of progress. Since 1867 his home has been in Springfield and though he has now retired from business cares he has left the impress of his individuality for all time on the material advancement of the city.

A native of Pennsylvania Mr. Evans was born in Cumberland county March 30, 1818. His father, Owen Evans, was a native of Philadelphia, and spent almost his entire life there. By trade he was a carpenter, following that pursuit through many years. The Evans family is of Welsh lineage. The grandfather of our subject was born in Wales, whence he crossed the Atlantic to America at an early day. Owen Evans was twice married and by his first union had one son, Rowland D., now deceased. For his second wife he chose Leah

Souder, who was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, and represented one of the old families of that state. Her father lived to the very advanced age of one hundred and twelve years, and she reached the ripe old age of eighty-five years. By her marriage she became the mother of four sons and four daughters: David S. and Lewis Cass, both now deceased; Mary, the deceased wife of Henry Paul; Jonathan M.; Anna, the deceased wife of Smith Druley; Owen who was a resident of Columbus, Ohio, but has now passed away; Leah, the deceased wife of Thomas Edmonson, of Springfield; and Caroline, who is the widow of John R. Smith and resides on Fruit Hill, in Cincinnati. The father of this family became well-to-do and in connection with carpentering owned and operated a small farm. The children were all educated in the subscription schools of Pennsylvania.

Jonathan Matthias Evans of this review was only thirteen years of age at the time of his father's death. The following year he began to earn his own livelihood and from a humble position he worked his way upward until he occupied a commanding place in the trade circles of Springfield. For a time he studied medicine with his brothers but never practiced the profession. Beginning work in a woolen factory, his duty was to care for the carding machines. He afterward learned the carpenter's trade and for some years worked as a journeyman. He next went into a foundry and learned the molder's trade. The year 1840 witnessed his arrival in Ohio and in that year he cast his first presidential ballot, supporting William Henry Harrison, at which time the cry of the Whigs was "Tippecanoe and Tyler, too." From Dayton Mr. Evans removed to Piqua, Ohio, where he worked as a mol-

der for a time and later entered into partnership, carrying on business there for several years under the firm name of Alexander, Rouzer & Evans, manufacturers of heavy mill machinery, their specialty being the machinery for saw and flouring mills. The firm later took a contract for building cars for the Columbus, Piqua & Indiana Railroad which has since been merged into another road, and constructed some of the first cars used on that line. They carried on a general jobbing factory of heavy machinery and much of the machinery was made after original inventions. This company invented and placed upon the market a turbine wheel known as the Evans water wheel. They were among the first builders of heavy machinery in Ohio and in the enterprise, in which they were pioneers, met with good success. The railroad, however, from which they had taken the contract to build cars, went into the hands of a receiver and the company never received payment for the work it had done. Changes in partnership occurred and in due course of time Mr. Evans became associated with his sons under the firm style of A. C. Evans & Company, which stands to-day as one of the strong industrial institutions of this city. The subject of this review is still a director in the business and many of the ideas developed in the foundry have originated in his brain and have been carried to successful completion by the sons. The factory in this city was first built on Main street and subsequently the business was removed to the present site and the buildings constituting the plant were erected. The first site was a farm at the time of the Evans purchase and later it was divided and sold in building lots. A. C. Evans, a son of our subject, was also an inventor of note and was one of

the first to invent and manufacture machinery for planting corn. This machine, which he perfected has come into general use throughout the United States, and also in many foreign lands. Many other kinds of machinery are now manufactured in the plant, a specialty being made of harrows. From the establishment of the enterprise until his practical retirement from active business life, Jonathan M. Evans was a leading factor in the successful control of a business which under the guidance of himself and partners grew to extensive proportions.

In Piqua, Ohio, Mr. Evans was united in marriage to Ann Muter, who was born in England but had resided for some time in Piqua. Five children blessed this union, four sons and a daughter, but the latter, Leah, died in childhood. George is a stockholder of the A. C. Evans Company and resides on West High street. Alva was married and at his death left a son, George, who was a soldier in the Spanish-American war, joining the United States army in Cuba, and now resides in Indiana. Austin C., who was the inventor of the corn planter above mentioned and one of the founders of the A. C. Evans Manufacturing Company, served as its president until his death. His widow is now the wife of Dr. J. T. Myers and their daughter, Pearl, is the wife of Frank Harwood. Lewis C. is employed by the P. P. Mast Company and is president of the Evans Manufacturing Company. He is married and has two children: Elizabeth and Lewis C. The sons were all educated in the public schools of Piqua, and the wife and mother died in that city. As they grew to manhood the sons became active assistants of the father, the family working together in harmony in the ownership and

control of an important business enterprise. In 1883 Mr. Evans was again married, his second union being with Mrs. Catherine Downs, a widow whose husband died in California, leaving three daughters. She was born in New York and was educated in the public schools of Springfield, Ohio. Her father, John Sheaff, removed from the Empire state to Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, and in 1837 came to Clark county. In his family were eleven children, of whom six are yet living, but Mrs. Mary Hicks, of South Plum street, and Mrs. Evans are the only residents of Ohio.

Jonathan M. Evans holds membership in the Universalist church, and in politics is a Republican who took an active part in the local work of the organization of the party while residing in Piqua. Reading has been one of his chief resources of recreation and pleasure and he has kept well informed on all issues of the day, both politically and otherwise, and is familiar with good literature of all ages. His face indicates strong character, concentration of purpose and a capacity for strong feeling. He has ever been fearless in defense of what he believes to be right and has always been found as a supporter of the true, the just and the beautiful. He is to-day a well preserved man for one of his years. Nature is kindly to those who abuse not her laws and Mr. Evans has ever been observant of her principles. He has long occupied a commanding position in public regard by reason of his success and by his close adherence to correct business principles. He has seized the opportunities that have offered and has used his brains and his ability to further his business interests and at the same time has had due regard for the rights of others.

## JOHN G. DALIE.

Springfield largely owes her prominence to her industrial interests and those who have been prominent in promoting development along these lines may well be termed the founders and builders of the city. John G. Dalie was for many years a most important factor in this line of activity and to-day he is enjoying a well merited rest. He was born in Sidbury, Devonshire, England, October 1, 1846. His father brought the fam-to American in 1852, locating in Lockport, New York, whence after two years he removed to Clark county, Ohio, making the journey by way of the canal, lakes and railroad. Here he located in 1854 and from that time forward Mr. Dalie of this review has been almost continuously a resident of Springfield.

He was educated in the Episcopal school and later in a public school on east High street. Subsequently he was a student in a school conducted by William Reed under the auspices of the United Presbyterian church, on the present site of the Fox wholesale grocery house. There he was severely punished by the teacher because he was an English lad. He attended the summer schools conducted by Richard Morris, who instructed his pupils in the new eastern building just being erected. He was afterward a pupil of Miss Criley and when only thirteen years of age he permanently left the schoolroom in order to provide for his own support, beginning work on the farm of Samuel Woods, but he did not find the occupation congenial and went instead to Dayton Ohio, spending his last cent for car fare. In that city he found employment with the firm of Bummager, White &

Company, manufacturers of reapers. He entered upon an apprenticeship but was soon afterward taken ill. On his recovery, however, he returned to that house and completed his trade. His next employment was in the shops of the Big Four Railroad Company and subsequently he was put upon the road as a fireman, thus working for some time. He enlisted in the Seventeenth Ohio Battery of Light Artillery under Captain Rice and went to Camp Tod, where he was assigned for duty at New Orleans, at which place he joined his company, remaining with that command until the close of the war.

In September, 1865, Mr. Dalie returned to the north and was mustered out at Camp Chase, after which he once more became a resident of Springfield, working at the carpenter's trade under Nimrod Myers. In 1866 he again went to Dayton, where he was employed as a machinist, and after three months he accepted an offer from the James Leffel Company of Springfield and became a machinist in their machine shop. A branch house had been established at New Haven, Connecticut owned by the Bigelow Manufacturing Company, and Mr. Dalie was selected to go to that place as foreman and superintendent of the construction of the machinery. This was a position of responsibility and although he was only twenty years of age at the time, he was regarded as well qualified for the important duties. Again he returned to Springfield where he was employed at his trade until 1869, when he was made foreman under Fuller Trump, occupying that position until 1874, when he entered the service of Mast, Fooks & Company in their new shop. In connection therewith he continued until 1879, during which time he built all of their model work

and centennial exhibits. This certainly indicated his superior skill, as he was placed upon work which was to compete with the best of the kind produced in the world. In the fall of 1879 Mr. Dalie returned to the James Leffel Company as a machinist and in three weeks was placed in charge of the factory as assistant superintendent under Fuller Trump. In 1890 he was promoted to superintendent and remained with that house until September, 1901, when there occurred a change in the general management and he retired from the company. From a very humble beginning he had worked his way upward and by close application, a thorough mastery of mechanical principles and construction and by superior skill he had gained a position reached by few in his line of work.

On the 29th of October, 1868, Mr. Dalie was married in Springfield by Rev. Caldwell, a minister of the First Baptist church, to Jennie Steele, who was born in this city July 7, 1851, and is a daughter of John and Anna (Martin) Steele. Her paternal grandfather, John Steele, was a manufacturer of pottery, carrying on business where the Diehl hardware store is now located. The parents of Mrs. Dalie were both born in Pennsylvania. After their marriage, which occurred in the city of Dayton, Ohio, they removed to Springfield. They were the parents of five children of whom two are now deceased: Hiram H., who died at the age of nineteen years and six months; and Wesley, who died at the age of eleven years. Those still surviving are: Lucinda, the wife of Willard Smith, by whom she has three children—Charles; Maude, the wife of W. E. Copenhagen; and Clara, the deceased wife of Charles Schindler; Hattie E., the wife of Jerome W. Cook, by whom she had

two children—Frank S. now deceased, and Eddie; and Mrs. Dalie, the wife of our subject. The father was a pump manufacturer, carrying on business for many years. At his death he was laid to rest in the Columbia street cemetery, where were buried his father and his son, Wesley. Mrs. Steele was buried in Ferncliff cemetery and Hiram in Greenmount. The children were educated in the private school conducted by Miss Harbaugh, and in the Western school. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Dalie have been born three children: Lamar J., born in 1871, married Ethel Bloom, who was a daughter of Senator Bloom and is now deceased. He afterward married Catherine Souders and they have one son, Lamar. Percy J., born in 1876, married Marguerite A. Lutz and is a traveling salesman living in Jersey City, although he does business in New York City. Anna Leah, born in 1878, is the wife of Robert J. Wilson and has one son, John Lohner. The sons were educated in Wittenberg College and Mrs. Wilson in the high school of Springfield.

When but eighteen years of age Mr. Dalie cast his first presidential vote, being entitled to this right because of his service in the Union army. He supported Abraham Lincoln and has always adhered to the Republican party when state and national issues are involved. He has been a delegate to the city, county and congressional conventions and held the office of police and fire commissioner under W. R. Burnett when the law was first put in operation. He was also a member of the Union Fire Company as a torch bearer, where the station house is on Spring street. This company was called "Wooden Shoes," as they were all German. For fourteen years Mr. Dalie was connected with the fire department. He

belongs to Clark Lodge, No. 101, F. & A. M., and is a member of Stevens Command U. V. U. He belongs to the Church of England to which he has always been a liberal contributor, and he is generous in his benefactions to public institutions and to many objects worthy of support. Mr. Dalie has won many friends, for he has much of quality which for want of a better term is called "personal magnetism." He is generous and genial and, moreover, his word is trustworthy, his actions sincere.

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#### JOHN NICHELSON.

John Nicholson, now deceased, was a man whom to know was to respect and honor and he well deserves mention among the representative men of Clark county. He was born in Harmony township, June 11, 1837, his parents being Andrew and Rachel (Hammond) Nicholson. Upon the home farm he was reared, spending his boyhood days in the usual manner of farm lads. He acquired a good common-school education and through the summer months worked in the fields and meadows. He and his brother, Andrew became partners in dealing in stock and in carrying on farm work. They received some assistance from their father and were successful in life, adding to their property until they owned nearly three thousand acres. As the years passed and their financial resources increased they made judicious investments in land and thus became very extensive property holders.

On the 13th of November, 1894, Mr. Nicholson was united in marriage to Miss Ella Hannah, of De Graff, Logan county, where she was born and reared. Her par-

ents were David and Christenia (Matthews) Hannah. Her father was born in Clark county, not far from Springfield, on the 14th of April, 1819, and died June 8, 1893. The mother was born March 14, 1830, in Logan county near where she now lives, and although now well advanced in years she is still very hale and hearty for one of her age. In the family of this worthy couple were eleven children, seven of whom reached years of maturity, Mrs. Nicholson being the eldest. Mrs. Nicholson was born March 21, 1858, spent her girlhood days on her father's farm and attained her education in the common schools. She had become acquainted with Mr. Nicholson several years prior to their marriage while visiting in this neighborhood. They made their home on the farm and in 1898 Mr. Nicholson erected a fine residence into which they removed in December of that year. When one year and six days had passed he was killed on the railroad near his home December 28, 1899, bringing gloom and desolation to the home. There had been two children born of this marriage, of whom one, Ellie, still lives, whose birth occurred September 9, 1899. Mr. Nicholson was a Republican in politics but never sought or desired office, the honors and emoluments of the same having no attractions for him. He enjoyed the respect and esteem of all with whom he came in contact, for he lived an upright, honorable life and was kindly and sincere. True to all the duties and obligations that devolved upon him, the poor and needy found in him a warm friend and he was also liberal in his donations to the church, while to his family he was very devoted, putting forth every effort in his power to promote the welfare and happiness of his wife and child. When death came to him he was

laid to rest in Plattsburg cemetery where a beautiful granite monument now marks his place of interment. His estate was administered by his nephew, Charles Nicholson, and by Albert Hannah, a brother of Mrs. Nicholson. Mrs. Nicholson is now the manager of the estate and is an excellent business woman as well as a most estimable lady. Like her husband she has many friends in the community and is widely known. Mr. Nicholson spent his entire life in the county and was always held in the highest regard by reason of his fidelity to duty and his strict adherence to manly principles.

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#### BENJAMIN F. TAVENNER.

Benjamin F. Tavenner is a progressive and enterprising farmer of Pleasant township and the owner of considerable property in Catawba. He was born in Loudoun county, Virginia, February 21, 1830, and represents one of the old families of that state, his ancestors having lived there through many generations. Eli Tavenner, his father, was a farmer and a mechanic, who, with his wife and eleven children, came to Ohio. He died in Pleasant township when about fifty-five years of age and his wife passed away in the same locality when about seventy years of age. Of their children only two daughters and a son are now living, namely: Mrs. Rebecca Clarke, of Vienna; Mrs. Anna Ruse, of Loudoun county, Virginia; and Benjamin F., who was the youngest of the eleven children.

The subject of this review obtained his education in the common schools of Pleasant township and also in the subscription schools of Virginia. He was reared to



manhood upon a farm in this locality and assisted in the arduous task of clearing and developing new lands, working upon the home farm until 1864, when he purchased property and erected his home in Catawba. There he opened a blacksmith shop which he conducted for twelve years also doing general repair work on wagons. He inherited considerable mechanical genius from his father and was thus an expert workman in this direction. After 1876, having sold his smithy, he followed wood-working and to some extent is still engaged in that line of occupation. He built his shop in the village conducting a prosperous business there, and is now engaged in stock-buying and feeding. He is of a sturdy, industrious race and his active, energetic life has brought to him creditable success and he has been a continuous resident of the village since 1864. He has carried on this business for ten years in connection with his son, Will E., under the firm name of B. F. Tavenner & Son.

In 1852, in Springfield township, Mr. Tavenner was united in marriage to Emma Cook, who was born in Springfield, and is a daughter of John Cook, who was a shoemaker by trade and who served for three years as sergeant-at-arms at the state legislature at Columbus. While residing in Indiana he filled the position of state librarian in Indianapolis. Later he returned to Springfield and purchased land, on which he carried on general farming for several years. In 1849 he went to California, where he spent his remaining days dying on the 18th of May, 1877, his birth having occurred on the Isle of Wight in 1796. His wife, who bore the name of Jane Wheeler, was also born there and died in 1849. He had come to America in 1819, locating first in Cincinnati, Ohio, whence he removed to

Bellefontaine, this state, remaining there for a year. He then came to Springfield and was well known in this city as Major Cook. In politics he was an old line Whig and was particularly prominent as an active temperance man. His career was a useful and honorable one and his life's span covered more than eighty years. In his family were seven children of whom three are living—Mrs. Ann Bailey of Chicago, Illinois; John W., who is living in the same city; and Mrs. Tavenner. Mrs. Tavenner received her education under private instruction. Her mother had been a teacher prior to her removal from England and greatly assisted the daughter in gaining a knowledge of the branches of learning usually taught as a preparation for life's work. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Tavenner have been born nine children, of whom one daughter died in infancy. Charles F., who was born in December, 1852, is now living in Springfield township; Effie M. is the wife of Jacob Grove, of Lagonda; Anna J. is the wife of Alfred Jones of Pleasant township; Harry R. is living in Clifton, Ohio; Albert S. is a resident of Catawba; Will E. and Amelia E. are with their parents; and Arthur M. is also living in Catawba. The children were educated in the public schools of Pleasant township and all remained at home until married. The sons are now filling various occupations.

In his political affiliations Mr. Tavenner is a Republican and has taken an active part in political work for several years. He served as township trustee and for three years was school director, has also been a member of the village board and has taken a deep interest in everything pertaining to the general good. He and his wife belong to the Protestant Methodist church and he has served as a member of the church



board. Since coming to Ohio he has made one trip back to his native state, visiting the scenes of his boyhood and the friends whom he knew in his youth. He was a member of Ephraim Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Springfield, and became a charter member of Catawba Lodge, of that organization. In an analysis of his business career the salient elements are found to be strong and persistent purpose, guided by sound judgment and supplemented by untiring diligence. He has depended upon no outside aid or influence, but has been the architect of his own fortune and has builded wisely and well.

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WILL E. TAVENNER.

Will E. Tavenner is well known as one of the representative business men of Catawba, Clark county, where in connection with his father he is engaged in stock-buying, feeding and shipping, as a member of the firm of B. F. Tavenner & Son. They have carried on this business for the past ten years and have raised considerable stock, mostly shorthorns and Jerseys. Their business is constantly increasing and has assumed profitable and extensive proportions. The junior member of the firm is a member of the Knights of the Golden Eagle and has passed all the chairs in the local lodge to which he belongs. He exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the Republican party takes an active interest in its growth and upbuilding and has been a delegate to county conventions. He is well known for his enterprise, energy and laudable ambition in business affairs, and is accorded a creditable position in business ranks of Catawba.

JOHN PIERSON.

John Pierson, who was connected with farming interests for many years, and whose life record indicated the possibilities which lie before young men in America, was a native of Yorkshire, England, his birth occurring in that country between York and Leeds, on the 21st of July, 1823. Upon a farm he was reared. His parents were John and Mary Pierson, who spent their entire lives in England where the father followed the occupation of farming. Thus the son early became familiar with the work of tilling the fields and caring for the crops, and in the schools of his home neighborhood he acquired his education.

Like most young men starting out on life's journey, Mr. Pierson desired a companion to walk with him and at the age of twenty-two years he was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Burnley, who was born March 26, 1826, two miles from her husband's birthplace. She was a daughter of John and Hannah (Burt) Burnley, of Lincolnshire, England, who with their family of several children sailed from England for Australia when Mrs. Pierson was but five years of age. Her mother, an aunt and a sister of Mrs. Pierson all died on shipboard and after a few years the father returned to England. He died at Weathersby, in that country, several years after Mrs. Pierson came to America.

A year after their marriage our subject and his wife decided to come to America and thus about 1846 they sailed for the new world, hoping to enjoy better business opportunities in the new world. Making their way across the country to Clark county, Ohio, they settled upon a tract of land in the southeastern part of Springfield township,

where they lived for four years, and on the expiration of that period they removed to Iroquois county, Illinois, but after four years they returned to Ohio and Mr. Pierson purchased eighty acres of land in Springfield township. There he lived for twenty years, developing his farm into a very productive tract, which returned to him a good profit. When two decades had passed he removed to a home on High street, just east of the corporation limit of the city of Springfield, making it his place of residence until his death. He was unusually ambitious and energetic, was industrious and frugal and by the exercise of economy and unflagging industry, together with the assistance of his estimable wife, he accumulated a good competency, although he started out in life with very little capital. A public-spirited man, he was interested in everything pertaining to the general good and aided in making many of the early improvements of the county, including the building of the Charleston pike and the London railroad. At the time of Mrs. Pierson's death she owned over thirteen hundred acres of farm property in this county.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Pierson were born nine children. William B., the eldest, died at the age of sixteen years. John died in early childhood. George Edward reached maturity, was married and at his death, which occurred in 1889, when he was thirty-seven years of age, he left four children. Eliza became the wife of Francis Sultzbaugh and resides on South Fountain avenue in Springfield. She has three children: Mary Ellen, the wife of Murray Ramsey, by whom she has a son, Robert Pierson; James Francis; and John. All three reside with their mother. James, the next member of the Pierson family, resides

upon the farm upon which the father spent his last days. He married Miss Mussleman, and they have one child, Daisy, at home. Mary is the wife of Joseph Hinkle, and they have one son, Clarence. Martha Ann is the wife of William H. Snyder, and they have two children, Vera and Dorothy E. William J. died at the age of six years, and another member of the Pierson family died in infancy.

The father passed away March 6, 1889, and the mother died August 1, 1892, the remains of both being interred in Ferncliff cemetery. Mrs. Pierson was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and both were people of the highest respectability. With courageous hearts and strong determination they came to America, and though they had little means they made the most of their opportunities and as the years passed prosperity attended them. They were worthy and esteemed citizens of their community and England thus furnished to America two representatives of value to the new world.

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#### WILLIAM J. GRAM.

William J. Gram, who is connected with the farming interests of Clark county, is a son of Jacob and Isabella M. (Dory) Gram, and was born in 1855. His father was a native of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, and became one of the pioneer settlers of Clark county, whither he came with his father, Cornelius Gram, about 1837. The grandfather purchased a farm about a mile and one-half north of the present home of our subject, securing there a section of land which he entered from the government and with the work of pioneer development and improve-

ment he was actively associated. Jacob Gram also bore his part in the task of transforming the wild tract into productive fields. After arriving at years of maturity he carried on farming on his own account and in 1858 he purchased the farm which is now the home of his son, William J. Gram.

Our subject was only three years of age when his parents removed to this place and here he was reared to manhood. He obtained his education in the district schools near by and through the months of summer he worked in the field, gaining practical knowledge of the best methods of carrying on a farm. He now has fifty acres of rich and arable land and in addition to the raising of cereals best adapted to the soil and climate he is also engaged in dairy farming, keeping a number of good milch cows for this purpose. Neatness and thrift are the salient features of his place and his work is carried on with energy and determination.

Mr. Gram was united in marriage to Mattie P. Otstot, a daughter of A. H. and Sarah (Parsons) Otstot, residents of Springfield, who removed from that city to California. Since that time the father has died, but the mother is still living in the Golden state. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Gram has been blessed with seven children: Robert R., who is residing on the home farm and runs the dairy wagon; Dola, George W., Louis J., Burt, Isabella and Marion, all at home, and the family circle is yet unbroken by the hand of death. The family attend the services of the Lutheran church, of which Mr. Gram is a member, and in his political affiliations he is a Democrat and keeps well informed on the issues and questions of the day, as every true American citizen should do. He has never sought or de-

sired public office, preferring that his time and energies should be devoted to his business affairs.

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#### CHARLES ALFRED WOOD.

For fifty-one years Charles Alfred Wood has been a resident of Springfield. This covers his entire life's span, his birth having occurred here on the 10th of December, 1851, at the family home at the corner of East Main and Foster streets. His boyhood days were passed in a manner not unlike that of most lads of the period and he entered upon his business career without special advantages and with no pecuniary assistance. He was industrious, however—and industry is always the foundation to success. Genius and talent may provide ability, but it is close application and hard work which must make genius a marketable commodity. For many years Mr. Wood was known as one of the most prominent merchants of the city and yet it was not because he possessed qualities unusual to man; it was because he exercised these qualities in the pursuit of a persistent purpose and well did he merit the prosperity which crowned his efforts.

The Wood family, of which he is a member, is of Scotch-Irish descent. His paternal grandfather was John G. Wood, who was born in Virginia and there learned the trade of a cabinetmaker and furniture manufacturer. In the year 1843 he left the old home, coming to Springfield, where he established a cabinet and furniture shop and later he embarked in the undertaking business. He was one of the best known furniture manufacturers of Clark county and to-day in the homes of many of the prominent fam-

ilies of the city are seen evidences of his handiwork in fine articles of household furniture. He erected a large building at the corner of Foster and Main streets, having there an extensive shop and residence combined. He continued in the undertaking business until his removal to Illinois, where he resided for a time, removing thence to Indianapolis, Indiana, where his last days were passed. He owned and operated a sawmill and planing mill in connection with his cabinet shop, in which he carried on an extensive and profitable trade. Through good management, excellent workmanship and honorable dealing he became well-to-do. His first wife died in Virginia and he afterward married again. There were two sons by the first union: William, who resided in Galesburg, Illinois, and at his death left a wife and two daughters; and Robert I., the father of our subject. The children of the second marriage were Sarah, Edward and James, and were born in Springfield and went to Illinois with their father in 1868. John G. Wood was a man of a deep religious nature and became one of the founders of the High Street Methodist Episcopal church, of this city, holding various offices in the church during his residence in Springfield. He was also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Robert I. Wood, the father of our subject, was born in Virginia in 1830, began his education in the subscription schools of that state and in 1843 came to Springfield with his parents. He afterward engaged in railroad work on the Little Miami road between Springfield and Xenia, continuing in that service for twenty-five years. On resigning his position he served as deputy sheriff for several years and in 1879 he retired to private life, dying at the old family residence at

120 East Main street, in 1881, his remains being then interred in Ferncliff cemetery. He was well-known in railroad circles and his genial manner and obliging disposition won him many friends. He was familiarly and lovingly called by the name of "Bob." He married Nancy Ann Marshall, who was born in Christianburg, Champaign county, Ohio, in 1832, and died in 1895. Her father, Dr. Lorenzo Marshall, was one of the leading physicians of the county. Unto Robert Wood and his wife were born three children, of whom one son died in infancy, the others being Charles A., of this review, and William, who resides on Main street, where he was born, although the old residence has been replaced by a more modern one.

Charles Alfred Wood obtained a public school education, but as he was in delicate health during his boyhood he was taken from school and sent to his mother's people in the country that he might enjoy the benefits of out-door life. In 1864 he returned to the city and began clerking in a bakery and ice cream establishment for Mr. Pretzman, with whom he remained for three years. He then entered the grocery store of John Stewart and when the business changed hands, continued with Mr. Stewart's successor, J. N. Mills. Subsequently he was in the employ of the firm of Barr & Harnish, who first introduced the cash basis for mercantile business. He served as a head salesman and on the dissolution of the firm remained with Mr. Harnish, for whom he managed the business for several years. In 1867 he began business on his own account as a member of the firm of P. J. Cole & Company, and in 1870 became sole proprietor, conducting his store with signal success until 1898. As the trade grew he carried a very large stock and to some extent sold to the wholesale trade.

He purchased the first stock of Royal baking powder ever brought into the city. His business gradually increased until his annual sales amounted to one hundred thousand dollars, and he was recognized as a leading grocer of Springfield, employing ten people in the store and using four wagons in the delivery of his goods. His business grew as the result of his correct business principles, his close adherence to commercial ethics and his recognized desire to please his patrons. He would tolerate no action on the part of his employes that was not fair and just and would not bear the closest scrutiny and investigation. The name which he won in trade circles was therefore above question and his probity stands as an undisputed fact in his career.

In 1872 Mr. Wood was happily married to Sallie Belle Foreman. She comes of good old Revolutionary stock, her great-grandfather, Colonel Peter Foreman, having served in the Revolutionary war. In 1773 he married Mary Jane Greene, a daughter of General Nathaniel Greene, and Mrs. Wood now has in her possession as a cherished heirloom a piece of china which was presented to him by his army comrades on the occasion of his wedding. David Randall Foreman, the father of Mrs. Wood, was born in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, and removed from that state to Xenia, Ohio, where he carried on business as an architect. He was married in Kentucky to Sallie Stallings, who was born in Bardstown, that state. They took up their abode in Xenia and were the parents of five children: William B., who was born in Kentucky and is now living in Springfield; James B., who is employed by the Warder, Bushnell & Glessner Company of this city, having complete charge of their repair department; Mrs. Wood; Charles W.,

who is employed in the same shops; and Moses S., a grocer. The father came to this city and took charge of the Voorhees & Arthur mill, with which he was connected for some time. Later he turned his attention to the undertaking business as a member of the well known firm of Foreman & Coles. His wife died in 1868 at the age of forty years and he later lived with his daughter, Mrs. Wood, until his death, which occurred when he had reached the age of seventy-five years. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Honor and the Improved Order of Red Men. He was also one of the organizers of St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal church in which he placed his membership, being therein known as an active and earnest worker. The evidences of his handiwork as a cabinet maker are shown in the home of our subject. The Foreman family possesses natural musical talent and Mrs. Wood received private instructions in Cincinnati, in organ, piano and theory. For thirty years she has taught music, some of her pupils being among the finest musicians of this city. For eleven years she was the organist of the Center Street Methodist church, and when the St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal church was organized she became its organist, acting in that capacity for eighteen years. She has a thorough understanding of the technique of music and her love of the art adds expression to her playing, so that she is widely recognized as one of the leading musicians of Springfield, her ability being far above the average.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Wood belong to the St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal church, which they aided in organizing when that church was founded by former members of the Central Methodist church, in which Mr.

Wood had served as a member of the official board and as one of the stewards. He belongs to Anthony Lodge, No. 455, F. & A. M.; Springfield Chapter, No. 48, R. A. M.; Springfield Council, No. 17, R. & S. M.; and Palestine Commandery No. 33, K. T. Such in brief is the life history of one of the prominent and influential residents of Springfield. From humble clerkships have come some of the leading merchants of the land and those who have controlled the traffic of the country. It is this possibility for advancement that makes America the mecca for the ambitions. Mr. Wood is one whose life history stands in exemplification of what can be accomplished here through determination and steady application and to-day he stands among those who are accounted as Springfield's prosperous residents.

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#### ELMORE WILLARD ROSS.

The name of Ross figures prominently on the pages of the history of Springfield in connection with its manufacturing interests, Elmore W. Ross having been connected with an enterprise which is to-day one of the leading industrial concerns of the city. He was born in Auburn, New York, and for some time attended the Military Academy at Sing Sing, that state. He also pursued his studies under the direction of a private tutor and later entered Yale College, but at the end of a year was obliged to leave school, as his eye sight failed and he was totally blind for a time. The following year was spent at his old home in Auburn, during which time he regained his sight and then embarked in the wholesale coal business at that place.

Subsequently Mr. Ross removed to Fulton, New York, where he took charge of what was then known as the Wasson Manufacturing Company, which had come into his father's hands through a business transaction, and on the death of his father our subject assumed control of the business, the firm name being changed to E. W. Ross & Company. They were extensively engaged in the manufacture of machinery and continued in business at Fulton for a number of years or until the demands of the business made them seek a more central point with increased facilities and they came to Springfield, Ohio, in 1885. Two years later a plant was erected on the present site at the junction of Warder street and the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis Railroad. The various buildings are substantial brick structures, equipped with the latest and most improved machinery and cover an area of fifteen acres. The company was incorporated on the 1st of January, 1890, with a capital stock of one hundred thousand dollars and Mr. Ross served as its president until his death, which occurred in 1892. Since then his wife has held that position, while his son, Elmore Preston Ross, has served as secretary of the company. They manufacture agricultural implements of various kinds, furnishing employment to one hundred and twenty-five men. Their trade not only extends throughout the various states of the Union, but their exports are large, shipments being made to various parts of Europe and South America.

Mr. Ross married Miss Mary Muir Fitch and to them was born one son, Elmore P. Mrs. Ross' father was Nelson Fitch, who was born in Auburn, New York, a son of Abijah and Lanah (Nelson) Fitch,



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the former of English and the latter of Scotch descent. His ancestors came to America in 1635 and settled in Norwalk, Connecticut. Mr. Fitch was educated in the schools of Auburn, New York, and there remained until twenty-five years of age, when in 1849 he sailed for the gold fields of California, going around Cape Horn. After spending two years in the far west he returned to his native city and later became connected with the Wadsworth Manufacturing Company of that place. He was also interested in the manufacture of edged tools in the state prison and was identified with a number of other business enterprises, being a man of broad capabilities. Prior to the death of Mr. Ross he removed to Springfield, Ohio, and when that gentleman passed away he became general manager of the E. W. Ross Manufacturing Company, continuing as such until he too was called to his final rest, April 11, 1897, when the active management was assumed by J. B. Cartmell as treasurer and John L. Zimmerman as vice president of the company. In 1852 Mr. Fitch married Miss Nancy Muir, also a native of Auburn, New York, and a daughter of Robert and Nancy (Bennett) Muir, the former a native of the south of Scotland. By this union were born three children: Mary M., who became Mrs. Ross; and Lillias and Stearns, both deceased. Mr. Fitch cast his first presidential vote for Henry Clay, the Whig candidate, and later became a strong Republican.

Elmore P. Ross, the father of our subject, was a Democrat in his political views but was not an active politician in the sense of office seeking, although he was a very prominent and influential man in New York. He was one of the leading business

men of Auburn, where he was a resident prior to the opening of the New York Central Railroad. He was also largely interested in real estate in various cities and in the anthracite coal fields, and was one of the incorporators of the Merchants Union Express Company, afterwards merged with the American Express Company.

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### JOSEPH PEARSON.

Joseph Pearson is now living a retired life in Catawba. He is well known throughout the county, where he is called "Uncle Joe" by his many friends, and among his military acquaintances he goes by the title of "Sergeant." He was born in London, England, February 12, 1827. His father, William Pearson, was also born there and was a cabinet maker and wagon maker by trade, serving an apprenticeship to both. He would walk twenty-one miles from his work each Saturday night in order to spend Sunday at home. Although a self-educated man, he became well informed, and reading kept him abreast with the topics of the times. In 1832 the family came to America and sought a home in Clark county, Ohio. They were of strong Methodist faith and came to the United States because of their favorable impression of the form of government. The father had carried on wagon making and cabinet making in his native country until 1832, when with his wife and children he crossed the Atlantic and, making his way westward, proceeded down the Ohio river, settling in Pleasant township. His mother, who after her second marriage became Mrs. Elizabeth Inman, had come to Ohio at an early day and owned three hundred and

twenty acres of land in Harmony township, Clark county, where with the family she established a dairy farm. William Pearson conducted this farm for several years and assisted in caring for his mother, who reached the very advanced age of ninety years. Hers was one of the finest fruit farms in the county, as will be remembered by many of the old settlers. One of her sons, Martin Inman, who was formerly a merchant in Clark county, now lives in St. Louis.

After coming to America, William Pearson, the father of our subject, followed carpentering and cabinet making, and not only erected many of the old homes of the county, but also made the furniture with which they were equipped. He was well skilled in the use of swords and served as captain of a light horse company. He was likewise the strongest man in Clark county and at the general musters often gave exhibitions of his strength, as well as his skill as a swordsman. He married Elizabeth Lockhart, a daughter of Levi George Lockhart, who on one occasion was taken out to be hung because he preached the truth as he understood it. Two children were born unto William Pearson and his wife while in London, the eldest being Joseph, of this review. The younger, Henry, became a soldier of the Civil war and was killed below Vicksburg by the accidental discharge of a gun, when thirty-two years of age. After the arrival of the family in Ohio eight more children were added to the household: Maria, the widow of O. W. Davis, and a resident of Hardin county, Ohio; Elizabeth May, the deceased wife of Benjamin Golden, who is living in Catawba, Ohio; George, who was a soldier of the Ninety-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry in the Civil War and resides in Catawba; Martha, of Findlay, Ohio, the widow of William

Shanks, who was a member of the Union army; Millie Ann, the wife of Edwin Gardner, station agent at Patterson, Clark county, and a veteran of the Civil war; Mary, the wife of John Young, a retired farmer of Hardin county, who was also one of the boys in blue in the war of the Rebellion; Thomas, who was a soldier of the Fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry and is living retired in Catawba; and Samuel, who was a soldier of the Forty-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry and is now engaged in merchandising in Owatona, Kansas. The father of this family was a Republican in his political views, but never sought or desired office. A prominent member of the Methodist Episcopal church, he contributed liberally to church work and erected the Vernon and Pleasant Chapel churches. His house was the home of all the circuit riders in the early day and his hospitality was greatly enjoyed by other visitors to the locality. He never accumulated a great amount of money because of his liberality, but he gained what is far better—the respect, confidence and friendship of those with whom he came in contact. He died in Catawba, in 1847 at the age of fifty-seven years, honored and esteemed by all who knew him. His widow afterward became the wife Edward Shanks and by this marriage there was one son, David, who is now living in Columbus, Ohio. Mrs. Shanks passed away in Catawba.

Like the other members of his father's household, Joseph Pearson was educated in the early common schools of Clark county. He was only five years of age when the family came to America, and being the eldest of the family his school privileges were somewhat limited, for his services were needed on the home farm. As a boy he

used the sickle and the cradle, working in the harvest fields at a time when the labor of gathering the crops was much more difficult than it is at the present time, when splendidly improved machinery does the work that was at that time performed by hand. For three years he was employed on a farm and he also assisted his father in the shop until the latter died. For four years he was a clerk on board a store boat on the Ohio and Mississippi rivers. During that time he saved some money, which he brought home and with it settled up his father's affairs. He then located in Catawba, where he learned the cooper's trade, which he followed continuously until 1861.

Prompted by patriotic impulses Mr. Pearson then offered his services to the government, enlisting September 10, 1861, as one of the boys in blue of Company F, Forty-fourth Ohio Infantry, with which he served for four years with the rank of fourth sergeant. In 1864 he re-enlisted as a veteran, becoming a member of the Eighth Ohio Cavalry and was promoted to commissary sergeant and remained at the front until after the close of the war, when he received an honorable discharge. He served with the Clark County Greys and participated in many important battles. He was under the command of Captain Israel Stough and Colonel S. A. Gilbert. The regiment was ordered to Camp Piatt, West Virginia, and assisted in driving Floyd from Cotton Hill, then moved on to Ganley Bridge and Meadow Bluff. At Lewisburg they were attacked by General Heath, with forty-five hundred men, but repulsed them, capturing three hundred prisoners and four pieces of artillery, Company F alone capturing an eighteen-pound gun. Next the regiment proceeded to Soldier Springs, and

at Charleston had an engagement. They burned the bridge over the Elk river and assisted in destroying the Jackson River Railroad. On the 20th of December the regiment was mounted and sent after Morgan. With his command Sergeant Pearson was also in the engagements at Dutton Hill, Greenbrier River and the siege of Knoxville. He was then detailed and became a noted spy and scout under General Cook. After being appointed commissary sergeant he was detailed, recruited thirty-two men and served in the Second Brigade of the Second Division of the Army of Kentucky, being discharged December 31, 1863, but on the following day he re-enlisted, becoming a member of Company F, Eighty-first Infantry, under Captain Evans and Colonel Gilbert. He then took part in the engagements at Carrington, Otter Creek, Lynchburg, Liberty, Winchester, Martinsburg, Fisher's Hill, Luray Valley and Beverly. For three months he was ill of fever in the hospital at Dearington. He was then detailed and recruited twenty-one men. He served in Averill's Cavalry Division of the Eighth Corps under General Sheridan and was at Clarksburg on the 30th of June, 1865. He belongs now to N. M. McConkey Post, No. 391, G. A. R., in which he has served as quartermaster and as commander.

After the close of the war Sergeant Pearson returned to Catawba and resumed the cooper business, not only providing for his own support, but assisting his brothers and sisters until they reached maturity. In 1875 he left the shop and purchased the hotel here and a grocery store. In the latter he built up a good trade, prospering in the new undertaking, and for many years he conducted his store, enjoying a very liberal patronage. In 1898, however, he sold out,

and is now living retired. Well does he merit this rest, for his life has been a very busy one, as well as useful and honorable, his untiring diligence being supplemented by an honesty above question.

In April, 1848, Mr. Pearson was married to Miss Nancy Golden, who was born in Pleasant township, Clark county. She died of cholera the year following their marriage and left one son, Martin L., who died in early childhood. In 1850 Mr. Pearson was again married, his second union being with Mary S. Palmer, who was born in Adams county, Ohio, in 1832. By this marriage there have been six children. Joseph Williams, a farmer of Hardin county, Ohio, is married and has five children—Alice, the wife of Jacob Godfrey, a farmer of Wyandot county, Ohio, Bruce, Emma, Joseph and Walter. Francis Dale, the second member of the family, is a graduate of Wooster College and for several years was professor of languages in the high school of St. Paul, Minnesota. He is now principal of the E street high school, of Columbus, and is a lecturer of note. He is married and has one son, Humphrey. Martha Jane is the wife of Joseph Keeser, of Springfield, and they have three children—Myrtle, the wife of W. J. Turnbull, of Columbus, by whom she has two children; Annie and Mary Keeser. George Franklin is a manufacturer of and dealer in buggies, of Mechanicsburg, Ohio, and has one son, Marion. Charles Lincoln, of Benedict, Kansas, who has been for twenty years in the railway postal service, had two children, Bruce and Hazel, but the former is now deceased. Dora, the youngest member of Mr. Pearson's family, died at the age of eighteen years. Her mother was burned to death in 1863, and in 1864 Mr. Pearson

married Mrs. Elizabeth Ann Palmer, a widow of F. M. Palmer, a soldier who died in Kentucky during the war. Mr. and Mrs. Pearson had two children: Etta May, the wife of Frank Hendricks, of Catawba, by whom she has three children, Ethel, Sarah B., and Lee; and Elizabeth Ann, the wife of Hugh Cartmell, of Moorefield, by whom she has three children, Leah, Nela and Rodger. Mrs. Elizabeth Ann Pearson died at the birth of her younger daughter, in 1870, and in 1872 Mr. Pearson wedded Sarah E. Porter. They have one son, Levi Thomas, who is living in South Dakota.

In politics Mr. Pearson has been a Republican from the organization of the party and has taken an active interest in its work, being recognized as one of its leaders in his township. He has almost continuously since the war served as a delegate to the county and state conventions. For eight years he served as treasurer of Catawba, and for eleven years was a member of the village council while for sixteen years he filled the office of deputy county sheriff. For similar period he served as a member of the Republican central committee of Pleasant township, and for sixteen years has been connected with the school board, serving during a part of the time either as president or secretary. Since 1857 he has held membership in Catawba Lodge, No. 49, I. O. O. F., and has served continuously as its treasurer for thirty years, with the exception of one year. He has passed all of the chairs in the lodge, has several times been a delegate to the grand lodge and is a member of Mad River Encampment, No. 16, of Springfield. He aided in organizing McConkey Post, G. A. R., of which he served as commander for several years, and was appointed by Joseph W. O'Neal, the state

inspector of Ohio, to the position of assistant inspector in this district. He has frequently been sent to the national encampments as a delegate. He holds membership in the Methodist Protestant church and belonged to the church board for a number of years. His has been an eventful life. He has almost reached the seventy-sixth milestone on life's journey. His career has ever been honorable and upright and there is much in his life history worthy of emulation. He has never been intoxicated, has always been fair and just in his treatment of his fellow men and has lived at peace with them. He is identified with the early development of the county and can relate man interesting experiences of pioneer life in this section of the state. He carried on horseback the first mail in Pleasant township, traveling fifty-two miles per day, over mud roads. His father built the first frame house in Catawba, and there Mr. Pearson of this review lived. He has been the correspondent for the agricultural board, of Washington, D. C., and also of the water bureau, of Columbus. Although he is now living retired he still owns ninety-seven and one half acres of valuable land and this returns to him a good income. While serving as a spy under General Cook in the Civil war he had many narrow escapes. He was always found true to the Union, however, and throughout his entire life he has been a loyal citizen, faithful to his country at all times.

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#### JUSTINUS T. NAVE.

Justinus T. Nave is a son of John G. and Margaret E. (Gram) Nave, and was born upon his father's farm, September 3,

1865. He now carries on agricultural pursuits in Green township and his work is bringing to him a creditable financial return. He is the third in a family of five children and he assisted in the work of the old home place until twenty-one years of age. During that time he also acquired a good English education in the common schools and gained practical experience in the work of field and meadow, so that he was well equipped for conducting agricultural pursuits on his own account when he started out in life for himself.

At Covington, Kentucky, on the 1st of October, 1889, was celebrated the marriage of Justinus T. Nave and Miss Jennie B. Jones, who was born and reared in Green township, and is a daughter of Henry H. and Janie (Hawkins) Jones. Her father is still living, but her mother died when the daughter was only nine years of age. Mrs. Nave acquired a good common school education and is an estimable lady, who has won many friends in the community in which she is living. The young couple began their domestic life upon rented land and Mr. Nave continued to operate leased land until 1891. The following year he made his first purchase, becoming the owner of thirty acres, where he now lives. There was a house and barn upon the place, but the land had not been cleared, except a small garden. Mr. Nave has since prepared the fields for cultivation by clearing them and, as the work of plowing, planting and harvesting has been carried on, his farm has become a richly cultivated tract. In January, 1902, he purchased twenty acres additional, and he now has forty-one acres cleared, from which he is deriving a good income, for his fields are productive and well developed. The household is brightened

by the presence of two children—J. Albert, born in Green township, June 2, 1890; and Gladys Elnora, born on the home farm, October 30, 1892.

Mr. Nave was reared in the faith of the Republican party. In 1888, however, he supported the Prohibition party and has since been independent in politics. He is a charter member of the Junior Order of American Mechanics and for one term was warden.

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#### PHINEAS P. MAST.

One of the most prominent and useful men Springfield has ever known was Hon. Phineas P. Mast, who came here about forty-seven years ago, from Champaign, his native county, and soon engaged in the manufacture of agricultural implements in connection with the late Hon. John H. Thomas, under the firm name of Thomas & Mast. This partnership was dissolved by mutual consent in the fall of 1871, Mr. Mast purchasing the entire stock of Mr. Thomas. The style of the firm was then known as P. P. Mast & Company. Afterward the firm of Mast, Foos & Company was organized and extensive shops were built in the west end, for the manufacture of Buckeye force pumps, iron turbine wind engines, lawn mowers and iron fence. Subsequently Mr. Mast organized the Mast Buggy Company. He was the principal person concerned in the organization of the Springfield National Bank and was its president until his death, in November, 1898.

Mr. Mast was for many years a member of the city council and none of his contemporaries was more faithful in attendance or in rendering service than he. He was also for two years mayor of the city and for two

terms president of the board of trade, of which organization he was a charter member. In all these bodies, and in all public service, he was active and faithful.

No man connected with Springfield affairs stood higher in public esteem than he. He came to Springfield a young man and became at once prominent in public movements. His influence in positions of power was not baneful but beneficial. It was evident to all that he had the highest welfare and greatest good of the community always at heart. He demonstrated this by his works, by donations from abundant means, and the giving of most valuable time to foster our local municipal development. In business he was able to accomplish what few men can achieve successfully—maintain many lines of diverse enterprises, carrying on all with evenness and unimpaired credit. He showed not only a strong will in the management of a business that would have crushed most men, but maintained a uniformly cheerful spirit.

No utterance could be a more satisfactory expression of public sentiment or more illustrative of his character than the resolutions presented by Mr. Charles S. Kay, at a meeting of the board of trade called for the purpose of doing honor to Mr. Mast, on the 25th of November, 1898. It is as follows:

"Whereas, death has removed, in the person of P. P. Mast, an eminent citizen of Springfield, and one of the most honored and useful members of the board of trade, therefore be it

*Resolved*—That we recognize, in the personal character and career of P. P. Mast a conspicuous example of the best type of American citizenship and a notable illustration of honorable business achievement. While leaving to others, associated with him



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in education and church life the privilege of paying tribute to his influence and usefulness in those relationships we deem it proper that the representative commercial body of the city of Springfield, in which Mr. Mast has spent his entire active business life should pay just tribute to his character as a citizen and business man.

"Beginning with moderate capital but with well equipped mind and keen business faculties, Mr. Mast grew to be, with the passing years, more and more one of the pillars in the structure of our local business affairs, his influence and sagacity developing and directing some of the most important lines of trade and financial enterprises in the city.

"As a deeply interested and constantly active member of the board of trade, his participation in its discussions and his counsel as to procedure were of the greatest value based, as they were, upon a well-grounded knowledge of the growth, capabilities and resources of our city. He was one of the few older citizens of Springfield whose personal interest and active participation in its affairs kept pace with the progress of events and the needs of the time.

"While occupied with multiform cares and responsibilities Mr. Mast manifested to a remarkable degree a generous sympathy with the mental, moral and political welfare of the city, the state and the nation. He was one of the first to respond liberally to call for aid in any worthy direction.

"While possessed of large means, he never flaunted his possessions in the face of his less-fortunate fellow men. Although tenacious in his purposes, Mr. Mast maintained throughout his life a modesty of demeanor and a readiness to confer with others concerning important matters of local interest. The development of our city to a

position of commercial prominence, and as an attractive, healthful place of residence, was always uppermost in his mind, and to this end he devoted some of the highest energies of the best years of his life.

"Resolved, that we express our sincere appreciation of all these high qualities of capacities and usefulness, and that we record our sense of the deep loss sustained by the city of Springfield in the death of Mr. Mast. We shall miss his expressions of interest and his advice in the affairs of this board and the city, in which he was so long a prominent factor, will experience an incalculable vacancy in its roll of influential citizens and business men.

"The members of this board can pay him no better tribute than to endeavor to inculcate and foster the public-spirit which he so pre-eminently displayed."

Mr. Mast was a man of fine, attractive personal appearance as well as qualities and had the respect and esteem of all classes of people. As the years pass his memory grows. It would require a large volume to contain all the services rendered by Mr. Mast to the community, many of which were so quietly rendered as to be unknown. He was very prominent and liberal in church and benevolent work.

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#### PETER A. DILLAHUNT, V. S.

Peter A. Dillahunt, V. S., who is engaged in the practice of veterinary surgery in Springfield and Clark county, was born in German township, this county, December 30, 1869, and is a son of Andrew J. Dillahunt, whose birth occurred in Maryland February 29, 1844. He came to the west

with his parents, George W. and Elizabeth (Garvin) Dillahunt. The grandfather of our subject was a farmer and settled on land in German township, four miles from Springfield. His death occurred in Clark county and he was buried in Mount Zion cemetery. He was twice married and by the first union he had nine children, namely: Mary, the deceased wife of Jefferson Meranda; John Calvin, who wedded Mary Colvin and died leaving two children; Andrew J., the father of our subject; George Scott, who is living in Covington, Kentucky; Anna E., the wife of Harvey Stephenson, of German township; Luther, who died in infancy; Ellen G., the wife of S. T. Swearingen, of Wittenberg College; and William and Emma, who died in infancy. By the second marriage there were five children: Isabelle, the wife of Charles A. Thomas, of Pike township; Charles A., of Springfield; Cora, the deceased wife of William Bailey; Oliver of Moorfield township; and Florence O., the wife of Rev. William G. Smith, of New York. The mother of these children bore the maiden name of Lucinda Garvin, and was a half-sister of Mr. Dillahunt's first wife. His first five children were born in Maryland and the others in German township. All were educated in the common schools and reared to farm life and the sons have always followed agricultural pursuits. All who have passed away reached the age of about fifty years. George W. Dillahunt came to Clark county and purchased land which was mostly covered with timber. He became the owner of two hundred acres, all of which was improved by himself and sons.

Andrew J. Dillahunt succeeded to a part of the home farm and always carried on ag-

ricultural pursuits. He was a prominent man in party work in behalf of the Democracy, but he never sought or desired office. He wedded Mary M. Miller, who was born in German township, October 28, 1845, a daughter of Jacob Miller, who was one of the old pioneers of this section of the state. Her mother bore the maiden name of Rachel Bower and by her marriage became the mother of eight children: Lucy, the deceased wife of S. Nawman; Henry of Winfield, Kansas; William, who died in infancy; George H., who is living in the west; Peter B., deceased; Mary M., the widow of A. J. Dillahunt; Catherine, the wife of Harvey McCartney, of Dayton, Ohio; and Jacob A., of Winfield, Kansas. The sons removed to different parts of the west. The parents of this family are both now deceased. The father was born December 16, 1799, and his wife November 11, 1811. The parents of Jacob Miller were William and Magdaline (Karch) Miller and they were of Pennsylvania German parentage. In their family were eleven children, of whom Isaac was ninety-two years of age at the time of his death. Those still living are: Mrs. Sarah Baker, who is living in Springfield at the age of eighty-eight; and Mrs. Catherine James, of Dayton, who is now eighty-six years of age.

Unto A. J. Dillahunt and his wife were born eight children: Elizabeth, the wife of Joseph Pattison, of Pike township; Peter A., of this review; George, who is an undertaker of Springfield; Laura B., who died in infancy; Fred A., Frank B. and Otto C., all of Springfield; and Homer B., who died at the age of five years. The father died on the old homestead in January, 1895. The children were all educated in the common schools of German township but the

sons all came to Springfield and began business here on their own account. After the death of her husband Mrs. Dillahunt also removed to the city and is now living at No. 314 West Main street. Mr. Dillahunt was a man in moderate circumstances in early life, but entered upon a successful career. About 1874 he began the practice of veterinary surgery, having mastered the principles himself and he enjoyed an extensive patronage in Clark and adjoining counties.

Dr. Peter A. Dillahunt of this review pursued a literary education in the common schools. He afterward studied veterinary surgery with his father and later took a course in the Ontario Veterinary College, at Toronto, between 1891 and 1893, receiving his diploma in the spring of the latter year. At this time he located in Springfield and began practice, and he soon demonstrated his ability to successfully perform the duties of his profession and thereby he gained a liberal public patronage, his practice extending not only over Clark but also into adjoining counties. In this way he has prospered. He is now a member of the Ohio State Veterinary Medical Association and in 1898 he served as its vice-president.

Mr. Dillahunt was married in Springfield in 1896 to Miss Elva M. Kobelanz, who was born in Springfield township, Clark county, October 25, 1872, and is a daughter of J. Henry and Anna (Snyder) Kobelanz, both of whom are residents of Springfield township the father having been born March 15, 1839, and the mother on the 11th of July, 1841. They were married December 21, 1871, and became the parents of five children: Elva M., now the wife of our subject; Charles E. deceased; J. Harry, who is living on the home farm;

and Daisy L. and Anna M., both at home. The grandfather, Frederick Kobelanz, was born in October, 1898, in Germany and about 1832 became a resident of Clark county, Ohio. He was twice married, his first union being with Mary Hackman, by whom he had a daughter, Mary, now deceased. His second wife was Margareta Duhme, who was born in Germany and was the grandmother of Mrs. Dillahunt. Her children were: Fred, of Mississippi; Henry, of Springfield township; Herman L., of this city. The home of Dr. Dillahunt and his wife has been blessed with two children—Lelah Esther and Henry Cecil. The Doctor resides at No. 322 West Columbia street and his office is at No. 46 West Main street. He and his family attend the Lutheran church, of which his wife is a member, and he is a member of Red Star Lodge, K. P. In his political views he is a Democrat, but the duties of his profession leave him no time to seek public office, even if he desired to do so and he is content to perform his duties as a private citizen.

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#### PETER A. SCHINDLER.

Peter A. Schindler, now deceased, was for many years, however, engaged in the undertaking business in Springfield and was a man of prominence in commercial circles, his reliability commanding for him the public confidence and respect. He was born October 15, 1820, in Frederick county, Maryland, near Middletown. The father John Schindler was a native of Baden Baden, Germany, born in 1790, and in 1802 he started with his parents for America, but both his father and mother died on

ship-board, and other members of the family, while enroute, also died of ship fever. John Schindler was thus left an orphan. He made his home with an uncle in Maryland, who paid his passage to this country, and remained with him until he had reached manhood. He there learned the miller's trade and in that state he was married to Hannah Leatherman, a daughter of Peter Leatherman and a sister of Jacob Leatherman, who was a minister of the Dunkard church. In early manhood John Schindler devoted his attention largely to the milling business and in later years to farming. In 1852 he came to Ohio and purchased land three miles from Springfield. Later he removed to a farm three miles south of the city, known as the Woolf farm, and upon that place he spent his remaining days, passing away at the age of seventy-three years. His wife survived him only a few years and died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Louisa Schindler, in Miami county, Ohio. Unto John Schindler and his wife were born five children, Daniel A., who became a preacher; John, a miller who died at Altoona, Pennsylvania; Mary, who became the wife of M. K. Biser and died about 1852; Louisa; and Peter A.

The subject of this review was the eldest of the family. He pursued his education in Wittenberg College, of which his brother Daniel, who became a preacher, was also a graduate. The father provided his children with good educational privileges. He had been successful in life, and, although bound out in his early years, he had accumulated considerable property and was not only well-to-do, but also a highly respected resident of Clark county. He held membership in the Lutheran church.

During his youth Peter A. Schindler

assisted his father in milling and farming, and at the age of twenty-one he made a start in life for himself. He was married in 1842 to Miss Mary Ann Shafer and started out as a singing teacher, for he possessed considerable musical ability. He went to Hagerstown, Maryland, where his wife died in 1850. In October of the same year he came to Ohio, locating at Springfield, where he established a good reputation as a teacher of vocal music, a number of residents of the county to-day yet remembering his ability in this direction. In 1853 he embarked in the furniture manufacturing business in connection with M. K. Biser, under the firm name of Schindler & Biser. Various changes afterward occurred in the firm, but the business was continued until 1865, when Mr. Schindler sold his interest, having in the meantime met with heavy losses caused by endorsing notes for others. Subsequently he engaged in the manufacture of horse collars in partnership with Joseph F. Sheeter. He was an accountant and after his failure he engaged in bookkeeping for Colonel Doty, a plow manufacturer, but after a short period he began the manufacture of brick near the Erie depot, Springfield, using one of the first machines ever brought to Ohio for the purpose of brick manufacture. He continued in this line until 1867. About 1870 he became associated with J. Lamor Coleman, formerly a member of the firm of Coles & Coleman, undertakers. Mr. Schindler purchased the interest of J. W. Coles. Business was carried on under the firm style of J. L. Coleman & Company until 1884, when, in October, Mr. Schindler purchased his partner's interest and the firm of Schindler & Son was formed, but in February, 1886, Mr. Coles re-entered the busi-

ness and in June of the same year, J. M. Bennett was admitted to a partnership and was associated in the ownership of the business until December, 1887, when he sold his interest to Messrs. Schindler and Coles. In June, 1891, Mr. Schindler again purchased Mr. Cole's interest. In August, 1891, a half-interest was sold to J. H. Clark, and in February, 1892, a third was purchased by Joseph Littleton. In June, 1893, Mr. Clark sold to F. E. Snypp and in November, of the same year, Mr. Schindler purchased Mr. Littleton's interest, since which time business has been carried on under the firm style of Schindler & Snypp. After the death of Peter A. Schindler, Charles Schindler, his son, became his successor.

In 1852 Peter A. Schindler was united in marriage to Mrs. Caroline Keller, the widow of the late Rev Ezra Keller, D. D., the founder and first president of Wittenberg College and also of the First Lutheran church. She pursued a common-school education and bore the maiden name of Caroline Routzahn. Her birth occurred in Maryland in 1819, her parents being Adam and Elizabeth Routzahn. By her first marriage she had one child, who is now the wife of Ross Mitchell, of Springfield. By the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Schindler there was born one son, Charles, now a prominent business man of Springfield. The mother died September 20, 1888, and in October, 1889. Mr. Schindler was again married, his second union being with Elizabeth Martin, of Hagerstown, Maryland, who died February 17, 1890.

Mr. Schindler was a very staunch Republican and did everything in his power to promote the growth and insure the success of his party. He was a member of the

school board of Springfield and became connected with the Lutheran church in 1838. He afterward officiated as choir leader from the time he joined the church until 1890 and was also the leader of music in the Sunday-school. For over forty years he likewise served as superintendent of the Sunday-school and he organized many Sunday-schools in Clark county, taking much pride and interest in the work, realizing how important is early religious training as a preparation for life's duties, in instilling into the minds of the young the principles that endure as long as life endures. During his incumbency as Sunday-school superintendent he succeeded in building up a school until it had a membership of over one thousand and the new church was also built during his active connection with its work and government. Mr. Schindler passed away August 3, 1895, at the age of seventy-five years. His was a useful, honorable and upright life and the world is better for his having lived. There was in his life much that is worthy of emulation, and he left the impress of his individuality for good upon the community in which he so long made his home.

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#### CHARLES SCHINDLER.

Charles Schindler, who is engaged in the undertaking business in Springfield, was born in this city September 24, 1855, and is a representative of one of its old families, being a son of Peter H. Schindler, whose sketch precedes this. Our subject pursued his early education in the public schools and afterward was a student in Wittenberg College. When a young man he worked at

various occupations in different factories and stores. In 1877 he became owner of a book store, which he purchased of Samuel Cochran, conducting that establishment successfully until the spring of 1884. In October of the same year he became a partner of his father in the undertaking business. He had some practical knowledge of undertaking and embalming and after joining his father he thoroughly mastered the business in all its principles and details. He has conducted the business from 1885, at which time his father practically retired, and upon the father's death he assumed control of the business interests. Since November, 1893, the firm has been Schindler & Snynn, the partner of our subject being F. E. Snynn, who at that time purchased an interest in the business. The firm has a large patronage in this line and carries a large stock of funeral goods. Mr. Schindler is an experienced funeral director and embalmer and well merits the patronage which is extended to him.

In 1879 occurred the marriage of our subject and Miss Clara G. Smith, a daughter of Willard and Lucinda Smith. She was born in 1859 and died in April, 1901, leaving two children—Edith Keller and Caroline Steele. The latter was born August 19, 1896. The former, who was born in 1881, is a graduate of the high school of Springfield and is now the wife of the Rev. W. A. Pearman, a Lutheran minister of Springfield, by whom she has one son, Karl.

In his political affiliations Mr. Schindler is a Republican, but has never sought or desired office. He and his wife adhered to the Lutheran faith and were charter members of the Second Lutheran church, as were his father and mother, but having formerly belonged to the First Lutheran church. He is a charter member of Red Star Lodge, No.

205, K. P., in which he has served as master of finance since 1894. He belongs to division No. 44, of the Uniformed Rank; and is also identified with Al Yembo Temple, D. O. K. K.; with Springfield Lodge, I. O. O. F.; with the Mad River Encampment; and with the Improved Order of Red Men. He also holds membership in the Commercial Club and No. 3347, M. W. A., and enjoys the high regard of his brethren in these fraternities. Kindness and geniality, deference for the opinion of others and strict adherence to principles which make an upright manhood, have made him popular in social circles and gained for him the friendship of many with whom he has come in contact, while his reliability in business has won for him desirable success.

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#### COLONEL JOSEPH LEFFEL.

Joseph Leffel is a native of Clark county, his birth having occurred near Medway, in Bethel township, September 21, 1833. He represents one of the old pioneer families of this locality. His father, James P. Leffel, was born in Botetourt county, Virginia, March 29, 1790, and was lovingly called "Father Leffel" throughout the community. The parents were John and Margaret Leffel, in whose family were eleven children. The father died in 1801. In the year 1817 the mother, with her son James and another son, came to Ohio, the older members of the family having previously settled in this state. James Leffel was then a young man of eighteen years and he hired out to work as a farm hand at six dollars per month. He was also employed by his brother John, who conducted a flouring mill and distillery near

Enon. He remained with him for four years and then became a partner in the business. They built the mill which was owned and operated for many years by Henry Snyder. The father of our subject continued his connection with the milling business for eight years, when, on account of ill health, he sold his interest to his brother and removed to his home near Medway. In his farming operations he prospered and from time to time made judicious investments in real estate until he had sixteen hundred acres of land, while his city property included a fine business block and a residence on South Limestone street. He added to his property holdings as he found opportunity and became independently wealthy owing to his active farming operations and his judicious investments. His political support was given the Whig party in early life and upon its dissolution he joined the ranks of the Republican party. He married Elizabeth Miller and they became the parents of ten children, of whom three died in early childhood. Michael, born March 22, 1822, followed farming on the Yellow Springs pike and married Elizabeth Cosler. Martin, a farmer of Miami county, is deceased. James who was an officer in the Civil war, died on the old home place near Leffel's lane. Joseph is the next younger. Reuben, born March 9, 1836, married Rachel McClelland and is now deceased. Elizabeth is the widow of Mathew Irie and lives on South Limestone street. Scott is a resident of Dayton, Ohio. The father of this family was a man whose word was as good as his bond, his integrity being proverbial. He and his wife were adherents of the Methodist Episcopal church and died in that faith, the former passing away April 7, 1887. Being a man of domestic tastes and fond of his family, James

P. Leffel put forth every effort in his power to promote the welfare and happiness of his wife and children and provided for them every pleasure which he could obtain.

Colonel Joseph Leffel, for by that title our subject is known among his friends, pursued a common school education, beginning his studies in a log school building in Green township. He lived at home until about thirty-seven years of age and during that time was an active assistant in farm work. In early manhood he began raising bees, made a thorough study of the business and patented a bee hive which he had manufactured and which was sold throughout the country. It was called the Buckeye hive and was a great improvement on those which had been formerly used. Mr. Leffel also began raising fancy breeds of poultry while on the farm and continued the business after coming to Springfield in 1875. He issued catalogues giving the kinds of poultry raised, and his sales have extended to all sections of the United States. He is one of the pioneers in the fancy poultry business and has secured a very liberal patronage, which brings to him a good financial return. He also handles and raises rabbits, dogs and other pets. He has been an exhibitor at many county and state fairs and has won many prizes for his fine poultry and animals. His name is a household word among poultry men and in the market, and the Joseph Leffel poultry business is widely known. The Colonel gives his personal attention to the supervision of the business and very creditable success has attended his efforts. At various times he has engaged in the grocery trade. He is only three feet and ten inches in height and weighs sixty-seven pounds, being the smallest business man so far as known in the country, but he has al-



ways enjoyed good health and his capacity for business is shown in the successful conduct of his affairs, indicating his ability and determination.

The Colonel was married to Eveline Beasley, but she only lived for a year thereafter. In March, 1876, he wedded Miss Sadie B. Mead, who was born in Clark county and was a daughter of Arthur and Nancy (Hatcher) Mead. Her birth occurred February 4, 1854, and by her marriage she has become the mother of four children: Frank, who was born in 1876 and died on Christmas day of 1901; Gilbert, who was born in 1880 and is associated in business with his father; Blanche, born in 1885; and Philip, born in 1888. All were educated in the Gray Hill school. Mr. Leffel has always been a family man and has reared his children in luxurious surroundings. By careful management he has saved considerable money and has made judicious investments, owning a good business block and also city residences. At one time he was engaged in the photograph business. Fraternally he is connected with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and in politics is a Republican and always votes the straight ticket. Few residents of this county are more widely known than Joseph Leffel and the prosperity which has attended him is indeed well deserved.

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#### GEORGE O. McMILLEN.

George O. McMillen, deceased, was widely known in Clark county as a man of upright life and sterling character who achieved success in business through honorable industry. He was born in Bracken county, Kentucky, in 1830. His father died in that

state during the early boyhood of our subject and the latter afterward came with his mother, Mrs. Martha McMillen, to Ohio, a settlement being made in Brown county. Later they removed to Jamestown, Greene county, and from there to Fayette county, Ohio, where the mother died.

George McMillen then came to South Charleston and was married on the 22d of December, 1853, in the city where his widow now lives, to Miss Elizabeth Truitt, a daughter of Kendall and Sarah (Woosley) Truitt. Her father was born in Maryland and his parents were George and Martha (Dale) Truitt. The former died in Maryland and the latter with her children then came westward, settling in Madison county, Ohio, when Kendall Truitt was about seventeen years of age. He became a farmer and ultimately attained a fair degree of success although he started out in life a poor man, having only thirty-seven cents at the time of his marriage. His wife was born in Ross county, Ohio, and was a daughter of James and Elizabeth Woosley, who came to Clark county when she was only a little girl. As years passed, Mr. Truitt devoted his energies untiringly to his farm work and prospered in his undertakings, becoming well-to-do. He acquired three hundred acres of land near South Charleston and also became the owner of two hundred acres in Madison county. At the time of his death he left two heirs, Mrs. McMillen and Mrs. Harrod, now of South Charleston. Politically Mr. Truitt was a Republican and was a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he held the office of trustee. He lived in Clark county in pioneer days and also witnessed its development as pioneer conditions were left behind and those of a more advanced civilization were introduced. He



was known as a worthy and upright citizen and he left to his family the record of an honorable career as well as a goodly estate.

Mrs. McMillen was born in Madison township, Clark county, and proved to her husband a faithful companion and helpmate on life's journey. He had acquired a good common school education and had learned the carpenter's trade in South Charleston, following that as a contractor until he went to the army. In 1862, feeling that his country needed his services and that it was his duty to aid in the preservation of the Union, he joined the army becoming a sergeant of Company C, One Hundred and Tenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He had been promoted to the rank of second lieutenant and participated in a number of battles. At length he was hit in the neck by a spent bullet at the Wilderness, and was again wounded in the right foot at Monocacy, Maryland. He lay upon the field for some hours and then was carried by his comrades to the farm house of a Union woman. The Rebels drove his comrades away and then took the sword and other valuables belonging to Mr. McMillen which they could find, but the lady to whose house he had been carried buried his watch and money, so they were saved. The next day he was sent to the hospital at Frederick City, Maryland. His wound had received but little attention except what his kind hostess could give him. His limb was twice amputated and for a time the wound seemed to be healing well and it was thought that he would recover, but he did not have the vitality to stand the terrible strain on his system and after about six weeks of suffering he passed away August 21, 1864. Mrs. McMillen had gone to him about three weeks prior to this time and was with her husband at his death. She brought his remains back to South

Charleston, and he was here interred. He had received a commission as first lieutenant but was never able to be sworn into the office. His widow still retains this commission in her possession. He died as a brave and loyal soldier of his country, giving his life in defense of the old flag, which since the close of the war in 1865 has floated so proudly over the united nation.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. McMillen had been born one child, Emma, whose birth occurred August 21, 1858. She married Walter Moon and resided for a time in Fayette county, Ohio. Three children were born of this union: Iva, born in Fayette county, February 13, 1885; Oscar, born in the house where Mrs. McMillen now lives, January 30, 1887; and May McMillen, born March 18, 1890. The mother died in South Charleston, October 17, 1895, and thus Mrs. McMillen was deprived of her only daughter as well as of her husband. Both Mr. and Mrs. McMillen were earnest and faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he served as class leader. He voted with the Republican party but never sought or desired office. His life was one of industry and at all times he so lived as to merit the confidence and good will of those with whom business or social relations brought him in contact. His name is enrolled among the heroes of the Civil war whose sacrifice of life was the awful price that was paid for the Union.

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LEWIS PATRIC.

The name of Lewis Patric is well known in mechanical circles throughout the country because of his inventive genius. He is the patentee of a large number of valuable in-

ventions, which have found their way upon the market and to-day is the vice president of the Patric Furnace Company of Springfield, an important and leading industrial concern of this city. He has made his home here since 1870 and thus his life history of usefulness, of business activity and of honesty is a familiar one to his fellow townsmen.

Mr. Patric was born in Dutchess county, New York, May 17, 1831. Far back can the ancestral history of the family be traced. The Patrics come of Scotch ancestry, the first emigration to this country having been made about two hundred and thirty-seven years ago. The great-grandfather of our subject was the first of the family to settle in Pennsylvania. Abel Patric, the grandfather of our subject, was a soldier of the Revolutionary war and, being captured by the British, was confined in a tobacco house used as a prison in New York. In company with a fellow prisoner he managed to escape. His friend, however, was killed, but he succeeded in making his way to the lines of the Colonial troops. His death occurred in 1814, when he had reached the advanced age of eighty-seven years.

Fitch Patric, the father of our subject, was a native of Pennsylvania and died in Monroe county, that state, when about seventy-four years of age. His people had been pioneer settlers of Pennsylvania, having taken up their abode along the Susquehanna river when that entire district was a wild country. They lived in a log house in Luzerne county for a number of years and experienced many of the trials incident to pioneer life. In the early days of the republic the members of the family were supporters of the Democracy and at the time when Fremont became the first presidential candi-

date of the Republican party they became identified with that party and the representatives of the name have since been loyal to its support. Fitch Patric was united in marriage to Bethiah Patric, who bore the same family name as her husband. On the maternal side she was a representative of the old Sturtevant family. She lived to the advanced age of seventy years and both she and her husband were members of the Baptist church and reared their children in that faith. Fitch Patric and his wife had a family of nine children, of whom four are yet living: Abel, of Jamestown, New York; Lewis, of this review; Samantha, the wife of John Stillwell, of Geauga county, Ohio; and Charles E., who is connected with the Superior Drill Company of Springfield. All of the children remained at home until they were of age, living on the farm in Dutchess county, New York. They were educated in the common schools and also in the subscription schools at a time when the teacher boarded around among the scholars. The older brothers were carpenters and as Lewis Patric grew up he too began to learn the trade, working for a time as a house builder. These brothers erected a sash, door and blind factory and also a grist mill, which they operated successfully. The family had removed to Victor, Ontario county, New York, and it was there that the mill was located. The father and brothers also erected a saw-mill in Wayne county, New York. Later the father removed to Monroe county and died at Perrington. For many years, however, he and his sons were associated in business in the conduct of lumber mills and in farming enterprises. The planing and grist mill which they erected was operated until 1864.

Lewis Patric, of this review, gained good

practical experience in the line of mechanics. In connection with this enterprise he also went to Rochester, where he had a brother who was working upon some inventions, and there the subject of this review remained until 1870, when he came to Springfield. Being of an inventive turn of mind he began developing a furnace, which was first patented in 1874, but since that time he has been adding many improvements and perfecting his furnaces. In 1883 he made some very great improvements and other new features were added about 1901. He has made a study of furnaces and their construction and his knowledge of this branch of mechanics is very comprehensive and accurate. In 1872 he joined I. W. Rodgers in the manufacture of furnaces and also of spring mattresses of his own invention. This partnership was maintained until 1899, when the company was organized as the Patric Furnace Company. The sales of its products extend throughout the United States, the trade, however, being largely western. The officers of the company are I. W. Rodgers, president; L. Patric, vice-president; Robert McGregor, secretary; and C. F. Smith, superintendent. Mr. Patric has given his personal attention to the business and many of his furnaces are now in use throughout the city as well as throughout the country. They base their sales upon the merits of the furnaces manufactured and this is a sufficient advertisement. Time tests the merit of all things and has set its approval upon the products of the Patric Furnace Company. The business has steadily grown in volume and importance and is now an extensive and profitable one. Mr. Patric has patented several other inventions, which have been placed upon the market and have won recognition by reason of their practical utility.

While in New York in 1869 Mr. Patric was united in marriage to Emily Longwell, who was born in New York and was a daughter of David Longwell, a farmer. She holds membership in the Presbyterian church. They have a pleasant home at No. 133 South Mechanic street, which was built by Mr. Patric in 1871. During the past ten years they have spent the winter months in Florida for the benefit of his health and he has a fine orange grove at Interlocken. In the interests of his business he has traveled very extensively in the west and south as well as in the northern states. He has lived a quiet life, giving his attention largely to his business affairs and to the perfecting of his inventions, and thus he has prospered because the results of his hands and brain have been of practical use to his fellow men. His business has grown under the capable control of himself and his associates and to-day he is numbered among the prosperous residents of Springfield. Quiet and unostentatious in manner the circle of his friends is a select rather than a large one and all who come within this circle feel the power of his genial presence and entertain for him genuine regard.

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LUTHER A. GOTWALD, D. D.

"Knowest thou what argument thy life to thy neighbor's creed has lent," wrote Emerson in one of the most beautiful little poems that has come from an American pen. It is a well known fact that each individual has an influence over those with whom he comes in contact, either for good or ill, and that his thought-life as well as his action leaves its impress upon the world. Devoted to the noble calling of uplifting

humanity, of promoting moral strength and developing character that approaches the ideal, Luther A. Gotwald certainly gave strong proof of the power of Christianity in the hearts of men, and the argument which he gave to his neighbor's creed was such as made the world better for his having lived. For thirty years he devoted his life to the active work of the ministry of the Lutheran church; then came a period in which as a teacher he prepared young men for the duties of the church, followed by a period of retirement when physical infirmities prevented him from carrying on his labors, but through all he was upheld by a Christian faith and a deep human sympathy which makes his memory a hallowed and precious one to all who knew him.

Luther Alexander Gotwald was born in York county, Pennsylvania, in 1833, of German parentage, being a son of the Rev. Daniel and Susan (Krone) Gotwald. His father was one of the most eloquent and able German Lutheran preachers of his day and accomplished great good in the world through his eloquence born of his firm belief in the church and its mission in the world. His wife, too, was a noble Christian and though her education was somewhat limited her intellectual endowments were of a high order and she was a model Christian mother. After her husband's death in 1843 a double duty fell upon her—the spiritual and temporal care of her eight children. She had eleven children, but three had passed away. Luther A. was the seventh in order of birth and was a youth of ten years at the time of his father's death. The family were in straitened circumstances but the older children soon secured positions in which they could contribute to the family comfort. When about eleven years of age Luther was

employed as errand boy in a store and in a few years he was serving as a clerk, with increased wages. Later he learned the printer's trade and was not only able to provide for his own needs but also to assist his mother in the care of the family. At his birth he had been consecrated by his parents to the gospel ministry. Constantly was this high calling held up before him as his life work. One of the very last acts of his father as he lay upon his dying bed, was to call Luther and the boy's mother to the bedside and placing his attenuated hand upon the lad's head, devote him to the holy work of preaching Christ, and then with his dying breath he charged the mother never to cease her efforts and prayers until she saw him in the high office to which he had been given. That dying act was never forgotten by the boy and that holy consecration was not disregarded. From that moment he determined to assume the work which the father laid down. He began his preparation for the ministry in 1852, as a student in the preparatory department of Wittenberg College, in Springfield, Ohio, remaining there for three and a half years, struggling with poverty and enduring many privations, until the close of the sophomore year in the collegiate course. He then continued his studies in Pennsylvania College, in Gettysburg, and was graduated in 1857, as one of the honor men of the class. The next two years were spent in the Theological Seminary, at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, in which he was graduated in 1859, and soon afterward he was licensed to preach by the synod of West Pennsylvania and became pastor of the Lutheran church at Shippensburg, that state, where he remained until 1863. He next accepted a call from the church in Lebanon, Pennsylvania, where he

remained for two years, and in 1865 he became pastor of the First English Lutheran church, in Dayton, Ohio, but when four years had passed his health failed him and he was forced to rest for a year, spending that time with his mother in Aaronsburg, Pennsylvania. He was suffering from throat trouble, but at the end of twelve months he returned to the active work of the ministry although during the first year thereafter he preached but once on Sunday. In 1870 he became pastor of the Lutheran church in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, continuing there until he accepted the call from St. Paul's Lutheran church of York, Pennsylvania, his ministration there continuing for twelve years, from April, 1874.

Toward the close of the year 1885 Dr. Gotwald took charge of a struggling mission church in Springfield, Ohio, which under his guidance grew in numerical and spiritual strength, becoming a strong self-supporting church of more than three hundred members. When he retired from that pastorate, he closed his active connection with the ministry and entered upon a work equally important as an educator. He had labored earnestly and effectively for the churches of his denomination in Springfield, taking generous part in the founding of the Third church, in 1887; the Fifth church, in 1891; the Fourth church, in 1898; and Calvary church, in 1900. During each pastoral charge which he had, he secured many additions to the church and wherever he was located he won the love, confidence and good will not only of people of his own denomination, but of other churches as well. His first work in the ministry was performed during the trying days of the Civil war and

during those years he preached many patriotic sermons and did much to promote sentiment in favor of the administration. While in Lebanon, Pennsylvania, he organized a company of militia and was elected its captain. For his loyalty and patriotism his friends and admirers there presented him with a handsome and valuable Bible, for which no one was allowed to contribute more than a dime—a fact which indicates how many must have been the contributors toward the gift.

In December, 1888, Dr. Gotwald became professor of practical theology in Wittenberg Seminary, of Springfield, Ohio, being unanimously chosen by the board to fill the position. His chair embraced homiletics, church history, pastoral theology, Biblical criticism, church polity, apologetics and other branches. His work in the college was equally successful with that in the ministerial field and gave splendid satisfaction to those who are strict adherents to the true Lutheran faith. On the 2d of November, 1895, Dr. Gotwald was stricken with paralysis and was thus incapacitated for further duty of a public nature. He then lived in retirement with his family until his death, September 15, 1900. In addition to his labors as pastor and in the college he filled many other positions of trust and responsibility in the church. He was a director of Wittenberg College from 1865 until 1869; trustee of his alma mater from 1873 until 1885; director of the Theological Seminary of Gettysburg, from 1871 until 1880; member of the board of church extension from 1874 until his death, also of the board of home missions from 1881 and was president of the West Pennsylvania synod from 1873 until 1876. He was a frequent delegate to

the general synod and took an active part in its deliberations.

The home life of Dr. Gotwald was ideal. He was married October 13, 1859, to Mary E. King, who was ever his able assistant. Unto them were born seven sons and two daughters, but the seventh son died in infancy and Luther A. and William W., died at the ages of fifteen and seventeen years, respectively, while prosecuting their collegiate studies for the ministry. The second son, Rev. George D. Gotwald, died in Kansas City, Missouri, January 12, 1890, after a ministry of four and a half years. The five surviving members of the family are Dr. D. King Gotwald; Robert C. Gotwald, an architect; Rev. F. G. Gotwald; Mary S., of this city; and Mrs. Glenn M. Cummings, of Mansfield, Ohio.

Dr. Gotwald received his degree of Doctor of Divinity from his alma mater in 1874. He was a prolific writer and many of his writings have been published and show great breadth of thought, deep research, clear understanding and deep sympathy and piety. He was ever noted as a pre-eminent pastor, with splendid social talent, affable manner, warm heart and winning ways. His friendships were strong, his sympathy broad, and he was not only possessed of a strong humanitarian spirit but that Christianity which is the foundation of all that is true, right and uplifting. He added to the strength of his intellectual endowments the embellishments of culture and of broad reading; he was logical in thought, entertaining and instructive in discourse, and moreover his life was ever permeated with a love for the whole human race that made all who knew him count his friendship a prize well worthy the winning.

#### ST. CHARLES BARROMEIO CHURCH.

St. Charles Barromeio church, of South Charleston, Ohio, is now an organization of much influence. For many years the congregation held services in a hall on North Chillicothe street. The Rev. Thomas Blake, pastor of St. Brigids church of Xenia, looked after the spiritual wants of the Catholics of South Charleston for a long period. He was a zealous and hard working missionary and accomplished much good here. He was succeeded, coming in the regular order mentioned, by the following named clergymen: Rev. J. A. Moroney; Rev. John J. Kennedy; Rev. W. H. Sidley; Rev. James Burns; Rev. G. Grennan, a South American missionary; Rev. J. H. Rowecamp; Rev. C. M. Berding, a most popular and successful priest, who administered the affairs of the parish from October, 1877, to January, 1882. Father Berding was succeeded by the Rev. Martin L. Murphy, one of the best Irish scholars in America. Father Murphy's pastorate extended from January, 1882, to May, 1886. Rev. Alcide Bourion succeeded Father Murphy and remained until November, 1896, when he retired, broken down in health. Father Bourion was succeeded by Rev. L. M. Sullivan, who, during his short pastorate of two years, made many needed improvements in and about St. Charles church property. Father Sullivan was remarkable for his great generosity and his fatherly care of the sick. He died January 24, 1898.

The present pastor is Rev. Joseph M. Hyland, who was born in Ossining, New York, July 19, 1867. He pursued his classical studies in the University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana, and then en-

tered Mt. St. Mary's Seminary, in Cincinnati, Ohio, where he pursued his philosophical and theological studies. He was ordained by the most Rev. William Henry Elder, D. D., on the 19th of June, 1884, and after a month's vacation he was appointed assistant at the cathedral in Cincinnati, Ohio, where he remained until September 5, 1895, when the archbishop appointed him pastor of St. Martin's church at St. Martin, Ohio. After a very successful pastorate of three years at that place he was appointed pastor of St. Charles Borromeo church in South Charleston. The congregation is now engaged in building a fine new house of worship. It will be eighty-nine by fifty-one feet and it is constructed of pressed brick and covered with a slate roof.

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#### CHRISTIAN SCHUMACHER.

Comparatively few are the men who are devoting their time, energies and talents to those lines of life promoting the ethics of culture. The vast aggregate are concerned with industrial, agricultural or commercial pursuits, but here and there are found those whose ability in another direction contributes to the happiness and pleasure of the world through ministering to the love of the beautiful. In such a department of life is Christian Schumacher found, and his artistic skill is widely acknowledged by many who have seen his work and are competent judges of art. His fame as a painter is not confined to Springfield, but is extending far beyond the limits of this city and of the state.

Mr. Schumacher is a native of Wurtemberg, Germany, born June 12, 1846. His

parents, Henry and Frederica (Lohr) Schumacher, were born, reared and educated in Germany, there spending their entire lives. Both passed away when about seventy years of age. The father was a stone mason by trade, and also a builder, and was an expert workman. They had three sons: Christian, of this review; Henry, who was a mechanic and died in Springfield in 1871, but was educated in Germany, whence he came to this city in 1866; and Gustavus, who is a mechanic now living in Michigan. He came to Springfield in 1876 and removed to Michigan in 1890. The father of this family died in 1888 and the mother in 1889. He was a man of means and provided his children with good educational privileges.

Christian Schumacher was educated in the general public schools of Germany and at the age of fourteen was apprenticed to a machinist for a term of three years, during which time he learned the trade. During that same period he was also attending an art school at Tubingen, his home place, and he also spent some time in the art school at Stuttgart. When eighteen years of age he left his native land and came to America, making his way to Springfield, Ohio, where he had relatives living. Here he found work as a machinist in the Leffel Water Wheel works, and was thus employed for about ten years. At the same time he was studying and improving his artistic skill. Some time later he did drafting for his former employers at their factory, but in 1875 he gave up the machinist's trade in order to devote his entire attention to painting. From his brush have come many fine oil paintings, which are seen in various homes in Springfield. He formerly gave private instructions in crayon, oil and drawing and was an instructor in drawing in the art depart-



ment of Wittenberg College. From his maternal ancestry he inherited his taste for this line of work and by earnest efforts he has developed his talents which have long since advanced him beyond the ranks of mediocrity. He formerly employed agents to solicit orders in various parts of the country for oil and crayon portrait work, but since 1897 he has been doing original work, making a specialty of animals, and has several times exhibited his work at state fairs. In 1888 he made a trip to Germany and visited his parents, both of whom died within a year after his visit. While abroad he spent much of his time in the art department of Munich, studying for about four months.

In 1869 Mr. Schumacher was married to Miss Caroline Fox, who was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, in 1849, and when a young lady came to America. They have three sons. Hermann, born in 1874, and now employed in the tool department of the Thomas Manufacturing Company, is married and has two children, Carrie and Irene. Henry, who is married, is now employed by the P. P. Mast Company as a machinist. Charles is a machinist in the tool department of the navy yard at Washington, D. C. The sons were all born, reared and educated in Springfield and had private instruction in mechanical drawing at the Young Men's Christian Association, the father teaching them free-hand drawing.

In 1873 Mr. Schumacher purchased a lot which was then outside the corporation limits of the city, which is at No. 387 Clifton street, where he now maintains his residence. In politics he is a Republican where matters of national or state importance are involved, but at local elections he votes independently. He is a member of St. John's

Lutheran church and is a citizen interested in everything pertaining to the general good. His advancement in his profession is due to his earnest application, his close study, his efficient work and his native talents. He has produced many works of high merit and Springfield has reason to be proud of his artistic skill.

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#### ANDREW FINK.

Andrew Fink, who has been engaged in business in Springfield since 1883, and is now dealing in meat and groceries at the corner of East and Kenton streets, was born in Springfield township in that portion now within the city limits, May 25, 1856. His father, Adam Fink, came to America from Germany about 1853, his birth having occurred in the latter country in 1832. A butcher and farmer, he long conducted a meat market, and he is yet living at the age of seventy years. He married Louise Krauss, who was born in Xenia, in 1839, is of German ancestry and is now living in Green township. Mr. Fink removed to a farm at Pitchin, Green township, where he is conducting a truck farm and butchering business. Both he and his wife hold membership in the Lutheran church. In their family were ten children: Andrew; Adam, a farmer of Pitchin; Mimie, the wife of John Young, of Lagonda avenue, Springfield; Carrie, the wife of Orrin Buffenlanger, of Auglaize county, Ohio; Emma, the wife of Albert Crossland, of Green township; Anna, twin sister of Emma; Rosa, the wife of R. Skillings, of Green township; W. F., a farmer of Green township; Elizabeth, of Springfield; and Nettie, who



is at home. These children were all educated in the public schools of Pitchin, and for a time Elizabeth engaged in teaching.

Like the others, Andrew Fink acquired a public school education and remained at home until he was sixteen years of age. As he was the eldest of the family many burdens devolved upon him. Leaving home he worked as a farm hand for R. N. Elder for nine seasons, managing his property. He then came to Springfield, where he engaged in the butchering business and managed a meat market for about two years. In 1883 he began the butchering business on his own account at the corner of East and Pleasant streets and in 1896 he built a home and place of business at the corner of East and Kenton streets. Here he conducts a general meat market and grocery. He began with the earnings he had saved and gradually he has increased his stock to meet the growing demands of his trade. In 1900 he added a line of groceries and he now has a large and well kept store, a good business being accorded him.

Mr. Fink was married in Springfield in 1884 to Miss Minnie L. Marshall, who was born in Cedarville, Greene county, Ohio, in 1865. They have two children: Jesse Walter, born in 1886; and Glenna Marie, born in 1889. Mr. Fink's study of the political questions of the day has led him to give his support to the Republican party, in which he takes a deep and active interest, having served as a delegate to city, county and congressional conventions. Party honors and emoluments, however, have no attractions for him. He has a practical business education, but attended school only in the winter months, working on the home farm in the summer season, for aided by his brother, he supported the family until

the younger children were able to care for themselves. He has lived a quiet and honorable life and has gained success by hard work.

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#### DANIEL S. WATKINS.

Daniel S. Watkins is the foreman of the setting-up department in the plant of the P. P. Mast Manufacturing Company, with which he has been connected since February 8, 1875. He comes of a family of English ancestry that was established in America at an early day, the grandfather of our subject having been born in Virginia. He was the patentee and manufacturer of various implements and it was he who evolved the idea of a windmill, which was afterward built and put upon the market by his son. Richard Watkins, the grandfather, reached a very advanced age.

Richard Watkins, the father of our subject, was born on the eastern shore of Maryland, acquired his education in the subscription schools and became well known in the business world as an inventor and manufacturer. He was the patentee and manufacturer of the Watkins windmill. He made his home upon the pike extending from Hagerstown to Williamsport, Maryland, and there he died in 1848 at the age of thirty-seven years. He was the only member of the family who passed away at an early age. The others all reached advanced years. He married Rosa Ann Startzman, who was born of German ancestry in Maryland in 1819, and died in 1853. After their marriage they started overland for the west, making their way to Illinois, where they remained for a year. They then went to St. Louis, and from there proceeded by steamer

to Wheeling, West Virginia, thence returning by coach to their old home in Maryland, this trip being made about 1837. In their family were nine children, of whom two died in early childhood: Mary E., born in Illinois, died in Maryland in 1899, when about sixty-one years of age; Horatio J. is a Lutheran preacher, of Lockport, New York; Margaret became the wife of David Beckley and died in Maryland in 1902; Richard Perry, who was a soldier of the Civil war, is now a baker and confectioner of Fairbury, Nebraska; John died in Maryland in 1894; Daniel S. is the next younger; Luther is an undertaker of Hagerstown, Maryland. These children were all reared in Washington county, Maryland, and educated in the early subscription schools, which were held in log houses. The father died in 1848, leaving a family of small children to the care of his widow, who kept them together until they were able to care for themselves. She died in the old house in her native state which was erected by her husband on their return from the west.

Daniel S. Watkins of this review was born in Washington county, Maryland, December 7, 1846, and acquired his education in the subscription schools, which he attended through the winter months, while in the summer seasons his attention was given to farm work. He made his home with his sister and at the age of sixteen he was apprenticed to learn the carpenter's trade, which he completed at Williamsport, Maryland. He worked as a journeyman in Hagerstown, of that state, and in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. At Altoona, Pennsylvania, he was employed at car building for the Pennsylvania system, and in Wilmington, Delaware, was in the employ of the Jackson-Sharp Company. He also worked at

his trade in Prince George county, Maryland, after the panic of 1873, and then returned to Wilmington, Delaware, where he remained until the spring of 1875, when he came to Springfield, having some intimation that he could obtain a position with the P. P. Mast Manufacturing Company. He started in the setting-up department, became familiar with every detail of the business and in 1885 was promoted to the position of foreman, having under his supervision forty men.

In 1872, in Hagerstown, Maryland, Mr. Watkins was married to Zella B. Lepley, who was born in Frostburg, Alleghany county, Maryland, in 1851. Her father, Rev. Christian Lepley, was born in Marietta, Ohio, December 5, 1811, and was a preacher in the Lutheran church, in the active work of the ministry for over fifty years. For seventeen years he was located at Frostburg, Alleghany county. His first pastorate was at Lewiston, Pennsylvania, and subsequently he was at Cumberland and Williamsburg, while during the Civil war he spent five years on the Potomac. At length he was forced to abandon pastoral work on account of ill health, though later he resumed his labors at Hempstead, Maryland, and various other places for several years. Since 1885 he has been retired, living with his daughter. He is a well preserved and intellectual man for one of his age and during the past few years he has occasionally filled the pulpit. He married Margaret R. Rupley, who was the oldest daughter of Simon and Sarah Rupley, of Greencastle, Pennsylvania. There were five children in their family, of whom two died in early childhood, and Luther passed away at the age of seventeen years. The living daughters are: Sarah Eva; and Mrs. Watkins. The former is the wife of

F. P. H. Heminghausen, D. D., who has been pastor of St. Stephen's Lutheran church of Baltimore, Maryland, since 1862. Mrs. Watkins was educated in Keemar College at Hagerstown, Maryland, and was engaged in teaching in the public schools at Smithsburg, Maryland. By her marriage she has become the mother of three children: Harry L., who was born May 11, 1874, and died in 1875; Nellie, born in Springfield, January 7, 1877; and Keller, who was born November 19, 1883, and is now a student in Wittenberg College.

Mr. Watkins has invested his earnings in a farm at the end of Lagonda avenue. He had one hundred and thirty-nine and one-half acres of land, but sold to the city about thirty-two acres for the extension of its water works system. He superintends the operation of the remainder of his land, carrying on general farming and stock raising. At one time he purchased a lot and erected a home at No. 123 South Plum street, making it his place of residence for twenty-two years, but now he resides on his farm. He was a member of the city council of Springfield for six consecutive years, from 1894 until 1900, having been elected on the Republican ticket from the fourth ward, and during that period served as chairman of important committees and as president of the council for one year. He has also been a delegate to county conventions. He belongs to the Third Lutheran church, was for ten years a member of the official board, and is identified socially with the Junior Order of American Mechanics. His is an ideal home life, provided with all the comforts that he can secure, and he puts forth every effort in his power to promote the welfare of his wife and family. His is an untarnished family name and his

own record adds luster thereto, because he has always been true to duty, loyal in citizenship and straightforward in all his dealings.

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ROBERT H. BOTLEY.

Robert H. Botley, a florist of Springfield, who for thirteen years has resided in Clark county, was born near London, England, December 17, 1862, and is a son of John Botley, whose birth occurred in that country in 1828, and who is now living retired. Throughout his life the father has followed farming. He represents an old family of England, of the middle class, is a man of good education, and for his success in life deserves great credit, as it has been won through his own efforts. He has two brothers, George and William, who are now more than eighty years of age. He married Sarah Bateman, who was born in England in 1830, and they became the parents of five sons and three daughters, but two of the sons have passed away, Aaron having died in early childhood and William in infancy. The others are: Ellen, who is married and lives in Wales; Sarah, who is married and resides in England; Charles, who is married and is engaged in the boot and shoe business in England; John, a business man of London, England; Alice, a widow, who is residing near London; and Robert H., of this review, who is the eldest son of the family. The children were all born and reared on the old home farm. The sister, Ellen, has been extensive traveler, having married a Mr. Miller, who held a government position which caused him to visit many portions of the world.

Robert H. Botley was educated in the public schools of his native land, pursuing his studies there until he was fourteen years of age, when as an apprentice he began learning the florist's trade at Beaufront castle, working under an experienced landscape gardener and florist. He was thus engaged until he was twenty-one years of age. In 1883 he came to America, locating in Erie, Pennsylvania, where he was in charge of the grounds owned by William L. Scott, one of the wealthy men of that city. For nearly two years he occupied that position and then went to Paynesville, Ohio, where he remained for three years. He next came to Springfield and found employment with C. A. Reeser, with whom he remained for about seven years. When he arrived in this country he had some money, which, supplemented by his savings during several years in America, enabled him to embark in business on his own account in 1894. He formed a partnership with C. W. Schmidt, under the firm name of Schmidt & Botley, their place of business being located south of Springfield, where they purchased property, building thereon greenhouses at the corner of Southern and Western avenues. Operations were begun on a small scale and gradually they extended the field of their labors and now they have fifty thousand square feet of glass. Their hothouses are being constantly enlarged in order to meet the increasing demand of their trade. They conduct a mail order business, making a specialty of various kinds of roses. They employ twenty men in conducting the different departments of their business, and they have one of the best modern equipped plants in the city.

Mr. Botley was married in Paynesville, Ohio, in August, 1887, to Miss Emma Dun-

can, who was born in that city in 1867 and was educated in the public schools there. Their union has been blessed with four children, but one daughter, Amie, died at the age of three years. The others are: Edith, born in 1889; Robert, born in 1896; and Helen, born in 1899. The family home is at No. 364 West Southern avenue.

In his political views Mr. Botley is a Republican and has served as judge of elections and as a delegate to the county conventions, but the demands of his business leave him but little time for active political work. He belongs to the Society of American Florists and he is an occasional contributor to florist journals upon topics connected with the conduct of a greenhouse and the care of plants. He is also a member of Red Star Lodge, K. P., and he and his wife hold membership in the Church of Christ. In 1901 he made a trip to England to visit his parents and found pleasure in viewing again the scenes amid which his boyhood was passed and renewing the friendships of his youth. He has no desire, however, to again become a resident of the mother country, for he has formed a strong attachment for America and her institutions. His object of bettering his financial condition has also been realized here and he is in control of an extensive business, to which he gives his personal attention, while annually he derives therefrom a good income as a deserved reward of his close application and thorough understanding of the work which claims his time and energies.

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#### CHARLES E. PATRIC.

The name of Charles E. Patric is one well known in agricultural circles throughout the length and breadth of this land be-



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cause of his inventive genius which has given to the world devices of great value to the farming community. Within the last half century America has demonstrated her right to the leadership of the world in the realm of invention. At first by the brilliancy of her achievements she won the attention of the old countries, then commanded a respect which rapidly developed into a wondering admiration. She has provided unexcelled labor-saving and cost-reducing machinery and her workers have practically revolutionized agricultural methods because of the improved machinery and inventions which they have placed upon the market. In this regard Charles E. Patric is certainly worthy of consideration, for the Superior drills are the outcome of his thought, investigation and experiment. He is to-day one of the stockholders and a director in the Superior Drill Company, an industry which with one exception is the largest in Springfield and its success may well be attributed to his work as an inventor.

Mr. Patric was born in Poughkeepsie, New York, September 6, 1837, and is a son of Richard F. and Bethiah (Patric) Patric. He comes of Scotch ancestry, the first representative in America having located in Connecticut about 1635. His paternal grandfather, William Patric, was a soldier of the Revolutionary war and was taken prisoner by the English, being incarcerated in the second story of an old house. Near his window stood a large apple tree loaded with fruit and it was not until that tree was again in blossom that he succeeded in making his escape. In the meantime he had suffered from an attack of varioloid. When spring had come he and a comrade planned an escape, and while creeping along the bank of the creek through the tall weeds the senti-

nels of the British army challenged them and fired, killing his comrade instantly. William Patric, however, escaped. He waited quietly for some time and then slowly crept along through the weeds at the edge of the water and by daybreak he had reached the Continental lines in safety. He lived to see the victorious close of the war and died at a ripe old age in eastern New York.

Richard F. Patric, the father of our subject, was born in Connecticut and with the family removed to eastern New York and was there married to Miss Bethiah Patric, after which he located on a farm near Poughkeepsie. He was one of the active and prominent Whigs of the county and a man of considerable influence there. During his later life he removed to Wayne county, New York, and engaged in the manufacture of lumber at Williamson for a number of years. His last days were passed in Monroe county, New York, where he died in 1855. His widow, surviving him for about eight years, passed away in the same county in 1863. They were members of the Baptist church, living earnest, consistent Christian lives and putting forth every effort in their power to advance the church work. They left a family of ten children, of whom Charles E. was the ninth in order of birth.

In the district schools near his boyhood home Charles E. Patric began his education and afterward continued his studies in the academy at Hornellsville, New York, from which he returned to Wayne county and was there associated with his father in business for a few years. Later he removed to Victor, Ontario county, New York, where he engaged in the manufacture of sash, doors and blinds and to some extent he was connected with the conduct of flouring mills. In 1864 he removed to Shortsville, New

York, where he continued his manufacturing business, but, in the meantime, he had given much thought and study to the question of improving machinery and implements used in planting grain, possessing much natural mechanical ability which had been developed through his business interests and his research. He began giving his attention to experimental work with the result that in 1865 he invented what is known as the double force feed grain distributor for grain drills. In the fall of 1866 he removed to Macedon, New York, where he devoted his energies to the further improvement of grain drills and from that time to the present has engaged in the business uninterruptedly, having taken out about forty patents on grain drills and seeding machines.

In May, 1867, Mr. Patric removed from Macedon to Springfield where he succeeded in interesting a number of well known and prominent citizens in his invention with the result that a company was formed for the manufacture of the grain drills for the central and western markets, this being the beginning of the manufacture of the Superior drill. In 1878 Mr. Patric returned to Rochester, New York, and while there invented an entirely new grain drill embracing some of the most meritorious features that have ever been produced for a machine of this kind. In the fall of 1883 he again came to Springfield and organized the present Superior Drill Company, which was then incorporated with a capital stock of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars. Something of the growth and extent of the business may be indicated by the fact that the investment at the present time is five times the original amount of the capitalization. Mr. Patric became one of the heavy stockholders and one of the first directors and has since

served in this position. He has given his attention entirely to improvements, patents, pattern drawings and general construction, and to his ability and inventive genius is due to-day the perfection found in the Superior drill. It has often been said that invention is the result of chance or inspiration, but examination into the life of an inventor shows that his work comes as the result of earnest thought, investigation and research as well as experiment. Such was the case with Mr. Patric. Every improvement which he has made in connection with mechanical construction has been as the outcome of earnest effort and untiring labor combined with a comprehensive and accurate knowledge of mechanical principles and a thorough appreciation of the needs of agriculture. The success of the Superior Drill Company is certainly largely due to the excellence of the products which have been placed upon the market as the result of his inventive skill. He has not confined his attention wholly to one line, for he is now the vice-president of the Foos Gas Engine Company, extensively engaged in the manufacture of the celebrated gas and gasoline engines that find a ready sale throughout the greater part of the civilized world, being used for various purposes where power is required, including electric lighting. Mr. Patric is the president of the Springfield Metallic Casket Company, which has a very large and fine plant located in Springfield for the manufacture of all kinds of funeral caskets and funeral hardware. Its business has likewise reached mammoth proportions. Of the Springfield National Bank he is a director and through many years he has been recognized as one of the strongest co-operant forces in the business and especially the industrial development of Springfield.



In August, 1887, Mr. Patric was married to Miss Esther Adele Burlew, of New York, and has erected a fine home at No. 566 East High street. He and his wife are members of the Fourth Lutheran church and he is serving as a member of the board of directors of the Wittenberg Lutheran College and belongs to the general synod. In politics he is a strong Republican although not an active participant in political work or a seeker after political honors. His entire attention has been given his business affairs. It is a noticeable fact that when he first became interested in Springfield manufactures there was a very small number of men employed in this department of activity here, but to-day the companies with which he is directly connected give employment to twelve hundred men. It would be trespassing on the domain of history to recount the industrial development of the city, and yet it is but just to say that Charles E. Patric has been a liberal promoter of development along these lines in Clark county, and his efforts, while bringing to him success, have had also a far wider scope, proving of immense benefit to the agricultural world.

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#### THE BRAIN FAMILY.

Through many years the Brain family has been represented in Clark county and its members have been prominent here in public affairs and in promoting material advancement through the conduct of successful business enterprises. The ancestry can be traced back to William Brain, who was born at Donnington in the parish of Stow, Gloucestershire, England, in 1734. He first married Hannah Dorsell, by whom he

had two children: Ann, born in May, 1763, and Hannah, born May 18, 1767. On the 31st of July, 1769, he married Ann Proctor, who was born at Bradfordton, near Evesham, April 18, 1746, and to them were born the following children: William, January 20, 1771; Elizabeth, December 14, 1772; Mary, March 4, 1774; John, August 28, 1775; Sarah, March 4, 1778; Joseph, January 1, 1781; Dinah, April 14, 1783; George October 21, 1784; Lydia Ann, March 31, 1788; and Thomas, October 30, 1790. After the death of his second wife William Brain was married to Phoebe Caddick in 1794. He came of a sturdy race, was a farmer by occupation and served as superintendent of some large estates in England owned by the nobility. His sons followed in the business footsteps of their father, working with him on old estates in their native land.

George Brain was born in England, was a malster and followed that business in his native land until 1829, when he came to America accompanied by his family. He was successful in business, and was a well read man and in the community where he lived had considerable influence. The voyage across the Atlantic consumed six weeks, but eventually he landed safely at Philadelphia. He thence proceeded by way of the Albany canal to Buffalo, by the lakes to Sandusky, Ohio, and thence across the country by wagon to Springfield, which at that time was a village of five hundred population. The family residence stood just north of the present site of the courthouse. George Brain purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land, bounded on the west by what is now Oak street, and for this paid seven dollars per acre. From time to time he added to his property until about three hundred acres were comprised within the boundaries of his

farm. He made a close study of agriculture and had a large library of books on the subject. His many other volumes on current topics also indicated his literary tastes and love of learning and a large number of the works from his library shelves are now in the possession of his descendants. He brought with him to America about twenty-five hundred dollars in gold which was placed in a box that is now in the possession of Lydia Brain, who is living at the advanced age of eighty-two years. He also left considerable money in gold in England when he crossed the Atlantic to the new world. It was on the 2d of January, 1814, that George Brain was united in marriage to Mary Whitehead, who was born in Gerforth, Yorkshire, England, May 12, 1792. The wedding took place in Tipton, Staffordshire, England, and they had eight children: Mary, the eldest, born December 4, 1814, was married October 1, 1839, to Robert Strain and after his death she was married in 1852 to Levi Willard. Her death occurred April 22, 1900. She has one surviving daughter, Mrs. John L. Plummer. Joseph James W., the second member of the family, was born June 3, 1816, and died May 12, 1855. Anna, born March 25, 1818, became the wife of David Green and died September 26, 1867. She left three children: William B., of Springfield, John H. and Lucy E., both of Newton Falls, Ohio. Lydia, born February 26, 1820, is living at the home of Mrs. George Brain, Sr., and is the only member of the family residing in Clark county, of that generation. Martha, born May 11, 1821, died March 15, 1895. Lucy, born September 23, 1823, became the wife of Dr. John C. Stoddard, who was a surgeon in the Union army during the Civil war and was killed during his service. She now lives

in Ottumwa, Iowa, and with the exception of Lydia is the only surviving member of the family. She has two children—Mrs. William McNett and John A., a preacher. George was the next of the family. William G., born June 2, 1830, in Springfield, died March 2, 1902, leaving three children: Belle M., Robert D. and Amy L. of this city.

George Brain, Jr., became a prominent and influential resident of Springfield. He was the seventh in order of birth in his father's family and first opened his eyes to the light of day in Staffordshire, England, March 2, 1827. In early life he accepted a clerkship in a drug store, but on account of ill health he returned to his father's farm and carried on agricultural pursuits for many years. On his father's death, in 1851, he took charge of the home farm, which he cultivated and improved continuously until 1880. In 1858 he purchased land, comprising eighty-three acres, upon which the homes of the present representatives of the Brain family are located. After the farm was taken into the city by the extension of the corporation limits of Springfield, he turned his attention to the real estate business, laying out additions and handling property here. He sold one hundred acres of the old home farm to the Whiteley Manufacturing Company as a site for its shops. His brother, William G. Brain, who had been educated here and entered the drug business as a clerk, afterward embarked in business on his own account, conducting a store for twelve years. In 1870 he turned his attention to the lumber trade and, in connection with George Simpson, the firm of Ray, Brain & Simpson was organized. Later William G. Brain became sole proprietor and thus continued until January 1, 1889, when his brother George Brain was admitted to the partnership and subse-

quently the latter's sons became interested in the enterprise and William G. Brain then retired. The firm of George Brain & Sons was formed in 1889 and this continued until the death of the senior partner, when the firm style was changed to George Brain's Sons & Company.

On the 22d of May, 1860, George Brain was united in marriage to Sarah M. Willard, a daughter of Levi and Sarah (Allen) Willard, the wedding taking place in Decatur, Georgia, where the lady was born July 6, 1839. At the time of their marriage they settled upon the home farm and Mr. Brain began operations as an agriculturist on an extensive scale. Unto him and his wife were born seven children: Willard, of the firm of George Brain's Sons & Company; Jessie A.; George H., also a member of the firm; Mary; Elizabeth W., now Mrs. Charles B. Beach, of Dubuque, Iowa; Grace, the wife of Robert McGregor, of the Patric Furnace Company; and Alice, who died at the age of six months.

George Brain was a very successful business man, enterprising and progressive. He carried on his farm work along most modern lines and when he became interested in real estate dealings handled his property in a manner in keeping with the progressive spirit of the times and in the lumber trade he was equally wide-awake and alert to note opportunities and to advance his business interests. He was noted for his integrity and trustworthiness, as well as for his success, and his course was one which reflected great credit upon an untarnished family name. In his home he was a devoted husband and father, cherishing his success because it enabled him to provide well for his wife and children.

The sons of Mr. and Mrs. George Brain

have carried on the work instituted by their father and have enlarged and extended its scope. After the death of the father the present firm style of George Brain's Sons & Company was assumed and under this name a retail lumber business is carried on. The heirs in the father's estate are also interested in the real estate business, with George H. Brain as the manager and attorney of the company, which has been incorporated under the firm name of the Brain-McGregor Real Estate Company. They do a general real estate business, buying, building and selling. Willard Brain devotes his time to the lumber interests and thus the brothers have apportioned the duties and work connected with the lumber trade and real estate operations and in both lines of activity success is assured because the members of the firm follow correct business principles.

Willard Brain was married to 1895 to Adella H. Bosart, a daughter of L. W. Bosart, and they have five children: Dorothy Willard; George Louis; Allen Halsey; Martha Jeanette; and Sarah Virginia. George H. Brain wedded Mary King, a daughter of Colonel David King, in May, 1899, and they have one son, Charles King Brain. Mrs. Robert R. McGregor, their sister, has two children, Robert Ross and Douglas.

The family has long been identified with the Republican party and with the Presbyterian church. The father left to them an untarnished name and the record of his sons has reflected credit upon the family history. In social circles the representatives of the name have ever occupied an enviable position where true worth and intelligence are received as the passports into good society. From early pioneer times down to the present the name of this honored family is in-

separably interwoven with the history of Springfield, and throughout the intervening years the work of progress, advancement and upbuilding has been promoted by one or more members of this respected and honorable family.

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JOHN RAUCH.

John Rauch, a baker and grocer of Springfield, whose successful conduct of his business interests is alike gratifying and creditable, was born in Bavaria, Germany, December 19, 1858. He is a son of John Rauch, whose birth occurred in the fatherland in 1824, and who followed farming in that country until 1892, when he came to America. He now lives with his son John and assists in the bakery. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Barbara Strehl and was born in 1823, is also living. They have seven children: Amarin, a farmer of Germany; Margaret, the wife of George Ratter, a locksmith and malster of Bavaria; Barbara, the wife of Michael Mantl, of Germany; John, of this review; Annie is married and lives in Germany; Ursula is the wife of Joseph Foster, of Buffalo, New York; and Wencil, who is a professor in a high school of Bavaria. The father had one hundred and seventy-three acres of land in his native country and conducted a tavern there. After his children had attained mature years, however, he sold his business interests and divided the profits among his children, giving each one thousand dollars.

Like the other members of the family, John Rauch attended school until about thirteen years of age and then learned the baker's trade at Munich, serving two years' apprenticeship. He was afterward in the

employ of bakers until twenty years of age, when he entered the army, being connected with military service for two years. On receiving a furlough he came to this country, landing at New York on the 1st of January, 1881. He was a stranger with little knowledge of America, its people or its customs. Making his way to Philadelphia he there secured work at his trade, remaining in that city for two months, after which he came direct to Springfield and obtained a position on Clifton street. Subsequently he entered the employ of Charles Renssaler, with whom he continued until June, 1881. He then opened up business on his own account at No. 541 East Main street, but remained only a short time, when he built the oven at his present place of business, No. 300 East Pleasant street. He succeeded in securing a large and growing patronage, but after a time he sold out and went to Washington Court House, where he remained until 1885. He then returned to this city and again began business here at No. 541 East Main street, the property belonging to his wife's mother. In 1890 he purchased his present property and enlarged the plant, put in modern machinery and now does a general wholesale business, selling principally to retail dealers in this city and in adjoining towns. From a small beginning he has built up an extensive trade, to which he has given his personal attention. He employs four men and he has one son who assists him in the business, attending to the wants of customers.

In June, 1881, Mr. Rauch was married to Philopena Barth, who was born in Springfield in 1860. Their son, John A., is a graduate of the public schools of Springfield, was graduated in Nelson's Business College in 1897, and since that time has

been associated with his father in the conduct of the bakery and grocery. He was born May 8, 1882, and is a bright, enterprising young man. The family are identified with St. Bernard's Catholic church and since 1898 Mr. Rauch has been a member of the church board. He also belongs to the German Catholic Benevolent Society and was an officer in the local lodge. His political views connect him with the Democracy. He has never had occasion to regret his determination to come to America, for here he has found a comfortable home, has gained many friends and has won prosperity in his business ventures.

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WILLIAM E. BANTA.

William E. Banta is an expert watch maker of Springfield, whose residence in the city dates from 1878, and his ancestral history traces back to a pioneer epoch in the settlement of America by the white race. In 1658 there were five brothers of the name who came to this country. They belonged to the Waldensians, of Italy, who went to Holland on account of religious persecution and from there came to America, being here allowed to worship according to the dictates of their conscience. Their home was established in New Jersey and from one of these brothers the subject of this review is descended. As the time passed the Banta family increased in numerical strength and when the country resolved to throw off the yoke of British oppression, representatives of the name became participants in the Revolutionary war, being engaged in service in the Mohawk valley. Isaac Banta, the grandfather of our subject, resided in the east, and pro-

pered in his undertakings, becoming a well-to-do man. He lived to the advanced age of ninety-two years. At the time of the war of 1812 he served as one of the minute men.

Jacob I. Banta, the father of our subject, was born in the Mohawk valley of New York in 1810 and died in Urbana, Ohio, in 1886. For many years he was engaged in railroad contracting and because of this removed to various places. He and his brother Albert built the Albany & Schenectady Railroad, the second road established in America. He was living in Wisconsin at the time of the Black Hawk war and when the Indians rose up against the white settlers he joined the army that suppressed the insurrection of the Indians. Mr. Banta was united in marriage to Lydia Van Brunt, who was born in New Jersey in 1813 and died in Urbana in 1893. She came of an old Holland family and her people were a long-lived race. At the time of the Revolutionary war some of the family were taken prisoners and held in captivity on the old prison ship Jersey, because they were faithful adherents of the cause of liberty. Her father lived to the very advanced age of ninety-five years and died at the home of his daughter in Urbana. During the period of the Revolution he made his home in New Jersey in the midst of much of the hostility which occurred. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Banta, the parents of our subject, were born two children, John A., the elder, being a resident of Urbana and a printer by trade. He is married and has four sons and one daughter. The father was a Republican in his affiliations from the time of the organization of the party. He was a well educated man and read broadly, keeping in touch with the advanced thought of the day. He also desired

that his sons should have good educational privileges and both were students in the high school.

William E. Banta, whose name introduces this record, was born in Beloit, Wisconsin, February 3, 1847, and in 1852 accompanied his parents on their removal to Urbana, Ohio, where he pursued his education, which included study in the high school there. At the age of sixteen he was apprenticed to a jeweler, with whom he remained for three years, becoming familiar with the business in all of its departments. He afterward went to Fostoria, Ohio, where he remained for a year, and in 1867 he came to Springfield where he entered the employ of John P. Allen, with whom he remained for six years. He is now an expert watchmaker and retailer. He has traveled quite extensively over various portions of the United States and has been employed in fourteen different cities of the country, working in all branches of the jeweler business. In his travels he has gained a wide knowledge of the United States and its people, acquiring much valuable information and storing his mind with many anecdotes which render him an entertaining companion. For five years he continued his travels and in 1878 returned to Springfield and accepted an excellent position which was offered him. He began business at his present location, at No. 40 West Main street, as an expert watchmaker and repairer and has here carried on business continuously since.

Mr. Banta votes with the Republican party, but has never taken an active part in political affairs or sought office of any description. He is a member of New Albany Lodge, No. 39, F. & A. M., and Springfield Council, R. & S. M., in which he has filled

the position of thrice illustrious master. He has held other offices in Masonry here and has been a worthy exemplar of the fraternity since he was received as a Master Mason in Springfield Lodge in 1871. He has advanced steadily in the order, his brethren delighting to honor him because of his faithfulness to the teachings of the craft and his thorough understanding of its tenets. Outside of business Mr. Banta has given considerable attention to the study of and experiments in electricity. The subject has greatly fascinated him and he finds it a source of pleasure and recreation.



#### WILLIAM H. GRAHAM, M. D.

Dr. William H. Graham, who is engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery in South Charleston, was born on a farm near Circleville, in Pickaway county, Ohio, June 18, 1875. His parents were Hiram and Emma (Dyer) Graham. Soon after his birth his people removed to a farm in Fayette county, near Mount Sterling, Ohio, where the father carried on agricultural pursuits and also dealt in stock. In 1900 he and his wife removed to Clark county and are now living near South Charleston.

The Doctor was reared to manhood in Fayette county and attended its public schools until sixteen years of age, when he entered the business college at Columbus, Ohio, being graduated in that institution about 1892. He later attended the National Normal University at Lebanon, Ohio, for a year, and then having determined to make the practice of medicine his life work he began studying in the office of Dr. Davis, of New Holland, Ohio. After one year of pre-

paratory reading he entered the Eclectic Medical Institute of Cincinnati and was graduated at the completion of a four years' course with the class of 1901. This was four years of careful study, earnest thought and practical work and he was thus well equipped to enter upon the important duties of the profession when he left that school. In 1900 he also took a course in the Bennett Medical College, of Chicago, and in August, 1901, he opened an office in Springfield. In March, 1902, however, he removed to South Charleston, where he is now located. He is comparatively a young man, but he has made most thorough preparation for his chosen work and he possesses a nature that can never content itself with mediocrity, but will press forward to a place of success and prominence. He is continually studying when not attending to the demands of his practice and is thus always broadening his knowledge and increasing his efficiency. He is a member of the Eclectic Medical Alumni Association and also of the State Medical Association, and he keeps thoroughly abreast with the times. He manifested special aptness in his studies and his thorough qualifications and studious habits, combined with close conformity to the ethics of the profession have already gained for him a favorable reputation as a member of the medical fraternity of Clark county.

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DAVID KING, Sr.

David King, Sr., was one of the early merchants of Springfield, whose enterprise and energy contributed to the business activity and consequent prosperity of the city at an early day. He was born in Baltimore,

Maryland, in 1806, and when only four years of age was left an orphan by the death of his parents. He was then taken to Pennsylvania and was reared and educated in the village of Shippensburg. He afterward engaged in teaching school through the winter months in Pennsylvania, but when a young man left the Keystone state for Ohio, locating in Portsmouth, this state, where he secured a clerkship. He had also been employed as a clerk in Shippensburg, so that he had some experience when he became identified with mercantile life in Ohio. After a short time spent in the employ of others he engaged in business for himself in Tarleton, Pickaway county, where all his children but two were born, and where he carried on merchandising until 1841—the year of his arrival in Springfield. Opening a dry goods store in this place, he carried on a large and profitable business at the southeast corner of Main and Limestone streets for a number of years in a large brick building owned by him, known at the time as the Lyon property, where the Gotwald block now stands. At the time of his removal to Springfield this place was but a small town and he became a factor in its upbuilding. He invested his money in land and upon this erected buildings used for mercantile purposes. He owned the valuable tract on the corner of South Fountain avenue and High street, with two hundred feet front on each street. His investments were carefully made and brought to him a good financial return, and at the same time his building interests proved of benefit to the city in the upbuilding of its business district.

While residing in Tarleton, Ohio, Mr. King was married November 9, 1826, to Almena Caldwell, of Portsmouth, Ohio, her parents being Alexander and Hannah



(Hamlin) Caldwell. On the maternal side she came of a distinguished family that has furnished men of prominence to the nation, including Hannibal Hamlin, vice-president of the United States. The family are descendants of Giles Hamlin, who emigrated from Great Britain about 1639 and several members of the family have become distinguished in military circles. Eleazer Hamlin, the great-grandfather of Mrs. King, married Lydia Bonney and settled at Pembroke, Massachusetts. He died December 1, 1807, at the age of seventy-five years. One of the eldest sons was a lieutenant in the Fourth Massachusetts Regiment and also an adjutant in the Revolutionary war. He died in Waterford, Maine, and one of his sons inherits membership in the Cincinnati Society. Two other sons were distinguished in their children, the son of one being the Hon. Hannibal Hamlin, vice-president of the United States, and a son of the other being the Rev. Cyrus Hamlin, of world-wide fame as a missionary sent out by the American Board, who was at the head of Roberts College at Constantinople.

To Mr. and Mrs. David King were born nine children, of whom five are now living, two daughters and three sons. The daughters are: Mrs. Mary E. K. Gotwald, the widow of the late Rev. Dr. L. A. Gotwald; and Miss S. Jennie King, both now living in Springfield in the old homestead on North Fountain avenue, built by the mother immediately after the father's death. His death was occasioned by cholera in August, 1849, when that scourge prevailed in Springfield, and was undoubtedly due to his devotion to those who suffered or died from that dread pestilence. The three sons are Robert Quigley, Samuel Noble and David, Jr.

Robert Q. King was the eldest son, and his first years in business life were engaged in a hardware store with his partner, Mr. Alex Runyon, now of Newark, New Jersey. Later he turned his attention to the real estate business and to-day handles considerable residence and farm property, at the same time supervising his private interests. In 1857 he married Harriet A. Danforth, who was born in New Albany, Indiana, and they had five children. Thomas D., born in 1859, was a graduate of the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia, and was also a graduate of Princeton College. He was practicing at the time of his death, which occurred in 1889. The living children are D. Ward, a farmer of Holt county, Missouri; Almema, the wife of H. J. Warrick, who follows farming near Corning, California; and R. Leffler, a farmer of Hancock county, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. King have nine grandchildren. They hold membership in the Presbyterian church of Springfield.

Samuel Noble King spent his boyhood in the paternal home, but preferring farm life went to Illinois, becoming one of the leading agriculturists of the northern part of that state. He married Miss Mary Reid, of Ottawa, Illinois. Mr. King has given his attention largely to raising the standard of live stock, notably horses, to a high degree of perfection. He and his wife are much interested in the elevation of standards in the farm home, giving their time and influence to instruction in domestic science in all its varied departments as it is now perseveringly taught in northern Illinois. Mr. King enlisted in the army as a private at the beginning of the Civil war. He served for three years in the Twenty-sixth Illinois



Regiment, and during that time was promoted to the office of first lieutenant. He is still living near Bloomington, Illinois.

David King, Jr., first launched in business in Springfield, but at the first call for troops made by President Lincoln to serve for three months in defense of the Union, he entered the service as a first lieutenant and was promoted to the captaincy. At the close of his term he immediately assisted in recruiting the Ninety-four Ohio Infantry, and soon after went back into active service in the army as a major, while later he was promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel. He participated in the first battle of Bull Run and during his second enlistment in the battles of Perryville, Kentucky, and Stone River, Tennessee. His regiment saw very severe service. After the close of the war David King was for several years a paper manufacturer. At length he discontinued the making of paper but has been a dealer in that commodity and is proprietor of a wholesale paper store that is now an important factor in the business of Springfield. In 1864 David King married Miss Mary M. Danforth, of New Albany, Indiana. They have two children, Noble C. and Mary J. The former married Miss Belle Munson, of Springfield, and their home is in Plainfield, New Jersey, while the latter is the wife of George H. Brain, of Springfield, Ohio. David King and his wife belong to the First Presbyterian church, in which he has served as trustee, deacon and elder. He is also a trustee of the Children's Home, of Clark county, and a member of Mitchell Post, No. 45, G. A. R.

Of the four deceased children of Mr. and Mrs. David King, Sr., but one lived to maturity, namely, Almena Caldwell King,

who was well known and esteemed in this community and who died in 1878.

In his political affiliations David King, Sr., was a Whig but never sought or held office. He belonged to the First Presbyterian church of Springfield, and served as one of its trustees and was at his death chairman of the building committee erecting the original house of worship. He died in this city August 8, 1849, at the age of fifty-four years, and his wife, who long survived him, passed away in 1878. He was a very prominent and successful business man, whose influence was a potent element in the material and moral progress of this community.

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#### JOHN SEGGERSON.

John Seggerson is engaged in dealing in groceries and provisions at No. 224 East Main street and has been a representative of the business interests of Springfield for eleven years. He was born in Paris, Kentucky, February 22, 1858, and the public schools of that city provided him with his educational privileges. His father, Patrick Seggerson, now deceased, was a stone mason by trade and was born in County Kerry, Ireland, in the year 1820. On leaving the Emerald isle he was united in marriage to Margaret Cahill, whose birth occurred in 1824. Having crossed the Atlantic to America they became residents of Paris, Kentucky, whence they removed to Springfield in July, 1875. Here the father followed the stone mason's trade until his retirement from active business life about twelve years prior to his death. He was a member of St. Raphael's church of this city and was a

Democrat in his political affiliations, but had no aspirations for office. His educational privileges in youth were limited, but by hard work he made his way and steadily advanced in the business world. He was called to his final rest on Christmas day of 1897, and is still survived by his wife, who yet resides in Springfield. They were the parents of thirteen children, but six of that number died in Kentucky in early childhood. One son, George, died in Springfield at the age of twenty-nine years. The others are: Mary, the widow of John Donahue, of this city; Edward, a plasterer of Springfield; Ellen, the wife of James R. Doyle, of this city; John; Margaret, the wife of Anthony Gallagher, of Lexington, Kentucky; and Thomas, a molder by trade, living in Springfield. The children were educated in the public schools of Kentucky and Margaret and Thomas were students in parochial schools of this city.

John Seggerson came to Springfield when about seventeen years of age and found employment in a foundry as core maker. Later he was employed as a molder, working as a journeyman in that capacity until 1891, when, with the capital he had acquired through his industry, perseverance and economy, he embarked in the grocery business on his own account at the corner of Columbia and Water streets. There he opened a new stock of goods. He had no experience, but the same resolute purpose which had enabled him to acquire capital sufficient to begin business has enabled him to conduct his enterprise in a way that has gained for him public patronage. In 1896 he removed to his present location. He began with a stock worth four hundred dollars and this he gradually increased to meet the growing demands of his trade until he

now carries a stock valued at fifteen hundred dollars and handles goods of the finest quality. He carries a full line of staple and fancy groceries, provisions, canned goods and smoked meats, and to the business he has given his personal attention, gaining the confidence of his patrons by his straightforward business methods.

In 1880 Mr. Seggerson was married in this city to Margaret O'Neil, who was born in Springfield in 1858, a daughter of Daniel O'Neil, who died in 1859. They had four children, but three of the number died in infancy. The surviving son, Edward, born January 3, 1882, is a graduate of St. Raphael's parochial school, also of Nelson's Business College, and is now a clerk in his father's store, having charge of the books. Mr. Seggerson and his family are identified with St. Raphael's Catholic church. In politics he is a Democrat and takes an active part in local political affairs. He is now serving as a member of the central committee of his ward. He belongs to the Knights of Columbus, the Young Men's Institute, and the Ancient Order of Hibernians. He is likewise identified with the Springfield Grocers Association. Through broad reading he has educated himself and his success in business has been made by personal application and reliable methods.

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#### JOHN RANKIN.

Honored and respected by all there is no man who has occupied a more enviable position in financial circles in South Charleston than John Rankin, who has long been connected with banking interests here but is now practically living a retired life. He has

passed the ninetieth milestone on life's journey and is one of the venerable men of Clark county, having for more than nine decades been a witness of the history of the nation as it has progressed in civilization, in culture and in all departments of activity until it now ranks among the great powers of the world.

Mr. Rankin was born December 16, 1811, in Berlin, Worcester county, Maryland, and was the second born of a numerous family whose parents were James and Margaret (Truitt) Rankin. Rev. John Rankin, D. D., the head of this branch of the family, of which our subject is a representative, was of Scotch-Irish descent—a native of Pennsylvania—and was distinguished for his unbounded zeal and successful labors in planting and establishing Presbyterian churches in the lower part of the Maryland peninsula, of which Worcester county was the center of his field of labor. James Rankin, the youngest of his five children, married Margaret Truitt, of Newark, Worcester county, and about 1815 they removed with their family to Madison county, Ohio, locating on a farm near London. John Rankin was then but a little child. His early life was not exempt from the toil, hardships and disadvantages of the pioneer. The labor of the farm was so exacting that it left but little time for mental culture, but nevertheless he utilized the meager advantages that pioneer life afforded and acquired a sufficient knowledge of the rudiments of practical education, upon which he continued to build with excellent results. He early discovered that industry, economy and integrity were the secrets of success, and adopted them as his motto—his beacon star, which he has followed in every transaction through his long and busy life. His methodical manner of

living and total abstinence from all intoxicants and nerve stimulants have contributed largely to the longevity of his life. When yet a boy he began dealing in cattle on his own account, going west to Indiana and Illinois to buy stock, which he drove across the country to the eastern markets. In the spring of 1845, in connection with his brother, Albert G., he opened a dry goods store in South Charleston, successfully conducting this mercantile enterprise until 1865. In 1863, in connection with other well known business men, he organized the First National Bank of South Charleston, of which he became the vice president, while L. W. Haughey was chosen president. From the beginning the new enterprise was attended with success, a safe, conservative business policy being inaugurated which won the public confidence and made the bank what it has remained—one of the solid financial institutions of the county. The bank was made the "designated depository and financial agent of the United States" in this section, and all internal revenue and other government moneys collected in the congressional district were deposited here. The institution continued as a national bank until 1877, when owing to the high price of government bonds, it seemed advisable, from a financial standpoint, to relinquish its charter and withdraw its circulation, which was done; and it was immediately reorganized as a private bank, under the name of the Bank of South Charleston, with Mr. Rankin as its president. He has since remained in this position, although the management of the business is now largely in the hands of his sons, and the same safe policy at first inaugurated has always been maintained. The success of this enterprise is attributable in no small degree to his efforts, to his sound

judgment, to his conservative policy and honorable dealing. When Mr. Haughey withdrew from the bank he made investments in real estate and in many of these Mr. Rankin was associated with him and through long years the business as well as social relations of these two venerable and honored men have been continued.

In 1855 Mr. Rankin was married in South Charleston to Miss Charity A. Fullerton, and for forty-seven years they have traveled life's journey together. The lady was born in Summerford, Ohio, daughter of James Fullerton, and three children were born of this marriage: Stacy B., James F. and Ella M., but the last named died in early womanhood.

In his political affiliations Mr. Rankin was a Whig in early life, and upon the dissolution of that party he joined the new Republican party. He has never been an active politician in the sense of office seeking, yet has filled some minor positions, to which he has been called by the vote of his fellow townsmen. He has long been a member of the Presbyterian church, which his father aided in organizing, and of which he was long a valued member. His life has ever been in consistent harmony with his Christian principles and his business career has been characterized by honorable dealing, while at all times he has been true and faithful to the obligations of citizenship and of upright manhood. His life record of more than ninety years should serve as an inspiration to his associates and an example to the young.

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S. B. RANKIN.

S. B. Rankin, the elder son of John Rankin, of South Charleston, was born in this

town and attended school here until about seventeen years of age, when on account of impaired eyesight he had to put aside his text-books. Later he became his father's assistant in the banking business and has since been identified with financial interests of the county. Since 1882 he has been cashier of the Bank of South Charleston, which is owned by the father and his two sons, Stacy B. and James F.

S. B. Rankin was married in South Charleston to Miss Fannie Kemper, who was born and reared in Dayton and was a daughter of the Rev. James S. Kemper, D. D. and Frances (Gasper) Kemper. They now have two children, Marquis Kemper and Stacy Barcroft. In his political affiliations S. B. Rankin has always been a staunch Republican, giving a helpful and unswerving support to the party, and has been a delegate to various county, congressional and state conventions. His fellow townsmen, recognizing his worth and ability, have frequently called him to public office and in the fall of 1897 he was elected to the legislature and on the expiration of his first term was re-elected. After entering the house of representatives he was made a member of the committee on taxation, corporations and federal relations, and during his second term he was chairman of the committee on taxation and served on the committees on railroads and telegraphs, on libraries and on others appointed to expedite the work of the house. He has been appointed by Governor Nash executive commissioner from Ohio to the St. Louis Exposition in 1904.

Mr. Rankin is a member of Fielding Lodge, No. 56, F. & A. M., of South Charleston, with which he has been identified since 1900. He was one of the organizers of the Ohio Bankers Association in

1891, was elected its first secretary and has since held that position, while at this writing he is the president of the Secretaries' Organization of the State Bankers Associations of the United States. He has also been the Ohio vice president of the American Bankers Association, and has a wide acquaintance among the bankers of the country. In the field of political life and business activity he has won distinction and to-day is numbered among the leading, influential and honored citizens of Ohio.

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#### JAMES F. RANKIN.

James F. Rankin was born in South Charleston, November 24, 1861, a son of John Rankin. Having acquired his preliminary education in the public schools he entered the Ohio Wesleyan University, at Delaware, Ohio, and when his education was completed he began his business career in the banking house of his father, being made assistant cashier, which position he still holds. With his father and brother he owns the bank and the brothers now practically have control of the institution, the father living in retirement from business.

On the 5th of June, 1894, James F. Rankin was married to Nettie Kemper, a daughter of the Rev. James S. Kemper, of Dayton, Ohio, and they have one son, John Millington, born February 3, 1896. Mr. Rankin has always been a pronounced Republican and has held various offices, while by Governor Nash he was appointed trustee of the combined normal and industrial department, at Wilberforce, Ohio, in 1900 to fill out an unexpired term, and in 1902 was reappointed. He has taken an active part in the erection of the new Normal building at Wilberforce, and is doing everything in

his power to promote the interests of this center of learning. A staunch Republican in politics he has served as a delegate to the county and state conventions and is a valued member of the Masonic fraternity, having been made a Mason in 1890, in Fielding Lodge, No. 192, F. & A. M., in which he has since been honored with various offices, serving as its master for two terms and also as representative to the grand lodge.

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#### I. WARD FREY.

Splendidly conducted business affairs of magnitude and importance have placed I. Ward Frey with the capitalists of Springfield. His operations, too, have made him a valued resident of the city, for he has labored along lines proving of general benefit, while at the same time his individual success has been extended along other lines which have brought to him a good return. He has also put forth his efforts in behalf of the city of his nativity. He commands uniform respect here and no history of Clark county would be complete without the record of his life.

His birth occurred on the 22d of November, 1852, in Springfield, his parents being George H. and Jane Q. (Ward) Frey. From pioneer times the Ward family has been connected with Clark county, for Isaac Ward, the maternal grandfather, came with his family to Clark county in 1833, removing to the west from Cumberland county, Pennsylvania. Upon a farm near Springfield he took up his abode and there spent his remaining days. He wedded Mary Rodgers, a daughter of James Rodgers, also a native of Pennsylvania, and among their children was a daughter, Jane Q., who became the

wife of George H. Frey and the mother of our subject. A complete history of the parents appear elsewhere in this work.

L. Ward Frey of this review was one of a family of twelve children, of whom only five are yet living. At the usual age he entered the public schools of Springfield, pursued a high school course here and later became a student in the Highland Military Academy at Worcester, Massachusetts, where he continued his studies for three years. On putting aside his text-books he returned to his native city and became connected with business interests controlled by his father, George H. Frey. In 1877-8 he was connected with The Springfield, Jackson & Pomeroy Railroad Company, and later engaged in the quarrying business. He also devoted his attention to the manufacture of lime and controlled an extensive local trade, shipping the product to various states and continuing actively in that line of business industry until 1882, when failing health compelled his retirement. After a rest of several years, he became a member of the Champion Machine Company in 1886, and so continued until 1888, since which time he has given considerable attention to his farming interests. He has to-day valuable city property and farming lands, having judiciously placed much of his capital in the safest of all investments—real estate.

In 1874 Mr. Frey was married to Miss Anna M. Wilson, a daughter of William W. Wilson, the vice president of The Champion Machine Company, also the Champion Bar and Knife and Champion Malleable Iron Companies. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Frey has been blessed with one daughter, Helen Wilson. The Frey household is one of the most hospitable in the city, its social functions being enjoyed by the best resi-

dents of Springfield. In his political views a strong Republican, Mr. Frey has never wavered in his allegiance to the party to which he gives earnest and able support without desire of official reward. His career has ever been such as to warrant the trust and confidence of the business world, for he has ever conducted all transactions on the strictest principles of honor and integrity. His devotion to the public good is unquestioned and arises from a sincere interest in his fellow men.

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#### WILLIAM M. HARRIS.

William M. Harris is an honored veteran of the Civil war and is now secretary and curator of the Clark County Historical Society. In this capacity he is serving most capably and efficiently and his labors have resulted in securing an excellent exhibit in the society rooms. His residence in Clark county covers more than the allotted span of three score years and ten, and therefore he is familiar with its history as it has progressed from early pioneer conditions, and has become imbued with the life that arises from agricultural, industrial and commercial activity. He was born in Springfield, February 10, 1832, the son of William M. and Lydia (Mayne) Harris.

The father, William Morrison Harris, was born February 22, 1806, in New Jersey, of Welsh descent. In the early '20s he came to Ohio and conducted a sawmill on Mill creek in Springfield township, Clark county. He died in January, 1839, his remains being interred at Emory Chapel, four miles south of Springfield. His wife, Lydia (Mayne) Harris, was born in Frederick county, Mary-

land, September 12, 1807, and lived with her parents, Adam and Catherine A. (Kemp) Mayne, until she was married to William Morrison Harris, June 14, 1827. She died in Springfield August 19, 1879, aged nearly seventy-two years. She is buried beside her husband at Emory Chapel. She was a woman of very wide acquaintance, being generally known as Aunt Lydia and was much beloved by all who knew her. She was, at the age of seven years, in what is known as the Bladensburg races and could tell of that and the burning of the capitol.

Adam Mayne was born on South Mountain, Frederick county, Maryland, August 8, 1783, and was married to Catherine A. Kemp in 1804. He was a farmer until 1809, when he removed to Georgetown, D. C. There he first conducted a brick yard, then a fishing landing, and afterward a grocery and general store. During the war of 1812 he was on President James Madison's mounted body guard and was with the president August 24, 1814, the day Washington was evacuated. His family spent that night on Arlington Heights and saw the national capitol and much of the city destroyed by fire. In 1819 Adam Mayne again turned farmer, this time in Montgomery county, Maryland. In 1825 he came to Ohio. The trip was made overland in a wagon and it was necessary to tie a large tree to the rear end of the wagon to act as a brake when they were coming down the Alleghany mountains. With his family he settled on the boundary line between Green and Springfield township, Clark county, the division line crossing a farm of one hundred and ten acres of partially improved land. To the further development and cultivation of this place Adam Mayne gave his attention with good success and became one of the well-to-

do farmers of his community. From 1830 to 1840 he conducted a tavern four miles south of Springfield on the stage road between this city and Cincinnati. Here the stage stopped for meals, and also along this road the drovers took their hogs to market at Cincinnati and purchased corn of Mr. Mayne, so that he found home consumption of his product. In his political views Adam Mayne was a Whig, prominent in the ranks of the party, and was a strong high tariff man. He was also active and influential in the church. It was largely through his efforts that the Methodist Episcopal church, Emory Chapel, was built, and also the first church of that denomination at Enos, Ohio, Mr. Mayne serving on the building committee. He died in 1857 and was buried at Emory Chapel. His wife, Catherine A. Kemp, was born in Frederick, Maryland, October 30, 1783, and died at the old homestead July 14, 1869, aged eighty-six years. She is buried by the side of her husband at Emory Chapel.

When the subject of this sketch was but seven years of age his father died, leaving the widow with four children, namely: Columbia Ann, who is now the widow of J. L. Petticrew, of Springfield; William M.; Adeline, an invalid who died in 1880, aged forty-five years; and Fannie A., now the wife of Josiah Black, of Carthage, Missouri. At the death of her husband Mrs. Harris, with her children, went to live with her father, Adam Mayne. After a period of fourteen years she was united in marriage to Anthony Leffel, who died in 1869.

William Mayne Harris began his education in what was called the "Possum" school. It was a log structure, built and furnished after the primitive manner of the times. There he pursued his studies during



the winter months for a few years, while in the summer he worked upon the farm, continuing to assist his grandfather in the cultivation of the land until he was eighteen years of age. He then came to Springfield and learned the wagonmaker's trade, manufacturing all kinds of wagons, both heavy and light, together with farm implements. The materials for the work were obtained in the forest, the native trees being cut down and converted into timber and then into lumber and shaped for their purposes in the shops, for there was no machinery to construct the different parts of the wagon. Mr. Harris served a three years' apprenticeship to the trade, after which he went to West Liberty, Logan county, Ohio, where he opened a carriage shop, which he conducted for two years. He next went to Minnesota and spent four years at St. Paul. During a part of that time he was engaged in the operation of some wild land. In 1859, however, he returned to Springfield and worked at his trade and just prior to the Civil war he opened a wagon shop of his own in a building just opposite the present site of the grand opera house, on South Limestone street. There he carried on his work until after the inauguration of hostilities between the north and the south.

At the president's call for troops to aid in crushing out the Rebellion in its incipency, Mr. Harris enlisted in Company E of the Sixteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry for three months. This command was known as the Jefferson Guards, the command being under Captain Philip Kershner, and when attached to the regiment it became Company F, of the Sixteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. Later, the adjutant general of Ohio, Mr. Carrington, presented this company with a magnificent silk banner and it was thereafter known

as the Carrington Guards. Mr. Harris joined the army as a private, and was later promoted to corporal. After the expiration of his three months' term he re-enlisted in the regular army as a member of Company D, First Battalion of the United States Infantry for three years, and was made sergeant. In February, 1862, he was detailed as a regimental postmaster, and afterward as brigade postmaster, serving in that position until he received an honorable discharge, on the crest of Lookout mountain, at the end of his three years' term.

Mr. Harris was the first man in the army detailed for the mail service. The army postmaster carried a pass that would enable him to pass in or out any lines of the army day or night. He was always busy. First in camp, and then in a few hours far away, trying to reach the nearest railroad, where the mail could be sent north, and where he could receive the mails for the boys in camp. Sometimes the distance would be short; sometimes thirty or forty miles; often outside the Union lines; over the mountains or down through the valleys; fording rivers swollen out of their banks by the heavy rains; sleeping at night without shelter in all kinds of weather; with no comrade except his horse—they traveled, ate, slept together and "drank from the same" mud puddle. Such was the life of the army postmaster.

Returning to Springfield Mr. Harris once more began work at his trade, which he followed here for a year and then removed to Osborn, Ohio, where he was engaged in the grain business for about three years. Later he was a resident of Davenport, Iowa, living there twelve years, the most of which time he was employed by the government at the Rock Island arsenal. In



1882 he again came to his native city and was for two years in the service of the A. C. Evans Manufacturing Company. On the expiration of that period he became circulation manager of the old *Globe*, then one of the leading newspapers of the city and for fourteen years he was manager of the circulation department of the Cincinnati Commercial Tribune. In October, 1900, he became the secretary and curator of the Clark County Historical Society, which at that time had no exhibit save a few relics and historical papers; but since Mr. Harris has taken hold of the work, a large hall in the Bushnell building has been obtained, and a fine collection of valuable curios from all parts of the world is now on exhibition.

In 1901 Mr. Harris was elected to the position of superintendent of Associated Charities. He is also sergeant-at-arms of the city council, and has been assessor of the fourth ward for many years. He exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the Republican party, and in politics has ever been an earnest Republican.

In 1853 Mr. Harris was united in marriage to Miss Seriff R. Guy, who was born at Mount Morris, Livingston county, New York. They have four children: Frederick Gilbert; Martha Elizabeth, wife of S. F. Smart; Clifford Guy; and Charles St. Clair. Mr. and Mrs. Harris hold membership in the First Baptist church, of which Mr. Harris is a deacon. He belongs to Mitchell Post, G. A. R., is a past commander and is now quartermaster. He is a genial, kindly gentleman of seventy years, and although the snows of many winters have fallen upon his head, yet he seems to possess much of the vigor of a man in his prime. He has a keen interest in the affairs of the world

and its progress, and especially in Clark county, which is the place of his nativity and which has been his home through so many years of his life.

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#### D. U. COBERLY.

D. U. Coberly is now serving for the second term as mayor of Vienna and is a progressive, public-spirited gentleman and a valued citizen whose interest in the town is manifest by active and earnest support in its behalf. He is also well known in educational circles, having for a number of years been successfully engaged in teaching. He was born in Newport, Madison county, Ohio, October 6, 1852, and is a son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Simpkins) Coberly. His father was also born in Madison county, followed the occupation of farming, and was about fifty-four years of age at the time of his death, which occurred in 1884. In politics he was a staunch Republican but was never an office seeker. His wife was born in Clark county, where she was reared and still makes her home, having now reached the age of sixty-three years. In the family of this worthy couple were four children, of whom Mr. Coberly, of this review, is the eldest. The others are: Mary, the wife of James Andrews, of Springfield, by whom she has three children; Dora, the wife of David Sutherland, also of Springfield, by whom she has six children; Watson, who married Metta Shoemaker and lives on the old home farm in Madison county.

Mr. Coberly of this review spent his boyhood days on the home farm. As soon as old enough to handle the plow he began work in the fields and was thus engaged

through the months of summer. During the winter months he attended school and when only seventeen years of age he began teaching at Midway, Madison county, receiving forty dollars per month. Since that time he has largely devoted his energies to educational work and is regarded as a most capable instructor. For two years he was employed by a cousin in a sawmill, accepting this position because of the failure of his health in school work.

On the 20th of May, 1875, Mr. Coberly was united in marriage to Miss Laonie Clark, of Vienna, where she was born and reared, her parents being William and Rebecca (Tavner) Clark. Her father was born in Cambridge and her mother in Virginia, their marriage being celebrated in the Old Dominion. Mr. and Mrs. Coberly now have eight children: Oliver, who was born February 26, 1877, in Vienna, and is now working at the carpenter's trade; Harvey, who was born in Summerford, Madison county, November 10, 1879; Frank, born in Summerford May 7, 1882; Florence, born in Summerford January 8, 1887; Bertie and Bertha, twins, who were born in that town September 17, 1889; Carl, born in Vienna, November 15, 1895; and Joe, born in Vienna July 11, 1897.

Mr. Coberly's study of the political issues and questions of the day has led him to give an earnest support to the Republican party and its principles. He was township clerk in Summerford for twelve years and assessor for four years in Harmony. He has recently been elected for the second term as township clerk and for the second term is filling the office of mayor of Vienna, being the first person ever chosen to that office. In the discharge of his official duties he is prompt, notably reliable and public-

spirited, putting forth every effort in his power to promote the general welfare. He belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, is a charter member of the Knights of Pythias fraternity and is also identified with the Junior Order of American Mechanics. In the first two he has filled all of the chairs. Mr. Coberly is one whose influence has ever been exercised for the good of his community, his name stands as a synonym for all that is honorable and straightforward, his acts are manly and sincere, and his salient characteristics are those which command respect and esteem in every land and in every clime.

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#### WILLIAM H. SIEVERLING.

William H. Sieverling has been a resident of Springfield for only a comparatively brief period, having located here in 1894, but during that time he has demonstrated his right to be classed among the resolute and representative men of the city and to-day he is capably filling the position of city engineer, discharging his duties in a manner which has made his services of value. He was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, April 29, 1865, a son of Frederick Sieverling, who was an architect and builder, born in Brunswick, Germany, in 1817. In the schools of the fatherland he pursued his education and for some time carried on business in the line of his chosen calling in his native country, but believing that better business opportunities might be enjoyed in the new world he came to the United States in 1846, making his way to Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1850. There he followed the profession of an architect and also took contracts, being thus a representative of the business interests of Cin-

cinnati for a number of years. He was a very well educated man and came from a wealthy family, owning a large estate in Germany. He never sought office, but desired to gain advancement along the line of his profession rather than in political circles. He was the third supervising architect on the government building at Cincinnati, Ohio. His skill and ability won him splendid success and he became an extensive builder as a sub-contractor and supervisor. In early manhood he wedded Mary Nieman, whose birth occurred in the year 1832, in the portion of Germany where he was born. They were married in their native country and the father of our subject died in Colorado, in 1884, but the mother is still living, now making her home with a daughter, in Barnesville, Ohio. They were the parents of eight children, of whom two daughters died in early girlhood. The others are: Gustave, a baker and confectioner of Hamilton, Ohio; Eleanor, the wife of R. Gamenthaler, of Barnesville, Ohio; Mary, who is living in Cincinnati; William H.; Charles, a letter carrier of Cincinnati; and Adolph, a jeweler of Washington, D. C. The children all received the advantages of a public school education in Cincinnati, and Charles and William were educated in the University there.

The subject of this review, having mastered his elementary studies in the public schools, matriculated in the University, where he pursued the elective course, after which he entered upon his business career in the employ of Anderson & Hobby, the largest engineering firm in the city. He became connected with the house in order to learn civil engineering and remained for two years, after which he then entered into business relations with Colonel L. Anderson, with whom he continued for nine years, having

charge of his office. He familiarized himself with all the details of his business, as well as the principles upon which it is governed. He was with Mr. Anderson when the firm put in the sewer of Avondale and of Ivorydale, and he did work in various parts of the county, having an engineer in local charge. Mr. Sieverling was chief assistant and also did considerable government work. In 1892 he left the employ of Mr. Anderson and closed up his affairs, which required about eighteen months, and then opened an office in Cincinnati as a practical engineer and surveyor. He was also engaged in the fruit commission business in Anderson, Indiana, for a year, when seeing that there was a favorable business opening in Springfield he came to this city. Here Mr. Sieverling became connected with the Lima Northern Railway, and in April, 1896, accepted the position of assistant civil engineer on the Ohio Southern Railroad, with which he was connected until March, 1897. He then left the employ of the corporation and worked for John Jacob Astor, conducting a railroad from Fort Wayne to Kankakee, Illinois, but in the fall of the same year he returned and became employed in graveling the road in the southern part of the country. Thus his time was occupied for a period, after which he became chief engineer for the Detroit Southern Railroad Company, building all of its new extensions to Detroit. On the 11th of July, 1901, he was appointed by the board of public affairs of Springfield as city engineer, and in this capacity has charge of surveys and improvements carried on in the city, his varied and extensive experience in previous years well equipping him for the important work which he has undertaken. He is one of the best posted civil engineers in the county, his

ability being recognized by all who are at all conversant with this line of work.

On the 17th of January, 1894, Mr. Sieverling was united in marriage to Miss Katherine H. Stoll, who was born in Piqua, Ohio, in 1864, a daughter of John Stoll, who was a tradesman and who pursued his education in the public schools. Unto our subject and his wife have been born two sons: Walter J. and Paul. The parents hold membership in the Center street Methodist Episcopal church and Mr. Sieverling votes with the Republican party. Since he entered the employ of the city he has labored earnestly and faithfully in its behalf, has systematized the work of the office and has saved considerable money by investigating claims against the city, thus preventing litigation by arriving at the true state of affairs. He takes an aggressive stand in behalf of Springfield and her welfare and if every public officer were as loyal to the public good and the general welfare Springfield would have an ideal public service.

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#### BENJAMIN WOOSLEY.

Benjamin Woosley, deceased, was for many years a prosperous and prominent farmer of Clark county, where his entire life was spent. He was born near South Charleston in Madison township October 30, 1815, and was a son of James Woosley, who came to this state from Virginia and for a time lived in Ross county. Subsequently he resided in the vicinity of Chillicothe and thence came to Clark county. There is no doubt that the family is of English origin, but the line of descent can not be traced back to any remote period. The family is a distinguished

one in England, and that the American branch is known to the royal house of that country is beyond dispute, for on the 28th of May, 1902, William S. Woosley, a son of Benjamin, received an elaborately printed invitation to attend the coronation of King Edward VII, which reads as follows:

"The royal family of Great Britain and Ireland, imperial India and the British colonial possessions beyond the seas greeteth thee and commandeth thy presence at the abbey of Westminster in the ancient city of London, on the twenty-eighth day of June, Anno Domini 1902, Anno Regini 1002, on the occasion of the solemn ceremony, the coronation of the son and heir of the reigning house and prince of the royal blood, Albert Edward George Plantaganet, William St. Leger Henry Guelph, James Bittinger Gowes Wettin, Fitz Morris, Knight of the Golden Fleece, Knight of the Garter, Knight of the Bath and possessor of numerous and various other most noble and exalted titles, as Edward VII, by the grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, defender of the faith and emperor of India."

Benjamin Woosley was reared in the county of his nativity, and after reaching manhood was married December 4, 1838, to Miss Keturah S. Hunt, who was born in New Jersey, December 10, 1817, and the following year was brought to Ohio by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Isaiah Hunt. By this union were born six children, namely: Sarah, the wife of Charles Briggs, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this work; Lavina, who married Jesse Stroup and lives near South Charleston; Emma, the wife of Edward Florence, of Madison township; James, who died at the age of sixteen years; Isaiah, who died in infancy; and William S., whose

sketch appears below. The mother of these children died on the 10th of October, 1881.

Throughout his active business life Mr. Woosley followed farming. When he began agricultural pursuits on his own account he removed to a place two miles west of South Charleston, his father having there given him one hundred acres of land. Eventually he extended his landed possessions until he was one of the large land owners of the county, and at his death was quite a wealthy man, having about one hundred and fifty thousand dollars in moneys and stocks, in addition to twelve hundred acres of land. After a useful and well spent life he died May 20, 1887, honored and respected by all who knew him, and his remains were interred in the South Charleston cemetery. Although not a member of any church, he was most generous in his support of churches and each year gave one hundred dollars to the work. In all movements and measures pertaining to the general good he was deeply interested and his co-operation was active and earnest.

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#### WILLIAM S. WOOSLEY.

William S. Woosley, an esteemed and honored resident of Harmony township, was born two miles east of South Charleston August 22, 1864, and is a son of Benjamin and Keturah S. (Hunt) Woosley, a biography of whom precedes this. His boyhood days were spent on the home farm and at the usual age he entered the public schools, thus acquiring his education. He worked with his father until after he had attained his majority. On the 12th of February, 1885, he was united in marriage to Miss Josephine E. Clark, a daughter of Da-

vid M. and Frances M. (Creamer) Clark, both of whom are living in this county. Three children grace this union: Frances M., born in Harmony township March 28, 1886; Grace Geneva, born November 13, 1887; and Harry Snyder, born September 22, 1890.

For three years after his marriage Mr. Woosley resided on a farm near Lisbon, where he had two hundred acres of land which he had inherited from his father and which he still owns. He also inherited one hundred and sixty acres, which he traded in partial payment for his present farm in Harmony township, where he has five hundred and fifty acres, upon which he has made his home since 1880. In 1892 he erected his present fine residence and has made other substantial improvements upon the property, including a fine barn erected in 1902, with all modern conveniences and covered with a slate roof—the first to be used on a farm barn in this part of Ohio. This is one of the finest country seats in Clark county. Mr. Woosley also owns two other farms, one comprising one hundred acres and the other fifty acres. His landed possessions are valuable and in the control of his farm property he displays excellent business ability.

Mr. Woosley is a Republican who keeps well informed on the issues of the day, but has never been an office seeker. He and his wife and their two older children belong to the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he is recording secretary, and in church work they take a deep and active interest. Mr. Woosley has a very wide acquaintance in Clark county, where his entire life has been passed, and that he has ever been honorable and upright in his career is indicated by the fact that many who have known him from boyhood are now numbered among his

stanchest friends. His success, too, is most creditable and, although he inherited some property, he has greatly increased his holdings and has displayed excellent management, sound judgment and indefatigable industry in carrying on agricultural pursuits.

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ROBERT C. RIND, M. D.

Successfully engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery in Springfield, Dr. Robert C. Rind has many friends in the city who will be glad to receive this record of his life. He is a native of Virginia, having been born in the Old Dominion on the 8th of August, 1872, his parents being Robert G. and Lily (Conrad) Rind. For many years the father was engaged in business as a wholesale merchant in Richmond, Virginia, and prospered in his undertakings, conducting an extensive trade. He continued to reside in that city until his death, which occurred in the year in which the Doctor was born. The widow is still living and is now a resident of Baltimore, Maryland.

Reared in his mother's home, Dr. Rind began his school life in a private school in Blocksburg, Virginia, where he prepared for college and then entered Blocksburg College, of which his uncle, Thomas M. Conrad, was the president. There he prosecuted his studies for a time and later matriculated in Charlotte Hall Military Academy, which is one of the oldest military schools of the United States, having been established in 1774. He was there graduated in 1891, after which he entered Johns Hopkins University, at Baltimore, Maryland, and for one year he occupied the chair of physiology and higher mathematics in that institution. On the ex-

piration of that period he became a student in the University of Maryland, with the intention of preparing for the practice of medicine, and was graduated in the medical department with the class of 1896.

After his graduation Dr. Rind was appointed resident surgeon of the St. Joseph Hospital, as assistant to Dr. L. M. Tiffany, of Baltimore, and when one year had passed in that way he became superintendent in the University of Maryland, in the lying-in hospital. He filled the latter position for eight months, after which he entered the United States regular army as acting assistant surgeon, being stationed at different points. Upon his return to Virginia he became assistant chief surgeon of the Norfolk & Northwestern Railroad Company.

In April, 1900, Dr. Rind removed to Springfield, where he opened an office and already he has attained distinction as one of the leading and capable members of the profession in this city. He came here particularly well equipped, his experience has been unusually broad, and he is thus exceptionally well prepared for the important work to which he devotes his time and energies. He makes a specialty of surgery. His success in this direction is largely due to his wonderful minute and accurate acquaintance with anatomy, combined with exquisite power of diagnosis, a cool head, steady muscles and great mechanical genius. His efforts to relieve the ailments of suffering humanity have been attended with splendid success and as a member of the Clark County Academy of Medicine and also of the State Medical Society and the American Medical Association, he has opportunities of broadening his knowledge, keeping in touch with the advanced thought and methods of the profession, and his powers for

healing the sick are thus greatly augmented.

In 1899 the Doctor was happily married to Miss Jessie Chance, daughter of J. C. Chance, of the regular army, and in their new home in Springfield they have already gained many warm friends.

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JAMES ANDERSON.

To the interested observer it would be a pleasure to note the many well kept and splendidly improved farms which enrich the landscape of Green township, which is among the most beautiful locations of the state of Ohio. James Anderson, a resident of this favored district, has more than a passing feeling of interest for this township, for in it he has made his home since 1825, when his father removed here from Greene county. He is now living a retired life, having spent many years in operating a fine farm and in stock raising, making a specialty of the breeding of Aberdeen and Angus cattle.

He was born July 2, 1815, in Angus, near Dundee, Scotland, and is a son of James and Elizabeth (Ogilvey) Anderson. The father was both a weaver and miller by trade and brought his family to America, the time consumed in crossing the Atlantic being two months. They came by way of Quebec and Montreal to Buffalo and thence to Sandusky, Ohio, this journey occupying the time from May until November. From Sandusky they went to Greene county, Ohio, where they made their home for five years and then removed to Clark county. In the latter county the father bought one hundred acres of land of a Mr. Funston, a rela-

of General Funston, of Philippine fame. His son now has in his possession the first tax receipt for the tax paid by the father on the one hundred acres of land. The tax was less than one dollar. He subsequently became the owner of one hundred and eighty-seven acres of land, and on his farm he spent the years of his life, following the weaver's trade and conducting his farm, placing improvements thereon from time to time and developing the tract into a well cultivated farm. He was a member of the Presbyterian church, but would not accept office in either church or state, although taking an earnest interest in the welfare of both. He was born in the year 1780 and died in 1856. He was the father of six children, five of whom grew to years of maturity, and three married and had families, but the subject of this review is the only one now living near Springfield. John married Harriet Truesdell, by whom he had four sons and two daughters. William, who is engaged in the insurance business in Indianapolis, first married Lydia Knott, and for his second wife married Luthera Paige, by whom he had two children, George, and Ella, who became the wife of George T. Gilmore. Edward another brother of our subject, resides in Cincinnati and is a salesman for the firm of Chatfield & Woods. Alonzo is in the post-office department at Columbus. Benjamin carries on agricultural pursuits in Greene county.

Our subject remained with his father until the latter's death, his boyhood being spent upon the home farm, and during the winter months he pursued his studies in a little log schoolhouse, of which he now has a picture on the walls of his home. Later he attended school near the present site of Clifton. After his father's death he succeeded to the old



homestead, which he still owns, and to it he has added until he is now the owner of eight hundred and thirty acres of land in Clark and Greene counties, besides property in Springfield.

Mr. Anderson was the originator of the Clark County Insurance Association and during its entire existence has served as its president, covering a period of nearly twenty years. Although this company has no traveling agents and never solicits patrons, it has at present one million, three hundred thousand dollars' worth of property insured and takes in from forty to fifty thousand dollars' worth at each meeting. Mr. Anderson has conducted to a successful issue this enterprise, of which he is the promoter, and in so doing has contributed largely to the welfare of the community, as the company is far-reaching in its scope and does a safe business, protecting its patrons in every way.

As his father never took out naturalization papers, Mr. Anderson had to be naturalized on attaining his majority, and cast his first presidential vote for W. H. Harrison in 1840. For twelve years he efficiently served as township clerk, and filled the office of justice of the peace for the same length of time, as many as four hundred cases having been tried before him, and his decisions were always fair and impartial, winning for him the commendation of all concerned. He has been for many years a member of the Presbyterian church, has served as elder for over twenty years and has also been superintendent of the Sunday-school.

George Braley, who lives with the subject of this review, married the latter's niece, Margaret Anderson. He was born in Greene county, December 22, 1831, and is a son of

Lewis and Caroline (Knott) Braley. The parents were born in New Jersey and came to Ohio as children with their parents, about 1810. They were married in Greene county. Mr. Braley received a fair common school education. When about sixteen he went to the home of his uncle and remained with him, learning the tanner's trade. After his uncle's death he conducted the business until he was about thirty years of age. He was married on Thanksgiving day, 1862, to Miss Margaret Anderson. After his marriage he removed to Springfield, where he engaged in the coal business. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Braley has been blessed with six children, as follows: Frank is in the United States mail service; Agnes married Robert Babb and resides in Columbus, Ohio; Caroline resides at home; William is a dealer in coal in Springfield; Edward is a stenographer in Columbus; and Anna is at home. Mr. Braley has been and is a prominent man in his township. He has served as assessor and justice of the peace for six years each. He tried with perfect fairness the many cases that were brought to him, only few cases of which were appealed and only one reversed. During his incumbency he was called upon to perform the marriage ceremony many times. A staunch Republican in his political views, he has ever been an active advocate of the principles of the party. He is a member of the Presbyterian church, and is of a family who have long been Presbyterians, as were also the Anderson family.

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#### JAMES C. LYON.

James Lyon inaugurated a new business enterprise in Springfield and for a number of years he figured prominently in connec-



cial circles in this city. He was born on Walnut Hill near Cincinnati, Ohio, on the 8th of October, 1826, his parents being James and Myra (Carder) Lyon. The father was a native of New Jersey and was a son of James Lyon, who was an officer in the Revolutionary war, and his discharge papers show that he was a captain of artificers. He served for four years, giving valuable aid to his country which was engaged in seeking liberty, and was one of a party that landed at the mouth of the Little Miami river in 1788, thus carrying civilization into the wilds of Ohio. He afterward purchased a section of land, a part of which is now included within the corporate limits of Cincinnati, Ohio, and the postoffice is on a part of that land now. James Lyon, the grandfather of our subject, died at the advanced age of eighty-six years, a respected and honored pioneer who left the impress of his strong nature for good upon the development of this portion of the state. The land which he purchased was handed down to his children, his grandchildren and his great-grandchildren and Mr. Lyon of this review owned considerable of it at the time of his death, it being situated on beautiful Walnut Hill. The original cost of the tract was eleven cents per acre, but it rose in value and they sold fifty acres for seventy-two thousand dollars. As the state has grown in population and prominence it is now classed with the most desirable portions of city property in Ohio.

James Lyon, the father of our subject, was the second in order of birth in a family of four sons. He spent his boyhood days under the parental roof and became a Baptist minister, being widely and favorably known throughout southwestern Ohio. He was the first missionary appointed by the

Baptist state convention and he labored in behalf of Christianity throughout a large district in the state, his influence being widely felt. He is still remembered by many who were children in his day but have now grown to manhood or womanhood.

James C. Lyon, whose name introduces this review, was born and reared upon the family homestead and early became familiar with the work of the farm, assisting in the duties of field and meadow. He lived there until 1870, at which time he took up his abode near the city of Springfield, in Clark county, and was here engaged in agricultural pursuits until 1872. In that year he abandoned the work of the farm and removed to the city in order to give his children better educational advantages. After he became a resident of Springfield he began to deal in hay, which he purchased and sold. He also engaged in baling this commodity and was the first man to establish a hay business in this place. His efforts proving remunerative, he found a market for the product and his sales constantly grew in volume and importance until the business was a very extensive and paying one.

In 1853 Mr. Lyon was united in marriage to Amanda Dunseth, a native of Hamilton county, Ohio, and their marriage was blessed with four children: Flora is the wife of E. L. Barrett, who is represented on another page of this work; Mamie E. is at home with her mother; Carrie is the wife of Theodore Hohl, a resident of Cleveland, Ohio; and Harvey C., whose sketch appears below, completes the family. The parents were members of the Baptist church, taking a very active part in its work and contributing liberally to its support, and for many years Mr. Lyon served as deacon. He died June 3, 1884, and was laid to rest in

Ferncliff cemetery. He was a well known business man, having a wide acquaintance in trade circles throughout this portion of the state. He sustained an unassailable reputation because he was straightforward and reliable in all his dealings. His friends, too, enjoyed his pleasant companionship, appreciating his kindly nature, his courteous deportment and his genial disposition. It was thus that his death was deeply mourned and when he was called to the home beyond Springfield lost one of her best and most highly honored citizens. His widow still survives him and resides at No. 479 South Limestone street, in Springfield.

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#### HARVEY C. LYON.

Harvey C. Lyon, who is now acting as salesman for The Steele, Hopkins & Meredith Company, wholesale grocers of Springfield, was born February 4, 1864, in the same house on Walnut Hill, near Cincinnati, in which his father, James C. Lyon, was born. He was brought by his parents to Clark county and pursued his education in the old Kenton school on North Limestone street and the public schools of Springfield. Later he spent two years as a student in Wittenberg College and afterward entered Nelson's Business College, in which he completed a course that well prepared him for the practical and responsible duties of life.

In 1884 he entered upon his business career in the employ of Brown & McCord, the pioneer hardware firm of Springfield. He remained with them as a clerk for two

years and afterward for a short time engaged in keeping books for the Gazette Printing Company. He next entered into partnership with T. E. Harwood in the conduct of a grocery store under the firm name of T. E. Harwood & Company. They prospered in the enterprise and after the connection was maintained for a year Mr. Lyon purchased his partner's interest in the business, which he carried on alone until 1884. In that year he sold his store and bought the store of Cyrus Ward on Center and Main streets, conducting the same until 1892, during which time he enjoyed a large patronage. In that year, however, he again disposed of his store and accepted a position as salesman with The Steele, Hopkins & Meredith Company, wholesale grocers, in whose employ he has since remained, covering a period of ten years, which fact indicates that he is most efficient, capable and trustworthy.

Harvey C. Lyon was married on the 6th of October, 1887, to Miss Sallie P. Clark, a native of Springfield and a daughter of Charles M. Clark, whose sketch appears on another page of this work. This union has been blessed with three children: Jessie C., Nellie A. and Mary C. The family home is on South Limestone street and its hospitality is greatly enjoyed by the many friends of our subject and his estimable wife. He is a member of the National Union and gives his political support to the Republican party, believing firmly in its principles. He is a wide-awake, enterprising and progressive business man, well known and highly esteemed in the trade circles of this city, where he takes an active part in promoting commercial prosperity and improving the business interests of the city.

## THOMAS MILLS HESS.

A record of the prominent and substantial agriculturists of Green township would not be complete without mention of Thomas Mills Hess, who is one of its native sons, having been born December 9, 1841, in the township which still claims him as a resident. Here he is successfully and extensively engaged in farming, stock raising and the breeding of thoroughbred polled Angus cattle. He is a son of John and Sibbia (Mills) Hess. The father was a native of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, and with his mother came to Ohio when a young man, his father having died in Pennsylvania. He was married in Clark county, Ohio, to Sibbia Mills. He became the owner of a farm and followed farming and also carpentering as an occupation. He was a very energetic and industrious man and lived to be seventy-seven years of age. He was the father of eight children, the subject of this review being the second in order of birth. Their names are as follows: Sarah J. married Jacob Lott, has three children and resides in Cedarville; Thomas Mills is the next in the family; Martha died unmarried at about fifty years of age; Nancy was first married to Calvin Clemons, by whom she had two children, and is now the wife of George Urquhart, who lives in Springfield; Mary married Harry Shepherd, but is now deceased; Maria married William Evans, of Springfield township, and is the mother of three children; Sibbia married James D. Templeton, by whom she had two children, Mary and Emma, and for her second husband married Joseph Brotherton, whose home is in Cedarville; John was first married to Sallie Hempleman, by whom he had three children, and his second union was with Anna

Jones. By this marriage two children were born. He is now deceased.

In the common schools of his native township the subject of this review received the advantages of a fair education, thus fitting him for life's practical duties. He remained with his father and assisted him in the duties of the home farm, performing the work of field and meadow until the country became involved in civil war. He was then a young man and with a spirit of patriotism he enlisted as a member of the One Hundred and Forty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry for one hundred days' service in West Virginia. During his service he was not sick or under fire.

When his term of enlistment expired Mr. Hess returned home and remained with his father until his marriage, which important event occurred January 11, 1870, Miss Callisa A. Stratton, a daughter of Isaac and Sarah (Leffel) Stratton, becoming his wife. For several years after his marriage Mr. Hess rented a farm upon which he lived, but subsequently bought his present home of eighty-nine acres. On this he has placed good improvements, making his farm one of the well kept places of the community. He bought twenty-five acres additional in Springfield township, and had seventy-five acres across the road from his place, which he sold to his son-in-law, Jesse E. Garlough.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Hess have been born three children: Cora, who married Jesse Garlough, February 20, 1894, and has three children, Nellie, Robert and Fern C.; Warren, who is in the insurance business in Springfield; and Jessie, at home.

In his political views Mr. Hess is a staunch Republican. He voted for Abraham Lincoln in 1864 and has ever taken a deep interest in the growth and success of his

party. His influence in this respect has been extended in a quiet way, as he has never sought or desired office. He has served as a delegate to conventions and has aided in the nomination and election of those whom he deemed worthy of office. He is a member of the Methodist church, is parsonage trustee and an active worker in the Sunday-school. A member of Mitchell Post, G. A. R., he attends encampments frequently and thus keeps up pleasant relations with his old army comrades who wore the blue upon southern battlefields. A good soldier, ready to defend his country's cause in times of war, when his country no longer required his aid he was ready to take his place among the men of peace who are today promoting the best interests of their country along industrial and commercial lines. He has gained a comfortable competence for himself and is highly respected in the community where he resides.



#### JAMES JOHNSON.

James Johnson had passed the eighty-first milestone on life's journey when called to his final rest, June 10, 1902, and his was an honorable old age, in which he lived retired from labor in the midst of friends who honored and esteemed him for his great worth and what he had accomplished. Through a long period he was one of the leading contractors and builders of Springfield and probably no resident of Springfield erected more of the substantial structures here. As the years passed his fellow townsmen gave him their confidence and good will as well as their patronage, because they found him to be reliable and trust-

worthy, and his life record should serve as a source of inspiration and encouragement to the young.

Mr. Johnson was born in County Donegal, Ireland, on the 4th of December, 1821. His parents were James and Ellen (Johnson) Johnson, and in the year 1828 the father emigrated with his family to the United States, taking passage on a sailing vessel bound for the port of New York. In those days of slow travel their voyage, covering only twenty-one days, seemed a remarkably brief one and at the end of a three weeks' trip they landed in the eastern metropolis. Thence they made their way by canal to Buffalo and around the Great Lakes to Upper Sandusky, Ohio, where the father secured teams and wagons and started with his family on their way to Springfield, this trip also consuming three weeks. There was much to impede progress at that time, for the work of improvement and development had been scarcely begun in many sections of the state: the streams had to be forded, the land was undrained so that the black swamps were deep and muddy and when one wagon became stuck in the mud the others of the party traveling at that time were called upon to assist in extricating the team. At length, however, Mr. Johnson and his family arrived in Springfield, where they remained for a few months and then located on a farm of four hundred acres of land. The father turned his attention to the raising of cereals best adapted to this climate and to the production of garden products. His children, consisting of four sons and four daughters, were trained to habits of industry and economy on the home farm and proved of much assistance to the father in the operation of his land. His sons were James, Robert, Isaac and John; the daugh-

ters, Isabella, Elizabeth, Margaret and Catherine, and all are yet living with the exception of our subject. The mother, however, passed away in 1865, about the close of the Civil war, and the father's death occurred in 1872.

James Johnson of this review was only about seven years of age when he became a resident of Springfield. Upon the home farm he was reared, having few advantages. He had scarcely attended school at all when he reached the age of sixteen years, but after that time he spent a three months' term in school and continued the pursuit of his studies in the winter seasons until about the time he attained his majority. He then began learning the carpenter's trade and was later employed as a journeyman by a number of contractors until he began business on his own account, taking small contracts until his skill and enterprise were recognized by the public and his business grew both in volume and importance. As the years passed it became necessary for him to employ a large force of workmen in the execution of the contracts which were awarded to him, in the building of churches, schoolhouses and residences. Many of the most substantial structures of the county stand as monuments to his handiwork. He was employed on many of the finest residences of the city, also built many factories and was the builder of the Arcade Hotel and the William Whiteley shops, which, at the time of their completion, were the largest of their kind in the world, but this immense plant was destroyed by fire on the 10th of February, 1902. Mr. Johnson continued to actively engage in building interests in Springfield for many years, but at length retired to private life with a well

earned competence that supplied him with many comforts and luxuries.

In 1846 occurred the marriage of Mr. Johnson and Miss Catherine Eby, a daughter of William and Jane (Grybe) Eby, natives of Jefferson county, Virginia. Mrs. Johnson was also born in the Old Dominion in the year 1824, but at the time of her marriage she was living in Springfield. Six children graced the union of our subject and his wife: Louis; James, who is an attorney at law; Bert; William; Emily, who is now a widow; and Anna B., who is a successful teacher. After graduating in the Springfield high school and also in the Springfield Seminary she entered Vassar College at Poughkeepsie, New York, where she pursued a special course of study, remaining in that institution for six terms. On her return from college she organized the Springfield Seminary, of which she is the principal.

During his long residence here Mr. Johnson was prominent in public affairs, holding positions of honor and trust. For two years he was a member of the school board and for a similar period he served as a member of the city council. Twice he was appointed postmaster of the city, receiving the first appointment from Andrew Johnson in 1865, and the second from General Harrison. After the latter appointment he served for three years and was then removed for political reasons. He was a man of even temperament, calm, self-poised, of refined character, in whom nature and culture had vied in making an honored and interesting gentleman. His erect form and clear-cut features gave no suggestion of the fact that he had already passed the Psalmist's span of life of three-score years and ten. Nature

deals kindly with the man who abuses not her laws, and though his business cares were extensive, age rested lightly upon him.

#### THE STEWART FAMILY.

Closely and inseparably interwoven with the annals of Clark county is the history of the Stewart family. For almost a century this family has been established in central Ohio, and throughout the entire period representatives of the name have been prominent in molding public thought and action. They have contributed a large share to the material development and improvement of this portion of the state and have ever been known as reliable and progressive citizens, honorable and honored in all life's relations. The ancestors of the family can be traced back to John Stewart, a Scotch Covenanter of the seventeenth century, who fled from Scotland to County Down, in the north of Ireland, at the time when Charles II of England was trying to force Episcopacy upon the Scottish nation between the years 1660 and 1685. The north of Ireland became a refuge for persecuted Presbyterians and condemned Covenanters. Thither John Stewart fled. He died in 1720, leaving but one son of whom we have record.

This son was Robert Stewart, who was born in Scotland, near Glasgow, in the year 1665. It appears from the records that when his father, John Stewart, of Drumore, went to Ireland, Robert remained in Scotland, but after the death of his father he went to the Emerald isle in that year (1720) and located in Drumore township, in County Down, twelve miles from Belfast, among the Scotch settlers who had fled there from religious persecution. He died in the year 1730,

leaving two sons of whom history speaks. These were Samuel and Hugh, and it is from the former that the representatives of the family in Clark county are descended.

Samuel Stewart, of the third generation, a son of Robert Stewart, was born near Glasgow, Scotland, in 1698 and in 1720 emigrated to the north of Ireland with his father. In 1735, with his only brother, who was his junior, he emigrated to America, landing in Philadelphia. He settled in Drumore township, Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, near a settlement of the descendants of those Scotch refugees who had previously fled to Ireland and had become known as Scotch-Irish people. Samuel Stewart was a large and well proportioned man, being six feet in height. He was married in Ireland to Mary McClay, who was noted for her dark complexion, which she imparted to her second child, Samuel. Samuel Stewart, Sr., the representative of the family of the third generation, died in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, in 1770. He had ten children, his son Samuel being the direct ancestor of the Stewarts of this county.

This Samuel Stewart, of the fourth generation from John, of Drumore, was born in County Down, Ireland, and with his father's family came to America in 1735. After he had attained his majority he located upon a farm in Hanover township, Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, about 1750. He received a warrant for one hundred acres of land, dated May 17, 1754, and was taxed five shillings for the King's use. He served as a private in a battalion commanded by Colonel Tim Greene, in the defense of the frontier, and in 1776 he became a member of the company commanded by Captain James Rogers, of Lancaster, which was des-

tined for camp in the Jerseys. He thus aided the establishment of American independence. Later he served on the first grand jury of Dauphin county, Pennsylvania, in 1785; and took an active part in the establishment of the new form of government in his locality, after American freedom had been won. He was a Presbyterian by birth and was a supporter of the Hanover church, which was established in 1735 and was situated eleven miles east of Harrisburg. The records show that on November 2, 1788, he and his wife, Nancy (Templeton) Stewart, were admitted to the Lord's table. He first married Nancy Templeton, a daughter of Robert and Agnes Templeton, and they became the parents of eight children. His second wife was Agnes Calhoun, a daughter of William and Hannah Calhoun, by whom there were four children. Samuel Stewart, the father, was a large man, weighing two hundred and thirty pounds. His height was six feet, and he had blue eyes and a dark complexion, which he had inherited from his mother. He died September 16, 1803, and was buried in Hanover churchyard. Of his twelve children John Templeton Stewart became the father of Perry Stewart, of Clark county, Ohio, the oldest living representative of the family here.

John Templeton Stewart was born in Hanover township, Dauphin county, Pennsylvania, in 1781. With his eldest brother, Samuel E. Stewart, he removed to Clark county, Ohio, in 1805 and settled on the bank of the Little Miami river. He was destined to take an important and prominent part in the work of development, improvement and progress in this section of the state and he left the impress of his individuality upon the history of the com-

munity. In 1813 he was elected justice of the peace and continuously served in that capacity until 1838. He was the first clerk of Green township, Clark county, and he served for one term as associate judge of the court of common pleas, from 1837 until 1840. On the 2d of March, 1815, he was united in marriage to Ann Elder, who was born in Dauphin county, Pennsylvania, in May, 1798, and was a daughter of Robert and Ann Elder and a sister of his brother Samuel's wife. She had come to Ohio with her parents in 1812 and was seventeen years of age at the time of her marriage, while her husband was thirty-four years of age. At that time Clark county was a part of Greene county. John T. Stewart, in company with his brother Samuel, purchased land on section 15, Green township, having altogether about five hundred acres. This purchase exhausted all of their ready money and they had to clear and build a log house and plant crops in order to provide for their family. Upon the homestead farm which he there developed, John Templeton Stewart spent his remaining days and as the years passed he prospered in his undertakings and became an extensive land owner as well as an influential and active factor in public circles. He died on the 16th of April, 1850. In their family were ten children, of whom Harriet, the youngest, died at the age of two years, but nine of the family, eight sons and a daughter, reached adult age. Juliana became the wife of David Anderson, a man of Scotch birth, and had a large family of twelve children. She died in 1901, at the advanced age of eighty-six years. Perry is the next younger. Elder Robert is now a resident of Springfield and has five children. Samuel died near Canton, Hardin county, Ohio, in 1888, leaving six



children. Charles resided at No. 57 Clifton avenue, in Springfield and by his first marriage he had two children, while six children were born of his second marriage. He died at Springfield October 26, 1902. James is a prominent citizen of Xenia, Ohio, and has four children. Thomas resides in Green township, Clark county, and has five children. He was a member of Company E, One Hundred and Forty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. Oscar N. lives in Harmony township. William C. resides at No. 425 Limestone street in Springfield and has one child.

Perry Stewart was born in Clark county, Ohio, June 6, 1818, about six months after the county was formed, and is probably the oldest native living son of the county now residing within its borders. His birth occurred on the bank of the Little Miami river in what is now Green township, and he was reared amid the wild scenes of frontier life, spending his boyhood days upon the home farm and acquiring a good common-school education. He continued under the parental roof until he was twenty-six years of age, at which time he was married, on the 15th of October, 1844, in Green township, to Miss Rhoda Ann Wheeler, who was also born in Green township, her natal day being December 30, 1824. She is a daughter of Ebenezer and Joanna (Miller) Wheeler.

At the time of his marriage Perry Stewart located upon a part of his father's land and with the exception of a period of four years resided there continuously until he joined the army in July, 1862, becoming a member of Company A, Ninety-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He had organized the company and was appointed its captain. In the battle of Chickamauga, in which he par-

ticipated, he was struck by a spent ball. He took part in a number of skirmishes and other engagements and remained in service until November, 1863, when on account of ill health he was forced to resign, but although he could not remain at the front he never wavered in his loyalty to the Union and his influence and efforts were ever given in behalf of the maintenance of the government's supremacy at Washington. After leaving the army he returned home and followed farming during the remainder of his active business career, being for many years one of the leading agriculturists of this portion of the state. He has also been prominent in other lines of business. He aided in organizing the Farmers Mutual Aid and Protective Association, an insurance order protecting for fire losses in Clark and surrounding counties. He was long one of the directors of this company and was also one of the men who organized a company to build the toll pike from Selma to Springfield, and was the first president. He was induced to co-operate in this in order to make a road passable for school children, in whose welfare he has always taken a deep interest. This was the first pike, with the exception of the national pike, constructed in Clark county. Mr. Stewart has ever favored good roads and improvements along all substantial lines of progress. In his political views he was first a Whig and cast his ballot for William Henry Harrison, in 1840. Upon the organization of the Republican party he joined its ranks, voting for Fremont in 1856, and since that time he has never wavered in his allegiance to the party. He was township trustee and school director for a number of years and for eighteen months was justice of the peace, but resigned that position when he went to



the army. No case which he tried was ever appealed. Soon after his return from the army he was elected county commissioner and served for about eighteen months, when he resigned, having been nominated for the office of representative to the state legislature. He was elected to that position in 1867 and served for one term. To each question which came up for settlement he gave his careful consideration, earnestly supporting all measures which he believed would contribute to the general good. In 1872 he was sent to the national Republican convention at Philadelphia as a delegate and aided in nominating General Grant for a second term. He has long been a member of the Christian church of Springfield and for many years has served as one of its trustees. He belongs to Mitchell Post, No. 45, G. A. R., and although now well advanced in years he still retains an active interest in all matters pertaining to the general good and upbuilding of his county. There is no more honored or worthy citizen in this portion of the state than Perry Stewart. His life has indeed been a useful and active one. He has not only won success in business, but has found time and opportunity to capably serve his fellow men in public office and to co-operate in all measures calculated to promote public prosperity and substantial upbuilding. He has ever sustained an unassailable reputation by reason of his fidelity to duty and his allegiance to the principles of Christianity.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Perry Stewart were born ten children, of whom nine are yet living: Harriet is the wife of James Hatfield, whose sketch appears on another page of this work. Julia Ann is the wife of Robert N. Elder. David Wilmot is mentioned later on in this sketch. John T. is next of

the family. Mary E. is the widow of S. H. Kerr, of Troy, Ohio, and now lives in Washington, D. C. Charles F. is also mentioned on another page. Jane Ellen is the wife of George Nicholson. Jessie Isabelle died at the age of four years. Perry Morton is now serving as county treasurer of Clark county. Ebenezer Wheeler is living in Green township.

D. Wilmot Stewart is widely and favorably known as an enterprising farmer and stock-raiser of Green township, having the northwest corner farm, comprising one hundred and eighty-five acres. He was born near his present home, his natal day being December 19, 1848, and is the third in the family of Perry and Rhoda (Wheeler) Stewart. At the usual age he entered the public schools, acquiring a good practical knowledge to aid him in the performance of life's duties. He followed in the footsteps of his father, an honored veteran of the Civil war, and when only fifteen years of age enlisted in 1864, for one hundred days' service, as a member of Company D, One Hundred and Forty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, serving from the 2d of May until the 7th of September, a little more than four months. He was engaged in doing guard duty in West Virginia and although but a boy he did his duty together with men of twice his years, and proved his loyalty to his native land. When twenty years of age he began farming on his own account, operating a portion of his father's land, and throughout his entire business career he has engaged in the tilling of the soil, meeting with creditable and well merited success. He is to-day the owner of a valuable tract of land and in his farming operations is prosperous.

On the 12th of February, 1874, D. Wil-

Wm. Stewart was united in marriage to Miss Amanda McClintick, a native of Springfield township, Clark county, and a daughter of John and Roxy (Melvin) McClintick. At the time of his marriage he removed to his present home, his mother owning there one hundred acres of land, which David Wilmore Stewart has since cleared and improved and since that time he has purchased eighty-five acres. His business career has been characterized by close application and unremitting diligence and thus he has gained success. His home has been blessed with the presence of six children: Carrie McClintick, born in June, 1875; Edna, who died at the age of ten months; Myrtle; Delmer; Ruth and Harry. D. Wilmore Stewart holds to the political faith of the family, being a staunch Republican, and has served as a delegate to the conventions of his party, but has never sought or desired office, preferring to give his entire attention to his business affairs.

Charles F. Stewart, the son of Perry and Rhoda (Wheeler) Stewart, is devoting his attention to the tilling of the soil and the raising of stock in Green township. He was born on the old family homestead, August 2, 1856, and it remained his playground through boyhood and his training ground for the duties of later life. He, too, acquired a common school education and spent one winter as a student in the business college of Springfield and one winter as a student in Lebanon, Ohio. When twenty years of age he entered upon his business career by operating part of his father's land on shares. As a companion and helpmate on life's journey he chose Miss Clara Garlough, their wedding being celebrated March 11, 1880. The lady was born in Green township and is a daughter of James T.

and Sarah (Hause) Garlough, who are still living. Five children grace the marriage of Charles F. Stewart and his wife: Josie A., born on her father's farm June 16, 1881, became the wife of Stephen Kitchen, March 11, 1902. The others are: Fred Garlough, born June 2, 1884; Howard H., born June 15, 1888; Samuel N., born October 9, 1893; and Stephen W., born July 20, 1896.

In the year 1884 Charles F. Stewart purchased his present farm of one hundred and thirty-five acres and has made excellent improvements upon it since that time. He has built a large barn and has transformed a one-story brick house into a pleasant two-story residence. Other modern equipments and accessories have been added to his place, which in its neat and attractive appearance indicates his careful supervision. Reared in the faith of the Republican party, since he has studied the questions and issues of the day he has seen no reason to change his political allegiance, and his first presidential vote was cast for Garfield in 1880. In 1884 he was elected township trustee and served continuously in that office until 1886, when he was appointed township clerk, in which capacity he has since remained, a fact which indicates that in office he is most loyal and faithful. He served for six years as a member of the county election board and has been a delegate to various county and state conventions of his party. He is also a popular and valued member of Clifton Lodge, No. 669, K. of P., in which he has filled all the chairs.

E. Wheeler Stewart is another representative of the farming interests of Clark county, with which the Stewart family has been so closely identified through almost a century. He lives upon the old Perry Stewart homestead, where he was born on the

27th of October, 1868, being the youngest child of Perry and Rhoda (Wheeler) Stewart. Upon this farm he was reared to manhood, early becoming familiar with the work of field and meadow. He assisted in the labors of the farm during the summer months and in the winter season attended the common schools, his preliminary education being later supplemented by one winter's study in Lebanon, while he also spent one winter as a student at Antioch. In the former place he received a diploma upon completing the business course.

The lady who now bears his name was in her maidenhood Miss Nettie Shobe, who became his wife on the 26th of October, 1893. She was born in Green township, a daughter of Martin and Kate (Nave) Shobe. Prior to his marriage E. Wheeler Stewart had been operating the home farm, and after that important event in his life he brought his bride to the old homestead, while his parents removed to the town, and he has since managed the property, comprising two hundred acres of valuable land. In addition to the cultivation of the fields he is engaged in stock raising and makes a specialty of raising early lambs for the market.

Unto E. Wheeler Stewart and his wife have been born two interesting little daughters, Edna and Lois, the former born August 12, 1894, and the latter September 26, 1897. The parents hold membership in the Methodist Protestant church at Pitchin, take an active interest in its work and contribute generously to its support. Mr. E. Wheeler Stewart is one of the class leaders and steward of the church, is also assistant superintendent of the Sunday-school and is secretary of the Catawba circuit conference. In his political views he is a Republican and

his presidential vote was cast for Benjamin Harrison.

To return to the older generation of the Stewart family, we take up the history of Judge James M. Stewart, who is to-day one of the most honored and respected citizens of Xenia, Ohio, where he is living a retired life. He is a brother of Perry Stewart and a son of John and Ann (Elder) Stewart. He was born in Greene, now Clark, county, on the 30th of March, 1828, and spent his boyhood days on his father's farm, attending the common schools of the neighborhood. In the year 1857 he removed to Yellow Springs, Greene county, where he established a general mercantile store. He was quite successful in his undertakings and followed that pursuit for ten years. In 1867 he began farming and was thus engaged until 1884, when he was elected probate judge of Greene county and removed to Xenia in order to enter upon the duties of the office. He served for two terms of three years each and no more capable incumbent has ever filled that position. His decisions were strictly fair and impartial and in the discharge of his multitudinous delicate duties he showed that he was a man of well-rounded character, finely balanced mind and of splendid intellectual attainments. Since his retirement from office he has led a quiet life, being identified with no business pursuits save the management of his property interests. He is, however, a director in the Citizens National Bank of Xenia, and is one of its stockholders.

Judge Stewart was united in marriage to Miss Rebecca J. Jacoby, a daughter of Henry Jacoby, one of the leading and influential citizens of Greene county. The wedding was celebrated in October, 1854, and

unto them were born four daughters, of whom two are living: Ida M., the wife of S. B. LeSourd, a wide-awake business man of Xenia; and Leila, now the wife of William D. Cooley of Xenia. The Judge and his wife have a very pleasant home at No. 224 East Second street. They are devoted and zealous members of the Presbyterian church and he is identified with the Masonic fraternity. He gives his political support to the Republican party and is a man of distinctive ability and his character is one which is above a shadow of reproach. He has been faithful in the high offices in which he has been called to serve, and is widely known and respected by all who have been at all familiar with his honorable and useful career.

Oscar N. Stewart, another representative of the older generation of the family and a brother of Perry Stewart and Judge Stewart, of Xenia, is a farmer and stock raiser of Harmony township. He was born in Green township, Clark county, February 5, 1833, being the seventh son and eighth child in the family of ten children born unto John Templeton and Ann (Elder) Stewart. His boyhood days were spent upon the home farm in the acquirement of an education and in the enjoyment of the pleasures of the playground, also in mastering the work incident to the cultivation of the fields. When about twenty-two years of age he started out in life on his own account. His father had become an extensive land owner and he inherited one hundred and forty acres of land. Entering into the possession of the property he began its further development and improvement and devoted his attention to his farm work until the 23d of April, 1861. Hardly had the smoke from Fort Sumter's guns cleared away and President Lincoln

issued his call for volunteers, when Mr. Stewart offered his services to the government, becoming a member of Company E, Sixteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, under Captain Philip Kershner. He was in the army about four months, with the division that was at Phillippi and Carrick's Ford. At the close of his army services he returned home and on the 28th of January, 1862, was married to Miss Rachel Nicholson, of Harmony township, Clark county, where she was born, her parents being Andrew and Rachel (Hammond) Nicholson. They began their domestic life upon the farm in Green township, and there lived until 1884, during which time he and his wife acquired possession of over eight hundred acres of land. In the year mentioned they removed to their present home in Harmony township, where Mr. Stewart has built a fine residence. They have three living children, Herbert P., who married Miss Remina Tuttle, by whom he has four boys, Ira, Roy, Walter and Arthur, and their home is in Green township; Ralph, who is secretary of the Mutual Aid Society and lives in Springfield, married Grace Carlton and they have one son, Oscar Carlton; and Frank, the youngest member of the family, is at home.

In his political views Mr. Oscar N. Stewart has been a Republican since casting his first vote for John C. Fremont in 1856, but has never been an office seeker. He belongs to the Christian church of Plattsburg and is serving as one of its deacons. He is also a member of Wilson Post, No. 602, G. A. R., at Vienna, has filled all of the chairs and has attended the national reunions in Philadelphia and Columbus. In 1876 he visited the Centennial Exposition in Philadelphia and in 1893 the World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago.

It would be difficult to find a family of such numerical strength elsewhere in Ohio, that has a more creditable or honorable record than the Stewart family. The name figures upon the business statistics, the military records and the official archives, and in no case is darkened by a stain of dishonor. While its representatives have not sought notoriety, they have ever manifested the sterling traits of character which form a part of good citizenship and their efforts in behalf of all that pertains to the general good have ever been effective, far-reaching and beneficial. It would therefore be impossible to compile a history of Clark county without giving due mention of the members of the Stewart family.

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#### RALPH NICHOLSON STEWART.

Ralph Nicholson Stewart resides at No. 67 East Pleasant street, in Springfield, where he has a good residence and his office is at No. 71½ East Main street. He is the secretary of the Clark County Farmers Mutual Protection and Aid Association, having acted in this capacity since 1901. A native son of Clark county, he was born in Green township, April 12, 1868, his parents being Oscar Nesbit and Rachel (Nicholson) Stewart, whose history is given on another page of this work. He was about sixteen years of age when his people removed to Harmony township and in addition to the educational privileges afforded by the country schools he pursued a course in a business college at Antioch and was graduated there when eighteen years of age. He likewise spent about six months as a student in Antioch College and was thus well fitted for

life's practical duties. For a number of years he followed farming and was a progressive and enterprising agriculturist, his well tilled fields returning to him rich harvests for the care and labor which he bestowed upon the land. At length, on account of ill health, he was forced to retire from farm life and in 1901 came to Springfield, where he has since occupied the position of secretary for the Clark County Mutual Protection and Aid Association, the welfare and success of which has been increased in a material degree through his efforts.

On the 19th of February, 1896, in Preble county, Ohio, in the town of Eaton, Mr. Stewart was united in marriage to Miss Grace G. Carlton, who was born in Coolville, Athens county, Ohio, June 1, 1875, and is a daughter of Dr. Edwin and Martha Carlton. She is a graduate of the high school of Selma and has attended normal school. They now have one child, Oscar Carlton, born August 27, 1901. From his boyhood days Mr. Stewart has been an earnest advocate of the Republican party and its principles and has voted for its men and measures since he cast his first presidential ballot for Benjamin Harrison in 1892. He has always resided in this county and belongs to one of the leading and distinguished families that throughout the years of development and improvement here has been active in the work of progress.

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#### DAVID ANSON FERREE.

The agricultural interests of Green township are ably represented by David Anson Ferree, a general farmer and stock raiser, who was born in Springfield, Ohio, July 6, 1849, and is a son of David and Lizzie

(Conard) Ferree. The parents were both natives of Pennsylvania, where they were reared and married. The father was a saddler by trade and with his family removed to Ohio some years before the birth of his son, David A., locating in Springfield. In that place he and his wife both died on the same day in August, 1849, of cholera. They left a family of four small children, the oldest being about nine years of age, while David A. was an infant but six weeks old. He, with his eldest sister, Laura, was taken into the home of Elijah and Elizabeth Stewart, where they were kindly and comfortably reared until they were grown. This sister married William Wilson and now lives in Springfield. Sarah Ellen lived with her uncle, Peter Ferree, married William Pence, a resident of Springfield, and they have five children. Elizabeth was reared by her aunt, Marian Baker, but died in early girlhood. Mr. and Mrs. Stewart were very kind to the young orphans whom they had taken in charge, and gave them a good home and all educational privileges which they could desire.

In due course of time David Anson Ferree attained man's estate and was married to Miss Elida T. McClintock, of Springfield township, where she was born April 16, 1853. She was a daughter of John and Mary (Melvin) McClintock, and by her marriage she became the mother of five children, three of whom died in infancy. Those living are: Jessie Elizabeth, who was born March 7, 1886, and Elvin McClintock, born December 1, 1888.

With the exception of two years which he spent in Springfield, Mr. Ferree, since the death of his parents, has resided on the farm in Green township where he now lives, formerly owned by Mr. and Mrs. Stewart,

his benefactors. Mrs. Stewart survived her husband for some years and at her death willed the property to Mr. Ferree, of this review. Here he has lived and reared his family. In 1901 he was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, whose death occurred on the 14th of March of that year.

Mr. Ferree supports the men and measures of the Republican party, but has never been a politician in the sense of office seeking. For fifty-three years—practically all his life—he has been a resident of Green township. His interests therefore are deeply centered in the community in which he lives, and his efforts have ever been directed toward its welfare and improvement. He is a public spirited man, takes an earnest interest in the questions and issues of the day, and his friends always know where to find him:—for he is ever on the side of right and truth.

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#### ASA RUNYON ALDRICH.

Asa Runyon Aldrich is a former and florist of Springfield, who traces his ancestry back to the little "rock-ribbed" country of Wales, whence representatives of the name came to America. The paternal great-grandfather, Wales Aldrich, was born among the Welsh people, in their native country, and with his brother and sister he crossed the Atlantic to the new world, establishing his home in Vermont, where he engaged in farming. Subsequently Wales Aldrich came to Ohio, locating first in Cincinnati and thence removing to Clark county. The journey was made with ox teams, and pioneer conditions existed throughout the state. Indians were more numerous than white settlers in many re-

gions, deer still roamed through the forest and wild turkeys could be killed in abundance. The nearest market to the pioneer home which Mr. Aldrich established was Cincinnati. He hauled his goods overland from that place and sold there his cheese, honey, butter and grain. In the midst of the green woods he cleared and developed a farm. In his family were nine children, of whom Aaron Aldrich, the father of our subject, was the eighth in order of birth. The grandfather prospered in his undertakings, became the owner of valuable and extensive tracts of land and gave to each of his children forty acres. All of the children attained to a ripe old age, none passing away before the sixtieth milestone on life's journey had been reached.

Aaron Aldrich, the father of Asa R. Aldrich of this review, was born in Clark county, Ohio, near Fletcher Chapel, in 1826, and was reared amid the scenes of pioneer life. His brother, Abraham, became a physician and lived to be over eighty years of age. In the practice of his profession he rode extensively over the country, traversing this section of the state when it was little more than a swamp, for the land had not been drained. He made his way, too, through dense forests and thus reached pioneer cabins where he put forth his efforts to alleviate human suffering. Like the other members of the family, Aaron Aldrich pursued his education in an old log schoolhouse, which was supplied with slab benches. He followed farming for many years and then came to Springfield, where he conducted a boarding house, continuing in that business until his death, which occurred in 1900. He held the office of supervisor of his township, while one of his brothers, Wales Aldrich, Jr., was for many years justice of the peace.

All of the representatives of this generation of the family have now passed away. The mother of our subject bore the maiden name of Sarah A. Bell and was born in Champaign county, Ohio, her parents having removed to this state from Kentucky about the time that the Aldrich family was founded in Clark county. The Bells were of English ancestry and Mrs. Aldrich was one of a family of nine children, all of whom reached advanced ages and were connected with agricultural pursuits. She was born in 1827 and died in 1878. By her marriage she became the mother of five children: A. R. of this review; Ella, the wife of Thomas Wraight, who is living in St. Louis, Missouri; and three who have passed away. Mrs. Susanna E. Martin, who died in Springfield, leaving two daughters, who are now living on Belmont avenue, this city, was about thirty years of age at the time of her demise; Elijah was accidentally shot August 10, 1862; and Marley died in Springfield in 1901. These children were educated in the old district schools, the temples of learning being log structures. The sons remained upon the home farm until of age and assisted the father in the cultivation and development of his land. The parents were both members of the Christian church of Vienna and were very active in church and charitable work. Their many excellencies of character won for them high regard and they were widely recognized as people of the highest respectability.

In the public schools of an early period Asa Runyon Aldrich acquired his education. When five years of age he saw the first railroad train that ever run over the Miami road into Springfield. From a boy he assisted in the arduous task of clearing the land upon the home place. Forty acres had



been given to the father, who afterward added a twenty-acre tract to his land. The grandfather had purchased the original land with gold, which he carried in saddlebags to Ohio, and he was considered one of the wealthy men of this portion of the state. Mr. Aldrich of this review remained with his father and with him carried on farm work. He was only a year old when the family removed to Clark county, settling near Oxtoby station. His early educational privileges were supplemented to some extent in Vienna. When twenty-two years of age he left the parental roof and went to live with his uncle, Edson Aldrich, who was a farmer and butcher, and with him removed to Logan county, Ohio. There he spent seven years, devoting his attention largely to farming in that locality.

In March, 1869, he was married to Susan A. Porter, the widow of John Pollock. She had three children, two of whom are now living: Laura, of Mexico; and Mrs. Mary R. Haviland, who is living in Quito, South America. The son, Elmer, has passed away. Mrs. Aldrich was born in 1842 and pursued her education in the public schools of Hardin county. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Aldrich are as follows: Clarence E., born in 1870, was married and has one living child, Lester A. Two of his children died in early childhood. He is now acting as foreman in his father's greenhouse. Clyde was accidentally drowned June 21, 1891, when fourteen years of age. Blanche is the wife of William Curry, who is living at the corner of Plum and Main streets in Springfield, and is employed in Carson's wholesale grocery house. Mrs. Curry was born in 1874 and is a graduate of the Springfield high school.

Mr. Aldrich continued to make his home

in Logan county, Ohio, for some years, or until 1875, when he returned to Clark county and for one year resided upon his father's old homestead. In 1876 he purchased a farm near Oxtoby station and still owns that property. His first purchase brought to him twenty acres, but the boundaries of the farm have since been extended until it is now a tract of sixty acres of well improved land. He has tilled some of his fields, has erected good buildings upon his place and has made it a rich and valuable property, from which he now derives a good income. He remained upon that farm for about ten years, and in the meantime embarked in the florist business there. He built a greenhouse and did a retail business in Springfield, raising all of his plants and flowers upon the farm. About 1888, however, he removed his greenhouses to the city, enlarged them, and now has an excellent plant for conducting the business on Belmont avenue, just outside the corporation lines. By study and experience he has gained a thorough knowledge of the florist's business, and in this connection he is meeting with excellent success. In his greenhouses are many kinds of rare and beautiful blossoms, and he makes a specialty of cut flowers, which find a ready sale upon the market because of their beauty and excellence. From a small beginning his trade has grown to its present large proportions, making the enterprise a paying one. In addition to this line of activity, Mr. Aldrich is engaged in general farming, having the supervision of his farm property. He has a flower stand in the market place, where he serves his many customers, and also a store on South Limestone street.

In his political views Mr. Aldrich is a Republican, having been a staunch advocate of the party since he cast his first presiden-



tial vote for Abraham Lincoln in 1864. He has never sought or desired office, however, preferring to give his time and attention to his business affairs, which, being capably conducted, have brought to him creditable and desirable success. He is a worthy representative of one of the honored pioneer families of the county and has been active in continuing the work of improvement and progress which was begun by his grandfather in pioneer times and which was carried on by his father. The name of Aldrich has ever been an honored one in the county because its representatives have been loyal to the best interests of the community and have been found reliable and trustworthy in business.

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#### WILLIAM WISE.

When the tocsin of war sounded and men from all walks of life flocked to the standard of the country to take part in the battles for the preservation of the Union, William Wise also joined the boys in blue uniform and went to the south, where he proved himself a loyal soldier. His patriotic devotion to his country is equally manifest in his prompt and faithful service as a civic officer. For thirty-six years he has served as justice of the peace and no higher testimony of his efficiency and fidelity could be given than the fact of his long retention in office.

Mr. Wise was born in Montgomery county, Ohio, in 1840, a son of Felix and Martha (Leeper) Wise. His maternal grandfather, James Leeper, was a native of Steubenville, Ohio, and died during the early childhood of his daughter. George

Wise, the paternal grandfather, was born in Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, in 1784 and in 1840 removed to Pike township, Clark County, Ohio. In 1811 he became a captain of the Third Company of the Eighty-seventh Regiment of the Militia of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and served with that rank for several years. In his family were twelve children: Felix, the father of our subject; Mary, Joseph, George and Mrs. Johanna Sturges, all now deceased; Mrs. Rebecca McGeehan, and John, who have also passed away; David, who is living in St. Louis, Missouri; Mrs. Catherine Leffel, deceased; Mrs. Sarah Miller, a resident of Bloomington, Illinois; Jacob and Mrs. Margaret Hance, who are also deceased. By their marriage the parents of our subject had five children. Mary, the eldest, became the wife of John Black, a farmer, now deceased, and they had four children—Edna, Jennie, Josephine and John. William is the second in order of birth. George W. wedded Mary Brown and is now living in Dayton, Ohio, with their two children, Burton and Mabel. He is connected with the Barney & Smith car shops and served for one hundred days in the Civil war. James L., who married Almarinda Spangler, by whom he had two children, Harry and Cora, is now a resident of Dayton. Frank, the youngest member of the family, married Alice Stockstill and they are also living in Dayton. They reared three children, Walter, Bertha and Roy. Felix Wise, the father of our subject, passed away in 1875.

In the schools of Medway, Ohio, William Wise pursued his education, spending his boyhood days in his parents' home. He was twenty-one years of age when in 1862 he enlisted in his country's ser-

vice as a member of Company I, One Hundred and Tenth Ohio Infantry. He was mustered out with the rank of sergeant at Washington, D. C., June 9, 1865, and returned home with a most creditable military record. He participated in the battle of Winchester, Virginia, under General Melroy, on the 13th 14th and 15th of June, 1863, Wapping Heights, Locust Grove, Mine Run, the battle of the Wilderness, Spottsylvania Courthouse, Gains Mills, Cold Harbor, Monocacy, Charleston, Smithfield, Winchester, Flint Hill, Fisher's Hill, Cedar Creek, and the engagements in the vicinity of Petersburg, where he was wounded. He also sustained a wound at Cold Harbor. At the close of the war Mr. Wise returned to his home in Medway. He experienced all the hardships and rigors of war and was always found at his post of duty whether upon the picket line or the firing line. He never wavered in his allegiance to the old flag and the cause it represented and like the other boys in blue he deserves credit and gratitude of the nation for his share in preserving the Union.

For fifty-six years Mr. Wise has resided in Medway and is one of the honored and representative citizens here. He was united in marriage to Martha V. McKinney, a daughter Cyrus B. and Melinda E. (Lammie) McKinney. Her father was born in Bethel township, Clark county, in 1813 and in his family were four children: James; William F., a resident of Springfield; Mrs. Wise; and Frank E., who is living in this county. Unto our subject and his wife have been born three children. Willis McKinney, the eldest, wedded Margaret Glenn, of Springfield, and they have three children—Ester L., Arthur V. and Helen M. Grace G. is the wife of William

C. Wallace, a farmer of Bethel township, and they have two children—Donald M. and Roscoe. Roscoe D., the youngest member of the family of William Wise, is now employed as a bookkeeper by O. S. Kelly, in Springfield.

In his political views Mr. Wise has always been a stalwart Republican, fearless in defence of his convictions and untiring in his fidelity to the party in which he believes. For thirty-six years he has held the office of justice of the peace and his decisions have been strictly fair and impartial, neither fear nor favor influencing him in his opinions. He has always been true to what he believed to be his duties of citizenship and the best interests of the country, and is a man of genuine worth who has many friends in his section of Clark county.

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#### THOMAS SWANGER.

For seventeen years Thomas Swanger has engaged in the grocery business in New Carlisle and the large patronage accorded him is an indication of the high standing which he has in the public regard. He is a native of the neighboring state of Pennsylvania, his birth having occurred in Cumberland county in 1840. His parents were George and Catherine (Fox) Swanger, who with their family left Pennsylvania in 1844 and established their home in New Carlisle, Ohio. They became the parents of but two children, the elder being Thomas of this review. The daughter, Mary Ellen, is the wife of J. W. Goldshott and they reside in Dayton, Ohio. They have two living children, to whom they have given the names of Florida and Alabama.

Thomas Swanger of this review was a little lad of only four years when brought by his parents to Ohio and in the town which he still makes his home he was reared, his education being acquired here in the public schools. About the time he attained his majority he offered his services to the government as a defender of the Union cause in the Civil war. He had studied with interest the attitude of the south, had noted the threats of secession and had resolved that if an attempt was made to overthrow the Union he would strike a blow in its defense. Accordingly, when Fort Sumter was fired upon, he enlisted in April, 1861, as a member of Company C, First Kentucky Volunteer Infantry, in which he served until June, 1864. In February, 1865, he re-enlisted, becoming a member of the Second United States Veteran Regiment, attached to Hancock's Corps. From this command he was mustered out in February, 1866. He had participated in a number of battles and skirmishes, the principal engagements being at Shiloh, Stone River and Chickamauga. After being mustered out of the volunteer service Mr. Swanger enlisted in February, 1867, in the regular army and was assigned to the First United States Cavalry, with which he served in California, Nevada, Oregon, Arizona and New Mexico, sharing in the usual experiences of military life on the frontier. In December, 1871, he received an honorable discharge and returned to New Carlisle.

In 1882 he became an active factor in mercantile life here, establishing a drug store, which he conducted for about three years. He then sold out in that line and opened a grocery store, which he still conducts. From the beginning he has enjoyed a good patronage and he carries a large and well selected line of staple and fancy gro-

ceries. He is straightforward in his business dealings and his earnest desire to please his patrons has secured to him a profitable trade.

Mr. Swanger was united in marriage to Caroline Elizabeth Pence, of Pike township, Clark county, a daughter of Valentine Pence, who is a millwright and farmer. She is the elder of two daughters, her sister being Mrs. Elmira Stafford, the wife of A. S. Stafford, a lumber buyer of New Carlisle. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Swanger has been blessed with one child, Pearl Fair.

In his political views Mr. Swanger is an earnest Republican and for six years he has served as trustee of Bethel township, having just completed his second term of three years. He belongs to the Odd Fellows Society and to the Methodist church and it will thus be seen that his membership relations are such as indicate a high moral character and genuine worth, classing him with the best citizens of his part of the country.

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#### ALEXANDER McCONKEY.

Many a lesson may be gleaned from the experience of Alexander McConkey by the younger generation, and none more vital than this—that absolute honesty is the essential cornerstone of character on which the entire superstructure must depend. Persistence and courage in the face of difficulties also are necessary factors to success, and energy and determination must likewise lend their aid. These are the qualities which have brought prosperity to Mr. McConkey, so that he is now enabled, after years of active connection with agricultural pursuits, to live a retired life, his home being in the village of New Moorefield.

His birth occurred in Pleasant township, near Catawba, December 5, 1832, his parents being Daniel and Matilda (Neer) McConkey. His father was a son of Archibald and Nancy (Micha) McConkey. Archibald McConkey was a native of Belfast, Ireland, and after coming to America remained in New York for a time. On leaving the Empire state he removed to Kentucky, where he married Nancy Micha, a daughter of Captain Micha, who was an officer in the Revolutionary war, belonging to a New England regiment. Daniel McConkey was born in Kentucky, and in 1805, when about a year old, was brought to Ohio by his parents, the family locating one mile south of Catawba, where his father lived until eighty-five years of age. The farm on which he settled is still the property of his descendants. He was a soldier of the war of 1812. Throughout life Daniel McConkey followed agricultural pursuits, operating the old homestead farm until called to his final rest April 5, 1856, when fifty-two years of age, his death being the result of an injury occasioned by a horse. His wife was a native of Loudoun county, Virginia, and in early life came to Ohio with her parents, Nathan and Jane Neer, settling on a portion of the present site of Catawba. She died in 1885, at the age of seventy-six years, and her remains were interred by the side of her husband in the McConkey cemetery, on the old home farm near Catawba.

In the family of this worthy couple were eleven children, five sons and six daughters, of whom Alexander McConkey is the fourth in order of birth and the only one now living. His brother, Nathan McDonald, became captain of Company G, of the Ninety-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry and served until the close of the war. He was with Sherman on the famous march to the sea

and also participated in the grand review in Washington. At the time of his death he was serving as superintendent of the Children's Home in Springfield, and he had also been a county commissioner and for two terms represented his district in the state legislature. A very prominent and influential citizen, he left the impress of his individuality upon public life. Archibald married Sarah Skillman and died in 1856, leaving three children. Enos was a wagonmaster during the civil war and a member of Company F, Eighth Ohio Cavalry. He married May Young and at his death left five children. Alexander was the next of the family. Hiram L. was a soldier of Company G, Ninety-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, held the rank of orderly sergeant and was with Sherman throughout his campaigns. None of the four brothers who were in the army were ever wounded. Hiram was captured but was paroled before being taken to prison.

Our subject was reared in the township of his nativity, acquiring a good education in the common schools and worked by the month for a brother one year. His father died about that time and he and his brother then operated the home farm for a few years, or until 1856. Mr. McConkey was married April 14, 1857, to Miss Emeline Cartmell, who was born and reared in Pleasant township, a daughter of Thomas and Amanda (Fisher) Cartmell. Our subject then engaged in farming in Pleasant township until the fall of 1861, when, in the month of September, he donned the blue uniform of the nation and became a member of Company F, Forty-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He was soon afterward promoted to the rank of sergeant and served until January, 1864, when he veteranized. He was then

commissioned second lieutenant in the Eighth Ohio Cavalry and later was promoted to first lieutenant of Company D, serving in that capacity until a short time prior to the close of hostilities, when he was commissioned captain. Soon after this he resigned in the year 1865. He was first under fire at Cotton Mountain, at the time of the retreat of General Floyd, and was also in the battle at Lewisburg, and at Dutton Hill and took part in numerous skirmishes. He was in the siege of Knoxville and was captured at Beverly, West Virginia, after which he was sent to Libby prison on the 11th of January, 1864, and was there paroled on the 22d of February following. At the battle of Lewisburg his cap was shot through and thus he narrowly escaped death. At the battle of Libertyville, while on the Hunter raid to Lynchburg, his clothing was riddled with bullets. He was at Philippi, West Virginia, when he learned of Lincoln's assassination, and was a Harper's Ferry at the time of Lee's surrender.

While Mr. McConkey was in the service his wife and their one child made their home with her sister, who was the wife of his brother, Captain N. M. McConkey. When our subject returned home he resumed farming on the old homestead, where he lived for a number of years. He afterward spent nine years on the farm of Judge Good, in Moorefield township, and then purchased a tract of land in Champaign county, Ohio, where he lived for several years. At length he sold that property and purchased his present home in New Moorefield.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. McConkey have been born two children. Emma is the wife of S. J. Wilkerson, a member of the board of public affairs at Springfield, who also served as city clerk there for six years. They have

four children, Nellie C., Charles McConkey, Florence Goode and Howard. Gilbert died at the age of nine years of lockjaw, caused by a broken arm. In 1901 Mr. McConkey was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, who passed away on the 17th of October, of that year, her death being mourned by all who knew her. She was a faithful member of the Methodist Protestant church and an earnest Christian woman.

Mr. McConkey voted for John C. Fremont in 1856 and has supported each presidential candidate of the Republican party since that time. He is deeply interested in all political questions of the day and has served as a delegate to various conventions of his party, but has never been an office seeker, although in 1902 he was elected assessor. Long a faithful and consistent member of the Methodist Protestant church he is now serving as class leader and as superintendent of the Sunday-school. To-day he is the only surviving member of the Catawba church that was identified with that organization when he joined in 1848. He belongs to N. M. McConkey Post at Catawba, has filled all of its offices and is a member of the Ohio Association of Union ex-Prisoners of War, with whom he has met in conventions at Marysville and at Clyde. His life has always been honorable and upright, and in citizenship he is as true and loyal to-day as when he followed the nation's starry banner upon the battlefields of the south.

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#### EDWARD L. BARRETT.

Edward L. Barrett is the president and treasurer of the Barrett Publishing Company, of Springfield, Ohio, and is one of the

busiest, most energetic and enterprising men of the city. He stands to-day at the head of a concern of importance, for the business has constantly grown in magnitude and in the character of the work executed.

A native of Massachusetts, Mr. Barrett was born in Ashburnham, on the 14th of September, 1850, and is a son of Edwin L. and Sarah (Petts) Barrett. The ancestral line of the Barrett family can be traced back to the year 1200. At an early day in the history of America, the family was established on the soil of the new world. Samuel Barrett, the grandfather of our subject, was a native of Massachusetts and married Nancy Lawrence, the eldest daughter of John Lawrence, one of the original settlers of eastern Massachusetts. Edwin L. Barrett was born in the year 1839 in the house in which the birth of our subject occurred, and in 1861 he became a resident of Springfield, Ohio. His wife was a native of the Empire state and died in 1864. After conducting general business interests in Springfield for many years, Edwin L. Barrett passed to his final rest on the 10th of August, 1889.

He, whose name introduces this review, has been a resident of Springfield since the age of eleven years, and in the public schools he pursued his preparatory education and then entered Wittenberg College, where he remained as a student for some time. On leaving college he engaged in business, assisting his father up to the time of his death in the conduct of a publishing business which Mr. Barrett, Sr., had established. After the death of his father in 1898 Edward L. Barrett succeeded to the business and conducted it successfully until December, 1901, when the mechanical department of the business was sold to The New Era Company, of which R. S. Thompson is president, Mr.

Barrett retaining the original business, known as the legal blank book publishing department. From this department legal blank books are furnished to the various officials of the state. Mr. Barrett has associated with him his son, Arthur M., in the original business of E. L. Barrett & Son, this being the oldest firm in the state in their line of business. E. L. Barrett & Son occupy the two upper floors of the building at No. 24 North Fountain street. Under the guidance of Edward L. Barrett, and as a result of his broad experience and keen executive force, the enterprise has been attended with a high measure of success.

He is also interested in a successful grocery business with another of his sons, Elmer L. Barrett, their place of business being No. 18 Euclid avenue.

In 1875 was celebrated the marriage of E. L. Barrett and Miss Flora C. Lyon. Seven children have graced this marriage, namely: Elmer; Nellie; Arthur; Herbert; Mabel; Bertha; and Walter, who died in infancy. In church matters Mr. Barrett is quite prominent, holding membership with the First Presbyterian church, in which he has been an elder for many years, and to the support of which he contributes liberally, while of his time and influence he gives generously to advance the work of the church in its various departments. He was for a term president of the Ohio State Sunday-school Association and at the present time is state treasurer of that organization. He is also the superintendent of the Presbyterian Mission of his church, and has occupied this position for the past twenty-two years. Unlike many men who are controlling extensive business interests and yet who claim to have neither time nor inclination for labors relating to the moral development of

the community, Mr. Barrett has not only found but has made opportunities to continue his work in this direction and his influence has been a potent one for good. His religion is of a practical character which is manifest in the substantial aid given to the poor and needy and in honorable dealing with his fellow men in all life's relations.

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WILLIAM E. YEAZEL.

William E. Yeazel, a representative of the agricultural interests of Pleasant township, was born in Moorefield township, January 24, 1829, his parents being Jeremiah and Jane (Hodge) Yeazel. Upon the home farm he was reared, no event of special importance occurring to vary the routine of farm life for him. In his youth he acquired a common school education and lived at home until twenty-one years of age. His father was a good manager and an enterprising man and became the owner of four hundred acres of land.

On the 27th of January, 1850, Mr. Yeazel was united in marriage to Miss Lydia A. Bennett, of Harmony township, where she was born and reared. At the time of his marriage Mr. Yeazel began operating his father's land and resided upon that place for three years, after which he purchased fifty-eight acres in the village of Harmony. He carried on farming and butchering for thirteen years and through the dual occupation he made considerable money. While living there he also organized a company and was appointed captain by Colonel Todd, but in reorganizing the war committee endeavored to persuade his men to join an organization of which he was to become a

lieutenant. Refusing to do this he resigned and did not enter the service. At a later date he disposed of his butchering business and traded his farm in this locality for a farm in Champaign county, Illinois. To that property he gave his supervision but never removed to the west. In 1859 he purchased his present farm, comprising eighty-three acres of land, and in 1873 he took up his abode thereon. As the years have passed and his financial resources have increased, he has added to this property from time to time until he is to-day the owner of an extensive farm of four hundred acres. This was all covered with forest trees when it came into his possession and the fine improvements upon the place are the result of his energetic efforts and progressive ideas. He is regarded as one of the leading agriculturists of his community and certainly deserves great credit for what he has accomplished, because he started out in life for himself empty handed and has depended entirely upon his earnest labor for the acquirement of a competence.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Yeazel has been blessed with five children: James, who is living in Cold Springs, Ohio, and has five children; Jane, the wife of Silas Engel, a resident of Harmony township; Ellen, the wife of William H. McClintock, of Moorefield township; Elizabeth, who is the wife of Walter Marsh, of London, Ohio, by whom she has two sons; and Mary, who became the wife of E. C. Overturf and lived in Madison county until her death, at which time she left three children. Mr. Yeazel was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife on the 2d of November, 1884. About two years later, on the 2d of September, 1886, he was united in marriage to Miss Emily Paul, of Harmony township. She was born in Pleas-



ant township and was a daughter of Edward and Margaret (Morris) Paul. Two children graced this union, Hattie and Scott, both of whom are at home.

Mr. Yeazel cast his first presidential vote for Winfield Scott in 1852 and in 1856 he voted for Fremont. He is now independent in politics. He was once a candidate of the Prohibition party for the office of county commissioner but on account of the greater majorities of the older parties he was not elected. He has always been a warm friend of the cause of temperance and of morality, and his life has been in harmony with the principles which develop an upright, honorable manhood.

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#### JACOB R. ATHY.

Jacob R. Athy, who was born in Mad River township, Clark county, in 1833, has therefore been a resident of the county for nearly seventy years. During his infancy he was brought to the farm upon which he now resides, the family removing here in the year above mentioned. His father, John Athy, was born and reared near Cumberland, Maryland, but emigrating westward, took up his abode in Clark county. He was a resident of Mad River township at the time of our subject's birth in 1833, but the same year removed to what is now the old Athy homestead. He purchased this land in 1847, paying twelve and one-half dollars per acre for the tract, which is now worth ninety dollars per acre. This farm originally belonged to William Burnet, of Cincinnati, and at the time it was sold to John Athy it was covered with timber, not a furrow having been turned or an improvement made upon the place. With characteristic energy, how-

ever, he began its development and soon the fields were cleared and prepared for the plow, so that in course of time good harvests were garnered as the result of the care and labor of the owner. Throughout his entire life John Athy carried on agricultural pursuits there and was classed among the representative farmers of his community.

Upon the old homestead Jacob R. Athy, of this review, spent the days of his boyhood and youth. As his strength increased with the growing years he aided more and more largely in the work of the farm, taking his place in the fields as soon as old enough to handle the plow. He thus gained practical experience in all departments of farm work and was well fitted for carrying on business on his own account in later life. He was united in marriage to Eliza J. Ashing, a daughter of Jacob Ashing, of Campaign county, this state, and unto them have been born seven children. Oliver F., the eldest, married Dora Shank, a daughter of Cyrus Shank, of Springfield, and they have two children, Viola Fern and Lina. He is now acting as foreman for the American Radiator Company, of Springfield. Raymond W., who is a carpenter and contractor, married Cora Conrad, of Donnelsville, and they have six children: Theresa, Ralph, Lola, Clifford, Harry and Pearl. Irvin Newton is at home. Lillie is the wife of George W. Jenkins, a farmer and dairyman of Mad River township, and they have two children, Leah and Sayers. Granville Roper died in 1871, at the age of seventeen months. George Mahlon, born in September, 1871, died in March, 1898. Laura E. is the wife of William Caid King, a native of Mad River township, who is now operating her father's farm. They have three children, Lillie, Hazel and Gladys.



Throughout his entire life Mr. Athy has carried on farm work and the neat and thrifty appearance of his place indicates the careful supervision of the progressive and enterprising owner. He is a member of the Grange and in his political views is a Republican. He belongs to the Christian church and is interested in everything pertaining to the general good. He represents one of the old pioneer families of the county and through almost two-thirds of a century he has been a witness of the progress and improvement of this portion of the state.

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CHARLES M. CLARK.

Through almost eighty years Charles M. Clark, now deceased, was a resident of this county and is classed among the pioneer settlers to whom a debt of gratitude is due for what they accomplished in reclaiming the wild region for the uses of the white man. He aided in laying broad and deep the foundation for the present prosperity and progress of the county and his history if given in detail would present a faithful picture of pioneer times in Clark county.

Mr. Clark was born in Coshocton county, August 12, 1808, his parents being James and Martha (Davis) Clark, who were natives of Virginia, where the father learned the carpenter's trade. In 1803 he decided to establish his home beyond the mountains which separated Virginia from what was then the far west and with a team and wagon, accompanied by his family, he journeyed overland to Coshocton county, where he lived until 1811 and then came to Clark county. His financial resources were limited and as he could not buy land he rented a tract in Springfield township, where he

lived for a few years, removing then to Champaign county. He worked hard, saved his money and invested in land near Mechanicsburg, thus becoming well-to-do. He was an industrious and honored citizen and bore no unimportant part in the work of early development in Ohio. Both he and his wife died on their home farm near Mechanicsburg.

Charles M. Clark was only three years of age when he came to Clark county with his parents. Springfield was then but a hamlet and many of the now thriving towns and villages had not then sprung into existence. Indians still roamed through the forest and wild animals found their haunts within the green woods. The establishment of homes in this beautiful region therefore meant hardships, sacrifices and sometimes death, but there were some men, however, brave enough to face the difficult conditions of pioneer life and undertake the arduous task of converting the forest tracts into farms which would yield crops for the sustenance of life. Such a work was that which fell to the lot of Mr. Clark. He lived with his parents until twenty-one years of age and his father then gave him a horse, saddle and bridle, and thus equipped he started out in life for himself. He began to deal in cattle, buying stock in the surrounding country and driving them over the mountains to the Philadelphia market, a distance of more than five hundred miles, for there were no railroads at that time to afford an easy means of transportation. It required about six months to collect and purchase a drove and dispose of them in the east. On one of those trips Mr. Clark purchased a buggy, which was the first vehicle of the kind ever introduced into this section of Ohio. On one occasion he had the honor of taking the

Hon. Thaddeus Stevens for a ride in this buggy.

Mr. Clark made his home with his older brother until he was married, when he purchased a farm in Moorefield township, which he cultivated and also dealt in cattle. For many years he was also an extensive buyer of wool, continuing in that business until 1889. In the meantime, in 1875, he had removed from his farm to the city, residing on East High street. He wedded Miss Chloe Foley, who was born in Moorefield township, a daughter of Absalom and Susan (Bishop) Foley. Her father was a native of Virginia and a son of John Foley, who was a Virginia planter and spent his entire life in the Old Dominion. The father of Mrs. Clark was reared in that state and when a young man came to Ohio in pioneer days. Here he worked with a brother-in-law until his earnings enabled him to purchase a tract of timber land in Moorefield township, on which he began farming and there he eventually built a fine brick residence. Later he purchased another farm near his first property, and thereon he spent the latter days of his life. His wife was a daughter of James C. and Chloe (Lake) Bishop and like her husband has passed away long ago.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Clark were born ten children. Anna died in infancy and was buried in the cemetery of Moorefield township. Martha J. became the wife of Thomas Jones, of London, Ohio, and at her death was laid to rest in Ferncliff cemetery, of Springfield. She had three children—Harry, Carl and Clifford. Charles E. died July 19, 1902, and was buried in Ferncliff. William, who died in 1875, was also laid to rest there. James M., who died in 1875, was buried in Ferncliff. Absalom F. married

Miss Vida Johnson, by whom he has a son, Carl, and their home is in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Robert R. is living in Philadelphia. Fannie F. is the wife of John Worley, of Springfield, and they had eight children—Charles, deceased; and Robert, John, Helen, Alice, Harry, Chloe and Joseph. Sallie is the wife of H. C. Lyon, who is represented on another page of this work. Alice resides with her mother and sister, Mrs. Lyon.

The parents were both earnest and active members of the First Presbyterian church of Springfield, Mr. Clark doing much for the support and upbuilding of the church. In early life he gave his political support to the Whig party and afterward endorsed the Republican party on its organization and continued to follow its banners until his death. In his business affairs he was very successful. He took advantage of opportunities that offered, made the most of possibilities and through the diligence and energy which were salient features in his career he acquired a handsome competence. He was popular and well liked, because of his genial and kindly manner and his life history forms no unimportant chapter in the annals of the county with which he was connected from early pioneer times down to the period of later-day progress and advancement. He died September 8, 1892, but his widow still survives him and is now eighty years of age.

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SAMUEL M. MILLER.

The life history of this gentleman stands in incontrovertible evidence of the fact that America is a land rich in opportunities for the business man who possesses determina-

tion, strong purpose and laudable ambition. From humble clerkships have arisen some of the leading merchants of the country and from other equally obscure positions have come the men who control the traffic of the land and promote its commercial prosperity. Mr. Miller began life on his own account empty-handed and today is numbered among the successful merchants of Springfield, where he is engaged in business as a dealer in general house furnishings at No. 74-78 West Main street.

Mr. Miller is a native of Pennsylvania, his birth having occurred in Mercer county, November 2, 1858, and on the paternal side he comes of Scotch-Irish ancestry, the family having been established in this country, however, at an early day. Henry Miller, the father of our subject, was born in Pennsylvania and followed the trade of carpentering and building. The date of his birth was 1827 and in 1873 he was called to his final rest. In 1864 he had removed with his family to Highland county, Ohio, following his trade at Leesburg until his life's labors were ended. He married Eliza J. Griffith, who was born in Pennsylvania in 1834 and is now a resident of Springfield. She was one of a family of ten children, the others being Samuel, Isaac, Martha, Edward, Adam, Josiah, Martha Ann, Catherine and George, and six are yet living, the family being noted for longevity. Both parents were born in Pennsylvania. By the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Miller there were ten children of whom a daughter and five sons were born in Pennsylvania, while after the removal of the family to Ohio four daughters were born. The eldest daughter and a son both died in early childhood. Those living are: William W., who was born in 1856 and is a member of the

Seventh Day Adventist church; Samuel M.; Albert E., who was born in 1861 and is in the employ of his brother Samuel, his home being in Springfield, where he lives with his wife and two daughters, Elizabeth and Margaret; John T., who was born in 1863, and is a dealer in ladies' suits, cloaks and furs in Dayton, Ohio; Harriet, who was born in 1865 and is the wife of C. L. Daniels, of Tiffin, Ohio, by whom she has three living children: Harold, William and Helen; Margaret, who was born in 1867 and is the wife of William Wright, of Leesburg, Ohio; Katherine E., born in 1869 and now engaged in missionary work; and Eva, who was born in 1873 and is the wife of Charles Russell, a resident of New Vienna, Ohio, by whom she has two children, Virgil and Henry. In his political views the father of this family was a Democrat and held several local offices while in Leesburg. Both he and his wife held membership in the United Presbyterian church but Mrs. Miller is now a member of the Seventh Day Adventist church.

Samuel M. Miller of this review was but a small boy at the time of the removal of the family to Leesburg, where he pursued his education in the public schools, attending until he was about fourteen years of age. He then began work on a farm but soon afterward secured a position as bell boy in the Elliot House of Hillsboro, Ohio. While thus engaged he formed the acquaintance of Charles H. Fitts, who was traveling for a Philadelphia carpet house and who took a kindly interest in the boy, insisting upon his securing a position in the east. Mr. Miller, acting upon the advice of his friend, obtained employment with C. B. Scott & Company, retail furniture dealers of Philadelphia, entering upon the

duties of his position April 9, 1875, as an errand boy. He spent five years in the store during which time he was steadily advanced and mastered the business in principle and detail. During the latter part of his service he acted as foreman of the finishing department. About 1880 he secured employment in the finishing department of the car shops at Wilmington, Delaware, but remained there less than a year after which he returned to Philadelphia and entered the employ of the Leshanbre Company, manufacturers of special designs for residences. There he remained for two years as a journeyman finisher, when a position was offered in a piano factory and he accepted it, continuing there for eighteen months. Later he was in the employ of a friend who conducted an installment house, and there he was rapidly advanced because of his fidelity and capability and in the absence of the proprietor he was left in entire charge of the business. His wages were proportionately increased and for two and one-half years he remained in that house.

In September, 1886, he left the employ of Mr. Ford and came from Philadelphia to Springfield. During the years which he had spent away from home he had always contributed to the support of his mother and the family, and therefore he had but little capital with which to start in business when he left Philadelphia, but he possessed strong determination to succeed and through the friendliness of Mr. Ford he was enabled to obtain credit. With two competent men he came to this city to open an office for the purpose of carrying on the installment business. He appointed agents who sold goods throughout the surrounding country, but for several months he carried on his new enterprise under difficulties, which,

however, he gradually overcame. He possesses the three elements to success; prudence, perseverance and push and thus he overthrew all obstacles in his path and was in control of a lucrative business. He began in a room on the second floor of the Johnson building and remained there for about a year. He next removed to 164 West Main street, where he had a small stock of goods and there he added other furnishings to his line. As the business increased he also occupied No. 166 Main street and put in a small stock of furniture. His trade increased rapidly until the business demanded larger quarters and in October, 1894, he removed to No. 74 West Main street, fitting up the building to accommodate his stock. In 1897 he enlarged his floor space by stocking the second floor of the building and also the second floor of No. 76. In February, 1901, he rented the adjoining room, No. 76, and his store now extends from No. 74 to No. 78. He handles everything in the line of house furnishings and has a large trade in Clark and surrounding counties. In practical experience he has gained broad knowledge of business methods and he inaugurated a system of his own in extending his business which has proved a valuable one, bringing to him splendid success.

On the 14th of December, 1888, Mr. Miller was married in Springfield to Miss Eleanor Blanche Conn, who was born in Brown county, Ohio, in May, 1868, a daughter of Albert Conn, who is serving as a collector for Mr. Miller. The lady was educated in the public schools of Russellville Brown county, and in Springfield, having come to this city in 1884. By her marriage she has become the mother of two children: Edith E., who was born in 1888,

and died in 1898; and Olive Maude, who was born October 10, 1895. Mrs. Miller belongs to the Seventh Day Adventist church and our subject is a liberal contributor to church and charitable work. He holds membership in Red Star Lodge, K. P., in which he has passed all of the chairs and is now a representative to the grand lodge. He also belongs to the Uniformed Rank of the order and to the Dramatic Order of the Knights of Khorassan. He is also a member of the endowment rank of the Knights of Pythias and of Champion Council of the Junior Order of American Mechanics. In politics he is independent but has never aspired to official honors or emoluments, preferring to give his attention entirely to his business interests in which he has met with signal success. There is nothing particularly remarkable in his life history yet it contains lessons that are well worthy of emulation, showing the power of industry, of enterprise and of upright character in the active affairs of life. With his family he resides at the corner of Pleasant and Plum streets, having purchased a home in 1893.

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#### JOHN A. YEAZELL.

John A. Yeazell is well known as a farmer and raiser of thoroughbred shorthorn Durham cattle. He is a leading representative of this great department of business activity and his efforts have been so managed that he has prospered in his work and is now one of the substantial agriculturists of Moorefield township. He was born and reared in this township, his natal day being October 10, 1837. His parents were Jacob and Elnora (Foley) Yeazell. The former

was born near Todd's Fork, Clinton county, Ohio, November 10, 1809, and was a son of Abraham and Mary (Curl) Yeazell. The mother of our subject was born January 14, 1810, and her parents were John and Jane (Reeser) Foley, who became early settlers of Moorefield township, establishing their home in this section of the state when Indians still lived here. Abraham Yeazell was born in Virginia, April 29, 1774, and on the 7th of October, 1794, he was joined in wedlock to Mary Curl, whose birth occurred October 30, 1776. Mary Ann, their eldest child, became the wife of Mailand Marsh and removed to Marion county, where she died, leaving several children. George Yeazell, the second of their family, lived and died in Moorefield township. Two of his sons, Isaac and Francis, are now residents of Springfield, while another son, John W., lives in New Moorefield, and George and Jeremiah are deceased. William Yeazell, the third member of the family, lived and died in Moorefield township. He had six sons, of whom three are still living, while John F. and James W. are deceased. William M. is a resident of Springfield. Adam is also deceased. Edward S. is living in the state of Washington. Charles C. resides in Springfield. Catherine became the wife of Hugh Smith and removed to Marion county, where she died leaving several children. David became a resident of Champaign county, Ohio, and left a family at his death. Jeremiah lived in Pleasant and Moorefield township, dying in the latter, and two sons of his, John and Jacob, are residents of Moorefield, while William E. is living in Pleasant township and Henry and Edward W. are in Springfield, while Andrew, also of that family, is a resident of California. Adam, another member of the

family of Abraham Yeazell, removed to Champaign county, Illinois, after his marriage and there died leaving several children. Jacob spent his days in Moorefield township. Elizabeth married Reuben Hinckle, of Hancock county, where she died leaving a family. Abraham became a resident of Champaign county, Illinois, where his death occurred. Sydney became the wife of Thomas V. Crabill and is now a widow, living in Springfield township. James also went to Champaign county, Illinois, where he spent his remaining days and at his death left a family. Isaac also removed to Champaign county, Illinois, where he reared his family and there died. The grandfather of our subject was called to his final rest January 2, 1832, and his wife passed away on the 22d of September, 1828.

Jacob and Elnora (Foley) Yeazell were married in Moorefield township and they became the parents of seven children. Eliza J. married Jonathan Donnell and is now a widow, living in Springfield. Catherine W. is the wife of Nathan Marsh, of Champaign county. John A. of this review is the third of the family. James E. is living in Dayton, Ohio. William H. makes his home in Moorefield. Sarah E. married Henry Weaver and is now a widow living in Springfield. George, who completes the family, resides on a farm in Springfield township. The father of our subject inherited about two hundred and forty acres of land and became an extensive landowner, his possessions aggregating twelve hundred acres. He lived to the very advanced age of ninety-one years, two months and eleven days, and his wife was more than ninety-one years of age when she passed away. They were people of the highest respectability, known and honored as worthy pioneer

settlers of the county and active participants in much of the work that has led to the substantial upbuilding and prosperity of this portion of the state.

A common school education was acquired by Mr. Yeazell of this review and throughout the period of his youth he worked at farm labor, and during his manhood has carried on the same pursuit. He was married at the age of twenty-four years, on the 22d of January, 1862, in Harmony township, to Miss Mary A. Baird, and unto them were born three children. Sarah E., the eldest, became the wife of Joseph W. Page, a farmer of German township, and they have three children—Mary, Will and Jonathan. Walter D., the second member of the family, is married and has two children, Bertha B. and Evalyn C. Fannie M., the youngest, became the wife of Henry Ostrout and they live in Springfield with their one son, Robert. On the 27th of August, 1868, Mrs. Mary Yeazell was called to her final rest and on the 14th of March, 1872, Mr. Yeazell was again married, in Pleasant township, his second union being with Miss Angelina Hodge, by whom he has one child, Claret B., now the wife of Walter Snauffer, by whom she has four children. Mrs. Yeazell was born in Moorefield township, September 3, 1840, and is a daughter of Samuel E. and Sevina (Spencer) Hodge, who were early settlers of the county. Her father was born in Virginia, whence he emigrated westward to Kentucky, and thence came to Ohio with his parents, Andrew and Isabel (Meter) Hodge. Mrs. Yeazell's mother was born in Harmony township, Clark county.

For eight years the subject of this review resided in Madison county on land belonging to his father and then removed to

Moorefield township, where he purchased one hundred and sixty-seven acres of land, on which his son Walter is now living. Subsequently he purchased his present farm in Moorefield township, where he has two hundred and eighty-two acres of valuable land, on which are many excellent improvements, including good machinery, substantial buildings and well kept fences. In his pastures are found many fine specimens of thoroughbred shorthorn Durhams and as a cattle raiser he is well known. His business interests have been profitably conducted and he has done not a little to improve the grade of stock raised in this portion of the state, therefore he deserves the gratitude of his fellow citizens for his efforts in this direction have been a potent element in advancing prices, so that the general community has profited by his work. He voted for Lincoln in 1860, but is independent in politics. He belongs to the Grange and is deeply interested in everything pertaining to the welfare of the agricultural class. A worthy representative of an honored pioneer family, he certainly deserves creditable mention in this volume, not alone on that account, but also because his own well spent life entitles him to the confidence and good will of his fellow men.

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FRED G. HARRIS.

Fred G. Harris, the foreman of the Buckeye Incubator works, of Springfield, was born in St. Paul, Minnesota, July 22, 1856, and is a son of William M. and S. R. (Guy) Harris, who reside at No. 257 West Jefferson street, in Springfield. They are prominent and well known people of the city

and the father is serving as secretary of the Clark County Historical Society. In their family were four children: Fred G.; Mrs. Mattie Smart, of Springfield; Clifford G.; and Charles S.

The subject of this review was only four years of age when brought by his parents to Springfield and when a little lad of six years he entered the public schools as a student in a frame building on South Limestone street. About 1871 the family removed to Davenport, Iowa, where he completed his education, and after putting aside his text books he entered the Davenport & Northwestern Railroad shops at Eldridge, Iowa, being employed in the wood working department. There he remained until May 20, 1880, and on the expiration of that period he returned to Springfield, where he entered the service of the Evans & Foos Manufacturing Company, now the A. C. Evans Company, assuming charge as foreman. In that important position he remained until May 20, 1890, when he went to Chattanooga, Tennessee, where he found employment as manager of the circulating department of a newspaper. His residence in that city continued until January 10, 1892, when he returned to Springfield and accepted the position of foreman of the Buckeye Incubator works, with which he has since been connected, and under his supervision he now has thirty-five men.

In 1881 Mr. Harris was married to Miss Minnie Reed, a daughter of Calvin and Margaret Reed, who resided in Springfield. The father is now deceased. The mother, who bore the maiden name of Margaret Leedle, and was a representative of an old family of Clark county, was born in England and was brought to America during her infancy. She is now living in this city at



the age of sixty-five years. Mrs. Harris was born in St. Louis, Missouri, and during her early girlhood came with her parents to Springfield, which has since been her home, and to the public school system of the city she is indebted for the educational privileges she enjoyed. Unto our subject and his wife have been born two children, Sylvia J. and Ada B., both educated in the public schools.

In politics Mr. Harris is a Republican and always votes for the men and measures of the party, but otherwise is not active in politics. Socially he is identified with Moncrieffe Lodge, K. P., and with the National Union, an insurance order. Both he and his wife are members of the First Baptist church of Springfield and have made many friends during their residence in this city.



#### WILLIAM L. SHOREY.

William Leonard Shorey, who follows farming in Pleasant township, Clark county, was born in Spencer, Massachusetts, on the 3rd of April, 1858. His father was Thomas H. Shorey, whose birth occurred in Shipley, Maine, on the 20th of April, 1814. The mother bore the maiden name of Harriet Holman, and her birth occurred in Leicester, Massachusetts, on the 17th of January, 1824. In the spring of 1867 the parents of our subject came to Ohio, locating in Springfield, and the father embarked in the grocery business, establishing a store at No. 14 Market street, where he remained for two and one-half years. He then bought a coal business on Limestone street and successfully conducted the enterprise for fifteen years, during which time our subject worked

for his father for three or four years. In the family were five children. Ella F., who was born in Spencer, Massachusetts, March 16, 1851, is the wife of Hiram H. Rhodes, and they have one son, LeRoy S., who was born September 30, 1877. Mrs. Rhodes died October 9, 1882, and was buried in Ferncliff cemetery. George S., born in Spencer, Massachusetts, April 16, 1856, died July 8, 1858. William L. was the third of the family. Franklin H., born September 20, 1860, in Spencer, Massachusetts, died September 6, 1861. Carrie Nellie, also a native of Spencer, was born October 13, 1864, and was married January 4, 1882, to Charles B. France. They had two children, a son and a daughter, Hilton T. and Mabel, but the mother died April 27, 1890, and she, too, was laid to rest in Ferncliff cemetery. Mrs. Harriet Shorey, the mother, passed away October 18, 1870, in Springfield, Ohio, and she, too, was buried in Ferncliff.

William Leonard Shorey, whose name introduces this record, pursued his education in the schools of Springfield, Ohio, until 1875, having come with his parents to the west in early boyhood. After leaving school he worked for his father in the coal business for some time. He was married on the 20th of May, 1886, to Miss Alice Goodfellow, a daughter of Thomas G. and Mary (Sexton) Goodfellow, who reside near Vienna Crossroads, Ohio. Her father was born near Vienna and was a son of one of the honored pioneer settlers, who came from Ireland to the new world and took up his abode in Clark county when the Indians were almost the only inhabitants and before the national road was built.

Mr. and Mrs. Shorey began their domestic life in their present residence. The house and other improvements upon the place



were built by our subject and father. They also cleared the land, all of which is now under a high state of cultivation with the exception of about ten acres of timber. Mr. Shorey resided here until about eight years ago, when he went to Springfield and engaged in the manufacture of buggies and carriages as a member of the Star Slide Seat Company, which was a stock company. He was in that business one year and then returned to his present residence, since which time he has been engaged in general farming and stock raising. His labors are attended with good results and his enterprise and energy are bringing to him very creditable success.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Shorey has been blessed with two children: Hattie, born August 28, 1887; and Mary, born September 10, 1888. In his political views Mr. Shorey is an earnest Republican and has frequently served as a delegate to the conventions of his party, but has never been an office seeker, caring not for the honors and emoluments of office.

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#### WALTER D. YEAZELL.

A native son of Ohio, Walter D. Yeazell is well known in Clark county, where he is carrying on general farming and stock breeding. He is quite extensively engaged in raising thoroughbred cattle and has been largely instrumental in improving the grade of stock produced in this portion of the state. His home is in Moorefield township, where he owns a rich and arable tract of land, while his farm has all the improved equipments and accessories known to the twentieth century.

Mr. Yeazell was born in Pike township, Madison county, Ohio, August 25, 1866, his parents being John A. and Mary Ann (Baird) Yeazell. His mother died when he was only four years of age and during the succeeding four years he lived with his paternal grandfather, Jacob Yeazell. He then returned to the home of his father, who had married again, and was reared in Clark county, continuing under the parental roof until he was twenty-three years of age. He pursued his studies in the common schools, acquiring a knowledge of those branches of learning which fit one for the discharge of business transactions. In early youth he manifested a strong love for horses and found much more enjoyment in training a colt in the fields than in pursuing his studies in the schoolroom. At the age of twenty-one he began operating the farm upon which he now resides, having one hundred and thirty-seven acres of land, which he inherited from his mother. Throughout his entire life he has carried on general agricultural pursuits and stock raising and is well known as a dealer in thoroughbred stock.

On the 21st of February, 1889, in Moorefield township, Mr. Yeazell was united in marriage to Miss Lura B. Snauffer, who was born in Urbana township, Champaign county, Ohio, March 14, 1867, her parents being Jacob and Rebecca (Sampson) Snauffer, who now live in Moorefield township. Since his marriage Mr. Yeazell has remodeled the house upon his farm and in 1895 he erected a good bank barn. His home has been blessed by the presence of two children, Bertha B., born January 2, 1891; and Mary Evalyn, born December 12, 1892.

Mr. Yeazell occupies a creditable position among the substantial residents of the county and in politics keeps well informed

on the issues of the day. He has voted with the Republican party since casting his first presidential ballot in 1888, but the honors and emoluments of office have had no attraction for him, as he has preferred that his entire attention should be devoted to his farm work. His industry and perseverance are the salient features in his career and have enabled him to carry on his agricultural and stock raising interests with creditable success.

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HUGH RUSSELL, JR.

Hugh Russell, Jr., was recently a member of the board of public affairs of Springfield, and a patriotic devotion to the general good was manifested in all his official service. He is a native of Scotland, his birth having occurred in Creetown on the 12th of January, 1846, his parents being Hugh and Elizabeth (Coming) Russell, who were also natives of the land of hills and heather, and were there married. In 1866 the father came with his family to the United States, landing in New York city, where they made a short stay, and then went to Xenia, Ohio.

The subject of this review spent his boyhood and youth in his native land, acquiring a common school education, after which he followed the sea for four years. He had a number of relatives who were seafaring men and they induced him to leave school and go upon the water. After the period mentioned, however, he returned to his native country and became apprenticed to a stone cutter at Creetown, Scotland. He was twenty years of age when the family came to the new world, and after locating in Xenia he followed his trade there.

In 1867 Mr. Russell came to Springfield and embarked in stone contracting in part-

nership with William Mowett, under the firm name of Russell & Mowett, a connection which continued for one year, when Mr. Mowett withdrew. In 1868 our subject's father and the other members of the family removed from Xenia to Springfield and Hugh Russell, Sr., joined his son in business on the withdrawal of his former partner. Later a brother, Anthony Russell, became a member of the firm and the business was then carried on under the name of Russell & Sons for ten years. At the end of that time the father retired and the firm name was changed to Russell Brothers. The partnership was dissolved in April, 1898, when our subject was elected a member of the board of public affairs, and Anthony C. had entire charge of the business until his death, which occurred July 7, 1901. Since then our subject has resumed business under the firm name of Russell Brothers, and as a contractor is engaged in stone work, the laying of cement sidewalks and kindred labor. He has been employed in the construction of a number of churches, school-houses, public buildings, residences and mausoleums, both in Springfield and adjacent towns and throughout his entire business career he has maintained an enviable reputation for excellent workmanship and honorable dealing.

Mr. Russell's father died in Springfield on the 3rd of October, 1902, and his mother passed away in 1898. She was a most devoted wife and mother and was an earnest member of the Presbyterian church. In the family were five sons and two daughters, namely: Anthony C., who was so long connected with our subject in business, was born in Galloway, Scotland, in 1844, and came to the United States in 1861 with his brother William. When the country became in-

volved in civil war he enlisted, October 3, 1862, as a private in Company D, One Hundred and Tenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was severely wounded in the battle of the Wilderness. He was honorably discharged May 16, 1865. Another brother, William, also entered the service and is supposed to have been killed in battle, as he was never afterward heard from. James and Michael are both residents of Springfield. The sisters were Mrs. William McCulloch, of Springfield, and Mrs. Andrew Burnett, deceased, of Wichita Falls, Texas.

In 1879 Mr. Russell of this review was united in marriage to Miss Helen Sheets, of Delaware county, Ohio, a daughter of Daniel and Malinda (Lake) Sheets, and their union has been blessed with five children: John Sherman, who served as a soldier in the Spanish-American war; Anna W.; Carrie S.; Ella S.; and Earl Scott, who died at the age of seven years.

In his political affiliations Mr. Russell has always been a Republican and was appointed by Mayor C. J. Bowlus as a member of the board of affairs, serving so capably that he was reappointed for a second term, which expired in April, 1902. He was made a Master Mason while visiting his old home in Scotland, and is today a prominent member of Anthony Lodge, No. 455, F. & A. M.; Springfield Chapter, No. 48, R. A. M.; Springfield Council, No. 17, R. & S. M., his connection with the order dating from 1874. Religiously Mr. Russell is a member of the Third Presbyterian church and for eleven years he has served as one of the trustees and for six years as a deacon. He is interested in all things pertaining to the welfare and improvement of his city along material, social, intellectual and moral lines.

### SIMON S. JENKINS.

Successfully engaged in general farming, Simon S. Jenkins makes his home on Section 26, Pike township, Clark county. He was born in Jackson township, Chapman county, December 19, 1848, and is a son of David and Elizabeth (Michael) Jenkins. His paternal grandparents were William and Catherine (Mooney) Jenkins, both of whom were born in North Carolina. In 1819 they came to Ohio, settling at Westville, and in 1820 they removed to a place on Chapman's creek. In 1821 they bought a farm known as Clay Bank and removing thereon made it their home throughout their remaining days. William Jenkins died in 1845, and his wife in 1860. Their children were as follows: John, born December 13, 1801, married Barbara Baker, daughter of Rudolph Baker, and they had eleven children: Elisabeth became the wife of Michael Zerkle and had two children. Sarah married Jacob Nicholas and reared a large family. Levi married Sarah Shaffer and had four children. Margaret became the wife of Samuel Helvie and had five children. Wiley, born December 13, 1810, wedded Charlotte, daughter of Fred and Catherine Michael, and had eleven children. Judy became the wife of Jacob Michael, a son of Fred and Catherine Michael, and they had six children. William married Becca Ann Lemon, a daughter of William Lemon, and had two children. Martha became the wife of Samuel Isinbarger and had seven children. David, the next member of the family, was the father of our subject. Mary, the youngest, became the wife of Thompson Tullis.

The father of our subject was probably a native of North Carolina. He was reared

to manhood under the parental roof in Ohio, however, and in the public schools acquired his education. About 1842 he was united in marriage to Elisabeth Michael, who was born December 25, 1824, in German township, this county, and they became the parents of nine children, eight of whom reached years of maturity and are still living. Lucy Jane is the wife of Benjamin Kiblinger, of Belle Center, Logan county, Ohio, and they have three children, Elmer, Carrie and Irvin. Malinda A. is the wife of Samuel M. Baker, who resides near Dialton, Ohio, and they have two pairs of twins, Sidney G. and Viola, Charles and Asa. Simon S. of this review is the next of the family. James M., who lives in Anna, Shelby county, Ohio, married Alice Myers and they have six children, Harry, Hattie, Ranna, Fred, Charles and Raymond. Amanda I. is the wife of Samuel Freeze and lives in German township, Clark county, with their four children, Florence, Elva, Chester A. and Alta. Allen M., of Springfield, wedded Mary C. Swartzbach, and their children are Howard Leroy and Ruth E. Martin M., a resident of Anna, Shelby county, married Anna C. Hartman and has three children, Ethel, Leone and Hartman. Mary E., the youngest of the family, is a resident of Pike township, this county. The father, David Jenkins, carried on farming for a number of years and then turned his attention to merchandising, entering into partnership with his brother-in-law, William Michael, at Dialton, in which business he was engaged up to the time of his death, in October, 1860. In addition to his interest in the store he owned one-half interest in the building in which they carried on business, the lot on which it stood, and one hundred and twenty acres of farm land. In politics he was a Demo-

crat and was a member of the German Reformed church, in which he was honored with official positions.

In his boyhood days Simon S. Jenkins remained upon the home farm and acquired a good English education in the common schools. At the age of twenty he became a student in New Carlisle, where he remained for eight weeks, when he entered the Normal of Lebanon, Ohio. He began teaching when twenty years of age, and followed that profession for thirty consecutive years, being employed in both the district and village schools. His services in this direction were satisfactory and he became widely known as a successful educator.

On the 30th of October, 1873, in German township Mr. Jenkins was united in marriage to Miss Lida E. Callison, who was born in Pike township, September 6, 1854, a daughter of Moses and Mary J. (Heck) Callison. They now have three children. Inez C., born in Pike township, April 17, 1875, was married March 15, 1900, to John M. Neff and lives in Montgomery county, Ohio. To them was born, January 15, 1901, a son whom they named Percy J., who died October 7, 1901. Irene G. and Iona B., twins, born October 29, 1881, are at home.

Soon after his marriage Mr. Jenkins purchased five acres of land near North Hampton and made his home there for ten years. In 1884 he sold that property and purchased his present farm of forty-four and two-thirds acres, to the development and improvement of which he is now devoting his energies, with the result that good harvests annually reward his labors. Mr. Jenkins voted for Horace Greeley in 1872 and has always been a Democrat. In 1875 he was elected township clerk and served for

three years. In 1878 he was elected assessor and filled that position for two terms, while for a similar period he was assistant assessor. In 1891 he was elected township trustee and has since been the incumbent in that office. To various conventions of his party he has been sent as a delegate, and entirely without his solicitation or knowledge he was given the nomination for county treasurer. As a public official he has always been loyal and prompt in the performance of his public duties and his career has awakened the commendation of the members of the opposition party, as well as of those of the members of the party to which he belongs. Socially Mr. Jenkins is connected with Caritas Lodge, No. 505, I. O. O. F., at New Carlisle, has filled all of its chairs and was appointed district deputy grand master, filling that position for one year. He installed officers in all of the lodges of his district with the exception of German Lodge, and he has been secretary of his home lodge for ten years. His life is in harmony with the beneficent and helpful spirit and teachings of the fraternity and he is widely and favorably known in the order. His political record, too, is one above reproach, and his work as an educator has benefited mankind. Mr. Jenkins, in all life's relations, has commanded the respect of his fellow men, and as one of the representative citizens well deserves mention in the history of Clark county.

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#### SILAS W. PRINTZ.

Silas W. Printz is now living a retired life upon his farm, seven miles from Springfield. For many years he was an active fac-

tor in agricultural circles and gained thereby very gratifying capital. He is numbered among Clark county's native sons, his birth having occurred here on the 13th of April, 1848, four miles south of the city of Springfield. His parents were Peter and Athalinda (Kelley) Printz, and the former was born in Hagerstown, Maryland, whence he came to Clark county, Ohio, with his father, Peter Printz, Sr., in 1815. Both the grandfather and the father of our subject remained in this county until called to the home beyond. The latter reared a family of eleven children: Isaiah, who is now living in Springfield; Mary Margaret, the wife of Fletcher Ryan, a farmer of Green Springs, Ohio; Sarah, deceased; Silas W., of this review; William, who married Jane Cultie and is living in Clifton, Ohio; Oliver and Daniel, who both died in infancy; Ruth, the wife of S. H. Bowman, the superintendent of the Kelley farm; Frank, who married Laura Bowman and is operating our subject's farm; Emma, wife of Andrew Simrel, who lives in Mad River township; and Eugene, who is living with his brother Frank.

Upon the farm where he was born Silas W. Printz remained until he had attained his majority, and attended the district schools until thirteen years of age, when he was apprenticed to a carpenter, Henry Van Treff, of Springfield, for whom he worked until he had attained his majority. He afterward found employment in the old Champion machine shops in Springfield, where he was employed at the carpenter's trade for ten years. During that time he was also upon the road as a traveling salesman for the company from four to six months of each year. His capable and efficient service made him a valued employe of the house, and he was thus enabled to command a good

safety. During three summers he was located at Long Island and for one year in Vermont, and another year in Utica, New York, while during three other years he was in various places for the same company. In 1880 he went to Colorado and was in the mining business with O. W. Kelly, of Springfield, for two years.

At length Mr. Printz turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, which he followed successfully for a number of years. His farm is located seven miles from Springfield, but for a long time he has lived retired from active business life, renting his farm, on which is kept from twenty to thirty head of cattle, eight head of horses and an average of one hundred hogs annually. In his business affairs Mr. Printz has prospered, owing to his capable management, close application and unremitting diligence. He has always been deeply interested in everything pertaining to the welfare and advancement of the agricultural class and was prominently connected with the Clark County Agricultural Society as one of its working members. In this connection he served as superintendent of the hog and cattle department and has contributed liberally of his time and means to make the society a success. In public affairs he has also been active and no trust reposed in him has ever been betrayed in the slightest degree. Promptness and fidelity have ever characterized his discharge of official duties and thus he has won the high commendation of all concerned. For fifteen years he served as township road superintendent and for two years he was a school director. He is now township trustee of Mad River township and has filled this position for twelve years.

Mr. Printz was united in marriage to Miss Charlotte Jenkins, a daughter of Will-

iam B. Jenkins, who is a resident farmer of Mad River township. Socially he is connected with the Knights of Pythias fraternity, and he also belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In his political affiliations he is a Democrat and is unwavering in support of the principles of that organization. For more than half a century he has made his home in Clark county and has therefore been a witness of many changes which have occurred as this portion of the state, transforming it into fine farms and good homes, while towns and villages have sprung up and Springfield has developed into a city of metropolitan proportions.

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#### DANIEL T. GORDON.

Daniel T. Gordon, a well known farmer of Clark county, living in Pleasant township near Catawba, was born in Champaign county, Ohio, July 31, 1835. His father, John W. Gordon, was born in Loudoun county, Virginia, and there also occurred the birth of his mother, who bore the maiden name of Elizabeth Randall, and in her native county she gave her hand in marriage to Mr. Gordon. Nine children blessed this union: Mary, the wife of Henry Frey; Joseph W., who married Elizabeth McDonald; John E., who wedded Barbara E. Keller; Sarah S., the wife of Dr. Campbell; Daniel T., of this review; Rebecca E., the wife of Jesse Marris; James R., who married Rachel Vantz; and William and John, who are now deceased. During the early boyhood of our subject the father removed from Champaign county to Adams county, Ohio, and came to Pleasant township, Clark county, when Daniel T. Gordon was twelve years of age. The

family resided in this locality until about 1854, at which time they went to Clark county, Illinois, remaining for four years. On the expiration of that period the family became residents of Logan county, Ohio, where the father died.

A year prior to this time the subject of this review had returned to Ohio and he was employed in farm work near Catawba. He was married October 17, 1861, to Miss Sarah E. Grove, a daughter of John Grove. They began housekeeping in Logan county, but afterward returned to Clark county, settling near Catawba and since 1881 they have resided continuously in their present home in Pleasant township. They had four children. Addie became the wife of Isaac C. Page, and they have three children, Evelyn, Warren and Herschel. Charles F. married Rose Lovelace, and they have two children—Marion and Lois. Elmer died at the age of ten years. Ohmar D. died at the age of twenty-six years.

From the age of eighteen years Daniel T. Gordon has been a member of the Pleasant Chapel Methodist Episcopal church. He held various offices in the church, including those of trustee and steward, in which capacity he served for about twenty-five years, being the incumbent in that office at the present time. He is also a valued member of some fraternal organizations, belonging to Catawba Lodge of Odd Fellows and to the Grand Army of the Republic there. He is entitled to membership in the latter because of his service in the Civil war. When twenty-six years of age he responded to President Lincoln's first call for troops and afterward he enlisted in Company F, of the Eighth Ohio Cavalry. He went to Camp Dennison and later was in the engagements under General Sheridan at Winchester, Ce-

dar Creek, Fisher's Hill and was on the battlefield when Sheridan made his famous ride of twenty miles and turned a seeming defeat into a glorious victory. The regiment afterward returned to Philippi, West Virginia, and Mr. Gordon was mustered out at Camp Dennison. He was in the hospital at Annapolis, Maryland, in 1864, because of illness, but was never wounded, although he was often in the thickest of the fight. He was reared in the faith of the Republican party and has never seen occasion to change his allegiance. For six years he served as township trustee and has been assessor during the last three years. He has been a delegate to the county conventions and has always labored earnestly for the success and growth of his party, yet he has been a politician in the sense of office seeking and has never asked any man to fight for him. He has witnessed many changes in Clark county, for the green woods stood all around him when he took up his abode here. With the work of improvement and progress he has been identified and as an agriculturist he has developed an excellent farm.

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#### WILLIAM M. YEAZELL.

William M. Yeazell, who resides at No. 425 East High street, Springfield, is now living a retired life in the enjoyment of a rest which he has truly earned and richly deserves by reason of his industrious efforts of former years. He is a native of Clark county, born in Moorefield township, June 24, 1835, and is descended from a good old pioneer family, his parents being William and Eliza (Foley) Yeazell. His father was born in Virginia and in 1810 came to



this county with his parents, Abraham and Mary (Curl) Yeazell, who settled in Moorefield township, where they continued to make their home throughout the remainder of their lives. The grandfather, who was a farmer by occupation, owned considerable property and was widely and favorably known, as his descendants are also. His ancestors came originally from Germany.

Throughout his active business life the father of our subject also engaged in agricultural pursuits, and being very devoted to his calling, he met with excellent success. In politics he was first a Whig and later a Republican. After a well spent and useful life he passed away in 1862 at the age of sixty-one years. His wife long survived him, dying in March, 1881, and both were laid to rest in Ferncliff cemetery. She was a consistent and faithful member of the Presbyterian church. This worthy couple were the parents of eight children, who in order of birth are as follows: Mary Jane, now the widow of David Thatcher, and a resident of Springfield; John F., deceased; James W., who is also deceased, while his widow resides in Springfield; William M., our subject; Addison, who died young; Fannie, widow of John A. Ward and a resident of Springfield; Edward, a resident of Tacoma, Washington; and Charles, who makes his home in Springfield.

William M. Yeazell of this review obtained his primary education in the district schools near his boyhood home in Moorefield township and later was a student in the high school of Springfield for a time. Early in life he became familiar with all the duties which fall to the lot of the agriculturist and at the age of twenty began farming in connection with his father. After the latter's death he had entire charge of the

place until 1870 and became one of the most successful farmers and stock raisers of Moorefield township.

On the 11th of December, 1866, Mr. Yeazell was united in marriage to Miss Anna E. Clark, of Moorefield township, a daughter of John D. and Susan (Foley) Clark and a granddaughter of James and Martha (Davidson) Clark. Her father was born in 1805 and was but a small boy when he came to this county with his parents, the family locating in Moorefield township, where his parents died. There he was married and there he and his wife continued to make their home until they, too, were called to their final rest. Mr. Clark died in May, 1886, at the age of eighty-one years, and his wife in 1876 at the age of sixty-five, and the remains of both were interred in Ferncliff cemetery. In their family were four children, namely: Mary Catherine married Augustus Pratt and died March 5, 1897. She was also buried in Ferncliff cemetery. Her children were Charles E., Irene, Ida F., John C., Josephine, Noma, Blanche and Mabel. Martha J. married Robert Calvert, now a resident of Portsmouth, Ohio, and she died September 6, 1892. Her children were Forest, deceased; Cosette; Robert E., Ralph and Bertha L. James, the only son of John D. Clark, resides on the old home farm in Moorefield township. Anna Eliza, the youngest of the family, is the wife of our subject.

Leaving the farm in 1871, Mr. and Mrs. Yeazell removed to Springfield and took up their residence at their present home at No. 425 East High street, where they are now living retired, although he still owns a farm of two hundred and twenty-five acres in Moorefield township. He also owns an extensive tract of land in Logan county, Illi-



nois. He has also been engaged in buying and selling stock. By his ballot he supports the men and measures of the Republican party, and both he and his wife attend the Second Presbyterian church, of which she is a member. They have a large circle of friends and acquaintances and enjoy the hospitality of many of the best homes of the city.

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#### ADOLPHUS H. SMITH, SR.

The little rock-ribbed country of Wales furnished to America the founder, in this land, of the Smith family to which the subject of this review belonged. This was Pollicopus Smith, who, when the United States was a colonial possession of Great Britain, braved the dangers incident to an ocean voyage at that day in order to found a home in the new world. He was accompanied by two of his brothers, and he settled in Oneida county, New York, where he reared his family of eighteen children. His descendants are now scattered over the country and several of the family have been prominent in public life and in promoting important business interests in Ohio.

Among the children of Pollicopus Smith was Justin Smith, the father of Adolphus H. Smith, Sr., and in the paternal line the ancestry of the family can be traced back to Mayflower times, the line coming down from Edward and Ann Fuller. Justin Smith was born in Oneida county, New York, was there reared to manhood and after attaining his majority he removed to Charleston, South Carolina, where he was engaged in the shipping business. Later, however, he returned to the north and took up his abode in Philadelphia, where he turned his attention to

the wholesale liquor business. Subsequently he became a resident of New York city and while there was united in marriage to Maria Brennock Lloyd. Thus it was that Adolphus H. Smith, Sr., became connected with other old and prominent families. He was a grandson of General Joseph Otis, who was the brother of James Otis and Mrs. Mercy Warren. He was also a grandson of Paul Brennock Lloyd, of the East India Ship Company, of Wales, and Lady Mary, the daughter of the Earl of Rivers. Mrs. Justin Smith was a daughter of Paul Brennock Lloyd, an Irish nobleman, who having emigrated to America became a wealthy clothing merchant and importer of New York city, handling only goods of very high grade.

After their marriage Justin Smith and his wife resided for a time in New York city and then returned to Oneida county, New York, living in the vicinity of his birthplace. He became a prominent business man of that locality, being connected with the manufacture of iron and the operation of a furnace. A similar enterprise claimed his attention in Rochester, New York, after his return to that city. In 1838 he severed his business connections in the east and went to Indianapolis, Indiana, but spent his last days in the home of his son, Adolphus H. Smith, in Cincinnati, there dying on the 29th of December, 1854. His wife had passed away in 1839 at Indianapolis, Indiana, and they are buried in Spring Grove cemetery, Cincinnati. In his religious views he was a Universalist and was a man of broad humanitarian principles who commanded the high regard and confidence of those with whom he came in contact.

Adolphus H. Smith, Sr., was born in New York city, February 24, 1814, and was

but a boy when his parents removed to Philadelphia. Later he lived with them in Oneida county, New York, and accompanied them on their removal to Rochester. His early education, acquired in the common schools, was supplemented by two years' study in college. At one time he was the owner of Clifton spring, around which sprang up a health resort of New York because the waters there possessed curative properties. Early in life Mr. Smith became a factor in the business world, in which he was destined to rise to greatness. When nineteen years of age he worked on the Erie canal, in connection with the control of the locks at Rochester, and became a representative of the mercantile interests of that city, owning a store there. Subsequently he joined his brother in the conduct of a general store in Rochester, but disposed of his business interests in 1838 in order to accompany his parents and the family on their removal to Indianapolis. Again with a brother he established a store, but did not give to this his personal supervision, as he was actively engaged at that time in the conduct of a wholesale milling and distilling business in Indianapolis. He was the first one to pay cash for produce in that locality and by bringing money into the neighborhood he proved a benefactor to many early settlers who had hitherto been forced to take barter for their goods. Three years were thus passed and Mr. Smith left Indianapolis for Cincinnati, Ohio, where he entered the banking business in the employ of John Bates. In 1842 Mr. Smith began doing a brokerage business in Cincinnati. The following year, however, he took up his residence in Piqua, Ohio, and was engaged in general merchandising, also furnished supplies, under contract, for the completion of

the canal to Toledo, Ohio. Pork packing next claimed his attention, and his varied business interests contributed to the promotion of business activity there at an early day. In 1844, however, he disposed of his interests there and returned to Indianapolis, again becoming connected with the old business interests which had claimed his attention on the removal to the west. For two years he engaged in farming in that state and then again locating in Cincinnati, he rented the White Mills of John Bates and did an extensive milling and distilling business until 1855, when he began conducting a banking business, and also turned his attention to real estate dealing. In this enterprise he was associated with a partner, to whom he sold out in 1861, for he saw another favorable business opening—that of furnishing supplies to the army. During the Civil war his sales to the government amounted to over twelve million dollars. He had the full confidence of army officials and at times was entrusted with the care of large sums of money.

In the meantime Mr. Smith resumed real estate dealing by the purchase of land in Clark county. In 1864 he became the owner of eleven hundred and seventy acres, which subsequent purchases increased to more than fifteen hundred acres of the rich land of Clark county. This comprised eight finely improved and valuable farms, which returned to him a splendid income. He had marked foresight in negotiating real estate transfers, being quick to recognize and improve opportunity, and moreover he was known as a man of unquestioned probity. Aside from his farm lands he owned property in Cincinnati, Newport, Kentucky, and other places. He continued to reside in Cincinnati until 1885, after which he divided

the time between the city and one of his farms in Clark county, living retired from further business cares, save a general supervision of his property, until his death.

Mr. Smith was twice married. On the 15th of September, 1842, he wedded Miss Sarah Elizabeth Bates, a daughter of John Bates, the Cincinnati banker, who was a native of England and became a very prominent and influential citizen of Cincinnati. He did an extensive banking business, was likewise a wholesale liquor dealer, and he built and owned the National theater, of Cincinnati, and also owned theaters in St. Louis, Missouri, and Louisville, Kentucky. Mrs. Smith was a native of Rochester, New York, and enjoyed good educational advantages, both in that city and in Cincinnati. Her wise counsel often proved of value to her husband in guiding him in some commercial transaction, and thus she assisted him in laying the foundation for his wealth. By this marriage five children were born: Mrs. Amelia H. Wells, who resides in Indianapolis; Mrs. Maria L. Hickenlooper, who is living in Cincinnati and has five children; Mrs. Sarah Edwina Harbine, who resides in Xenia and has seven children; Adolphus H., Jr., the fourth of the family, and William H. The sons reside upon farms in Clark county and are well known and honored residents of this portion of the state. In 1873 the family was called upon to mourn the loss of the wife and mother, who died on the 22nd of June, of that year. She was a member of the Episcopalian church and a most estimable lady who proved a loving and faithful companion and helpmate to her husband. After her death he married Mrs. Sarah Morse, the widow of Judge Morse, of Cincinnati, and daughter of John Cheevers, an early settler and prominent

man of Piqua, Ohio. She was born September 15, 1821, and had no children by her second marriage.

In his political affiliations Adolphus H. Smith, Sr., was a Democrat, but the honors and emoluments of office had no attraction for him, as he desired to give his undivided attention to his business affairs, which were constantly increasing in scope and magnitude until he was recognized as one of the leading business men of his time, his affairs being so capably conducted and his investments so judiciously placed that wealth crowned his efforts. His last days were spent in retirement from business cares, and during that time he largely spent his winters in Florida, enjoying the balmy climate of that southern state. He also found great pleasure in visiting his children and he died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Harbine, of Xenia, July 20, 1902, at the age of eighty-eight years. He was a man of singularly pure and beautiful characteristics; strong and firm, yet gentle and kind. He possessed broad humanitarian principles and responded readily to a tale of need or distress and his benefices were many. He donated forty-five hundred dollars to the Old Men's Home in Cincinnati, and gave freely of his means in other directions, being a liberal contributor to many movements and measures for the benefit of the cities in which he made his home. A man of strong purpose and indomitable will, he never wavered in his allegiance to a course which he believed to be right, but he was not slow to accord to others the right which he reserved to himself of forming his own opinions. His business record is without a blemish and he left his family not only the accumulations of a long and honorable business career, but also the priceless heritage of a name above reproach.

His children were made equal inheritors of his estate and his three daughters were named as executors in his will. Becoming identified with Ohio at an early period in its commercial development, he left the impress of his individuality upon the substantial growth of the state and will long be remembered for what he did for Ohio, while his numerous friends will lovingly cherish his memory.

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#### ADOLPHUS H. SMITH, JR.

Adolphus H. Smith, Jr., to whom we are indebted for the material used in the sketch of his honored father, was the fourth child of the family, and was born in Cincinnati, October 1, 1850. At the usual age he began his education and the first fourteen years of his life were spent in his native city with no change of residence, but after the father became a landowner of Clark county the family spent the summer months on the farm here and in the remainder of the year were residents of the city. After obtaining his preliminary education he spent two years as a student in the military school conducted by Chandler Robins at Springfield, and later continued his studies in Notre Dame, South Bend, Indiana, where he remained for two years. From the year 1868 he has made his home continuously in Clark county and throughout the years of his married life has devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits here.

On the 17th of October, 1871, only a few days after attaining his majority, Mr. Smith was married, the lady of his choice being Miss Sarah J. Shellabarger, of Clark county, a daughter of Reuben and Elizabeth (Baker) Shellabarger. She was born

in Mad River township and has spent her entire life in this locality. Her mother died in 1875, and her father passed away in 1889. Seven children have been born unto Mr. and Mrs. Smith: Amelia H., the wife of Alvin L. Baylor, of Springfield, Ohio, by whom she has three children; Maria L., the wife of Charles P. Johnson, by whom she has one child; Mary K., the wife of Clarence W. Engledue, of Springfield, by whom she has two children; Rilla J., who married J. E. Drake, of Greene county, and has one child; Justin B., who married Amelia Smith, and has two children, and is a farmer of Mad River township; Gertrude E. and Helen V., at home.

At the time of his marriage Mr. Smith began farming two and a half miles west of Enon, where he operated one hundred and sixty acres of rented land. His labors, however, brought to him sufficient capital to enable him to purchase property and in 1877 he became the owner of a farm of his own. He also became manager of his father's large interests in this locality, and since his father's death has inherited an equal share, with the other children, of the estate. He has always been an enterprising and progressive citizen, co-operating in many measures for the general good. He cast his first presidential vote for Horace Greeley and is a staunch advocate of the Democratic party, but has never been an office seeker. For about twenty-two years, however, he has filled the office of trustee in his township and has taken an active part in securing and maintaining good roads. Of several civic societies he is a valued member. He belongs to Yellow Springs Lodge, No. 441, F. & A. M., and New Carlisle Chapter, No. 57, R. A. M. He also is connected with the subordinate lodge and

encampment of the Odd Fellows' society at Fairfield, Greene county. In the Knights of Pythias lodge at Enon he holds membership, has filled all of the chairs and has served as a representative to the grand lodge. He is popular among his friends and neighbors, not merely because he has achieved success in business, but because he possesses those qualities of manhood which endear the individual to his fellow men in ties of friendship.

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#### J. MARTIN LEFFEL.

J. Martin Leffel belongs to one of the old and prominent pioneer families of Clark county. He has passed the Psalmist's span of life of three-score years and ten, having reached the seventy-fourth milestone of life's journey. He was born August 24, 1828, upon the home farm, three miles north of Donnelsville, on the North Hampton pike, in Bethel township, Clark county. His parents were Daniel and Elizabeth (Clapsaddle) Leffel, and the father was born in Virginia, whence he came to Clark county in 1812, in company with his six brothers, John, Jacob, Thomas, Anthony, James and Samuel. The family has always been celebrated for its mechanical ingenuity and John Leffel was the father of James Leffel, who invented the turbine water wheel.

On the old home farm J. Martin Leffel of this review was reared and to the public school system of the county he is indebted for the educational privileges which he enjoyed. He married Wilhelmina Athy, a daughter of John Athy, who, when a young man, came from Maryland to Clark county and there followed farming. He accumu-

lated about four hundred acres of land and was known as one of the prosperous agriculturists of his community. His death occurred when he had reached the age of fifty-nine years. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Frances Rue, was a daughter of John Rue, a farmer of Mad River township. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Leffel were born two children: Ulysses Grant, the elder, married Maude Magill and they have three children—Orne, Joseph M. and Maude. John C. married Clara Conard and they have one child—Julia Catherine.

In the spring of 1864 Mr. Leffel responded to his country's call for aid and was mustered out in the succeeding fall. During his term he was engaged in guard duty along the line of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad from Cumberland to Martinsburg. He now follows farming, his place being located three and one-half miles from Springfield, in Springfield township, near the border line of Bethel township, where he has forty acres of land. He has, however, practically retired from work and his land is leased to others and in the evening of life he is now enjoying a rest which he richly deserves and merits. He belongs to Enon Post, G. A. R., and is a member of the Methodist church.

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#### EZRA DANIEL MILLER.

Ezra Daniel Miller is a retired farmer living in Mad River township. He was born in Clark county, October 22, 1844. His father, Samuel Newton Miller, was also a native of this county, born June 30, 1819, and his father was Daniel Miller, while his grandfather was Moses Miller. After reach-

ing years of maturity Samuel Newton Miller was united in marriage to Miss Casandra Melvina Baker, who was born May 13, 1823, a daughter of Ezra D. Baker. This marriage occurred October 12, 1841, and unto them were born the following named: Ann Elizabeth, who was born March 20, 1843, and became the wife of John E. Finley, on the 1st of January, 1860; Ezra Daniel, of this review; Loretta D., who was born March 7, 1846, and was married March 3, 1871, to Ephraim S. Beard; Ambrose R., who was born July 9, 1849, and married Mary Elizabeth Aiken; Gustavus A., who was born October 14, 1850, and married Lydia A. Brantner; Charlotte Emily, who was born June 13, 1855, and became the wife of Abram Dunkle, but is now deceased; Earl Newton, who was born June 3, 1857, and married Frances Dunkle.

The subject of this review was reared upon the home farm and worked for his father until his marriage, which occurred January 4, 1870, the lady of his choice being Miss Marjory Arthur, who was born in Clark county, October 11, 1847, and is a daughter of Joseph and Nancy (Alvin) Arthur. They began their domestic life upon his father's farm and came to their present home in the village of Enon in March, 1899. Throughout his business career Mr. Miller has carried on agricultural pursuits and he still owns the old homestead, comprising one hundred and forty-seven acres. This is a well developed place, having many excellent improvements, which stand as monuments to the care and supervision of the owner. Three children have been born unto him and his wife: Frank A., who was born February 21, 1871, and died on the 2nd of February, 1874; Samuel Newton, who was born February 21, 1873, and mar-

ried Jessie Dolveer, a daughter of Albert D. Dolveer, by whom he has one child, Ruth, born July 29, 1900; and Estella, who was born October 12, 1878, and married Robert C. Hebble, M. D., the wedding being celebrated October 23, 1901.

On the 2nd of March, 1864, Mr. Miller offered his services to the government as a defender of the Union. He was then nineteen years of age. He enlisted as a member of Company F, One Hundred and Fifty-third Ohio Volunteer Infantry, being mustered in at Camp Dennison. He was then sent to Paw Paw Station, Virginia, from which place he took the field, being first in battle at Green Spring River. He also took part in the engagement at Oldtown and afterward went into camp at South Beach. The fever made great ravages in the command at that place and a fever camp was established at Cumberland. At the close of his term of service Mr. Miller returned to his father's farm and again took up the work of cultivating the fields, which he followed until his labors had brought to him a competence sufficient to enable him to rest from further toil. He was a member of the Christian church, in which he served as trustee. He has also been a regular attendant at the Sunday-school. Formerly he was connected with the Knights of Pythias fraternity and is now a member of the Grand Army of the Republic.

In politics he has been a Republican since the time when he cast his first presidential vote for Grant. For three years he filled the office of township trustee and for one year previous to that time he had served in the same office. He has been content, however, to quietly perform his duties as a private citizen without seeking the rewards of office for party fealty. His business at-

fairs made continual demand upon his time and attention and with marked energy and enterprise he carried on his work until his labors have brought to him a very desirable competence. He is now enjoying a well earned rest and is occupying a pleasant home in Enon, where he has many friends, and his circle of acquaintances also extends widely over the county. Mr. Miller is one of the foremost farmers of Clark county and is regarded as one of the most substantial citizens, whose honesty and integrity have won for him the high esteem of his fellow citizens.

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ANDREW REBERT.

So closely was Andrew Rebert associated with business interests in Clark county during more than half a century that his name is inseparably interwoven with the history of agricultural and industrial development in Springfield township, and his life record stands as an example worthy of emulation, for it proves that no matter what the lack of opportunities in youth or how limited are one's financial resources these difficulties may be overcome by persistent energy and success gained through diligence when guided by sound judgment and supplemented by honest dealing.

Mr. Rebert was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, in August, 1818, a son of Andrew and Catherine Rebert, in whose family were nine children, our subject being the only one who became a resident of Clark county. Both parents died in Lancaster county. In the place of his nativity Andrew Rebert, having acquired a common school education, learned the miller's trade and when he came to Ohio in 1838, at the

age of twenty years, he secured employment in a mill on Mill creek in Springfield township. Later he purchased that property and as his labors brought to him sufficient capital he also bought land and became the owner of two hundred and seventy-two acres, all of which was very fertile and productive, save for some stone beds. These, however, proved an excellent source of income, for he quarried the stone and the excellence of the product enabled him to command a ready sale and good prices on the market. From his quarry was taken the stone used in the construction of the courthouse of Clark county and of other important buildings. His farm Mr. Rebert largely devoted to dairy purposes. He had one hundred and twenty-eight cows and ran five wagons to the city for the distribution of his dairy products. His was one of the most extensive dairies of the state, with a capacity of about two hundred and fifty gallons of milk per day. In 1869 he built a large barn and in 1870 erected a fine brick residence on his place. Large outbuildings furnished shelter for grain and stock and everything about the place was kept in good repair, showing the supervision of a thrifty and painstaking owner, who regarded no detail of his business too unimportant to claim his attention, at the same time having the ability to successfully control the most important branches of his varied business interests. He was not only engaged in dairying and quarrying stone, but across the road from his home he had a mill, which he operated for many years, his patrons coming from many miles around, the industry proving a valuable adjunct to the community. Mr. Rebert employed thirteen men and thirty-two horses were continually in use in carrying on the work of the farm.



Harvest time at the Rebert farm was known as "fair time," and many were the scenes of jollity there enacted when the large number of harvest hands were entertained on the place, while engaged in the working or cutting of crops and preparing them for market. Small boys of the neighborhood were promised a visit to the farm on condition of good behavior, and it is surmised that many who did not meet this condition surreptitiously attended the farm anyway, pretending to have no knowledge of the "fair" when they returned home.

Mr. Rebert was married February 14, 1848, to Miss Elizabeth Landis, who was born in Springfield township, near the Rebert farm, January 15, 1827, a daughter of Henry and Elizabeth (Carlus) Landis, who were natives of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania. Her father was a son of Henry and Maria Landis, who came to Clark county in 1824 and purchased about three hundred acres of wild land in Springfield township, the grandfather here carrying on farm work until his death in 1838, his remains being interred in the Landis burying ground. His wife lived to be fifty-five years of age and was laid to rest in Ferncliff cemetery. Henry and Elizabeth Landis were the parents of seven children: John; Henry; Elizabeth; Jacob; Maria, the wife of Anthony Hullinger; David; and Susan. Mrs. Rebert is the only one now living. By her marriage she became the mother of eleven children. Jonas is the eldest. Anna became the mother of William Miller and died leaving one child, Jefferson. Edward wedded Mary Hill and has three children: Carl, married Eva Beatty; Charles; and Andrew. Charles married Hattie Gram and had two children, Wilbur and Elizabeth, but the latter is deceased.

Winfield Scott married Melesia Rough and their children are Ada; Catherine, deceased; and Emily. Wilson A. married Carrie McClure. Frances and John A. are deceased. Albert married Julia Driscoll. Nora is the wife of William Almony. Theodore married Maud Rubert and has two children, Nellie and Roger. Codoras married Emma Payton and had five children—Hazel, Olive, Dorothy, deceased, Merrill and Mary.

In politics Andrew Rebert was a Democrat and was not slow to advance any public movement intended for the general welfare. He was the promoter of the pike which bears his name and assisted many other movements which proved beneficial to this portion of the state. He was a very progressive farmer and a wide-awake and energetic business man, who capably controlled various business interests, all of which he thoroughly understood, their successful conduct resulting from his supervision, keen discrimination and judgment which was seldom at fault. He died April 15, 1886, and was laid to rest in Ferncliff cemetery, but he left to his family an excellent estate and an untarnished name, to his friends the memory of an upright life and to future generations a record which should serve as a source of inspiration, showing what may be accomplished when one has the will to persevere in the conduct of a clearly defined business course.

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#### AMOS SMITH.

Amos Smith, a farmer and stock-raiser of Pleasant township, Clark county, was born on the farm where he now lives in a log cabin which then stood upon the side of his present home. His natal day was June



16, 1848, and his parents were Eli and Minerva (Shaw) Smith. The father was born September 23, 1823, in Harmony township and was a son of Jacob and Priscilla (Arbogust) Smith. The grandfather of our subject was a native of Pennsylvania, while the grandmother was born in Clark county, Ohio, about 1802, and they were probably married in this county. Jacob Smith became the owner of about five hundred acres of land and the father of our subject had a valuable farm of three hundred and sixty acres, of which Amos Smith inherited one hundred and twenty-three acres. All the improvements of the place, however, he has put here himself. His father died December 27, 1891. He was a Democrat in his political views until the question of slavery became the dominant issue before the people and believing in the abolition cause he joined the Republican party when it was formed to prevent the further extension of slavery, voting for Fremont in 1856. He then continued an earnest Republican until 1888, when he voted for President Cleveland. He was never an office seeker but was a citizen of worth, interested in public welfare. In his family were three children, of whom Amos is the eldest. Miranda, the elder daughter, was the wife of John W. Wright, of Pleasant township, where she died. Alice is the wife of Oscar Runyan, a farmer of Pleasant township, and they have one child.

Upon the old home farm Amos Smith was reared and in the common schools he acquired his education. He remained at home for several years after his marriage and assisted his father in paying for his place. On the 25th of June, 1872, he was joined in wedlock in Pleasant township to Miss Catherine Wiet, of St. Paris, Champaign county, Ohio. She was born in Pleas-

ant township and was a daughter of Michael and Ann (Runyan) Wiet. A few years before the father's death he set off one hundred and twenty-three acres of his farm for our subject and to this Amos Smith has added two hundred and fifty acres, all in one body. His attention is given with untiring industry to the work of the farm and everything about his place indicates his careful supervision. He has made excellent improvements there and the buildings stand as monuments to his thrift and enterprise.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Smith has been blessed with six children, but Clifford, the eldest, born April 7, 1873, died at the age of twenty-five years. The others are: Sylvia, the wife of Noah Jones, by whom she has one child, Gladys; Leona, the wife of Charles Patterson, a resident of Harrison township, by whom she has one son, Robert; Nina, the wife of Dr. E. A. Dye; Fostoria, born March 13, 1891; and Kate, who was born January 8, 1893, and are at home. Mr. Smith cast his presidential vote in 1872 for U. S. Grant and was a Republican until 1884, since which time he has supported the Democracy. All his life he has made his home upon the farm which is yet his place of residence, and he has a wide acquaintance in the community, including many who have known him from his boyhood and who esteem him because his career has been an honorable and upright one.

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MRS. RACHEL W. BALDWIN.

One of the oldest living pioneers of Clark county is Mrs. Rachel W. Baldwin. She was born in Champaign county, December 28, 1819, and within a few months after her

birth her father, Colonel William Werden, moved to Springfield, Ohio, where Mrs. Baldwin has spent most of her life. Her father, Colonel William Werden, was born in Wilmington, Delaware, November 11, 1785, and there spent his boyhood days, later going to Philadelphia, where he became engaged in the wholesale leather business. Early in 1810 he came west with his family and settled in Clark county. Previous to his entrance into commercial life he saw service in the United States army, having enlisted when nineteen years of age and served through the Seminole war. He erected and managed the National Hotel in the city of Springfield, and with other prominent gentlemen of Cincinnati, Columbus and Dayton, he owned the stage line between Springfield and Wheeling. Colonel Werden was, in his day, probably the most widely known man of the city of Springfield, both locally and nationally. He was a friend of Henry Clay, Tom Corwin and other prominent men of the time, and was a staunch follower of Andrew Jackson, being rewarded for his faithfulness to Old Hickory by being appointed postmaster of Springfield during President Jackson's second term. Colonel Werden was one of a number, who, in 1834, established All Souls parish of the Protestant Episcopal church in Springfield. He was married to Rachel Reed, who belonged to one of the first families of Trenton, New Jersey, the wedding taking place in her home city. Rachel Reed's grandfather, William Green, had the distinction of having guided General Washington and his army on the night of their famous attack on Trenton. Colonel Werden died in the year 1860, and his wife in 1860 and both are buried in Ferncliff cemetery in Springfield, Ohio.

Eight children were born to William and

Rachel Werden: Robert, Sarah Ann, Mary Jane and Reed being born in Philadelphia; Rachel, being born in Champaign county on the Doolittle farm; and William, Wharton and Duncan being born in Springfield. The eldest son, Robert, died in infancy as also did Wharton. Sarah Ann married Dr. Smith, a well known physician of his day. Mary Jane married Henry Hedrick, and moved to Cincinnati, where Mr. Hedrick engaged in the insurance business. William Werden was a civil engineer and helped lay out and construct the Ohio canal. He settled in St. Louis and followed the profession until his death, which occurred within the last few years. Reed Werden, the second son of Colonel Werden, entered the Naval Academy at Annapolis at the age of sixteen years and was appointed a midshipman in 1834. In 1856, when a young lieutenant, he was ordered to bring home the bark *Amelia*, which had been captured by the United States government for filibustering. The vessel began leaking a few days out, and after sixty days of terrible weather and severe suffering, during twenty-two days of which the officers and crew were compelled to live on some bad rice and bread and a large number of rats that were found in the hold of the vessel, the bark was brought into the port of St. Thomas, where it was pronounced the most unseaworthy vessel ever there. In the war of 1861 Admiral Werden had command of the squadron that blockaded Charleston harbor, and he was also in the attack on Fort Hatteras, his services in that engagement receiving honorable mention.

Rachel Werden was married to John W. Baldwin, who was born on December 25, 1807, in Garrardstown, Berkeley county, West Virginia, and who was a member

of one of the oldest pioneer families of Clark county. His father, Joseph Baldwin, was born in Berkeley county, West Virginia, July 11, 1773, and he and his wife, Elizabeth Wilson Baldwin, are buried in Buck Creek cemetery in Champaign county. Joseph Baldwin's family consisted of eight children: William, James, Joshua, Samuel V., John W., Rebecca, Jane and one that died in infancy. John W. Baldwin was in early life engaged in the dry-goods business in New York city, being a member of the well known firm of Baldwin, Dibley & Work, and after he was married returned to Springfield, where he established and remained a partner in the dry-goods firm of J. W. & H. Baldwin & Company until his death. Mr. Baldwin for many years was connected with the Mad River National Bank of Springfield, being its president at the time of his death. He always took a prominent part in the affairs of his home city and always supported measures looking to the general good. He was an ardent patriot and was very active in the war of the Rebellion. Being too old to go himself, he nevertheless was one of the leaders in everything at home having any connection with the prosecution of the war, and assisted with his means and his time every move favorable to the Union. He died January 5, 1881, and is buried in the family vault in Ferncliff cemetery, in Springfield.

To John and Rachel Baldwin were born six children: Elizabeth, Sara, Clara, Mary, Laura and Eleanor, all of whom were born in Springfield except Clara and Mary, who were born at their father's country residence at the head of Buck Creek valley in the northern part of Clark county. Elizabeth was married October 20, 1809, to Samuel F. McGrew, and has always lived in Spring-

field. Her husband, Mr. McGrew, is at present cashier of the Mad River National Bank, of Springfield, and is a member of one of the old families of Clark and Jefferson counties. Three children were born to Samuel and Elizabeth McGrew: John B., Samuel J. and Rachel Werden, the last named dying when only a few years old. Their oldest son, John B. McGrew, is an attorney, practicing his profession in his home city and is at the present time the prosecuting attorney of Clark county. The other son, Samuel J. McGrew, is engaged in the banking business with his father. During the late Spanish war he was a lieutenant in Company M, of the Tenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. Sara Louise Baldwin, the second daughter, was married December 10, 1873, to John A. Blount, who is a descendant of one of the early pioneers of Clark county. Mr. and Mrs. Blount reside in Springfield and their son, Harry T. Blount, who is an artist by profession, is living in New York city, their only other son dying in early childhood. Clara Baldwin married Thomas F. McGrew and she and her husband are living in New York city with their two children, Thomas W. and Clara J., the former being an architect. Mary Hepza Baldwin was married on March 25, 1886, to H. H. Moores, a descendant of one of the pioneer families of Cincinnati and they and their daughter, Mary R. Moores, reside in Springfield. H. H. Moores is a son of William B. and Elizabeth (Cobb) Moores, the former born November 25, 1807, in New Jersey, and the founder, in the '50s, of the business now known as H. H. Moores Stone & Lime Company, of Clark county. He and his wife, who was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, August 30, 1810, were married in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1833. Laura Baldwin married M.

B. Wright, a son of Dr. M. B. Wright, a prominent physician of Cincinnati, and they, with their son, Marmaduke B. Wright, are living in Mt. Vernon, New York. The youngest daughter, Eleanor, married Douglas Hollister, of New York city, where she resides at the present time.

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#### ROBERT TINDALL.

Robert Tindall is a native of Green township, having been born June 25, 1825, in that locality, where for over seventy-seven years he has been an honored resident. His parents, Thomas and Sarah (Waller) Tindall, were both natives of Yorkshire, England, where they were reared and married, and where the two elder brothers of Robert Tindall were born, their names being George and Charles. Thomas Tindall, the father, brought his family to America about 1810, and soon after landing in New York made his way to Cincinnati and also visited Cleveland, but, not remaining long in those places, he settled with his wife and children in Clark county, where he spent his remaining days. In his family were nine children, of whom four are still living, the subject of this review, being the sixth in order of birth. Those living are: Mrs. Margaret Bates, of Louisa county, Iowa; Mrs. Mary Halloway, of Greene county, Ohio; Mrs. Ella Miller, of York county, Nebraska; and Robert, of this review. All of the nine children grew to years of maturity. George, the eldest, met an accidental death, being killed by a horse at the age of twenty. Charles was married, and died, leaving a family to mourn his loss.

As boy and youth, Robert Tindall had received educational advantages. His father, be-

ing only in moderate circumstances, and having a large family to support, was not able to give his children the privileges he would have liked, and Robert was early trained to the work of field and meadow, assisting his father and helping to take care of his younger brothers and sisters. At the age of fifteen he was able to put aside some of his wages for his own personal benefit. He worked by the month, day or job until he was about thirty years of age, when he began to rent land and buy cattle for other people. At the age of thirty-five he purchased the farm of one hundred and seventy-five acres which forms a part of his present home. He has added to this tract from time to time, as his savings have permitted, until he now has a large farm of six hundred and forty acres. This is well cultivated and upon it he raises the cereals adapted to the soil and climate, and also raises stock of a good grade, his long years of successful stock dealing well fitting him for conducting an extensive business along this line. The flourishing condition of his farm and all comprised thereon, is a tribute to the energy, industry and well directed efforts of Mr. Tindall, who has justly won America's proudest title—that of a self-made man. Well does he deserve this appellation, for he began life with nothing but an honest heart and a strong purpose to succeed, which have enabled him to cope with all obstacles and difficulties in his path. Patiently he has persevered, and by the sweat of his brow has he earned the reward which is now his, the enjoyment of the fruits of a life well spent. He has been able to provide a most delightful home for himself and family, having built a commodious and most comfortable and attractive residence in 1870.

On April 12, 1865, Mr. Tindall led to the marriage altar Miss Abia Hartweil, of

Madison township, Clark county, a daughter of William Hartwell. She had the advantage of a good education, and became the mother of six children by her marriage, namely: Herbert, who resides at home and carries on farming; William, an electrician, residing in Memphis, Tennessee; Robert A., also at home; Carrie, who married Joseph Conable and lives at Memphis, Tennessee, has two children, Abby and Olive. Of the two who died, Lucy was eleven years of age, and Olive seventeen at the time of their death. In June, 1876, Mr. Tindall was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife.

Although he has never sought or desired office, he is a staunch Republican, remaining true to the principles of that party since its inauguration. He voted for Zachary Taylor in 1848 and for John C. Fremont in 1856. Mr. Tindall has witnessed, during the long years of his residence in this county, the growth and development of county and state and has taken an active part in promoting the welfare of his community, by furthering the industrial interests which have had their share in creating the prosperity of the great commonwealth in which he lives. Well may he be classed among the representative citizens of Clark county, whom to know is an honor as well as a privilege.

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#### SILAS VAN BIRD.

During almost the entire period of his manhood Silas Van Bird has been in office, and at all times his public career has been above suspicion or reproach. He is now surveyor of Clark county, maintaining his residence in Springfield, and in the office is found to be notably prompt, energetic and trustworthy. In both paternal and mater-

nal lines he comes of an honored pioneer ancestry of Clark county. He was born upon a farm in this county, September 19, 1857, and is a son of Silas Van and Margaret (Tuttle) Bird. The paternal grandfather, Luke Bird, married Allie Hoffman, of Virginia, and on leaving the Old Dominion went with his family to what was then Greene county, Ohio, but is now Clark county.

His son, Silas Van Bird, the father of our subject, was born in Virginia in 1812, and in early life learned the millwright's trade. He wedded Margaret Tuttle, who was born in 1826. After their marriage they located on a farm four miles east of Springfield. Mr. Bird continued to follow his chosen calling and erected many of the mills in Clark and adjacent counties, his services in an early day being in great demand. He performed every department of the work connected with the construction of a mill, being his own architect, made the cog wheels, set the burrs, in fact, did everything in connection with the operative department of milling. He continued to follow his trade until 1850, working at various times in the states of Ohio, Indiana and Illinois and as far south as Nashville, Tennessee. At length he put aside mechanical pursuits and located on a farm near this city, where he resided until his death, which occurred in 1892. In his political views he was an old line Whig in early life and subsequently became a Republican. His religious faith was that of the Baptist church and his Christian belief permeated his entire career and guided his actions in all life's relations. His wife survived him only six weeks, and thus the couple so long united in life were not long separated in death. She, too, belonged to a pioneer family of Clark county, her parents, Caleb and Mary

Trickett Tuttle, having located here at an early period in the development of this portion of the state. Her father was born in 1790. Silas Van Bird of this review was one of a family of nine children, eight sons and one daughter, six of whom are yet living: Eunice L., who married George H. Reed and resides on a farm; Caleb A.; John W.; Luke Scott; James; Silas Van; Edwin R.; Frank; and Ross W.

The boyhood days of Silas Van Bird were spent upon the home farm, where he worked in field and meadow through the summer months and in the winter seasons attended the district schools. In 1875 he became a student in Wittenberg College, and was graduated in 1880. After his graduation he returned to the farm, which he conducted for a few years and was then elected township clerk. In 1888 he came to Springfield and was appointed deputy county supervisor under William Sharon, Mr. Sharon being appointed a member of the board of public affairs. Mr. Bird was appointed to fill out the unexpired term as such, in 1891. In the fall of 1898 he was elected to fill the same position in Clark county for a term of three years; in 1901 was re-elected, so that his membership will expire until November, 1904. He has discharged his duties as clerkship and promptly during his first term that his fellow-townsmen approved of his service by again endorsing him for the same. He has always been a Republican, having firm faith in the principles which form the party platform.

On the 20th of November, 1886, occurred the marriage of Mr. Bird and Miss Martha J. Hoffman of Springfield, a daughter of Jacob and Sarah C. Tennant (Huffman). Mrs. Bird was born, reared and educated in this city, and has become the mother of

four children: Laura E., Silas, Martha M. and Paul Sharon.

Having spent his entire life in this county and being a representative of two of the oldest families, Mr. Bird of this review is widely known and the fact that many who have been acquainted with him from his boyhood are today numbered among his staunchest friends, is an indication that his career has ever been an honorable and trustworthy one.

#### GEORGE A. WEAST.

George A. Weast, superintendent of the water works of Springfield, was born in Cambridge City, Indiana, August 30, 1843, and is a son of George L. Weast, who is now living in Richmond, Indiana. The father served throughout the Mexican war, and also in the Civil war, and has been in the government service as a postal employe since 1870. He is a self-educated and a self-made man. In early life he learned the cooper's trade, which he followed for some time. Later he became connected with the railway mail service and this continued in the government employ until 1887, when he was removed for political reasons and accepted a position in Richmond, Indiana. He was reappointed in 1897 as transfer clerk at Indianapolis. He was born in Bowdoin, Maryland, in 1828 and in that place was married to Miss Belle Reiley, whose birth occurred in 1828, and she died in Cambridge City, Indiana, in 1870. About 1870 the parents of our subject removed to the Hoosier state, and the father has been a continuous resident ever since that time. He has been again married, having in 1884 wedded Miss Elder, who is now residing

with him in his home in Richmond. By his first marriage nine children were born, and of this number H. Scott and George A. are residents of Springfield, Ohio; Willard is living in Montana; and Mrs. Clara Fosdick and Mrs. Sadie Silvan, reside in Indianapolis, Indiana.

George A. Weast is indebted to the public schools of Cambridge City for the educational privileges he enjoyed. In January, 1880, he came to Springfield and entered the machine shop of the Whiteley, Fassler & Kelly Company, and in 1884 he left that service, as the company divided. Mr. Weast continued with O. S. Kelly until 1896. In 1896-7 he occupied a position with the James Leffel Company, and in 1898-9 was with the Foss Gas Engine Company. In April of the latter year he returned to the employ of O. S. Kelly and had charge of the erecting department until April, 1900, when he was appointed by the board of water works trustees as superintendent of the water works plant of this city. He has charge of all of the work outside of the office and pump house and is well qualified for the position, the duties of which he is now discharging with marked fidelity and promptness. He now resides at No. 46 Greenmount avenue, on city property erected for the superintendent of the water works.

On the 2nd of October, 1883, Mr. Weast was united in marriage to Gertrude Hamilton, who was born in Cambridge City, Indiana, in April, 1863, and pursued her education in the schools of that state. They now have two children, Pearl Belle and Ralph Hamilton, both in school. Mr. Weast always votes with the Republican party and socially is connected with Ingomar Lodge, No. 610, K. P., of which he is a charter member; with Commercial Camp, No. 3347,

M. W. A.; and with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is always courteous and genial and his able business and mechanical skill well qualifies him for the important work which he is now performing.

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#### ANDREW WOLFE HAMMA.

Among the well known, substantial and prominent farmers and stock raisers of Green township, Clark county, may be numbered Andrew Wolfe Hamma, who is the possessor of a valuable and well improved farm, which he conducts in a practical and business-like manner, and the well tilled fields return to him a fitting reward for his labors. A native of Pennsylvania, he was born in York county, May 30, 1824, and is a son of David and Susan (Wolfe) Hamma. The subject of this review was ten years of age when he accompanied his parents on their removal from Pennsylvania to Richland county, Ohio, the family driving thence with teams and being two weeks on the road. For three years David Hamma with his family resided in Richland county, where he bought land. Not being pleased with their new location, they removed to Fairfield county, Ohio, living there for one summer, and then, in October, removing to Yellow Springs, Greene county, where the father purchased sixty acres of land, and there he and his good wife spent the remaining days of their lives, respected by all who knew them as honored pioneer settlers of the community in which they lived.

Upon the home farm Andrew Wolfe Hamma grew to manhood. His boyhood and youth were spent in assisting his father on the farm during the summer months,



and during a few short months in the winter he received the advantages of the somewhat primitive educational institutions of those early days, learning the "three R's," which proved a solid foundation upon which he afterward depended in the practical duties of life, and as he had good and keen natural faculties, he added to his knowledge by reading, observation and experience, which is the best education after all, as our entire lives, if our minds are broad and receptive, are spent in the acquirement of an education. Mr. Hamma remained with his parents until twenty-one years of age, when he began business on his own account. He engaged in farm labor by the year, and at first his remuneration was one hundred and nine dollars per year and the pasturage of a colt which he possessed. At the end of the year he took a bite with interest in payment for his services. He next worked for six months at eleven dollars per month, taking also a note drawing interest in payment, thus early proving that he had qualities of economy and good business judgment by saving his earnings. He next went to Madison county, Ohio, working for one man there for two years, and sold his colt at a good price.

In Logan county, Ohio, Mr. Hamma was united in marriage to Miss Matilda Carter, whose acquaintance he had made in Madison county, where she was born, although her people were living at this time in Logan county. She was a daughter of David and Artelia (Kelley) Carter. The marriage took place October 18, 1848. The young couple then removed to Greene county, Ohio, near Yellow Springs, renting David Curry's place for one year, and upon it Mr. Hamma carried out farming and stock raising. In his agricultural pursuits he prospered and at the end of one year he pur-

chased a farm near Yellow Springs, where he lived from 1851 to 1876. Upon this place he built a new and substantial house, cleared the farm and added all modern and necessary improvements. This property he still owns, and also one hundred and forty-three acres of land near Clifton, Greene county, which he purchased in 1873. In 1876 he removed to Clark county and purchased one hundred and sixty-four acres of land where he now has his residence. He has remodeled his home, changing it from a one-story to a two-story, twelve-room house. Mr. Hamma next purchased two hundred and twenty-two acres of land in Green township. This he kept but a short time and then sold it to his sons-in-law.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Hamma has been blessed with fourteen children, three of whom died in childhood, and nine are yet living: David, the first born, became a minister of the Lutheran church. He was a graduate of Wittenberg College, and married Miss Laura Copelands. One child of this marriage died at the age of two years. A son was pastor of a church at Lebanon, Ohio, and died there at the age of twenty-six. He is buried at Ferncliff. John Madison, the second of the family, died at the age of thirty-four. Angie Belle is the wife of Harry Shaw, resides in Green township, Clark county, and has seven children. Elizabeth, the wife of John Shaw, also resides in Green township and is the mother of five children: Matilda married Charles Petrie, of Springfield township, Clark county, and they have six children. Elmer married Hattie Goody and lives in Greene county, having a family of five children. Odessa is the wife of Rev. Carl G. Ane, a minister of the Lutheran church and a graduate of Wittenberg College, now residing in Harrison county. In-



diana. They have two children: Irvin G., a sketch of whom appears below, is the next of the family. Aldabert married Charles Garlough, who resides near Pitchin, and they have three children. Charles is a practicing physician and surgeon residing in Cincinnati. He pursued his studies in Philadelphia, Cincinnati, and finished by one year's course in Berlin, Germany. He married Miss Jessie Bertner. Mabel married Earl Oglesbee and is now living in Green township near Jamestown.

In politics Mr. Hamma was at one time a Democrat, although he was reared in sympathy with the principles of the Whig party. Upon the organization of the Republican party in 1856 he cast his ballot for John C. Fremont and has remained a staunch Republican ever since. He was reared in the Lutheran faith and has been an elder of the church for fifty years, doing all in his power to promote the growth of the Christian religion and also of his church. It is a pleasure to note the long and active business career of Mr. Hamma. In it may be learned many a lesson that would be helpful to a young man entering life's arena with nothing but willing hands, an able body and an active brain to aid him, for these were the main qualifications of the subject of this review, and to them he owes his success, and with them he has builded wisely and well.

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#### I. G. HAMMA.

I. G. Hamma, a well known farmer and stock raiser of Green township, first opened his eyes to the light of day on the 2nd of January, 1871, upon the home farm near Yellow Springs, Greene county, Ohio. His parents were Andrew W. and Matilda (Carter) Hamma, who removed to the home on

which our subject now resides when he was only five years of age, and here he has lived continuously since. He acquired a good education, gaining his preliminary knowledge in the district schools and afterward entering Wittenberg College at the age of fourteen years. Soon after beginning the work of the junior year he left the institution.

On the 13th of September, 1892, Mr. Hamma was united in marriage in Springfield to Miss Gertrude Paden, who was born in Green township April 21, 1874, and is a daughter of W. O. and Laura Jane (Garlough) Paden. Her father was engaged in the lumber business in Kentucky and Virginia. She was therefore largely reared in Kentucky, and acquired her education in Georgetown, that state, where she was a student in a female seminary. After their marriage Mr. Hamma erected their present home in Green township, Clark county, in 1893. It is a commodious and attractive residence, and hospitality there abounds. The marriage has been blessed with two children: Clarence Paden, born in Green township, November 15, 1893; and Thelma Lucile, born October 12, 1895.

In politics Mr. Hamma is a Republican. His first vote was cast for Benjamin Harrison. He has been a delegate to various conventions and has labored earnestly and effectively for the promotion of his party's success. He and his wife hold membership in the Second Lutheran church and are well known young people of the community, enjoying the high regard of many friends.

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#### JAMES LEWIS LEUTY.

James Lewis Leuty is the youngest son of John Leuty, whose sketch is elsewhere given in this work. He was born in Spring-

field, July 10, 1892, and at the usual age he entered the public schools, where he acquired a knowledge of the branches of learning usually taught in such institutions. Quite early in life he began to assist his father in the meat market. It will thus be seen he did not enter upon his business career as many others have done, amid strangers and without capital. When he put down his school books he stepped into the meat market owned by his father. He could have entered the establishment, however, without taking any great interest in the business or trying hard to increase its trade. He might have been a boy of no ambition to extend the scope of their patronage, but he preferred to be just as good a man as though he had had to enter business life without the assistance of his father. He applied himself earnestly to mastering the business and in course of time was admitted to a partnership and is now the junior member of the firm of J. Leuty & Sons.

On the 21st of September, 1884, Mr. Leuty was married to Miss Eliza Casey, a native of Springfield and a daughter of John and Catherine Casey. The father was born in County Cork, Ireland, and when a young man left the Green Isle of Erin, crossing the Atlantic to New York city. There he was united in marriage to Miss Catherine Carthy, who was also born in County Cork. From the eastern metropolis they came to Springfield, Ohio. Ten children blessed their union, of whom Mrs. Leuty is the only one now living. Her father died July 27, 1892, and was laid to rest in Calvary cemetery of this city. Mrs. Casey still survives her husband and is now living with her daughter, Mrs. Leuty. She was thirty-eight days in crossing the Atlantic when she came to America, and she yet has vivid rec-

ollections of the voyage. Our subject and his wife reside at No. 238 West Columbia street, at the corner of Yellow Springs street.

He is a Republican in his political affiliations, but has never sought or desired office as a reward for party fealty. Fraternally he is connected with Red Star Lodge, No. 205, K. P., with the Tribe of Ben Hur and with the National Union. His life work sustains an enviable family reputation and he well deserves representation in this volume.

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#### ELI HUNTER.

Eli Hunter, a retired farmer living in Catawba, is a representative of one of the oldest families of this portion of the state, and comes of ancestry that was established in America at an early epoch in the colonization of this country. He was born in Clark county, September 24, 1847. The first of the name of whom we have record is Jonathan Hunter, who was a tailor of Baltimore, Maryland, and whose ancestors came from Holland and settled for a time in England, then emigrated to America. Jonathan Hunter married Ann Chance, and they afterwards removed to Loudoun county, Virginia, settling about four miles from Harpers Ferry. At that time he changed his occupation, becoming a farmer. At length he sold his farm there to Frederick, Thomas and Daniel Darflinger, and in 1804 came to Ohio, locating on section 22, Pleasant township, Clark county, his being the fourth white family to settle in the township, where he spent the remainder of his life. Both he and his wife there died and are buried on the hill in front of the home of Luther Neer, three miles west of Catawba.





ELI HUNTER.



MRS. ELI HUNTER.



In emigrating from Virginia, they came by way of Chillicothe, and in crossing one of the streams in Ohio, the wagon was upset and their goods thrown in the water. After locating and building the cabin, William Hunter, the grandfather, concluded to make a visit to Joseph Coffeys, so shouldering the musket, he started out. After wandering in the forest for some time, he came to a cabin, and supposing he had reached Mr. Coffeys, he went to the cabin and was surprised to find himself back home again.

Jonathan Hunter not receiving all of the money for his farm in Virginia was compelled to go back. He took his son George with him. George was fond of gaming, and his father loved a dram. George treated his father and then got the money and spent a good portion of it betting on cock fighting.

Mrs. Hunter is supposed to have been born near Baltimore, Maryland, and at one time lived at Long Green, about sixteen miles from Baltimore, to which city she frequently went to do her trading. To Jonathan and Ann (Chance) Hunter were born eleven children, who all grew to maturity. John, born September 11, 1770, a farmer, married Nancy Neer and lived near West Liberty. He died June 22, 1854. Elizabeth, born June 2, 1775, married Benjamin Violet, a farmer. They moved to Elkhart county, Indiana, near Goshen. Nancy became the wife of a Mr. Reed, an Irishman, who lost his sight on account of injury received in a quarrel at a husking bee. After his death, she became the wife of John Peppers. William is the grandfather of our subject. Mary, born February 2, 1780, married James Ward May 28, 1812. After his death she married Decem-

ber 14, 1820, Nathaniel Hunter, who was not related to her. Jonathan, born March 14, 1786, married Mary Shaw and by occupation was a farmer. He lived and died on part of the old farm on section 22, his death occurring November 18, 1843. She was born June 4, 1789, and died in 1835. Sarah was born April 30, 1781, and became the wife of Alexander Hunter, a son of Nathaniel. Alexander not wishing his father to marry his sister-in-law, said to him, "what kind of a mixed up set will we be?" Jeremiah, born September 9, 1788, was a cabinet-maker by trade; was united in marriage to Eleanor Comly; and settled in Virginia on the opposite bank of the Ohio river from Steubenville, Ohio. He died March 14, 1856. George was born in September, 1783. He built and kept a hotel in Urbana, Ohio. He married Ruth Fitch November 2, 1809, and died in Urbana, Ohio. James married Eleanor Cartmell January 20, 1815; by occupation was a saddler; and also owned and operated a part of the old homestead farm. His death occurred in Urbana, Ohio, April 16, 1863. Rachel, born February 18, 1791, married Richard Bull April 7, 1815. They settled near Xenia, Greene county, and she died October 31, 1843.

Jeremiah Chance, the great-great-grandfather of our subject, was born in England in 1710. He was a merchant and emigrated to America in 1740. He left a wife and four children. He settled in Baltimore, where he continued the occupation of a merchant. He desired his wife and children to join him in his new home but she refused. He married again to a lady born in Wales, and to this union was born seven children: Jeremiah, John, William, Nancy, Sarah, Mary and Elizabeth.

John Chance was born in Maryland, in 1734, and married Martha Watkins. To them was born Francis, Ann, Welthy, Mary, Samuel, James and John. Samuel, born 1789, was a wagon-maker and married Mary Smallwood. Ann married Jonathan Hunter, the great-grandfather of the subject of this review.

William Hunter, the grandfather of our subject, was born in Loudoun county, Virginia, September 9, 1777, and was married February 1, 1807, to Blanche Hendricks. The Hendricks family came from Holland to Philadelphia about 1685 and settled at Germintown, Pennsylvania. A grandson of the original emigrants was James Hendricks, who was born about 1720 and married Priscilla Pabbit, whose birth occurred about 1725. They removed to Virginia and they became the parents of the following named sons: Thomas, Daniel, Caleb, James and John. Daniel was born in 1745 and married Jane Buckles, a daughter of Robert Buckles, one of the first settlers of Potomac valley. To this union were born five girls and three boys: Korsey became Mrs. Jones; Priscilla, Mrs. Kizer; Mary, Mrs. Hewett; and the other daughters were Mrs. McCormick and Mrs. Long, while the sons were William, Tobias and Daniel. Tobias went west when young, William, born in 1768, was married to Susan Taylor and removing to Pleasant township, Clark county, Ohio, settled on section 28 in the year 1804. Later he sold there and bought a farm one mile west of the village of Mutual. He died February 11, 1813, and his wife died March 5, 1809. They had seven children: Mary, born January 18, 1785, married Samuel Lafferty; Blanche, born February 28, 1787, became the wife of William Hunter, February 1,

1867. John was born December 9, 1790. William was born October 14, 1792, and married Elizabeth McConkey April 17, 1817. Sarah, born January 28, 1795, died in childhood. Solomon, born October 11, 1796, died in boyhood. Ann, born November 17, 1798, married David Taylor, and after his death married another man of the name of Taylor, who was not, however, a relative of her first husband.

About the time of his marriage William Hunter, the grandfather of our subject, built a house and lived on section 22, Pleasant township, a part of the old home farm, two miles southwest of Catawba. The house is still standing and is owned by his grandson, Frank Hunter. He was a wheelwright and built the flouring mill and saw mill, which is still standing, although now in dilapidated condition. He hauled his flour to Cincinnati, Newark and Sandusky, Ohio, and sold it for two dollars per barrel. The children of William and Blanche (Hendricks) Hunter were as follows: John Wesley, born October 27, 1807, wedded Mary Engle and died January 31, 1881. William Hendricks, born November 17, 1809, died in childhood. James Madison, born February 17, 1812, died in boyhood, by being thrown from a horse and killed. Lemuel was the father of our subject. Jonathan was born November 26, 1816. Vincent was born April 13, 1819. William was born March 10, 1821, and died in boyhood. Mary Ann was born March 1, 1823, and Miranda was born July 9, 1826.

Lemuel Hunter was born February 24, 1814, and married March 1, 1838, Nancy Marsh. Her grandfather, Aaron Marsh, was born in England about 1747. With his wife and two brothers he came to America and settled in New Jersey. In 1770 he



wedded Nancy Lumm, a native of Scotland, and their children were Israel, Sehring and Luther. Aaron Marsh removed to North Carolina and afterward to Cincinnati, Ohio. He and his son Luther, while returning from a mill and crossing a swollen stream, were drowned. The wagon coming uncoupled, the horses reached the shore and returned home.

Israel Marsh, a farmer and breeder of high grade horses, was born in New Jersey February 11, 1771, and married his cousin, Sarah Marsh, November 5, 1795. She was born January 15, 1772. To them were born five children as follows: Noah, born August 31, 1796; Susannah, born December 6, 1798; Sarah, born September 14, 1802; Samuel, born July 20, 1806; and Nancy, born October 6, 1816.

Israel Marsh and his wife moved to Cincinnati, coming all the way from North Carolina on horseback and carrying their household goods and cooking utensils on pack horses. A part of these goods are still kept as relics in the attic of the brick house which he built and which forms a part of the present residence of our subject. He purchased a farm near the present city of Cincinnati and built a log house thereon. After selling that farm they went to Champaign county and again purchased land, which later he disposed of and then moved to Indiana, but not finding a suitable location there came back, and then purchased for three dollars per acre, the farm now owned and occupied by Mr. Eli Hunter of this review, consisting of two hundred and forty-six acres in Pleasant township, this county. At that time Indians were numerous and had their camp on his farm, but they left this part of the county about 1812. The black bear, panther, wild cat and all kinds of wild game were found in abund-

ance. On the north end of the farm Israel Marsh and George Dawson laid out the village of Catawba. Israel Marsh erected a log house where the scale house now stands, although it has been removed from the original site. In this house Nancy Marsh Hunter was born. Her father died September 5, 1842. Israel Marsh afterwards built on this site a brick house in which Nancy was married, and in which his wife died in September, 1851.

The children of Lemuel and Nancy Marsh Hunter were as follows: Mary Ann, born April 21, 1839, became the wife of James M. Hodge March 15, 1864, and to them were born eight children, five of whom died in infancy. The living are: Asa, who married Bertha Page; Ida M. and Anne I. William, born March 8, 1841, enlisted in the Sixteenth Ohio Battery in September, 1864, and was discharged in June, 1865. He married Elizabeth Cartmell February 15, 1866, and to this union were born three children: Torrence Milton; Oliver Cartmell; and John, who died in infancy. Oliver married Donna Harrison. Sarah Jane, born August 24, 1842, married James Yeazell, January 23, 1866. She died September 7, 1870. Lewis Vincent, born January 30, 1845, died September 3, 1867. Eli is the next of the family. Miranda Emeline, born February 11, 1851, became the wife of James Yeazell, by whom she had two children: Laura, who is the wife of Dr. C. D. Kraut; and Eva May, who died in infancy. She died February 16, 1881. Bruce was born August 15, 1853, died March 23, 1873. The father of this family died January 5, 1895, and the mother August 17, 1897.

Eli Hunter was born and reared in the house which is still his home. His grandfather built four rooms to the house and

his father sold another four, and the subject of this review built the remaining five rooms, the residence in which he has spent his entire life. He has always followed farming and worked with his father until the latter's death. He acquired a common-school education, attending school for about four months of each year during the period of his youth. He is now practically living a retired life, his labor in former years having brought to him a comfortable competence. As a companion and helpmate for life's journey, he chose Miss Lucinda J. McClintick, the wedding taking place May 23, 1876. They have two children: Clifford Cecil, who was born June 17, 1883; and Clara Edna, born November 10, 1887. One child, born April 12, 1886, died two days later.

Mr. Hunter has been quite prominent in public affairs in his locality. He served for nine years as justice of the peace and is a school director and a notary public now. He was elected councilman of the village of Catawba in April, 1875, and was re-elected and held that position for twenty-two consecutive years, when he retired from the office, and after a period of two years was again elected to the office, which position he still holds. During this period of office he has twice revised the ordinances of the corporation. The changes on the farm that have come under the observation of our subject are from the old cast plow to the steel gang riding plow, from the single shovel cultivator to the six-shovel rider, from the sickle to the grain cradle, to the hand rake reaper and then to the self-rake and the binder, and in the house from the grease lamp and candle to the coal oil lamp.

In politics he has always been a Republican and he cast his first presidential vote for General Grant at his first election. He

has frequently served as delegate to county conventions. A member of the Methodist Episcopal church, he served as one of its trustees for eleven years, as Sunday-school superintendent for three years, and is now a teacher in the Sunday-school. For twenty-four years he has been a member of the Odd Fellows Lodge of Catawba, and of the Mad River Encampment at Springfield, and three times has he passed through all of the chairs of a subordinate lodge. He is also a member of the Knights of the Golden Eagle, and has taken a leading part in the Grange, twice filling all of its offices. At the present he is president of the Township Association of the Farmers Institute, in which he has always taken an active interest. Active and influential in matters pertaining to the general good, faithful in office, reliable in business and stalwart in friendship, he is justly classed among the leading residents of Catawba and Clark county.

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#### JOHN MILLS.

John Mills is a retired farmer of Green township, Clark county, and was born upon the farm where he now lives, January 7, 1826. He has passed the Psalmist's allotted span of life of three-score years and ten, yet he is a hale and hearty old man, who, through the years of an active career, has made for himself a most honorable record, well worthy of commendation and emulation.

His parents were Thomas and Jane (Dale) Mills, both of whom were natives of Virginia. They were married in Kentucky, however, the father of our subject having gone to that state when only five

years of age with his father. The mother's people had also removed there during her early girlhood. In 1812 they came to Ohio and settled on the farm where our subject now lives. Ten children were born unto them, but John is now the only surviving member of the family. The others who reached years of maturity were as follows: James married Delilah Moore and had two children; Thomas D., a resident of Green township, who had three children, Forest, Fannie and Emery; and Nancy Ellen, who married Walter Cultice and died, leaving eight children. Nancy and Martha, sisters of our subject, died unmarried. Sibbia married John Hess and died leaving eight children. Hannah married Thomas Funston and died leaving four children. Letitia married John Inlow, and also left four children at her death.

On coming to this county the father, Thomas Mills, purchased from the government one hundred and sixty acres of land, for which he paid two dollars per acre. As his financial resources increased he added to this property until he had five hundred and thirty acres of land. He passed away when about eighty years of age, in the year 1865, and was laid to rest in the Garlough cemetery. His wife died in 1844. In early life he had been a Whig, but when the Republican party was formed he joined its ranks and continued one of its earnest supporters until his demise. For nine years he served as justice of the peace and during that period tried many cases. He belonged to the Methodist Protestant church, in which he served as a trustee and was most liberal in his support of church and charitable work.

The boyhood days of John Mills were spent upon his father's farm and he attended the subscription schools held in a log

house, in which were the usual primitive furnishings of that day, including an open fireplace, the smoke making its egress through a mud and stick chimney. Mr. Mills remained at home until his marriage and received ample training at farm work. On the 15th of April, 1869, he wedded Miss Clara J. Baird, a daughter of Peter C. and Fannie (Wilson) Baird. Mrs. Mills was born in Harmony township, October 17, 1827. Her father was a native of Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, and her mother of North Carolina. Mr. Baird was but a mere child when he went to Kentucky with his parents, William and Dorothy (Cammerer) Baird. On the maternal side he was of Holland descent, the Cammerers having come from the land of the dykes. When about fifteen years of age Peter C. Baird accompanied his parents to Ohio, the family settling in Harmony township, Clark county, where the grandfather purchased land and made a home. He became well-to-do and was widely known as a substantial farmer of that portion of the state. The maternal grandparents of Mrs. Mills were John and Hannah (Baird) Wilson. They removed from North Carolina to Ohio, settling in Fayette county, where they spent their remaining days and the grandfather acquired several hundred acres of land, which classed him among the prosperous farmers of his locality.

Prior to his marriage Mr. Mills had created a good home, to which he brought his wife, and here they have since lived. He has two hundred and forty acres of valuable land, which he inherited. Throughout the years of his active business career he carried on the work of the farm, keeping abreast of the progress that was made in farming methods and in machinery which facilitates agricultural work. He is now living re-

(1848) leaving the more active duties of his own to others.

His early political support was given to the Whig party, and he voted for Taylor in 1848. When new issues arose, giving rise to new parties, he deposited his ballot for John C. Fremont, the first Republican candidate for the presidency, and has never wavered in his allegiance to the party since that time. Both he and his wife are members of the Methodist Protestant church, and are worthy people, true to the principles which they profess, their lives being in harmony with Christian teachings.

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#### JOHN C. CURTIS.

In the history of the material upbuilding and substantial progress of Springfield it is found that the name of John C. Curtis figures conspicuously because of his work as a contractor and builder, his efforts adding to the improvement of the city and at the same time promoting his personal success. The true measure of success is determined by what one has accomplished, and, as there is contradistinction to the old adage that a prophet is not without honor save in his own country, there is particular interest attaching to the career of the subject of this review, since he is a native son of the place where he has passed his active life, and so directed his ability and efforts as to gain recognition as one of the representative citizens of Springfield.

Mr. Curtis was born in Springfield, May 11, 1856, and comes of New England stock. His father, Jacob A. Curtis, was an early settler, but in the family there were three sisters, two of whom are yet living: Mrs. Olive Umphrus, of Springfield, and Mrs.

Killen, of Iowa. Jacob A. Curtis is a carpenter and contractor and is still following his trade to some extent, although he has reached the advanced age of seventy-seven years. He came to Clark county from Vermont in the early '40s, learned his trade here in 1849, and has since been a factor in the building interests of the city. He assisted in the erection of many homes here at an early day. He has always been a rugged man, industrious and energetic, and is an experienced workman. For twenty-one years he has been in the employ of Smith Dudley, a fact which indicates his efficient service, his fidelity and honesty. Mr. Curtis was united in marriage in Springfield to Nancy Tolland, who is about seventy-five years of age. Her father was a soldier of the Revolutionary war, and unto them have been born eight children, of whom one daughter died in early childhood, and Jennie died at the age of forty-five years, while four sons and daughters are yet living. These are: William B., who was formerly a carpenter, but is now engaged in the oil business in Springfield; John C.; Effie; George, a carpenter, of this city; Rosa; and Charles, who is also identified with building interests. The children were educated in the public schools here and all the sons learned the carpenter's trade with the father and have followed it at various times. Mr. Curtis has ever been a Republican and a strong party man, although the honors and emoluments of office have had no charm for him. Both he and his wife belong to the Baptist church and are people of the highest respectability, their friends being many because of their genuine worth.

John C. Curtis was a student in the public schools of Springfield in his boyhood days and with his father learned the car-

penter's trade. At the age of eighteen he started out upon an independent business career, working as a journeyman and as foreman for his father for a time. He also served as foreman for James Dalie for two years. In 1890 he began contracting for himself, his work being principally confined to Springfield. He is a general contractor and has built among others two livery stables for John Foster on Columbia street, the Kutway building and the residences of S. B. Stiles, Witmeyer, Lenhort, and others. He receives a liberal share of the public patronage and employs constantly ten experienced workmen. He gives his personal supervision to his work, considering no deal too unimportant for his attention, while at the same time having the ability to superintend the work in its most important parts. On many of the smaller contracts he supplies plans and specifications which he has drafted. He has been very successful and has gained for himself an enviable reputation for his reliability as well as his skill, being classed among the representative contractors of his native city.

Mr. Curtis was married in Springfield, in 1877, to Miss Carrie Warner, who was born in Champaign county in 1860 and is a daughter of Frank Warner, who is living on Race street, Springfield, and is a blacksmith by trade. Mrs. Curtis is the third of four children: Howard, who is a scroll and ornamental painter, of Virginia, being the eldest, while Mrs. Anna Roberts, of Springfield is the youngest; and Lizzie, who died at about eighteen years of age. Unto our subject and his wife have been born two daughters: Cora, who was born in 1883, is the wife of Clarence Julian, a type setter, of this city; and Jessie E., who was born in 1890. The former is a gradu-

ate of the high school, and the younger is a student there at the present time.

Mr. Curtis and his family belong to the Baptist church, and he votes with the Republican party and has served as a delegate to city conventions, but has never had any desire to hold office. He belongs to Springfield Lodge, No. 33, I. O. O. F., is a well informed man possessed of a broad and liberal mind and in his nature there is nothing narrow or contracted. He has a spirit that while devoted to his residence community, is liberal enough to recognize and appreciate advancement and progress in any other part of the world. He was popular as a young man, and in his later years has the esteem and confidence of all with whom public or private life have brought him in contact.

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#### ALBERTUS C. MILLER.

Albertus C. Miller, a well known citizen of Mad River township, was born here upon his father's farm March 6, 1864, the place being now in his possession. Here he was reared to manhood and throughout his active business career has engaged in agricultural pursuits. He is a most progressive and successful farmer, whose methods show deep scientific knowledge as well as practical experience, and the results show that high class farming as an occupation can be made profitable as well as pleasant. At the age of twenty-one years he practically had charge of his father's farm, at that time consisting of two hundred and fifteen acres, but has since been increased to three hundred and twenty-five acres. His father had retired on account of ill health and our subject has since had the management of the

place. On the death of his father he and his brother, Oliver H. Miller, now an attorney of Springfield, purchased the interests of the other heirs in the old homestead, and to the further improvement and cultivation of the place A. C. Miller has since devoted his time and attention, now managing three hundred and twenty-five acres and employing from two to four men all the year round. As a boy he possessed a great deal of mechanical ability. In connection with his farming operations he is quite extensively engaged in the breeding of short-horn cattle and Norman horses, and being a man of good business and executive ability he has met with success in all his undertakings.

On the 22nd of November, 1887, Mr. Miller was united in marriage to Miss Rachel Gordon, a daughter of Harrison and Martha (Crispin) Gordon. Her people were of an old family, long established here, the first of the name having located in Clark county when Springfield was only a small hamlet. Growing numerically year by year, the family has several nice well-kept farms, which are very pleasant excursions. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Miller has been blessed with two children: Mary Jane born on the 22nd of May, 1892; and Elder Gertrude born February 23, 1900.

In his political views Mr. Miller has a strong leaning toward Republicanism, keeping well abreast of our progress of the day. He has been twice in office, serving during one of the terms of our progressiveness, but in our politics and opinions are one who are following the successful frontiersmen of 1840. He is a well-informed man, and has frequently attended the public schools and since that time has been an extensive reader. He is a man of high moral character, and has been a member of the Society of Justice, Science, and Religion

which add to his understanding of the world and its progress. The farm on which he resides has been in possession of the family for an entire century, having been obtained by his ancestors from the government when Jefferson was president, and his children are of the fifth generation to reside there. The name of Miller is therefore one that has been closely associated with the interests of Clark county for a very long period and our subject is a worthy representative of the family, who, though modest and unassuming in manner, has the respect and confidence of all with whom he has been associated.



#### CHARLES E. THOMAS.

As the growth of a city depends upon its industrial and commercial activity, those who most deserve mention in connection with the history of any city are they who are active factors in trade circles. They are the real upbuilders of a town and the men who stand at the head of leading enterprises deserve the respect and gratitude of their fellow men if the methods which they follow in business relations are honorable and straightforward. Charles E. Thomas, well known as the vice-president of the Thomas Manufacturing Company, of Springfield, possesses keen discrimination, kindly uniform and unflinching perseverance, and these qualities have contributed in a large measure to the successful conduct of his important and extensive enterprise with which he is so closely associated.

Mr. Thomas is a native of Maryland, his little boyhood spent in Frederick City, Frederick County, in 1814. He comes of good old Revolutionary stock and of a family ever noted for loyalty to country and to

the right. His paternal great-grandfather, Joseph Thomas, entered the American army at the time the colonies sought to free the land from the yoke of British oppression and valiantly aided in the struggle that resulted in the establishment of the republic. The father of our subject bore the name of Jacob Thomas and he, too, was a native of Maryland. He wedded Sophia Bowlus, also a native of the same state, and in 1852 they came with their family to Clark county, Ohio. Settling upon a farm here, the father engaged in tilling the soil and in stock raising, following those pursuits for a number of years, but in later life he retired from active business cares and removed to the city of Springfield, where he died in 1876, and his wife survived him until 1889.

Charles E. Thomas, whose name introduces this record, spent his boyhood days in the usual manner of farmer lads of the period. He was a youth of eight summers when he came with his parents to Ohio, and here in the common schools he acquired a good knowledge of the branches of learning taught in such educational institutions. He afterward entered Wittenberg College, where he continued his studies for two years and then put aside his text books and entered the business world. He became interested with his brother Joseph in a cattle ranch in Kansas, where he remained for two years and then returned to Springfield, where, in connection with others, he organized the Thomas, Ludlow & Thomas Company, for the manufacture of Superior grain drills and seeders, which relation was maintained for thirteen years, on the expiration of which time Charles E. Thomas disposed of his interests and became a stockholder in the Thomas Manufacturing Company. At the same time he became vice-president, having served in this capacity since the or-

ganization of the company. The output of the factory includes hay rakes, tedders, leaders, disc and spring tooth harrows, grain drills and seeders, and lawn mowers. The present officers are: W. S. Thomas, president; C. E. Thomas, vice-president; J. B. Miller, second vice-president; and H. H. Bean, secretary. The implements manufactured by this house are sold throughout the United States and the company also does a large export business, sending its product to the Argentine Republic, to England, France and Germany. Its trade is steadily increasing and the house enjoys an unsailable reputation because its business methods are reliable and will bear the closest investigation. The relations between employers and employes are also pleasing and creditable to both. The operatives in the factory know that faithfulness to duty will win recognition, followed by promotion as opportunity offers.

Mr. Thomas was united in marriage to Miss Jennie Larned, in Buffalo, New York, a daughter of Joseph Larned, Esquire. The lady is well known and prominent in social circles here and is a member of the Daughters of the Revolution. Mr. Thomas is a man of large means, having attained splendid success through qualities which may be cultivated by all. He had no special pecuniary or family advantages to aid him at the outset of his career, but he possessed determination, resolution and a laudable ambition and with a persistent purpose he has steadily advanced until a comfortable competence has rewarded his labors. Socially he is deservedly popular, as he is affable and gracious in manner and possesses the happy faculty of making friends readily and of strengthening the ties of friendship as time advances. In matters of citizenship he is progressive



and public spirited. While he has never taken an active part in public affairs, as far as receiving public honors is concerned, he has always been deeply interested in and championed freely to the furtherance of the measures which he approved. By reason of his large success, his unblemished character, his just and liberal life, and the universal esteem which he here enjoys, Mr. Thomas might, without invidious distinction, be called the foremost citizen of Springfield.

#### JOHN W. YEAZELL.

Among the business interests which contribute to the prosperity and commercial activity in New Moorefield is that conducted by Mr. Yeazell, dealer in flour, grain, coal and feed. He has labored earnestly to secure a good trade and his business methods have ever been such as would bear the closest investigation and scrutiny, for he has strict regard for commercial ethics.

He was born in the township of Moorefield, October 11, 1830, and is a son of George and Elizabeth (Jones) Yeazell. Upon the home farm his boyhood days were passed in the usual manner of lads of that period and in the district schools he mastered the branches of learning usually taught in such institutions. He had passed his twenty-first birthday when he started out in life upon his own account, by operating a hotel here. He had been married on the 19th of November, 1857, in Pleasant township, Clark county, to Miss Sarah J. Ferguson, a daughter of Joseph and Jane (Swain) Ferguson, who lived in Pleasant township until 1869.

In 1870 Mr. Yeazell purchased land becoming the owner of a farm of one hundred and fifty acres in Pleasant township and

there he continued to live until 1890, during which time he erected two barns upon his place and remodeled the house. He still owns the farm, which is a good one of the county. In the year mentioned, however, he purchased the mill property at New Moorefield. It was then equipped with the old fashioned burrs but he at once put in a roller process and has developed a paying business. In 1901 he further remodeled the plant, putting in a sifter system in place of the reel system. The mill is operated by water power and has a capacity of fifty barrels per day. Mr. Yeazell has a large sale for the Royal flour which he manufactures and he also deals in grain, coal and feed, having a liberal patronage.

Unto our subject and his wife have been born four children, but two of the number died in infancy. Charles, born in September, 1858, passed away in September, 1893. He was married in Missouri to Miss Emma Miller, studied law in Springfield and was admitted to the bar. He was so ambitious that, while pursuing his studies he did not take the needed time for rest and recreation, his health became impaired and he lived but a few months after he became a practicing lawyer. He left two children, Leon and Edwin, the latter being now a partner with his uncle at Columbia, Missouri, in a shoe store there. Lena G., born June 16, 1875, is at home with her parents.

Mr. Yeazell cast his first presidential vote in 1860 for Bell. He had been reared in the Whig faith and after his first vote was cast he became a Republican and has since voted with the party. For nine years he has filled the office of justice of the peace, discharging his duties with fairness, promptness and impartiality. Although he has tried many cases none have ever been appealed. He has been a trustee of Pleasant



township for a few years, but is not a politician in the sense of office seeking, his business claiming the greater part of his time. Formerly he was connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Catawba.

It will be interesting in this connection to note something of the family history of Mr. Yeazell. His father was George Yeazell, who was born in Virginia and was fourteen years of age when in 1811 he came to Ohio with his parents, Abraham and Rachel (Curl) Yeazell, who were also natives of the Old Dominion. The grandfather became the owner of a large tract of land and died in this state at the age of fifty-five years. George Yeazell also had extensive realty holdings, comprising four hundred acres of valuable land. He died at the age of sixty-eight years, respected by all who knew him, because his life had been an honorable and upright one. He left nine children, of whom our subject was the fifth in order of birth, while five are still living. George, who was a farmer and died in Catawba, left eight children. Mary Ann was married and is now deceased. Jeremiah died in Harmony township, leaving one child. Eliza became the wife of Dr. Gower and died in Moorefield township, leaving one son. John W. was the next of the family. Isaac is a carpenter living in Springfield and has three children. Caroline is the widow of Martin Mahar, by whom she had five children, and her home is in Catawba. Angeline is the wife of John Waltman, by whom she has two children, their home being Pleasant township. Francis M. lives in Springfield and has five children. Jeremiah was a lieutenant in the Seventeenth Ohio Volunteer Battery and, losing his health in the service, was therefore obliged to resign. Francis M. served as a private of the Sixteenth Ohio Battery.

#### ADAM LENHART.

Adam Lenhart is the efficient superintendent of the Children's Home of Clark county, Pennsylvania, June 8, 1840, upon his father's farm. He is a son of Abraham Lenhart, who was a native of the same county and spent many years in Pennsylvania. He married Leah Shettler, also a native of Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania. The Lenharts are of German ancestry and the grandmother of our subject was English. On the paternal side Adam Lenhart also comes from German ancestry, his grandfather having been born in Germany where his people were well-to-do and prosperous farmers. Both families have been noted for longevity. William Shettler, an uncle of our subject, is still living in Pennsylvania. In the Lenhart family there are eight sons and two daughters, of whom Abraham Lenhart is the only one that died as young as sixty years of age. He lived in the Keystone state through a long period and then removed westward to Kansas, where he passed away when his life span had covered six decades. Unto him and his wife were born nine children: Adam, of this review; Christopher, who died at the age of thirteen years; Susan, the widow of William Cox and a resident of Kansas; Margaret, the wife of Washington Hutchinson, of Kansas; Henry, who is a stone-mason of the same state; Abraham, who died in Kansas; Sarah, the wife of James Charlesworth, of Kansas; William, a stone-mason of Eldorado, Missouri; and Anna, who died of smallpox in childhood. The father and sons cleared the land which they obtained after the removal of the family to the west and were engaged in farming there. Both parents were members of the Lutheran church

and Mr. Lenhart was a Democrat in his political affiliations.

Adam Lenhart of this review received but limited education and privileges. He accompanied his parents on their removal from Pennsylvania to Ohio. The family located at Cincinnati, whence they afterward went to Hamilton county, Illinois. There they remained for about four years, when they became residents of Kansas. There Adam Lenhart assisted his father in clearing the home farm, working in this way until his marriage. Their Ohio farm lay in the path of General Morgan when on his raid and the Rebel troops took all of the vegetables which had been raised that year on the Lenhart farm, together with all of the stock which they could obtain, but did not secure the horses.

In 1864 Mr. Lenhart was united in marriage to Isabella Bolen, who was born in Ohio in 1844, was educated in that state and with her parents removed to Hamilton county, Illinois. Her father, Nelson Bolen, was a contractor and bridge builder and also owned a farm. By his first marriage he had two sons and two daughters who are yet living, while two daughters survive of the second marriage. These are: John Bolen, who is superintendent of buildings for the Dayton, Springfield & Urbana Railroad and resides in Springfield; Harry, who is a stockman and farmer of the Indian Territory; Mrs. Lenhart; Jeanetta, the wife of Joseph Sample, of Colorado; and Loretta, who is also married and resides in Colorado. The last two are twins and they went to Colorado, where they secured homesteads and made their own way.

After their marriage our subject and his wife lived for a time in Illinois and for a short period he carried on farming, after which he secured a position as stationary

engineer, acting in that capacity for several years or until his removal to Springfield in 1875. Unto them was born a daughter, Elsie L., whose birth occurred in 1860 and who is the widow of Dr. John G. Kennan, a physician of Springfield, who died in this city in 1896. They had three children: Isabella, Gardner and Lucile. Mrs. Kennan and her family reside with her father at the Children's Home and since 1901 she has had charge of the kindergarten of the home. There were three other children born unto Mr. and Mrs. Lenhart but they died in infancy.

At the request of relatives Mr. Lenhart returned to Springfield and found employment in the works of the St. John Sewing Machine Company, fitting up the plant. He afterwards accepted a position as foreman of the United States stamp department, assisting largely in the development of the works. He then left that position and lived retired for about two years, at the end of which time he was appointed by the trustees of the county as superintendent of the Clark County Children's Home in March, 1885. This home had been founded six years previous. Under the supervision and administration of Mr. Lenhart the institution has been built up and the number of inmates has been increased from forty-nine to sixty-five. During his term of service more than one thousand children have found refuge in the home and from it have gone out into private homes, where they would be well cared for. The average age of the children is three years. They are brought here in early infancy and Mr. Lenhart, with his assistants, have charge of their education and welfare until they are sixteen years of age unless in the meantime they are well located in private homes. Our subject has done much to improve the institution and

the grounds connected with it. The school-house, engine house and other outbuildings have been erected under his supervision and everything about the place indicates his careful management and progressive spirit. While in the sewing machine works he was one of the directors of the county infirmary and he would have been re-nominated for a second term had he not received the appointment to his present position and resigned the board in order to accept it. The farm connected with the Children's Home consists of sixty-five acres and with the aid of the overseer and the children he raises a large per cent. of the food used in the home. It is therefore self-supporting to a considerable degree, for dairy products, eggs, butter, fruit and garden vegetables are also produced here. Mr. Lenhart is a practical man and gives his personal attention to the outside work, taking good care of the machinery and tools, and everything about the place is kept in first class condition and is neat and orderly. He has a thorough knowledge of the plumbing in the house and the engine for heating and due regard is paid to sanitary conditions.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Lenhart hold membership in the First Baptist church of Springfield. He is one of its trustees, having occupied that office for a long time, and he conducts the Sunday-school of the home. He belongs to Ephraim Lodge, No. 146, I. O. O. F.; to Red Star Lodge, K. P.; and is a member of the Ohio Charities and Corrections Association, which has supervision of all charitable institutions of the state. In 1900 he served as chairman of the Children's Home, on the committee of that organization, and he is a member of the reception committee of the association, the meeting to be held in Springfield in the

fall of 1902. He was also appointed by Governor Nash as a delegate to the national conference in June, 1902, but his duties were such that he could not attend. In politics he is an earnest and stalwart Republican and is serving as a member of the county central committee in Springfield township. Mr. Lenhart has led an upright, useful life, one which has been a benefit to his fellow men and indicates his broad and humanitarian principles and his Christian belief.

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JOHN B. CRAIN.

Since September, 1897, John B. Crain has acceptably filled the office of county commissioner of Clark county. He was born in Springfield, May 7, 1847, and is a son of John A. Crain, now deceased. The family is a Irish ancestry and was founded in this country at an early day by representatives of the name, who settled in Pennsylvania. John Crain, the grandfather of our subject, removed from the Keystone state to Clark county, Ohio, in 1806, becoming one of the first settlers to locate within its borders. Indians were living in this portion of Ohio at the time of his arrival and wild animals were seen in the forests, while many kinds of wild game furnished ample opportunity for the hunters to enjoy his love of sport. The grandfather, who was a young man at the time of his removal to this state, purchased a tract of land which he cleared and improved. This was government land and the patent which he obtained is still in possession of the family. John A. Crain, the father, of our subject, was one of eleven children and was born in Bethel township on the old family

homestead in 1814. He pursued his education in the schools which had been established and in early life he engaged in clerking for a number of years. He filled a clerkship in the postoffice under Sprigman and during the administration of President W. H. Harrison he was appointed to the position of postmaster, which by re-appointment he continued to fill for eight years. After his father's death he returned to the old home place. About four years prior to his demise he took up his abode in Springfield, spending his last days in retirement there. One of the honored pioneer settlers and native sons of the county, he passed away at the ripe old age of seventy-seven years. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Anner M. Bacon, a daughter of John Bacon, one of Springfield's first settlers, is also deceased. They were the parents of six children, of whom four are yet living, namely: John B., Charles R., Mary, and Edward C.

John B. Crain, whose name introduces this review, is indebted to the public-school system for the educational privileges which he enjoyed. He has followed farming throughout his entire life and resides in Bethel township, near the old home place.

In 1872, in the city of Springfield, Mr. Crain was united in marriage to Miss Lydi Hetschler, and their union has been blessed with five children: Mary, Mudge, Bertha, Kathleen and John, all of whom are yet under the parental roof, the family circle being still undimmed by the hand of death. The three eldest are graduates of the high school of Bethel township and Kathleen has completed a high school course in Springfield.

In his political views Mr. Crain is an earnest Republican and although he has never been an aspirant for political honors

or sought office as a reward for party fealty he was elected to the position of county commissioner in 1897 and so capably filled the office that in 1900 he was re-elected for the second term, so that his incumbency will cover six years. He has ever been deeply interested in whatever pertains to the advancement of agricultural interests and the welfare of the farming class.

#### WILLIAM DIEHL.

Character and ability will come to the front everywhere. As boy and man many a one has been buffeted by fortune and had almost insurmountable obstacles forced in their path, but perseverance has cleared them away and he has gone on to success. William Diehl, who became a leading, successful and honored representative of the business interests of Springfield, was one, who, without any extraordinary family or pecuniary advantages at the commencement of life, battled earnestly and energetically and by indomitable courage and integrity attained both character and fortune. His loss to the community therefore was widely felt.

Mr. Diehl was born in Reinheim, Prussia, November 29, 1810, and was a son of John Justus and Catherine (Finger) Diehl. The mother died in 1826 and in 1832 the father brought the family to America, crossing the Atlantic to Baltimore, Maryland, whence he made his way directly to Auglaize county, Ohio. The Indians were yet numerous in that section of the state and the land was wild and unimproved. He settled upon a new farm, but was not long permitted to enjoy his home there, his death occurring after eighteen months' resi-

dence in that county. In the family were six children.

William Diehl of this review began his education in his native country and completed it in the schools of America, being a student for a time in Springfield. At the age of sixteen he worked in Dayton, Ohio, where he began to learn the trade of a coppersmith, serving a four years' apprenticeship, during which time he mastered the business in all of its branches, becoming a thorough workman. He was afterward employed as a journeyman until 1841, when he located in Springfield and opened a coppersmith and tinsmith shop. Later he sold the business and for five years he was identified with mercantile interests of this city as a proprietor of a grocery and feed house. In 1872 he turned his attention to the iron and hardware business, establishing his store in the Black Opera House block on West Main street, where he remained for two years, when he removed to 42 West Main street, where his eldest son, William W. Diehl, now conducts the business. Our subject remained at its head until 1885, when he retired to private life, having acquired a handsome competence, which enabled him to put aside the more arduous cares of business and enjoy the fruits of his former labor.

As a companion and helpmate for life's journey William Diehl chose Miss Catherine Frankenberg, the wedding being celebrated in 1844. The lady was a native of Germany and died leaving one son, William W. Diehl. In November, 1850, Mr. Diehl was again married, his second union being with Miss Ann M. Romshe, a daughter of Justus and Margaret (Michael) Romshe. Mrs. Diehl was born in Reinheim, Prussia, and by her marriage became the mother of

four children. Anna M., the eldest, became the wife of J. P. Albin, who was born in Tremont City, Ohio, August 27, 1847, and is a son of Gabriel and Anna (Pence) Albin. With his father he was engaged in the manufacture of coffins in Springfield at one time and, removing to Cincinnati, they carried on the same line of business there. J. P. Albin was in the one hundred day service during the Civil war and afterward enlisted for three years, but served for only one year when the war closed. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity, in which he attained the Knight Templar degree. Mrs. Albin now makes her home with her mother, Mrs. Diehl. She has one child, Charles, who married Miss Grace Harnish and they reside in this city. Clara C., the second member of the Diehl family, is the wife of C. M. Hubbard, a resident of Columbus. George A. married Anna Ross and they reside in Chicago, Illinois, where he is engaged in merchandising. He was the founder of the Lyon Hardware Company of Springfield. Charles, the youngest member of the Diehl family, was an exceptionally bright boy, but he died at the age of thirteen years, his death proving a great blow to the family.

Mr. Diehl was a man of influence and prominence in the city of Springfield and his efforts proved of value in promoting public advancement. He erected over sixty dwellings and business blocks in the city, thus making judicious investments in early real estate. He was also one of the stockholders of the Springfield National Bank. In business affairs his council was to be depended upon. He was a man of sound judgment, of keen discrimination and of unflinching enterprise and his efforts not only brought success to himself and family, but he also

belonged to that class of representative American citizens, who, while promoting individual prosperity, also advanced the general welfare. For fourteen years he served as assessor on the board of equalization. To early life his political support was given the Whig party, his first presidential ballot being cast for Henry Clay. On the dissolution of that party he joined the ranks of the new Republican party and remained one of its stalwart advocates until his death. In his church work his efforts were ably assisted by those of his estimable wife, a lady who possesses many excellent traits of heart and mind, who is charitable, benevolent and kindly, and whose friends in the community are many. Both Mr. and Mrs. Diehl were members of the First Lutheran church, of which he was a most liberal contributor and to the work of the church both lent active and efficient aid. In April, 1887, this worthy couple started for Europe and spent some time amid the scenes of his boyhood and in visiting many places of interest abroad. They then returned to America, Mr. Diehl spending his remaining days in the home of his adopted city, where he had become so widely and favorably known and where he was long regarded as influential in business and financial circles. He passed away in October, 1895, and was laid to rest in Ferncliff cemetery. He never had occasion to regret the fact that he early became an American citizen. He found in the business opportunities of this world the opening which he desired and gradually advanced to a foremost position in the plane of affluence. He gained, too, the rewards of an upright character—the respect and admiration of his fellow men and the warm friendship of those with whom he had intimate social relations.

## ROBERT R. MILLS.

In controlling one of the extensive and important business enterprises of Springfield, Robert R. Mills, has shown that he is notably reliable, prompt and energetic in business affairs. He is now associated with his brother, William Mills, under the firm name of Mills Brothers, in owning and operating large quarries in this locality and in dealing in all kinds of building stone and manufacturing lime on an extensive scale.

Robert R. Mills was born in Springfield on the 8th of January, 1860, a son of William and Mary (Johnson) Mills. His father was a native of the north of Ireland, his natal year being 1824. He pursued his education on the Emerald Isle and was twenty-five years of age when he came to Springfield, being the first of the family to seek a home in the new world. He was one of four children and two of his sisters are now living, Mrs. Sarah Kingsbury and Mrs. Rachel Clark, both of whom are residents of Appanoose county, Iowa. Another sister, Mrs. Mary Clark, died in 1901 when about eighty years of age.

The father of our subject was united in marriage to Mary Johnson and their wedding trip consisted of the voyage to the new world, where they had relatives living. Mr. Mills was a landscape gardener, having served an apprenticeship to the business, which he afterward followed for a number of years in Springfield. For seven years he served as street commissioner here and then took contracts for heavy work, constructing many of the principal streets of this city. He was a hard working, industrious man who advanced in business circles to a creditable position, becoming one of the largest contractors of his day. His honesty, too, was proverbial and the patronage accorded



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him came in recognition of his capability and fidelity to duty. A self-made man, he deserved all the credit which that term implies. He would never stoop to the slightest act of dishonesty but was ever fair and just in all his dealings. He was popular among his associates, by whom he was always called "Billy" Mills. In his political views he was a Democrat where questions of party policy were involved, but at local elections he cast his vote independent of party ties, and when he was the candidate for street commissioner he received almost the entire vote of his community. Both he and his wife were devoted and loyal members of the Episcopal church. His death occurred in the year 1877; and his wife, who was born in 1825, was called to her final rest in 1865.

This worthy couple were the parents of seven children, of whom one daughter, Rachel, died at the age of fourteen years. The others are: Mary J., the wife of Alexander G. Mackenzie, whose home is at No. 185 South Limestone street, Springfield; Sarah, deceased; Agnes E., the wife of Edward Jessup, of St. Charles, Illinois, a minister of the Lutheran church; William and Robert R., who are partners in business; and Essa, the deceased wife of Judge J. P. Goodwin. The children were provided with excellent educational privileges, all attending the public schools of Springfield, and both Mrs. Jessup and Mrs. Goodwin were graduates of the high school and the former successfully engaged in teaching in this city for about five years under the principalship of Major White. They have all followed the inspiring example of their father, who started out upon his business career empty handed, but by perseverance, determination and honorable methods steadily

worked his way upward to success, leaving to his family not only a comfortable competence, but the priceless heritage of an untarnished name.

Robert R. Mills pursued his education in the public schools, in the high school of Springfield and in Wittenberg College, where he pursued an elective course of three years. He then entered the drug store of Charles Ludlow in order to learn the business, remaining there for fifteen months. He was appointed assistant street commissioner of Springfield and served for three years, proving a competent official, because he possessed much mechanical ability. He then turned his attention to general contracting, which he followed for some years, being known as a successful street contractor. He was afterward given the position of general foreman for Amos Whiteley, with whom he remained for a year, and in November, 1887, with his brother, purchased the quarries which they now own. They are largely engaged in the manufacture of lime and crushed stone and deal in all grades of building stone, doing a wholesale business. They draw their trade from a radius of about fifty miles and their patronage has steadily increased until the amount of their business enables them to employ over one hundred workmen. They have eighty acres of land where their quarries are located, on the line of the Big Four railroad, William having supervision of the quarries, while Robert R. has control of the office business, the sales, and in fact the general management of the business.

In 1896, in Yellow Springs, Ohio, Robert R. Mills was united in marriage to Miss Anna Mellinger, who was born in Clark county in 1873, and died May 6, 1901. She was a daughter of J. H. Mellinger, one of

the largest stock dealers of this part of Ohio, whose death occurred in 1896. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Mills were born three children: Robert M., who died March 4, 1901, being four years old; Rachel Louise; and Ralph Edgar. Mr. Mills owns his present beautiful home at No. 185 South Limestone street, as well as considerable other real estate in the city and county.

In politics Mr. Mills is a Republican, and although many offices have been tendered him he has steadily refused to accept political preferment. He is a member of the vestry of Christ Episcopal church and is very prominent in Masonic circles, belonging to Clark Lodge, No. 701, E. & A. M.; Springfield Chapter, R. A. M.; Springfield Council, R. & S. M.; and Palestine Commandery, K. T. He has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite and belongs to Syrian Temple of the Mystic Shrine. He served as senior warden in the blue lodge two years and senior warden for one year. He is a member of the Springfield park board and also of the board of trade and Commercial Club of Springfield. He is one of the stockholders of the Home City Telephone Company and has aided materially in the substantial upbuilding and improvement of Springfield. In manner he is free from all ostentatious display, but his intrinsic worth is recognized and his friendship is most prized by those who know him best, showing that his character will bear the scrutiny of close acquaintance. He is a generous-spirited broad-minded man, a true type of the American citizen and an embodiment of that progress which in the last few years has drawn to this country the admiring gaze of the nations of the world.

#### ARTHUR W. GRANT.

Arthur W. Grant, whose inventive genius has led to the development of one of the important industries of the country and who was a partner in the Kelly Rubber Tire Company, of Springfield, was born on a farm in Monroe county, Michigan, May 22, 1850. The family is of Scotch lineage. The father of our subject was a carpenter by trade and followed that pursuit during the greater part of his life, although he lived upon a farm. He was a soldier of the Civil war, going to the front in response to the second call for troops and was killed in action. His wife, who in her maidenhood, was Maria F. Henry, still survives him and now resides in Toledo, Ohio, at the age of sixty-six years. In their family were four children, but Clara, the eldest and the wife of Charles Cobb, died at her home in Chicago, Illinois, about 1868. Those still living are: Arthur W.; Henry, of Detroit, Michigan; and Ella, who makes her home in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Arthur W. Grant spent the first nine years of his life on the home farm in Michigan. In the meantime his father died and about 1868 the mother removed with her children to Toledo, Ohio, where our subject attended the public schools until sixteen years of age. He then returned to Michigan, remaining on the old farm until twenty-one years of age. At that time he again took up his abode in Toledo and apprenticed himself to learn the machinist's trade for which he seemed to have a natural predilection, but no matter how strong one's natural talents, the ability is latent and must be brought forth through earnest, persistent effort. Mr. Grant worked in a shop where

engines were built and before he had completed his term of apprenticeship he had become so proficient that he was offered a position as stationary engineer, in which capacity he served for four years. Returning to Toledo on the expiration of that period he was offered the position of superintendent by the Gendron Iron Wheel Company, with which he remained until his removal to Springfield in 1884.

Mr. Grant came to this city in response to the request of some parties who were establishing an iron-wheel manufactory and of the new industry he was given charge as foreman and later was made superintendent. His capability, fidelity and the trust reposed in him by the company is indicated by the fact that his connection therewith covered ten years. On the expiration of that period Mr. Grant embarked in business for himself, forming a partnership with E. S. Kelly under the firm name of the Kelly Rubber Tire Company. Mr. Grant was the inventor of the rubber tire now used on all kinds of vehicles. The business was afterward sold to a New York concern and is now known and conducted under the name of the Consolidated Rubber Tire Company. Through his invention Mr. Grant has contributed much to the industrial world, giving rise to an enterprise of much practical value for his invention is now in use in almost every vehicle manufactory in the country. In 1899 Mr. Grant purchased a farm of about five hundred acres located in Moorefield township, where he is extensively interested in general farming.

After coming to this city Mr. Grant purchased a home on South Fountain avenue. He was married in Toledo, Ohio, to Miss May Mailey, who was born in Grand Rapids, Ohio, a daughter of William and Ann Mailey, both residents of Grand Rapids.

Mrs. Grant was educated in the public schools of that place and was one of a family of six children, all of whom are living, namely: Mrs. Lillie Sabin, of Grand Rapids; Mrs. Grant; Mrs. Ella Conklin, of Weston, Ohio; Mrs. Nellie Chapman, of Toledo, Ohio; Mrs. Grace Engard, of Findlay, Ohio; and Mrs. Fern Cantelberry, of the same place. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Grant was celebrated on the 4th of January, 1885, and has been blessed with one daughter, Grace Alberta, born in 1889, and now a student in Wittenberg College, of Springfield.

In his political views Mr. Grant is a Republican. But in local elections, where no issue is involved, he votes independently, considering only the capability of the candidate. He has been solicited to accept office, but has always refused to do so. He belongs to Clark Lodge, F. & A. M., and is a supporter of church and charitable work. He also belongs to the Lagonda Club, is a member of the Commercial Club and the Matinee Driving Club, of which he is one of the directors. In 1902 he purchased and remodeled the Judge Goode home at 153 East High street and has made it one of the most modern homes in the city. In manner he is rather retiring, is entirely free from ostentation, but though he never seeks to attract public attention, his worth as a man and a citizen have gained for him many friends.

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#### JACOB YEAZEL.

Of one of the old and well known families of Clark county Jacob Yeazel is a member. From an early period in the development of this section of the state representatives of the name have been active in re-

agricultural work and their labors have been effective in reclaiming this district for the uses of the white man, as the wild land has been transformed into good farms and the work of improvement and cultivation has been carried forward until Clark county now contains some of the richest farming districts of the state, owing its present prosperity in no small degree to the efforts of the agriculturists. With this work the Yeazels have been closely and honorably identified and the subject of this review has borne his full share in carrying on farming and stock-raising interests.

He was born July 8, 1842, just over the line in Pleasant township, about a mile and a half from where he now lives, his present home being in Moorefield township. His parents were Jeremiah and Jane Meterer (Hodge) Yeazel, and the grandparents were Abraham and Mary (Curl) Yeazel. Jeremiah Yeazel was born January 16, 1806, and was but a boy when his parents came to Clark county, settling in Moorefield township on a farm now owned by Ross Mitchell, and which adjoins the farm of our subject upon the northeast. The tales of pioneer experience and of the development of the frontier read almost like a romance at the present day, so different are the conveniences which now exist. The forests were uncut and fields uncultivated, the streams unbridged, and there were few roads, save the old Indian trails. The work of organization, the establishment of towns, the transformation of wild land into farms and the building of homes, churches and schools, all this was the task of the future at the time when the Yeazel family was established in Clark county, but the work was undertaken by the grandfather of our subject, in connection with other honored pioneers,

and the task has been carried forward by later generations of the family. The father of our subject was reared amid the wild scenes of pioneer life, and although he had but common school privileges, he became a well informed man. After arriving at years of maturity he wedded the daughter of Andrew and Isabel (Meterer) Hodge. Her father was born in Kentucky, and on horseback started for Ohio. When crossing the Ohio river he lost his saddlebags, which contained his money, and dived to the bottom of the stream in order to regain them. After reaching his destination he made a settlement in Pleasant township, and it was there that Mrs. Yeazel was probably born, her natal day being December 24, 1809, while on the 20th of December, 1827, she gave her hand in marriage to the father of our subject. They became the parents of twelve children, all of whom reached manhood or womanhood. William is now a resident of Pleasant township. John resides near his brother Jacob. Sarah A., born August 1, 1832, became the wife of Lowe Stoll, who died in Springfield October 17, 1902, and she died in Madison county, Ohio, November 1, 1899, leaving six children. James Hamilton, born November 11, 1834, died in Springfield August 30, 1881, leaving one child, Mrs. Laura Y. Krout. Mary Jane, born October 7, 1836, is the widow of Minor Tuttle, who died August 27, 1901. She lives on Lagonda avenue in Springfield and has four children. Isabel, born March 30, 1838, became the wife of John Cartmel and died, leaving two children, Mrs. Jennie Butler and Mrs. Amanda Britcher. Andrew H., born September 23, 1840, is living at Oakland, California, and has a large family. Jacob of this review is the next member of the family. Henry, born August 12, 1845, is living in Spring-

field township and has five children. Louisa, born December 14, 1848, became the wife of Lafayette Runyan, and died October 23, 1900, leaving four children. Scott, born August 23, 1851, died October 12, 1884, and left six children. Edward Wright, born October 2, 1853, is living in Springfield township. The father of this family was a Whig in early life, and upon the dissolution of that party joined the ranks of the Republican party in 1856. At one time he served as land appraiser, but was never an office seeker, content to do his duty to his town and county as a private citizen.

There was no event of special importance to vary the routine of farm life for Jacob Yeazel in his youth. He was reared upon the old homestead and attended the district schools. His father died when the son was eighteen years of age and on attaining his majority the latter began working for wages for his mother, with whom he remained until after his marriage. On the 13th of January, 1870, in Harmony township, he wedded Miss Harriet A. Jones, who was born in that township, and is a daughter of John Henry and Jemima C. (Botkin) Jones. The young couple began their domestic life upon the old Yeazel homestead, and about a year later removed to the Jones farm, which Mr. Yeazel conducted for three years, and on the expiration of that period he went to Vienna and in 1876 he purchased one hundred and sixty-nine acres of land, upon which he is now living. Here he has erected a good residence and a large barn and also other necessary out-buildings for the shelter of grain and stock. The equipments of the place are in keeping with the progressive spirit of the times and the neat and thrifty appearance of his farm is an indication of his careful supervision.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Yeazel has been blessed with one daughter, Glenna, who was born in Harmony township, near the village of Vienna, and won a diploma from the Boxwell examination when fifteen years of age. She was the first graduate of Moorefield township. Mr. Yeazel has been called to public office by his fellow townsmen, who recognize his worth and ability, and who have found that the trusts reposed in him have never been betrayed. He served as trustee of Moorefield township for five years, has for several years been a member of the board of education and for about ten years served as its clerk. He belongs to the Home Protective Association, and in his political views he is a Republican.

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#### JOHN H. MELLINGER.

John H. Mellinger, now deceased, was for many years a respected and worthy resident of Clark county. He was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, July 24, 1835, a son of Jacob and Martha (Hertzler) Mellinger. The father's birth occurred in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, and there he learned the miller's trade, which he followed during his early manhood, while later he devoted his energies to farming. When the subject of this review was about fourteen years of age the father came with his family to Clark county, Ohio, settling below Springfield on the Mud Run pike, where he purchased a large tract of land and there carried on agricultural pursuits until his death, which occurred when he was eighty-six years of age. A prosperous man, he owed his success to untiring energy, business ability and executive force, and his life proved conclusively that prosperity can

be contained among those lives. His wife survived him fully about two years, passing away when seventy-eight years of age. Both were members of the Methodist church and Mr. Mellinger was a Republican in his political views, endorsing that party from its organization.

John H. Mellinger of this review spent the first fourteen years of his life in the county of his nativity and then accompanied his parents on their removal to Ohio. His education was secured in the public schools of his native city and of Clark county, and when not engaged with the duties of the school room he gave his attention to the work of the farm, being employed upon the old family homestead until after he had attained his majority. He was married on the 26th of November, 1850, the lady of his choice being Miss Rachel Rosser, a daughter of William and Maria (Snyder) Rosser. A native of Scotland, her father came to America in early life and located near Springfield, Ohio, making his home in this county throughout his remaining days. He was engaged in the lumber business at the time of his death, which occurred in 1860, when he was about fifty-two years of age. His widow still survives him and resides with Mrs. Mellinger at their attractive home on West Pleasant street. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Mellinger was blessed with five children, of whom four are yet living, namely: Harry S., a well known citizen of this county; Emma M., the wife of David Herr, an undertaker, of Springfield, Ohio, by whom she has one child, Harry Samuel; Martha, the wife of Harry Hedges, who resides in Cleveland, Ohio, and has one child; and John, a farmer, who resides in Springfield. The deceased member of the family is Annie, who was the wife of Robert Mills, a dealer in stone, lime and

cent in Springfield. She had three children, but the youngest, Robert, died before the mother's death. The others are Rachel and Ralph.

After his marriage John H. Mellinger engaged in business as a stock dealer and jobber, making extensive shipments to the eastern markets. He carried on business on a large scale, and his industry was not only the means of bringing to him a very handsome competence, but also proved of benefit to the community, for he furnished a home market to the local stock dealers. In all his business transactions he was fair and just and was held in the highest regard by those with whom he came in contact, by reason of his honesty and his genuine worth. He took great pleasure in providing well for his family and at his death, which occurred in 1896, his loss was deeply deplored by many friends as well as by his wife and children.

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#### JAMES C. WALKER.

James C. Walker, a contractor of Springfield, is well known throughout the city as Captain Walker, the title having been given him by General Thomas at the battle of Missionary Ridge, for valiant service displayed while leading his regiment in the engagement. He is an honored veteran of the Civil war and though but a boy when he entered the service no more loyal aid to the country and to the Union cause was given than by Captain Walker, who through four years was found as a defender of the Union.

The Captain was born in Harmony township, Clark county, Ohio, November 30, 1843, and is a son of John and Margaret (Jenkins) Walker. The latter was born in the same cabin in which the birth of our

subject occurred. The father was a native of Virginia, born in 1817, and his father, James Walker, was born in Germany, whence he came to America, settling in Hagerstown, Maryland. In that locality he was married and there he and his wife Catherine took up their abode, their home being near Hagerstown, but across the line in Virginia. The grandfather of our subject was a shoemaker by trade, following that pursuit in the Old Dominion until 1819, when he came with his family to Clark county, Ohio. He purchased property near Springfield and both he and his wife died on the old home place here, reaching advanced ages. Of their children one son and two daughters are living in Michigan. John Walker, the father of our subject, was bound out in early life to Samuel Wolfe. He learned the carpenter's trade and worked as a farm hand and thus gained a good start in Harmony township. Here he was united in marriage to Margaret Jenkins, a daughter of William and Hester Jenkins, who were natives of Wales. Her father served in the American army as a soldier in the war of 1812, and in recognition of his aid was given a land grant, which he located and upon the farm which he developed he remained until his death, which occurred when he was about seventy-four years of age. His wife died in 1864, when nearly ninety years of age. Mr. and Mrs. John Walker owned sixty-seven acres of land and he also rented another tract, carrying on general farming with good success until 1857, when he removed to Springfield. The Walkers were of the German Lutheran faith, while the Jenkins family were connected with the Methodist Episcopal church. The father of our subject died in 1879 at the age of sixty-two years and his wife passed away in 1861 at the age of thirty-nine years, her

birth having occurred in 1822. Both were were laid to rest in Greenmount cemetery. In their family were ten children, of whom two died in early childhood. The others are: William H. H., of Lansing, Michigan, who served for three months in Company E, Sixteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and for four years in the Forty-fourth Infantry and the Eighth Ohio Cavalry in the Civil war, and was commissioned second lieutenant; James C., of this review; Joseph S., who was killed in Kentucky in 1862, while serving as a member of Company A, Ninety-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry; Milton O., who is a contractor and builder and also owns a fruit farm in Michigan; Mary Jane, the wife of John Rice, who resides on East Southern avenue, in Springfield; George W., a farmer, living in Missouri; Louis H., also a resident farmer of Missouri; and Margaret, the wife of Anson Smith, of Trenton, Ohio. The father was again married, and by this second union three children were born.

Upon his father's farm James C. Walker of this review was reared, while in the district schools he pursued his education. In 1857 he came to Springfield, which was then a small town, and here he began learning the carpenter's trade. At the first call for troops at the breaking out of the Civil war he attempted to enlist on three different occasions, but was not accepted on account of his age, being then only a youth of seventeen. On the 1st of August, 1861, however, he succeeded in joining the army in response to the call for three years' men as a member of Company K, Thirty-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was in active service during the entire time. He was color bearer of the regiment from November, 1863, until the close of the war and in 1865 he received an honorable discharge. He



had veteranized on the 1st of January, 1864, in the same company and regiment. He took part in eighty-one engagements and never received a wound. He was in the battle of Mills Springs; the siege of Corinth, from April until the 20th of May, 1862; the battle of Perryville, October 8, 1862; Stone River, on the last day of December and the first day of January, following; Hoover's Gap, on the 27th of June, 1863; Tallahoma, July 1, 1863; the battle of Chickamauga, September 19-20; Brown's Ferry, on the 27th of October; and Missionary Ridge, November 25, 1863. There he was under General Thomas; was color bearer and led the regiment into the engagement. The flag was shot to pieces, being riddled by eighty-nine bullets, and he not only carried his own colors, but captured the colors of the Forty-first Alabama Regiment, and in recognition of his gallant services he was voted a medal by congress. Here General Thomas conferred upon him the title of captain, but he was never commissioned. The next engagement in which he took part was at Dalton, on the 27th of November, 1863. At that time he re-enlisted and was granted a thirty days' furlough, which he spent at home. On the 1st of May, 1864, he started with Sherman to Atlanta, and on the 14th of May took part in the battle of Resaca. He was in all the engagements in the Atlanta campaign and from that city to the sea, and was in the battle of Bentonville, North Carolina, on the 19th of March, 1865. He likewise took part in the grand review in Washington, D. C., where he carried the battle scarred flag of the Thirty first regiment in the grandest military pageant ever seen on the western hemisphere.

At the close of the war, with a most honorable military record, Captain Walker re-

turned to Clark county and after visiting here for a time, went to Illinois, where he was engaged on the construction of the Vandalia Railroad between Terre Haute, Indiana, and St. Louis, Missouri, being employed in carpentry work on the bridges and depots. He was thus engaged for about eight years, and in 1873 he returned to Ohio, where he worked for the old Cincinnati, Sandusky & Cleveland Railroad Company in the same capacity. From 1874 until 1883 he was employed in the factories of Springfield, being largely engaged in bench work. In the latter year he was appointed a member of the police force as driver of the patrol wagon, and in 1885 was appointed assistant chief. Soon afterward the chief died and Captain Walker was appointed to the vacant position, in which he served for eighteen months. On the expiration of that period, however, he turned his attention to carpentering work and also worked in the factories until 1893. He was then appointed constable to fill a vacancy and on completing his term was then elected. In 1900 he retired from office with the good will and confidence of all, for he had proved a faithful official. Since that time he has given his attention to carpenter work, which he has followed in Springfield. He has erected a number of residences, has built an addition to the Walker Brothers' shoe store for R. Q. King and has done some remodeling on city property.

Captain Walker was married December 24, 1873, to Susie P. Llewellyn, who was born in Columbia, Pennsylvania, in 1849, and is the daughter of Stephen Llewellyn, who died in the keystone state. The family had lived in Ohio and after the marriage of Stephen Llewellyn their home had been established in Pennsylvania. After his death, however, his widow returned to the Buckeye



state. In their family were six children: Michael W., a carpenter of Sterling, Illinois; David, deceased; Jeffrey S., who, like his elder brother, was a member of the Forty-fourth Regiment, Eighth Ohio Cavalry in the Civil war, and is a molder by trade, residing on East Grand avenue, in Springfield; Susie, the wife of our subject; Lillie, the wife of L. F. Shank, an undertaker, of Des Moines, Iowa; Ella, who is the widow of Charles Hicks, of South Charleston, and is engaged in teaching in Springfield.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Walker have been born seven children, all born in Springfield, and two of the number died in infancy: Frank L., who was educated in the public schools and in the International Corresponding School, is now a mechanical draftsman in the employ of Paul A. Staley; Harry I. is a wood worker employed in the Foss shops, of Springfield; Wilbur L., who is a graduate of the high school in Springfield, pursued a course in the Young Men's Christian Association school and is now a mechanical draftsman employed by the Krotz Manufacturing Company; M. Nellie is in the high school; Lillie is also a student. The parents were reared in the faith of the Methodist Episcopal church, but are liberal in their religious views, although they endorse church and charitable work and contribute freely thereto. Mr. Walker belongs to Mitchell Post, No. 45, G. A. R., in which he served as adjutant for two years. He is a member of Stevens Regiment, No. 16, Union Veterans Union, was adjutant for one year, and in 1902 was made officer of the day. He holds membership relations with Clark Lodge, No. 101, F. & A. M., is a member of Monciuffe Lodge, No. 33, K. P., and is a charter member of Division No. 6, of the uniformed rank of the Knights of Pythias. In military circles he is also connected with

the Medal of Honor Legion of the United States. In politics he has been a stalwart Republican since casting his first presidential vote at Kingston, Georgia, in 1864, for Abraham Lincoln. He has been a delegate to state, city and county, as well as congressional conventions. The Captain is recognized as one of the active workers in the ranks of the party and is a citizen who is ever fearless in defense of his honest convictions, political or otherwise. A man of honor whose word can always be depended upon in the business world and social life he has won the confidence and respect of those with whom he has been associated.

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#### WILLIAM MILLS, Jr.

William Mills, Jr., whose business interests of an industrial character have gained for him a creditable place among the representative men of Springfield, was born in this city in 1857 and is a son of William Mills, who is mentioned on another page of this work in connection with the sketch of Robert R. Mills. At the usual age our subject entered the public schools and his youth was passed in a manner not unlike that of most boys of the period. After arriving at years of maturity he desired to have a home of his own and as a companion and helpmate for the journey of life he chose Miss Mary C. Carr, of this city, a daughter of Joseph H. and Jane (Courtney) Carr. Twelve children were born unto her parents and of this number six are yet living, namely: Joseph H., a resident of Troy, Ohio; Mrs. Mills; Mrs. Ed Powers, who is living in Marion, Ohio; Mrs. Lottie B. Smith; Mrs. O. D. Collier, of this city; and Emma. The home of our subject and his wife has

been blessed with four children, two sons and two daughters: Mary Courtney, who is nine years of age; William Carr, a youth of seven years; Agnes Rebecca, six years of age; and Joseph Alexander, a little lad of five months.

Mr. Mills cares for his family through enterprising business affairs. He is a member of the firm of Mill Brothers, engaged in the manufacture of iron and building supplies. The works are located in Mad River township, west of Springfield, and the output of the plant is quite extensive, showing that the firm enjoys a liberal patronage.

Their sales annually return to them a good financial reward for their labor. Mr. Mills was with the Republican party and upon this ticket was elected to the office of street commissioner of Springfield, serving continuously in that capacity from 1881 to 1885. His fraternal relations connect him with the Masonic and Knights of Pythias lodges and by his many friends among his brethren of these orders. His religious faith is that of the Episcopalian church. Mr. Mill is a man of strong, marked characteristics. He is devoted, genial in manner, frank and courteous, and has the approachable qualities which make him popular in all circles.

#### JOHN H. BLOSE.

Prevalent in public affairs, John H. Blose has taken a very active part in matters pertaining to the general good of Clark county and is known as a loyal, progressive and public spirited man and a highly respected citizen. He devotes his attention to farming and stock raising as a means of livelihood, but has always found time to faithfully perform his duties of citizenship

in a manner that reflects credit upon his native state. He was born in Champaign county, Ohio, August 29, 1838, and is a son of Daniel and Susannah (Pence) Blose. His father was born in Shenandoah county, Virginia, and was a son of John and Amelia (Pence) Blose, who in his boyhood days left the Old Dominion and brought their family to Ohio, settling in Champaign county. There the father of our subject was reared, and when he had attained to man's estate he married Susannah Pence, who was born in Champaign county, her parents being Henry and Eve (Snyder) Pence.

Mr. Blose of this review was reared upon his father's farm in Champaign county and during his boyhood attended the common schools, his early education being supplemented, however, by a course in the academy at Urbana. Later he engaged in teaching in Champaign county, this being his first independent venture in life. After his marriage, which occurred in 1857, he resided upon his father's farm until 1859, when he came to German township, Clark county, and purchased an interest in a mill and distillery property, being associated in this enterprise with his father. The plant had been established by John Nisley in 1840 and Mr. Blose continued the operation of the distillery until about 1873, and continued milling for some time thereafter. Both the old still and mill, however, have now disappeared. In 1864 he purchased his present property, comprising one hundred and fifty acres of rich farming land, and has since engaged in the cultivation of the fields and in the raising of stock, both branches of his business returning to him a good income. He has a well developed farm and high grades of horses and cattle, and everything about his place is neat and attractive in appearance.

Mr. Blose was married on the 6th of Oc-

tober, 1857, to Miss Caroline Steinberger, a native of Champaign county and a daughter of David and Lucy (Gaines) Steinberger. They became the parents of seven children: Alpha W., who is at home; Charles V., a farmer and miller of Champaign county, who is married and has three children; Ollie E., the wife of Charles K. Collins, of Tremont City; Frank, who is living in Tremont City; Clyde E., of Champaign county; Mary E., the wife of Grant Karg, of this county; and Lettie May, at home.

Mr. Blose is very prominent in political circles and from his boyhood days has advocated Democratic principles. When age conferred upon him the right of franchise he cast his first presidential ballot for Stephen A. Douglas in 1860. In 1863 he was elected justice of the peace and served for about thirty years with the exception of a brief period. At that time he resigned because he had been elected a member of the constitutional convention of 1873. In 1877 he was elected county commissioner and served for one term, during which the Children's Home was built. The first architect for the present courthouse was also secured during his term and the preliminary steps taken toward the building of the seat of justice. He exercised his official prerogatives in support of all general measures which he believed would contribute to the public good and his service was acknowledged to be of benefit by the community. In 1897 he was the Democratic nominee for the legislature, and in 1901 again received the nomination for that office, running far ahead of the ticket, a fact which indicated his personal popularity and the confidence and trust reposed in him by those who know him. As justice of the peace he has always advised arbitration and settlement without recourse to a lawsuit, but when such could not be

secured he has tried the cases that have come before him in a prompt and impartial manner, his decisions being strictly fair and just, being given without fear or favor. Although some of the cases which he has tried have been appealed, in no instance has the decision which he has rendered ever been reversed. He has been sent as a delegate to many state conventions of his party and twice to the national conventions, having attended in 1868 the convention at New York which nominated Seymour for the presidency. On that occasion he was a strong advocate of Pendleton. In 1872 he attended the Baltimore convention and was an earnest advocate of Horace Greeley. The public career of Mr. Blose has ever been characterized by unflinching devotion to the course which he believes to be right and his loyalty as a citizen has ever been above question. He has a wide acquaintance, not only in Clark county, but throughout the state, and the circle of his friends is a very extensive one.

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#### JAMES HOMAN.

James Homan, the proprietor and manager of the Buckeye Incubator Company of Springfield, is of German stock, and removed to Springfield from Cincinnati in 1877 when in his twenty-third year. A little brick schoolhouse in Clermont county, Ohio, and a partial course in the public schools of Cincinnati and Antioch College gave Mr. Homan an education, which self-culture and contact with men and affairs gleaned by a wide diversity of occupations, including that of a sailor before the mast, had materially broadened by 1879, at which time he matriculated at the Cincinnati Law School, graduating therefrom in 1881, with the de-

gree of Bachelor of Laws. In 1883 the law was abandoned for manufacturing and the Springfield Brass Company was incorporated by Mr. Homan and others. In this company he remained until 1890, when the manufacture of incubators, an industry then in its infancy, was brought to his attention, and foreseeing the possibilities for development which the business offered, he embarked in it at once, and, doing business under the name of the Buckeye Incubator Company rapidly expanded the business from one selling four hundred incubators annually to shipments of more than ten thousand a year and to every civilized country in the globe. He has advertised extensively in foreign papers, with the result that he has secured a liberal patronage from abroad. The incubator which he manufactures is of such excellent quality that it sells on its own merits. The gigantic proportions and the stable character of the growth of the business are indisputable proof of the quality of these goods. They are of value to the community in raising poultry and consequently a boon to the human race. This fact, Mr. Homan says, should entitle him to be classed with the philanthropists rather than the manufacturers. This enterprise gives employment to an average of fifty men, and the business is a direct benefit to Springfield, not only on this account, but also because nearly all of its supplies are purchased in the home market.

In 1876 Mr. Homan was married in Cincinnati to Cecelia Heiferman, of Fayetteville, Ohio. Their daughter Nellie is now the wife of John Knecht, the vice-president of the Cincinnati Screw & Tap Company. Mrs. Homan is a member of St. Raphael's church, and he contributes to the support of the church and to many benevolent interests. He and his wife have a pleasant home at No.

206 South Yellow Springs street, where they have resided since 1877.

Mr. Homan exercises his right of franchise in support of Republican principles and at local elections, where no issue is involved, he votes independently. He has been a successful man in business, quick to recognize and utilize an opportunity and has steadily worked his way upward until the name of his house is well known, not only in this country, but in foreign lands. He is liberal in his donations to movements pertaining to the general good, is unostentatious in manner, never seeking public notoriety, in business he is conscientious, is domestic in his tastes and habits, and in Springfield has made many warm friends.

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#### ADAM BAKER.

Adam Baker, who carries on general farming and stock raising in German township, was born April 26, 1811, on the farm where he now lives. His parents, Adam and Susan (Klinefelter) Baker, were both natives of York county, Pennsylvania, where they were reared, educated and married, coming thence to Ohio in 1836. For a few months they conducted a hotel in Springfield and then the father purchased a farm of one hundred and thirty acres, upon which our subject is now living. There was upon the place a mill and distillery, and he not only engaged in the cultivation of his land, but operated both the mill and the still for eight or ten years, when he sold them, giving his entire attention to farming and stock raising. He lived to be about sixty-seven years of age, departing this life in 1803. In politics he was a Republican, and for a number of years he served as county commissioner.

In the family there were twelve children, of whom Adam is the eleventh in order of birth. These are as follows: George W., who died at the age of eighteen years; Sarah Ann, who died at the age of thirty; Elizabeth, who became the wife of Peter Ferree, and died in Clark county, leaving three children; William B., who married Huldah Baker and died in this county, leaving five children; Cornelius, of Springfield, who married Sarah Anick, by whom he had three children, and after her death wedded Mrs. Vorce; Joana, the wife of Alexander Baker, of Springfield, by whom she has two children; Elnora, who is living in Springfield; and John W., who married Letitia Snyder, by whom he has two children, their home being in Topeka, Kansas.

Adam Baker, whose name introduces this record, was reared on the home farm and in the public schools he acquired a fair English education. He received ample training at farm labor and when twenty-two years of age he began to provide for himself, starting out on his own account soon after his father's death. He carried on the home farm for his mother for some time, an estate then comprising eight hundred acres. Today Mr. Baker owns three hundred and twenty acres of that property, constituting one of the valuable and well improved farms in his locality. A glance at his place indicates to the passer-by that the owner is thrifty and enterprising and that he follows progressive methods and uses the latest improved machinery in the care of his land. He also deals in stock, keeping on his place good grades of cattle, horses and hogs.

On the 10th of October, 1869, Mr. Baker was united in marriage to Miss Amanda Wilson, who was born in Champaign county, January 2, 1846, a daughter of John and Sarah Ann (Swartz) Wilson. Her father

was also a native of Champaign county, Ohio, but her mother's birth occurred in Virginia. They were married in Champaign county and there continued to reside until 1854, when they removed to German township, Clark county, where they made their home throughout the remainder of their lives, both dying in 1893, when seventy-three years of age. Throughout his active business career Mr. Wilson was engaged in buying and selling stock. He was a Democrat in politics, and being one of the prominent men of his community, he was called upon to fill many local offices. In his family were nine children, four sons and five daughters.

In his political views Mr. Baker is a Republican, but he has never sought or desired office, though he has frequently served as a delegate to the conventions of his party. Fraternally he is connected with the Knights of Pythias lodge at Tremont and is a very prominent Mason. When about thirty years of age he became a member of Clark Lodge, No. 101, F. & A. M., of Springfield, and has now attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite in the consistory at Cincinnati and belongs to the Mystic Shrine at Dayton.

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#### EDWARD L. BUCHWALTER.

In the year 1873 Edward L. Buchwalter became a resident of Springfield and has since been identified with business interests here—interests which have grown and developed until they have become of much importance to the city, as well as to the owner, for to-day Mr. Buchwalter is at the head of one of the leading industrial concerns of this part of the state, being the president of the Superior Drill Company.

He was born in Ross county, Ohio, June 1, 1841, a son of Levi and Margaret (Lyons) Buchwalter. The father died in 1900, when eighty-seven years of age, but the mother is still living at the age of eighty-five years. Born and reared upon a farm, our subject acquired his preliminary education in the district schools and later became a student in the Ohio University at Athens, Ohio, where he pursued a scientific course. He was about twenty years of age at the time of the outbreak of the Civil war. He enlisted as a private in Company A, One Hundred and Fourteenth Ohio Infantry, and served for three years and seven months, during which time he was successively appointed to the ranks of sergeant, lieutenant and captain. He was with the department of the Mississippi in the campaign under General Sherman in the fall of 1862, and was under General Grant at Vicksburg in the spring and summer of 1863, being present at the time of the surrender of that great Confederate stronghold. He was twice wounded, the first time when before Vicksburg under General Sherman, December 28, 1862, being struck by an exploding shell. The regiment retreating two hundred yards, he was left upon the field among the dead, it being supposed that his life was also extinct, but after a half hour he regained consciousness and crawled back over the field to his regiment. This wound left him hard of hearing, which is the only ill effect he had received from his army experience. Mr. Buchwalter was a second time wounded by a minie ball, May 1, 1863. This was again before Vicksburg, but he was then under General Grant in the engagement called the Thompson Hill fight. He sustained a flesh wound, which caused him much pain and trouble for several weeks. His promotion to

the rank of captain came in 1864, and he was honorably discharged at Vicksburg.

Returning to his home in Ross county, Mr. Buchwalter began farming and stock raising, devoting all of his energies to this vocation in connection with his father until 1873, when he came to Springfield and accepted a position with James Leffel & Company, water wheel and engine manufacturers, continuing with the firm until the fall of 1883. At that time he joined Robert Johnson, A. Winger, Richard H. Rodgers and C. E. Patric in the organization of the Superior Drill Company, of which Mr. Buchwalter became the president. Later Charles S. Kay and others became members of the company. When the organization was effected the company bought out the firm of Thomas, Ludlow & Rodgers, manufacturers of grain drills. The success of the Superior Drill Company is a matter well known. The merit of the Superior drill has made it the leading seeding machine of the country. They make large shipments annually to Australia and other foreign countries, in addition to their extensive home trade. In December, 1898, the Citizens National Bank of Springfield was organized and Mr. Buchwalter was chosen its president and has held that position continuously since. He stands today among the strong and representative business men of the city.

In his political views Mr. Buchwalter is an earnest Republican, with firm faith in the principles of the party, but he has resolutely declined to hold office, having many times declined to become a candidate. He has, however, been active in matters of citizenship and of progress pertaining to the public good. For twenty-five years he has been a most efficient member of the library board, and for twenty years has been its

president. He is a member of the board of trade and serves on the legislation and finance committees. Socially he is connected with Mitchell Post, G. A. R., and with the Ohio Commandery of the Loyal Legion.

On the 18th of September, 1868, Mr. Buchwalter was united in marriage to Miss Clementine Berry, a native of Ohio. She is a graduate of the seminary in Delaware, Ohio, and for a time engaged in teaching in a seminary of Indianapolis, Indiana, and in Jacksonville, Illinois. She is very prominent in club circles and takes a deep interest in library work, being one of the promoters of the traveling libraries. She has been appointed a member of the women's board of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition at St. Louis and was made first vice-president.

Mr. Buchwalter still has great fondness for the country and finds pleasure and recreation in visiting his fine farm a few miles east of Springfield. He also owns the farm upon which he was born in Ross county, Ohio, and it is one of the finest farms of the state. In business matters his strict integrity, business conservatism and judgment have been uniformly recognized and therefore he has enjoyed the public confidence to an enviable degree, while naturally this has brought to the house of which he stands at the head, and to the banking institutions of which he is the chief a lucrative and growing patronage.

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#### WILLIAM WOOD.

William Wood has a very wide acquaintance in Springfield, and there are few who know him who do not give him their friendship because he possesses the qualities which constitute a good man—a pleasing disposi-

tion, which wins regard wherever seen. He has been a prominent and faithful official, has been connected in various ways with business affairs here and is now conducting a successful trade as a cigar dealer. He was born at No. 120 East Main street in Springfield, October 11, 1853, and is a son of Robert I. Wood. In the Eastern public school building he acquired his early education and afterward attended the high school where the Wigwam building now stands. Later he continued his studies in the new high school at the corner of High and Factory streets. He put away his books at the age of sixteen, and then began clerking in a grocery store for R. L. Holman, where the Leuty building now stands. Subsequently he began work for Ferrell, Ludlow & Rodgers, who were pioneers in the manufacture of grain drills. He worked in their painting department until the fire, when he entered the old Champaign works, leaving that shop in 1875, after which he gave his attention to music for two years. His father, who had been appointed deputy sheriff, was taken ill and William Wood then filled his position as a substitute, serving thus until the death of his father, when he was appointed to fill the vacant position. He transferred the first prisoners from the old to the new jail building, and as bailiff he opened the first court in the new courthouse. He also captured the first prisoners that escaped from the new jail. Under Sheriff James Foley he served as deputy, and during that time he succeeded in capturing James and Barney Bray, and also C. Seitz, and Carroll, of Dayton, who had robbed the residence of M. D. Levy.

From 1875 until 1877 he was in charge of various orchestras in this part of the state as business manager and leader, and became the organizer of the Big Six band,



playing solo, alto and double bass horn in the orchestra. They furnished the first music for the Soldiers' Orphans' Home at Xenia, and played at their reunions for several years. When E. G. Coffin was elected mayor of Springfield William Wood resigned his position as deputy sheriff and was appointed sanitary marshal. Later he resigned that position and was appointed superintendent of the city prison, acting in that capacity through Mr. Coffin's term, and through the administrations of C. S. Constantine and J. P. Goodwin, covering six years. He resigned under Mr. Goodwin and as special police took charge of the Arcade building. During his time as keeper of the city prison he had charge of the city government at night. Upon leaving the service of the city he began work for the United States Express Company as local messenger under R. A. James and on leaving that place, as a deputy he was put in charge of the carriage manufactory of James Driscoll Sons Company. Upon their failure in 1890 he had charge of the affairs there under Sheriff William B. Baker until a receiver was appointed and remained at the house until the business was closed out in 1893, when the plant and goods were sold to the P. P. Mast Buggy Company.

At that time Mr. Wood began clerking in the grocery store of his brother, Charles A. Wood, with whom he remained until 1895, when he established a private detective agency, having charge of the street railway business under Nelson, and also of the business of the Big Four Railroad Company as general detective until 1899, when he began dealing in tobacco and cigars as a retail and wholesale merchant at No. 9 South Limestone street. He is a distributor of many high class goods, both to the local and outside trade, and his patronage is extensive.

In 1872, in Dayton, Mr. Wood was married to Miss Mary L. Mills, who was born in Columbus, Ohio, in 1855, a daughter of R. L. and Tirzah J. (Harris) Mills, the former born in New York in 1819, and the latter in Columbus, Ohio, in 1827. They now make their home with their children. At one time the family numbered nine children: John, now deceased; Edward, who is living in Michigan; Nettie, the wife of C. H. Hanawalt, a miller of Continental, Ohio; Mrs. Wood; Arthur, who lives in Covington, Kentucky, and represents the National Cash Register in Ohio and Kentucky; Harry, a molder in the employ of the O. S. Kelly Company of Springfield; Georgia, deceased; Alice V., of Columbus; and William, who has also passed away. This family removed to Springfield from Columbus at the solicitation of the Whiteley Manufacturing Company. The father was a brass worker and remained in the employ of that company for five years, after which he went to Dayton, where he was employed by the Ohio Screw Company. Mrs. Wood was educated in the public schools of the capital city and in the private school conducted by Miss Williams on Spring street, Springfield. By her marriage she has become the mother of two children, but Nellie died in infancy. Charles R., the son, born in 1879, attended the public schools of this city, in which he was graduated, and because of his high standing and of his ability as a vocalist he was given one year's scholarship in Wittenberg College. He was also instructor of the Wittenberg quartet when only eighteen years of age. He possesses musical talent of a very high order and his ability in this direction ranked him with the leading musicians of the city. After spending one year in Wittenberg he took up the study of law under the direction of ex-Judge William L. Rockel, in whose



office he remained for two and one-half years. He then left that place and embarked in business with his father in order that he might have some time to give to the study of vocal music. For one year he served as director of the choir of St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal church. While in Mr. Rockel's office he organized the Apollo quartet, which under the direction of the Brockway Lecture Bureau, of Pittsburg, filled many engagements in different Young Men's Christian Associations. In April, 1902, he went to Grand Rapids, Michigan, and entered the employ of the Grand Rapids Malleable Iron Company as buyer and private-secretary for the firm, having charge of the private correspondence. He was married in this city in November, 1901, to Miss Alice Packham, a daughter of L. C. Packham, traveling salesman for the Frump Manufacturing Company of Springfield. His musical talents at once awakened attention in musical circles of Michigan and he became instructor of the choir of Westminster Presbyterian church, a leading wealthy church of Grand Rapids. The choir is composed of seventy-five voices in addition to the soloists. Mr. Wood is also the first tenor in the famous Apollo quartet of professional singers and is instructor of the Young Men's Christian Association quartet. He was a member of Ingomar Lodge, K. P., of Springfield, and resigned his office as organist and prelate in that body on his removal to Michigan.

William Wood, whose name introduces this sketch, is a Republican in politics and has long taken an active and helpful interest in the work of the party, which he has represented as a delegate in city, county, judicial and state conventions. He also attended the national convention in Chicago when Benjamin Harrison was nominated for the presidency. He belongs to the Knights

of Pythias Lodge of this city, and he and his wife hold membership with the Presbyterian church.

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ROBERT I. WOOD.

For many years Robert I Wood was a well known and popular resident of Springfield. He was connected with railroad interests and in this way he formed a wide acquaintance, being held in the highest regard by the traveling public and by those with whom he came in contact in social circles and in private life.

The Wood family, of which he was a member, is of Scotch-Irish descent. His father was John G. Wood, who was born in Virginia and there learned the trade of a cabinet maker and furniture manufacturer. In the year 1843 he left the old home, coming to Springfield, where he established a cabinet and furniture shop, and later he embarked in the undertaking business. He was one of the best known furniture manufacturers of Clark county, and to-day in the homes of many of the prominent families of the city are seen evidences of his handiwork in fine articles of household furniture. He erected a large building at the corner of Foster and Main streets, having there an extensive shop and residence combined. He continued in the undertaking business until his removal to Illinois, where he resided for a time, removing thence to Indianapolis, Indiana, where his last days were passed. He owned and operated a sawmill and planing mill in connection with his cabinet shop, in which he carried on an extensive and profitable trade. Through good management, excellent workmanship and honorable dealing he became well-to-do. His first wife died

in Virginia and he afterwards married again. There were two sons by the first union: William, who resided in Galesburg, Illinois, and at his death left a wife and two daughters; and Robert L., of this review. The children of the second marriage were Sarah, Edward and James, and were born in Springfield and went to Illinois with their father in 1818. John G. Wood was a man of a deep religious nature and became one of the founders of the High Street Methodist Episcopal church of this city, holding various offices in the church during his residence in Springfield. He was also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Robert L. Wood was born in Virginia in 1830, and from the Old Dominion came to Springfield. In the subscription schools of Virginia he began his education, the first thirteen years of his life having been passed there. In 1843 he came with his parents to Springfield, Ohio. Here he completed his education, and during the greater part of his life he was engaged in railroad work, occupying the position of baggage master and later he won promotion, being conductor on the Little Miami road, running between Springfield and Xenia. He continued in that position for a quarter of a century, being a most trusted employe of the company and a popular representative of the road among those who traveled over his line. At length he resigned his position to accept political service. He was given the office of deputy sheriff and continued in that capacity for several years, discharging his duties with promptness, fearlessness and fidelity. About 1870 he retired from office as he had entered it—with the confidence and good will of all concerned. He was familiarly and lovingly called among his many friends by the name of "Bob." Always approachable and genial he was at the same time obliging and kindly

in disposition and courteous in manner, and thus the circle of his friends was almost co-extensive with the circle of his acquaintances.

Robert L. Wood was united in marriage to Nancy Ann Marshall, who was born in Christianburg, Champaign county, Ohio, in the year 1832. Her father was Dr. Lorenzo Marshall, a leading and influential physician of Champaign county. Three children were born unto Mr. and Mrs. Wood, of whom one son died in infancy. The other sons, Charles A. and William, are both residents of Springfield, the latter living on the site of the old family home here. The father died at the old home place at No. 120 East Main street and his remains were interred in Ferncliff cemetery. His widow lived until 1895, when she, too, was called to her final rest. Mr. Wood was a member of the Odd Fellows' society, and in his life exemplified the beneficent and helpful spirit of that fraternity.

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#### ABRAHAM OVERHOLSER.

Abraham Overholser, a well known and representative farmer of German township, was born near Lawrenceville in that township, December 8, 1845, a son of Moses and Eva (Rust) Overholser. The father was born in Rockingham county, of the Shenandoah valley of Virginia, and was a little lad of five or six years when he came to Ohio with his parents, Christopher and Rebecca (Goetz) Overholser. The grandfather settled in German township and became the owner of two hundred and forty acres of land near Lawrenceville.

Moses Overholser's birth occurred August 4, 1823, and he was married in Clark county, November 16, 1844, to Eva Rust, who was born in this county May 17, 1822.

His death occurred May 7, 1902, when he was laid to rest in the cemetery at Lawrenceville by the side of his wife, who had passed away November 19, 1900. He was a farmer by occupation and purchased fifty acres of land whereon he spent his remaining days, although he purchased other farm property and became well-to-do. In the family were seven children, of whom Abraham, of this review, is the eldest. The others are as follows: Susanna, who became the wife of John H. Doner, by whom she had five children, and after his death married James Reckner, their home being near Lawrenceville; Elizabeth, who is the wife of William Roach, of German township, by whom she has eight children living and four deceased; Jane, now Mrs. Fred Michael, of Springfield, and the mother of four children living and one deceased; William, who married Mary Davis, and with their three children live in German township; Martha, who is the wife of Dan Myers, of German township, by whom she has four children; Moses, who married Emma Balentine, of German township, and they have one child, and another child who is deceased. The father was a Democrat in political faith and was reared in the Lutheran church, but later became an active member of the Reformed church, in which he served as an elder.

During his boyhood Abraham Overholser largely assisted in the support of the family. He acquired a fair common school education and was at home until he attained the age of twenty-one, when he began to cut wood for his father on the shares. He was married August 8, 1867, to Miss Hester Jane Kessler, who was born in German township, December 30, 1849, a daughter of Israel and Drusilla (Grafton) Kessler. Her father was a native of Virginia and when

twelve years of age came to Ohio with his father, John Kessler, who settled on a farm near where our subject now makes his home, becoming the owner of one hundred acres of land. Later, however, he removed to Fayette county, Ohio, and there died. The father of Mrs. Overholser was born in Champaign county, and was there married to Israel Kessler, who was born April 27, 1812, and their marriage was celebrated January 30, 1838. Mr. Kessler died June 23, 1876, and his wife, whose birth occurred February 4, 1818, passed away September 21, 1859. The father afterward married again and Mrs. Overholser was the eighth in order of birth of the twelve children born of the first union. By his second marriage he had eight children, and of the twenty thirteen are yet living.

For three years after his marriage our subject lived upon his father's farm, which he operated on the shares. He afterward rented various tracts of land until 1877, when he purchased one hundred and thirty acres where he is now living. He has since, however, extended the boundaries of this farm and it is now a valuable and highly improved tract, the rich and fertile fields returning to him good harvests. The home has been blessed with eight children. David, who was born July 21, 1868, died November 11, 1880. The second child died in infancy. Lewis Irvine, born October 15, 1872, was married October 17, 1895, to Ollie Allison, who died July 14, 1896, and had one child, Lula, now deceased, and on the 22nd of December, 1897, he wedded Lavina Dingleline. Elmer, born October 1, 1874, was married May 11, 1898, to Clara Kehlinger. They have one daughter, Myrtle Marie, and live in German township. Walter, born March 16, 1877, was married August 16, 1899, to Ollie Fenton, and to them were

born two children, one still living, Hester Emeline, while Orval is deceased. Eva, born December 27, 1879, is at home. Martha, born September 5, 1881, was married July 24, 1902, to Charles Deaton, and they lived in Champaign county. Alice, born September 25, 1883, completes the family.

Mr. Overholser has been a stalwart Democrat since voting for Seymour in 1868, but has never sought the rewards of office. He and his family are all members of the Reformed church, in which his son Elmer is serving as deacon. He is now a prosperous farmer, although he started out in life empty handed and his history proves that success may be acquired through earnest and persistent effort, when guided by sound business judgment and supplemented by honesty in business affairs.

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#### WILLIAM H. BRYANT.

William H Bryant is a representative of one of the early families of Ohio. In pioneer times Abram Bryant, his paternal grandfather, came to this state. He was of English ancestry and was born in Maryland, whence he removed westward to Champaign county, Ohio, taking up his abode in Concord township, where he followed farming and stock raising, and at the time of the Civil war he had a government contract to furnish stock for the army. Subsequently he removed to Delaware county, Indiana, where he died at the age of seventy-five years. When he came to Ohio he secured a good tract of land of about two hundred acres, and in the midst of the forest he developed a farm, bearing his part in the hardships and trials incident to frontier life. The machinery for clearing the land and cultivating the fields

was very crude in comparison with that used at the present time, but he labored diligently and, like other pioneer settlers, deserves the gratitude of the present generation because his labors proved of benefit not only to himself but contributed to the foundation for the present prosperity and progress of the state. He had four sons who grew to manhood: Thomas F.; Luke W., a soldier of the Civil war who died in the hospital while a member of the army; Madison, who was also a soldier and is living near Dayton, Ohio; and George, of Portland, Indiana. There were also five daughters: Sarah and Elizabeth, both deceased; Jennie, who is living in Logansport, Indiana; Edith, of New Corner, Indiana; and Helen, who has also passed away. The children were educated in the common schools, such as existed in Ohio at an early day, and Elizabeth, Jennie, Edith and Luke W. afterward became teachers. George, Helen and Thomas all remained in Ohio. The political faith of the family was that of the Whig party prior to the Civil war, and since that time its representatives have been staunch Republicans. In religious faith they were Methodists.

Thomas F. Bryant, the father of our subject, was born in Champaign county on the old family homestead, in 1828, was reared under the parental roof and obtained his education as did the other members of the household. He afterward rented land and thus made a home for himself until he was enabled to purchase a farm. He married Vianah G. Thomas, a daughter of Archibald and Catherine Thomas, both of whom reached advanced ages, the latter dying at the age of eighty-six. The father was of English lineage. He reared a large family of children, of whom three are living: Mrs. Sarah Rosenberger, of Ladora, Iowa; L. T., of Wabash, Indiana; and John E., of

Springfield. The Thomas family came from Virginia to Ohio about 1827 and was established in Champaign county. The marriage of Thomas F. and Vinah G. Bryant was blessed with six children, three dying in early childhood. Oscar M., the eldest living, is a real estate broker, is married and resides in Washington, D. C. William H. is the second in order of birth. John T., a broker in merchandise at Sidney, Ohio, is married and has five living children, two sons and three daughters. These sons were educated in the public schools and remained on the home farm until they attained to manhood. Oscar also pursued a course in a business college in Springfield. After following farming for many years the father purchased a farm in Urbana, where his wife died in 1888, at the age of sixty-three years and his death occurred in 1902, when he was seventy-four years of age.

William H. Bryant, whose name forms the caption of this review, was born in St. Paris, Champaign county, March 12, 1860, opening his eyes to the light of day on his father's farm just on the corporation limits of the town. In his youth he was carefully trained to habits of industry and economy, and in the public schools he mastered the branches of English learning. He continued with his parents until 1882, when he became connected with mercantile life as a grocery clerk in West Liberty, where he remained for a year. In 1883 he came to Springfield and entered the store of Jacob N. Mills, who afterward sold out to J. B. North, with whom Mr. Bryant remained until 1890. In that year he entered the postal service as a letter carrier in this city, filling that position until 1893, when he resigned and went upon the road as a salesman, traveling through Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky and West Virginia.

He sold specialties until 1897, when he left the road and purchased the store in which he had entered upon his mercantile career as a clerk. Here, at No. 18 South Fountain avenue, he carries a full line of groceries and provisions, giving his personal attention to the management of the business. His capital was what he had saved from his earnings as an employe, and this has been increased by the profits of a constantly growing trade.

In Springfield, in 1885, Mr. Bryant married Miss Emma Getz, who was born in Washington Court House, Ohio, in 1862, a daughter of Henry and Elizabeth Getz, who are both residents of this city. In their family were four sons and a daughter. Mr. and Mrs. Bryant have one son, Robert H., who was born in 1894, and the family home is at No. 217 Clifton Avenue. In politics Mr. Bryant is a Republican, taking an active part in the local work of the party. He and his wife belong to St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal church, and he is a member of Springfield Lodge, I. O. O. F., and the United Commercial Travelers, and is a member and director of the Commercial Club and vice-president of the Springfield Grocers' Association. He is active in his labors for the interests of the city whose welfare is dear to him, and his aid is freely given for the benefit of many improvements which have contributed to general progress.

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W. A. SCOTT.

Among those who have been identified with the bar of Clark county for more than a quarter of a century is W. A. Scott, who has achieved a reasonable degree of success

of his profession and has numbered among his clients many of the manufacturers and business men of the city. He was born in Uniontown, Pennsylvania, April 27, 1847, and of Irish descent, his grandparents having emigrated to America from Inniskillen, County Donegal, in 1783. His father, Rev. John Scott, D. D., was born in Eldersville, Washington county, Pennsylvania, and, entering the ministry in 1840, became one of the prominent ministers of the Methodist church, continuing his ministerial work almost sixty years, or until his death, which occurred April 3, 1901. From 1863 until 1899 Dr. Scott was located in Springfield, Ohio, as editor of the Methodist Recorder, the official organ of his denomination.

As a student W. A. Scott entered Washington and Jefferson College, Washington, Pennsylvania, in 1866, continuing his attendance until 1868, when he joined the Union army as a private in Company B, Sixty-third Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, under the command of Colonel Alexander Bliss. Having in November, 1864, been promoted to first lieutenant, he was transferred to the Army of the James, with which he served until his capture in February, 1865. He was then committed to one of the noted prisons of the south—Castle Thunder, Richmond, Virginia, where he was convicted of being a spy and sentenced to death, but on the evening of April 2, the day previous to the capture of the city by General Grant, he, with two companions, escaped while being escorted with other prisoners through the streets of Richmond en route to Danville. Concealing themselves in the cellar of a Unionist known to one of the number (himself a resident of the city, charged with being disloyal), the party remained in hiding until early in the morning

of April 3, when the strains of a Yankee band playing the Star Spangled Banner announced their delivery and assured them of safety. Rejoining his company, which was one of the first to enter the city after its surrender, and after serving a few weeks in the vicinity of Richmond and Petersburg, Mr. Scott's regiment was ordered to Texas, where a large number of troops were sent at the close of the war as an army of observation available for active service in Mexico in the event of the invasion of that country by Maximilian promising to have a successful termination.

Mustered out in 1866, after nearly a year's service at Indianola, Texas, Mr. Scott settled in Springfield, Ohio, and took up the study of law with Goode & Bowman, then the leading law firm of the city. After his admission to the bar in 1869 he became a member of the firm of Goode, Bowman & Scott, which relation continued until 1875, when the partnership was dissolved and Mr. Scott opened an office. He has since continued in practice alone with the exception of two years, 1880 and 1890, when he was associated with his former partner, Judge James S. Goode.

A. C. Black, then a prominent merchant and public-spirited citizen of Springfield, and Mr. Scott, by the raising of about four thousand dollars through public subscriptions and donations, were instrumental in organizing and establishing the present free public library of Springfield, which was later provided with its elegant home on High street through the liberality of B. H. Warder. Mr. Scott is president of the Springfield Light & Power Company, the successor of the first electrical company in Springfield, organized by him in 1885. Socially he is a Sigma Chi and a Knight Templar Mason,

being a member of Palestine Commandery. While not taking a very active part in political affairs, Mr. Scott has always supported the Republican party since casting his first presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln when in the army in 1864, being at that time only seventeen year of age. Since then he has never failed to cast his ballot for each presidential candidate of that party.

On the 10th of November, 1869, Mr. Scott was united in marriage to Miss M. Jessie Reeves, a daughter of Dr. W. H. Reeves, and three children have been born unto them, namely: Martha, Lucy and John W.

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#### DAVID NEER.

David Neer, who has received high commendation for his services in behalf of education, is now filling the position of superintendent of the township schools of Harmony township, and makes his home in Plattsburg. He was born in Summerford township, Madison county, Ohio, March 22, 1861, and is a son of Simon and Elizabeth (Ellis) Neer. His father was a native of Virginia, born near Harpers Ferry in 1799, and was about nineteen years of age when he came to Ohio with his parents, Nimrod and Elizabeth (Ropp) Neer. The Neer family is of German origin and was established in Virginia in pioneer days. The Ropps also come of German descent.

On the removal of the grandfather and his family to Ohio they settled near Marietta and thence came to Clark county, taking up their abode in Pleasant township. The grandfather died in Marietta, however. The father of our subject was married in this county about 1832, his first union being

with Jemima C. Shaul, by whom he had four children, all of whom are yet living. Mathew is a resident of Clark county; Mrs. Elizabeth Archer makes her home in Logan county, Ohio; Mrs. Matilda Jones is also living in this county; and Mrs. Sophia Clippinger is located in Bellefontaine, Logan county. For his second wife Mr. Neer chose Elizabeth Ellis, and their children are five in number: John and Mrs. Jane Cooper, who are twins and are residents of Madison county; Mrs. Margaret Smith, of Summerford; Saul E., of Urbana, this state; and David, of this review. The father was a farmer by occupation and carried on farming throughout his entire life. He died in Pleasant township, Clark county, on Christmas day of 1865, and his wife passed away in Madison county in 1874. He was laid to rest in Pleasant township, while his wife was buried in Summerford.

The subject of this review was only four years of age at the time of his father's death. He afterward made his home with Jasper Botkin, with whom he lived until he was married. He attended the country schools and when about nineteen years of age went to Delaware, where he pursued his studies for three years. He then began teaching in Oak Grove, in Pleasant township, and for ten years continued his work as a teacher in country schools. He next secured a position in the village of New Moorefield, and in 1899 he was elected principal of the high school of Plattsburg and superintendent of the township schools. He is a successful educator who has the ability to impart clearly and concisely to others the knowledge which he has acquired in a way that will leave its impress upon the young mind. He regards education not as something to be learned and put aside, but as a preparation for life



works something that will be used daily, and with little understanding his own labors have been most effective in the schoolroom.

Mr. Neer was married in South Charleston, August 6, 1889, to Miss Della Cass, who was born in South Charleston, where her parents, Washington and Francina (Bricker) Cass, are now living. She is a graduate of the high school of South Charleston, of the class of 1885, and for three years successfully engaged in teaching in that place and in Brighton. By her marriage she has become the mother of two children: Milesi Marie, who was born in Moorefield township, Clark county, June 9, 1891; and Lucile Francis, born in New Moorefield December 17, 1894.

The parents hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church and Mr. Neer served as a trustee of the church while living in Vienna. He is now acting as superintendent of the Sunday school at Plattsburg. In politics he is a Republican. Socially he is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of Catawba, in which he has filled all of the chairs, and with the Knights of Pythias fraternity in Vienna. Mr. Neer is a man of broad mind and scholarly attainments, who has read largely and is most conscientious and earnest in his work, inspiring the teachers and pupils under him with much of his own zeal and interest in the cause of education.

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#### GEORGE A. SPENCE.

George A. Spence is a well known farmer and stock raiser of Pike township, making a specialty of the breeding of thoroughbred Ohio improved Chester white hogs. He

was born in German township, this county, January 30, 1852, and is a son of Mark and Mary (Harshbarger) Spence. When he was only eight months old his parents removed to the farm upon which he is now living, the father having there a good tract of land of three hundred and sixty acres. Upon this place he spent his remaining days. The family was established in Clark county many years before by William Spence, the grandfather of our subject, who located within its borders on Christmas day of 1820. He was born, reared and married in England and on crossing the Atlantic to the new world took up his abode in Ohio. He owned a large tract of land and was a representative agriculturist of pioneer times. From him Mark Spence inherited a tract of land and then purchased the interest of the other heirs. From that time forward he devoted his energies unflinchingly to the work of improving his property and made his farm a more valuable one. In his political affiliations he was a Whig but never sought or desired public office, although just prior to his death he was elected one of the county commissioners. He died January 8, 1878, at the age of fifty-seven years, respected by all who knew him. His widow still survives him and attained her seventy-sixth year on the 18th of October, 1902.

George A. Spence, their only child, was reared to manhood on the old home farm, acquiring a good common-school education. As he gained strength and stature he assisted more and more largely in the work of developing and improving his father's land and thus gained practical experience in farm work which has proven of much value to him since he assumed the management of the home place. As a companion and helpmate for life's journey he chose Miss Anna J.







MARK SPENCE.



GEORGE A. SPENCE.



Friernood, a daughter of Reuben and Mary (Kibbinger) Friernood, their marriage being celebrated in Champaign county on the 12th of February, 1880. Unto them have been born four children: Mary Etta; Della, who died at the age of nineteen months; Nellie Blanche and Russell.

Mr. and Mrs. Spence have a very pleasant home in Pike township not far from North Hampton, and their place is noted for its hospitality. The farm comprises six hundred and seventeen acres of valuable land, and of this he has purchased almost two hundred acres since his father's death. In 1890 his barn was destroyed by fire. Immediately he rebuilt, putting up a very fine barn, fifty by one hundred feet. His home was erected partially by his grandfather, and to this additions were made by the father and also by our subject, so that the residence is a commodious and pleasing one. In addition to the cultivation of the fields Mr. Spence is engaged extensively in the raising of thoroughbred Chester white hogs, and has gained a wide reputation in this regard. All of the other stock upon the place is of a high grade and his farm in its various equipments indicates that the owner keeps in touch with the advanced methods of the day.

Mr. Spence is a staunch Republican in his political views and his first presidential vote was cast for Hayes in 1876. He is a member of the Grange and also belongs to the Knights of Pythias fraternity and the Junior Order of United American Mechanics at North Hampton. In both of these he is serving as a trustee. Having spent his entire life in Pike township, Mr. Spence has a wide acquaintance in the locality and has witnessed much of its growth and development. He represents an honored pioneer

family, and, like those who have preceded him, he has been loyal to the best interests of citizenship and helpful in matters pertaining to the general good.

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#### EDWARD W. WILLIAMS.

Edward W. Williams is one of the younger representatives of journalistic interests in Clark county. The New Carlisle Sun, of which he is the editor and proprietor, has entered upon the second year of its existence under favorable circumstances owing to the business ability and enterprise of the owner. Mr. Williams was born in 1877 within two miles of New Carlisle, on a farm that was purchased from the government by his grandfather, Henry H. Williams. The latter came from Brier Creek, West Virginia, about 1828, and located on the farm which is now the property of the father of our subject. In the family of Henry H. Williams were five children: Elihu S., J. C., Walter, H. H., and Elizabeth. Of these Walter and Elizabeth are now deceased.

J. C. Williams, the father of our subject, spent his boyhood days on the old homestead and attended the public schools, acquiring there his education. Throughout his entire life he has followed the occupation to which he was reared and is regarded as one of the wide-awake and progressive farmers of Bethel township. When he had reached man's estate he was married to Miss Emma Rupp, a daughter of Samuel Rupp, who was a tanner by trade and came from Pennsylvania to Ohio, locating three miles south of New Carlisle. The home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Williams was blessed with six children. Clara, the eldest, is now the wife of W. T.

Summer, a resident of Miami county, Ohio, and with them have been born six children—Robert, Walter, Roy, Emma, Ruth and Lawrence. Anne, the second of the family, died at the age of eight years. Lizzie, given her in January, 1880, was the wife of E. F. Mumford and had three children—Blanche, Cora and Florence. Harry married Kate Heritage. John is assisting his father on the home farm.

Howard W. Williams, the youngest member of the family, spent his boyhood days from the parental roof, working in the fields through the months of summer, while in the winter seasons he attended the public schools. He graduated from Olive Branch high school in the spring of 1894, and in the fall of the same year he entered Wittenberg College, of Springfield, Ohio, from which institution he graduated upon a classical course in the spring of 1898. Not desiring to make farming his life work, he entered the business world in order to select a location and vocation, and determined to direct his attention to journalism. On the 22nd of March, 1901, he issued his first edition of *The New Carlisle Sun*, which he has since published, being editor and proprietor of this enterprising little journal which now has a circulation of about seven hundred. It is a good advertising medium and is a well edited country paper, devoted to general news and to items of local interest. It is neat in appearance, presents fairly all questions of public interest and well merits the patronage which is accorded it.

Mr. Williams was united in marriage to Mrs. Mary C. Funderburg, of New Carlisle, and the hospitality of the best homes in the town is extended to them. They have a little daughter, who was born August 26, 1902 and christened Martha Louise. So-

cially Mr. Williams is identified with the Old Fellows Society, and his religious faith is indicated by membership in the Lutheran church. A Republican in politics, he edits his paper in the interest of that party and does all in his power to promote the growth and secure the adoption of Republican principles.

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#### WILLIAM S. KIDDER.

William S. Kidder is the proprietor of the White Star Laundry of Springfield, and his business qualifications and energy have gained for him a desirable success. He was born in the city which is still his home, his natal day being the 9th of January, 1858. His father, Joseph L. Kidder, comes of English and Irish ancestry and is now a resident of Lima, Ohio. He was born in Akron, this state, in 1828, and was formerly engaged in the manufacture of cigars and fine-cut tobacco. Later he conducted a restaurant, but is now engaged in the laundry business. He came to Clark county in 1853, and remained a factor in business circles in this locality until his removal to Lima. He married Matilda Steele, who was born in New York in 1828 and died June 5, 1895. Her parents were Marshfield S. and Mary Steele, both of whom died in Springfield, the former at the age of seventy years, while the latter passed away in 1898, when about ninety-eight years of age, her birth having occurred in 1800. They had long been residents of Clark county. In their family were five daughters who are yet living, but only one is a resident of Springfield—Phoebe, the wife of John Ingram, of East High street. Uncle Mr. and Mrs. Joseph L. Kidder were born three children, but one died in infancy.

The others are: William S. and Carrie M. The latter was born in Muscatine, Iowa, and is now the wife of C. B. Stauffer, of Chicago. Both were educated in the public schools in Springfield, in a seminary and in Bridgeport, Connecticut. Mrs. Stauffer was married in Springfield and thence removed to Chicago. She now has three children. In his political views Joseph L. Kidder, the father of our subject, was a Republican, took an active interest in the growth and welfare of his party and for several years he served as a member of the city council. He also belonged to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, passing all of the chairs in the organization.

William S. Kidder, whose name introduces this record, pursued his education in the public schools and also took a special course in Wittenberg College. He was employed at various places for a time and afterward entered into partnership with his father, in 1887, in the establishment and control of the laundry. He has since given his time and attention to this line of business. They established the Peerless Laundry, which they conducted for ten years, and in 1897 they purchased the White Star Laundry, combining the two. Employment is now furnished to forty operatives, and two wagons are upon the road, collecting and delivering goods. Mr. Kidder has various branch offices in the city and also in other districts of the state, having established agencies throughout Ohio. He is carrying on a wholesale business with a main office at No. 43 South Fountain avenue, and the works are at the corner of Limestone and Pleasant streets. The business has been built up from a very small beginning and has reached large proportions. The plant is equipped with all modern machinery for facilitating the work

and everything is conducted in a first-class manner, so that the White Star Laundry receives a very liberal and growing patronage.

In 1899 Mr. Kidder was united in marriage to Miss Eleanor G. Steen, of Bellefontaine, Ohio, a daughter of Milton and Mattie B. (Bigham) Steen. Her father, who is now deceased, was a prominent attorney and banker of Bellefontaine. Mrs. Steen now resides in Dayton, Ohio.

Mr. Kidder holds membership in the Presbyterian church and is a supporter of all church and charitable work, being a gentleman of broad and humanitarian principles. He is a member of Anthony Lodge, F. & A. M.; Springfield Chapter, R. A. M.; Springfield Council, R. & S. M.; Palestine Commandery, K. T.; and Antioch Temple of the Mystic Shrine, of Dayton. He belongs to Ingham Lodge, K. P.; to the Lagonda Club; the Commercial Club; and the Springfield Golf Club. He has never had time or desire for political preferment, but votes the Republican ticket where great issues are involved and casts his ballot independently at local elections. He possesses the true western spirit of progress and enterprise, and his business ability has been demonstrated by his successful control of the extensive interests which have grown up under his supervision.

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#### JOHN A. SHIPMAN.

John Ambler Shipman was well known in Springfield. He was associated for many years with mercantile and industrial interests and was also prominent in public affairs. He served for four years as the postmaster of the city and was a most creditable official, his administration of the affairs of the office winning him high commendation. There

part in his life record many were its worthy of emulation, and among those who have been prominent in Springfield's affairs John Ambler Shipman deserves to be numbered.

He was born in this city August 11, 1829. It was then a mere hamlet, giving little promise of the bright future before it. His father, Clark Shipman, was one of the pioneer settlers of Kentucky, and then again became identified with early progress and improvement by his removal to Clark county. A wide-awake man, well fitted for leadership in public thought and action, he held the rank of brigadier general in the state militia. His death occurred in 1830. His wife survived him for more than a half century, passing away in 1884, at the advanced age of eighty-four years. Mrs. Shipman bore the maiden name of Ruth Ambler and was a daughter of John Ambler, one of the most active and prominent pioneers of the county. He came from New Jersey to Springfield in 1828, and from that time forward until his death was a leading factor in the events which have formed the history of city and county. His life was an honor to his family and to the entire community because of his devotion to the general good and because of what he accomplished in behalf of the public welfare. Soon after his arrival in the county he purchased a farm in Mad River township, and not finding agricultural pursuits congenial he sold that property and removed to Springfield, buying a large tract of land which is now within the city limits. He then turned his attention to merchandising in the early days of the city and also conducted a hotel. He thus led a busy life, yet he found time to devote to public affairs and to assist materially in the improvement and substantial upbuilding of his community. His ability and enterprise, his practical judg-

ment and his large public spirit were moving powers in many a scheme for the advancement of the city and county, and he was always ready with hand and purse to do whatever he could for the embryo metropolis. He donated the land upon which was built the First Presbyterian church of the city and contributed largely toward the erection of the house of worship. When the county seat was removed to Springfield he was elected county treasurer, his kitchen serving as his office. A brickmaker by trade, he built the first brick house in Springfield, and this property is now owned by his grandson, E. M. Shipman, at No. 150 West Main street. Ruth Ambler was born October 30, 1769, and on the 24th of August, 1815, gave her hand in marriage to Clark Shipman. Unto them were born three children: John A., Warren and Annie, all of whom are now deceased.

John Ambler Shipman was but a year old when his father died. He remained with his mother through the period of his youth and attended school until fifteen years of age, when he was apprenticed to learn the cabinet-maker's trade. Subsequently he established himself in the furniture business on Main street, and one year later he bought a building at the corner of Main and Center streets. His business increased so rapidly that after a year he erected a more commodious place on South Franklin avenue, between Main and High streets, and there continued in trade with excellent success for some time, his patronage steadily growing and bringing to him a very gratifying income. Later, however, he disposed of his business and accepted the superintendency of the Foss & Mulligan Furniture Company, which position he held until 1877, when, upon the recommendation of General J.



Warren Keifer and Senator Sherman, he was appointed postmaster of Springfield by President Grant, and was reappointed by President Hayes, so that he continued in the office for eight years, or until 1885. He left the position as he had entered it—with the confidence and good will of all concerned. He was business-like and he instituted systems and methods that promoted promptness and accuracy in all departments of the office and in the distribution of mails. After leaving the office he lived in retirement throughout his remaining days. He had made judicious investments in real estate, and among other property he owned a fine brick residence on South Yellow Springs street, which was his home until he was called to his final rest.

In 1859 Mr. Shipman was united in marriage to Miss Fannie Grant, also a native of Springfield, and a daughter of William and Nancy (McCormick) Grant. They became the parents of three children: J. Warren, who resides in this city; Annie, who is living in the old home on South Yellow Springs street; and Earl M. The mother was called to her final rest in 1896, and Mr. Shipman died on the 2nd of June, 1901, at the age of seventy-seven years.

He was a most courteous gentleman of the old school, well liked because of his deference for others, because of his dignity and genuine worth. He belonged to Springfield Lodge, No. 33, I. O. O. F.; to Lagonda Lodge, No. 61, I. O. O. M.; and in his political views he was an earnest Republican. He represented the second ward in the city council and served as chairman of the finance committee. Progress and patriotism seemed to be the key-note of his character. He was deeply interested in everything pertaining to the general good and co-operated in every

movement for the welfare of his community along social, intellectual and moral lines. Both he and his wife were consistent and active members of the First Presbyterian church. They left behind them the memory of upright lives to serve as a blessed benediction to all who knew them. The name of Mr. Shipman, because of the active part which he took in public affairs, was inseparably interwoven with the history of his native city, where his residence covered a period of more than seventy-one years.

Earl M. Shipman was born March 29, 1874, and at the usual age entered the public school. Later he pursued a course in Nelson's Business College, and for three years he was employed in the office of the Big Four Railroad Company. In 1892, terminating his connection with the railroad company, he entered into partnership with his brother, J. Warren, in the transfer business, which they continued with success until 1901, when they sold out, and Earl Shipman is now living retired. He was married May 24, 1898, to Miss Neva Hartsock, a daughter of William and Gerigiana Hartsock, and a native of Waynesville, Ohio, although both her parents are now residing in Springfield. The union of this couple has been blessed with one daughter, who has been given her mother's name. Both Mr. and Mrs. Shipman are members of the Episcopal church and the former is identified with the Republican party.

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#### PROFESSOR DANIEL EBERSOLE.

Professor Daniel Ebersole has since 1894 been connected with educational work in Springfield, and since September, 1900, has been the principal of the Southern school.

He was born in Bethel township, Clark county, September 25, 1851, and is a son of Peter Ebersole, whose birth occurred in the same township in 1824. The Ebersoles came to this country from Holland and settled in Pennsylvania. When the colonies could no longer endure the yoke of British oppression and resolved to sever all allegiance to the British crown Jacob Ebersole, a great-grandfather, joined the colonial army and was a member of a Pennsylvania battery, while his brother, Christian Ebersole, served as a member of Washington's staff. Another great-grandfather of our subject, John Keller, likewise became a pioneer settler of Pennsylvania and was a member of the Pennsylvania Infantry in the war of the Revolution. He was buried in Bethel township, while Jacob Ebersole was laid to rest in Pike township, Clark county. Abram Ebersole, a son of the great-grandfather settled on Mill creek, near Cincinnati. John, another son, settled in Pike township, this county, and Polly, their sister, was one of the pioneer teachers of this county. Jacob Ebersole, the grandfather of our subject, was born near Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and when a young man went to Virginia, but on account of the slavery system of that state he removed to Ohio about 1800 and built a cabin in Springfield township, where Peter Sintz formerly resided. He was a well educated man for his day, and was one of the first school teachers of this county. He likewise engaged in preaching the gospel as a minister of the Duckard faith. Purchasing land from the government he began its development and for many years carried on farming. He died at the age of seventy years, while his wife, who bore the maiden name of Salome Keller, lived to be eighty-one years of age. She came to this county

from Virginia, having been married there. They had four sons and five daughters, of whom two are yet living: Joel, of German township, who is now eighty-one years of age; and John, who resides upon a part of the original homestead in Bethel township, at the age of seventy-seven.

Peter Ebersole, the father of our subject, was born upon his father's farm, acquired his education in the district schools near his home and was early trained to habits of industry and economy upon the old homestead. He married Hannah Frantz, who was born in Bethel township in 1828. She came of German ancestry, the line being traced to Michael Frantz, who, on leaving the fatherland, in 1727, became a resident of Pennsylvania. Daniel Frantz, the great grandfather of our subject, was a pioneer settler of Bethel township and a representative agriculturist there. The ancestors of the Keller, the Frantz and the Ebersole families were all early settlers of Pennsylvania and were of pure German and Holland extraction. Peter Ebersole and Hannah Frantz were married in Bethel township in March, 1840 and there began their domestic life on the farm which was the birthplace of the father of our subject, and on which he died in the year 1900. His widow still survives him and is yet living in Bethel township. Unto them were born nine children, four sons and five daughters who are yet living, and one son that died at the age of three years. Those who still survive are: Phoebe, the wife of Jacob Snell, of Indiana; Daniel, of this review; Salome, the wife of J. A. Keplinger, of German township; Sophia, the wife of Marion Garst, of German township; John P., a resident farmer of North Dakota; Eliza, the wife of Ira Garst, of Iowa; Jacob S., a Baptist

preacher at Coshocton, Ohio; and Willis, a resident farmer of North Dakota. The parents afforded their children the opportunity of attending the common schools of Bethel township. The father and mother were identified with the German Baptist or Dunkard church, and the father was a stalwart Republican in his political views. He held several minor local offices in the township and was a respected and worthy citizen.

Professor Ebersole came of honored pioneer families, whose connection with Clark county has proven of benefit to the substantial development of this part of the state. He was reared upon the old family homestead until he had attained his majority, when, desirous of acquiring more advanced education than he could secure in the district schools which he had attended, he pursued a scientific course in Lebanon N. N. U. At the age of twenty he began teaching in the district schools, and with the money earned in this way he met the expenses of a college course covering two and one-half years. He afterward engaged in teaching for twenty years in Bethel and adjoining townships, and then came to Springfield in 1894. He first had charge of the North Street school, and has been gradually advanced until he has reached the important position of principal of the Southern school.

On August 20, 1878, in Lebanon, Ohio, Professor Ebersole was united in marriage to Agnes Hathaway, who was born in Warren county, this state, in 1851, and comes of old English stock, her ancestors having been pioneer settlers of Warren county. Unto the Professor and his wife has been born one daughter, Mildred, whose birth occurred in 1884. She is a graduate of the high school of this city and is now a sophomore in Wittenberg College. Professor Ebersole has

been a member of the executive committee, having in charge the Clark county institute work. He is also an active member of the School Masters' Club and has a deep and abiding interest in his work, his own zeal and enthusiasm inspiring the teachers who serve under him. He has, too, the faculty of commanding the respect and eliciting the co-operation of the students, and as a factor in educational circles he has left his impress upon the mental development of this city and county. Fraternaly he is connected with the Tribe of Ben Hur and both he and his wife are members of the St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal church, in which he is serving as a member of the official board, while for several years he was superintendent of the Sunday school. He cast his first presidential vote for U. S. Grant, and in his political affiliations has since been a Republican. Professor Ebersole is widely known in Clark county, and his career has added luster to an untarnished family name. He is not so abnormally developed in any one direction as to become a genius, but his is a well rounded character, resulting from due attention given to the social side of life, to moral obligations and to the duties of citizenship as well as those of a professional career.

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#### THOMAS WOOSLEY.

One of the most prominent and honored pioneer families of Clark county is that of which Thomas Woosley was a representative. He became an early settler of this locality and through the days when this region was upon the frontier he took an active part in the work of progress and improvement, his labors not only resulting in benefit

to the people of his own generation, but to all posterity as well, for he was among those who laid the foundation for the present and the future prosperity and upbuilding of the county.

His birth occurred on Honey creek, in Ross county, July 25, 1810. His parents were James and Elizabeth Woosley, both of whom were natives of Virginia and had become residents of Ross county about 1806. In 1814 they came to Clark county, settling at South Charleston. The father was of Welsh descent and the mother was of German lineage. In order to provide for his family James Woosley carried on agricultural pursuits, being a farmer in moderate circumstances. By his marriage he became the father of eight children, of whom Thomas was the second in order of birth. The eldest, Sarah, became the wife of Kendall Truitt. Benjamin, the third in order of birth, is represented elsewhere in this volume. Joseph, who was a farmer, went west to Missouri, and there died, leaving a son, Charles Woosley. David was also a farmer. Margaret became the wife of David Vance, and was the youngest of the family.

Thomas Woosley of this review was reared to manhood on the old homestead amid the wild scenes of frontier life. He came with his parents to the county in 1814, when the Indians in their motley garb still roamed through the forest and many kinds of wild animals also had their haunts in the green woods of this section of the state. The land was in the condition in which it came from the hand of nature and everything was new and wild. Thomas Woosley assisted in the arduous task of developing a new farm and for many years carried on agricultural pursuits. He married Margaret Truitt, and unto them were born five chil-

dren, two of whom reside in the west, while Mrs. Mary Pringle is living in Madison township and two are now deceased. In 1861 the father was again married, his second union being with Sarah Davisson, of Madison township, who was born near Mechanicsburg. Mr. Woosley owned a farm near South Charleston and there lived for a number of years, after which he removed to the town. He was a Republican in his political affiliations, but never sought office. He held membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, was class leader for many years, and also steward. He died in the faith of the church December 7, 1887, when he had reached the advanced age of seventy-seven years. He was a man of the highest respectability whose life was in harmony with his Christianian faith and teachings, and who in his relations with his fellow men was always straightforward and honorable. He well deserves mention among the prominent pioneer settlers of the county, for he bore an active and helpful part in reclaiming this portion of the state for the uses of the white man.

David Woosley, the brother of Thomas, was a child when the family came to Clark county. He had been born in Ross county January 12, 1813. He, too, shared in the hardships and trials incident to frontier life and assisted in the difficult task of hewing out a farm in the midst of the forest. He first married a Miss Painter, who lived, however, for only a few weeks after their marriage. Later he wedded Mrs. Nancy Shapp, nee Moss. She had two children by her first marriage, Le Roy and Emmet, the former now residing near Sydney, Ohio, and the latter in Paris, Illinois. Five children were born of the second union: Thomas, Elizabeth, Benjamin, David and Henry.

Benjamin Woosley, the third member of the older generation, was born October 30, 1815, in Madison township, Clark county, and was here reared. On the 11th of December, 1838, he was united in marriage to Miss Keturah S. Hunt, who was born December 10, 1817, and died October 10, 1881. For his second wife he chose Miss Margaret A. R. Burchnell, this wedding being celebrated April 6, 1886. Of this marriage there were born a son and a daughter, twins, but both died in infancy. The father died May 20, 1887. He had started out in life a poor man, but had become quite wealthy, having about one hundred and fifty thousand dollars in money and stocks in addition to twelve hundred acres of land which he owned. In the settlement of his property his widow received twenty-five thousand dollars. Mr. Woosley was laid to rest in South Charleston. Although not a member of any church, he was most generous in his support of churches, and each year gave one hundred dollars to the work. In all movements and measures pertaining to the general good he was deeply interested and his co-operation was active and earnest.

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#### WILLIAM J. BAIRD.

William J. Baird is living in Pleasant township, Clark county. He owns and operates a farm near Vienna Crossroads and is numbered among the native sons of this locality, his birth having occurred east of the village of Harmony, on the 27th of March, 1826. His father, Peter C. Baird, was born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, in 1792, and his father was a Revolutionary soldier and acted as a guard for the captured Hessians. It is understood that he allowed

prisoners to escape, having overheard them saying that they would never go back to Germany but would become citizens of America. He thus added to the number of loyal adherents to the colonial cause. Peter C. Baird, the father of our subject, was one of a family of six children: Mrs. Hester Smith; Elizabeth, the wife of John Wilson; Mary, the wife of John Hodge; Peter, the father of our subject; John, who wedded Miss Kirkpatrick; and William, who married Miss Sarah Hodge. After arriving at years of maturity, Peter C. Baird was united in marriage to Frances Wilson. They became the parents of eight children, of whom the subject of this review is the eldest. The others are: Clarissa, the wife of John Mills; Dorothea, deceased; Caroline, the wife of Joseph Dietrich; Willis, who was twice married; Louis, who married Sallie Patton; Robert, who was killed in the Civil war when a young man; Susan; and Mary Ann, who died when about twenty years of age.

William J. Baird resided with his father until thirty years of age. He was then married, on the 10th of March, 1857, to Mary E. Hayward, and they became the parents of three children: John Oscar, who was born February 20, 1858, and married Susie Slagle; Margaret, who was born March 10, 1860, and married George Everhart; and Louis R., who was born April 10, 1863. The first wife of Mr. Baird died October 9, 1864, and he was again married February 19, 1867, his second union being with Nancy Jane Kimball, who was born August 5, 1840. Her father was Giles K. Kimball, and her mother bore the maiden name of Eveline Turner. Both parents came from Maryland to Ohio and in their family were twelve children. Madison married Ruth Laughlin and for his second wife he chose

Leona (Anson) Crawford. Samuel died in childhood. William died unmarried. Francis married Mary Flack. Alfred wedded Lizzie Markley. Lizzie became the wife of Charles Hodge. Alzina became the wife of Charles Mitch. Aaron wedded Mary Moody. Ella married Tom Everhart. Amanda became the wife of Grant McCartney. Andrew wedded Edith Crawford. By the second wife our subject has five children, all of whom are now living: Clara Elizabeth is the wife of Frank C. Jones, by whom she has four children; Milton J., who resides in Pleasant township, married Floy Neer, and they have one child; Nellie Alzina is the wife of Clark E. Jones; Eva Albina is the next of the family; Laura Ellen is the wife of Miner Stagle, and they have one child. All these children were born on the home place in Pleasant township and are still living.

At the time of his marriage Mr. Baird of this county took up his abode upon a farm. He has always carried on agricultural pursuits and is known as an enterprising, wide-awake farmer. He has also given considerable attention to the raising of stock, including pigs, cattle, sheep and horses. He is an excellent judge of all kinds of domestic animals, and thus his purchases and sales have been judiciously made. He has placed all the improvements upon his farm, for when it came into his possession it was a tract of woodland. It is called the Sugar Grove farm because of the large maple orchard upon it. Indians worked the sugar grove at a very early day and the tomahawks which they used in chopping the trees are still occasionally found in the grove. Everything about the place is neat and thrifty in appearance, and from the time of the early sugar-making in the spring until crops are gathered in the late autumn Mr. Baird is

found busy about his work, carefully superintending everything that is carried on in connection with the improvement of the land and his stock dealing interests. His memory goes back to an early epoch in the development of this portion of the state. He can remember when there were nothing but "corduroy" roads here and when the forests stood in their primeval strength, the land being all uncleared. Old stage coaches, too, made trips from town to town during his boyhood days. There was a general muster held twice a year, and this was made a festal occasion for large districts. Everybody that possibly could attended the muster, and it was a period of sociability and much generous hospitality.

In his religious views Mr. Baird is a Presbyterian, and his wife belongs to the Christian church. Formerly he was connected with the Supreme Order of the Star Spangled Banner or Know-Nothing party. In early life he gave his political support to the Whig party, and upon its dissolution he joined the ranks of the Republican party, of which he is now an earnest advocate. He has served as township trustee, filling the office years ago for several terms. A self-made man, all that he possesses has come to him as the result of hard work. As one of the pioneer settlers of Clark county he well deserves representation in this volume.

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#### THOMAS F. NAVE.

Thomas F. Nave, who is filling the position of township trustee of Springfield township, and makes his home in the city of Springfield, was born on a farm in Green township, this county, February 7, 1849. His father, Jacob Nave, was born in 1811,

in a log cabin which stood on the same farm where the birth of our subject occurred. The mother, who bore the maiden name of Mary Knable, was a native of Fayette county, Pennsylvania, born in the year 1816. After their marriage they settled on the old homestead in Green township, Clark county, Ohio. The Nave family had been established in this county in 1803 by Jacob Nave, the grandfather of our subject, who took up his abode here when this section of the state was a part of Greene county. He served his country as a soldier in the war of 1812. Of Virginian birth, he had removed from the Old Dominion to Pennsylvania and thence came to Ohio. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Katherine Garlough, was also a native of Virginia. The maternal grandfather of our subject was John Knable, who married a Miss Eichelbarger, a native of Pennsylvania. Unto the parents of our subject were born the following children: John G., Katherine, Margaret, Jacob H., Enoch K., William O., Thomas F., Harriet R., Eliza P., Ezra L. and Irvin E.

Thomas F. Nave spent his boyhood days on the home farm and pursued his education in the district schools. He remained under the parental roof until fifteen years of age, when he accepted his first business position, working by the month. He continued farming, working first for others and then for himself in the operation of rented land, being thus engaged until the spring of 1883. He then removed to Springfield, where he spent part of the time during the years 1886 and 1887 in connection with the flour and feed business. At length, however, he closed out his business in that line and afterward gave much of his attention to carpentry work. Prior to 1886 he was also upon the

road as a traveling salesman for Whiteley, Fassler & Kelly, and later for himself, widely selling agricultural implements. He still continues carpentry work and for several years he has carried on contracting. In the spring of 1900, however, he was elected township trustee for Springfield township, and the duties of this position have since claimed much of his time and attention. He has always been an active Republican, firm and unflinching in support of the party.

On the 26th of November, 1879, Mr. Nave was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Laybourn, a daughter of James and Mary (Skillings) Laybourn, of Green township, Clark county, where Mrs. Nave was born and reared, her father having been one of the early farmers of the locality. Two children have come to bless this union: Jennie L. and Mary C., both at home. The parents are members of the Pleasant Hill Free Will Baptist church, although they now attend the services of the High Street Methodist Episcopal church, of which their daughters are members. Socially Mr. Nave is connected with Red Star Lodge, K. P., of which he is a charter member and has passed through all of its chairs. He is likewise connected with Company 44 of the Uniformed Rank. He has always lived in this portion of the state and has gained many friends among the large circle of acquaintances which he has made during his connection with this part of Ohio.

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#### JOHANN CHRISTIAN ACKERMANN.

Johann Christian Ackermann, who resides in Pleasant township, Clark county, where he is successfully carrying on agricultural pursuits, was born in Hesse-Cassel.



Germany, July 28, 1841. His father, Henry Ackermann, was also a native of that locality and was there united in marriage to Miss Catherine Koch, who was born in the same neighborhood. Mr. Ackermann engaged in teaching school, following that profession for many years.

The subject of this review on leaving his native land went to South America and for three years he remained in Buenos Ayres and Montevideo. He was in Geneva, Italy, on his way home from South America in 1864. At that time he enlisted as a member of the crew of the United States steamship Kearsarge, with which he was connected for fourteen months. He then came to the United States, landing at Boston. In the meantime the ship had made a voyage to Africa, where many of the crew suffered from yellow fever and because of this they were quarantined at Lisbon for six weeks, after which they proceeded on their way to the American port. Mr. Ackermann was employed in caring for the sick on board the ship. After reaching the United States the more rigorous climate of New England caused him to contract a fever and he was sent to the hospital in Boston. While lying sick there his ship left port and he was forced to remain behind. On this account he could never receive a discharge or a pension. He was left penniless and as soon as he regained his health he began work on a farm. Later he went to Philadelphia. He was robbed, both in that city and in Boston, of what little he possessed. On leaving Philadelphia he walked thirty six miles in three days. It was cold winter weather in the month of December and the snow lay upon the ground to the height of the fences. He did not know the language of the people and he slept out in the cold and was without food for three days. At length, however, he secured work

upon a farm, where he remained until he had saved thirty dollars. He was a miller by trade and had followed that pursuit in South America. When he had earned the sum mentioned he went to work in a mill in Reffingen and afterward removed to Lancaster, Pennsylvania, where he was paid eight dollars per month for his work. Later he again went to Philadelphia, and proceeding to the emigrant office, he made known his wish to get a ticket for the west. He obtained a ticket taking him to Springfield, Ohio. Thus he became a resident of Clark county. For three years he worked in a mill, receiving ten dollars per week for his services. Later he was employed in the Pecos oil mill for six months and subsequently in the paint mill, later turning his attention to agricultural pursuits. He is now engaged in general farming and stock raising. He also does a thrashing business and is engaged in the business of clover hulling in addition to his other interests. He also manufactures Hog Chick, which is a hog and chicken cholera cure. He invented this famous cure himself and through this means has assisted many of his neighbors in saving their stock. He is now carrying on a good business and has become one of the prosperous and substantial agriculturists of his community.

On the 10th of December, 1868, Mr. Ackermann was united in marriage to Mrs. Catherine Hartman. She died in 1874 and later he went to his old home in Germany and brought back to this country Miss Magdalena Gemmell, to whom he was married in Springfield, December 10, 1874. They became the parents of nine children, namely: Henry, Katie, Lillie, John, Gertie, Charles, Louie, Harry and Friederick.

Mr. Ackermann cast his first presidential vote for Grant. Later he became a Democrat, supporting that party until Grover



Cleveland became its candidate for the presidency. He now votes with the Republican party. Mr. Ackermann has led a busy and useful life and certainly is to be commended for what he has accomplished. Starting out in life without a dollar, he has steadily prospered in his work and his earnest toil has brought to him a comfortable living.

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#### LADRU M. LAYTON.

Ladru M. Layton has gained a reputation as an educator, reader, impersonator and lecturer which extends beyond the confines of Ohio and which has gained for him renown in other districts beside those in which he is well known because of his citizenship in Springfield. He is a man who deserves great credit for what he has accomplished in life, because he owes his intellectual advancement entirely to his own efforts. He may well be called a self-educated and a self-made man and his life history proves conclusively that the road to success is open to all who have the determination to continue therein. Professor Layton is now principal of the Dibert avenue school in Springfield and has been connected with the public school system of this city as an educator since 1891. He is probably yet more widely known by reason of his splendid ability as a reader, possessing the highest elements which contribute to artistic success in this line.

Professor Layton is one of Springfield's native sons, his birth having occurred on the 27th of September, 1809, and his father, Orrin A. Layton, was born in Mad River township in 1847 and represents one of the old and honored pioneer families of this

portion of the state. It was in the year 1801 that Joseph and Robert Layton came from Pennsylvania to Ohio, settling on Mad river. The former was one of the first trustees of Mad River township and afterward served as justice of the peace and was also one of the first judges of the court of common pleas of the county. They came of a distinguished family and in person, in talents and in character Professor Layton of this review is a worthy scion of his race. John E. Layton, the grandfather of our subject, owned one of the first farms that was developed along Mad river. He served his country as a lieutenant in the Civil war and came of a race of people noted for their longevity. Orrin A. Layton, the father of our subject, pursued a common school education and was reared under the parental roof. He has one surviving sister, Mrs. W. W. Latta, who is now living in Indiana, her husband being the owner of Haw Patch stock-farm. For some years Orrin A. Layton was in the railroad postal service and about 1886 he accepted the position of baggage man with the Big Four Railroad Company, in which capacity he has since served. He married Jennie Serviss, a sister of O. S. Serviss. She died in 1876 at the age of twenty-eight years.

Of their family two died in infancy, leaving Professor Layton, of this review, the only surviving child. He was the second in order of birth and pursued his education in the public schools of Springfield, being graduated in the high school with the class of 1887. For two years he acted as bookkeeper for the firm of Weldon & Merrill and in the meantime he prepared for college and pursued his studies in that direction. In 1891, he began teaching in the North street school as its superintendent. Later he acted as

principal of the Lezard school and in 1897 he came to his present position as principal of the Elbert avenue school. He is a novice in his work, is very thorough and earnest and inspires the teachers and pupils who are under his direction with much of his own interest in educational affairs. He is constantly studying improved methods and to make his work effective in preparing the young for the practical and responsible duties which come in later life gives much of his time and attention.

Professor Layton was married in this city in 1897 to Miss Ida Fleming, who was born in Quincy, Ohio. She was one of a family of four children: Della, who is now occupying the position of forelady in the office of the paper known as the Farm and Fireside; Elizabeth, who is employed in the same office; Maude, the wife of Mr. Buchholz, a druggist, and Mrs. Layton. The mother of this family is still living, her home being in Springfield. Mrs. Layton is a graduate of the high school of this city and for ten years was a successful public school teacher here. Both the Professor and his wife hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church and he belongs to Anthony Lodge, T. & A. M.; Springfield Chapter, R. A. M.; Springfield Council, R. & S. M.; and Palestine Commandery, K. T. He has held office in both the blue lodge and chapter. He also belongs to the Beta Theta Pi college fraternity.

Professor Layton is peculiarly gifted as a reader, an impersonator and lecturer, and has developed his talents in this direction until he now ranks among the leading readers and impersonators of the country. He has received unsolicited letters to this effect from various prominent men in the country, while newspaper comments have given him

high praise. The Commercial, published at Louisville, Kentucky, said: "Mr. Layton, as reader and impersonator, made a great hit. Especially worthy of notice was his reading of Oliver Twist, in which he impersonated Fagin while in jail on the day previous to his execution." Many other equally favorable notices have been published by the press. At a church entertainment given in Springfield Professor Layton read Dickens' Christmas Carol. One of the home papers in speaking of this, said: "When any man can commit to memory accurately a story which requires one hour and thirty-five minutes in the recital, he becomes an object worthy of consideration. When he recites it in a well modulated voice and in a manner careful of the elementary demands of rhetoric and oratory, he becomes worth money. But when he combines all of these and in addition tells about a Christmas dinner in so realistic a manner as to make his audience hungry, when his very mention of poor little Tim with his crutch and his willingness to be sacrificed for others' good makes people cry; when his delineation of every character entering into this most delightful of all Christmas stories, is true and vivid in every detail, he becomes a pride and a pleasure to any city in which he claims residence and is so near being a professional in the art that his own inclination alone stands between him and success on the stage. It was a sermon and a play combined. It delighted everybody. The lesson it taught to all can never be forgotten, and after last evening Springfield people are brought to appreciate Mr. Layton and his exceptional talent in this direction as they never have done before." For the past ten years Professor Layton has been reading in public and his services in this direction are in great de-

man. He is also well known in connection with institute work and has been president of the Clark County Teachers' Association. He has done reading and given lectures in institutes, his work in this direction covering the state of Ohio as well as parts of Indiana and Kentucky. He is a member of the Schoolmasters Club of this city and he teaches elocution, giving private lessons and doing considerable coaching for contest work. Perhaps no better idea of his ability in this direction can be gained than from some of the letters written him by prominent educators. J. W. Withers, president of the Western Normal University, under date of August 14, 1901, wrote: "This will certify that I have been associated with Mr. Ladru Layton in institute work here during the week just past. His special subject was reading. Without solicitation or suggestion on his part I desire to testify to the efficiency of his work. I believe him to be a gentleman of the truest type, open, sincere, unaffected. His selections were from our choicest literature and his rendering of them was natural, his analysis and interpretation most excellent. His work was deservedly popular, he drew the crowd and has made for himself a warm place in the hearts of his fellow teachers. I cheerfully commend his work." From the pen of Professor Daniel Albright Long, president of Antioch College, of Yellow Springs, Ohio, came the following: "It was my pleasure to see and hear Mr. Ladru M. Layton when he gave one of his almost inimitable elocutionary entertainments. He is one of Ohio's brightest and best young men. A member of one of the oldest and best families, cultured in mind, captivating in manners, he will hold his audience spellbound from the beginning to the close. Do not fail to hear Layton."

It will thus be seen that Professor Layton has had marked influence upon the educational development and intellectual culture of his city and state, and his life record sets at naught the old adage, "The prophet is never without honor save in his own country." He has here won distinction, and while he has the warm friendship of many who have known him from boyhood as well as those with whom he has become acquainted in his later years, perhaps no one has more thoroughly enjoyed his work as a public reader or rejoiced more truly in his advancement in this direction than these same friends of his early youth and of his home town.

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#### CASSIUS W. MINNICH.

Cassius W. Minnich, who throughout his entire life has followed farming, was born near Donnelville, Clark county, on the farm which is yet his home and which was at one time the property of his grandfather, Michael Minnich. It was there John Minnich, the father of our subject, was also born and reared. When he had arrived at years of maturity he wedded Caroline Layton and they became the parents of the following children: Michael, living in the west; Clinton, who married Elizabeth Higgins, a daughter of Levi Higgins, and their home is now on a farm near Donnelville; Felix, deceased; Cassius W.; Mary Ella, the wife of J. M. Latta, a resident of Chicago, Illinois, and they have two children, Keith and Jessie. Jessie is the wife of Frederick Humphries, a resident farmer of Bethel township, Clark county, and they have four children—Mary, Evan, Felix and Rodger. John Minnich, the father

in our subject, always carried on agricultural pursuits up to the time of the Civil War, when he put aside business and personal considerations in order to aid in the preservation of the Union and went to the front as quartermaster in the Forty-fourth Ohio Regiment.

On the old home place Cassius W. Minnich spent the days of his boyhood and youth. He worked in the field, performed the tasks assigned him in the schoolroom and enjoyed the pleasures of the playground in much the manner of farmer lads of the period. The occupation to which he was reared he has made his life work and yet lives on the old family homestead, where he has a well cultivated tract of land, the fields being fertile and productive and annually yielding to him good harvests. He was married to Miss Ida Higgins, a daughter of Levi Higgins, a farmer of Bethel township. In 1885, however, Mr. Minnich was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, who died leaving three children: Carl, Kenneth and Alice, all yet with their father. Mr. Minnich is a Mason in his social relations and is true to the teachings of the estate. In his political views he is a Republican. His fellow townsmen, recognizing his worth and ability, have called him to public office and for three terms he has creditably served as township trustee, discharging his duties with promptness and fidelity.

#### JOHN W. JENKINS.

Perhaps every civilized country on the face of the globe has furnished its quota of citizens to Springfield. In the cosmopolitan atmosphere here there is no more important

or valued element than that which comes in from Wales. The national characteristics of determination and perseverance are found exemplified in the life of John W. Jenkins, who was born in Wales, in 1855, and is a son of William and Ann (Lewis) Jenkins, who were likewise natives of the same country. In the year 1860 the father emigrated to America and established a home in Youngstown, Ohio, after which he sent for his wife and children who joined him a year later. Both the parents of our subject are now deceased, the father having passed away about twelve years ago, while the mother's death occurred three years ago. They reared nine children: William, who married Lucy Rosser and is now living near Pittsburg, Pennsylvania; John W.; Mary Ann, deceased; James, who wedded Lizzie Moran and is living in Marion, Ohio; Benjamin, who wedded Edith Morgan, of Perry county, Ohio, by whom he had two children, William and Benjamin, Jr.; Benjamin, who was killed on a railroad at Dennison, Ohio, in 1892; Edwin, of Marion, Ohio, who married Eva Seville, of that place by whom he has three children, Mary, Abigail, deceased, and an infant; William George, of Newark, Ohio, who married Mary Moran and has one child, Norbert; David, who is living in Marion, Ohio, and wedded Ella Moran, by whom he has one child; and Thomas, who married Ruth McCarter and is living in Marion with their one child.

John W. Jenkins was only six years of age when he came with his mother to the United States, joining his father in Youngstown, Ohio. He obtained his education in the schools of this state and has here lived since he became an American citizen. He is now engaged in the operation of a stone quarry and the manufacture of lime. His

quarry is located about three and one-half miles from Springfield. There he has gradually developed a business which has now reached large proportions and yields him a good profit annually as a return for his investments and for his labor. He has three kilns which are used in the manufacture of lime and he regularly employs fifteen men in making this commodity and in quarrying stone. His products find a ready sale upon the market and his trade is continually growing.

In August, 1875, Mr. Jenkins was united in marriage to Rachel Evans, a daughter of John and Gwenllian (Jones) Evans, who came from South Wales to the United States in the year 1862. In their family were six children: Margaret, who was married in Wales to David W. Davis and is living in Perry county, Ohio; Daniel, who was married in Wales to Sarah Jones and is living in Marion, Ohio; Thomas, who wedded Mary Ann Williams, of Wales, their home being now in Marion; John, who was married in Marion, where he now lives, to Mary Jane Owen, who was born in this country; Mary, the wife of John R. Roberts, of Murry City, Ohio; and Mrs. Jenkins. The last named was born in Wales and has become the mother of five children: William John, now twenty-eight years of age, married Ettie Elliott and is living in Medway, Ohio; Rachel Mary, living in Mansfield, Illinois, is the wife of Walter Thomas, a railroad agent; Gwenllian, who is living at home with her parents; David Harrison, who is fifteen years of age; and Edna Marguerite, who died in March, 1898. The fraternal, political and church relations of Mr. Jenkins indicate his upright character. He is a Knight of Pythias, a Republican and a Presbyterian.

He is true in every trust reposed in him, to duties of citizenship and of private life and is a worthy son of his adopted country and of his native land.

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#### TIMOTHY D. BEACH, M. D.

Dr. Timothy D. Beach, who is engaged in the practice of medicine in Catawba, has resided here since 1875 and during the twenty-seven years which have since passed he has steadily advanced in public affairs because of his capability as a member of the medical fraternity and the sterling qualities of his manhood. He was born in Brown township, Franklin county, Ohio, January 17, 1848, and comes of a family whose ancestry is traced back to England, although representatives of the name came to America in early colonial days. His great-grandfather, Obel Beach, was one of the heroes of the Revolutionary war, while Uri Beach, Sr., the grandfather, was a large land owner and manufacturer in connection with other business interests, becoming well-to-do. His death, however, occurred in 1832, when he was in the prime of life.

His son, Uri Beach, Jr., the father of our subject, was born in Madison county, Ohio, January 13, 1826, and grew to manhood in Amity. From early boyhood he followed farming. He was the fifth in order of birth in a family of seven children, there being four sisters older and two brothers younger than himself. His two brothers were surgeons in the army during the Civil war. Only one of the sisters is now living, Mrs. Maloney Kilgore, of Bloomington, Illinois, who is eighty-three years of age at this writing.

When only nineteen years of age, Uri Beach, Jr., was married to Eleanor Downing, who was born in Franklin county, a daughter of Timothy Downing, one of the old settlers of that part of the state and a representative of an old family of English ancestry. Her birth occurred November 22, 1825, and when a young lady she engaged in teaching in the district schools. As Uri Beach was the eldest son in his father's family and the fourth child, when he was young he had only limited educational privileges, but he obtained a good, practical education in the school of experience and by reading kept well informed on the questions of the day. In his business affairs he prospered and is now one of the largest stock dealers of Ohio. He began shipping stock in 1854 and has continually increased his operations in this line of business, raising, feeding and shipping stock on a very extensive scale, so that he is to-day one of the most prominent representatives of this industry in the state. He owns a farm in Franklin county and well merits his prosperity which is the direct result of his own labor. Quite prominent in public affairs he has been elected and served for nineteen consecutive years as assessor of his township. His political support is given the Republican party. Both he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and take an active part in its work and upbuilding. Economical, helpful and energetic, Mrs. Beach has proved of great assistance to her husband and together they have worked on until now all the comforts and many of the luxuries of life are enjoyed by them as the result of their earnest labor in former years.

Their union was blessed with seven children, but three are now deceased, John having died in infancy, in 1861, while Eva

Noble, who was born in 1854, and graduated in 1876 at Ohio Wesleyan University and became the wife of Rev. J. D. Simms, died in 1882. Etta, born in 1862, was a graduate of Delaware College and died in 1890. Four of the family are still living: Timothy D., of this review; Isaac W., who was born in 1850, and is living retired in Plains City; Elizabeth, who was born in 1854 and is the wife of H. B. Converse, a farmer and stockman residing in Plains City; and Uri, who was born in 1868 and is living on the home farm, being actively interested in the stock business as a member of the firm of Beach & Son. The father provided his children with liberal educational advantages, all having attended college and under the parental roof each remained until attaining mature years.

Dr. Beach, like the other members of the family, spent his boyhood days in his parents' home. He began his education in the district schools and afterward attended the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware. He entered that university at the age of nineteen, pursuing an elective course. By teaching in the common schools of Ohio, he worked his way through college and also prepared to enter upon preparation for the practice of medicine. In 1870 he matriculated in Starling Medical College of Columbus, Ohio, where he pursued a medical course and was graduated with the degree of M. D. He then went to Alton, Ohio, where he remained for eighteen months when, desiring to further perfect himself in his chosen vocation, in 1874 he entered Bellevue Medical College of New York city, winning his degree in 1875. He then came direct to Catawba, where he has since remained. He located here as a stranger with no capital and began the slow and difficult task of winning the public con-

fidence and of gaining public patronage. His successful conduct of several difficult cases, however, established him in public regard and he has never lost the position which he thus won as a capable and leading member of the medical fraternity. He acquired a lucrative practice and also won a wide circle of friends.

On the 28th of November, 1876, in Madison county, the Doctor was married to Miss Talitha Bales, who was born in that county, January 17, 1855, and was educated in the district school and at Delaware, Ohio. Her father, Thomas Bales, was a farmer by occupation. Unto the Doctor and his wife have been born five children: Le Roy, who was born April 20, 1878, married Nellie B. Funk, of Springfield, and follows the machinist's trade in Springfield, Ohio; Alta, who was born December 29, 1879, and is the wife of Edward Fitz Gibbon, a prosperous farmer of Champaign county, by whom she has a daughter, Grace; Ada, born April 10, 1886; Downing, born October 7, 1888; and Darwin, born January 3, 1894. Mrs. Beach owns a valuable farm of six hundred acres in Madison county, Ohio. The family home is in Catawba, where the Doctor and his wife have many warm friends.

The Doctor enjoys a very large practice which makes heavy demands upon his time and it is well that he is interested in his chosen life-work, for it leaves him little opportunity for active participation in other affairs of life. When twenty-one years of age he was made a Mason and belongs to Madison Lodge, No. 221, F. & A. M., of West Jefferson. He is the only examiner in his township for many of the old life insurance companies, including the Mutual Benefit, the Life Assurance Company of New York; the Equitable Life Assurance

Society, of New York; the Northwestern, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin; the Central, of Cincinnati; and others. Dr. Beach made his own way through college and the self-reliance and determination which he then displayed proved that he possessed a strong character that would overcome all obstacles and difficulties and steadily advance toward success. Opposition and hindrances have seemed to serve only as an impetus for renewed effort on his part and by close study and broad reading he has continually promoted his usefulness until he has had no difficulty in maintaining a position in the foremost ranks of the medical fraternity in this part of the state.

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#### SAMUEL ARTHUR.

Samuel Arthur, a farmer of Clark county, owning and operating a good tract of land in Mad River township, was born October 20, 1853, on the place known as the Dillahunt farm, which was then owned by his father, Joseph Glasgow Arthur, who was born in Franklin county, Pennsylvania, October 23, 1812. He was a son of Joseph Arthur, Sr., a native of Pennsylvania, who came to Clark county, Ohio, in 1829, and died here in 1843. He was a son of a man who came from the north of Ireland to America and is of Scotch-Irish descent. Joseph Arthur wedded Mary McLaughlin, and she, too, was of Scotch-Irish descent. Her mother was a Miss Glasgow in her maidenhood and came from Scotland, and hence it was that the name of Joseph Glasgow was given to the father of our subject. In 1829 Joseph G. Arthur accompanied his parents to Ohio and after arriving at years



of maturity he wedded Nancy Ann Albin, a daughter of George and Martha (Layton) Albin. She was born July 20, 1819, in Clark county, Ohio. Her grandfather, Joseph Layton, was one of the three original presiding justices of Clark county at the time of its organization. His people were among the early settlers of the state, coming to Ohio, when it was yet a territory. In the family were several children and the settlement was made southwest of Springfield. Both John Albin and his wife were buried in the Ebenezer cemetery in Green township in the year 1820. He was a soldier of the Revolutionary war and both the maternal and paternal grandfathers of our subject served through the war of 1812. Joseph G. Arthur died in September, 1887. In his family were eleven children, of whom five are living. The family record is as follows: Martha, the deceased wife of Jacob Haynes, by whom she had five children; George, a lawyer of Springfield; Joseph, who served in the Civil war; Jasper, deceased; Margaret, who became the wife of Ezra D. Miller and has two children; Lemuel, who has passed away; John, a farmer of Clark county; Samuel, also an agriculturist; Charles, Franklin and Andrew Jackson, all deceased.

In November, 1875, Samuel Arthur was united in marriage to Miss Rosabella McClure, who was of Scotch-Irish descent and a daughter of George and Harriet (Dory) McClure. The mother's people were from England. In the family were twelve children: David Dory, a gardener; Rosabella, the wife of Mr. Arthur; Charles Jefferson, a ranchman, of Colorado; Harriet Ann, who is a bookkeeper; John, who followed farming but is now deceased; William, who was also a farmer; George Robert, a farmer now

deceased; Elizabeth, who passed away; Seth, a machinist; Thomas, a gardener and florist; Mary, the wife of Elmer Kahl; and James Edward, a grocer of Springfield.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur has been blessed with three children: Dora Belle, born August 14, 1876; Alice Carey, born September 17, 1878; and Margaret, born October 11, 1884. Dora Belle is the wife of Edward Brantner, a teacher of Clark county. Alice Carey is the wife of Claude Arthur Layton, of Green township, this county, and they have two children: Arthur Barnes and Lois Angeline.

Throughout his entire business career Mr. Arthur has followed farming and has a valuable tract of land which is well improved. He belongs to the First Congregational church of Springfield, with which his family are connected, his membership there with dating from 1892. He was a member of the Clark County Grange at Tremont, but his membership is now with the Grange at Enon. He has always been a Democrat, following in the political footsteps of his father and grandfather in this respect.

He has been township trustee for three years and for two terms was a member of the board of education, while frequently he has served as a delegate to the county convention of his party.

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#### CHARLES E. BRENING.

Charles E. Brening, whose skill as a draftsman and machinist has qualified him for important positions, is now serving as superintendent of the E. W. Ross Company and is a member of the firm of Brening Brothers. He was born in the Empire state.



his birth having occurred in Oswego county, New York, June 16, 1859. His father, Charles A. Brening, was a native of Germany and when only four years old came to the United States and settled in Onondaga county, New York, where he was reared to manhood, devoting his time to the work of the field. After arriving at years of maturity he wedded Christina Earhardt, who was born in Germany. His father was a machinist and devoted the best years of his life to his trade, serving as superintendent of different factories, including a large one in Syracuse, New York. He was well qualified for the onerous and important duties which devolved upon him, but now he is living retired in the enjoyment of a well earned rest.

Charles E. Brening acquired his early education in the public schools and after completing his studies there he entered the Fulton Seminary at Fulton, New York, where he diligently devoted his energies to the mastering of learning therein taught. On putting aside his text books to learn the more difficult lessons in the schools of experience he sought employment in the line of a machinist, learning the trade with the E. W. Ross Company, which at that time was engaged in the manufacture of water wheels and mill work. Later on he was instructed in the line of his chosen calling by Professor Sweet, who was a skilled mechanic and practical workman, who for several years after that period was professor in Cornell University. After completing his trade Mr. Brening entered the employ of the firm of Heild & Morris, having a situation in their engine works at Baldwinsville, New York. There he remained for some time, after which he entered the services of the Thompson & Kingsford Engine & Boiler works, in which

he worked on fine machinery. He became a draftsman, designer and maker of patterns and acquired a high degree of proficiency in this line. Later he returned to the E. W. Ross Company, then at Fulton, New York, as foreman of their machine works, the company being at that time manufacturers of water wheels and feed cutters. In 1886 the E. W. Ross Company removed its works from Fulton, New York, to Springfield, Ohio, and continued their line of manufactures here. Mr. Brening accompanied them to their more westerly location. The company made large additions to the plant, constructing new buildings and putting in modern machinery. In the winter of 1900 the works were destroyed by fire, and all of the machinery was ruined and nearly all of the patterns were thus swept away. At that time there were many orders in the house to be filled, but as the patterns were burned it was a serious question as to what was to be done. The company at once began the erection of new buildings while Mr. Brening, as draftsman, undertook the work of again making the patterns. He possessed an excellent memory and added to this was his executive force and mechanical skill. With a large force of workmen he began reproducing the patterns and at the time the buildings were completed he was ready with these, a fact which indicates his capability in coping with an emergency.

On the 23d of October, 1886, Mr. Brening was united in marriage to Miss Cora M. Howard, of Fulton, New York, a daughter of Joseph H. Howard. Socially he is identified with Springfield Lodge, No. 33, I. O. O. F. His long connection with the house of which he is now a representative, covering almost the entire period of his manhood, indicates in an unmistakable manner that he

enjoys in the highest degree the confidence of those whom he represents. He has long since left the ranks of the many to stand among the successful few because of his comprehensive knowledge of mechanical principles, his precision, care and promptness in execution and his honorable relations in all trade matters.

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### CHARLES T. RIDGELY.

Charles T. Ridgely, of the Ridgely Decorative Company, being secretary and treasurer of the firm, was born at the corner of Columbia and Yellow Springs streets in Springfield on the 15th of February, 1856. Among his friends are many who have known him from boyhood and this is indicative of an honorable career, worthy of the respect and confidence of his fellow men. He is the eldest son of J. T. Ridgely and in the Western school building he pursued his education until thirteen years of age, when he began to earn his own living. He has since depended upon his own exertions, and, although he has encountered difficulties and obstacles in his path, he has steadily advanced until he to-day occupies a very creditable position among the business men of the city. He began learning the trades of painting and paper-hanging under the direction of his father. At the age of nineteen, however, he was forced to abandon the former, which proved detrimental to his health. In 1875 he entered the wall paper department of the store of C. H. Pierce & Company and for seventeen years represented that house as a paperhanger, being particularly skilled in that line of artisanship. In 1892 he accepted the position of manager of the

wall paper department of the business of E. H. Wrens, with whom he remained for one year and on the expiration of that period he began business for himself. It was on the 1st of November, 1893, when the Ridgely Decorative Company was formed with J. T. Ridgely as president, H. G. Ridgely as vice president, and C. T. Ridgely as secretary and treasurer. Our subject had the management of the business until 1899, when he began manufacturing the Ridgely trimmer on an extensive scale. He invented and developed the C. T. Ridgely wall paper cutter in September, 1888, made valuable improvements in July, 1889, and has since devoted considerable attention to the manufacturing of these devices and placing them upon the market. The first year over two hundred machines were sold. It was then put into the hands of jobbers and the output for the season of 1902 was over eight thousand. In 1895 he patented an entirely new machine and made improvements from year to year. In 1898 he produced another new machine and in 1892 he patented an adjustable straight-edge cutter. The machines and cutters have been manufactured in Springfield since 1890 and Mr. Ridgely is giving his entire attention to this branch of the business. He finds sale for his goods throughout the civilized world and he advertises to a considerable extent in foreign journals. This business has been developed practically since 1895 and he has met with desirable success in the enterprise. While engaged in the wall paper business he saw the need of a device for trimming wall paper without danger of cutting fingers, as formerly a straight knife had been used. He then conceived the idea of a rotary cutter and later developed and patented the machine which he has improved and perfected from

time to time and which, because of its excellence and utility, finds a ready and extensive sale throughout the world.

Mr. Ridgely was married January 6, 1877, to Maggie Hearn, of Yellow Springs, Ohio, who was born there and died in August, 1877. In 1879 he was again married, his second union being with Miss Ada Sharp, who was born and reared in Troy, Ohio, her natal day being in December, 1866. She is a daughter of William Sharp, who died in November, 1900. His wife was a Miss Baird, and was of Scotch ancestry. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Ridgely have been born three children: Baird, who died at the age of fifteen months; Charles Verrey, born August 14, 1886; and Roderick Lea, born in September, 1889. The sons have been educated in the Springfield public schools and are now students of the violin under Robert Brain at the Conservatory of Music in this city. They may well be termed musical prodigies, having remarkable skill and talent. They have studied music for about six years and have given many concerts of a very high order. The parents may well be proud of the marked ability of the sons in this direction, for their talent has long since advanced them beyond mediocrity as performers on the violin. The family home is at No. 508 West Mulberry street, and here hospitality reigns supreme. Mr. Ridgely purchased the lot and built the house in 1890.

He is a valued member of Red Star Lodge, K. P., and of Division No. 44, of the Uniformed Rank. He is also connected with Al Yembo Temple, D. O. K. K., and with the local lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is a charter member of the Modern Woodmen camp here, belongs to the Commercial Club and

is the vice-president and director of the Matinee Gentlemen's Driving Club of this city. Mr. Ridgely deserves great credit for the success which he has accomplished in business and for giving to the world devices of much practical utility and value in industrial circles. The story of his achievements, showing that he has overcome obstacles and difficulties and by perseverance has gained success, should inspire many young men to increased diligence and perseverance.

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JOHN B. SPARROW.

In a biographical history of any county it is interesting to note the large number of agriculturists who form an important part in such a record, and as the prosperity of a state is usually indicated by the successful business men living within its borders, Ohio may well be proud of her representative citizens who till the soil and cultivate the fields. Among this class of substantial business men was numbered John B. Sparrow, who for sixty-four years made his home upon the farm where he died in Green township, Clark county. He was born in Springfield township, July 3, 1829, and was a son of John and Mahala (Kelley) Sparrow. His father was a native of Maryland and was but seven years of age when brought by his parents to Ohio. His parents were Joseph and Mary (Dudley) Sparrow. The former was a farmer by occupation and on coming to Ohio settled upon the farm which is now at the intersection of the Selma and Clifton pikes. He cleared this land for Mr. Perrin, whose heirs still own the place, and spent his remaining days upon the farm, living to be an old man. His

son, John Sparrow, the father of the subject of this review, also followed the occupation of farming and lived to be seventy-three years of age. Coming to Ohio at an early period, he witnessed many changes and improvements in the state and did his share toward the general progress and development of his community. His wife, Mahala (Kelley) Sparrow, was born near Flemingsburg, Kentucky, and was about a year old when her father, Joseph Kelley, became a soldier in the war of 1812. She came to Ohio with her grandfather, James Kelley, who settled in Springfield township, on the Clifton road. Here he became the owner of a large tract of land, partly in Springfield and partly in Green townships. Her father served for about one and a half years in the war under General Harrison. The maternal grandmother of Mrs. Sparrow was Mary Detrow. The Kelleys were a very large family and the members were quite well-to-do. A little history of the family was gotten out a few years ago, when there were five hundred and fifty-seven descendants of Joseph Kelley. John and Mahala (Kelley) Sparrow became the parents of ten children, of whom Mr. Sparrow of this review was the second in order of birth: Absalom married Adeline Copes, was a private in the Union army, a member of the One Hundred and Tenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and being taken sick and sent to the hospital, he was there given the wrong medicine and died soon afterward, and was buried near Petersburg; John B. was the next in the family; Joseph married Mary Hatheway and now resides in Greene county; Charlotte married James Finley, who died in the Union army; Mary Jane became the wife of William Dellinger and resides in Darke county; Sarah married

Avery Griffith, who was killed by the last gun that was fired at Petersburg, where he lies buried; Elias married Margaret Berg and resides in Greene county; Richard, who married Lavina Wike, was a member of the One Hundred and Tenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry and was wounded in 1864, which closed his military career; William married Sarah McClusky, and resides in Clifton; the last were twins, who died in infancy.

John B. Sparrow was nine years of age when his father removed to Green township, settling upon the present home farm, belonging at that time to the Marquart estate. This farm he and his father cleared and improved, making it a comfortable home, and here Mr. Sparrow spent the remainder of his life. In the common schools of his district he pursued his education, and in the vacation seasons he assisted his father upon the home place, remaining with him until he was twenty-one years of age. For a year or two he engaged in chopping wood and making rails and then began to buy and raise stock and became an extensive dealer in the same, shipping to Cincinnati and Buffalo. In this enterprise he was very successful.

On March 1, 1855, was celebrated the marriage of John B. Sparrow and Miss Anna Johnson, a native of Highgate, England. Her parents were Mark and Esther (Firth) Johnson, and on coming to America they located for a time in Rensselaer county, New York. From there they removed to Clark county in 1854 and bought property in Springfield. Her father died in 1864, at the age of forty-two years, while the mother died in Springfield in November, 1902, at the age of eighty-eight years. Mrs. Sparrow was nearly ten years of age when with her parents she crossed the Atlantic to the new

world, and the most of her life has been spent in Clark county. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Sparrow lived upon the farm where she now resides, with the exception of the first year. Mr. Sparrow, at the time of his death, owned two hundred acres of land, which is cultivated and improved, being well adapted for general farming and the raising of stock, in which he was extensively and successfully engaged. Ten children graced the union of Mr. and Mrs. Sparrow: Clarinda married Fisher Littleton and resides in Yellow Springs, and five children have been born of this union; Rosetta married Charles Dudley and resides in Springfield; Sanford married Minnie Forbeck, of Mad River township, and they have one child; George, who is a resident farmer of Green township, married Lenora Easton, and they have four girls; Oscar married Emma Hurst and they reside on the home farm; John Burgess, who resides near the home place, married Nettie Wheeler, and in his family are three children; Mary, who married William Huston, is the mother of two children and resides in Greene county, Ohio; Lillie married Ford Kershner, has four children and is also a resident of Greene county; Oliver married Alberta Horn and lives at home; and Warren completes the family.

Mr. Sparrow was reared a supporter of Democratic principles, and while firm in his advocacy of the party and its interests, he never sought or desired office. He and his wife, together with most of the members of the family were earnest workers in the Methodist Episcopal church, in which Mr. Sparrow was for thirty years a class leader and for twenty-five years superintendent of the Sunday-school. For thirty-five years also he was a member of the Inde-

pendent Order of Odd Fellows. Throughout his long residence in Green township Mr. Sparrow was ever regarded as a substantial and prominent citizen, ever exerting his influence on the side of right and for the general welfare of his community, and by all he was known to be a man of sterling integrity and a good Christian gentleman. He died August 18, 1902, on the home place and was buried at Emery Chapel, Springfield township, this county.

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### T. J. CREAGER.



Life is meaningless unless it is universal and coherent. It is in the helpful spirit of the times that we recognize the best signs of the future. There is in cooperation a recognition of the strength of unity; a realization of the fact that the greatest good can be accomplished through concerted effort of the individuals in behalf of the whole. We are led to this train of thought by reflecting upon the life record of Mr. Creager, who is now filling the important position of secretary of the Trades and Labor Assembly of Springfield, and whose efforts in behalf of various labor organizations have gained for him more than a local reputation.

Mr. Creager, who has been a resident of Springfield since 1873, was born in Hagerstown, Maryland, July 9, 1861, a son of George D. and Nancy (Giles) Creager, both of whom are living in this city and are natives of Maryland. The father was born in March, 1838, and died September 17, 1902. The mother is sixty-four years of age. They were educated in the public schools of their native state and both were

respected citizens of their community. In Maryland the father followed the occupation of an upholsterer, and in 1873 he came to this city and was employed in the paint department of the Lagonda shops. Later he had charge of the paint shops of the Buckeye works, owned by the P. P. Mast Company, and from 1892 until his death was engaged in house painting as a contractor. He was a well read man, a progressive, enterprising citizen, and in his political views a Democrat. Unto himself and wife were born six children, but three are now deceased. Lucy, who became the wife of William White, a compositor, died in 1900. Daniel, who was born in 1862, died in 1885. Harry died at the age of four years. T. J., the subject of this review, is the eldest of the family. Howard is married and is an employe as a trimmer by the Springfield Metallic Casket Company. Ned S. is engaged in house painting.

T. J. Creager of this review began his education in the public schools of Maryland and continued his studies in the schools of this city until he entered the printing office of Elifritz & Winters, publishers of the Transcript. He learned his trade in that office. The firm was merged into the Winters Engraving & Lithographing Company. Mr. Creager remaining in the house for a time after this change was made. He was also employed by the Barrett Publishing Company, printers of legal blanks, in whose employ he remained until January, 1901, when he was elected to his present position as secretary of the Trades and Labor Assembly, of Springfield.

In May, 1890, Mr. Creager was united in marriage to Miss Ida M. Poling, who was born in Clark county, a daughter of T. S. Poling, who now resides on West Jefferson street, in this city. He was formerly a fam-

er and later was employed in the Lagonda shops. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Creager have been born a son, Alfred, whose birth occurred in October, 1898. The family home is at No. 230 Rice street.

Mr. Creager cast his first presidential vote for Grover Cleveland in 1884. In local politics he is found as the supporter of the men whom he thinks best qualified for office without regard to party affiliation. He was a delegate to the conference that organized the populist party and was a delegate to its conventions until 1896. The following year he was the chairman of the state executive committee of the Populist party, was a delegate to the state convention, a member of the central committee and attended all the state conventions until 1897, at which time the Union Reform party was organized, having but one plank in its platform, that for direct legislation. He was secretary of its state committee for two years and has been one of its active workers from its organization to the present time.

Mr. Creager became a charter member of Springfield Typographical Union, No. 117, at the time it was instituted in July, 1882, and has been a continuous member since that date. He has been elected from time to time to the various offices provided by the union and in each instance faithfully discharged the duties imposed. In the year 1900 he was selected as its representative to attend the forty-eighth annual convention of the International Typographical Union, held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, an honor that was not unworthily bestowed. Mr. Creager joined the Knights of Labor in April, 1883, and remained a member of Mad River Assembly, No. 2582, until its existence was terminated in 1896. Throughout the period of years when the Knights of Labor flourished he took a most active part in the work

of the movement and participated in its state and national meetings. Since the organization of the Trades and Labor Assembly, in the year of 1890, Mr. Creager has been a continuous member. In the twelve years he has been a delegate to this body, he has, with the exception of the first few years, represented his local Typographical Union. For the past two years he has been secretary of the assembly, and with the assistance of his associates has discharged the numerous duties incident to the nature of the office to the satisfaction of both the assembly and the affiliated unions. For a number of years he has been a member of the Labor Day celebration committee, which is appointed by the Trades Assembly. These celebrations have been so successfully conducted by the assembly since it was instituted that Labor Day is not only the most generally observed holiday of the year, but the greatest of all. It is attended with parades in which the wage-earners and various industries join, entertaining and instructive speeches are delivered and various high class amusements provided for the entertainment of those present. In this work with which Mr. Creager has been associated much has been done to bind together the various unions in the general brotherhood.

He prepared and read a paper at the centennial celebration of Springfield, held at the Clark county fair grounds, in August, 1901, on the History of the Labor Organizations of Springfield, which, with other papers, was published in the Centennial Book.

During the twenty years of his connection with the labor movement in this city nearly seventy unions have been instituted consisting of skilled and unskilled labor. Through them great benefits have been se-

cured and better conditions generally prevail. While at first this movement was opposed and antagonized and met with bitter opposition among many classes of people, it is to-day recognized and endorsed by all fair minded people as one of the popular institutions of the country and trades unions and trades organizations are admitted to be the only practical means of bettering the intellectual, social, moral and financial conditions of the working people and through them the welfare of the entire country. Mr. Creager has been unfaltering, earnest and loyal in his support of the cause with which he is now so prominently identified. His work on committees and in connection with recently organized unions has been of value in establishing the rights of the working men and bringing about a more just condition of affairs, and has made him popular with his fellow citizens who recognize his helpful spirit in behalf of his fellow men and honor him for it. He has many friends throughout Springfield, where he has resided since his boyhood days, and in this volume he well deserves mention among the men whose lives have had to do with the molding of the city.

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#### SETH W. SMITH.

From early ages the cultivation of the soil, the production of the land, has formed the very foundation of the prosperity of man. The first mention in history, sacred or otherwise, of the pursuits of man are those of pastoral occupations, the raising of grain, the tending of the flocks; and while, in later centuries other industries of vast importance and magnitude have sprung up, yet the basis of all wealth, the mainspring



of all prosperity, is the product of the land, which cheerfully yields to the touch of the agriculturist the vast treasures which are there ready for cultivation. The substantial upbuilding of a commonwealth is due to the energy and toil of the man who plows the field, and well is he repaid for his labor. Among the men who have helped lay broad and deep the prosperity of the community in which he lives is the subject of this review, who was born on the farm where he now lives, January 24, 1843. His parents were Seth and Deborah (Wildman) Smith, and the father was born in East Tennessee, where they were temporary sojourners, as the grandfather, Seth Smith, was born in Pennsylvania, and had gone thence to Virginia. Having lived fourteen years in Tennessee, they removed in 1800 to Highland county, Ohio, and in 1811 settled upon the farm where Mr. Smith now resides. At this early day the grandparents were of course among almost the first pioneer settlers in this part of the Ohio, and the country was in an undeveloped state. The experiences which they encountered were varied and interesting. Indians were plentiful, but were peaceably inclined. The grandfather purchased the Fitzhugh survey, which was supposed to comprise one thousand acres, but proved to contain eleven hundred and twenty acres. On the land was a primeval log house, which they occupied until 1817, when they manufactured brick on the farm and constructed a substantial two-story brick house, which stood for many years, or until 1899, when the subject of this record had it torn down and erected his present commodious and modern residence. The grandfather resided in his home in Clark county until he was an old man, honored and respected by all who

knew him. He had come to Ohio when it was but a territory, landing at Paint Falls, Ross county, to which his older brother, Jacob, had come in 1790. Of the brothers left in Tennessee, some of their descendants removed to Vermilion county, Illinois, whence some members of the family removed to Oregon. In the pioneer spirit which caused the grandfather to seek a home amid the wild scenes of Ohio, may be traced with interest those sturdy qualities inherited from his ancestor, the great-great-grandfather of the subject of this review, who was born in England about 1680 and was one of those who, actuated by their Christian faith, became a follower of William Penn, and with him, accompanied by two other brothers, came to America. One of the brothers settled in New York, or one of the New England states, and one in the Carolinas. There has been no reliable account of the descendants.

One son, the great-grandfather, Joseph Smith, was born about 1720. He was educated and reared in the Quaker faith, as was also his wife, who in her maidenhood was Rachel Bales. After his marriage he settled in Maryland, near Bladensburg, and rented a farm and conducted a mill on Pernugen creek. He used to see a man passing his mill with grist, going to another mill, so one day he made bold to ask him why he did not stop there, and was told that the man was a poor man and the other miller only took one-eighth, whereas he had been told that Mr. Smith took one-tenth. On explaining that this was a less amount than one-eighth, Mr. Smith ever after had the man for a customer. The great-grandfather finally removed to a farm five miles from Winchester, Maryland, where they remained for a number of years on rented land. After



a few years they decided to make a change and accordingly drove across the mountains to where Brownsville, Pennsylvania, now stands, but, not liking the location, they returned without unloading their goods. While crossing the mountains they were attacked by robbers, but drove them off. They returned to the farm they had occupied near Winchester, and there spent their remaining days.

Among their many children was Seth, the grandfather of Mr. Smith, the name being thus handed down to the third generation, the subject of this review. In the grandfather's family were the following children: Jacob, who died at the age of three years; Samuel, aged five years at the time of his demise; Mary, who married David Littler; Rachel, who married Nathan Linton; Ruth, who married Jephtha Johnson; and Seth, the youngest child.

The last named grew to manhood in Clark county, receiving a good education for the period. The country was still new at that time and the educational advantages enjoyed were not those of the present time, but the brave and energetic spirit inherited from his forefathers and cultivated by his own efforts was his, and he did much toward promoting the growth and development of his community. He inherited about two hundred and sixty acres of land from his father, which he cultivated and improved, adding to it other tracts until he became the owner of considerable land and in turn gave each of his children a good farm. In his remembrance Indians were very thickly settled around the locality in which the family lived, but they were friendly inclined and made very little trouble. While the family lived in Highland county one evening they had been away from home and on returning found the house lighted up and on looking

in they found the floor covered with Indians, who had come in and built up a fire, desiring to warm and rest themselves. On receiving their supper they departed in peace. On one occasion a young Indian became enamored of his sister, the aunt of the subject, and desired to make her, as he termed it, his "pretty squaw." As the recipient of this adoration did not favor his suit, he showed his disfavor by taking a lump of charcoal, chewing it, spitting it in his hands and rubbing it over his face.

Seth Smith, the father, was born in 1798, and when he was thirteen years of age, shortly after the family had settled in Clark county, the country was shaken by great earthquakes, and the inhabitants were very much alarmed. He was an anti-slavery man, a great temperance man, and earnestly did he advocate the principles in which he believed. He was a birth-right Friend, being a direct descendant on both sides of the family of members of that sect. He was the father of seven children. Of these Samuel died in February, 1901. He married Esther Cook, who died in September, 1885. They left three children. Ruth married Samuel Hadley, of Wilmington, Clinton county, Ohio. Oliver married Margaret Negus, lived in Green township, and died in California, leaving six children. Seth, the father of the subject of this review, died in 1876, while his wife passed away in 1857, both being buried at Selma, Ohio.

The boyhood days of Seth W. Smith were spent upon the home farm. He received the advantages of a good common school education, which was supplemented by attendance at Earlham College, Richmond, Indiana, for two years, and one year in the Agricultural College at Lansing, Michigan, thus being well fitted for the practical duties of business life in after

years. In 1872 he was married in Alliance, Ohio, to Miss Marion Griffith, and the young couple took up their residence on the old homestead. He was married the second time in 1878 in Clinton county, Ohio, at New Vienna, the lady of his choice being Miss Hannah Lewis, who was born there. This union has been blessed with five children, namely: Oscar L.; Lewis H.; and Mary Emma, while two died in early infancy. Mrs. Smith is a daughter of Isaac and Mary (Hoskins) Lewis, and is a very estimable lady. Mr. Smith has been identified with agricultural interests here, and his individual interests have been blended with the welfare and improvement of his county and township. His efforts have been attended with the success they deserve and today he is a representative and substantial citizen of Green township, respected by all.



#### WILLIAM S. G. DILLAHUNT, M. D.

A thorough understanding of the principles of the medical science and broad experience in the practice of his profession has made Dr. Dillahunt a successful physician of Pitchin. He was born near Hagerstown, Washington county, Maryland, September 6, 1852. His father, Alexander Dillahunt, was a planter and owned a large number of slaves. He and his brothers, however, became convinced that the practice of slavery was contrary to the laws of humanity and liberated their bondsmen about 1850. On this account they were subjected to great persecution in the neighborhood in which they lived and in consequence of this they left the south, disposing of their property at great loss, and came to Clark county, Ohio.

The first to make the removal was George Dillahunt, who established his home here about 1850, and in 1853 Alexander Dillahunt followed. The latter located in Mad River township, where he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land and later bought an additional tract of sixty acres, spending his remaining days in this county. In early manhood he had married Hannah Malone, and they became well known residents of this portion of Ohio. The father died in 1887, at the age of seventy-six years, and the mother's death occurred in 1898, when she had reached the advanced age of eighty years. Mr. Dillahunt was a hard-working man, thrifty, careful and persevering in his labors, and eventually became well-to-do.

In the family were twelve children eleven of whom reached years of maturity, while ten are still living, and eight of the number are yet in Clark county. Catherine is the wife of Robert Latimer and lives in Springfield; Sarah is the wife of Job Hanes, and lives in Mad River township near Boone station. Lewis, who served for four years in the Union army during the Civil war, is now living near Indianapolis. Alexander M. resides near Enon. Melcha is the wife of Michael Seifert, a resident of Logan county, Ohio. Eliza is living in Springfield. Mary is the wife of Jonas Rebert, of Springfield. William G. is the next younger. George resides in Mad River township. Alice is the wife of Robert Paden, of Springfield. Emma became the wife of W. J. Corns and died in Springfield, and Albert died in infancy.

The Doctor spent his boyhood days on the home farm, where he remained until sixteen years of age, when he entered Wittenberg College, completing the work of the

sophomore year. At that time he left the institution and began teaching in the country schools of Clark county, and while thus engaged he took up the study of medicine, reading privately until he could arrange to become a medical student in college. In 1877 he matriculated in the Eclectic Medical College of Cincinnati, and was graduated in the class of 1878. For a year thereafter he engaged in teaching and then at once began practice, locating in Pitchin. Here his ability soon won recognition and his patronage has since been drawn from a wide territory. He has successfully handled many difficult cases, thereby proving his skill in the line of his chosen life work. He is a member of the Ohio State Eclectic Association and has prepared and read a number of papers before that organization.

In 1878 the Doctor was married to Miss Mary E. Reynard, of Springfield, Ohio, a daughter of George and Mary (Nelson) Reynard. In 1879 the Doctor purchased thirty-five acres of land where he now lives and the family has a pleasant home here. Four children were born unto our subject and his wife: Eva, now the wife of Charles Peterson, of Springfield, by whom she has one child, Arnold; William Simpson Gorman, Agnes and Ruth, who are still at home. For ten years the Doctor gave his political support to the Democracy. For another decade he voted with the Prohibition party, and is now a Republican. He was reared in the Lutheran faith, but belongs to the Baptist church. He is also a member of the Junior Order of American Mechanics and at one time held membership relations with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. For twenty-four years he has lived in Pitchin, devoting his time almost entirely to the duties of a constantly growing practice, which is indicative of the confidence and regard

entertained for him by the public. He has been a close and earnest student and has kept informed concerning all new ideas relative to the healing art. Quick to adopt methods which he believes will prove beneficial in his work, he has thus maintained his position as one of the leading members of the medical fraternity in this part of Clark county.

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MARSHALL M. FOX.

Marshall M. Fox is one of the leading photographers of Springfield, where he has carried on business since 1893, his skill and excellence of workmanship securing for him a good patronage. He was born in Douglas county, Illinois, November 1, 1869, and is a son of George and Hannah (Kendall) Fox, both of whom are now residents of Urbana, Champaign county, Ohio. In their family were seven children, of whom the subject of this review is the fourth in order of birth. Richard K. is now engaged in the wholesale grocery business in Springfield, and others of the family are Orin Ward, George, who is head engineer and electrician in Paxton, Ford county, Illinois, and a sister, who remains at home.

In the public schools of his native state Marshall M. Fox pursued his education and in 1887 he came to Ohio with his parents. He entered upon the study of photography in Dayton, where he remained for a year, after which he went to Xenia, where he engaged in the business for five years. In 1893 he came to Springfield, where he entered the employ of Delmar Spellman, with whom he remained until 1898, when he purchased the business. Under his guidance the patronage of the studio has increased many fold. Mr. Fox is a thorough master of the art of

photography, having a comprehensive understanding of the business. He reads and studies everything bearing upon the art and by experiment and experience, also by utilizing the knowledge which he has gained from the work of others, he has kept abreast of the most improved methods of the times and has made his work of such an excellent character that he has gained a very extensive and profitable business. He not only understands the best methods of developing, but also of preserving pictures, of posing, and the use of lights and shadows to bring out the best effects. His work is of a high order and commends him to the support of all who desire services in his line.

Mr. Fox is a valued member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, belonging to the lodge in Springfield. He has made his own way in life and deserves great credit for what he has accomplished, having justly won a very creditable position among the photographers of this section of the state.

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#### JAMES H. ENGLE.

James H. Engle, who is extensively and successfully engaged in general farming and stock raising in the township of Moorefield, owning and operating a farm on section 7, was born in Harmony township, February 27, 1848, and is a son of John and Eliza (McGinn) Engle. The father was born in Jefferson county, Virginia, and died in 1873, while his wife survived him for several years. In his political views he was a staunch Democrat, as were all of his sons except James H. He and his wife were the parents of nine children, five of whom grew to years of maturity and are still living: Sam-

uel, who married Alice Fautzinger, and has one child, is employed in the shops at La-gonda, Ohio; Jane is the widow of William Beard, and resides with her five children near Mechanicsburg, Ohio; James H. is the next younger; Benjamin resides on the old homestead in Harmony township; Silas married Jane Yeazell, has two children and resides on the old home place.

James H. Engle grew to man's estate on the home farm, situated two miles west of Vienna, on the National pike. He received the benefit of a common school education, acquired in the schools of his district, which he attended during the winter months, while during vacation seasons he assisted in the work of field and meadow, remaining on the home farm until he had reached the age of twenty-two years, when he began farming on his own account. His first marriage took place on the 2nd of March, 1876, when he was joined in wedlock to Miss Miranda Neer, of Pleasant township, a daughter of Nathan and Mary Ann (Hunter) Neer. Their married life was ended two years later by the hand of death. On the 1st of December, 1881, James H. Engle was again married, his second union being with Miss Isabel Hodge, a daughter of Eli and Savina (Spencer) Hodge. One son has been born of this union, Walter, born February 25, 1883. Mr. Engle is the owner of a farm of one hundred and sixty-three acres, which he purchased in 1882, and has placed under a high state of cultivation. He remodeled the barns and in 1902 built a fine residence, commodious and substantial, and constructed upon modern plans of architecture. In his political affiliations he is a staunch Republican, having advocated the cause of the party since casting his first presidential ballot in 1872 for Ulysses S. Grant. At pres-

he is serving his second term as trustee of Moorefield township and for sixteen years has been a member of the board of education. He is a friend and advocate of good schools, believing that in those institutions of learning is promulgated the future prosperity of the country. He has never been known to withhold his support from any measure or movement for the general good and in him Clark county recognizes one of her valued and representative citizens.

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ELIAB MYERS, M. D.

Eliab Myers, who for many years successfully practiced medicine, and whose contributions to medical literature and kindred subjects have made his life of value to his fellow men, was born in Springfield, Ohio, December 17, 1848, and is a son of J. N. Myers, who came to the Buckeye state from Phoenix, Baltimore county, Maryland, in the year 1837. The ancestry of the family can be traced back to Jonathan Meyers, the great-great-grandfather of our subject, who settled in York county, Pennsylvania, in 1708. There he purchased a farm and carried on agricultural pursuits. His son, John Myers, changed the spelling of the name, dropping the first "e." The family is a very old German one, identified with the Keystone state from an early period in its development. Many of the number have become prominent in professional life as ministers and in other of the learned professions and the descendants have usually been connected with the Lutheran and Reformed churches. John Myers was united in marriage to Miss Negley, and unto them were born nine children, all of whom lived to an advanced age

—between seventy and ninety years—with the exception of the father of our subject. John Myers came with his family to Clark county and purchased bottom land in Mad River township, where he carried on agricultural pursuits until his death. Both he and his wife were buried in the old George Keifer cemetery, on the farm now owned by L. J. M. Baker.

J. N. Myers was born in York county, upon the home farm that had been in the possession of the family since 1708. His natal day was in 1810, and after arriving at years of maturity he wedded Miss Mary Catherine Miller, who was born in York county in 1812. As before state, the year 1837 witnessed their arrival in Clark county. In 1838 he purchased a farm in Bethel township, which he traded in 1840 for what are known as the Valley Mills, south of Enon. He learned the trade of a wheelwright in early life and followed that pursuit until his removal to Clark county. Here he carried on agricultural pursuits only until 1840, when he removed to Valley Mills and turned his attention to the operation of a saw and flour mill and a distillery, residing there until 1847. He then removed to what is now West Springfield, and rented a sawmill south of the Buck creek bridge, owned by James Leffel. This he operated until 1851. He also bought the home which is now the last house on West Main street. A portion of this tract of land is now included within Snyder Park. In connection with Mr. Lemon, Mr. Myers went to Dalton, in Pike township, and built a steam sawmill, the first in that part of the county. This they operated for a time, Mr. Myers removing his family to the new home in 1852. The mill was conducted until 1860, when it was converted into a wheel manu-

factory, the firm engaging in the manufacture of wheels for the Thomas & Mast Company, agricultural implement builders. Thus Mr. Myers was engaged until his death. In 1864 the entire plant was destroyed by fire, which occasioned great loss, as there was no insurance, but he at once rebuilt and remained an enterprising and progressive citizen of Dalton until his death. He was the real founder of the town and his business affairs were conducted most of the time alone, as he had a partner only a short time. He died October 2, 1866, while his wife long survived him, passing away on the 1st of January, 1866. In their family were thirteen children, but six of the number died in early childhood. Those who reached maturity were as follows: Sarah J., born in 1838, in Phoenix, Maryland, was married in 1851 to John Bosserman, an old settler of Springfield, who died in 1888, and she is now living in Vernon county, Missouri; Rebecca, born in 1839, is the wife of James Edmiston, a farmer living in Bethel township, Champaign county; John, born in 1841, at Valley Mills, died at Dalton, in January, 1902; Jacob, born in 1842, was associated in business with his brother John until 1893, when he went to the west and is now a general ranchman at Walla Walla, Washington; Catherine Ann, born in 1845, is living in German township, Clark county, and is the wife of Samuel Dingleline; Eliab is the next younger; Alice Ida, born in 1854, is the wife of James M. Jenkins, of Shelby county, Ohio.

Dr. Myers was educated in the common schools and when a young man engaged in teaching in Dalton and in the western part of the county. He read medicine with Dr. R. Rector, of North Hampton, Ohio, and received private instruction in languages.

Later he engaged in teaching and in reading medicine for four years and pursued several courses of lectures in the Medical College of Ohio, at Cincinnati, where he was graduated in March, 1873, with the degree of M. D. He then began practice at North Hampton, where he remained for one year, after which he was located in Fairfield, Greene county, where he practiced until the winter of 1879. Dr. Myers then came to Springfield, where he opened an office and engaged in general practice. In 1885 he pursued a special course of study in the Bellevue Medical College of New York, and at all times he has been an earnest and indefatigable student in his efforts to broaden his knowledge and thus make his services of greater benefit to his fellow men. He was appointed a member of the board of pension examiners under President Cleveland in April, 1885, and within six weeks had the board established. He remained in that office until 1889, when he resigned, continuing in the practice of medicine until 1891. In that year he took up the subject of embalming, since which time he has been lecturing and writing on the subject and has been teaching since 1894. He has compiled and published two works on embalming, the first issued in 1897 and the second in 1900. He lectures to state associations in this country and to embalmers' associations in Canada and is a regular contributor on that topic to various papers published in the United States and to foreign journals. His text books have been sold throughout the civilized world. He lectures in the larger cities and also gives demonstrations, and has made deep research concerning the subject, now giving his entire time to this line of investigation.

The Doctor was married in 1873 to Annettie M. Baker, who was born in Enon,

Clark county, in 1857, a daughter of Dr. A. A. Baker. They have one son, John Elwood, who was born in Fairfield, Ohio, October 2, 1877, is a graduate of Wittenberg College of the class of 1898 and is now in the employ of the Champion Chemical Company. The Doctor resides at No. 736 East High street. He purchased the Spinning property and rebuilt a modern home, which is one of the model residences of the city, constructed after original designs. He belongs to Anthony Lodge, F. & A. M., Springfield Chapter, R. A. M., and Springfield Council, R. & S. M. He was made a Mason in 1870, in Mount Olivet Lodge, in Addison, Ohio, and in 1875 was demitted to Osborne Lodge, in which he served as master during 1878-79, and later he was demitted to Anthony Lodge. His son has also taken the degrees of the lodge, chapter and council, the Doctor conferring upon him the degrees of the same. In 1875 Dr. Myers also became an Odd Fellow and has filled the offices of the subordinate lodge. He and his wife are members of the High street Methodist Episcopal church. Their pleasant and attractive home is noted for its gracious hospitality and is a favorite resort with many friends of the Doctor and his estimable wife. A native of Springfield, he has always resided in this vicinity and enjoys the warm regard of many who have known him from boyhood, as well as the acquaintances of later years.

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J. H. REYNOLDS, M. D.

Successfully engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery in Lawrenceville, Dr. Reynolds has attained a creditable position

in the profession where advancement depends upon individual merit, upon strong intellectuality, close application and a conscientious performance of duty. He was born in Green township, Clark county, August 8, 1848, and is a son of Henry and Julia Ann (McKinney) Reynolds. His great-grandfather, James Reynolds, was born in Ireland, ran away from home in his youth and went to sea. He afterward located in Wales and there married Margaret Edwards. In 1771 he crossed the Atlantic and settled in Virginia, where the grandfather and the father of the Doctor were born.

The father was a brickmaker and also a bricklayer and carried on business along these lines for about forty years. As he acquired some capital he made investments in real estate, becoming the owner of one hundred and twenty-five acres of land in Springfield township. He removed to that place in 1850 and there he spent his remaining days. His birth had occurred in Montgomery county, Virginia, and he was a youth of about eleven years when he came to Clark county with his parents, William and Elizabeth (Tuggle) Reynolds. The grandfather was a carpenter in early life and he, too, became a farmer of Clark county, following that pursuit in Green township. He owned land there and developed it into a rich and arable tract, carrying on his farm work until his death, which occurred when he was seventy-eight years of age.

After arriving at years of maturity the Doctor's father had married Julia Ann McKinney, who was born in Clark county, probably in Green township. Six children graced this marriage, of whom the Doctor is the fourth in order of birth. Nancy became the wife of John Warren and died in Logan county, Ohio, leaving two children.



Olive married Thomas Hill, of Kingman, Kansas. William Wallace is living on the old homestead in Springfiel township with his wife and six children, the former having borne the maiden name of Mary Pflcher. J. H. is the next younger. Elizabeth is at home. Rachel is the widow of James Titu and lives on the old homestead. The father died in 1884, and the mother passed away in 1878.

Dr. Reynolds spent his boyhood days in the usual manner of farmer lads of the period and his early educational advantages, afforded by the common schools, were supplemented by one year's study in Wittenberg College. Before he entered college he had engaged in teaching and afterward followed that profession for about six years, thus earning the money which enabled him to prosecute his medical studies. Having determined to make the practice of medicine his life work, he began studying in Flattsburg under the direction of Dr. H. F. Wildasin and later he pursued a course in the Cincinnati Eclectic Medical Institute, which he entered in 1874, being there graduated in the spring of 1876. He at once located in Lawrenceville, where he remained for about five years, and in 1881 went to Springfield, where he continued to practice until 1886. In that year he removed to West Jefferson, where he remained until March, 1890, when he returned to Lawrenceville, where he has since enjoyed a good practice.

Dr. Reynolds was married September 28, 1876, to Miss Sarah J. Ballentine, of this place. She was born in German township and is a daughter of James V. and Rosanna (Domer) Ballentine. Two children graced this union; Edgar L., who is a telegraph

operator in Springfield; and Julia A., at home.

The Doctor was reared in the faith of the Democracy and has always adhered to that party. He is one of its prominent members and active workers in this locality and has served as a delegate to various conventions. In 1883 he was Democratic nominee for coroner, but as his party is in the minority in this locality he was not elected. In 1891, however, he was elected clerk of his township, and in 1902 was again chosen to that office, while in 1898 he was nominee for infirmary director. He belongs to Springfield Lodge, No. 33, I. O. O. F., of which he is a past grand. As a student of his profession he has ever been earnest and thorough, reading broadly and investigating closely all subjects which he believes will prove of benefit to him in his work. He has thus progressed in his profession until he has long since left the ranks of the many and stands among the successful few.

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#### GEORGE OTSTOT.

Moorefield township is a representative district of Clark county. The rich farming tracts of this community are pleasing to the eye of the beholder, and the illustrious Longfellow might have been describing this locality when he penned these words: "West and south there were fields of grain, and orchards and cornfields, spreading afar and outstretched o'er the main, and away to the northward." One of the fine farms of this township is owned by George Otstot, and upon it he is extensively engaged in the raising of stock and the cereals adapted to



soil and climate. He was born in Springfield township, southeast of Springfield, October 19, 1844, and is a son of William and Rebecca (Knaub) Otstot. His father was a native of Pennsylvania, having been born in Lancaster county, December 25, 1811. He came with his parents from Pennsylvania to Ohio when about eighteen years of age. His father was Adam Otstot, who had been a wealthy man of the locality in which he lived, possessing about forty thousand dollars, but he had gone security for another and lost all his fortune. Consequently he was virtually penniless on coming to Ohio. His son, William, the father of the subject of this review, was thus early obliged to make his own way in the world. He received a fair common school education in the district schools. By his energy and determined effort he became the owner of one hundred and eighty acres of land, which he cultivated and developed into a good farm. He was married in Clark county, Ohio, February 15, 1842, to Rebecca Knaub, also a native of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania. She had come with her parents to Ohio when about twelve years of age and was a daughter of George and Mary (Jacobs) Knaub. They became the parents of thirteen children: Mary married John Macbeth, and resides in Springfield; Joseph is also a resident of Springfield; George of this review is the next younger; John resides in Springfield township; Jane is the wife of Lewis Batorf, living in Springfield; Sarah resides with her mother; Rebecca is the wife of Thomas Crabill and makes her home in Columbus; Amanda died at the age of nine years; Clara, now deceased, was the wife of William E. Tuttle, and left six children; William lives in Moorefield township; Henry lives in Springfield; Charles resides

on the old home place in Springfield township; Florence is the wife of Wilbur Tuttle and resides in Springfield. The father of this family, though never being an aspirant for office, was a staunch adherent to Republican principles and was a member of the First Baptist church. His death occurred July 15, 1895, in Springfield, but his wife is still living at the age of seventy-eight years.

George Otstot pursued his studies in the common schools of his township and remained on the home farm with his father, assisting in the work of field and meadow, and after reaching his majority receiving wages for his labors. On the 25th of January, 1877, he was united in marriage to Miss Anna Hinkle, who was born in Springfield township, a daughter of Joseph and Margaret Jane (Alt) Hinkle. Her father was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, in February, 1828, and died in 1878, while her mother died July 15, 1902, at the age seventy-nine. Mrs. Otstot is the eighth in the family of thirteen children, eleven of whom grew to years of maturity and eight are still living. Adam and George died in infancy; Maria became the wife of James Macbeth; Rebecca is the wife of John Stewart and resides in Springfield; John died leaving one child; Henry resides in Springfield; Mary married Joseph Foreman and resides in Springfield township. Amanda is the wife of George Oates and they reside in Springfield; Margaret died in early womanhood; Joseph makes his home in Springfield; Belle is the next younger; James resides in Springfield township. Mr. Otstot, in connection with his brother Joseph, purchased a farm of fifty-two acres, south of Springfield, in 1878, having for one year after his marriage resided on rented land. This farm

the brothers still own and the subject of this sketch made his home thereon for five years. He then removed to another farm which he rented for seven years, then rented the Bowman farm for three years, at the end of which time he purchased eighty-three and one-half acres in Springfield and sold it later to a brother, removing from the Bowman place to the farm owned by Mrs. Tuttle, which he purchased. Remaining there three years, he then sold his property to his brother and purchased one hundred and sixty-five acres where he now resides.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Otstot were born two children. Joseph, born March 31, 1878, died at the age of twenty-one and is buried in Ferncliff; and Ada is living on the old home place. Mr. Otstot is a public spirited and progressive man of his community, taking an active interest in the development and improvement of the same. In politics he is a stalwart Republican, as are all his brothers. He strongly advocates the cause of the party, but is content to take no active part in the affairs of state, although ever desiring the success of the party, which he has supported since casting his ballot for Ulysses S. Grant in 1868.

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#### JAMES CRABILL.

Effort long continued when guided by sound business judgment cannot fail to win success, and such has been the case in the history of James Crabill, who is now living retired in Moorefield township after long years of connection with agricultural interests. A comfortable competence is his, won through honest purpose and unflinching labor. He was born January 12, 1841, in the

town of Springfield. His paternal grandparents were David and Barbara (Bear) Crabill. They were natives of Loudoun county, Virginia, where both were reared to years of maturity and were married, removing from the Old Dominion to Ohio about 1814. Four of their children were born in Virginia and others were added to the family in this state until they were the parents of twelve children. All of these grew to mature years with the exception of one, who died at the age of sixteen, but two of the number are still living, William being a resident of Springfield, while Pearson makes his home on a farm in Moorefield township. Five of the family never married. Thomas, the fourth child, lived on a farm in Springfield township and reared a large family. John, the eldest, died at the age of sixteen. Sallie became the wife of George Kiser and also reared a large family. Maria was the wife of Adam Yeazell and at her death left several children in Champaign county, Illinois. David married and had one child that died in infancy. James was the next younger. Mary became the wife of Joshua Crown and left several children. Joseph never married. Susan became the wife of Rev. Enos Neer and died in Cincinnati. Pearson is a resident farmer of Moorefield township. William is living in Springfield. Eliza became the wife of Daniel A. Jones and died in Springfield, while of her five children three are living. The father of this family was in limited financial circumstances when he came to Ohio, but here he got a good start, although later he went security for friends and thus lost all that he had made. With strong purpose and undaunted courage, however, he began business life anew and became the owner of almost twelve hundred acres of land, together

with a large amount of stock. His farm was wild woods when he settled here, the trees and brush growing so thick that it was impossible to see a man on horseback a hundred yards away. His farm was called "Fairview" because as it was cleared there was obtained a beautiful view of the surrounding country for miles to the northeast and an attractive feature of the landscape is the stream of Black creek. Mr. Crabill was an old line Whig. He died at the age of fifty-six years and his wife passed away when about seventy-five years of age.

Thomas Voss Crabill, the father of our subject, was born on Fairview farm in Moorefield township and was the third of the family. He acquired a fair common school education and then began farming on his own account, following that pursuit throughout his entire life. He became the owner of seven hundred and seventy-six acres of land of the old homestead, most of which he bought. In Moorefield township he wedded Sydney Yeazell, and unto them were born fourteen children, of whom our subject is the fifth in order of birth. These are: William, a farmer living southeast of Springfield; David, of the same neighborhood; Mary Jane, who died at the age of sixteen years; Ann Eliza, who became the wife of Joseph Winger and lost two children in early youth; James, of this review; Susan, who died in early womanhood; Louisa, who became the wife of J. N. Tuttle and died in Clark county, leaving one child, Mrs. Carrie Alt, of Clark county; Lavina, who became the wife of John Marsh and after his death married Michael Wilson; John, who is living on a farm in Springfield township and has three children; Elizabeth, the wife of Alonzo Leffel, of Springfield; Thomas, who is living in Co-

lumbus and has three children; Emma J. and Pearson, both of whom died in infancy; Milton, who lives in Springfield and has two children; Joseph F., who resides on the old homestead five miles southeast of Springfield and has two children. The father of this family voted with the Republican party and was a member of the Presbyterian church. He died September 4, 1884, at the age of seventy-four years and his wife is still living at the age of eighty-seven.

James Crabill is indebted to the common schools for the educational privileges he enjoyed. He remained at home until his marriage, which took place October 17, 1876, the lady of his choice being Miss Clara E. Nicklin, of Moorefield township, a daughter of John B. and Catharine (Hoffman) Nicklin. One child graces this marriage, Jessie B., born August 2, 1881. The family home is a farm of one hundred and sixteen acres in Moorefield township, which Mr. Crabill largely inherited from his father. His possessions now enable him to live practically a retired life. In politics he is a Republican and his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church at Springfield, to which his wife and daughter also belong. The family is well known in this section of the county, for Mr. and Mrs. Crabill have spent their entire lives here and are well known as worthy people, who justly merit the esteem and good will of their many friends.

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#### JAMES A. DICUS.

James A. Dicus, whose labors have proven a co-operant for force in the commercial and industrial development of Spring-

field through many years and who is now engaged in dealing in iron and steel work, boilers and machinery, is one of the substantial residents of the city who has the consciousness and deserves the credit of gaining all that he possesses through labor—earnest, untiring and honorable.

He came to Ohio from Maryland in April, 1869, and his ancestral history is one of long and close connection with the latter state. In early colonial days the first of the family in America crossed the Atlantic to the new world and representatives of the family have ever been distinguished for their force of character, tenacity of purpose and fighting qualities. John Dicus, the great-grandfather of our subject, was a soldier of the Revolutionary war, serving in Captain Gales' Company, Maryland Artillery, as drummer, and taking part in the long, sanguinary struggle which brought independence to the colonies.

James Dicus, the grandfather of our subject, was born in Maryland and was a farmer by occupation, following that pursuit throughout his entire business career. He wedded Miss Elizabeth Stevens, a daughter of Levi Stevens, also a Revolutionary soldier, belonging to the Second Maryland regiment, commanded by Colonel Thomas Price. Among the children of James and Elizabeth (Stevens) Dicus was James Dicus, Jr., also a native of Maryland, born near the city of Ellicott in 1812. There he spent his boyhood days and after acquiring his education in a private school, he went to Baltimore, where for many years he was engaged in the manufacture of cotton goods, controlling a business of considerable magnitude and importance. He wedded Mary E. Gosnell; and thus in the maternal line our subject comes of an an-

cestry equally old, honorable and distinguished for his mother was a daughter of William and Sarah (Clark) Gosnell, the former a soldier of the war of 1812, while the latter was a daughter of Bishop Clark, a native of England and a distinguished citizen of that country as well as a notable divine. The great-grandfather was also a bishop of the church of England. The Clarks originally owned a tract of land which was known as Clark's Camp Ground, situated in Baltimore county, Maryland, near the city of Baltimore. It was in Baltimore county that Mrs. Dicus was born and her death occurred in Springfield, Ohio, in June, 1897, while the father of our subject died in the year 1867. They were the parents of four children: James A., Josephine, Mary E. and John Stevens. Josephine and John Stevens are now deceased.

James A. Dicus of this review was born in Baltimore county, Maryland, May 31, 1846, and having completed his literary education, he served a four years' apprenticeship to the patternmaker's trade and then embarked in business on his own account as a dealer in implements, machines and boilers, continuing that connection with commercial interests until 1864, when he enlisted in Company D, Eleventh Volunteer Infantry, as a private, Colonel William E. Landstreet commanding the regiment. On the organization of the company Mr. Dicus was commissioned first lieutenant and served with that rank until the close of the war. After the cessation of hostilities he returned to Baltimore, where he remained for a short time and then came to Springfield, Ohio, where he has since made his home. Here he entered the employ of the James Leffel Manufacturing Company, acting as a patternmaker for a few months, subsequent to

which time he was employed by the Whiteley, Fassler & Kelly Manufacturing Company, working in different capacities during the twenty-one years of his connection with that corporation, being general superintendent of the shop for a part of the time, a position which he was well qualified to fill because of his practical experience and executive force—qualities which enabled him to capably direct the labors of the men there employed. Becoming connected with the Rodgers Iron Company of Springfield, he was later made president and in that capacity controlled the enterprise for ten years, when he sold his interest. His next business connection was in a department of building activity for he handled structural iron and this not only called him into different parts of Ohio, but also into other states where he obtained many contracts furnishing iron and steel for various buildings, and to some extent he is still a representative of this business. At the present time, however, he is conducting a brokerage business, and, having gained a wide acquaintance among those who had to do with mechanics, he has secured a liberal patronage which has grown until he is now at the head of a large and profitable trade.

In April, 1869, Mr. Dicus was married to Miss Catherine McDaniel, of Baltimore, in which city she was reared and educated. Her father was George McDaniel. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Dicus have been born four children: Maud McDaniel; Walter M., who was a most promising young man and was killed in an accident October 18, 1898; Josephine and Edith Jeanette.

Mr. Dicus is a Republican in politics and for two years was a member of the Springfield, Ohio, city council, while for seven years he served as a tax commissioner.

He is a member of Clark Lodge, No. 101, F. & A. M., Springfield Chapter, R. A. M., Springfield Commandery, K. T. and Cincinnati Consistory, thereby becoming a thirty-second degree Mason. He is also a member of the Syrian Temple of the Mystic Shrine and he was department commander of the Union Veterans Union of Ohio and is also a member of Mitchell Post, G. A. R. His comfortable residence is located on East High street, the principal residence street of Springfield. Mr. Dicus is recognized as a prominent factor in local, political and fraternal circles and wherever he has gone he has made many warm friends. His business advancement has been continuous, being the direct result of earnest labor and capability and his life history is an illustration of the fact that stands as one of the most commendable characteristics of our national existence—that men of worth, of laudable ambition and honesty of purpose can win success in this land.

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ELI WEST.

The family of which Eli West is a representative was established in Clark county when this portion of the state formed a part of what was then Champaign county. The West family is of Scotch-Irish descent. The great-grandfather, Edmund West, came from Virginia to this portion of Ohio and cast in his lot with the early pioneer settlers who were reclaiming the wild land and laying broad and deep the foundation for the present development and prosperity of this section. He lived to an advanced age and his wife reached the ripe old age of ninety years. Their remains were interred in the Statler and Ward cemetery in Madison county.

Alexander West, the grandfather of our subject, was born in this county and he and his wife also reached advanced years. He married a Miss Curl, who was interested in the Mary Ball Brown estate. They became the parents of eleven children of whom three sons and a daughter are yet living: Edwin, of Mechanicsburg; Samuel, of Pleasant township; Thomas, of Springfield; and Mrs. Mary A. Turpin, of North Lewisburg. These are now well advanced in years. Samuel was a soldier in the Civil war, as was also his brother John, who is now deceased. Samuel occupies the old home place.

Henry West, the father of our subject, was born in Madison county, Ohio, in December, 1832, and died May 2, 1872. He was reared to manhood on the home farm and became a mechanic, following the trade of a brick and stone mason in connection with agricultural pursuits. He was a Republican in his political views but never sought office nor did he hold and except that of school director. Earnest Christian people, he and his wife were active members of the Methodist Episcopal church. He married Sarah Wood, who was born in Pleasant township and died here June 28, 1866. Her father was Albert Wood, a prominent farmer of that township. Unto Mr. and Mrs. West were born six children, the eldest being Eli. William Wesley, a machinist of Dennison, Ohio, has three living children, Henry, Roy, and John, and has lost two. Lettie is the wife of C. G. Wilson, a farmer of Madison county, Ohio, and has two living children, Ross and Estella, and has lost three. Isaiah is married and is a stationary engineer of Columbus. James, a farmer of Madison county, is married and has three children, Marie, Ruth, and Stella. Emma,

the youngest, died in early childhood. The mother of this family passed away June 28, 1866, and was buried in Vernon cemetery. For his second wife Henry West chose Eliza Brocker, a widow with two sons and a daughter. By the second marriage three sons were born: Lewis, of Vienna Crossroads, who is married and has two children, Reuben and Jessie; Clark, of Moorefield, Ohio, who has one daughter, Bertha; Foster, of Summerford township, Madison county, who has two children, Bertha and an infant. Henry West was buried in Vernon cemetery, while his second wife was laid to rest in the Arluckle cemetery.

Eli West was educated in the common schools and, being the eldest of his father's family, had to assist in the support of the younger children. At the age of eighteen he left home and began to work elsewhere, although he still aided the family by giving all his wages. For several years he followed farm work and then turned his attention to blacksmithing, working as an apprentice from 1866 until 1891, in the service of John Lellis, of Catawba. On the 22d of December of the latter year, he purchased the shop he now owns and has since conducted a prosperous business in general blacksmithing, repairing and wood-working, having a liberal patronage.

In Springfield in 1878 Mr. West married Miss Lydia Stipes, who was born in Catawba, August 5, 1858, and is a daughter of Thomas and Mary Stipes. Her father was born in Virginia in 1822, and when a lad became a resident of Logan county, Ohio. His parents had died in the Old Dominion and he was thus left an orphan. He was bound out to the family of Thomas Melvin, who brought him to Ohio, where he learned the blacksmith's trade, which he followed

until after the Civil war broke out, when he went to the front in the Union ranks as a member of the Eighth Cavalry and died on the field from disease contracted in the service. His wife was born in Pleasant township in 1825, a daughter of Archie and Sarah Runyan. She was left without a mother at an early age and was reared by her grandmother. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Stipes were born five children. Lavinia is the wife of Matthew Meer, of Catawba. Mrs. West is the second in order of birth. Mary V., born in 1851, became the wife of John Lellis and died in 1893. They had one son, Andrew, and a granddaughter, Ella. Sarah, born October 19, 1855, became the wife of John Baumgardner and died August 1, 1819, leaving seven children: Fred, Zeld, Jennie, Lawrence, Nancy, Cecil and Earl. Frances became the wife of Benjamin White. She was born July 29, 1847, and died April 1, 1900, leaving five children: Nettie, George, Lillian, Maude and Harland. Unto Mr. and Mrs. West have been born five children: Clola, born August 8, 1879; Mary and Millie, twins, born January 7, 1884; Lottie, born August 13, 1886; and Lettie, born September 30, 1889. All were born in Catawba and educated in the public schools.

Mr. West erected his present attractive home in 1896. He and his wife are members of the Protestant Methodist church, in which he is serving as trustee and class-leader. Formerly he was Sunday-school superintendent and is now a teacher in the Sunday-school. In politics he is a staunch Republican, known as an active and helpful working member of the party. He has served as a delegate to county conventions, has been a member of the school board of Catawba for six years, was constable of his

township for one year, was mayor of the village for one year and has several times been a member of the council. In all of these offices he has discharged his duties with promptness and fidelity.

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BENJAMIN F. PRINCE, A. M. PH. D.

Professor Benjamin Franklin Prince has been a resident of Springfield for more than a third of a century and has been so closely and prominently connected with the educational and moral interests of the town during that time that no history of the community would be complete without the record of his career. It is a widely acknowledged fact that the most important work to which a man can direct his energies is that of teaching, whether it be from the pulpit, from the lecture platform, or from the school-room. Its primary object is ever the same,—the development of one's latent powers that the duties of life may be bravely met and well performed. The intellectual and moral nature are so closely allied that it is difficult to instruct one without in a measure influencing the other, and certainly the best results are accomplished when the work goes hand in hand. In this work of moral and intellectual training Professor Prince is taking an important part, being at the present time professor of history and political science in Wittenberg College.

Professor Prince is a native of Champaign county, his birth having occurred on the 12th of December, 1840, in that portion of Ohio. He, however, comes from an old Virginian family. The paternal grandfather, Adam Prince, was a native of the Old Dominion, having removed from the Shen-



andoah valley in Virginia to the state of Kentucky in 1805. There he resided until 1809, when he became a resident of Champaign county, Ohio, casting in his lot among its first settlers. With the work of pioneer development and improvement he was closely associated, for many years bearing his part in the general progress. He married Eva Buroker, also a native of Virginia, and among their children was William Prince, the father of our subject. His birth occurred in Kentucky in 1807 and he was therefore only about two years old when brought by his parents to Ohio. In Champaign county he was reared to manhood and there wedded Sarah Norman, a native of that county and a daughter of John and Mary Magdalena Norman, who removed from the Shenandoah valley to Ohio in 1805.

A great majority of the men of the country now prominent in business or professional life, have been farmer boys in youth. Such was Professor Prince, and in field and meadow he worked in his boyhood days when not attending the district schools. After he had acquired his early education he engaged in farming in connection with his brother, Peter W. Prince, but believing that he would find other occupations more congenial, he left the farm. He desired further educational training and entered Wittenberg College of Springfield, where he was graduated on completion of the literary course in 1865. He then took up the study of theology in the same institution and was graduated in that department in 1866. His scholarship, ability and excellent deportment commended him to the faculty who then offered him the position of a teacher in the preparatory department. Subsequently he became professor of natural history in the college and still later

was made professor of Greek and history and afterward of history and political science, now occupying the chair which has charge of these branches of advanced learning.

In 1869 Professor Prince was united in marriage to Miss Ellen Sanderson, of Springfield, who was born in Lebanon, Pennsylvania, and in her early girlhood went with her parents to Philadelphia, where she was reared. Her father, John P. Sanderson, was at one time the editor of the Philadelphia News and was a warm personal friend of Abraham Lincoln and of Simon Cameron, then secretary of war. In the fall of 1861 he was appointed lieutenant colonel in the regular army, was afterward advanced to the position of colonel, and then removed to St. Louis, Missouri, where he died in 1864, while serving his country with the rank designated. The home of Professor and Mrs. Prince has been blessed with four children: Gracella, who is assistant librarian in the Wittenberg College; Flora; Walter, who is a graduate of Wittenberg College, read medicine and was graduated in the Ohio Medical College of Cincinnati, and is now engaged in the practice of medicine in Springfield; and Mabel.

Professor Prince is a member of Clark Lodge, No. 101, F. & A. M., and has been a prominent factor in the intellectual and social circles of the city and in church work. He is to-day the president of the Clark County Historical Society and is a life member of the State Archeological and Historical Society, being also one of the trustees and a member of the executive committee of the latter body. He holds membership in the American Historical Association and in the American Philological Association. For five years he was the president of the Clark



County Sunday-school Association was for seven years a member of the State Sunday-school Association, of Ohio and a member of the local board of the Young Men's Christian Association. It would be almost tautological in this connection to enter into any series of statements as showing our subject to be a man of broad general information or of humanitarian principles, for these have been shadowed forth between the lines of this review. He is a gentleman of strong and forceful individuality, of pronounced views, and yet there is in him an abiding sympathy, a ready charity that never fails, and has won for him the warm regard as well as the friendship and respect of those with whom he has been associated.

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#### JOSEPH DOTY LITTLE.

Joseph Doty Little, a soldier of the Civil war, is now living retired from active business cares, save that he is engaged in the developing of a thresher of his own invention. He has long been associated with mechanical interests in Springfield and through his inventions has largely advanced industrial methods. He was born in Monmouth county, New Jersey, March 30, 1840, and is a son of Thomas Little, whose birth occurred in the same state in 1816. The latter was a farmer by occupation. After reaching mature years he wedded Lydia N. Little, also a native of New Jersey. He died in 1852; his wife in 1842. Of their two children the daughter died in infancy.

Joseph D. Little, the elder child, became a student in a boarding school at Freehold and afterward in Lawrenceville, New Jersey, pursuing an elective course. He was left an orphan when a little lad, his mother

dying when he was two years of age, the father when the son was twelve. His uncle, Arthur W. Little, who became his guardian, was an extensive silk importer of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and our subject entered his store when sixteen years of age, working in the retail department for three years. At the age of nineteen he entered the wholesale department and was thus employed until after the beginning of the Civil war, when he offered his services to the government, enlisting in the Fifteenth Pennsylvania Cavalry under Colonel Palmer, in August, 1862. He participated in the battle of Antietam and the regiment burned the bridge at Harpers Ferry. Their colonel was then in the rebel lines as a spy. The Fifteenth Pennsylvania was an unattached command doing skirmishing duty. It was composed of an intelligent class of men above the common walks of life and was often therefore selected for special duty. In the battle of Stone River Mr. Little was captured and was imprisoned at Atlanta, Georgia, and at Richmond, being incarcerated in the latter city in the smallpox hospital. Later, however, the prisoners were transferred to Libby prison, where our subject was paroled in April, 1863. They were then placed in the hospital at Annapolis and transferred to Philadelphia, where Mr. Little received an honorable discharge in the same year.

After leaving the army he went to Muncie, Indiana, with his uncle, John L. Little, with whom he was engaged in the dry goods business for three years. This was an uncle on the mother's side and the Littles in both the paternal and maternal lines were connected with mercantile pursuits. In 1866 our subject went to Dayton, where he began working for a cousin in the agricultural implement business. In 1869 he came

to Springfield and entered the employ of the Champion works in their new shops, assisting in fitting up the machinery for Mr. Whiteley. He possessed natural mechanical ability, but had had no experience in that line, yet he soon adapted himself to the new work and showed that he could easily master the duties entrusted to him. For three years he remained with the company and then became a traveling salesman for the firm of Rinehart, Ballard & Company, manufacturers of threshing machines, traveling over the states where the machines could be used. After leaving the road he was promoted to the position of superintendent of the shops, acting in that capacity for some time. In the meantime he constructed two practical threshers of his own designing. In 1882 the business was dissolved, both partners dying, and Mr. Little took charge of the books and settled up the estates for both men. The following year he organized the Springfield Fertilizer Company, which was formed as a stock company and he acted as general manager from the opening of the business. The enterprise was conducted until 1901 on a wholesale scale, shipments being made throughout Ohio and Indiana. The product was sent out in two-hundred pound sacks and Mr. Little invented and patented a device for one-hundred pound sacks in order to lessen the labor. He always recognized the importance and value of new machines which would assist in the manufacture of his fertilizer and the business proved a successful venture. Since his retirement in 1901 he has been engaged in developing another thresher, which is entirely original. He is well known in business circles as a good manager, practical, enterprising and progressive.

In this city, in 1875, occurred the marriage of Mr. Little and Miss Lucy Rinehart, a daughter of James W. Rinehart, who was the senior member of the firm by which our subject was employed. Her mother bore the maiden name of Caroline Pennock. Three children have been born unto our subject and his wife: Arthur Workman, who is a student in the General Electric College at Schenectady, New York; Joseph Drummond, in the Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland; and Elizabeth, at home. She is a graduate of the seminary on East High street and is now a teacher in the public schools of Springfield. The wife and mother died and Mr. Little was again married in 1896, his second union being with Maria Rinehart, a cousin of his first wife and the widow of Mitchell M. Benson. By this marriage there is one daughter, Agnes R.

Mr. Little and his wife hold membership in the Third Presbyterian church and his ancestors were adherents of the same faith. In political views they were formerly Whigs and afterward Republicans, and our subject is a strong adherent of the Republican party and its principles. For three years he served as a member of the city council, covering the time when the city hall was erected. He is a member of the board of education, having first been appointed to fill a vacancy, while later he was elected to the office for the term that will expire in 1903. He has frequently been a delegate to city, county and judicial conventions and is deeply and actively interested in everything pertaining to the growth and success of his party. He belongs to Clark Lodge, F. & A. M., and also to the chapter and council of Masonry, and he resides at No. 319 North Limestone street. In his life he has exemplified many of the traits of his Scotch, Irish and Eng-

lish lineage, having the thrift of the first, the versatility of the second and the adaptability and perseverance of the third race. It is these qualities that have made him a successful man of business, who through his own efforts has attained a creditable position among the well-to-do residents of Springfield.

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### LEWIS SKILLINGS.

In Green township, about a quarter of a mile from the place of his present residence, Lewis Skillings was born on the 24th of July, 1831. He is a son of Lewis and Anna (Craig) Skillings, and his paternal grandfather also bore the name of Lewis. He was born near Berlin, Prussia, in 1750 and when a young man he went to England, whether on a business or pleasure trip is not known. While, there, however, he was pressed into the English army without any opportunity of communicating with his family and was forced on board a vessel to be sent to America to fight for the British in the Revolutionary war. When near the coast of Maine he and a comrade, Mr. Hooper, left the ship and swam ashore, landing in the Pine Tree state. He had previously learned the shoemaker's trade and soon found work at that vocation. While in Maine he became acquainted with Hannah Bladgen, whom he afterward married. We next hear of him as a farmer in the southern part of Stokes township, near New Sharon, Franklin county, Maine, where some of his children were born. From there he removed to Anson, near where resided Mr. Hooper, with whom he had escaped from the British vessel. His home bordered the road between Madison and North Anson,

Maine. He settled on a farm and while there was killed by a limb of a tree falling upon him, June 23, 1802, and was buried in a cemetery on Sandy river. His wife lived to the advanced age of ninety-four years, passing away in 1857.

They were the parents of seven children, of whom Lewis Skillings, the father of our subject, was the eldest. He was born in 1789, and after his father's death the care of the family devolved upon him and he provided for their support until he was twenty-two years of age. This duty was then assumed by his younger brother, while Mr. Skillings came to the west, landing in Cincinnati in 1810. For a time he was in partnership in the business of shipping produce down the Ohio and Mississippi rivers to New Orleans by flatboat. Later he settled in Springfield township, Clark county, and in Ohio he met and married Miss Anna Craig, a daughter of John Craig, who was one of the heroes of the Revolutionary war and was born February 15, 1758. In 1775 he entered the army and was discharged in 1780. He was a son of Andrew Craig, who was also a soldier in the war for independence, and who was born in Ireland in 1710. In the year 1718 he crossed the Atlantic to America and in the spring of 1776 he joined the colonial forces in order to aid in winning American independence. He died in the fall of that year on the retreat from Canada. The father of our subject became a member of the Methodist Episcopal church on his nineteenth birthday and for twenty years he served as a class leader in the Fletcher church, exercising a strong influence in behalf of Christianity. His wife was born near Onion river, Connecticut, March 29, 1792, and with her parents came to Ohio in 1807, the family establishing

their home in Clark county in 1808. Lewis Skillings was a poor man when he arrived in Ohio, but he became wealthy, owing to his careful business management, his perseverance and diligence and his honorable dealings. He was also very liberal with his means, generous to the poor, and at the time of his death he left one thousand dollars on interest for the benefit of Fletcher Chapel, to be used after twenty years. His political support was given the Whig party and later he became a staunch Republican. In his family were the following children, of whom all reached years of maturity: Mary, who became the wife of James Laybourn; Hannah, the wife of William McKinney; Sarah, who married Abel Laybourn; John, who died at the age of twenty-five years; Lewis, whose name introduces this review; and Eben, who married Susan Runyon and after her death wedded Phœbe Paulin, while his third wife was Lue Miller.

Lewis Skillings, whose name introduces this record, reared upon the home farm and acquired a fair common school education. At the age of eighteen he began earning money for himself, though he remained at home until twenty-five years of age. In the meantime, with what he had saved, he bought one hundred and five acres of land, constituting a part of his present farm. All of the improvements upon the place he has made and these stand as monuments to his thrift and enterprise. He brought as a bride to his home Miss Martha A. Hammond, their marriage being celebrated on the 20th of December, 1855. She was born in Harmony township, a daughter of Calvin and Laura (Bennett) Hammond, both of whom were natives of New York and had come to Ohio with their respective parents. After their marriage they settled near Vienna,

where Mrs. Skillings was reared to womanhood. Unto our subject and his wife have been born seven children: Fremont married Celia Garlough and died, leaving three children, his widow now living in Springfield; Quincy died at the age of eighteen months; Laura became the wife of Thomas Rowand and is now living with her father; Rolley married Rosa Finch and they have four children; Antice married Claude Rice and is living in Green township; Carrie became the wife of Harley Kirkham and is living in Harmony township; and Nora died at the age of seven months.

A staunch Republican in politics, Mr. Skillings keeps well informed on the issues of the day, but has never been an office seeker. He voted for Winfield Scott in 1852 and in 1856 cast his ballot for Fremont. He is a member of the Free Will Baptist church and is interested in all that pertains to progress and improvement along material, social, intellectual and moral lines. In his business affairs he has prospered and is today the owner of nearly five hundred acres of valuable land. He represents one of the old pioneer families of the county and has borne his part in carrying forward the work of development and improvement, which was begun by his pioneer ancestors, always manifesting the same love for his country and interest in her welfare as was shown by his ancestors who fought for the independence of the nation.

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#### MANLEY GOODFELLOW.

Manley Goodfellow was born on a farm on Beaver creek in Clark county in 1843 and throughout his entire life has been iden-

tified with agricultural pursuits. He is the oldest son of Thomas Goodfellow and grandson of Moore Goodfellow, who was born in Ireland and at an early day in the development of this portion of the state came to Clark county, settling on a tract of land on Beaver creek, which was covered with timber. He cleared away the trees so that the sunlight fell upon the ground, which he plowed and planted, in due course of time reaping good harvests therefrom. They were the parents of eight children, one of those being Rachel, now a widow, of Spafford. Hurd is a resident of Madison county, Ohio. The grandparents and several members of their family are buried in the Wragg cemetery.

Thomas Goodfellow, the father of our subject, was also born on the old homestead on Beaver creek, in one of the first brick houses erected in Harmony township, his natal day being in the year 1816. He was educated in the common schools and reared under the parental roof. He afterward became the owner of the farm on Beaver creek and later purchased a small tract of land to the west. He then removed to that place and it was there that his children were born. Throughout his business career he carried on farming and succeeded in his work so that from time to time he was enabled to add to his land and ultimately became the possessor of seven hundred acres, all in Harmony township. Much of this he himself cleared and erected thereon good buildings. He followed general farming and everything about his place was neat and thrifty in appearance, indicating his careful supervision and his progressive methods. He married Miss Mary Sexton, who was born in Canada in 1825, but some time prior to her marriage had located in Clark county,

Ohio. Unto them were born eight children, of whom six are yet living: Manley, of this review; John, who owns a farm in Harmony township, but is now living in Denver, Colorado; Andrew, who is the owner of what is known as the Boyd farm, in Harmony township; Alice, the wife of William Shorey, a resident of Pleasant township; Dora, the wife of David Snaeley, of Springfield township; and Clara, the wife of William Roberts, of Moorefield township. The father's death occurred in the spring of 1896, and thus passed away one of the honored pioneer settlers of the county, who for eighty years had resided within its borders, witnessing its growth and development throughout a long period and noting the changes that occurred as it merged from primitive conditions to take its place among the leading counties of Ohio. He was a Republican in his political affiliations from the time of the organization of the party until his death and took a deep interest in its growth and success. For many years he filled the position of justice of the peace, his decisions being strictly fair and impartial. He held the office of school director and was likewise township trustee, and in all the offices which he filled he was prompt and faithful. He gave his support to church work and to all enterprises which he believed would prove of general good to the people of the county. He had many friends among the older people of this section of the state and by all was always held in the highest regard for his sterling worth and upright character.

Manley Goodfellow, whose name introduces this record, acquired his education in a select school, which he attended one winter, and in the public schools of Harmony township. At an early age he began work-

ing in the fields and assisted in the labors of cultivating the crops through the summer months, while in the winter seasons he pursued his studies. He has always remained at home co-operating with his father in the farm work and becoming familiar with every department of the business and with the best methods of conducting the work. Several years before the father's death the son became the practical manager of the farm and he received as his share of the estate one hundred acres of land, to which he has since added until he now owns three hundred acres, nearly all of which is under cultivation. He has cared for his mother since the death of the father. His time and energies are devoted almost exclusively to his farm work, in which he has made a success. In politics he is an earnest Republican, having firm faith in the principles of his party, yet he has never sought office nor cared to figure before the public as an official. He has contributed of his means to church and charitable work and is deeply interested in everything pertaining to the general good of the community and to the substantial progress of the county.

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#### GEORGE W. BYMASTER.

George W. Bymaster, who served his country as a soldier of the Civil war, and is now engaged in the dairying business on the National pike, two miles from Springfield, was born in Pennsylvania in 1833 and is a son of Christopher Bymaster. In 1852 he removed from the Keystone state to Clark county and here began working as a farm hand by the month, being thus employed until 1862. In that year he offered

his services to the government and aided in crushing out the rebellion in the south, joining Company G, Ninety-fourth Ohio Infantry, in the month of August. He served continuously until May, 1865, and participated in the following engagements: Tates Ferry, Tunnel Hill, Buzzard's Roost, Hoover's Gap, Pigeon Gap, Chickamauga, Chattanooga, Lookout Mountain, Mission Ridge, and a fifteen days' skirmish around Resaca. There he was wounded, having the muscle of his right arm shot away, while the bullet also penetrated his left side. He was a brave and loyal soldier, never faltering in defense of the old flag which now floats so proudly over the united nation.

After his return from the army Mr. Bymaster engaged in farming as soon as he had sufficiently recovered his health. This was in 1867 and he continuously carried on agricultural pursuits until about 1893, when he embarked in the dairy business, which he has since successfully conducted under the firm name of Bymaster & Son, his home being two miles from Springfield on the National pike. In his work he is energetic, follows progressive methods, and everything about his place is neat and thrifty in appearance, while the products of his dairy are of such excellent quality that he finds a ready sale on the market for them.

Mr. Bymaster was united in marriage to Miss Mary Jane Tilton, a daughter of David and Barbara (Garver) Tilton, of Addison, Ohio. They now have five children. William Irvin married Emma, a daughter of Samuel Nawman, and at his death left five children, Pearley, Clyde, Hazel, George Russell and Verna. William Irvin died in 1901 at the age of forty years and his family is now living in Illinois. Forrest C. married Alice Logan and is living in Clark

county, Kansas. David C. is a resident of North Dakota. Ida is at home with her parents. Charles O. wedded Mary Powell and is in partnership with his father in the dairying business. They have two children, Paul G. and Ruth L. Mr. Bymaster is a strong Republican in his political views and

was appointed township trustee in February, 1902, while in April, of the same year, he was elected to the office which he is now capably filling. He belongs to Powell Post, No. 381, G. A. R., and to the Methodist church and is well known as an enterprising and reliable citizen of his community.





# HISTORICAL AND BIOGRAPHICAL.

BY CLIFTON M. NICHOLS.

The beautiful and prosperous city of Springfield is the capital of Clark county, and one of the handsomest and most enterprising cities of Ohio, and the country of which it is the chief and only city, is famous for its physical beauty, its fertile fields and its ample deposits of limestone. A hundred years ago our predecessors, the red men, roved at will over the hills and plains of the valleys of the two Miamis and Mad river, with the regions of the Lagonda and smaller affluent streams. This territory in its wildness was, we are sure, remarkably beautiful, and uncultivated as it was, certainly productive. Here Indian corn, or maize, responded to the touch of the aborigines, unconscious of its royal birth and its coming kingdom; fed as it was by the wealth of the rich mold and fostered by generous rains and a sunny, balmy air, it grew to generous proportions, and when matured, browned and parched made toothsome and wholesome food, fit not only for a savage, but for a prince. Then the Indian had but to gash the integument of the sturdy and towering maple to start the flow of delicious fluid, from which was made the finest flavored and most wholesome sugar the world has ever

produced. Then a royal appetite, whetted by active, out of door life, and unspoiled by luxurious habits, made of roasted bear meat and venison from the forests and broiled fish from the streams, most delicious food, thoroughly masticated by strong and perfect teeth, in a region and at a period when and where dentists, with their instruments of torture, were unknown. What would thousands of those who are considered our most fortunate people now give for such appetites, such digestion and such delicious food as our dusky forefathers enjoyed? But, alas, no amount of wealth can buy these blessings.

If the aborigines found the region between the Miami rivers, and adjacent to Mad river, a goodly land, is it at all a matter of wonder that those sturdy and intelligent men of the olden time, David Lowry and Jonathan Donnell—the last named (like George Washington, who visited the Ohio country as early as 1749, a surveyor—should, coming as they did from Pennsylvania in 1795, decide to make their home in such a region of richness and beauty? Or, that others in the course of time, from eastern states should join them, or that in 1799,

the germ of a city should be planted on the banks of the fair Lagonda? Or that the village of Springfield should be laid out in 1801? As a matter of course there should be a tavern, and Griffith Foos erected one of logs in 1803.

The products of the cultivated soil of Clark county in those early days were corn, potatoes, oats and wheat. The corn not needed for the food of the pioneers could be sold, and the potatoes could be eaten on sight, but the wheat to be utilized must be converted into flour. There came, therefore, the pressing need for the man with a white hat. Therefore, in 1804, nearly one hundred years ago, the first flouring mill was erected.

There were mighty hunters in those days and the skins of bear and deer and a few domestic animals then existing could only be preserved and made useful by being made into leather and the man for the hour proved to be Cooper Ludlow, who came here from Cincinnati and built a tannery in 1805. Then there must be powder for hunters and pioneers, who, in addition to shooting wild game, were sometimes forced to defend themselves and their homes against hostile Indians. So John Lingle put up a powder mill in 1809. Then followed, year after year, other industries; lumber, woolen and cotton mills, etc. In 1827 the Kills paper mill was erected. In 1830 the Bretney tannery was built and equipped and is still operated by the descendants of the builder. One of the most enterprising and ingenious of our early settlers, James Leffel, built the first foundry, and the establishment, based upon his famous water wheel, known the world over, is one of the largest and most flourishing of our modern manufacturing establishments, that of James Leffel Company, owned by

John W. Bookwalter, son-in-law of Mr. Leffel.

In 1841 the Barnett flour mill commenced work. It was, comparatively, a great industry at that time, and is now more extensive in its operations than ever before. The Barnett family occupy a most honorable place in local fame and is still most honorably represented.

The printer is always in the van of improvement, and in 1817 the Rev. George Smith began printing Clark county's first public journal, "The Farmer." The first factory for the production of textile goods was a woolen mill and was erected in 1817 by Maddox Fisher, and in the same year Jacob Woodward, Ira Paige and John Taylor commenced the production of cotton cloth. In this line the late Charles Rabbitts became afterward quite prominent as a manufacturer of woolen goods and showed himself a public spirited and useful citizen. At about the same time Griffith Foos built the Pioneer linsced oil mill, and for many years after John Foos carried on its operations, becoming eminent during an active, life-long career as merchant, manufacturer, banker and good citizen.

At first Springfield and the territory surrounding it were a part of Champaign county, but in 1818 Clark county was organized and a courthouse built, but it was demolished in 1878, and the present comely palace of justice was erected. An additional building has been constructed at an expense of \$60,000, for county offices.

The completion of the National road by the Federal government connected by a broad and fine thoroughfare the cities of Baltimore and Cumberland with Springfield, Ohio. It stimulated local enterprise, opened up the

palmy days of stage coaching and was the forerunner of the many railroad lines now centering and passing through Springfield and connecting it with all the great cities of the country. Springfield is the most important center of the great Vanderbilt lines west of New York.

In 1848 John A. Pitts, from Buffalo, New York, built a separator factory, which occupied a portion of the present piano plate factory of the O. S. Kelly Company. The manufacture of reapers and mowers was commenced by Benjamin H. Warder and partners, under the name of the Lagonda Agricultural Works, in 1850, on a portion of the tract now occupied, with nearly a hundred acres of additional territory, by the immense plant owned by the Warder Bushnell & Glessner Company, which is now one of the largest industrial concerns in the country. Ex-Governor Asa S. Bushnell is the president, his senior, Mr. Warder, founder of the Warder Library, having died in Cairo, Egypt, several years since. This concern manufactures the Champion reapers and mowers and employs nearly two thousand men a large portion of the year. In 1852 William N. Whiteley, assisted by his brother, Amos, began the manufacture of the Champion machines, invented by William, and afterward disposed of it to the above named company. In 1855 the late P. P. Mast and the late John H. Thomas commenced the manufacture of grain drills. From this pioneer work in water wheels, harvesters and grain drills has grown up a group of large concerns of various kinds, over one hundred and fifty in number and employing nearly ten thousand persons, of whom not a small proportion are women. Their products are sent each year to all portions of North and South America, to Eu-

rope, Australia, South Africa and all portions of the civilized world.

Springfield, located in the commercial and industrial heart of the country, holds high rank among the smaller cities of the country as a handsome, healthy, well equipped and prosperous town, and her thriving Wittenberg College, its several departments constituting an actual university, its fine Springfield Seminary, its high class public schools and parochial schools; its more than half a hundred places for public worship of Almighty God, its large and prosperous Young Men's Christian Association, at the head of which is W. J. Frazer, one of the best and strongest men of his class in the country, present a most attractive array of institutions, and of a most useful and wholesome character.

No city of its size in America, with forty-five thousand people (in 1902) has such fine public buildings. Of these are the unique and beautiful Y. M. C. A. building, the magnificent city hall building, embracing city hall, market house, city offices, etc., over two hundred and sixty-five feet long, in the heart of the city, and opposite the fountain, put up by Oliver S. Kelly, pioneer manufacturer, ex-mayor, and one of our most honored public men, the building costing with its site, two hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars; the Warder Library, already alluded to, one of the most tasteful structures in Ohio; the Federal building, a massive and architecturally fine building of stone, secured to us through the efforts of Major General J. Warren Keifer when he was a member of Congress; the Clark county courthouse, and other fine public buildings.

Three strong national banks are located in large and fine buildings: The First in the

massive five-story Bushnell building; the Citizens in the Zimmerman annex to the five-story Gotwald building, of stone, and the Mad River and Lagonda National and the Savings Banks in fine buildings of their own. The building and loan associations are handsomely housed.

The state homes of the Masons, the Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias form, together, a very attractive feature of the city and bring many visitors. Each building has a style peculiarly its own, yet all are massive and beautiful and equipped with all modern conveniences and comforts. The people of Springfield are very proud to point to the state homes as largely the products of their own liberality, public spirit and good taste.

Springfield's new (Mitchell-Thomas and Snyder) hospital is another fine building, with fine modern equipments.

#### THE HONORED DEAD.

In the front rank of those eminent men who have passed away should be placed Hon. Sarson Mason, who died in 1869. He was at different times a member of both the Ohio senate and the house of representatives, served four terms in Congress, and was a major general in the Ohio militia. During the administration of President Millard Fillmore he served as United States district attorney for Ohio. He was also a member of the constitutional convention (1850-51) that formed our present organic law. General Mason was a prominent member of the Presbyterian church of the country and produced a profound impression by his powerful addresses during the sessions of the general assembly. He was very

strong and influential as a public speaker and as a citizen.

General Mason's son, Edward C., was a brilliant soldier in the Civil war, and made a high record for bravery and skill. He rose rapidly in various branches of the service, in various portions of the country, until he became a brigadier general in the regular army.

A worthy contemporary of General Mason was General Charles Anthony, who died in 1862. He was for several years a member of the Ohio legislature, and was for four years United States district attorney for Ohio, under General Harrison. General Anthony was a good orator and a strong man of high character.

As Generals Mason and Anthony went off the stage, probably the ablest lawyer and statesman ever born in this county made his appearance in the presence of Hon. Samuel Shellabarger. He was born in Mad River township, December 17, 1817, and died at his residence in Washington, August 7, 1896. He was at one time a member of the Ohio legislature and afterwards served four terms in Congress. He was one of the most effective speakers in the country. He was an honest man; his integrity was never questioned. He was a practical and able statesman. Of him in the trying "reconstruction" period, Mr. Blaine said, "He was distinguished for the logical and analytical character of his mind and without the gift of oratory and paying little heed to the graces of speech, Mr. Shellabarger, conquered by the intrinsic strength of his argument, which generally amounted to demonstrations. His mind possessed many of the qualities which distinguished Mr. Lincoln." Judge William M. Rockel, in his

centennial address, says of him: "After retiring from Congress, he removed to Washington for the purpose of practicing his profession, and was engaged in many of the most important matters of litigation that appeared in the supreme court of the United States. His industry and faith to duty and his country were crowning virtues. A high example of an able and learned Christian lawyer."

George Spence was an able lawyer and, personally, a strong man with a host of friends. He was a delegate to the Charleston convention and was for a long time one of the "wheel horses" of the Democratic party.

Judge James S. Halsey was a man of popular qualities, and of strict integrity.

Thomas Kizer was a most prominent man in his day. He had much to do in laying out the land in early days and was a strong man. He was a native of this county.

Two men had much to do in building up the interests of the city, and commenced the manufacture of grain drills in partnership, John H. Thomas and Phineas P. Mast, both reaching old age. They were the founders of the grain drill industry, and also took a prominent part in public affairs. Mr. Thomas was a Democrat, and if he had what was due him, he would have had a seat in the United States senate instead of Calvin S. Brice. He was a staunch Presbyterian.

Mr. Mast was prominent in religious affairs as well as in business. He was for many years a member of the city council, and no member was more faithful in the discharge of his duties in that body. He also held other responsible positions. He was for two years president of the board of trade, and he and Mr. Thomas were charter members of that body. Mr. Thomas was

president of the Thomas Manufacturing Company, and Mr. Mast, president of Mast, Foos & Co., the P. P. Mast & Co., the Springfield National Bank, and other organizations.

Samuel A. Bowman was an able and most accomplished lawyer and a most prominent citizen, taking great interest in public affairs. He was the founder of the Men's Literary Club, and was in a number of ways a factor in public movements. He was also the founder of the beautiful Ferncliff cemetery, one of the finest burial places in the country.

The pioneer of Springfield was James Demint, who might properly be called the "Father of the Town," laying out the town site.

The celebrated Indian chief, Tecumseh, was born four miles west of Springfield.

No one of the men who have "gone beyond the flood" is more honored in their old city—or more widely honored—than the late Benjamin Head Warder, who gave to us our beautiful Warder library, with its site and equipment. He was of a most honored family. Thompson Warder, of this city, and Dr. Warder, of Cincinnati, brothers, are also honored men. Benjamin was a pioneer manufacturer, the father of reaper and mower production in Springfield. He was a man of fine appearance and bearing, and of large and broad culture, and was one of nature's noblemen. His great gift to Springfield—the Warder library—was valued at over a hundred thousand dollars. He died a few years ago in Cairo, Egypt, where he went for the benefit of his health.

Our most liberal benefactors, among those who have left us, are John and David L. Snyder, to whom Springfield is greatly indebted for the gift of 225 acres, now

known as Snyder Park. No tract of ground could have been better suited for the purpose. One hundred thousand dollars was given as a permanent fund, the income to be used for its improvement and twenty-five thousand dollars was given outright for immediate use. The city has made provision also for beautifying the tract. Snyder Park is fully appreciated by all classes of people, and frequented, in all seasons of the year. The giant and beautiful trees standing on the tract, doubtless hundreds of years old, have been allowed to remain and are the most valued features of the tract. The park board has shown great taste in its work, its members adapting themselves, so far as possible, to the tastes and desires of the people.

To the gift of Ross Mitchell, a valuable building for hospital purposes, John H. Thomas added an annex, costing several thousand dollars, and John Snyder added a hundred thousand dollars as a permanent endowment, the income to be used for the benefit of "the sick poor." A new and fine hospital building has recently been built. The space allowed in this volume is insufficient for mention of all the useful and eminent men who have lived and worked in this county for the benefit and welfare of their fellow men.

William A. Rogers was one of the most eminent of a former generation, as a lawyer, a politician of the best sort, a judge, a legislator, and a journalist, but was stricken by death early in his public career. Judge Forbert was also a judge and a journalist of repute, and John M. Gallagher left a fine reputation as a legislator and an editor. He is conceded by all to have been the most eminent journalist Clark county has ever known.

Among the most prominent and active

of our manufacturers of former times was William Foos, connected with John W. Bookwalter in the firm of Leffel & Company, and a leading banker. He was a man of fine personal qualities and an able financier. He was the founder of the Church of Heavenly Rest.

His younger brother, Gustavus S. Foos, was one of the most enterprising and energetic of our business men and manufacturers and gave his services largely to the public. He served two terms as president of the board of trade. Mr. Foos had wonderful recuperative qualities and endured and overcame reverses with a remarkable degree of success.

Of our judges, one of great ability and efficiency was James S. Goode, one of our early mayors.

Judge William White is well known to the present generation of our citizens. Judge Rockel, in his centennial address, says that Judge White "is justly entitled to be designated as the greatest jurist that ever came from this bar. His career is quite remarkable." He was born in England, January 28th, 1822, and came to this country with an uncle in 1831. At twelve he was apprenticed to a cabinet maker for a term of nine years, but after serving six years of his apprenticeship he purchased his time by giving his notes to his master. He was admitted to the bar and served several terms as prosecuting attorney. In 1856 he was elected judge of the court of common pleas, and in 1864 he was elected judge of the supreme court of Ohio. In 1882 he was appointed by President Arthur United States district judge for the southern district of Ohio, and was confirmed by the United States Senate, but died (in 1883) before he could take his seat. He was a man of very

popular and sterling qualities and was greatly respected by his fellow citizens of all parties. His only son, Charles R. White, was chosen judge of the common pleas court and at the close of his term was re-elected, dying in 1890, in his forty-second year. He "was a worthy son of an illustrious father."

John C. Miller, son of an eminent citizen, Reuben Miller, was a prominent lawyer and office holder, holding the position of judge of common pleas during the late years of his life. He was a very effective public speaker and took an active part in public affairs. He had many friends and admirers, and held high rank as a citizen. Judge Miller died September 17, 1900.

Enoch G. Dial, who died in 1896, was a man of fine education and talents, and served for a period as probate judge. He was editor of the Democratic Expositor for a number of years. He was at one time president of the school kept in the four-story building on East High street, now occupied by the Springfield Seminary.

During the period of the Civil war John Bacon and John W. Baldwin were the two "leading citizens." They were both prominent bankers, and the last named was the leading merchant. Mr. Bacon stood very high in public esteem as a man of stanch character and sound judgment. Mr. Baldwin showed large interest and was very prominent in his participation of public affairs, and was very influential in his interest in behalf of the cause of the Union. Ranking with these gentlemen were Henry and William Williamson. Their brothers, John and James P., were well known. The last named was at one time interested in the newspaper business. Another brother, Jackson, was a graduate of West Point, and was an officer in the United States army during

the Mexican war. The women of the family stood high in the community.

The most eminent of Springfield's early educators were Rev. Ezra Keller, D. D., and Rev. Samuel Sprecher, D. D., Dr. Sprecher being still alive at the time this paper was written. Dr. Keller was the first president of Wittenberg College, incorporated in 1845. He died in 1848. He exerted a profound influence upon the community and will always be held in affectionate remembrance.

Rev. Dr. Chandler Robbins, father of the present Chandler Robbins, was another eminent educator of the early days. He built the brick portion of the Mitchell-Thomas Hospital and conducted the Greenway Boarding School for many years.

The physicians of a locality always occupy a high and warm place among the people. Men of education and refinement and usually of varied accomplishments, their qualities added to their medical knowledge and skill, give them high rank. Dr. W. A. Needham is remembered by some of our older citizens. He was born in Shoreham, Vermont, and was therefore of Yankee blood and training.

Dr. Isaac Hendershott was a prominent citizen, a man of fine education and good literary qualities and took some part in politics.

Dr. Robert Rodgers was a man of fine education of strong, good sense and judgment and was greatly beloved, and no old resident of Springfield has left behind him so large a family of honorable descendants. He was born in Pennsylvania and was of Scotch-Irish descent.

Dr. Berkley Gillett was a strong character and took active part in public affairs. He was born in Vermont, and came to



Springfield in 1834. Of him Dr. H. H. Seys says, in his Centennial paper: "He was a man of strong personality and large progressive ideas, and was well and favorably known by a large constituency throughout the county. He was identified with many of Springfield's early and best interests. \* \* \* He worked with the first of his profession." His younger brother Harvey, lived on a farm in the country, practicing his profession largely in the country.

Dr. Robert Houston, who lived in South Charleston, was eminent in his profession.

Dr. Alexander Dunlap probably had more fame outside of the city than any other physician. In one line of surgery, he was one of the most successful practitioners in the United States, and was not unknown in Europe. He boldly branched out, attempting and accomplishing results that in his day were considered wonderful.

Dr. E. M. Buckingham was one of the finest gentlemen who ever ornamented the profession of medicine. He had an imposing personal appearance, and he was a man of varied and many accomplishments. He was a good citizen and took part in public affairs. Dr. Seys says: "Dr. E. M. Buckingham, for more than thirty years, held a most prominent position \* \* \* as a physician and a gentleman. All who knew him deplored his death. \* \* \* Valuable aid was rendered by him as volunteer surgeon during the war of the Rebellion. Dr. Buckingham was of the finest type as a physician and a Christian gentleman."

We cannot do better than to quote our Medical Historian, as to a prominent physician, Andrew M. McLaughlin, of Tremont: "An old Doctor of the William McClure type. The soul of honor, richly endowed by Nature, with limited opportunity to ob-

tain an education, yet he became a power in his day and generation. So pure was this diction, and because of his ponderous weight, among his intimate professional brethren, he was known as 'Webster's Unabridged;' a gentleman beloved and appreciated by those who know him."

Drs. Andrew Bruce and George H. Bunyan were well known and greatly beloved.

It were well that we go into some detail as to pioneer Christian workers in this county. Mrs. Walter Smalwood was one of the first and chief of these. She "was a woman of superior intelligence, cultivated manners and very active in all matters pertaining to the moral and social improvement of the little community. She became a prime mover and original member of what was called the Methodist Society of that time, and she continued to labor in that sphere until 1866, when several persons of this religious affinity organized themselves into what should be regarded as the First Methodist church of Springfield. Whilst speaking of this time as one of religious dearth and gloom, we have occasion to note the life of this Christian woman, especially, and to regard her as a sort of morning star in the opening up of the religious day. She was said to have been remarkably gifted in prayer, and her choice words and sweet voice, melting in its tenderness, were frequently heard in supplication in seasons of social worship." So writes Dr. Isaac Kay in his centennial address. Surely such a woman's record should be made a part of the history of Clark county.

Rev. Samuel Henkle was the first settled minister of the Methodist Episcopal church in Springfield. His ministerial career covered a period of twenty-eight years and he has left a memory that is precious to the



older residents of this community. In 1827 he edited and published a religious paper called "The Gospel Trumpet." He died in the year 1837.

Wm. H. Raper was one of the most prominent of early Methodists, and Raper Chapel, in Dayton, was named in his honor.

Joshua Boucher was a strong and active worker.

Granville Moody was a famous Methodist preacher, in 1834, and was a stalwart, and, on occasions, a fighting follower of his Master. He was ultimately a colonel in the Union army.

Randolph S. Foster was at one time a local pastor here—of the old Columbia Street church, and is now an honored bishop of the Methodist Episcopal church. He is also an author of high repute.

Revs. Charles Elliott and Solomon Howard were among the famous "old-timers" in this city.

Rev. Dr. John F. Marlay lived in Springfield for many years and no man of his profession was ever more highly beloved. He was a writer, as well as a speaker, of much ability.

Rev. Ansel H. Bassett, D. D., was a pastor of the Methodist Protestant church, and was for many years editor of the Methodist Recorder. Rev. Alexander Clark, and able and brilliant gentleman, was also, for a period, editor of the same paper, as also was Rev. Dr. Scott. Rev. George Brown, D. D., was an able pastor of the same denomination.

All who remember Rev. Joseph Clokey, D. D., will recall his career with real affection. His long period of efficient service as pastor of the United Presbyterian church, and as a Christian worker, place him in the front rank of Springfield's clergymen.

Rev. John S. Galloway was among the

most noted of the early Presbyterian pastors of this city, and his memory is recalled with pleasure.

Rev. Dr. N. C. Burt served in the Presbyterian church with eminent ability, and afterward went to Baltimore; thence to France. Rev. Dr. William F. Findlay, another Presbyterian pastor, was a man of marked ability and much eminence as a Christian worker. The same was true of Rev. Dr. W. J. McKnight, and of Rev. Alexander Proudfit, who died here, highly honored and warmly loved.

Revs. Professors Fred W. and Victor L. Conrad were preachers and editors here of early days, and were men of great ability as well as piety.

Father Thisse was eminent as pastor of St. Raphael Catholic church.

Rev. James C. White was the first pastor of the Congregational church here, and was a man of sterling qualities and marked ability. The ablest of his successors was Rev. A. Hastings Ross, D. D., one of the strongest men, as a preacher and an author, in the Congregational body of the United States. No man ever made a more favorable record as a Christian worker than one of his successors, Rev. Wm. H. Warren, still living.

One of our most eminent clergymen was Thomas A. Morris, bishop of the Methodist Episcopal church, who died here. He was a man of national fame—universally loved.

Miss Eunice Strong was certainly a prominent and efficient educator, holding very high rank in her profession. Many of her old pupils still live to bless her memory.

Rev. James L. Rodgers, connected for several years with the Springfield Female Seminary, was a man of high character and very popular qualities.

Henry Rodgers, a son of Judge Wm. A. Rodgers, was a brilliant young gentleman,

and was an esteemed instructor in both Wittenberg College and the high school. He and his young wife were killed in the famous railroad catastrophe at Ashtabula.

A distinct and robust figure in the community was Colonel Edward M. Doty, of the One Hundred and Fifty-second Ohio Regiment in the Civil war, but he was better known as a business man and as a Christian worker in a long life of active effort in behalf of the highest interests of his fellow men. He was an effective public speaker and was prominent in Sunday-school and church work.

#### CLARK COUNTY AND TOWNSHIP.

Clark county was originally a part of Champaign county, but by an act of the legislature passed on December 5, 1817, it was constituted a county by itself. Its territory is twenty-nine miles long from east to west, and about seventeen miles broad, containing four hundred and twelve square miles. It has ten townships, namely: Pike, German, Moorefield and Pleasant bordering on the north line; Springfield located in the center; Harmony on the east, Bethel in the southwest corner, and Mad River, Green and Madison on the south. The county was named in honor of the famous revolutionary general, George Rodgers Clark, who was born in Albemarle, Virginia, November 19, 1752, and who, on August 8, 1780, gained a signal victory over the Shawnee Indians, led by Simeon Girty, at New Boston, the old Indian town of Piqua, and the birthplace of the celebrated Indian chief, Tecumseh. The historic spot lies five miles west of Springfield. General Clark had one thousand men and one six-pounder cannon, and was guided to the spot by the famous Kentucky pioneer, Daniel Boone.

On Monday, August 9, 1880, the centennial anniversary of this battle was observed with appropriate ceremonies and a sham battle, and appropriate and eloquent addresses were delivered by the Hon. Charles Foster, at that time Governor of Ohio, General Wm. H. Gibson, and General J. Warren Keifer. The celebration was on the spot where the battle was fought. Many thousands of people were present.

The township of Springfield is six miles wide from north to south, with an average length of about eight and one-half miles, and has an area of about 32,450 acres. It was organized on the 2d day of June, 1818. On the 7th day of April, 1805, Robert Renick and Jonathan Domell were elected the first justices of the peace, and the first election of township officers was held on the 6th day of April, 1818.

Lagonda, now a portion of the city of Springfield, was founded by one of Ohio's most famous pioneers, Simon Kenton, in the year 1799 or 1800. Kenton built a log grist mill here at about that time on a portion of the site now occupied by the immense reaper and mower plant owned by the Warder, Bushnell & Glessner Company. Springfield township is agriculturally rich and abounds in vast deposits of limestone, from which famous white lime is produced. The lime kilns extend west of the city for five miles and the territory from the city is well built up, trolley lines extending from the city to the suburbs.

The township of Harmony was organized on the 2d day of June, 1818. It has five small villages—Wiseman, near the west line, Vienna Cross Roads and Brighton in the northwest corner, Plattsburg near the center and Lisbon near the southern border. The Columbus, London and Springfield Suburban Railway line has added largely to

the growth and importance of Wiseman, Vienna Cross Roads and Brighton.

Wm. Coffey built the first cabin in Pleasant township in May, 1803. William Hunt built the first grist mill in 1819, and Nathaniel Cartmell built another in 1822.

Moorefield township was first settled in 1799 by Simon Kenton and his party from Kentucky, was organized in June, 1818, and abounds in fine scenery and rich bottom lands in the vicinity of the hills. New Moorefield is the township's only village. The Marysville branch of the Big Four Railway passed through this village.

German township was organized in 1818. Its villages are Tremont City, Noblesville, Lawrenceville, and Eagle City. Jacob Kiblinger built the first saw and hemp mill in 1806. In this year the people of the township had some trouble with the Indians, and finally made a treaty with them. Tecumseh being one of the negotiators. The Detroit Southern Railroad has a station at Tremont City and the Dayton, Springfield and Urbana Suburban line passes a mile distant.

Pike township was organized in 1818. Andrew and Samuel Black were the first settlers, in 1805. North Hampton and Dialton are the two villages of the township.

Bethel township is believed to be the home of the first white man that settled in the Miami valley, north of Cincinnati. The first school was built in 1805. The township has three villages, New Carlisle, Medway and Donnelville. The Peoria division of the Big Four Railroad passed through New Carlisle; also the Springfield and Southwestern trolley line. The Dayton, Springfield and Urbana road passes through Medway, and the Springfield and Southwestern passes from the village westward. A large power house and car barn is located in Medway and Tecumseh Park is a famous feature of the vil-

lage, which is in growing rapidly. New Carlisle is a beautiful village. It has a fine public schoolhouse, a newspaper, the Sun, and several mills and factories. It lies in the rich valley of Honey creek. The township has a high school at Forgy, on the Big Four railway. The township yields abundantly of wheat, corn, potatoes and tobacco.

Mad River's first settler was James Galloway, who arrived in 1798. Joseph and Robert Layton came in 1801, William Donnell built the first tavern in 1812. The second was built of rough stone by Franklin Cook in 1836. Enon is the only village in the township, and the main line of the Big Four Railroad passes through it.

Green township was organized in 1818. Pitchin, Clifton and Coatesville are its villages. The Little Miami river passes through very picturesque scenery in Clifton, which village is soon to have a trolley line. O. Davis built the first grist mill, on the Little Miami river at Clifton. The Inlows, Stewarts, Garloughs, Elders, Todds and Albins were the first settlers.

Madison township was formerly a part of Madison county, and it was organized on April 25, 1818. South Charleston, a beautiful and prosperous town, has a fine hotel, a town hall, good public schools, churches and business houses, and a newspaper, the Sentinel, that worthily represents the town.

The people of the city and township are of good stock, descendants of early emigrants from Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia and Kentucky, and from states farther north and east. Many are of Scotch-Irish, Scotch, English, German and Irish blood. Few regions of the country can boast of a more intelligent and virtuous and progressive people than those who live in Clark county.

Supplementing the development of this

particular of the county are the Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati & St. Louis Railroad, running from Cleveland to Cincinnati, with three branches, from Springfield to Sandusky, to Marysville and to Peoria; and the Pennsylvania, the Erie, and the Detroit Southern road (from Detroit to the Ohio river). A further development has been wrought by the Dayton, Springfield & Urbana, the Columbus, London & Springfield, and other suburban lines that have greatly increased the suburban population, and virtually united the city and country towns, giving each mutual advantages.

The first public institutions organized were schools for the children. Then followed Christian churches, which were built in the city and all the townships, and the plain, earnest and faithful ministrations of the pioneer preachers and pastors laid the foundation not alone of public morals, but of their legitimate fruit—good citizenship. The schools also were the sources of good morals, public virtue and integrity, and with the churches were the promoters of liberality, patriotism and progressiveness. Then followed closely another great source of enlightenment and promoter of progress—the newspaper. The Farmer made its appearance in 1817, and has made its appearance under several names until the present time, now appearing daily as well as weekly under the style of the Press-Republic. In due time the Daily Gazette and the Daily Democrat came next, and are still published. All of these papers are “set up” by machinery and print regular telegraphic dispatches. The Daily Sun is now in its eighth year. The German element is represented by the Journal Adler. Springfield has grown to be a great publishing and literary center. On October 1, 1877, was first printed a semi-monthly journal entitled “Farm and Fire-

side,” by Mast, Crowell & Kirkpatrick, the same journal now being published by the Crowell Publishing Company. In 1885 the Crowell & Kirkpatrick Company commenced the publication of an illustrated monthly periodical of great beauty and excellence, now known as the “Woman’s Home Companion,” which periodical has met with an extraordinary degree of success, and has reached a circulation of nearly half a million copies; the “Farm and Fireside” reaching over three hundred thousand. The Crowell Company has one of the most extensive and beautiful plants and one of the best equipped printing and publishing concerns in the world. “Home and Flowers,” a monthly magazine, made its first appearance in 1897, and has already reached a circulation of about 200,000. The Floral Publishing Company, which issues “Home and Flowers,” and of which D. J. Thomas is at the head, prints “Pets and Animals” and the “Home Florist” and the “Chautauquan,” a magazine of great excellence, first issued by the Chautauqua Assembly people, and having a world-wide reputation and fame. “Farm News” and the “Farm and Garden” also have large circulations. The “National New Era” should be added to this list. Any intelligent person who will investigate, if it were possible to do so successfully, the extent to which the millions of issues each month reach the people of various classes throughout the land, would be astonished at the result of their work. No city in the world of the size of Springfield can show so good and famous a record in these lines as she. Then her group of fine first class printing establishments rank with her hundreds of immense manufacturing establishments in dimensions and excellence.

This record would be grossly incomplete without mention of the prompt patriotism

shown by our citizens in various ways, but chiefly in the large number of noble and brave men who volunteered, when called upon by President Lincoln, to maintain the union of these states and defend the flag of our common country. The Springfield Zouaves, under Captain Edward C. Mason (afterward Brigadier General U. S. A.), organized September 10th, 1860, was the first company in Ohio to offer its services to the government on the attack on Fort Sumter. The company left for the seat of war April 17, 1861. Company D, of the Third Ohio Infantry, J. C. Vananda, captain, was mustered into the United States service on the 16th of April at Columbus and was sworn in for three years' service on the 3rd of May, with General J. Warren Kiefer as major, and Dr. Henry H. Seys was sworn in as assistant surgeon, afterward through various promotions, becoming successively medical director in the Fourteenth Corps and medical inspectors, Army of the Cumberland. Company E, of the Sixteenth Ohio Infantry, Captain Philip Kershner, entered the service on the 23rd of April. Henry C. Hawkins' band joined the company at Columbus, and afterward made a grand musical record in Virginia Valleys. Company C, First Kentucky Infantry, Ralph Hunt captain, was organized at Springfield in April. Twelve Springfield men, commanded by Lieutenant William H. Kauffman, joined the Fifty-second Ohio. The Sixteenth Ohio Battery was organized August 20th, 1861. James A. Mitchell, in honor of whom Mitchell Post, G. A. R., was named, was the captain. William H. Wade, afterward member of congress for several terms, was the captain of Company K, of the Thirty-first Ohio, organized in Camp Chase, at Columbus, in August, 1861.

The local event of the Civil war was

the creating and organizing of the Forty-fourth Regiment of Infantry in the Clark county fair grounds, Springfield, in the summer and autumn of 1861. It left for the front amid enthusiastic demonstrations of our people on the 14th of October. In 1864 the regiment became the Eighth Ohio Cavalry; Hugh Blair Wilson was the lieutenant colonel. Colonel Israel Stough was captain of Company A. He became colonel of the One Hundred and Fifty-third Ohio in 1864. August Dotze was captain of Company H, and was promoted to be major of the Eighth Cavalry soon afterward. Wilbur H. Cummings was captain of Company I. Irving Halsey was captain of Company C, of the Fifth Ohio; Thomas P. Clarke, of Company A, of the Eleventh. Richard L. Parker was captain of Company E, of the Sixtieth Ohio. James Jardine was captain of Company F, of the Fifty-fourth.

Thirty-seven Clark county men were in the Fifty-eighth Ohio.

Colonel Rodney Mason commanded the Seventy-first Ohio, which had a Clark county company.

Captain Ambrose A. Blount commanded the Tenth Ohio Battery.

Nineteen Clark county men were in the Seventy-fourth Ohio Regiment of Infantry and Colonel Howard D. John, of Company B, joined the Eighty-sixth Ohio, which went to the front June 11th, 1862.

Captain Perry Stewart's Company A went to the front with the Forty-fourth Infantry, as did Captain N. M. McConkey's Company.

Captain Ambrose A. Blount's Sixteenth Ohio Battery was mustered into service on the 21st of August, 1862.

Twenty-two Springfield men served in the Forty-fifth Ohio.

In September, 1862, several hundred

Clark county men went to Cincinnati, under command of Captain Luther Brown, to defend the city from Kirby Smith's Confederate raiders, a large force coming within sight of our breastworks. These citizen soldiers are known in history as "Squirrel Hunters."

General J. Warren Kiefer was the commander of the One Hundred and Tenth Ohio Infantry. Captain Brown commanded Company I, and Rev. Nathan S. Smith Company C, of that regiment.

Captain Richard Mountjoy was in command of Company C, One Hundred and Twenty-ninth Ohio Infantry.

Company K, of the First Ohio Heavy Artillery, was from Clark county.

The Thirty-fifth Battalion was organized in 1893 for "home protection," with Israel Stough as colonel, Edward M. Doty as lieutenant colonel, and Thomas W. Bown as major, but was finally divided, three companies going into the One Hundred and Forty-sixth Regiment, two into the One Hundred and Fifty-second, and two into the One Hundred and Fifty-third. Captain Alfred Miller's company became Company D in the One Hundred and Forty-sixth; Captain Alfred Bown's company joined the One Hundred and Forty-sixth.

General Asa S. Bushnell's company became Company E, and Captain Charles A. Welch's company Company K, of the One Hundred and Fifty-second. Of this company the late Benjamin Head Warder, who gave the Warder library building, with the ground it occupies, to the city of Springfield, who died in Cairo, Egypt, was first lieutenant. Captain A. S. Bushnell, his partner, was afterward governor of Ohio for two terms.

Captain J. L. McKinney's men went as Company E, and Captain Harrison Cross'

men as Company F, in the One Hundred and Fifty-third.

Company K, composed of Clark county men, joined in the One Hundred and Sixty-eighth Ohio. Clark county men also joined the One Hundred and Sixty-eighth, and a portion the One Hundred and Ninety-sixth.

John N. Worthington was the leader of the Thirteenth Missouri's band, and had a number of Clark county men with him.

Clark county was honorably represented in Ohio military organizations and in the regular army and navy. Reed Worden became a rear admiral, as also did Joseph N. Miller, now living. Both of these men rendered distinguished service to their country.

After the war the Champion City Guard, the Bushnell Guard and a well equipped battery were formed, the larger portion of whom responded promptly to the call for troops to relieve Cuba and Porto Rico from the oppression of the Spaniards, and quite a number went to the Philippines. General J. Warren Kiefer went to the front as a major general.

Not less than three thousand men in all represented Clark county in the Union army. Many fell in the field or died in the hospitals, and the fine bronze figure of a soldier standing in Monument Square was raised in their honor.

In connection with these hundreds of noble men and women were almost continuously engaged in gathering hospital supplies and forwarding them to the front. These deserve honorable mention. But it would require many large volumes to do justice in detail to the soldiers and citizens of Clark county. The restored and enlarged Union and its large acquisitions over which the "starry flag" now waves, and will hence-

forth wave over a united people as an emblem of its integrity and greatness, are the fruits of the valor and strength of the American people, of whom the citizens of "old Clark" are an honorable part.

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SPRINGFIELD, OHIO, IN 1903.

The recent development of the city of Springfield, Ohio, in all lines of improvement during the past three or four years while is quite remarkable, it may correspond with the development of many American cities, in an era of general prosperity, it is still, for completeness in various respects excelled by few other cities. In the first place the city building, embracing first the splendid market house, the finest in the great state of Ohio, the city hall and offices, the council chamber, armory hall, etc., built a few years ago, on ground condemned and vacated, by the city authorities at a cost of \$225,000, a massive, commodious and beautiful structure, extending from Fountain Square westward to Center, is a structure that would be an honor to any city in the land. It is the official center of the city, and the city market, on the first floor, 165 feet long, with tile floor, marble counters, electric lights, and all modern features and conveniences, is not only a market place, generously supplied with the home products, fruits from all countries, but a favorite place of social resort, where citizens of all classes meet in the closest of friendly relations; women with capacious market baskets come in fine coaches, driven by liveried coachmen, with less pretentious carriages and people on foot, throng the market, especially on Saturday evenings,

when the adjoining Fountain space and the center of the city for several squares are crowded with workingmen and others, out for their table supplies for Sunday, and they evidently find what they need and desire, going homeward at a late hour with satisfied faces and hearts.

As a work of art, architecturally, the Warder library building, surpasses the city building. It is a "thing of beauty," and will be a "joy" so long as it stands, which will probably be for hundreds of years. It is one of the Huntington style of buildings and is a classic in stone. It is a monument to the taste and liberality of the late Benjamin Head Warder, who was one of Springfield's great manufacturers, philanthropists and citizens. The ground on which it stands is a spacious, well kept lawn and in front is a piece of fine statuary, brought from Berlin. One passing the building likes always to take a "long, lingering look." A model of taste and beauty, the spectator, if a man or woman of refinement, never tires. Its growing collection of books is increased continually by the city authorities, and is carefully selected by the trustees, so that it is well worthy of the palace that contains them.

On the opposite side of the street stands another classic in a different style—the Lagonda Club house, also an architectural ornament to the city, and also a feature of utility.

On the same side of the street, farther along, stands the Federal building, secured to the city through the efforts of our former congressman, ex-speaker of the house of representatives, Major General J. Warren Keifer. It is a massive stone building in good taste, but its accommodations are restricted by the growing needs of the local postoffice department.



Our fine courthouse and its companion structure, recently constructed, on the square south for county offices are most creditable in appearance, and models of convenience. In the courthouse are fine portraits in oil by Mr. S. J. Uhl of General George Rodgers Clark, who aided the opening of northwestern Ohio and Indiana to settlement and permanent occupation. The general courtroom has also a strong portrait in oil of the late General Samson Mason by Uhl. General Mason was one of the ablest of our lawyers and statesmen and the placing of his portrait in the courthouse was most appropriate. The new building is quite as ornamental as the older one. The northeast portion of the county property—Monument Square—has in its center the fine bronze monument to the dead soldiers of Clark county, heroes of the Civil war. The grounds of the several county buildings are beautifully laid out with flowers and foliage plants and are the source of much pleasure to passers-by.

The Mitchell-Thomas hospital, erected on the Sharpe property, 1903, is an evolution. First, Mr. Ross Mitchell gave the three-story building formerly owned and occupied by the late Rev. Chandler Robbins as the Greenway Boarding School, formerly famous as a boys' school, for hospital purposes; then the late John H. Thomas built an addition and the institution became known as the Mitchell-Thomas Hospital. Ultimately the late John Snyder left a million dollars to be used for hospital purposes, and the present structure now crowns the beautiful hill on which the late Judge William A. Rodgers built a residence, one of the prominent features of its day. Afterward, for many years, it was owned and occupied by the late Thomas Sharpe. It is now, in its completed state, a worthy member of

Springfield's group of beautiful public buildings and no one of them is devoted to a more humane or worthy purpose.

One of the most popular and useful of our local institutions is the Young Men's Christian Association, housed in a unique and most beautiful building. That is to say, it is unlike any other structure in its Dutch style of architecture, and complete in all its appointments. Its auditorium is ample in its provisions for the comfort of the people, and every occupant has a seat that enables him (or her) to see or to hear all that is to be seen or be heard.

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#### THE FRANKENSTEINS.

A most remarkable and interesting family was the Frankensteins. They came from Germany to Cincinnati many years ago and lived and died in this city. They were born artists, and self taught at that. John, the eldest, was a sculptor of great merit. He spent much time in New York. He brought out, in marble, the celebrated ex-governor and ex-secretary of state, Hon. William H. Seward, and several other distinguished gentlemen. He occupied for a while a position on Governor Seward's military staff.

Godfrey N. Frankenstein was a gentleman of eminent literary ability and a landscape painter of original qualities and great ability. His work may be seen in the Lagonda Club rooms and in the private houses of Hon. John Foos, C. M. Nichols and other citizens, and it is doubtful whether any finer landscapes can be found in the country. Godfrey kept "near to Nature's heart." His coloring was very fine—really remarkable. His panorama of Niagara was indeed quite famous; an immense piece of canvas that



was exhibited to the delight of all who saw it, in various cities of the country. Godfrey spent much time abroad and painted some Alpine views of great merit.

George L. Frankenstein lived in Springfield many years, and then went to New York. He was, for a series of years, editor of the Sandusky Daily Register, and afterward became a theatrical critic in New York on the Turf, Field and Farm, and also painted landscape pictures of high merit in addition.

Gustavus S. Frankenstein, the youngest brother, resided in Springfield, finally dying in Cincinnati. He was a man of genius in various lines. He was a fine painter, his work on seacoast, marine views, attracting much attention. He was really a great mathematician, and also an author of some fame.

Eliza Frankenstein was also a painter of decided merit and a lady of culture and refinement. Her younger sister was also a painter.

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#### GEORGE WALLACE.

George Wallace was a prominent pioneer citizen. He was a railroad builder and contractor and constructed the Mad River Railroad, now the Springfield & Sandusky branch of the Big Four system of roads. He was a man of high character. He was a native of Scotland.

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#### DAVID THATCHER.

David Thatcher came to Springfield from Cincinnati and was a gentleman of a large degree of public spirit. He was very

prominent in the movement to build the original "Lagonda House" hotel, which was afterward burned, and the site of which is occupied by the Bookwalter Hotel. He was a gentleman of very popular qualities. Mrs. Thatcher is now living.

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#### PETER A. SCHINDLER.

A man of great and wide influence for good in many ways was Peter A. Schindler. He built up the great English Lutheran Sunday-school until it had over one thousand pupils and teachers. He was an old-fashioned singer, with a strong voice and stirring enthusiasm. Mr. Schindler was born on a farm near Middletown, Maryland, October 15, 1820. His father, John Schindler, was born in Germany, in 1790, and died in this city, as did his son, at a good old age. John Schindler's father and mother died on the ocean trip and were buried at sea. John was the only survivor of the passengers, but found his way to the home of an uncle, in Frederick county, Maryland. He left Maryland for Ohio in 1852. Peter A. Schindler at an early age evinced much musical genius. In October, 1850, Peter also came to Ohio, teaching vocal music in the city and county. After spending a few years in the furniture trade, Mr. Schindler engaged in the manufacture of white (a Milwaukee) brick, in the western part of the city near the Erie passenger station. A fine large block constructed of this style of brick may still be seen, in good condition, at Elyria, Ohio. Afterward he went into the undertaking business with his son. In 1852 Mr. Schindler was married to his second wife, the widow of Rev. Dr. Ezra Keller, the first president and founder of Witten-

berg College. In October, 1889, he married a third wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Martin, who died February 17, 1890.



#### HON. DOUGLAS W. RAWLINGS.

Hon. Douglas W. Rawlings figured largely in the political affairs of Clark and adjoining counties. He was first a member of the Ohio house of representatives and afterward of the senate. He was the principal author of what was called the Rawlings bill.

Mr. Rawlings was a veteran soldier in the Civil war and served under General Butler along the James and Appomattox rivers. He was a gentleman of high personal qualities and of decided ability. His wife and several children survive him.



#### WILLIAM R. SMITH.

William R. Smith was one of Springfield's pioneer railroad men. He was associated with George Wallace in railroad building. He was born in the city of Glasgow in 1829. He came to Brockville, Canada, at an early age and joined a surveying expedition and assisted in making a preliminary survey through the northern portion of the states of New York and Pennsylvania of the Buffalo & State Line Railroad, now the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern. Mr. Smith afterward entered the employ of the Mad River Railroad Company at Sandusky, under the direction of Mr. Wallace. In October, 1851, he came to Springfield and became connected with the construction department of the lines between Springfield and Delaware and Springfield and Loudon.

In the summer of 1854 he visited his native land, Scotland. Returning to Springfield, he soon became ticket agent of what was then the Mad River & Lake Erie Railroad Company at this point and later took the agency of the Springfield & Delaware road. He afterward became connected with the Little Miami road. In 1881 Mr. Smith entered the employ of the Springfield Water Works Company, and ultimately became secretary and superintendent, a post which he filled for many years with great fidelity to his duties and with great acceptance to the general public.



#### THOMAS SHARP.

Thomas Sharp was born in Cincinnati, April 28, 1814. His father, who was born in Holland, carried the name of Sharpenstein. The son moved from Cincinnati to Springfield and became a prominent figure in social and business circles. He was originally in the retail and wholesale trade, in Cincinnati. Visiting Springfield, he was attracted by what is now called the Sharp property on Clifton street, built by the late Judge William A. Rodgers, and purchased it. It is the property now occupied by the Mitchell-Thomas Hospital, a fine architectural ornament to the city and a useful institution. Mr. Sharp was a liberal member of the High street Methodist Episcopal church.



#### ROBERT C. WOODWARD.

Robert C. Woodward was chiefly known as the librarian of the Warder public library, which position he occupied for many years. He was born in Springfield, June 3, 1829.

He was the son of Jacob S. Woodward and Sarah Christie. His father died when he was only three months old, but as his mother was a capable and very intelligent Christian woman, he was thoroughly and properly trained. He was given a good education and became a writer of much merit. He was at one time a compositor in the Republic concern and afterward a news foreman. Still later he acquired a commercial education and became a stenographer. He was married twice. He was a bookseller in this city and at Lima, Ohio. As a librarian he showed an intelligent conception of his work and kept abreast of the times.

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#### JOHN LUDLOW.

John Ludlow was one of the most useful and honored citizens that ever lived in Clark county. He was much interested in its history, growth and prosperity. His father, Cooper Ludlow, was born in New Jersey, June 11th, 1783. John Ludlow was born in this (Clark) county December 8, 1810, and he gained his education in one of the primitive log schoolhouses. He was, however, a man superior to his surroundings and developed into a strong man. On reaching maturity he chose the profession of a druggist. He acquired a pharmaceutical education in Cincinnati. After several changes he became the sole proprietor of the pioneer drug store. In 1851 he was elected a director of the Springfield Bank and upon the death of Judge Oliver Clark became its president, filling the position with honor for many years. Mr. Ludlow was married August 31st, 1835, to Miss Elmina Getman, of Herkimer county, New York, and Mr. and Mrs. Ludlow had three children: Ellen, wife of ex-Governor Asa S. Bushnell, Fred-

erick, who resides in California; and Charles Ludlow, of this city. He was for fourteen years treasurer of the Clark County Bible Society. For over forty years he was a prominent and efficient member of Christ Episcopal church. His wife was also a consistent and useful member.

Mr. Ludlow was one of the projectors of the beautiful and matchless Ferncliff cemetery, was one of its first directors and was for many years president of the cemetery association. He was noted for his liberality and public spirit and has ever been foremost in using his means for the development of the business interests of the city. He was a gentleman of popular qualities and it is not known that he ever had an enemy.

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#### THOMAS BIDWELL PEET.

Thomas Bidwell Peet was born in Chenango county, New York. He came direct to Ohio and then went to Illinois. Jasper W., the father of Thomas B., was a business man, and first carried on a stove store, and afterward a book store, at an early day in this city. He died here at about the age of seventy-five years. He had two sons, Thomas B. and Lucius W. The last named died in 1876. Thomas B. followed his father in the stove and tin business and ultimately became a partner of C. A. Schuester, under the style The Peet & Schuester Company. Mr. Peet married Angeline Raymond, of Chenango county, New York, and had two daughters, Mrs. Sarah Kershner, who died in Colorado, and Mrs. Florence M. Raymond, of Los Angeles, California.

Thomas B. brought Mr. Schuester here from Buffalo and employed him in the stove and tinware business and the concern was

built up to large proportions by the two gentlemen. Mr. Peet finally, on account of ill health, spent some years in California, where he died in 1894.

When Thomas B. and his father were associated in business they erected the building at No. 28 South Fountain avenue and occupied it from that time. He was always an upright business man. At an earlier period he was employed by the James Leffel Company as bookkeeper. He was well educated. He was a man of domestic habits and never sought any prominence, giving his whole attention to carrying on and building up the interests of his concern. He stood high in the business community and had the confidence of all.

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#### WALTER L. WEAVER.

Walter L. Weaver, was born in Montgomery county, Ohio, April 1, 1851, and was the youngest child of Rev. John S., and Amanda Hurin Weaver. His father was a prominent minister of the Presbyterian church. His mother was a daughter of Silas Hurin, one of the founders of the town of Lebanon, Ohio. He was educated in the public schools, Monroe Academy, and Wittenberg College, graduating from the latter institution in 1870. He immediately began the study of the law in the office of Major General J. Warren Keifer, and maintained himself while so engaged by newspaper work for the Daily Advertiser and Daily Republic. He was admitted to the bar by the Supreme Court of his native state, in the spring of 1872, since which time he has continuously practiced his profession. He was elected prosecuting attorney for Clark county, Ohio, in 1874, and again elected to the same office in 1880, 1882, and 1885. He

was elected to the Fifty-fifth congress and re-elected to the Fifty-sixth congress. At the expiration of his second term he returned to Springfield, which has been his home since 1865. On the first day of July, 1902, he was appointed by President Roosevelt Associate Justice of the Choctaw and Chickasaw citizenship court, his appointment was confirmed on the same day it was made, and he is now performing the duties of his office.

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#### J. M. RUTHRAUFF.

Rev. John Mosheim Ruthrauff, A. M., D. D., president of Wittenberg College, was born in Stark county, Ohio, January 13, 1846. Rev. John Ruthrauff is a son of John and Lydia (Everhart) Ruthrauff. His father was a native of Pennsylvania and his mother was born in Stark county, Ohio. Her parents emigrated from Washington county, Pennsylvania, to Stark county, Ohio, in the year 1808. He spent his early life on a farm, attending the public school until the age of seventeen, when he attended Greenburg Academy. Although but a boy, he enlisted in Company E, One Hundred and Sixty-second Ohio National Guard, in 1864, and served his country four months as a soldier. The following winter he was a student in Mount Union College. During the autumn of 1865-6 he was enrolled in the Wittenberg preparatory department. He spent the winter of 1866-'67 in teaching a district school, returning to Wittenberg the following spring. He was then a regular student at Wittenberg until his graduation in 1871. One year later he graduated from the Theological Seminary and immediately went to Louisville, Kentucky, as a home missionary, where he organized the first general synod church. In the fall of 1874 he ac-

cepted a call to Circleville, Ohio, but resigned two years later on account of failing health. During the four succeeding years he was pastor of the church at Washington, Ohio, going from there to Circleville the second time and remaining nearly five years.

In May, 1879, he was married to Miss Sarah E. Morrison, of Constantine, Michigan. Three children are the result of this marriage: William M., twenty-one years old; Nellie May, eighteen years old; and John M., Jr., fifteen years old.

Going to Dixon, Illinois, as pastor of St. Paul's church, in 1885, he remained in that capacity ten years. While pastor at Dixon he founded Rock River Assembly, of which he was president seven years. He was elected president of Carthage College, May 31, 1895. This position he filled admirably until called to the head of our own college, October 1st, 1900.

He was once president of Miami Synod, twice president of the synod of northern Illinois, and five times a delegate to the general synod. At the time of his election to the presidency of Wittenberg College he was a member of the committee appointed by the college section of the Illinois Teachers' Association to draft a uniform scale of requirements for college entrance.

The students and faculty of Wittenberg extend him the glad hand of welcome, and most earnestly wish him a continuation of his past success.

He died May 6, 1902, since the above was written.

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### JONAH BALDWIN.

Jonah Baldwin, pioneer of an honored fraternity, was born in Berkeley county, Virginia, February 2, 1777. His father, Will-

iam Baldwin, came from England, and his mother was Jane *nee* Hedges. William was a tanner.

Jonah was a saddler, but never worked at his trade here, but came bringing saddles to sell. He afterward entered government land, located near New Moorefield, where he farmed and bought and sold stock and drove the stock to eastern markets.

In early days he was a United States commissioner, having charge of the laying and constructing of roads in Ohio and Indiana. He was a justice of the peace for many years and kept a tavern in a house located about where Ludlow's drug store building now stands. It was the first two-story frame house built in the town.

In 1827 he removed to King's Creek, Champaign county, and carried on a large stock farm. He returned to Springfield in 1835 and removed to Pleasant township in 1839.

He was educated in the private schools in Winchester. He was strictly temperate and much opposed to the use of alcoholic liquors in any way. He was positive in manner and very strict, honest and conscientious. He was an Episcopalian in religious belief and was a member of the first Episcopal church vestry. The first church building was located on the southwest corner of High and Limestone streets. His wife was the first person confirmed in the church. He was naturally religious but never made much outward profession. He married his first wife—Sarah Scott—in 1809. He had three children: Jane, who married Duke Moore, of Harrison county, Kentucky; Nancy, who married Josephus Perrine and lived in Columbusville, Kentucky. Joseph lived in Springfield. He married Eliza Bacon, daughter of John Bacon, for many years

president of the First National Bank. His second wife was Amelia Needham, daughter of Dr. Wm. A. Needham, in 1823. Sarah married J. V. Cartmell and resided in Springfield.

Minerva married Rev. J. T. Bail and Elizabeth married Rev. W. J. Van Meter.

Henry is a practicing physician. He

was one of the organizers of the first Masonic lodge, which met in Urbana, and preceded Clark Lodge, holding the office of junior warden. He read much and was well informed and much interested in politics, was an old Whig and afterward much interested in the Civil war, although a very old man. He died March 28, 1865.













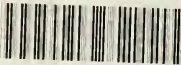


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