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Containing Maps of Paulding County, Townships, Towns and Villages,

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Together with a Statement of the Settlement, Growth and Prosperity of the County, Including a Personal and Family History of Many of its Prominent Citizens.

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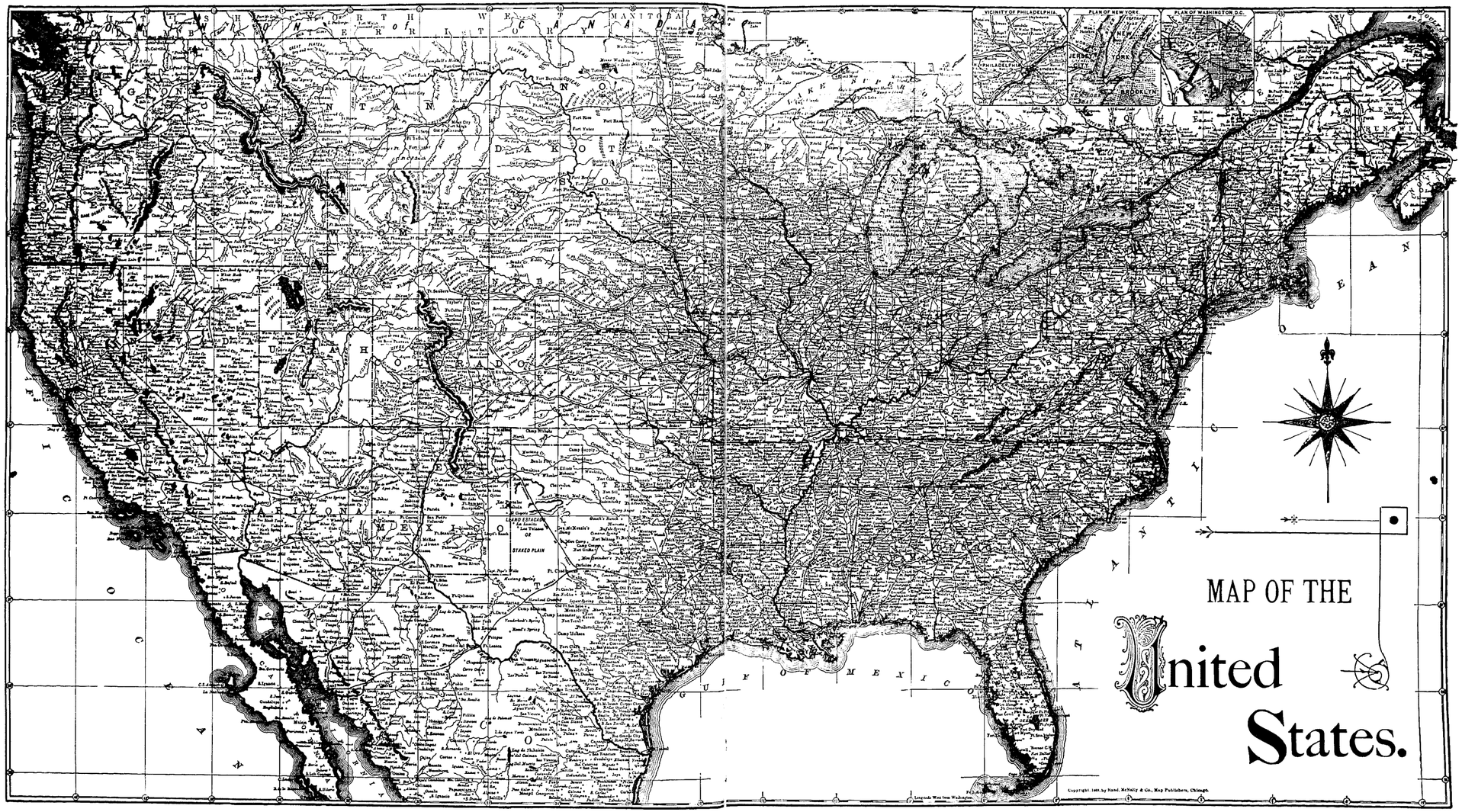
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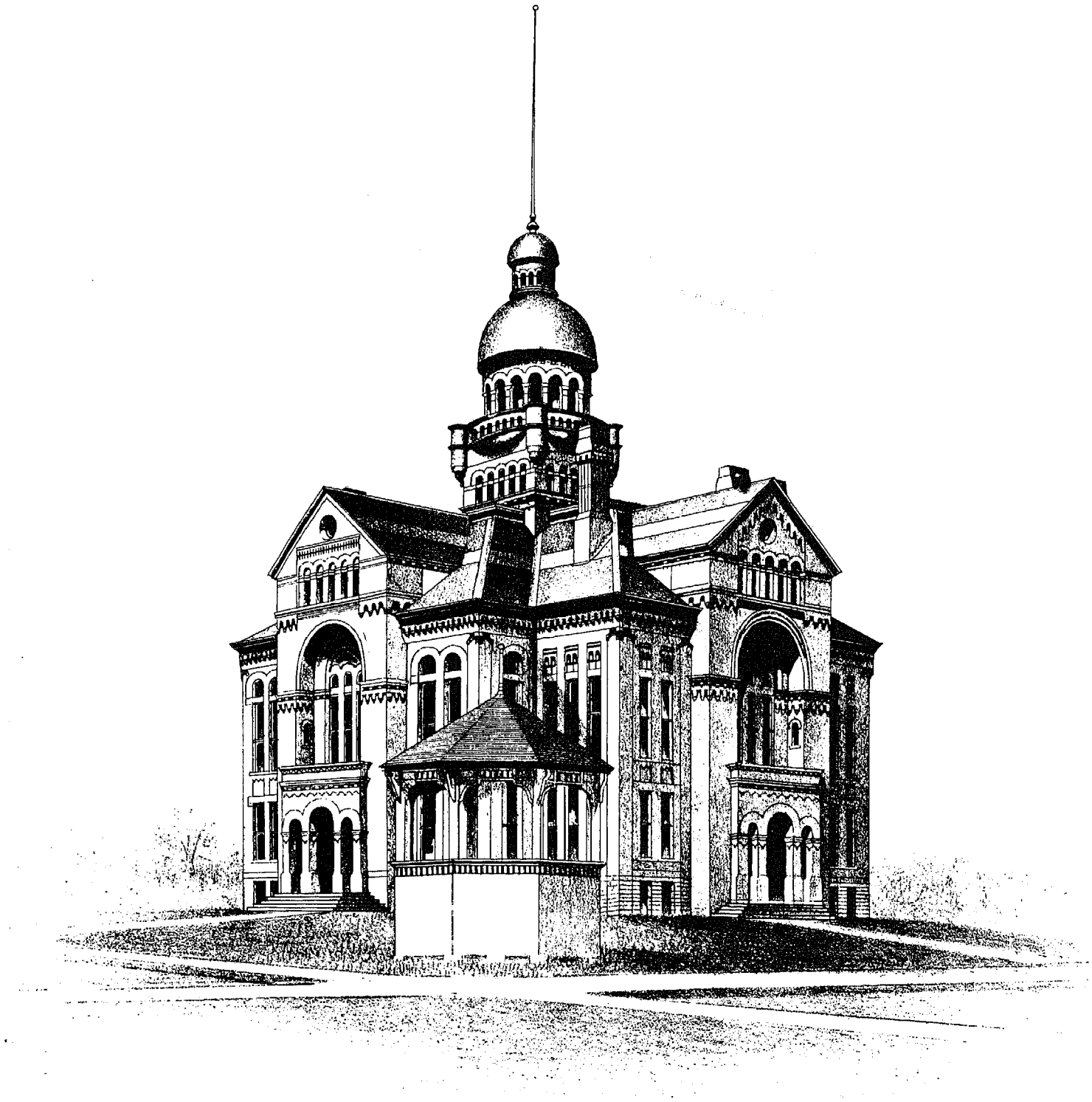

PAULDING COUNTY COURT HOUSE.

BRIEF HISTORY OF

PAULDING COUNTY,

OHIO.

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CHAPTER I.

PRE-HISTORIC AND INDIAN.

GIBBON, in his Decline and Fall of Rome, says that history is but little more than the register of the crimes, follies, and misfortunes of mankind. Bolingbroke, on history, says that it is philosophy teaching by examples. Webster defines it as the narration of events in the order in which they happened. With the last definition as a guide, the author will for the second time, take up the historical pen, and attempt the writing of a history of Paulding county; and trusts that along the pathway of his somewhat arduous task he may be buoyed up by the smiles and appreciation of a generous and approving public.

The history of Paulding county is fraught with romance, interspersed with tragedy; progressive in its present, hopeful in the future; and interesting throughout its every detail. The county is not as rich in specimens of pre-historic nature as are some of the other counties of the state, yet there is every evidence that portions of that strange people, the Mound Builders, once trod the primeval solitudes of our dark forests. There are no mounds worthy of note in the county, but just over its eastern border, in Perry township, Putnam county, is one whose contour is yet sharply defined. It is situated on the east bank of the Auglaize river, and is about ten feet high, and fifty feet in circumference. A few years ago this mound was examined by a shaft being sunk in its center. At the depth of four feet a human skeleton was found which was evidently the remains of some one buried there since the erection of the mound. At the depth of eight feet were found quantities of broken pottery and other articles of that extinct race, whose mysterious works left us are the only traces of their existence. Who were they, from whence did they come, and what became of them? are the questions more easily asked than answered. Regarding them, the learned may have his theory, and the mediocre and unlettered their beliefs, but the mysteriousness of the Mound Builders still remains. That there was a time in pre-historic days when huge animals, of the now extinct species, roamed the wilds of Paulding county, is abundantly verified by portions of their remains which are now and then unearthed. A very rare specimen was discovered in May, 1891, of which the Paulding *Democrat* says as follows: "Last Wednesday, while the son of John Cozat, a farmer residing about six miles south-west of Paulding, was engaged at some work along Flat Rock creek, he noticed something peculiar projecting from the bank into the water, and upon examination found it to be an enormous tooth, weighing 4½ pounds, which is one of the largest specimens of that kind ever found. It is thought by many, who have examined it, to be the tooth of a mastodon, an animal of the Tertiary period, and allied with the mammoth."

Indian History.—When the curtain of history rose from the dark shadows which veiled the pre-historic race, the civilized world saw the Ohio country occupied by the Wyandots (or Hurons), and the Shawnees. The latter tribe had been driven from Florida, about the year of 1750, by the Seminoles and Creeks. They had fled down the Cumberland river, and so on into Ohio, where they sought and received the protection of the Miamis. The Wyandots, the Delawares, and the Shawnees were of the Algonquin family. The Miamis, Ottawas, and Chippewas, were of the Iroquois family. By the treaty at Fort McIntosh, in 1785, the Ottawas, the Wyandots and Delawares were assigned to the northern section of what is now the state of Ohio, west of the Cuyahoga river. The Wyandots fought the invading armies of the Iroquois with desperate valor, until in a long contested battle their warriors were well-nigh exterminated and the shattered remnants of the tribe took refuge in distant Michigan. They were a race of heroes, and when General Wayne ordered his intrepid scout, Capt. Wells, to go to Sandusky, and capture a prisoner there, to get information from him, the veteran Indian fighter said: "I can easily take a prisoner, but not from Sandusky." "And why not from Sandusky?" said Wayne. To which Wells rejoined: "Because there are only Wyandots there." "Well, why will not Wyandots do?" And Wells replied, "For the best of reasons—because Wyandots will not be taken alive."

With this race of warriors out of the way, the Iroquois advanced upon the second line of Ohio defenses, and endeavored to subjugate the Miamis. But at this date a new element entered into the great game of war, with the resistless western marches of the Virginian riflemen and the British infantry. On the one hand, England enriched the Ohio tribes with armaments and gifts in vast profusion; and on the other, the United States proposed (in the Pittsburgh treaty of 1778) to the Delawares and their allied tribes to organize a friendly state, contracting to admit this aboriginal empire, when so organized, as one of the States of the Union. The tangible gifts of the British officials outweighed the rather misty promise of an Indian legislature, and the Delawares, Shawnees, Miamis, Wyandots and other tribes remained hostile to the Americans for nearly twenty years, and shattered more than one gallant army, until at last Wayne's famous American legion broke their power forever in the great general battle of Fallen Timbers.

As this legion, on its march to glorious victory, passed through the confines of Paulding county, its history, in connection with the county history, will have a direct bearing, and will be meet and proper. When the white settlements began at Marietta and along the Ohio, the war-thirsty tribes of the northwest, under the control and instigated by the British agents, began their merciless depredations. General Harmar had been defeated, and Governor St. Clair, at the head of an army, of upwards of three thousand strong, had been surprised upon the banks of the Wabash in the southwest part of Mercer county, and his force entirely destroyed or dispersed, a detail of which disaster may be found in the fragment of an old army song:

"'Twas November the fourth, in the year of ninety-one,
We had a sore engagement near to Fort Jefferson;
St. Clair was our commander, which may remembered be,
For there we left nine hundred men in the West'n Ter'tory."

This aroused Congress to a different policy. The commanding officers of the hitherto fatal expeditions might have been good generals, and undoubtedly were, in a combat with civilized armies, but they were entirely unaccustomed to an Indian warfare. How General Washington, who was reared to this class of fighting from his youth, could have committed the fatal blunder of selecting generals devoid of training in the peculiar duties demanded of them, is quite inexplicable. The lessons received, however, were not in vain. A new commander was selected, and this time a man who had fought both the whites and Indians, who possessed not only unquestioned courage, but likewise a keen conception and quick resolve in his actions, the intrepid hero of Stony Point, General Anthony Wayne. This selection was made despite the opposition of, or, as Governor Lee of Virginia, puts it, "to the extreme disgust of all orders in the Old Dominion." But the President had selected Wayne not hastily, nor through partiality or influence, and no idle words affected him.

In June, 1792, Wayne went to Pittsburgh and proceeded to organize the army which was to be the ultimate arbitrator between the Americans and the Indian confederation. Through the summer of 1792, the preparation of the soldiers was steadily attended to. "Train and discipline them for the service they are meant for," said Washington, "and do not spare powder and lead, so the men be made marksmen." In December, 1792, the forces, now recruited and trained, were gathered at a point twenty-two miles below Pittsburgh on the Ohio, in a camp which was called Legionville, the army itself having been denominated the Legion

of the United States.

While Wayne's army was gathering and practicing target-shooting, the peace measures of the United States were pressed with equal perseverance. An expedition was sent to examine the field of St. Clair's defeat. This body reached its destination in February, 1792, and a letter from Capt. Buntin to St. Clair regarding the expedition says: "In my opinion the unfortunate men who were taken alive by the enemy were used with the greatest torture; and the women have been treated with extreme cruelty." Next there were peace commissioners sent to the various tribes. Colonel Trueman repaired to the Miami villages with friendly messages and offered the most reasonable terms. Other peace commissioners were sent to the Indians on the Wabash, accompanied by the Moravian missionary, John Heckewelder, and every effort was made to effect a friendly adjudication of the difficulties with the tribes.

On the part of the Indians these peace-offerings were received with a diversity of opinions. Some of the chiefs, among whom was the Wyandot war-chief, Little Turtle, urged the acceptance of the terms offered, while others, as yet intoxicated with the easy victories obtained over largely superior armies, were unwilling to listen to any argument offered. In vain did Little Turtle say them: "Brothers, we heretofore had chiefs opposed to us who were sleeping, but I say to you, the 'Great Wind' [the name given to General Wayne by the Indians] is a chief who never sleeps." They, urged on by the British, who secretly promised them succor, would hear to no terms whatsoever.

General Wayne's legion passed the winter of 1792-3 at Legionville until the last of April, 1793, when it was then taken down the river to Cincinnati. There it encamped in the vicinity of Fort Washington, on a high plateau, selected for that purpose by Wayne's quartermaster-general, Colonel Hobson, from whom the camp received the name of "Hobson's Choice." It was urged by some that the camping-ground was too far distant from Fort Washington and the town, it being located on what is now the western part of Cincinnati. Wayne, upon inquiry as to who had chosen the place, said: "Then it is Hobson's choice, and we must take it."

After encountering many obstacles, General Wayne, during the summer of 1793, was perfecting the discipline of his army at Hobson's Choice. Profiting by the errors of his predecessors, he at the same time tried to acquaint himself with every thing pertaining to the disposition of the Indians, their location, number, chiefs, and all other matters of interest to a commander of an invading army in a hostile country. He knew that he had a bold, vigilant and dexterous enemy with whom to contend. It was, therefore, indispensable to him to use every precaution in his movements to prevent a surprise. To secure his army against the impossibility of being ambuscaded, he organized a body of spies or rangers, selecting for it the best woodsmen the camp afforded. He placed this corps under the command of Captain Ephraim Kibby, who had distinguished himself as a bold and intrepid soldier. The corps was divided into two companies, one commanded by Kibby in person, and the other by Captain William Wells, who had been taken prisoner by the Indians when a boy, and had grown up to manhood with them, consequently being well acquainted with their wiles and stratagems.

On the 7th of October, 1793, Wayne's army left their camping-ground at Hobson's Choice, and removed to Fort Greenville, which, under Wayne's direction, was strongly fortified. Here they went into winter quarters, having been sufficiently provisioned to that end. Nothing in particular occurred here, excepting a skirmish with a party of Indians, who made an attack upon some soldiers who were guarding a train of supplies. The Indians were easily repulsed, with some loss on both sides.

During the spring of 1794, negotiations were again opened with the Indians, and terms of peace offered them, but they were rejected. General Wayne then pushed his advance further into the Indian country, to the place of the St. Clair disaster, where he erected a work of defense, which was named Fort Recovery, signifying that the hitherto lost ground had been recovered. This fort was in the southwest part of Mercer county, and was at once strongly fortified, and made the basis of future operations. During the advance of the army Captain Wells and his scouts were constantly making raids into the enemy's country, for the purpose of taking prisoners, from whom to obtain information. In one of these expeditions they crossed the River St. Mary, and passed on to the Auglaize. On the high bluff, about one mile north of where now stands the stirring little village of Oakwood, they came upon a party of three Indians in camp. Two of the Indians were instantly shot and killed, and the remaining one taken prisoner. When the paint was washed from him, he proved to be a white man, named Christopher Miller. He afterwards joined the scouts, and did valuable service during the remainder of the campaign. A few days afterward a Pottawatomie chief was captured near Charloe. Truly, he who meanders along the dark Auglaize in Paulding county is treading upon historic grounds.

The army remained at Fort Recovery until about the 1st of August, when, Wayne having learned from prisoners taken that the enemy had gathered in great numbers at Grand Glaize (now Defiance), he hurriedly moved upon that point. To deceive the Indians a feint was made to the westward, as if to attack the villages on the Wabash, but the army really crossed over to the Auglaize, and passed down the west bank of that stream to its confluence with the Maumee. Here Fort Defiance was erected and the troops allowed a few days' rest. On the 15th of August Wayne moved down the Maumee, and on the 18th arrived at a point just above Waterville, where he erected a temporary fortification for the protection of their stores and baggage, and named it Fort Deposit. On the morning of August 20th, 1794, the army moved on down the river to attack the Indians encamped in the immediate vicinity of Presque Isle Hill. There the battle of "Fallen Timber" was fought, and regarding it we quote from Gen. Wayne's official report: "The legion was on the right, its flank covered by the Maumee; one brigade of mounted volunteers on the left, under Brigadier-General Todd, and the other in the rear, under Brigadier-General Barbee. A select battalion of mounted volunteers moved in front of the legion, commanded by Major Price, who was directed to keep sufficiently advanced, so as to give timely notice for the troops to form in case of action. After advancing about five miles, Major Price's corps received so severe a fire as to compel them to retreat. The legion was immediately formed in two lines, principally in a close, thick wood which extended for miles on our left, and to a considerable distance in front, the ground being covered with old fallen timber, which rendered it impracticable for the cavalry to act with effect, and afforded the enemy the most favorable covert for their mode of warfare. The savages were formed in three lines, within supporting distance of each other, and extending for nearly two miles at right angles with the river. I soon discovered from the weight of their fire, and the extent of their lines, that the enemy were in full force in front, in possession of their favorite grounds, and endeavoring to turn our left flank. I therefore gave orders for the second line to advance and support the first; and directed Major Scott to gain and turn the right flank of the savages, with the whole force of mounted volunteers, by a circuitous route. At the same time I ordered the front line to advance with trailed arms, and rouse the Indians from their coverts at the point of the bayonet, and when up to deliver a close and well directed fire on their backs, followed by a brisk charge so as to not give them time to load again. I also ordered Captain Campbell, who commanded the legionary cavalry, to turn the left flank of the enemy next to the river, which afforded a favorable field for that corps to act in. All these orders were obeyed with spirit and promptitude; but such was the impetuosity of the first line that the Indians and Canadian militia and volunteers were driven from all their coverts in so short a time that, although every possible exertion was used by the officers of the second line of the legion, and by Scott, Todd and Barbee of the mounted volunteers, to gain their proper positions, but part of each could get up in season to participate in the action, the enemy being driven, in the course of an hour, more than two miles through the thick woods already mentioned. From every account the enemy amounted to two thousand combatants. The troops actually engaged against them were short of nine hundred. This horde of savages, with their allies, abandoned themselves to flight, and dispersed in terror and dismay, leaving our victorious army in full and quiet possession of the field of battle, which terminated under the influence of the guns of the British garrison. The loss of the enemy was more than that of the portion of the legion engaged. The woods were strewed for many miles with the dead bodies of the Indians and their white auxilaries, the latter being armed with British muskets and bayonets."

Wayne remained a few days in the vicinity of the battle field, laying waste to Indian villages and fields of growing corn, then returned to Fort Defiance, and thence on up the Maumee to Fort Wayne; one detachment passing up Flat Rock creek and encamping a few days about one mile southwest of Paulding, on what is now the farm of Mr. B. A. Holcombe. Inspired by this memorable march up the Maumee, a humble poet of the county has written:

> Roll on, sweet river, to Lake Erie roll;
> Thy name is inscribed on history's scroll;
> No prouder did Sherman march down to the sea,
> Than "Mad Anthony" marched along the Maumee.

The legion remained at Fort Wayne until November, 1794, then re-

turned to Fort Greenville and went into winter quarters. Its hardships had been innumerable, but its mission had been eminently successful; and now, covered with the laurels of victory, it rested from its labors.

The Indians never recovered from their signal and decisive defeat, and soon after, at a general treaty at Greenville, sued for peace. Thus ended the Indian wars in northwestern Ohio. Their homes on the Maumee had been destroyed. Here for years they had dwelt in calm security. Its beautiful banks were studded with their villages, and the rich bottoms covered with cornfields. Here their wise men had met around the council fires, and the returning braves had exhibited the trophies of their victorious expeditions. In war the river was their base line of attack, their source of supplies and their secure refuge. But Wayne's legion spread the black mantle of desolation over the valley, and the mighty prowess of its red men was crushed forever. By treaty and purchase in 1805, 1818, 1829 and 1842, the Indians disposed of their lands, and on the last date a remnant of the Ottawas sold their last acre within the limits of Ohio, and removed the following year to the far west, settling near the mouth of the Kansas river.

The largest Indian village ever located in the county was Charloe, beautifully situated upon the left bank of the Auglaize, in Brown township. It was near the center of an Indian reserve, four miles square, and known as Oquanoxa's reserve. Here dwelt that chieftain with about 600 Indians, a portion of the Ottawa tribe, until the year of 1820, when the reservation was sold, and Oquanoxa and his followers took up their line of march toward the setting sun.

At the time of the first settlements of the county there were several straggling bands of Indians along the Auglaize and Maumee rivers. Some of the names of Indians remembered by the old settlers were Ant. Wayne, Totigose, Saucy Jack, Big Yankee Jim, Draf Jim, P. Ashway, a squaw named Songo, and two brothers, named Pokeshaw and Wapacanaugh. They were generally peaceable and kind to the settlers excepting when under the influence of "fire water." No Indian tragedies of any note ever occurred within the limits of the county. In conclusion of the Indian history of the county, what can be said of the red man of today? There are west of the Mississippi one hundred and two different Indian reservations, with a population of about two hundred and twenty-five thousand. These are under the charge of the Indian agents of the government. The plundering and pilfering to which the Indians have been subjected have not been more than hinted at by writers on that subject. The United States in its treaties always guarantees that white men shall be kept out of the reservations. This provision is continually and shamelessly violated. Another monstrous iniquity is that the Indians are being constantly moved about from one place to another. They have no property in the soil which the law respects. The great cry is that they should settle down and go to farming. What white man is there who would make a farm in the wilderness, when he knows that he may be ejected before he gathers his first crop? The only condition on which an Indian can get land for himself is to break the ties of kindred and friendship, leave his tribe, and take lands under the pre-emption and homestead law. This could rarely be done, even if the Indians were so inclined, as but very few of them could ever raise the money to pay the fees necessary for the purpose. It is clear that but one of two destinies await the Indians – extermination or civilization. Which it will be we cannot determine, as we are no prophet, and cannot lift the veil which shrouds the future of this strange and enigmatical people.

CHAPTER II.

ORGANIZATION OF COUNTY.

IN 1784, the state of Virginia ceded to the United States the great Northwest Territory, which she claimed by her charter, and by the conquest of Gen. George Rogers Clarke. This great territory embraced the present states of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, and that portion of Minnesota lying between the upper waters of the Mississippi and lake Superior. In 1785, congress defined the methods by which the national government would dispose of lands in its northwestern domain; and two years later came the ordinance of 1787, authorizing the board of treasury to contract with would-be purchasers of such territory. In the same year the Ohio company was formed by a syndicate of New Englanders, and in 1788, Marietta, at the mouth of the Muskingum, was the first town founded within the limits of Ohio. Washington was the first county formed in the northwest territory. It included all the eastern part of the state as far west as the Scioto river, with Marietta as its seat of justice. Hamilton county was the next to be organized, with Cincinnati as its county seat. It included that region between the two Miamis, up as far from the Ohio as an east and west line drawn through the Standing Stone fork of the Big Miami. Wayne county was the fifth to be formed in the northwest territorial region. Its boundaries are given as follows: "Beginning at the mouth of the Cuyahoga river, upon lake Erie, and with the said river to the portage between it and the Tuscarawas branch of the Muskingum; then down the said branch to the forks at the carrying place above Fort Laurens, thence by a line west to the eastern boundary of Hamilton county; thence by a line west and northerly to the southern part of the portage between the Miamis of the Ohio and the St. Mary's river; thence by a line, also west and northerly, to the portage between the Wabash and the Miamis of lake Erie, where Fort Wayne now stands; thence by a line west and northerly to the southern part of lake Michigan; thence along the western shores of the same to the northwest part thereof; thence by a due north line to the territorial boundary in lake Superior, and, with the said boundary through lakes Huron, St. Clair and Erie, to the mouth of the Cuyahoga river, the place of beginning." This county was organized in 1796, under the first form of our territorial government, and included within its limits about twenty-six of the present counties of northwestern Ohio, of which Paulding county is one. The old town of Detroit was the seat of justice. The few whites in this region were, like those of Detroit, Canadian French, Indian traders, or renegade tories. For more than a hundred years Detroit had been the center and headquarters of all military and commercial affairs about the head of lake Erie and the foot of lake Huron. The Maumee river country was merely an out-post or province of Detroit. Communication with the civilized world was by way of Detroit and Canada. A majority of the whites in the lake region were French, of Canadian origin, and still holding Canadian prejudices, and retaining their Canadian connections in all matters of religion, politics, friendship and commerce. Between the Detroit settlements and the settlements on the Ohio river, there existed no bond of sympathy; in fact, until 1796, they had always been the bitterest enemies, and both retained much of the old prejudices engendered by the French and revolutionary wars. Between the Maumee and the Ohio lay an almost trackless wilderness, over the whole vast extent of which there stretched a mighty and unbroken forest yet ignorant of the woodman's ax.

Ohio was the first state to be carved out of the great northwest territory. It was admitted into the union in 1802. The northwestern part was the last to be organized and settled. The Indians having ceded their lands to the whites, the legislature of the state, by an act of February 12, 1820, proceeded to divide the newly acquired territory into counties. Of these counties Paulding county is one, and it dates its creation to the year above mentioned. It was named in honor of John Paulding, a native of Peekskill, N. Y., and one of the captors of that brave and accomplished, but unfortunate officer, Maj. Andre. Regarding this capture and the execution of Andre, the writer remembers portions of an old pioneer's song, which he heard when a youth of eight or ten summers, as follows:

"Come all ye young Americans, and unto me give ear,
While I rehearse a small ditty which will your spirits cheer,
Concerning a young gentleman whose age was twenty-two.
He fought for North America, his heart was just and true.

He with a scouting party went down to Tarrytown,
Where he met a British officer, a man of high renown,
Who says unto these gentlemen, 'you're of the British cheer,
I trust if you can tell me if there's any danger near.'

Then up stepped John Paulding, for that was our hero's name,
'Sir, tell us where you're going, and also whence you came;'
'I bear the British flag, sir, a pass to go this way,
I'm on an expedition and have no time to stay.'

Then 'round him came this company and bade him to dismount.
'Sir, tell us where you're going and give us strict account;
For we are now resolved that you shall ne'er pass by.'
Upon examination he was found to be a spy.

He begged for his liberty and plead for his discharge,
And oftentimes he told them if they would set him at large,
'Here's all the gold and silver that I've laid up in store,
And when I reach the city I'll send you ten times more.'

'We want not your gold and silver that you've laid up in store,
And when you reach New York you need not send us more,
But you may take your sword in hand to gain your liberty,
And if you do conquer us, Oh then you shall be free.'

'The time it is improper our valor for to try,
For if we take our swords in hand, then one of us must die;
But should we ever meet on the bloody battle-field,
My sword should be dyed in red before I'd ever yield.'

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When he was executed he looked both meek and mild,
He looked upon the spectators and pleasantly he smiled;
It moved each eye with pity, caused every heart to bleed,
And every one wished him released and Arnold in his stead.

Here's a bumper to John Paulding, and his brave company,
Their names will be enrolled on the page of history;
Paulding, Williams and Van Wert, could not be bought nor sold,
They scorned the British bribes of silver and of gold."

The base line from which the public land surveys were made was established in May, 1819, by Sylvanus Bourne. This line is the southern line of the county and extends from the Indiana and Ohio state line eastward through the counties of Putnam and Hancock, and forms the south line of Seneca county to Huron county, where it connects with lands known as the Western Reserve. The township lines were established, in 1820, by Alexander Holmes, Samuel Holmes and others; and in 1821-22 the townships were divided into sections by James W. Riley and his assistants. The county of Williams was organized February 2, 1824, and Paulding county was attached to it for judicial purposes, until its own organization in 1839. On the 4th of March, 1845, by an act of the legislature, the county of Defiance was organized. Its territory was composed of eight townships taken from Williams county, three from Henry, and a half township from Paulding. The formation of this new county reduced Paulding county to its present limits, which, were it not for the half township taken from its northeastern corner, would be a rectangle, extending east and west, twenty-four miles in length, and eighteen miles in width. It embraces within its territory ten full townships, six miles square, and Emerald township, containing thirty-two sections, and Auglaize township, containing twenty-two—in all an area of 416 square miles. It is bounded on the north by Defiance county, on the east by Putnam county, on the south by Van Wert county, and on the west by Allen county, Indiana. Its south line is the forty-first parallel of north latitude, and the meridian of eighty-four degrees and thirty minutes, west longitude, crosses the county near its eastern boundary. The numbering of townships begins on the south and run north; the ranges on the west and run east. Benton township is number 1, range 1; Harrison, town 2, range 1; Carryall, town 3, range 1; Blue Creek, town 1, range 2; Paulding, town 2, range 2; Crane, town 3, range 2; Latty, town 1, range 3; Jackson, town 2, range 3; Emerald, town 3, range 3; Washington, town 1, range 4; Brown, town 2, range 4; and Auglaize, town 3, range 4.

CHAPTER III.

THE EARLY SETTLERS.

WHEN the bright rays of civilization began to pierce the smoke of desolation, made so by the Indian wars of the northwest, they served as beacon lights to attract the attention and guide the daring
15 frontiersman into the county, and the Maumee river and the military roads, cut by Wayne's conquering army, became the routes and highways over which came the first settlers. As is the case with the first settlements of almost every country, the earliest settlers of Paulding county planted their primitive homes along the banks of its streams. On the rich alluvial bottoms of the Auglaize are yet to be seen the sites where were built the cabins of the Careys, the Hudsons, the Shirleys, the Romines and the Shroufes. Along the Maumee came the Musselmans, and the Banks and the Reynolds families; also the Gordons, the Runyans, the Murphys, the Applegates, and Gen. H. N. Curtis. On the Little Auglaize came the Harrells, the Mellingers and the Curtises; on Blue creek, the Moss brothers, the Reeds, the Barnhills, and the family of Robert Hakes; while on Flat Rock, or Crooked creek, the Woodcocks, the Malotts, and the Wentworths, were the first to tread the forest paths and to swing the "settler's echoing ax."

The first white settlement made in Paulding county was on section 19, Auglaize township, by Shadrach Hudson, in 1819. Isaac Carey came in the autumn of the same year. He came from Miami county, Ohio, by the route which had been opened by Gen. Wayne, to Defiance, thence up the Auglaize to his place of location. The farm upon which he settled is about one-half a mile east of the present village of Junction, and is owned by Reason Johnson. Upon this farm, January 21, 1826, was born Daniel Clark Carey, who has the notoriety of being the first white child known to have been born within the limits of the county. He now resides at the village of Oakwood, eight miles south of his birth-place, and is a very worthy citizen, having held the office of probate judge and other offices of public trust. A few years ago he removed to Hutchinson, Kas., but only remained about two years, when he returned to the scenes of his youth, preferring the majestic forests of Paulding county to the broad prairies of the "far west." Here, no doubt, he will spend the remainder of his days, and at their close be laid to silent rest beside the tombs of his pioneer ancestors. Shadrach Hudson was the father-in-law of Isaac Carey. Upon his farm stands the oldest house in the county. It was built of hewed logs 20x30 feet in length, about fifty years ago, and is yet in a tolerably good state of repair. It was photographed in the summer of 1890, the picture enlarged and distributed throughout the county as a pioneer relic. Nathan Shirley came in 1823, and Thomas Romine in 1825, both settling on farms on the Auglaize. The settlements on the Maumee were begun in 1825. Denison Hughes, William Banks, David Applegate, William Gordon, Reason V. Spurrier, and Gen. H. N. Curtis, came to the county about that year, and may be regarded as the first settlers of its northern part. Of these, the Banks and Gordon families came from Cincinnati; their route lay along the military roads which ran up the Miami river to its headwaters; then crossing over to the headwaters of the St. Mary's river, they loaded their household goods and wagons into pirogues and came down that river to Fort Wayne, thence down the Maumee to their respective places of landing. Their horses were unharnessed and driven across the country along the winding Indian trails that were not sufficiently wide to permit the passage of vehicles.

Joseph Mellinger commenced the little Auglaize settlement in the year of 1828, and was shortly after followed by William Harrell, Benjamin Kniss and Dimitt Mackerel. These settlers reached the county from the southern Ohio counties by crossing the water-shed which extends east and west through the state, and striking the headwaters of the Blanchard river, passed down that stream to its confluence with the Big Auglaize, thence overland to their places of settlement.

In 1834, the Moss brothers, natives of England, commenced improving farms on the banks of Blue Creek, while further up that stream, about the same year, Robert Barnhill and Joseph Reed built log cabins and began battling with the frowning forest. In 1837, Thomas Wentworth began the Flat Rock settlement. His nativity was the state of Maine. In 1835, he, with his family, left the pine-covered hills of that state, to find a home in Paulding county. He embarked upon a coasting vessel and sailed down the Atlantic to New York, and reached Buffalo by way of the Hudson river and New York & Erie canal, thence on lake Erie to Toledo, then up the Maumee to New Rochester, near the present site of Cecil. Here he rested with his family for a year or two, then cut a wagon-track road through the dark forest ten miles to the south and commenced the improvement of a farm near where now stands the interprising village of Payne.

Thus have we shown our readers the routes by which the first settlers reached the county; also their names, date of entry and places of location. We should now pay to them that tribute which is their due; and would that our unskillful pen was equal to such a task. They were men of integrity, hardy and brave, and whether they were clearing away the forests, engaged at the hand-mill in cracking corn for food, or chasing the bounding deer for the same purpose, they showed a fortitude and determination of spirit which is worthy of imitation. But they have passed away, and they who gaze upon their last resting places may say: here rest the great and good — here they repose after their generous toil. A sacred band they were, and now they take their last sleep together, while every new-born spring that is ushered in comes with its earliest flowers to deck their graves. Theirs is no vulgar sepulchre — although in many instances the green sod may be their only monument; yet it tells a nobler history than pillared piles or the eternal pyramids. Touch not, then, the ancient elms that bend their branches over the lowly graves of the first settlers of Paulding county, for their shadows fall upon the resting places of those who need no columns pointing upward to tell us that beyond the purple hills they have found a happy home.

The habits of our first settlers were, in the most part, exemplary, their hardships many and their wants few. Their houses were built of logs, with puncheon floors, clapboard roofs, and greased paper for windows. The "new country" song, of which the writer remembers a few stanzas, tells the whole story of pioneer life:

"This wilderness was our abode full fifty years ago,
And when we wished good meat to eat, we caught a buck or doe;
For fish we used the hook and line,
On Johnny-cake our ladies dine—
And pounded corn to make it fine,
In this new country."

The garb of the first settlers was of the simplest homespun. The flax patch furnished the material for the bed ticking and the tow linen for shirts and trowsers. The wool was carded, spun, woven and fashioned into garments by the nimble fingers of the pioneer's wife and daughters. They were the manufacturers of the linsey-woolsey. How often was the tired backwoodsman lulled to sleep by the sweet hum of the spinning wheel as the faithful and toiling wife plied her vocation late in the night. A few of these old dust-covered articles yet remain in the county.

Pioneer Associations.—In 1885 a pioneer association was organized in the county, and from that time to the present, annual picnics have been held by the old settlers, sometimes in Riverside park at Antwerp, but mostly on the fair grounds at Paulding. These meetings are generally largely attended and their programs consist of addresses, songs, pioneer papers, remarks by old settlers, a sumptuous repast, general hand-shaking, etc., etc. Although many of them who meet are old, infirm, and tottering on the verge of the grave, yet their hearts are still young, and the story of their pioneer hardships, struggles and privations is ever new. They meet to forget the cares and infirmities of the present and to renew again the scenes of their youth. They

"Come once more to linger o'er
The grim work of their primes;
Renewing here the grief and cheer
Of happy, hard old times."

The following are extracts from an address made by Judge D. C. Carey, at one of these pioneer meetings held at Paulding in 1885:

"The first fall after my father moved from Miami county to the wilds of the Maumee valley, he had to cast about and study how to make a living. He wasn't much of a hunter, nor much of a farmer up to that time, as his occupation had been that of a stone and brick mason. Seed wheat was very scarce. He had a little mixed with cockle and chess, which was left after moving out, and proceeded to clear off a patch of ground and sowed the mixture of seed as above stated, and he told me that the following harvest he had as good and as clean a crop of wheat as he ever saw or ever afterward raised. The chess and cockle failed that year, and that was how my father got his start in wheat." * * * "In the early times log rollings and house and barn raisings were quite common. I remember one occasion of being invited to help roll logs down on Uncle Abram Hudson's farm, four miles south of Defiance. A good many had been invited, the logs had been cut and 'niggered,' and made ready; two captains, so called, were chosen; the hands equally divided, and a yoke of oxen for each division. Now, the men start with a will and the logs began to tumble up. The heavier ones were hauled by the oxen, and the lighter ones carried by the men. The two parties seemed to race all day, and the oxen seemed to catch the same spirit, for as soon as they were hitched to a log they started for the heap, sometimes on the run, and generally stopped at the right place. Well-trained oxen were fine teams for the woods.

"There were some excellent sugar orchards along the Auglaize, Maumee and their tributaries. One fine morning in sugar-making time I started to go to the camp about one half a mile from our house, and as I passed through the woods, I saw a large wolf a few rods ahead of me, with the water still dripping off him as he had just emerged from the Auglaize river. It was a surprise to both of us; the wolf stopped suddenly and so did I, and I raised a fire shovel which I was carrying, to show fight, I suppose. The wolf, after taking a good look at me, started on and so did I, right willing to let him alone if he would me. Wolves were plentiful those days, although I seldom saw one, but could hear them howling almost every night. One wolf, it is said, can make or imitate the voice of half a dozen others.

"One lovely morning in autumn, that beautiful season of the year when all nature is clothed in the variegated hues of crimson and gold, my uncle, Samuel W. Hudson, who, by the way, was a good hunter, concluded to take a bear hunt. He came to our house and borrowed my older brother's rifle, which was named 'Old Pick.' He went up the Big Auglaize river to the mouth of Flat Rock, then up that stream two or three miles. Meat was plenty that year, and game, such as deer, squirrel, pheasants, wild turkeys, etc., was abundant, but as my uncle had started after *bear*, such 'small fry' failed to attract his attention. He traveled for some time and was beginning to get weary, when lo! and behold, up started a fine specimen of the object of his search. Quick as thought, 'Old Pick' was brought to my uncle's shoulder. He took aim but a second and fired. Bruin dropped, pierced through the heart. 'Old Pick' had done its deadly work. The bear proved to be a very large black one and was quite fat. My uncle came home after a team and wagon, and that evening, he and several others, among the number myself, went and brought it in. That is as near as I ever came to killing a bear—helping to load it, and riding home between its hind legs. Of course, we all had bear meat for some time in that neighborhood, and plenty of genuine 'bear's ile' for the hair and whiskers." * * * The above extracts are given to show the reader the nature of subjects touched upon by the settlers at their annual meetings. These and many other bygone scenes, such as early births, deaths, marriages, etc., are recalled to memory and talked over. Each has his story of toil, privation and hardship, or incident of romance or tragedy to relate. All are highly interesting and are listened to with intense eagerness. Think of it, ye men and women of to-day. Think of the stories they tell. Forty or fifty years ago our fathers were out in the mighty forests which covered our land, with no tools, save an ax and maul, without nails, glass, plaster (excepting mud mortar), lumber, brick, or anything with which to build a shelter for their wives and children, save forest trees and the few tools mentioned. Out there in a covered wagon, upon which fell the driving rain, the biting frosts of autumn, or the piercing blasts of winter. Out there alone—two, three, perhaps five miles from any human habitation. Would not that have tried your muscles and your souls? Yes, indeed. And these are the incidents told by our pioneer fathers at their annual gatherings. Last of all at these picnics the mortuary roll is called by the secretary of the society, and at each succeeding meeting grows larger and larger. Year by year the old settlers diminish in numbers, Year by year many of them are called away from the scenes of their early strugges and triumphs. May strength and comfort be given to those who are left, that their declining years may be their happiest ones. Sweetly rest those who are gone. Softly fall the dews of heaven upon the hallowed spots where sleep our county's pioneers.

"When the spring-time touch is lightest,
When the summer eyes are brightest,
Or the autumn sings most drear;
When the winter's hair is whitest
Sleep, old pioneer!

Safe beneath the sheltering soil
Late enough you crept:
You were weary of the toil
Long before you slept.

Well you paid for every blessing—
Bought with grief each day of cheer,
Nature's arms around you pressing,
Nature's lips your brow caressing,
With no work day woes to wound you,
With the peace of God around you,
Sleep, old pioneer."

CHAPTER IV.

TOWNSHIP HISTORY, ORGANIZATION, EARLY SETTLERS, ETC.

LOCAL history is the most interesting of all history. Let us gather up the scattered fragments while we may, put them in print, and hand them down to our posterity. A century hence and the pages which we are transcribing to-day will form one of the most treasured volumes to be found in the county. Tenderly, eagerly and carefully will our children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren peruse it. Age will but add to its value, and the dust of time will only make it more precious.

The smaller the territory covered by any history the more extensive are its details. Every incident and minute particle is gathered up and transmitted to its pages. Therefore, the township history will form a most interesting feature of this work. The township lines were established in 1820, but the townships were not organized until a much later date. Three of the townships, Crane, Carryall and Brown, were organized before the county. Crane was organized in 1825; Carryall, in 1829; and Brown, in 1830. Prior to the organization of the county, the citizens of the above mentioned townships paid their taxes, attended court, etc., at Defiance, which was then the county seat of Williams county. Here, with the kind permission of the reader, we will digress a little

from our subject to insert a few scraps of history taken from Harper's Magazine for July, 1863. We do this because the history referred to has a direct bearing upon the territory of which we write. The extracts are incidents of the war of 1812, and are as follows:

* * "From Fort Wayne Harrison sent out detachments to smite the Indian villages in various directions, and spread terror through their country. These were successful; and a forward movement down the Maumee was about to be commenced when General Winchester arrived at Fort Wayne, assumed command, to the great dissatisfaction of the soldiers, and Harrison returned to Piqua, where he intended to collect the mounted men from Kentucky and prepare for an expedition against Detroit. There he received a dispatch from the secretary of war, saying:

"'The President is pleased to assign to you the command of the northwestern army, which, in addition to the regular troops and rangers in that quarter, will consist of the volunteers and militia of Kentucky, Ohio, and three thousand from Virginia and Pennsylvania. He was promised artillery from Pittsburgh, and was invested with extraordinary powers. 'Exercise your own discretion,' said the secretary, 'and act in all cases according to your own judgment.' This appointment gave great satisfaction to the army, and the soldiery expressed their willingness to go wherever Harrison might lead them: Winchester acquiesced in the change, and with two thousand men left Fort Wayne on the morning of September 23d, 1812, for the rapids of the Maumee, about seventy miles distant, to co-operate with the division under Harrison in the intended operations against Detroit and Malden. He advanced cautiously down the river, had some bloody skirmishes with the Indians in the van of a large force of white and red men under Major Muir and Colonel Elliott, a notorious Indian agent, and at the close of the month arrived at the confluence of the Auglaize and Maumee rivers, where Wayne built a fort in 1794, and where the city of Defiance now stands. Muir and Elliott, taking counsel of prudence and their fears, had fled at his approach, and were then at the Maumee rapids, a point of great strategic importance, the possession of which would be essential to the Americans in successfully prosecuting their designs against Malden and Detroit."

As this detachment of troops passed down the Maumee from Fort Wayne to Defiance, it must have traversed in its march through what is now Carryall, Crane and Emerald townships, and, it is said, that one of the bloody skirmishes mentioned took place at the deep defile just below the present residence of John Musselman, Sr., in Emerald township; and in fact it is highly presumable that all of them took place within the limits of the county, as it is about the distance that an advance would be stationed, from the main body, to watch the movements and resist the approach of an invading army; and the main body of Muir and Elliott's forces were at Defiance. Again we quote from the same article: "While Winchester was making his way toward Fort Defiance, Harrison was pushing on through the wilderness from St. Mary's, in the present county of Auglaize, Ohio, toward the Maumee rapids. The difficulties in the way of transportation of supplies over that swampy region, with inadequate means, were enormous. The base of operations, having the rapids for the first object to be possessed, was a line drawn along the margin of the swampy region from St. Marys to Upper Sandusky, the former to be the principal deposit for provisions, and the latter for artillery and military stores. The army was to march in three divisions, the right column to be composed of the Virginia and Pennsylvania troops, to rendezvous at Wooster, and proceed from there by Upper Sandusky to the rapids. The center column, to consist of twelve hundred Ohio militia, was to march from Urbana to Fort McArthur, and follow Hull's road to the rapids. The left column, to be composed of the regulars under the command of Colonel Samuel Wells and four regiments of Kentucky volunteers, was to proceed down the Auglaize to the Maumee from St. Mary's, join Winchester, and from thence proceed to the rapids."

As this left column marched down the Auglaize river from St. Mary's to Defiance, it must have passed through the present townships of Washington, Brown and Auglaize, and traces of the roads cut by these troops were plainly visible to the first settlers of those townships. Upon these routes were constructed the first roads of the pioneers. Further, the historian says:

"The plan was well arranged, but supplies lingered. Winchester's troops, composing the left wing of the army, were made a corps of observation, and Fort Defiance was designated as an important deposit for provisions, preparatory to the grand advance upon the rapids."

At this place fortifications were constructed and named Fort Winchester. This fort stood eight or ten rods south of the old fort built by Wayne in 1794. It had four block-houses, connected by a continuous wall of pickets about twelve feet high, composed of logs hewn so as to stand closely together. The block-houses were considerably higher than the pickets, with an upper story extending over the lower about three feet. Port-holes and loop-holes were arranged at regular distances, both in the block-houses and stockade. The block-houses were roofed over with logs and covered with earth to prevent the bullets from passing through. There was an underground passage-way, extending from the inside of the fort to the Auglaize river, built for the purpose of escape and for obtaining water without being exposed to the shots of the Indians. The fort faced eastward toward the Auglaize river, and as late as 1822 two of the block-houses and two store-houses, built inside the fort, were yet standing in very good repair and occupied by families. In one of these resided, about one year, Judge Robert Shirley and family, before his removal to Brown township, near the present site of Charloe. With these few sketches of interesting general history, we will now proceed to the township histories direct, giving the same in alphabetical order:

Auglaize Township.—This township was attached to Brown until the year of 1840, at which time its own organization was effected. An election was called, and John Mason, Sr., and Nathan Shirley were elected the first justices of the peace; Adam Hall was elected the first constable, and A C. Adams the first clerk. The first actual settler in the township was Shadrach Hudson. He came from Miami county, Ohio, in the year of 1819, and built a log house on section 19, on the right bank of the Auglaize river, about one-half a mile east of the present village of Junction. This house is known as "the oldest house in the county," is still standing, and until recently has been occupied by dwellers. The following description of it was given in June, 1890, by a correspondent of the Oakwood Sentinel:

* * * * * "It was built by Shadrach Hudson in 1822 or '23. It is of square logs, is two stories in height, and has a huge fire-place in each end. There are two rooms on the first story. The house stands on and commands a fine view, both up and down the Auglaize river. It is a pity the old house was not engraved for the county history. It will soon be a thing of the past and forgotten. I wish that some artist would take a sketch of the building and its surroundings, which are very picturesque." (Photographs were made of the building shortly after the above was written and sold throughout the county.)

"The house is situated on what is known as the Potter farm, one mile northeast of Junction. Near by is the cemetery where sleep the Hudsons, the Careys, the Shirleys, the Romaines, the Potters, and many other deceased pioneers. Its builder, Mr. Hudson, was a soldier with St. Clair, was at the battle where that general was defeated by the Indians; also in the war of 1812, during which he visited the Maumee valley, where, being impressed with its fertility and natural beauties, he afterward settled. At one time he was a teamster employed in hauling supplies for the army. One night he arose in his sleep, harnessed his four-horse team, hitched them to the wagon, and was about to start on his tedious journey, when he awoke. Mr. Hudson and his wife lived a life of piety, and daily gathered their large family around the family altar. They were very hospitable and entertained many a stranger who chanced to pass that way. What huge roasts of bear meat, venison and wild turkey they used to make before those old fire-places! Their fumes seemed to fill the very air with their appetizing flavors. I wonder if departed ones ever come back to visit their abodes while in the flesh! If they do, what a host of them come back to that old house. In former days I often visited friends there and used to think what stories its old walls could tell if they could speak. But all are gone!

"'Moved out of the old house up into the new,
Even unto a heavenly mansion.
Thou dear, old house! Thou canst not feel nor see;
Inanimate I know, but still a dear, old house to me.'"

The township originally consisted of thirty-six sections, but upon the construction of Defiance county, in 1845, its northern half was stuck off and added to Defiance township, of that county, the sections preserving the number of the original survey. This territory was taken from Paulding county in order to make Defiance, which was to be the county seat of the newly formed county, nearer its geographical center. To increase the size of Auglaize township, after its half had been cut off, sections 13, 24, 25 and 36 were taken from Emerald township and added to it on the west. The township is, therefore, seven miles in length from east to west, and three miles wide from north to south, excepting on the west tier of sections, where it is four miles in width. Owing to this addition, this township has two sections numbered 24, two, 25, and two 36; these

are distinguished from each other by the ranges, those taken from Emerald township being in range 3, and those in Auglaize proper, being in range 4. Through the carelessness of some county officials, serious mistakes are sometimes made in consequence of this arrangement of sections. For instance: A few years ago the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter of section 36, town 3 north, range 4 east, was advertised to be sold at sheriff's sale, much to the surprise of the owner, as he knew nothing of the debt for which the sale of the land had been ordered. Upon inquiry into the matter, it was found that the land which should have been advertised was of the same description as the above, excepting the range, which should have been 3 instead of 4. This mistake in the substitution of one figure for another, slight as it was, made a difference of just six miles in the location of the two pieces of land.

The largest stream in the the township is the Big Auglaize river. It flows through the western part from south to north. Flat Rock enters the township from the south, and Little Flat Rock and Six Mile from the west; all three flow eastward and empty into the Big Auglaize. Bull Run enters from the south and empties into Big Flat Rock. Eagle creek has its source in the eastern part of the township, flows westward and discharges its waters into the Auglaize. There are several stone quarries in the township. On the farm of Samuel M. Doyle, one-half mile east of Junction, is a quarry of blue lime, and furnished stone for the construction of many aqueducts and culverts along the line of the Miami canal, when that thoroughfare of commerce was being built; also stone for the large iron bridge across the Auglaize river, near the location of the quarry. It has been idle for some years, but is being worked at present. Another quarry, on the farm of Jacob Davis, consists of blue, gray and white lime, and furnishes many parts of the county with stone for building and other purposes.

Frederick Ruffner built the first and only flouring mill in the township in 1865. It is located in the village of Junction, is a frame, with two run of buhrs, turbine water-wheel, and is furnished power from the Miami canal. Owing to the complicated condition of its ownership, the mill has not been in operation for several years. The first saw mill erected in the township was built by William K. Daggett, in the year of 1841. It was situated about one mile north of Junction, and was furnished power by water from the canal. This mill was in operation for nearly forty years. A. C. Yencer, Hubert Naveau, Jr., and John Varner now operate steam saw mills in the township.

The first school taught in the township was by A. C. Adams, in 1840. It was in a log cabin which stood on section 25, range 3, a small building with clapboard roof, puncheon floor, and stick chimney. Ten or twelve pupils were in attendance at this school. The first schoolhouse built in the township was in the village of Junction in 1854. It was a one-story frame, 28x30 feet in dimensions; a part of it is yet standing and is used as a dwelling. Upon the organization of the other subdistricts, which occurred between the years of 1854 and 1860, they were at first furnished buildings of hewn logs, but are now all supplied with good, substantial frames, excepting the one in Junction, which is a two-story brick, built in the summer of 1876, at a cost of $2,500. In sub-district number 4 (known as the Bethel school), is a large one-story frame, with two rooms on ground floor, built in 1878, by John Q. Gray, contractor, at a cost of about $1,000. The Bethel and Junction schools each employ a principal and assistant teacher; the remaining four subdistricts employ but one teacher each. About 600 pupils receive instruction at these schools. The resident teachers of the township are the Misses Emma and Katie Dotterer, Mr. Henry Schildt, Mr. Englebert Link and Miss Fronia Stover.

The first postoffice established in the township was in the village of Junction, in 1842. It was called the same as the village, and John Mason, Sr., was the first postmaster. The office still exists, and J. G. Dotterer is the present postmaster. One other office was established in 1882, named Arthur, in honor of Chester A. Arthur, who was then president of the United States. John Moore was the first postmaster at this office, and A. J. Kinnear is the present. It is located in the eastern part of the township. Junction postoffice is situated on a mail route, extending from Delphos to Defiance, and has a tri-weekly mail — Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays; Arthur is on a star route leading only from that point to Defiance, and receives a bi-weekly mail — Tuesdays and Saturdays.

The first sermon preached in the township was in the cabin home of John Mason, Sr., by a Methodist minister named Solomon Biggs. The first church organization effected in the township was at Junction, in 1849, by a Methodist Episcopal minister named Adams, and the first Sabbath-school was opened the same year by that reverend gentleman. There are now five religious organizations in the township — the Christian, the Methodist, the United Brethren, the German Reform, and Catholic — all of which have church edifices, the last four named being in the Junction and the first named at Arthur, five miles east of the Junction.

The only village in the township is Juncton. It was laid out in 1842 by John Mason, Sr., and Nathan Shirley. It is situated in the western part of the township at the junction of the Wabash & Erie and Miami canals. In its early days it was a flourishing and enterprising place, so much so, that Capt. Dana Columbia sold his property on Columbia street in the now busy city of Fort Wayne, and located at the Junction, believing that he would better his chances for gaining wealth by so doing. In those days canals were the great thoroughfares for commerce, and the opening of the Wabash & Erie and Miami extension canals gave to Junction its flattering prospects. Daily lines of packets ran on both canals, and many passengers were transferred at this place. This gave a prosperous business for hotels, of which there were two or three. There were three or four large, well-filled dry goods stores and groceries; three large warehouses for the storage of grain; canal collector's office and residence, and half a dozen saloons. The wharves were lined with canal boats, loading and unloading grain and other freight, giving to the village the semblance of an embryo city, which many of its citizens believed it to be. But commerce found other channels than the canals through which to discharge its wealth; and for many years the dust of decay has been settling upon the once thriving village. The warehouses have all burned, and many of the other buildings have rotted down. The streets have a forlorn and wo-begone appearance, so much so, that if Goldsmith had traversed them he might have been inspired to improve upon his celebrated poem, "The Deserted Village," if improvement was possible. In common parlance, the place has been going "down hill" for several years, and farmers in that vicinity remark that "its site will make a good cornfield when its rubbish is moved away." H. Naveau, Sr., William Dotterer and John Shawver have three small general stores for the accommodation of a few customers, but depend on their farms for a living, and S. M. Doyle is the proprietor of the only hotel in the place.

About one mile north of Junction is the fine farm of F. W. Le Sueur, upon which is kept a fine herd of Hereford cattle. There are several fine country residences in the township, among which may be mentioned that of H. Naveau, Sr.; John G. Dotterer and Andrew Ott, of brick; and the frame residences of F. M. Wade, Isaac Hardesty and Nathan Varner. The number of voters May 18, 1891, was 258. The population of the township in 1880 was 1,068; in 1890 it was only 1,027, a decrease of 41, if the figures in both instances be correct.

Brown Township.—This township was the third to be organized in the county, which event occurred in 1830. It received its name from Fort Brown, a small stockade that was built at the confluence of the Big Auglaize and Little Auglaize rivers in the year of 1812, and occupied for a short time by a detachment of Gen. Harrison's army, commanded by Col. Brown. The stockade was soon abandoned and all traces of its fortifications are now obliterated. The township, when first organized, included Auglaize, Washington, Latty, Jackson and Blue Creek townships. Christian Shroufe was the first white man and actual settler in the township. His rude cabin and pioneer home was erected about one mile south of where now stands the thriving little village of Oakwood, on the Litchenberg farm. Mr. Shroufe settled in the township in the year of 1826. He was shortly after followed by Dr. John Kinery, Robert Shirley, John Hudson, Pierce Taylor, John Kimmell and "Grand-pap" Jeffrey. In 1837 came John W. Ayres and the Hawkins family; in 1845, Dr. Royal B. Cooper; and later, about the years of 1849-50, the flow of immigration became quite extensive and the township received a number of settlers. Among them the writer remembers the following: James M. Russell, Harrison Hanville, Jacob Keck, Andrew Linnaberry, Webster Jones, Chester Sackett, Jacob Switzer, James Mather, John and William Stair, A. L. Darling, E. W. Gleason, Dwight G. Blakeslee, Rodney Young, the Bidlack family, Daniel and Jacob May, the Robinson and Lighthill families, C. J. Freede, Sr., Eli Budd, Samuel, Andrew, Jesse and Robert Caskey, Joseph Williams, John Kretzinger and Josiah Hoover. A few years later came the Fuller and Burt families. These may all be justly classed with the pioneers of Brown township. Some of them, happy in old age, are yet living to enjoy the fruits of their early struggles; a few have found homes in other lands; but many are dead — gone to that bourne whence none return — and their descendants, now themselves whitening with the snow of age, live to honor

and perpetuate the memory of their fathers by telling the story of their struggles and hardships as pioneers. The first election held in the township was at Fort Brown, in 1830, at which there were about forty-five votes cast, the voters coming from what are now Auglaize, Washington and Brown townships. The first justice of the peace elected was Dr. John Kingery. The other first officers are unknown. There are thirty-six sections in the township, none of which are fractional. The principal stream is the Big Auglaize. It enters the township near the southeast corner, flows westerly and northerly and leaves it near the northwest corner. The Little Auglaize and Blue Creek are small western affluents of the Big Auglaize.

An extensive stone quarry was worked, between the years of 1855-60, by Hon. C. L. Noble, one mile south of Charloe, also a stone mill for sawing stone, at Canal Port, near by. Neither is operated at present. The first grist mill in the township was built by Pierce Evans, in 1834. It was located on the Little Auglaize, near its mouth, and was soon washed away by high water. A saw mill was run in connection with this mill, and was the first in the township. A few rods above the former site of this mill, on the same stream, stands a flouring mill, owned by Alexander Brown. It was erected in 1849-50, by Jacob Switzer, and was for many years the only flouring mill in the township. The first steam saw mill in the township, also in the county, was erected in 1852, at Charloe, by Dwight G. Blakeslee. It is yet owned and operated by him, being quite a curiosity; the old form of upright saw is still used. Other saw mills in the township are owned by Weible & Bell, Fuller & Burt, Budd & Varner, Willis Fuller and Josiah Hoover. The first school taught in the township, was by John D. Carlton, in the year of 1834. It was taught in an unoccupied cabin on the farm lately owned by D. C. Carey, near Charloe, and fifteen or twenty pupils were in attendance. The first school-house in the township was erected at Charloe, in 1835. It was a log cabin, 20x24 feet in size. There are now ten school buildings in the township, all good substantial frames, excepting the two-story brick at Oakwood, erected in 1884, at a cost of about $2,600. The buildings at Oakwood, Charloe and Melrose, have two rooms and employ two teachers; the other districts, but one. The first postoffice in the township was at Ft. Brown. It was on the route from Piqua to Defiance, and the mail was carried on horseback once a week. On the opening of the Miami canal the route was changed and the office became extinct. The present offices are at Charloe, Oakwood and Melrose. The first sermon preached in the township was by an Methodist Episcopal divine, named J. J. Hill, in 1830. He established a church about that date near Charloe. Among its first members were Rhoda Hudson and Robert Shirley and wife. There are now seven church edifices in the township; two at Melrose, Methodist Episcopal and Disciple; two at Oakwood, the old and new Methodist Episcopal (the old one will be abandoned upon the completion of the new); Prairie Run chapel, U. B., one mile east from Oakwood; Centenary chapel, U. B., in the north part of the township, and the Lutheran, near Charloe. The first Sabbath school in the township was organized at Charloe, by C. B. West, in 1841. Regarding this pioneer Sunday-school, the Paulding *Republican*, of July 23, 1891, has the following: "What is
esent known as the Charloe Union Sunday-school, was the first, and
uently is the oldest Sunday school in Paulding county. It was
zed in 1841, by C. B. West, who held the superintendency until he
away in 1850. David C. Carey was then chosen superintendent,
ld the office until 1870, when he was elected probate judge, which
tated his moving to Paulding. Dwight G. Blakeslee was next
, and remained superintendent until 1878. Mr. Carey, having re-
, was again superintendent for one year, when, upon his moving to
od, Mr. Blakeslee was reinstated, and has filled the office up to
esent time. The school is in a flourishing condition, last year's
average being forty-nine; for the quarter just closed it has reached
hree, the highest average in the school's existence — '41-'91! Fifty
s! Fifty annual elections of officers and yet only three different
erintendents, excepting Eli Day and Martin Myres, who each held
office three or four months. Is there a Sunday-school in this state
at can excel this record?"

Canal Port St. Andrews and Newbergh are now extinct villages of he township — all three having been absorbed by Melrose. St. Andrews was laid out May 31, 1850, by James M. and Alexander Mather, two gentlemen of Scottish descent, from New Brunswick, and was named after the patron saint of Scotland. Newbergh (Royal Oak postoffice) was laid out May 7, 1851, by David Shriver and Leonard Kimmel. A. L. Darling opened the first place of business in this place in 1850. It was a small grocery store kept in the front room of a small cabin in which he resided. On a small white oak tree in front of this house, he nailed a piece of a store box, upon which was traced, in rude charcoal characters the words, "Royal Oak Grocery." From this fact came the name which the place always bore. Canal Port, on the canal, one mile north o Charloe, was known as Exchange bridge. (The towing path changed sides of canal at this place.) It was never but little more than a "paper town," although Mr. J. A. Boyd, an enterprising timber dealer of the county, for many years did an extensive mercantile business at this point, and yet resides here, in what is known as the "seven-gabled house." At Canal Port was also formerly located a stone mill, for sawing stone obtained from the Noble quarry, with which it was connected by a tramway about one-half a mile in length. At this mill for several years, between 1858 and 1868, large blocks of magnesian limestone were sawn into handsome building blocks and largely exported. The stone was a beautiful buff color, containing nodules of chert, and was found in the quarry in layers about four feet in thickness. The mill and tramway have gone to decay, and the quarry is no longer worked, although it is thought that large quantities of excellent stone could yet be obtained from it. It lies just above the mouth of Blue creek, on the west side of the Auglaize river, one mile south of Charloe. Charloe is the oldest village in the township, and will be described under the head of "County Seats," further on in the work. Oakwood was laid out as a village, September 17, 1872, by William C. Hedges, and the surveying done by L. E. Holtz, of Ottawa. As early, however, as 1851, goods were sold by John Crosson, who owned the farm upon which much of the village stands. In 1854, when the Tiffin & Fort Wayne railroad (now Nickel Plate) was being built, a general store was opened by a contractor named Hazen, and run until the road collapsed. Shortly after the war, S. S. Schiller and N. C. Whiting opened small country stores in the place, and Mr. Whiting established a ferry for the transportation of teams and passengers across the Auglaize. A postoffice was established some years before the town was laid out, on a mail route leading from Ottawa to Charloe. This route was maintained until the opening of the Nickel Plate, in 1881. The place received a boom in 1871-72, while the "Continental railway" was in process of construction, but it was not until some ten years later, on the completion of the New York, Chicago, St. Louis & Pacific railway, that it began to show signs of permanent thrift, upon which has been built a prosperous and enterprising village. It now contains the large and well conducted grocery houses of A. N. Wiseley, and Levi C. Kech; the dry goods and clothing house of Electius Wiseley; an excellent drug store, by I. L. Ackley; large hardware store, by S. S. Schisler; several restaurants; the Nickel Plate hotel, John Rumele, proprietor; Garland house, by F. Andrews; good depot building, two-story brick schoolhouse, steam flouring mill; saw mill and planing mill, Josiah Hoover, proprietor; two physicians; the Oakwood *Sentinel*, a weekly paper, published by C. T. Carey. The village is incorporated, and has a population of about 400.

Melrose, a rival of Oakwood in commercial importance, is located at the crossing of the Nickel Plate railroad and Miami canal, two miles west of the above described village. It was laid out, about the year 1854, by Messrs. Gibson & Pennington, but had only one house, and used only as a banking ground for ship timber until about the year of 1872, when Amos Rathburn erected a building and began business. The town remained only a small packet landing until 1881, when, upon the opening of the Nickel Plate, several large business buildings were immediately erected, among the first being that of Alex. Brown, a general store and hotel. He was followed by George W. Bentley, dry goods and groceries; the general store of J. G. Patterson & Co.; Grant & Edwards, hardware merchants; J. H. Myres, hotel; J. H. Shirley, grocery house, and several other places of business. Of the manufacturing interests of the place, the large stave works of Wheeler, Fuller & Co. are the most extensive; Messrs. Boyd & Freede have an office and lumber yard in this place, and conduct from here the largest business in the county, receiving pine and poplar lumber direct from mills owned by them in Mississippi. Melrose has good schools, good churches, is incorporated and has a population about equal to that of its only rival in the township — Oakwood. Its facilities for transportation are the best in the county, having both a railroad and canal. The canal packet "Willie," during the season of navigation, plies between this place and Defiance on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and between Delphos and Melrose on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

A few years ago the township was divided into the Melrose and Oakwood voting precincts. The number of voters in the Oakwood precinct May 18, 1891, was 376; in the Melrose precinct, 209; total number in township, 585. The population of the township in 1880 was 1,459; in 1890 it was 2,418.

Blue Creek Township.—In the year of 1837, Robert Barnhill cut a

winding road up the forest-covered banks of Blue Creek, built a log cabin on the southwest quarter of section 14, and became the first actual settler of the township. He was followed in 1839 by Robert Hakes, James Cunningham and Daniel Traul, who with their families may be said to be the first settlers of the township. The settlement made by them was on sections 14 and 15, then in the heart of a dense forest, ten miles from any other settlement. These hardy pioneers, like most others, were hunters and depended largely upon the fruits of the chase for subsistence until their farms could be cleared and the cereals grown. Upon the site of this first settlement are now some of the finest farms in the county. The first white child born in the township was George Hakes, son of Robert and Caroline Hakes. He grew up to manhood, entered the Union army in the early days of the Civil war, and became one of its victims, dying of disease at Nashville, Tenn. Robert Hakes remained a few years in Blue Creek township, then became a citizen of Brown township, settling near Oakwood, where he live until happy old age, and then found rest beneath the silent clay. The descriptive location of the township is town 1, range 2 north. It was organized in 1846, but was not attached to Brown until April 6, 1857, when an election was held at the Reed schoolhouse, in sub-district number 1. At this election, the first in the township, eleven voters cast their ballots, named as follows: I. N. Glover, Joseph Reed, Hiram Davis, Alanson McCombs, John Eller, James Barnhill, Lewis Place, Samuel R. Glover, Joseph Bowyer and R. W. Haskins. The first officers elected were Joseph Bowyer, Hiram Davis and Roswell Haskins, trustees; Joseph Reed, treasurer; I. N. Glover, clerk; Alanson McCombs, assessor, and Hiram Davis, constable. There are thirty-six sections in the township, of which sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 18, 19, 30 and 31 are fractional. Robert McDaniel and Maria Barnhill were the first couple to be united in the holy bonds of matrimony in the township. This marriage contract was solemnized October 19, 1839. Blue creek, after which the township was named, is the only stream in the township, and flows through it from southeast to northwest. The soil is a rich, black loam, from one to two feet in depth. The surface is low and level, and covered with a heavy growth of ash, elm, oak, hickory, cottonwood and sycamore timber; yellow poplar, hard maple and beech are found along the creek. There are no flouring mills in the township. The first saw-mill was erected in the eastern part of the township in the winter of 1870-71; there are now several. Robinson's lumber works at Dague, and a hoop and stave factory at Scott, are the most extensive manufacturing industries of the township. The manufactory at Scott was founded about the year of 1884. Hoops and staves are manufactured. It is owned and operated by the Leeson Cooperage Company, John Leeson being the principal proprietor. J. M. Smith is the general manager. The first school taught in the township was by Marie Smith in the year of 1850. It was in a log house on the Reed farm. Seven pupils were in attendance. There are now nine districts in the township, all supplied with good houses. Dague and Scott have special districts and graded schools. The first sermon preached in the township was at the residence of Joseph Reed, in 1848, by Rev. Luther, a Free Will Baptist minister. At the same place, in 1850, Rev. Abram Shingledecker, of the U. B. denomination, organized the first church, of which the following were the first members: Joseph, Mary and Lucinda Reed, and John, Nancy, William, Hannah and Edmund Barker. The second church organized was in the winter of 1871-72, at the Reed school house, by Rev. Graham, a United Brethren minister. There are now four church societies in the township: United Brethren, Methodist, Baptist and Christian. All have church edifices. The first Sabbath-school organized in the township was at the Reed school house, in 1851, by Samuel Stone. The first postoffice was established in the township in 1872. It was located on the Paulding and Van Wert pike, and named Point Pleasant. Upon the opening of the Mackinaw railroad the office was moved to Dague. There are now four offices in the township, as follows: Dague, Folmer, Scott and Tipton

The villages of the township are Dague, Folmer and Scott. One-half of the latter is located in Van Wert county. The number of voters in the township on May 18, 1891, were, north precinct, 362; south precinct, 126; total, 488. Population in 1880, 2,406; in 1890, 2,243.

Benton Township.—This township, town 1, range 1, is the southwest corner township of the county. It received, for its first settlers, Jonathan, David and George Ball, John Northup, Daniel Malott, Henry Shugars, Jacob Henry, John Ricks, Deliverance Brown, James M. Anderson, and David Malott. The first settlement was made about the year of 1839, on section 17. The first cabin was built by Jonathan Ball, who, with his family, ventured in the forest wilds and commenced the building up of a beautiful home. Phebe E. Ball was the first white child born in the township; her parents were George and Bethena Ball. The first marriage solemnized in the township was that of David Malott and Nancy Ball, in the year of 1840. Death waved its dark wand, and Nancy, wife of Jonathan Ball, was its first victim in the township. This sad event occurred in August, 1843. Death is ever surrounded with its terrors, but among our pioneers its stern relentlessness fell with apparently a heavier stroke than in a more populous country. The solemnity of a burial among the early settlers, where a wife, mother and friend, was laid away to her lonely rest beneath the somber shade of the oak or the elm, left its sad impression for many months. The organization of the township took place in 1843, and the first election was held on the first Monday of April of that year, by order of A. H. Palmer, clerk of the board of commissioners, at the residence of John Northup, a building which stood about twenty feet north of where old Mr. Jordon now lives in the village of Payne. Thomas Wentworth, Jonathan Ball and David Malott, were judges, and Theodore G. Merchant and Daniel Malott, were clerks. The township at that time embraced within its limits what are now Harrison and Paulding townships. Six of the voters, Daniel and David Malott, William, David and Jonathan Ball, and John Northup, were residents of Benton proper; B. B. Woodcock, Niram Strout and Thomas Wentworth, lived in what is now Harrison, and John Fisher and Theodore G. Merchant, in what is now Paulding township. The officers elected at this election were: Daniel **Malott, clerk; Theo**dore G. Merchant, treasurer; Thomas Wentworth, John Shepard and David Malott, trustees; Niram Strout, assessor; David Malott, constable; and William Ball, B. B. Woodcock and David Malott, fence viewers. An incident is related of one of the first elections of this township which is worthy of note in this work, if not worthy of imitation. It is illustrative of the honesty of purpose of the first voters of the county and is as follows: An election was held at the house of John Northup, the ballot-box being Mr. Northup's old opossum skin cap. Dana Columbia, of Junction, was a candidate for the office of county commissioner; but after the balloting had proceeded for some length of time, a horseman arrived post-haste, and by speaking so derogatorily of the character of Mr. Columbia, and by so emphatically declaring that he was not a suitable person for the office, he so influenced several of the voters as to cause them to want to change their votes. After some parleying with the judges and clerks, it was decided to begin the election over again. Accordingly the old "'possum" skin cap was turned upside down, the tickets already cast emptied out and thrown away, and a new ballot taken. This was certainly a wide departure from the Australian system of balloting, but it resulted in the defeat of Mr. Columbia, and the illegality of the proceeding was never tested. There are thirty-six sections in the township, none fractional. Flat Rock creek is the largest stream in the township, flowing from southeast to northwest. Blue creek and Paulding run are also streams in the township. The first school in the township was a select school taught by John Zimmerman, in the year of 1843; ten pupils were in attendance. The first public school was taught by W. H. Kilpatrick in 1854, in a log cabin on section 16. The first frame school house in the township was erected in the autumn of 1863. It was located on section 20, and was 20x20 feet in size. Its cost of building was $375. There are now six school houses in the township, all frame, 24x30 feet in size, and erected at an average cost of $500 each. They were all furnished with improved school furniture in 1881. The first postoffice in the township was located on section 9, and named McGill. W. H. Kilpatrick was first postmaster. The office has been removed to Payne. The only postoffice in the township at present is Batson, established in July, 1891, and located near the center of the township. It received its name from Andrew Batson, its first postmaster. The first sermon in the township was preached at the house of Bernard B. Woodcock, July 4th, 1843. The first church society was organized in 1850. It was of the United Brethren denomination, and held meetings at the residence of Deliverance Brown. A Catholic church was organized in 1865, with nine members. Services were held at the residence of John Finan until a church was erected at Payne. The population, as returned by the census of 1880, was 2,798; in 1890, it was 2,145. The township is divided into two voting precincts, viz.: Payne precinct and south precinct. At the quadrennial enumeration of 1891, Payne precinct enrolled 175 voters; south precinct, 359; total number in township, 534.

Crane Township.—This township, the first to be organized in the county, received its name from Oliver Crane, one of its early settlers. Its organization took place in 1825, and at its first election Gen. Horatio N. Curtis was elected justice of the peace. A record of the other first officers has not been preserved and their names are unknown. The first settlements were made about the year 1822. The first settlers were: Oliver Crane, Ephraim Seeley, Samuel Hughes, Ephraim Burwell, Sam-

uel Jordan and Dennison Hughes. There were no roads at that time, and the pioneers reached the township by means of pirogues on the Maumee. There were many Indians camped along the river then, but they were generally peaceable and kind to the settlers, excepting when under the influence of whisky, at which time they were sullen and quarrelsome. Mrs. Lattimore relates an incident of an Indian named Ant. Wayne, who was cruel to his wife. One day he came home in a state of beastly intoxication, when his squaw, concluding that she would get even with her copper-colored lord, gave him a severe chastisement, which entirely cured him of his cruelty to her. At the time of the first settlement the forests of the township abounded with game, and fish was plentiful and easily obtained. It is related that the fish were so thick on the fords of the Maumee as to frighten and impede the progress of horses. The first postoffice established in the township was Cranesville, located near the site of New Rochester. There are now two offices within the township limits — Cecil and Knoxdale. The first marriage in the township was that of Mr. Young and Miss Sherry, in 1825, and was solemnized by Oliver Crane. The first school in the township was taught in 1827, in a small log house which stood on the north bank of the Maumee, about two miles northeast of Cecil. The first school house was built in the village of New Rochester, in the year of 1836. It was a log cabin 20x24 feet in size, and until a few years ago its moldering remains yet stood and were pointed out to the writer as the last house standing in the once enterprising and bustling village. All the rest had been battered down by the storms of time, and now this one, too, is gone. There are eight school districts in the township at present, all supplied with good houses. The only grist mill ever built in the township was erected on the Marie-DeLarme, in 1850. It was a small frame and was built by Zachariah Ashton. It was in operation for only a few years and has long since rotted down. The early settlers got their grain converted into flour and meal at a mill in Brunersburg, Defiance county, erected by a Mr. Perkins, in 1828-29, and was one of the first flouring mills built in the Maumee valley. Up to the erection of this mill, the nearest one to the settlers of Crane township was at Waterville, about fifty miles down the Maumee. In those early days transportation was generally done by means of pirogues on the river; but sometimes by ox teams, and the journey to and from often occupied several days and was full of hardships and danger. During these milling excursions, the wife and little ones of the pioneer remained at home alone, often with scanty fare, and with anxious hearts awaited his return. A story is told of an instance where the team of a pioneer perished in one of these trips, and he, himself, only escaped with feet and hands so badly frozen as to maim and cripple him for life. Such were the trials and hardships of the early settlers. Well may we pay to their memory that reverence which is their due. The first village of the township was New Rochester. It was located on section 11, and was laid out in 1835. It was the first county seat of Paulding county, and a more extensive history of the place will be given elsewhere in this work. Cecil and Knoxdale are the present villages of the township. Cecil, located at the crossing of the Wabash and Mackinaw railroads, was laid out April 1, 1871, by Martin N. Utley, and is now a thriving place of about four hundred inhabitants. It has a fine two-story brick school house, built in 1879; a two-story town hall, also of brick; three churches, Methodist, United Brethren and Catholic; all frame structures; fine hotel, two depot buildings, saw mill and tile factory, large stave factory, owned and operated by Beugnot Bros.; and several business houses, the principal of which may be mentioned is the large general store of M. N. Utley. Knoxdale is only a small station on the Wabash railroad, five miles west of Cecil. The population of the township in 1880 was 1,202; in 1890, it was 1,417. The number of voters May 18, 1891, was 355.

Carryall Township.— This township occupies a position in the northwest corner of the county. It was the second to be organized, and for many years was the most flourishing and populous. It derived its name from a large rock in the Maumee river, just above Antwerp, which was shaped like a boat used by the French voyagers in navigating the river, and called by them a "carryall." James Hinton settled in the township as a "squatter" in the spring of 1827. In the autumn of the same year David Applegate built the first log cabin and became the first actual settler. He was followed in 1828 by Brasier Campbell, William Banks, Reason V. Spurrier, Thomas Runyan, Robert Murphy, Sr., Zachariah Graves, Dennison Hughes and Samuel Holton. Among other early settlers are A. J. Smith, who came from New York state in 1830; Wilson H. Snook, Sr., and William N. Snook, who came from Warren county, Ohio, in 1834; Jesse Pocock and Joseph Cole, in 1844; Henry Oswalt, in 1847, and John L. Chaney, in 1850. The township was organized in 1829, and the first election was held in a log cabin which stood about one-half a mile north of the present limits of Antwerp. Twelve votes were cast at this election—the names of some of the voters being as follows: David Applegate, Richard Banks, William Banks, Thomas C. Banks, Sr., Robert Murphy, Sr., Thomas Runyan, Hugh E. Runyan, William Rodgers and A. J. Smith. The first township officers elected were: Reason V. Spurrier, treasurer; Robert Murphy, clerk; Richard Banks, William Rodgers and A. J. Smith, trustees. Many of the representative men of the township at present are descendants of the above named families. Wilson H. Snook was county commissioner nine years, and a member of the Ohio state legislature one term. He erected the first frame barn in the township, and in the orchard he planted are yet to be found trees grown from seed furnished by that famous follower of Swedenborg, generally known as "Johnny Appleseed." This eccentric individual was born in Massachusetts in 1775. His real name was Jonathan Chapman, but from the fact that he always carried a load of apple seeds with him he derived the cognomen of "Johnny Appleseed." He was a harmless old man, whose hobby was to travel from place to place along streams in the wilderness, and plant apple seeds. He traveled throughout Ohio, and even as far west as Illinois. The first orchard he planted in Ohio was on the present farm of Isaac Stodden, in Licking county. He died in Allen county, Indiana, near Fort Wayne. Several of the first settlers of the county remember of having seen him. Judge Carey has an article regarding him in the *Oakwood Sentinel*, of August 6, 1891, of which the following is an extract:

"He lived for others solely, so far as I remember him, denying himself all the comforts of life, unless it was the comfort of knowing that he was doing great and lasting good. 'He seemed proof against peril and empowered with ubiquity.' The Indians considered him crazy, fed and warmed him, but never molested him as he traveled through their wilds and up and down their streams; I may not be able to relate much that is new or old in regard to Johnny. When I was quite young, four or five years old, I remember he stayed at my father's house [Isaac Carey], clothed in rags, and shoes bound on his feet by strings to hold them on his feet and the pieces of shoes from parting company. He seemed as happy as a lark, and I might as well say here that he was full of exhortation and good words, a good supply of religious tracts that he distributed with a liberal hand in every cabin where they could read. Johnny was a follower and believer in Emanuel Swedenborg, and a member of the New Jerusalem church. Johnny, I remember, was not a believer in fire and brimstone combined and burning forever; for he said that he thought that the worst part of hades would not be worse than smoky houses and scolding women. But Johnny was a bachelor, and that may account for a part of that fling at the scolding women. My father, on one occasion, asked Johnny why he never married; he turned the subject by saying that in the world to come he should have a wife, 'not of flesh and blood as ye see me have,' but a spiritual wife. He would not wear good clothes. My father at one time made him a present of a pair of shoes about as good as new, expecting he would put them on; but no; he packed them away in his bundle of valuables and packed them on, saying they were too good to wear, but they would make a fine present for some needy person. Johnny not only peddled apple seeds, but catnip, pennyroyal and hoarhound, and in that way these streams in an early day had these useful herbs. Johnny, if crazy, and I do not think he was, knew where to place his nurseries at the head of streams, and then, with a canoe loaded with apple trees, float down stream with a light pot or tin pail on his head, stopping at the cabins and giving out seeds and selling, or pretending to sell, trees, as I think he but seldom, if ever, got much value for the same."

The first white child born in the township was William R. Banks, December 28, 1828. He is yet living, is justly proud of the notoriety which his birth has given him, and often furnishes pioneer reminiscences to the county papers. His parents' names were William and Hester Banks. The first marital vows that were plighted in the township were those of David P. Murphy and Nancy P. Runyan. They were married, in 1829, by H. N. Curtis, Esq. Mr. Murphy died in 1834, and his wife, after living a widow thirty-seven years, took for her second husband Dr. B. B. Woodcock. She was born in Butler county, Ohio, December 30, 1808, her parents being Thomas and Hannah Runyan, who came to the Maumee country in 1824. There are thirty-six sections in the township, none of which are fractional. The Maumee is the principal stream of the township. It enters near the southwest corner and flows northeasterly through it. Along this stream are many large tracts of bottom lands, and many fine farms. The Marie-de-Larme is a small creek which flows easterly through the northern part of the township. It has a north and south fork. Six Mile creek crosses the southern portion of the

township. A reservoir, which serves as a feeder to the Wabash & Erie canal, laid partly in this township and partly in Crane. It was formed by throwing up an embankment and cutting off the waters of Six Mile creek. The reservoir was abandoned by an act of legislature in 1888, and the channel of the creek again opened as originally. A stone quarry of blue lime was formerly opened in the bed of the Maumee river a short distance below Antwerp, but is not worked at present. A man named William Roberts taught the first school in the township, in 1833. It was a select school, taught in a log cabin, and numbered about fifteen pupils. The building stood on the north bank of the Maumee, about two miles northeast of Antwerp, near the present residence of Conrad Slough. About one-half of the ground upon which the house stood has been washed away by the river. John Billieu, John Snook and R. S. Banks taught in this building in early days. There are now ten school houses in the township, all good frame structures, excepting the Union school building at Antwerp, which is a fine two-story brick, containing six rooms. The first and only flouring mill ever in the township was erected by Peter Snook and James W. Johnson, in the year of 1872. It is located in the village of Antwerp, is run by steam power, and is now owned and operated by the firm of Carr & Smith. The first saw mill was erected in 1854, by Alexander Comparet. It was run by steam power. There are now several steam saw mills in the township.

The first postoffice in the township was located about two miles east of Antwerp. It was named Paulding-Williams office. The first postmaster was Reason V. Spurrier. The first mail-carrier was John Owens. He traveled on horseback on the route lying between Fort Wayne and Defiance. The only office in the township at present is Antwerp. P. F. Harris is postmaster. The first sermon preached in this township was at the residence of William Banks, about two miles east of Antwerp, by a Methodist minister named Pryor. It is stated, however, that there was one sermon preached before this one, by a man named Wood, but as he stole a receipt for a wolf's scalp and ran away, his sermon did not have a very Christianizing effect, and was ignored by the citizens. Shakespeare's sentence, "He stole the livery of Heaven to serve the devil in," is certainly applicable to this erring divine. Was he a sheep in a wolf's clothing, or *vice versa*? Let us hope for him that he repented of his larcenic act and was forgiven. The first members of the Methodist Episcopal church in Carryall were William and Hester Banks, Reason and Mary Spurrier, Dennison and Hannah Hughes, Joel and Marie Munson, John and Mary Banks, Hugh E. and Sophia Runyan, W. H. Snooks and wife.

A United Brethren church was organized, in 1846, by David Landis, in a log school-house, near what was then called Clark's Corners. Some of its first members were, Rachel, Chase and Rebecca Wentworth, John and Harriet Collins, and Sophia Brown. A third church organization took place September 20, 1847, near McCormick's Corners. Richard Banks and wife, Mr. and Mrs. John Banks, Joseph Clark and wife, Jesse Brown and wife, and Susan Brown, were some of the first members. There are seven church buildings in the township — one Catholic, one Presbyterian, one Christian, two Methodist, and two United Brethren. The first Sunday-school in the township was organized, in 1850, by John Lincoln and Henry A. Brown. The only village in the township is Antwerp, of which a special history will be found in another chapter of this work. The number of voters as returned by the quadrennial enumeration of 1891, was 687. The population of the township in 1880 was 2,506; in 1890 it was 2,638.

Emerald Township.—This township, although settled as early as 1826, was not organized until 1852. Prior to that time it was attached to Crane township. The first actual settler was William Gordon, who, in the spring of 1826, built a small cabin on the bank of the Maumee, in the northwest corner of the township, and moved his family therein. In the following year the settlement begun by Mr. Gordon received an addition by the settling of George Plattor, Guy Hamilton and John Musselman, who also built cabins along the Maumee, and commenced battling with the frowning forest. Of these first settlers, John Musselman yet lives on the farm which he cleared up, and at the advanced age of ninety years is one of the best preserved specimens of pioneer life in the county. He is in the enjoyment of good health, is an extensive reader, especially of the county papers, and is thoroughly posted on all the leading topics of the day. Among other early settlers who became residents of the township may be mentioned John Fahy, who came in 1838, and Lyal Tate and Richard Carle, in 1840. These last named pioneers settled along the line of the Wabash & Erie canal, which was then in process of construction. Mr. Carle was a stone-cutter, and assisted in stone work along the canal. He died in 1880, aged about sixty-five years. Mr. Tate was a contractor on the canal, and became one of the first and most successful merchants of the township. In 1887, fifty years after his emigration to America, and Queen Victoria's jubilee year, he visited the home of his birth, in the north of Ireland, accompanied by his only son, Samuel J., and returned after an absence of six weeks. He died in Paulding in 1890, aged sixty-nine years. Mr. Fahy became a farmer near Tate's Landing, and died in the spring of 1891, aged eighty-nine years. The first election in the township was held in 1852, at the residence of Lina Parrish, on Six Mile creek. The first officers elected were: John Musselman, justice of the peace; Abraham Latty, clerk; Anthony Whippart, treasurer; and Lina Parrish, Thomas Whalen, Sr., and Richard L. Carle, trustees. The township received its name from the fact that a number of the noble "sons of Erin" had settled within its limits. The first school in the township was taught by Isaac McCowan, in a cabin belonging to David Hughes, and situated on section 5. It had a clap-board roof, stick chimney, mud fire-place, and a seating capacity of about twenty, which number of pupils attended. The first school house was located on section 6. It was built by John Musselman for a residence, but was sold by him to the township for a school house. There are now eight schools in the township (one especially for colored pupils). Three of the sub-districts have good brick buildings, and the township board of education has arranged to erect brick buildings in each of the remaining districts whenever new houses are needed. The township has two postoffices — Reid's and Emmett. Reid's was the first to be established and was so called in honor of Captain Robert M. Reid, who was largely instrumental in securing its establishment. It is located on the defunct Wabash & Erie canal, in the western part of the township. Daily mails are carried between this office and Emmett, on the Wabash railroad, two and one-half miles north of Reids.

The first religious society organized in the township was at the residence of Thomas E. Jones, in the year of 1866. Its denomination was United Brethren, and the first preacher was Michael Johnson. There are now four church organizations in the township and two church buildings. The colored U. B. church hold their meetings at the school house in sub-district No. 1. The Evangelical Lutherans held their meetings at the residences of members until the year of 1870, when the society erected a hewed log building, two miles east of Tate's landing. It is called Mt. Zion church, and is supplied by Rev. J. E. Wesner, of Paulding. The present membership is about fifty. The old school house in the Scott district was purchased by the Christian society and fitted up for a church. The first saw mill in the township was built at Tate's landing, in the year of 1859, by Francis Reiniche and his father-in-law, Theibault Didier. It has steam power, and is now owned by Francis Reiniche, who, in 1880, put in machinery for cutting staves and is now doing a flourishing business. There are no flouring mills in the township. The Maumee river is the principal stream of the township, and crosses its northwestern part. Six Mile, Gordon creek, and big and little Flat Rock creeks are its other streams. Tate's landing and Emerald are small villages in the township. Neither is incorporated. Emerald, at one time, was quite a flourishing place. For many years it was the nearest railroad station to the town of Paulding, and much of the freight and passenger traffic for that village was transferred here. It contained a telegraph and express office, hotel, two general stores, and was connected with Paulding by a daily hack line. On the opening of the Paulding & Cecil railroad, in 1880, the fate of Emerald was decided. Since that date it has been on the decline. The telegraph and express office has been removed to Cecil and the hack line to Paulding has been discontinued. Only one small grocery store is now kept in the place, and the two principal merchants of Emerald in its palmy days — Pat Haley and Peter Schehr — have become tillers of the soil. The nucleus around which gathers the mercantile business of Tate's landing is the stave factory of Francis Reiniche. He has a general store, and his son, Joseph Reiniche, and Conrad Kinkle are the proprietors of groceries and restaurants. James Powers owns and operates a tile mill and brick kiln in the southern part of the township. Peter Bakel, John W. Wortman, D. C. Thompson, John Kinzer, E. Chemin, John Powers, William Hanenkratt, P. L. Anderson and Alex. Scott, are among the prominent farmers of the township. Judge A. S. Latty, a resident of Defiance, has a fine farm and country residence one mile south of Emerald; also Judge S. T. Sutphen, of Defiance, has a fine farm and residence in the township. The township contains only thirty-two sections; sections 13, 24, 25 and 36 having been added to Auglaize township. The population of Emerald township in 1880 was 1,000; in 1890 it was 1,123. The number of voters, as returned by the assessor May 18, 1891, was 268.

Harrison Township.—To Thomas Wentworth is accredited the honor of being the first actual settler of this township. He erected a log cabin in the year of 1837, and, with his wife and little ones, soon after occupied the same. This little forest-surrounded home was located on section 36, about two miles east of where now stands the stirring village of Payne, and was, at the time of building, ten miles from any other human habitation. Mr. Wentworth, having opened up a pathway into this wild and primitive region, was shortly after followed by Phineas S. Russell, Theodore G. Merchant, Fielding A. Hughes, Niram Strout, John Sheppard, and Adam and Jonathan Snellenberger, who built cabins near that of Mr. Wentworth, thus forming what was known for many years as the "Flat Rock settlement." A few years afterward came other pioneers, who settled in various parts of the township; among these may be mentioned, David Malott, Edward Rice, Thos. Lamb, Francis Quince, John Ryel and Job Pugh. The first white child born in the township was John Russell in 1843. His parents names were Phineas S. and Louise Russell. The first couple married in the township was John Lincoln and Harriet E. Wentworth. The father of the bride, Thomas Wentworth, performed the ceremony. This couple settled in Carryall township and reared a highly respectable family of one son and two daughters. The son removed to Utah and became an eminent Methodist Episcopal minister, and the girls became successful teachers in graded schools. Mrs. Lincoln lived many years after the death of her husband, and died in 1887, respected by all who knew her. The township was organized in 1844, and the first election was held at the residence of Dr. B. B. Woodcock, on the first Monday of April, same year. Paulding township was then included in the voting precinct. The number of ballots cast was twelve. The names of voters residing in Harrison, proper, were B. B. Woodcock, Thomas Wentworth, James Wentworth, Theodore G. Merchant, Niram Strout, John Sheppard, James Lattimore and Charles C. Anderson. Those residing in Paulding township were A. F. Hughes, Daniel Sevengood, John Fisher and Joel Culver. B. B. Woodcock was the first township clerk. There are thirty-six sections in the township. All bordering on the north and west lines are fractional; the remaining ones are full sections. There are four streams in the township. The principal one is Flat Rock, which flows through the southeast corner of the township. Six Mile creek flows through the northwest corner of the township. Much of the land along this creek was injured by the back water from the reservoir, and, it is said that this township sent several volunteers to the famous "Reservoir War," which led to the abandonment of the great nuisance and reclaimed the land from the watery element. A small branch of Six Mile rises in section 18 and leaves township in section 1. Wild Cat creek is a small tributary of Flat Rock. There are no grist mills in the township. The first saw mill in the township was erected by Adam Snellenberger in 1858. It was located on the northeast quarter of section 36, and was run by water-power. There are now several steam saw mills in the township.

The first step taken toward the education of the youth was in a select school taught by Mrs. Caroline Merchant, in 1844, at the residence of her husband, Theodore G. Merchant. The building was located on section 36, and about fifteen pupils were in attendance. The school was taught more for the purpose of disseminating knowledge than for the paltry remuneration received, and proved in after years to have been seed sown upon good ground. This estimable Christian lady, then a young wife, but now for many years a widow, resides at the little city of Westerville, Ohio; and often, no doubt, as she sits at eventide by the window of her residence, and looks out upon the towering walls of Otterbein University, her thoughts wander away through the dim vistas of the past to the pioneer days of her youth when she taught a little class of backwoods pupils in the wilds of Paulding county. All honor to this first teacher of Harrison township. Let the pedagogues of to-day pay to the memory of this primitive teacher that tribute which she so richly deserves. The first school house in the township was built in the year of 1850. It was a log cabin, 16x20 feet in size, and situated on the northwest quarter of section thirty-six. There are at present eight school houses in the township; all good frame structures and supplied with modern furniture. Payne has a graded school and employs four teachers. The first post-office was located at the house of Adam Snellenberger in the year of 1858. Mr. Snellenberger was the first postmaster. The office was on a route leading from Paulding to Monroeville, Ind. It was called Payne. It was moved to Malottville in 1872, but still retained its former name; and in 1881, the name of the village of Malottville was changed to Payne, the same as the office. There is one other office in the township. It is called Smiley, and is located on the Nickel Plate railway, three miles west of Payne. The first sermon preached in the township was at the residence of Theodore G. Merchant, in the year of 1843, by Rev. Joseph Miller, a United Brethren minister. The first church society was organized at the same place, the same year, by Rev. Joseph Miller, assisted by Rev. Charles B. Gardner. It was of the U. B. denomination, and its first members were as follows: Theodore G. Merchant and wife, Niram Strout and wife, John Northup and wife; William and Sarah Sheppard, Harriet E. Wentworth, Thomas Wentworth, Jr., B. L. Wentworth, and Mrs. H. J. Woodcock. The second church was organized, in 1864, by Rev. John Brakefield, and was of the Methodist Episcopal denomination. Louis Stillwell was first class leader. The first members of this society were Louis Stillwell and wife, P. W. Hardesty and wife, A. F. Hardesty and wife, Anna Hardesty, Jonathan Snellenberger and Caroline Christopher. The Flat Rock society of the Disciple church was organized March 18, 1877, with fifteen members, Elder E. Leavitt minister in charge. The first officers appointed were Samuel Wiltzie, elder, and James Bainbridge and Hiram Underwood, deacons. The first members were Samuel Wiltzie James Bainbridge, Hiram Underwood, Samuel H. Wiltzie, Jonas Fry, A. D. Underwood, Evans Wood, Silas Brattain, H. K. Gaut, Mary Wiltzie, Emma Underwood, Rachel Underwood, Alice K. Wood, Mary Bainbridge and Rachel Brattain. The first Sunday-school organized in the township was in 1854, at the Merchant school house, by Adam Hardesty. About twenty pupils were in attendance. There are now several in the township, attended by four or five hundred pupils. Such are the changes wrought out by the hand of time. The church buildings of the township are located in the village of Payne, and will be described in the Payne "write-up." Part of Payne and Smiley are the only villages of the township. The former will be given a special history, and the latter is a small station on the Nickel Plate, in the extreme southwest corner of the township. It contains a small store, postoffice, saw mill and three or four dwellings. The numbers of voters in the township, as returned May 18, 1891, was, north precinct, 166; south precinct, 327; total, 493. The population in 1880, was 772; in 1890, it was 2,252, including the part of Payne village which is in the township.

Jackson Township.—John and William Moss, two brothers, natives of England, purchased lands from the government, built a small cabin on the banks of Blue creek, in section 26, and in 1836 became the first actual settlers of Jackson township. Jesse Fox and Edmund Barker also date their coming into the township at about the same year. Among other early settlersw, ho came afterward, the names of Edward McQuestion, Deliverance Brown, John Anderson, Abram Bennett, Jacob Myers, Jotham Rollins, John Loar, William Hays and Henry Barchus may be mentioned. The township was organized in 1851 Prior to that date it was attached to Brown. The first election was held at the residence of Edward McQuestion, on what was afterward known as the Dague farm, in the spring of 1851. Ten ballots were cast at this election. The names of the voters were: Deliverance Brown, John Anderson, William Moss, William Stillwell, David Barnhill, William Hoover, Edmund Barker, Robert Barnhill, Joseph Reed, Sr. and John Barker. Deliverance Brown, John Anderson and William Barker were elected the first trustees; William Moss, clerk; Joseph Reed, treasurer; William Moss and John Anderson, justices of the peace, and John Barker, constable. The farm settled by the Moss brothers is now owned by John Bowholtz. The first white child born in the township was George Moss, son of John Moss. He grew to manhood in the county, married Miss Anna Stair, settled in Charloe as a merchant, and afterward moved to Pawnee City, Pawnee county, Nebraska, where he yet resides, a wealthy and influential citizen. His eldest son traveled in Europe, became an eminent artist and now has a studio in New York city. The first marriage contract legalized in the township was that of Edward McQuestion and Jane Barker. There are thirty-six sections in the township, none of which are fractional. The principal stream of the township is Flat Rock, flowing through the northern part. Blue creek flows through the southern part. The soil of the township is generally a black loam and very fertile; along the streams clay formations are to be found. There are no stone quarries in the township. The principal timber is oak, ash, sycamore, cottonwood, elm, maple and beech. Some poplar and black walnut was found in early days. No flouring mills were ever built in the township; and no saw mills until within the past few years, when several were built along the line of the Nickel Plate railroad. The first school taught in the township was by John D. Carlton, in 1852, in what is known as the Keck district. The building was a log cabin and seven pupils were in attendance. It was the first school house erected in the township, and stood on the north bank of Blue creek, in section 26. There are now seven sub-districts in the township, and the special district of Hedges and Broughton. All the districts have good frame houses excepting the building in the Hedges and Brough-

ton district, which is a large two-story brick. The villages are situated about three-fourths of a mile apart, and this building is located about equi-distant between the two. It has four departments, but only three teachers have as yet been employed. The first sermon preached in the township was by a U. B. divine named Abraham Miller, in the year of 1840. He held meetings at the cabins of the settlers. The first church society was organized by him about the year of 1850. The names of the first members are Deliverance and Julia Ann Brown, John and Rebecca Anderson, Joseph and Mary Jane Crosby, Ward Dart, Mrs. Ann Dart, Mrs. Henry Barchus, William Barker and wife, John Barker and wife, Edmund Barker and wife, Elizabeth Fry, William Stillwell and John Owens. For many years this society was the largest in the township. Meetings were held in the Anderson school house, and often in summer, actuated by the sentiment that "The groves were God's first temples," its members gathered beneath the umbrageous shade of the forest trees, and poured forth their souls in pious prayer, or sang their songs of praise and thanksgiving to the Most High. In 1875 the society erected the first frame church in the township, on the bank of Blue creek, in section 26. It is yet standing and is the largest church building in the township.

The first church erected in the township was of hewed logs and was on the south bank of Flat Rock, in the northern part of the township. It yet stands and is known as "Elm Chapel." A neat frame church was erected at Hedges in the year of 1888. These constitute the churches of the township. The first Sunday-school was organized by Rev. Abraham Miller, assisted by John Anderson, in the year 1854. There are now four in the township. There are two villages in the township — Hedges and Broughton. They are both situated in the south part of the township, on the Nickel Plate railroad. Hedges was located in 1872 by W.C. Hedges, and named by him. It contains a good hotel, the Parrish house; three or four business houses, the principal of which is the mercantile establishment of W. S. Hipkins; church, depot, Bell & Co.'s hoop factory, saw mill and several residences. Broughton was laid out in 1881 by the Washington, afterward the Vanderbilt Stave and Lumber Co., of Washington, D. C., who located a large factory at this place. It was sold in 1888 to the firm of Edwin Bell & Sons, who yet control it. Connected with the factory is a large general store, now under the charge of M. E. Heller, and is the principal mercantile enterprise of the place. The village contains a fine depot building and several residences and business rooms. Axel White is the proprietor of the only drug store of the village. Prior to 1881 there were no postoffices in the township, the citizens receiving their mail at the Paulding, Junction and Charloe offices. The present offices of the township are located at Hedges and Broughton, and named the same as the villages. The county infirmary is located in the northern part of this township, two miles northeast of Paulding. By an act of the legislature, in 1889, the township was divided into two voting precincts, respectively: the north precinct and the south precinct. In May, 1891, the number of voters in the township was returned as follows: North precinct, 215; south precinct, 300; total, 515. The census of 1880 gave the township a population of 976; in 1890 it was returned as 2,266, an increase of over 132 per cent. during that decade.

Latty Township.—This township, the last to be organized in the county, occupies a place in the southern tier of townships, south of Jackson, west of Washington, east of Blue Creek, and extends on the south to Hoaglin township, Van Wert county. The township was named Latty in honor of Judge Alexander Sankey Latty, who was a resident of the county and in an official position at the time of its organization. Its first settlement began in the year of 1853. In the autumn of that year Edward Leonard Kimmell built the first cabin, on section 36, and became the first actual settler. The township was organized in 1855, and prior to this date Edward McQuestion, Lydia Kohn, Mark Pease, Lee Kohn, William Eaton and a few others had planted homes within its limits. The first election held in the township was at the cabin of Lemuel Tucker, in 1856. Nine votes were cast at this election, the names of voters being as follows: Lemuel Tucker, William Eaton, Edward McQuestion, J. Bennett, William Grove, Lee Kohn, Mark Pease, William Priest, Wilson Kohn and Adam Weimer. The first officers elected were: Justice of the peace, Adam Weimer; trustees, William Eaton, Lemuel Tucker and Fred Bennett; clerk, Edward McQuestion. The soil of the township is exceedingly fertile and is destined to become one of the best agricultural townships in the county. Within the past few years great improvements have been made in the way of ditching, building roads and clearing up farms. The ditching of Prairie creek, alone, which extends entirely across the township, cost the county about $13,000. The first school taught in the township was in a small log house which stood on the corner of William Eaton's farm. The name of the first teacher has been forgotten. Fifteen or twenty pupils were enrolled. The first school house in the township was built in 1857. It was located on the northwest corner of section 36. There are now eight school buildings, all good, commodious frames. The first saw mill erected in the township was in the year of 1872, by Philander Gilbert. The first postoffice was named Gilbert's Mills and was established in 1873. Philander Gilbert was the first postmaster. The office has been transferred to Grover Hill, a small village one and a half miles north of its former location. It is the only office in the township and bears the name of the village in which it is located. The first sermon preached in the township was at the school house in section 36, by a Methodist minister named Emanuel Kauffman. He also organized the first church society the following year. Rev. Kauffman enlisted in the late war, became a captain of Company I, One Hundredth O. V. I., and served gallantly on the tented field. His widow yet resides in the village of Antwerp. The names of some of the members of the first religious society were Hannah Kohn, A. T. and Margaret McClure, James McClure and Lucinda McClure. The second church organization was effected in 1877, by the Christian denomination. The Methodist Episcopal chapel is a neat frame structure, 32x50 feet in dimensions. The first Sunday-school was organized in 1860 by a Methodist minister named Miller. Grover Hill is the only village in the township. It was laid out, in 1887, on the prospective line of the American Midland railway, which was then being graded through the county. It was named in honor of ex-President Grover Cleveland, and ex-Congressman W. D. Hill. It is quite a busy little place, being the location of Lenhart's stave factory, and containing some good business houses and several residences. The number of voters in the township in May, 1891, was 447. Its population in 1880 was only 617; it 1890 it was 2,010.

Paulding Township.—This township occupies a central position in the county and is the most populous. It is bounded on the north by Crane; on the east by Jackson; on the south by Blue creek, and on the west by Harrison townships. The first settlement was made in the year of 1842, on Flat Rock, about four miles southeast of Paulding, by a squatter named Michael Kimmell. The first cabin was built in the spring of 1843, by John Fisher, who was really the first actual settler of the township. The first white child born in the township was Almira Fisher. Her parents names were John and Rachel Fisher. Other early settlers of the township were William Haney, Elias Shafer, Eber Barnhouse, Fielding Hughes, Theodore G. Merchant, Byron Norton, Bennett Savage, A. S. Latty, Joseph Cable, T. W. French, Nepthalian Gregory, Jacob Long, Philip W. Hardesty, Isaiah Richards, Amos F. Hardesty, Daniel Kauffman and Levi M. Barnes. The township was organized in 1851 and the first election held the same year in the town of Paulding. Seventeen ballots were cast at this election, the names of some of the voters being as follows: John Fisher, Ethan Burwell. A. S. Latty, Elias Shafer, James Chaney, Theodore Merchant and William Haney. There are thirty-six sections in the township — none fractional. The largest stream is Flat Rock. The Indians called this stream Crooked creek, and it is so named on some maps. It enters the township in section 30, and flows in a northeasterly direction entirely throughout. Big south run is a southern affluent of Flat Rock, and Big run and Opossum run are northern tributaries of the same stream. Little Flat Rock has its source in section 4, of this township, flows an easterly course, and discharges its waters into the Big Auglaize river at Junction. The first grist mill in the township was built by Elias Shafer in 1855. It was located on Flat Rock, at the foot of what is now South Main street in Paulding. It was a small frame, with one run of buhrs; was operated only for a few years and then went to decay. Portions of the old dam and frame of the building are yet to be seen, and are pointed out to the visitor as pioneer relics of a now thriving and bustling village. A steam flouring mill was erected in Paulding, in 1876, by Eugene Linn. It was never regarded as a successful enterprise and is no longer in operation. A third, and now the only flouring mill in the township, was completed in 1890, by the large manufacturing firm of Paul Weidmann & Co. It has a capacity of one hundred barrels a day, and is the best mill in the county. A further mention of it will be given in the special history of Paulding, the village in which it is located. The first saw mill put in operation in the township was a small frame, located on the left bank of Flat Rock, and furnished power by that stream. It was erected by the firm of Campbell & Forney in the year of 1852. There are now numerous steam saw mills located in different parts of the township. The manufacturing industries of the township consist mostly of staves, lumber and heading. The

factories are located at the villages of Paulding, Latty, Briceton, Worstville and Holcombe, and on section 8, four miles west of Paulding. The first school taught in the township was by James M. Russell, in 1853, in a small frame school house which stood on the southwest corner of what is now the court house yard. The township is now well supplied with schools and school buildings. The first postoffice established in the township was Paulding, in the year of 1850. The name of the first postmaster was Mr. Hickerson; the present one is C. E. Cooke. There are now five offices in the township, located at Paulding, Latty, Briceton, Worstville and Holcombe. All bear the name of their respective villages, excepting the one at Holcombe, it being called Morrison, and so named in honor of the late Chief Justice of the United States, Morrison R. Waite. The first sermon preached in the township was by a United Brethren minister named John Shingledecker, about the year of 1848. A society of that denomination was organized, in 1853, by Rev. Dowing. Its first members were Sampson and Emily Merchant, and Ezra J. and Emily Smith. A Methodist Episcopal church class was organized in Paulding in 1855, with but a few members. It has now a large and flourishing congregation, with Rev. A. C. Gascoigne as pastor in charge. The third religious society organized in the township was by Rev. Allcock, a Presbyterian minister. Mrs. Jane Cable, and Dr. and Mrs. S. Kerr were its first members. The Lutheran denomination have a large class and a fine church building four miles southwest of Paulding. The Disciples organized a class in 1887 and built a church in Paulding. Latty has a Catholic congregation; also one of the United Brethren denomination. There are seven church edifices in the township, four in Paulding, two in Latty, and the Lutheran church in the western part. They are all frame structures.. There are six villages in the township, viz.: Paulding, Latty, Briceton, Worstville, Holcombe and Section Eight. Paulding will be described under a special heading. Latty, located at the crossing of the Mackinaw and Nickel Plate railroads, was laid out in 1882, by Judge A. S. Latty and Wrexham Lewis, each of whom owned lands upon which the plat was made. That portion of the town upon Mr. Lewis' land was called Wrexham, and for a time the place was called by that name. The lots laid out upon Mr. Latty's land was called Latty, and under that name the village was incorporated. At Latty is located the Eagle Stave works, owned and operated by George Marsh, a wealthy manufacturer of Van Wert. The factory employs about one hundred men, and has a capacity of 30,000 or 40,000 staves per day: The Keystone Hub works are also located here. The village contains two hotels, several dry goods and grocery stores, depot building, two churches, a two-story frame school house, and has a population, as given by the census of 1890, of 594. Briceton is a small village on the Nickel Plate, two miles west of Latty. The large stave factory of John McGee (formerly McGee & Baynes), is located here. The village contains a large dry goods store, a grocery, hotel and several residences. Worstville, on the Nickel Plate, in the southwest part of the township, is the location of Joseph Tauralt's extensive stave and lumber works. The place is supplied with dry goods stores, groceries, hotels, etc., and has a population of about 200. Mr. Tauralt's factory has twice been burned, the last time, in May, 1891. Phœnix-like it always rises from its ashes and the industry is resumed. Holcombe is a factory town, situated on the Mackinaw railroad, one mile and a half northwest of Paulding. Here is located the extensive manufacturing plant of Major A. B. Holcombe & Co., known as the Holcombe Stave and Lumber Mills. A large general store is run in connection with the factory. The place contains a boarding house and several residences, generally the homes of employes in the factory. Thrift and prosperity hover around the village, and the sweet hum of industry pervades its streets. Similar to Holcombe is Section Eight. There is located one of the large stave factories owned by Mr. Paul Weidmann, of Brooklyn, N. Y. Holcombe and Section Eight have never been regularly laid out as villages, but may be regarded as purely factory towns. The population of Paulding township in 1880 was 1,065; in 1890 it was (including all its villages), 4,492. The number of voters, as returned by the quadrennial enrollment of 1891, was, Paulding precinct, 846; Briceton precinct, 357; total, 1,203.

Washington Township.—This township, the last in alphabetical order, occupies a position in the souteast corner of the county. Its descriptive location is town 1, range 4. It is bounded on the north by Brown township; on the east by Perry and Jackson townships, Putnam county; on the south by Monterey township, Putnam county, and Jackson township, Van Wert county; and on the west by Latty township. Its first settlement was begun, in 1826, by a hardy poineer named Joseph Mellinger, who built a cabin on section 22, and became the first actual settler. In 827 came William Harrell, Dimmitt Mackerel, John Curtis, Benjamin Kniss and Daniel Ridenour, who built cabins on section 10, and commenced clearing away the forest. The first white child born in the township was Martha Harrell. Her parents names were William and Martha Harrell. Mary Curtis, daughter of John Curtis, was also born the same year. The first marriage solemnized in the township was that of John Andrews and Ella Crossley, in the year of 1830. The township was organized in 1840, and the first election held in the spring of that year, at the house of William Harrell. At this election eleven voters exercised the right of suffrage, named as follows: Abel Crossley, Henry Myers, Joseph Mellinger, John Curtis, Jesse Harrell, Daniel Ridenour, Dimmitt Mackerel, Harrison Mellinger, David Mellinger, David Harrell and Benjamin Kniss. John Curtis was elected the first justice of the peace; and Joseph Mellinger, William Harrell and Abel Crossley the first trustees. The first grist mill erected in the township was by William Harrell, in the year of 1842, on the Little Auglaize river, near the present site of Murat. It was a small frame, with one run of buhrs, and was furnished power by the water of the stream upon which it was located. A saw mill was connected with it. For many years John J. Hipp owned and operated a flouring mill and saw mill at Hipp's lock, power furnished by water from the Miami canal. There are now several steam saw mills in the township. The first school house erected in the township was in 1843. It was a small log cabin and in it Lydia Harrell taught the first school, with an enrollment of twelve pupils. The house was located on section 15. There are now eleven schools in the township, two of which are for the education of colored youth, and taught by colored teachers. The school buildings are all neat, commodious frames.

The first postoffice established in the townnship was Doylestown, located on the canal, a short distance south of Timberville. It was named by Samuel Doyle, Sr., who ran a packet line on the canal and carried the United States mail from Cincinnati to Toledo. The office has long since been discontinued, as has the office at Murat. The present offices of the township are Timberville, Hamer and Plumb's X Roads. The first sermon preached in the township was at the residence of Joseph Mellinger, in the year of 1831, by a Methodist Episcopal minister named J. J. Hill. He rode a circuit, commencing at St. Mary's, and taking in Willshire, Shane's Crossing, Mellinger's, Antwerp, Defiance and Florida; thence returning to St. Mary's. The distance traveled was about three hundred miles, and the compensation received was $105 per year. The second religious society organized was near the residence of Joseph Mellinger. Its first members were Sarah Blossom, John and Susan Smith, and Elwood and Margaret Pease. Their first minister was Rev. Dr. Shingledecker. Afterward came Revs. Abraham Miller, C. B. Whitley, J. B. Holden, Michael Johnson and William Kendall. The Mellinger chapel is a neat frame church, located near the center of the township. The villages of the township are Murat, Timberville, Hamer and Plumb's X Roads. Murat was laidout, in 1853, by Jesse Harrell, on both sides of the canal, and on the east half of the northwest quarter of section 10. In its palmy days it only contained a small store or two, and is now extinct. Timberville is a small canal town, one mile south of Murat. Hamer is a small village, also on the canal, in the southeast corner of the township. Plumb's X Roads is located in the southern part of the township, two miles west of Hamer. The route of the Midland railroad extends east and west through this township and is graded through it. The largest stream of the township is the Big Auglaize. It flows through the northwest corner. The Little Auglaize river enters the township near its southeast corner and flows northward through its central part. Dog creek, Middle creek and Prairie creek are western tributaries of the Little Auglaize. West branch is a southern tributary of Prairie creek. The township contains a colony of colored people who, for the most part, are in a thrifty and prosperous condition. Some of them are well educated and have held township offices. There are also some colored people located in Emerald, Jackson, Paulding and Blue creek townships; but the greatest number are to be found in Washington township. Many of these were formerly slaves in Kentucky, and were liberated before the war; others were born free in the southern part of the state. The population of the township, as returned by the census of 1880, was 1,346; by the census of 1890, it was 1,901. The number of voters returned May 18, 1891, was 446.

CHAPTER V.

COUNTY SEATS, COUNTY BUILDINGS, ETC.

FOLLOWING the organization of the county, the first county seat was located at New Rochester in the fall of 1839. This was at that time the largest and most flourishing village in the county. It was situated on the south bank of the Maumee river, about one mile north of the present village of Cecil. It was laid out in 1835, by Dr. John Evans, Robert Clemmer, and Revs. N. L. Thomas and Joseph Miller. Rev. Thomas built the first house in the village, and Isaac Savage the second. At the time of the location of the county seat there, the village contained thirty or forty families, three hotels, three general stores, two blacksmith shops, two tailor shops, and was on a daily stage line, leading from Toledo to Ft. Wayne. Its buildings were mostly built of logs, but have now all rotted away. An old school house was the last to remain to mark the spot of Paulding county's first county seat, but that, too, has now rotted away. No vestige of New Rochester now remains, and wheat and corn are grown upon its once busy streets. From New Rochester the county seat was removed to Charloe, and the county business transferred to that place in 1841. The village was laid out, for the purpose of being a county seat, by Benjamin F. Hollister, and was pleasantly located on a commanding bluff of the Big Auglaize river. It was on the site of an old Indian town and received its name from an Indian chief known as Charloe Peter. Here, at one time, dwelt the chief, Oquanoxa, and about six hundred Indians, a remnant of the once powerful tribe of Ottawas, of which the noted Pontiac was chief. The village was near the center of an Indian reserve, a tract of land four miles square, set off by the general government for the Indians, and known as Oquanoxa's reserve. As the lines of this reserve came in conflict with the section lines, it yet has an effect upon the surveys in that vicinity, inasmuch that many tracts of land within the former reserve and near its borders are fractional. The Indians raised corn upon the large bottoms opposite their village, which are now owned by Hon. John W. Ayres. Just north of the village was their cemetery, many mounds, beneath whose sod sleep the dust of their braves, are yet plainly visible. Silver brooches, tomahawks, pipes, and other Indian trinkets, have from time to time been exhumed from these Indian graves. Charloe, in its prosperous days, contained a neat brick court house, the residences of county officers and other families, a large frame hotel, several store rooms, and a population of four or five hundred. Some of its first settlers were John W. Ayers, G. H. Phillips, John H. and A. J. Taylor, A. H. Palmer, A. S. Latty, and the Hankins and Kingery families. Its location was a beautiful one, its natural scenery, grand and picturesque, but, like New Rochester, when deprived of its county seat honors, its star of prosperity sank beneath the horizon, never to rise again; the marks of decay soon settled upon the doorposts of its dwellings, or as an humble follower of the immortal bard, who, insensed and inspired over the removal of the county seat, was constrained to write:

"When Paulding a shire town was made,
And thither folks began to wade.
Then Charloe's flower began to fade,
And drooped, and died, and away was laid."

The location of Charloe is yet as beautiful as ever, surrounded by green swards and shady groves, but the location is about all that is left. Nearly all of its former buildings have crumbled to dust, and only a few families remain to tell the tale of its pioneer prosperity.

Paulding, the third and present county seat, was laid out by George Marsh, August 10, 1850, the lines being established by Ezra J. Smith, the county surveyor at that time. It is located on the banks of Flat Rock creek, one and a half miles north of the geographical center of the county. By a special act of the legislature the county seat was located there in 1851, and the county business was removed from Charloe in the spring of that year. The site was selected in consequence of its central position, and it may be that the county seat removal from Charloe was somewhat hurried up by the influence of speculative land owners in the vicinity of Paulding. However that may be, all now agree that the county seat is where it should be. Attempts were made to remove it back to Charloe; also to Junction, but they were unsuccessful. At first Paulding was in the very midst of heavy forest, without roads, save a few winding wagon tracks, and almost without communication with the civilized world. The wild deer and bear roamed its uncleared streets; squirrels chattered from its woody housetops, and wolves howled in its thicket-covered alleys. Many of the county officers lived in log cabins, and the first jail was of hewed logs. For nearly thirty years the town made but little advancement, for in 1880 its population was but 483; but since that date it has made rapid strides, stimulated by the building of the Mackinaw railroad and the location of factories within and near its limits. It now has a population of nearly 2,000, has several fine brick blocks, good public buildings, and is fast taking rank as one of the leading county seats of Northwestern Ohio.

County Buildings.—Owing to the short period of time that the county seat remained at New Rochester (a little more than a year), there were no county buildings, erected at that place. The only term of court held there was in a room over Gen. H. N. Curtis' store, and the county offices were located in private buildings. Upon the removal of the seat of justice to Charloe, Mr. B. F. Hollister proceeded to erect a court house, at his own expense, as he had agreed to do in case that the county seat should be located there. The building was a very neat, and, for those days, rather a commodious one, being about 30x40 feet in dimensions, and two stories in height. It was erected of brick on a good, solid stone foundation, at a cost of $10,000. On the lower story there were six rooms, three on each side of a hall extending east and west through the building, used for the county offices. The court room was on the second floor, and was richly finished in black walnut and furnished with the same material. The house was presented to the commissioners on the condition that it should be the property of the county as long as the county seat remained at Charloe, after which it should revert to the original owner, or to his heirs. When the county affairs were removed to Paulding, Mr. Hollister being dead, the building fell to his legal heirs but they were already wealthy, and perhaps looking upon the vacated court house as a useless piece of property, never paid any attention to it. The building became everybody's building and nobody's building, the court room for a number of years was used for schools, church, elections, balls and for public gatherings of all kinds. The offices were used for residences by anyone who might choose to occupy them. A few years ago the county commissioners claimed the right (and perhaps legally), to dispose of it, and offered to sell it to Brown township, to be fitted up as a public school building. A committee was appointed to inspect it who did so, and reported that its decayed condition would not warrant a purchase. A new school-house was built and the old court house was left to be only the habitation of owls and bats. Year by year is is more rapidly hastening to decay. Its roof has fallen in, its stairway has tumbled down, and ere another decade shall have passed away a mouldering pile of brick dust will be all that remains to mark the site of Paulding county's first court house.

"Ah, sad indeed, old house, hast been thy lot,
In thine old age uncared for and forgot;
To silent dust thou'rt crumbling unbemoaned,
And sadder yet, by old-time friends disowned.

For many years thou wast fair Charloe's pride,
And little dreamed of ills that now betide;
Within thy walls hast stood full many a pioneer.
Is there none now to drop for thee a tear?

Yes, one there is, who doth thy fate deplore,
An sighs to think how soon thou'lt be no more;
Tis he who sits beneath thy shade to-day,
And with dewy eyes doth trace this simple lay."

Paulding county's second court house was erected in Paulding in 1852, and was a two-story frame with county offices below and court room above. It was an ungainly, ill-proportioned affair, and from the day of its completion had a sort of rickety, tumble-down appearance. Its dimensions were about 30x40 feet, and the court room was reached by an outside stairway erected on the rear. The building was consumed by fire on the evening of January 2, 1868, and but few tears, if any, were shed over its ashes. Some valuable documents, however, were destroyed. It was located on Main street near the northeast corner of Courtyard square. Upon its site was soon after erected the county's third court house. This was a one story frame 30x40 feet in size, and contained only court room and two small jury rooms. The contractor of this building was Francis Reiniche, who did the job complete for $2,000. The house was a decided improvement over its "illustrious predecessor," and did good service until superseded by a new one in 1888. It was then sold to M. D. Mann, Esq., for $500, who removed it to a location on Jackson street, and fitted it up as an opera house. As this building was for court purposes only, a long one-story brick building was erected south of the court house, and fronting on Main street, in which were located the county offices. Much of the brick for these offices were furnished by Dr. D. W. Hixson, and were conveyed to Tate's landing by canal, from thence to Paulding by wagons, and as the roads were at that time almost impassable, the cost of getting the material on the ground was exceed-

ingly high, and, it is said, the contractor lost much money on the job. These offices were termed the "brick row," and for a time filled the purpose for which they were erected, but in a few years became so dilapidated that they illy served as a store house for the public documents, and as places in which to transact the county business. In some parts the brick had so crumbled away that there were holes entirely through the wall, and other portions had to be propped with timbers to keep the walls from tumbling down. So insecure became the building that it was condemned by the public generally, and it became necessary for the county commissioners to do the same. Certain it was that some place for keeping the county records and transacting the county business must be prepared, and it was thought better and cheaper in the end to build a new court house out and out, than to attempt to patch up the old county buildings, and that the conclusion was a wise one is now conceded by all. Accordingly, in January, 1886, the first steps for the erection of the new court house were taken, by the circulation throughout the county of the following petition:

"*To the General Assembly of the State of Ohio:*

We, the undersigned resident taxpayers and voters of Paulding county, State of Ohio, respectfully represent that public necessity requires the building of a court house, in and for said county, with suitable county offices. We ask, therefore, that your honorable body may enact such legislation as may be necessary, authorizing and requiring the commissioners of said county to issue bonds in the sum of $40,000, and build for said county, forthwith, a court house, to cost $40,000."

In accordance with the above petition, Hon. John L. Geyer, then representative from the Paulding-Defiance district, prepared and presented the following bill, which, after the usual routine, passed both houses and became a law some time in April, 1886.

HOUSE BILL NO. 280.

Sixty-seventh General Assembly, Regular Session, Entitled a bill to authorize and require the Board of County Commissioners of the county of Paulding to issue bonds to build a court house.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Ohio, that the county commissioners of Paulding county are hereby authorized and required to construct a court house in the center of the grounds now occupied by said county with old court house and county offices, in the county seat of said county. Plans and specifications for said building shall be determined upon, and the contract let according to law, within six months after the passage of this act, which contract shall require said building to be completed as soon as practicable, and at a cost not to exceed forty thousand dollars.

SECTION 2. That the commissioners of said county, for the purpose of building said court house, are hereby authorized and required to borrow such sums of money, not exceeding forty thousand dollars, as they shall deem necessary, at a rate of interest not exceeding six per cent. per annum, and issue the bonds of the county therefor. The payment of the principal of said bonds shall not be deferred beyond a period of twenty years, and shall be payable at the pleasure of the commissioners after five years. The interest of said bonds shall be payable semi-annually, and said bonds are not to be sold for less than their par value.

SECTION 3. The bonds so issued shall be signed by said commissioners and attested by county auditor of said county, who shall keep a record of all bonds issued (with coupons attached), in such sums not less than one thousand dollars, and not more than one thousand dollars each, payable to bearer at such place as the county commissioners may designate in said bonds, and such bonds shall specify distinctly the purpose for which they are issued.

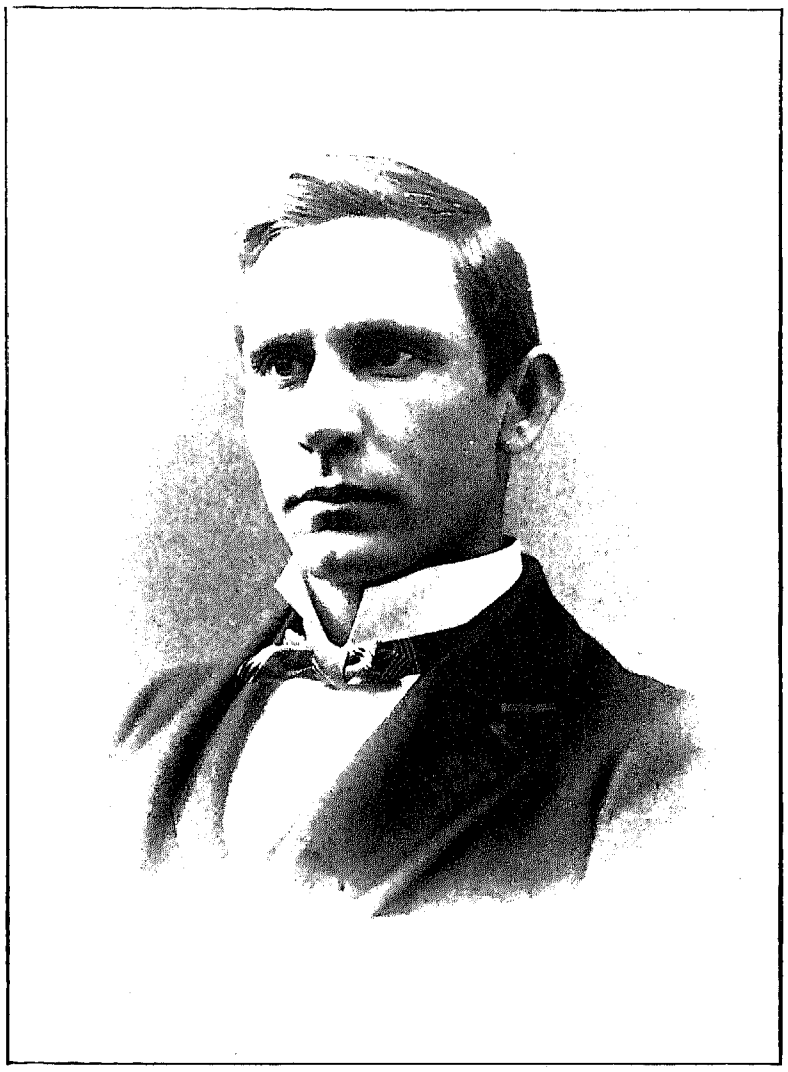
SECTION 4. That said board of commissioners are hereby authorized to levy an annual tax of one mill, or so much as is needed to pay the interest on said bonds, and shall, in addition thereto, levy an annual tax of one mill for the purpose erecting a sinking fund to pay said bonds. The one mill levy for sinking fund purpose to be levied for thirteen years, beginning at such time as said commissioners may determine, and to continue until said bonds are paid.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after the date of its passage."

Shortly after the passage of the above act the bonds were duly advertised according to law. They were drawn up in sums of $1,000 each, to draw interest at the rate of five per cent. per annum, from August 1, 1886, interest payable semi-annually, bonds to become due four at a time each successive year, beginning August 1, 1895. The bonds were sold to W. H. Pennell, of Van Wert, at a premium of $1,000, thus bringing a court house fund of $41,000. A building committee was appointed, who visited several county seats in Ohio, Indiana and Michigan, and inspected the court houses therein for the purpose of securing a model, and it was at length determined that the one at Adrian, Lenawee county, Michigan, furnished the best pattern. Having concluded on the style of building, bids were solicited from architects for plans and specifications, which were let to E. O. Fallis, of Toledo, he having presented the lowest bid. The contract of furnishing material and erecting the building in accordance with plans and specifications was awarded August 12, 1886, to Rudolph Ehrhart, of Defiance, he agreeing, by a sealed bid, to do the work for $33,380, that being the lowest bid, by several thousand dollars, of the many that were submitted to the commissioners. Work was commenced on excavating the grounds of the basement shortly after the contract was let, and the corner-stone was laid with imposing ceremony by Paulding Lodge, No. 502, F. & A. M., on December 21, 1886. The event is thus described by an eye-witness: "At 1 o'clock P. M., the Paulding F. & A. M. Lodge met the visiting committee from the south at the depot, formed in procession, and, headed by the Paulding Harmony Band, marched to Literary Hall, where the Grand Lodge of Ohio was opened. The procession then, headed by S. S. Williams, M. W. G. Master, of Newark, Ohio, moved to the court house square, where the ceremonies were performed in a very imposing manner in the presence of a large number of ladies and gentlemen from the town and country. The stone is a parallelopiped of gray granite, three feet in length, and two feet in width and thickness. It occupies a position on the northeast corner of the building, and is inscribed as follows: On the east end, at the top, is engraved the triangular symbol of the square and compass, and the words: 'S. S. Williams, M. W. G. Master;' below these words follow, 'Dedicated by the Paulding Lodge, No. 502, F. & A. M., Dec. 21, A. D. 1886, A. M. 5886.' The north side bears the inscription, 'E. O. Fallis & Co., Architects, Toledo, O. R. Ehrhart, Con., Defiance, O. F. M. Wade, J. V. Sharp, Thos. Chester, Commissioners.' Within the stone was deposited a copper box containing a copy of the Holy Laws, list of the county and village officers, members of the bar, several pieces of coin, list of Paulding school board, silver Masonic square, found by A. C. Hale, on the Franklin pike, Tenn., in 1864; copies of the Paulding *Democrat*, Paulding *Gazette* and Antwerp *Argus*, etc., etc. After the stone was laid, the procession returned to Literary Hall, and the Grand Lodge was closed. Owing to the somewhat poor health of the Grand Master, he did not give a public address, as was intended." The building was accepted by the commissioners May 24, 1888, although at that time a few finishing touches remained to be done, and, to insure the completion of the same, $500 were kept back. The work was soon after finished and the whole amount paid over. The size of the building is 105 feet north and south from the extremes of the brick pillars at the entrances, by 98 feet, similar measurement, east and west, and is erected on what is known as the "four front" plan. Its height from the ground to the highest point of the dome is 163 feet. The basement story is used to store away fuel, and is also the location of the hot air furnaces from which the building is heated throughout by means of pipes; an engine is also located in the basement, which is used to pump water into a 100-barrel cistern, near the roof, from which the building is furnished water. Water is also conveyed from this cistern to the county jail, by means of an underground pipe.

On the first floor are two halls extending entirely across the building-one east and west, the other north and south, and crossing in the center. At the outer extremities of these halls are the four entrances to the building, all of which are similar. In the northwest corner of the first floor is the recorder's office comprising two rooms, a fire-proof vault, and two closets; in the northeast corner is the clerk's office, having the same amount of room as the recorder's office, and the addition of a private stairway leading to the judge's stand in the court room. In the southeast corner are the commissioners' office, and the auditor's public office. The commissioners have only one room. The auditor's public office is supplied with a fire-proof vault and two closets. In the southwest corner is the treasurer's office and vault; also a private office to be used conjointly by the auditor and treasurer.

On the second floor is one hall extending north and south. On the east side of this hall is the court room, about 40x70 feet in length and breadth. Back of the court room in the northeast corner of the building is the judge's private room. South of the court room is the surveyor's office. On the west side of the hall in the southwest corner of the building is the sheriff's office. Immediately north of the sheriff's office is the probate judge's office, and farther down the hall are two rooms for the grand and petit jurors. At the north and south ends of the hall are rooms for witnesses. The garret is used as a store room for unused public documents and records of no special value, yet necessary to be preserved. The committee who had charge of the construction of the building were as follows: The board of county commissioners, consisting of F. M. Wade, J. V. Sharp, and Thomas Chester; Probate Judge W. G. Lee; Clerk T. J. Champion; Sheriff D. W. Parr, and J. B. Zuber, Esq. The grounds about the house are nicely graded up and suitable walks have been laid. In the spring of 1891 shade trees were set throughout the yard. From the peak of the dome extends a flag-staff, thirty feet in length, from which, on notable days, or when the occasion demands, float the American colors. The entire cost of the building may be sum-



Hon. J. L. GEYER.

John L. Geyer is the son of Amos and Emogene Geyer (Wells) Geyer, natives of Ohio and New York. The former was of German and Irish, and the latter of English descent. Amos Geyer was brought up on a farm, and received a common school education. He reared a family of six children, four sons and two daughters. In early life he was a whig, and later a republican, but in the Tilden campaign changed and voted the democratic ticket, and so voted until his death. Amos Geyer was a Methodist and his wife a Presbyterian. The subject of this sketch, Hon. John L. Geyer, was born in the county of Putnam, Ohio, near the town of Kalida, December 6, 1854, and was united in marriage with Miss Mary E. Hicks, of Kalida, October 14, 1875. Three children were born to this union, viz.: Mary Olive, born December 5, 1876; Herbert Spencer, August 7, 1884, and Helen Blanche, November 5, 1888, who died August 9, 1889. At the age of fifteen years Mr. Geyer commenced teaching school in Paulding county, and by this and hard manual labor succeeded in securing sufficient money to attend the National normal university, at Lebanon, Ohio, from which institution he graduated in the scientific course in the summer of 1879. He then returned to Kalida and conducted a normal school until the spring of 1882, when he removed his family to Paulding county, where he has ever since resided. His ability as a civil engineer was such that shortly after his removal to this place he was employed by the commissioners of Paulding, Putnam, Defiance and Van Wert counties, and our excellent ditches and improved roads are monuments to his good judgment and ability in his chosen profession.

In politics Mr. Geyer has been a life-long democrat and has repeatedly been honored by his party, which was not slow to recognize his ability and reward him for his brilliant efforts. In 1885 he was nominated at Paulding, by the democracy of the district, then composed of the counties of Paulding and Defiance, for the general assembly, and was elected by the usual party majority. Although he took an active part in the deliberations of the house, his first important bill was one to secure for his county a new court house, of which it was very much in need. He recognized this fact, and introduced the bill which secured the necessary appropriation without consulting the county commissioners or any other officials, and he is entitled to the thanks of every citizen for the magnificent building which graces the public square of the county seat. Among the many important bills which he introduced and which were passed during his first term, was one which secured an appropriation of a large sum of money with which to drain a great amount of land in the southeastern portion of the county which was swampy and perfectly worthless, but which to-day is fine farming land. Many bills of local importance were also passed for Defiance county, and the first term of John L. Geyer was pronounced a grand success by members of all political parties. Although many things have been mentioned, in connection with 1885 and 1886, which were of much importance to the people, the measure introduced by him in the latter year for the abandonment of the Six Mile reservoir, and its passage by the house, was the greatest victory ever achieved by a member of the Ohio general assembly. It is more than likely that most of the citizens of this county are acquainted with all the facts concerning this matter, but it would probably not tire the reader should mention be made of what is now an immense garden spot in Ohio.

Many years ago, when the canal system of this state was in its infancy and when Paulding county was very new, the state authorities built within her borders and in the townships of Crane and Carryall, an immense reservoir, which was to be used as a feeder to the Wabash and Miami and Erie canals. The reservoir was very beneficial to the canals until the rapid development necessitated a swifter process of transportation, and from that time on the reservoir was of little benefit to any person, and, in fact, was not only a great detriment to the whole county, but was the principal cause of breeding disease in its immediate neighborhood. As we stated before, the bill passed the house but was defeated in the senate by a few timbermen, and the bitter warfare waged by the daily press all over the state. The people of the county knew the reservoir was useful no more, and none knew it better than Mr. Geyer, and being re-nominated and re-elected in 1887 by 1,800 majority (the largest ever given any man in the district), he again introduced the bill for its abandonment, in 1888, and, with the tenacity so characteristic of the man, fought for and secured its passage by both branches of the general assembly, and the city press, which had been against the bill, with hardly an exception, turned squarely around and lauded his ability and fine statesmanship, and declared he would be the leader of the house, and the prediction proved true.

Mr. Geyer, after his second term expired, used all his influence for the nomination of Hon. Frank Knapp, for his former position. Mr. Knapp was elected, but died before he could take his seat. The democratic convention, called to nominate Mr. Knapp's successor, unanimously chose Geyer their candidate, and he was elected by a handsome majority. Among the many important measures introduced and passed, this term, was the "Geyer school-book bill," which gave him a national reputation. In 1891 he was nominated for the office of state senator from this district, which is composed of the counties of Paulding, Williams, Defiance, Van Wert, Allen, Mercer and Auglaize, and was elected by about 18,000 majority. He is one of the most prominent members of the senate, and has been spoken of most favorably for the complimentary vote of his colleagues for United States senator. Mr. Geyer's record is without a blemish, and as the democratic leader of the Ohio general assembly, he is without a peer. He is thoroughly identified with Paulding county, and her people will always retain a warm place in their hearts for the man who has labored so earnestly and unselfishly in their behalf.

med up as follows:

Original contract	$33,380 00
Furniture	3,649 70
Miscellaneous items, such as sewer, architect, extra work on basement, furnaces, etc	5,494 59
Total	$42,524 29

The building, for convenience, beauty, and probable durability, is one to which our citizens may point with pride, and its cost of construction is regarded by all strangers who visit Paulding as a marvel of cheapness. The first and only calamity which has yet befallen this new temple of justice occurred on the night of June 20, 1890, when the dome was struck by lightning, took fire, and was injured to the extent of about $500.

The first jail in the county was a small brick one erected in Charloe in 1842. It was not a very substantial building, and its walls have long since fallen down and crumbled away. To the credit of the early settlers of the county be it said that this jail was seldom occupied by evil doers. The second jail was erected on the southeast corner of the court yard in Paulding, shortly after the removal of the county seat to that place. It was built of hewn logs closely fitted together, and the walls were made double on the sides as well as above and below. The doors were of huge plank heavily spiked and riveted together, and some of the cells were lined with heavy plates of sheet iron. But, notwithstanding this apparent security, escapes from the jail were frequent—so frequent, indeed, that a new and more substantial one became necessary. Accordingly, on May 7, 1874, the following notice appeared in Vol. 1, No. 6, of the Paulding *Democrat*, and was published for six consecutive weeks:

A NEW JAIL.

Notice of the intention of the commissioners of Paulding county, Ohio, to build a new jail.

NOTICE is hereby given to all persons whom it may concern, that at the March session of the county commissioners of Paulding county, Ohio, said commissioners decided in accordance to law under and by virtue of the provisions of a certain act of the general assembly of the state of Ohio, passed April 27, 1859, entitled, 'An act authorizing county commissioners to purchase land for the use of court houses, jails and county infirmaries, and to erect buildings thereon, etc.,' and the acts amendatory thereto, to purchase grounds and erect a new jail in the town of Paulding, Paulding county, Ohio, and that so soon as legal notices are given according to law, and publication thereof complete, they intend to take the necessary steps to advertise for sealed proposals for the erection of the said building, work to commence as soon as said commissioners can make preparation therefor, and that on Friday, the 12th day of June, 1874, at 10 o'clock, A. M., of said day, they will meet at the auditor's office in said county of Paulding, to hear petitions and remonstrances against such proposed improvement.

By order of the county commissioners of Paulding county, Ohio.

V. V. PURSEL, *County Auditor.*

In due time, after the publishing of the above notice, the contract for building a new jail and sheriff's residence combined was let. As there was no railroad passing through the town at that time, the cost of getting stone and other material on the ground was much greater than at the time of building the court house, and the work progressed rather slowly. The building was not completed until 1876, and at a cost of about $25,000.

The basement is of cut limestone, above which are two stories of brick with stone trimmings. It was constructed on the most modern and improved plans, and is regarded as one of the securest jails and most convenient sheriff's residences in northwestern Ohio. It is located on Williams street, in Paulding, about one-half a square from the southwest corner of the court house yard.

Three miles northeast of Paulding, in Jackson township, is located the county infirmary farm. The first county buildings erected here were of logs and a small frame, but these were superseded, about the year of 1884, by a large and neatly constructed frame, in which reside the county poor; also convenient apartments for the residence of the superintendent and family. The farm consists of 160 acres, about ninety of which are under cultivation. Two frame barns and other necessary outbuildings are on the farm. It is thus shown that, in the way of public buildings, Paulding county is now as well supplied as any of her sister counties, and that her buildings are all comparatively new and substantial; also they have been built in an economizing and careful manner, for which the public servants, who had charge of their construction, deserve the thanks of her citizens. Besides the public buildings the county has many elegant structures in the way of bridges, several of which are of iron. Of these, three are across the Maumee; one about one mile north of Antwerp, in Carryall township; and one at Jackson's ford, and one a mile north of Cecil, in Crane township. All across the Maumee are iron structures. There are three across the Big Auglaize; the one at Junction is of iron, and is the longest and most imposing bridge structure in the county, being about 500 feet in length. At Charloe and Oakwood are wooden bridges spanning the Auglaize. Across the Little Auglaize are two iron bridges—one at old Fort Brown and one at Melrose. Several good bridges span Flat Rock; and, in fact, all of the streams are bridged at the principal crossings. The first bridge across the Auglaize was at Junction. It was a wooden structure, poorly constructed, and soon went to decay. This fact prompted the county commissioners to erect better bridges ever after, even if built at a greater expense.

Official Roll.—The county since its organization has belonged to the tenth, fifth and sixth congressional districts, and has been represented in the national congress by Hons. S. R. Mott, J. M. Ashley, W. D. Hill, Benjamin Le Fever, A. V. Rice, M. M. Boothman and D. D. Donovan.

The following residents of the county have represented it in the state legislature: Hons. John W. Ayres, Calvin L. Noble (deceased), Lewis S. Gordon, John L. Geyer and P. W. Hardesty. The last named served in the senate, the four former as representatives. The county was not entitled to a single representative in the legislature until 1891. Prior to 1870, it was attached to Defiance and Williams counties. At that time, Williams county being entitled to a representative of her own, the district became the Paulding-Defiance district, and so remained until 1891, as above stated.

The first auditor of the county was Andrew Clemmer; then, in the following order, came A. H. Palmer, A. S. Latty, Benjamin L. Wentworth, Richard S. Banks, Isaiah Richards, Valentine V. Pursel, William C. Means, Charles Hakes, Robert S. Murphy, Ralph D. Webster and Ephraim Ridenour.

Ezra J. Smith was the first probate judge elected in the county. The office has since been filled by Fielding S. Cable (died in office), Lewis S. Gordon (by appointment), David C. Carey, Calvin L. Noble, B. L. Wentworth, Warren G. Lee, H. S. Spring (by appointment), Vance Brodnix and Lafayette Lewis.

The first two sheriffs of the county received the office by appointments. They were Andrew J. Smith and Ephraim Burwell. The first elected sheriff was Matthew Flemming; then came William K. Daggett, Thomas C. Banks, John Crosson, Isaiah Richards, Freeborn T. Mellinger, John Brakefield (elected coroner, but to fill a vacancy served four months as sheriff), Andrew P. Meng, Jasper A. Fergerson, Hiram M. Ayres, Samuel J. Tate, David W. Parr, Edward C. Swain (resigned), John J. Clark (by appointment), Harry L. Saylor and Edward Staley.

The first county clerk was Gen. Horatio N. Curtis, and his successors have been Andrew J. Taylor, John Lincoln, James M. Russell, Robert Russell, William T. French, Samuel Means, Dr. D. W. Hixon (by appointment), Orlando A. Russell, Orsin D. Fuller, Joseph B. Cromley, Thomas J. Champion and William B. Jackson.

The county treasurers have been William Gordon, Richard S. Banks, James M. Russell, Ezra J. Smith, Isaiah Richards, Lewis Gordon, Peter Hilty, Frederick Young, Samuel G. Robertson, Andrew J. Stenger, Michael Finan, Henry Hyman and Michael Finan.

The first county recorder was H. N. Curtis, and afterward came Andrew J. Taylor, H. A. Shaffer, A. P. Seely, William T. French, Lewis S. Gordon, Isaiah Richards, Charles Hakes, Frank M. Bashore and John Yager.

The first prosecuting attorney was Edwin Phelps (appointed *pro tem.* by the court), John W. Ayres, John S. Snook, D. N. Osborn (by appointment), A. H. Selden, Thomas B. Holland, Medary D. Mann, Lewis S. Platter, Wilson H. Snook and W. F. Corbett.

The surveyors have been: Ezra J. Smith, Noah Ely, Henry A. Brown, Russell T. Cushman, Frederick W. Bashore, Thomas B. Harris, Henry B. Kretzinger, T. H. B. Bashore, Oliver Morrow and W. J. Johnson.

The first board of commissioners was Christian Shroufe, John Kingery and Thomas Banks, and the following persons have held the office since that time: Thomas Wentworth, John Mason, Sr., John Musselman, John Stair, Samuel Forder, Hubert Naveau, Sr., Henry Oswalt, John Hardesty, George W. Morris (by appointment), L. M. Barnes, Alonzo H. Selden, Theodore G. Merchant, Coe Gordon, John D. Carlton, Alexander Brown, Wilson N. Snook, Joseph Bowyer (died in office), Thomas Chester, Francis M. Wade, J. V. Sharp, George Gusler, George W. Sowers, Martin N. Utley, Daniel Davidson, Michael Maloy and John Powers.

As coroners the following have served: Jacob Switzer, John Brakefield, Dr. B. B. Woodcock, John Hardesty, Dr. Thomas Carpenter, Dr. P. Alvin Dix, Dr. D. W. Hixson, Dr. J. L. Slager and Dr. John Hosford.

The infirmary directors have been as follows: Daniel Kaufman, Darius Leeth, Henry C. Boyland, James Powers, W. R. Crawford, Samuel Craven, Henry Downhower, J. C. Dunlap, Samuel Dotterer and Peter Kimler.

The above may be said to have been some of the representative men of the county, and several of them are still residents within its limits; but many of them are dead, while others, swept by the tide of emigration, have found homes in different parts of the "Far West."

County Finances.—Owing to many of the financial records of the county having been burned at the court house fire of 1868, it is impossible to give a perfect and complete synopsis of the finances of the county from the time of its organization to the present. The earliest record that the writer has been able to find is a report of the county treasurer and auditor, published in the Paulding *Eagle*, October 7, 1858. A verbatim copy is as follows:

Report of the county treasurer and county auditor of Paulding county, Ohio, showing the amount of funds in the treasury of said county, on the 7th day of September, 1858, to wit:

State fund, $64 28.2; interest fund, $759; County poor fund, $200 11.7; building fund, $157 05.5; infirmary fund, $249 91.6; three per cent. fund, $37 44.0; cemetery fund, 13.6; road fund, $300 38.9; township poor fund, 11.3; township fund, including township orders on Jackson township, $18 44.7; school fund, $33 17.9; school house fund, $3 02.5. Total, $1,164 16.8.

We do certify the foregoing is a full, true and correct statement of the funds now in the treasury of said county, and that it is the full amount due from the treasurer, as shown by the books of the county auditor.

J. M. RUSSELL, *Treasurer.*
B. L. WENTWORTH, *Auditor.*

Thirty years after the above report was made a similar report was published by the county commissioners, which, when compared with the report of 1858, will show to the reader the amount of gain in collections made in those three decades; also the large increase made in the financial business of the county in that length of time. The report of 1888 is as follows: The valuation of all property, personal and real, upon the tax duplicate of Paulding county, Ohio, for taxation for the year of 1888, as reported by the county auditor, amounted to three millions, four hundred and ninety-six thousand, six hundred and ninety-one dollars ($3,496,691), upon which valuation the board made the following levy of taxes upon each dollar, for the several county purposes, to wit: General county purposes (expense), 3.5 mills; bridge, 1.5 mills; building, 2.2 mills; interest on county bonds, 2 mills; poor, .8 mills; improved road repair, .7 mills; general county ditch, .5 mills; bonded debt, 2 mills; indigent soldiers' relief, .3 mills. Total levies for county purposes, 13.5 mills. The total net collections on the duplicate from the above levies, including delinquencies of former years collected, amounted to $44,116.70, which was distributed among the several funds as follows: General expense fund, $11,657.34; bridge fund, $4,954.08; building fund, $6,122.70; interest on county bonds fund, $6,661.34; poor fund, $2,110.86; improved road repair fund, $2,331.46; bonded debt fund, $7,-114.38; indigent soldiers' relief fund, $990.20. Total, $44,116.70.

In addition to above collections by levy on grand duplicate, the several funds were credited with amounts as follows from miscellaneous sources: County expense fund, $1,742.64; poor fund, $2,047.68; institute fund, $139.00; excess of taxes fund, $27.15; sheep fund, $926.00; building fund, $51.35; receipts from sale of bonds on McClure road improvement, $4,507.00; on Dorman road improvement, $3,009.00; on Wiseley road improvement, $4,507.00; Six Mile Creek ditch, $4,507.00; Barber ditch, $6,009.00; grand total of receipts from all sources, except special ditch and road assessments, $74,589.62. A collection similar to the above made in 1890 amounted to $110,653.29.

The total value of all taxable personal property in the county, as returned the township assessors in 1891, was $1,472,604.

A return of the state board of equalization for the decennial land appraisement of 1890, has not as yet been made; but it is thought that the appraised value will be about $20.00 per acre, which would give a real estate value in the county of $5,184,700; or a total of all taxable property, both real and personal, for 1891, of $6,757,304.

Owing to the extensive public improvements, such as erecting new court house, building improved roads, constructing bridges and county ditches, etc., within the past few years, the county has incurred a bonded debt estimated in round numbers at about $100,000. As these bonds issued have been sold on long time at a low rate of interest, no inconvenience is anticipated in meeting them when due. Taking it all and all, the county may be said to be in a fair financial condition.

CHAPTER VI.

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY.

UNTIL within the past few years, and it may be said that even yet, the extensive forest products of Paulding county have furnished its chief source of wealth. The first manufacturing industry that may be mentioned was the making of staves, railroad ties, and the chopping of cord wood by the pioneers. This industry began on the opening of the canals through the county. The staves were made of white oak, burr oak and red oak timber. The timber was sawed with a crosscut saw, the power being furnished by the muscle of the workmen, split into bolts with a maul and wedge, and riven into staves by means of a fro and mallet. Different grades of staves were made, such as flour barrel, tight barrel and hogshead staves, and were of different sizes and grades of timber, bringing prices according to the grade. On the canal bank flour barrels were worth from $3.00 to $4.00 per thousand; tight barrels from $5.00 to $6.00, and hogsheads from $10.00 to $12.00. One thousand flour or tight barrels, or about 500 hogsheads, were regarded as a day's work for two men. In an early day much of this business was carried on in close proximity to the canals, so that the staves could be easily hauled to the banks ready for shipment. The boats stopped and loaded them wherever a pile, even of only a few hundred, had been culled and counted. The pioneers were not particular as to whose land it was upon which the staves were made, and frequently the most extensive manufacturers were persons who did not own a foot of land. They did not regard it as stealing, but took the choicest oaks by the "right of discovery" from government and speculators' lands, and piously said grace over the luscious viands purchased with the proceeds of their sale. Whether this was right or wrong is a question too fine in moral ethics for the writer to decide. He only knows that it was a pioneer custom, and that the timber of many a "back forty" was partly cleared away by the stave making process. Many thousands of hoop-poles were also taken in the same manner and annually shipped away, yielding a profitable employment both to the cutter and shipper. The shelves of many a pioneer merchant's store room have been replenished from the proceeds of a boat load of hoop-poles shipped to Dayton or Cincinnati, said poles having been gleaned from the forest at large by some enterprising backwoodsman who received the price for them with no compunctious throb, and conscientiously believed that he was engaged in a legitimate business.

From the hoop-pole and hand-made stave era, the county emerged into the ship timber period. This business was introduced into several of the timber growing counties of northwestern Ohio, about the year of 1856, and has been conducted with a greater or less magnitude from that time until the present; and none of the counties have furnished more or better timber than that furnished by Paulding county. The ship timber business has mostly been carried on by Canadian capital and workmen from the provinces who were skilled in the business. The woods were scoured for burr oak and white oak timber, which was at first bought in the standing tree for about 2 cents per foot, but gradually increased in price as it became scarce, until in 1889, when from 14 to 18 cents per foot were paid. The trees were cut down, hewed square, hauled to the nearest water and floated to Toledo. Millions of feet have been taken from the county down the canals and Maumee and Auglaize rivers to Defiance, and thence onward to the eastern markets. The cost of rafting from Defiance to Toledo was about $5 per thousand. At Toledo it was loaded into the hulls of lake vessels and taken to Quebec at a cost of about $15 per thousand, each vessel carrying about 20,000 feet. At Quebec it was solidly packed into ocean vessels and shipped to London and Liverpool at a cost of 20 cents a foot. One of the first men to operate in this business in the county was A. Cheesbrough, of Toledo, who secured much of the timber nearest to the canals. Afterward Fred. W. LeSueur and Charles J. Chenevert came from Canada to Defiance, about the year of 1869, and made the latter place the base of their operations in the timber business, and under the management of their sub-contractors stripped Paulding county of much of its forest wealth. Other big timber men were, C. Neelon, of St. Catharines; Kelsey, of Detroit; Stokes, of Windsor, and McArthur Bros., of Toronto. It is estimated that F. W. LeSueur paid out annually for over twenty years $175,000 for timber, or about $3,150,000 in all; Neelon, $160,000 an-

nually since 1870, $3,040,000 in all; Chenevert $50,000 annually since 1867, about $1,100,000 in all. Other timber men have paid about as much more, so that in the aggregate over $15,000,000 have been paid for ship timber in northwestern Ohio, about $1,500,000 of which has been expended in Paulding county. In England this timber was formerly largely used in the building of ships, hence the name—ship timber; but as vessels are now almost entirely built of iron and steel, it now used for other purposes, such as the manufacturing of street cars, furniture, coffins, and other articles requiring first-class timber. The business is now about extinct in the county, as only a few straggling trees, suitable for such timber, yet remain, and they will probably be used for other purposes. The largest stick of ship timber ever gotten out in the county was in the winter of 1865-66, by Johnson & Snook, and was cut in Jackson township, two miles west of Melrose, at which place it was "banked." Its dimensions were three feet square and seventy-five feet in length, containing 675 cubic feet. It was hauled to the canal bank by means of a block and tackle.

The heavy growth of timber in the county which afforded the means of obtaining an abundant supply of charcoal invited the establishment of blast furnaces for smelting the iron ores of Lake Superior. There were at one time two of these in the county. One was known as the Antwerp furnace, and was located on the Maumee river, half a mile east of the village of Antwerp; the other, known as the Paulding furnace, was located one and a half miles south of Cecil, on section 23, Crane township. The ore for both furnaces was transported from Toledo by canal. The Antwerp furnace was operated by the Antwerp Furnace Co., A. Cobb, president, and William Sayles, superintendent. Evans, Rodgers & Co. were the proprietors of the Paulding furnace. These furnaces were built in 1864-5, and for many years furnished employment to hundreds of men, and converted thousands of cords of wood into charcoal. The everage length of run per year was about eight months; and
24 the average amount of iron annually produced by each furnace was 2,600 tons. Both of these furnaces are now extinct, the Antwerp furnace ceasing operations in 1880, and the Paulding furnace about six years later. During the last few years of the Paulding furnace it was named Bertha furnace, owned and operated by Bennett, Graff & Co., with S. Frank Eagle as superintendent.

The county is now basking in the bright sunlight of the elm hoop and stave era. It began about the year of 1880, although much timber had been rafted away to supply the factories of Delphos and Defiance prior to that date. The enterprising gentleman and energetic business man, Maj. A. B. Holcombe, began the elm hoop manufacture in the county, a business in which he had been engaged for some years at Mentor, Ohio, but which was entirely new in the northwestern part of the state. In the autumn of 1880, Mr. Holcombe, in company with his partner, John F. R. Evans, erected a large mill at Paulding, put in the necessary machinery, and commenced cutting and coiling the stately elms. Mr. Evans dying soon after the mill was built, Mr. Holcombe assumed the entire control, and conducted the business alone until 1884, when he formed a partnership with Mr. Paul Weidmann, of Brooklyn, N. Y. The business was a success from the beginning. The capacity of the mill was about 30,000 hoops per day, and the hands employed from eighty to 100. The hoops were shipped to New York, and from thence to different parts of Europe, mostly to Germany. The car-loads were labeled "Ocean Freight" at the factory. In 1886 Mr. Holcombe sold his interest in the business to his partner for $13,000, and forming a partnership with Mr. Trowbridge, of Toledo, under the firm name of Holcombe & Co., purchased about 1,600 acres of timber land lying a short distance northeast of Paulding, erected a large and well arranged factory, put in the best improved machinery, and commenced cutting staves and lumber. This factory formed the nucleus around which has sprung up the enterprising village of Holcombe, now a station on the Mackinaw railroad. About 16,000,000 staves per year are cut at the Holcombe factory, and it is one of the most extensive manufacturing industries in the county. The hoop mill erected by Mr. Holcombe in Paulding was destroyed by fire Sunday morning, July 24, 1887, at a loss of $25,000 to the proprietors, Messrs. Weidmann & Eichling, only $6,800 of which was covered by insurance. The ashes of the burned building were scarcely cold until the rubbish was cleared away and a new building—a heading factory—was erected upon the grounds. Shortly after this Mr. Weidmann purchased 1,600 or 1,800 acres of land four miles west of Paulding, and in 1889 erected a large stave mill on the same, and is now cutting away the timber into staves and lumber, and converting the lands into farms as soon as cleared. A factory village has sprung up around this factory also, and is known as Section Eight. The Weidmanns (Paul, Sr. and Jr., father and son), reside in Brooklyn, N. Y., and are wealthy manufacturers and dealers in all kinds of cooperage stuff; also proprietors of the Chicago stave factory at Paulding, and the Paulding flouring mills. Their business in Paulding county is looked after by W. H. Vermylie, superintendent.

Antwerp Hub and Spoke Company.—This company was incorporated, under the laws of Ohio, on February 11, 1873. Under its charter, it embarked immediately in the manufacture of hubs, spokes and wagon material. Its first board of directors were Willoughby H. Doering, Lewis S. Gordon, Phaon P. Doering, Harry H. Gordon, John S. Hill and Henry Harris; and its first officers were: president and superintendent, Phaon P. Doering; secretary and treasurer, Lewis S. Gordon. On January 10, 1874, the following officers were chosen: president, Henry Harris; superintendent, Phaon P. Doering; secretary and treasurer, Lewis S. Gordon, and said parties have held said offices continuously to the present date. The authorized capital stock of the company was $25,000, of which amount $18,000, only, were ever issued, and said stock is now owned and held exclusively by the original stockholders. The company confined its efforts to the manufacture of hubs, spokes and lumber until the spring of 1878, when it added to its production the manufacture of slack barrel and keg staves, rough and dressed lumber, moldings, etc., adding a complete equipment of planing and molding machinery. Early in its career the company purchased over 1,000 acres of heavily timbered lands, in convenient proximity to its factory, and in 1882 constructed a tramway railroad to its lands, which has enabled it to move timber cheaply to its factory, and this supply, supplemented with local delivery from other sources, has enabled the company to run continuously for about ten months in each year since its organization. As the timber has disappeared the lands have been cleared and improved for cultivation. The business has been prosperous and well managed, and, while the timber supply is fast decreasing, a vast amount of timber and lumber is still handled here. As an index to current business it may be proper to state that during the year 1890 over 8,000,000 keg staves and 1,000,000 feet of lumber were shipped, and the demand for finished lumber, moldings, brackets, etc., for neighborhood supply, was very large. Over 120 carloads of lumber and staves were shipped during the year. The company employ an average of fifty men and boys, and its pay roll for labor and salaries alone amounts to $15,000 per year. The amount disbursed in the immediate community of Antwerp amounts to about $30,000 per year. With the disappearance of timber in Paulding county is being developed the finest agricultural area in Ohio, and the wealth of oleaginous fluid underlying Antwerp and vicinity, awaiting only the derrick and the drill, will in the near future give the vicinity due prominence.

In addition to the above named factories there are extensive stave works at Latty, Cecil, Hedges, Broughton, Payne, Briceton, Melrose and other places in the county, all of which are duly mentioned in the village or township history of this work. The largest hoop mill in the county at present is that of Jacob Saylor & Sons, at Antwerp. John Leeson, at Scott, and Edwin Bell & Sons, at Hedges, formerly manufactured hoops. It is estimated that there are now over 100,000,000 staves and headings annually manufactured in the county and shipped to all parts of the world. What a contrast is this with the few boat loads that were formerly riven out by the hand of the pioneer, and the "flours" shipped to Dayton or Cincinnati, and the tight barrels to Burkehead & Co., at Toledo. Truly, Paulding county has been mounted upon the car of progression, her natural resources are being developed and the sweet hum of prosperity is heard throughout her borders. That such is so is largely due to her enterprising manufacturers. Side by side, and keeping pace with the manufacturers, are the farmers, the worthy followers of Cincinnatus. Land that last year was growing timber for the factory is the next year growing corn or wheat or some other cereal. Annually is the business of husbandry making more rapid strides, and when the forest wealth has been swept away, and the busy wheels of the factory have ceased to turn, then will Paulding be an agricultural county, and, owing to her great fertility of soil, one of the richest in the state. The area of the county as returned by the state board of equalization is 259,235 acres. Of this area in 1870 only 21,443 acres were under cultivation; in 1880 there were 47,199 acres; and in 1890 about 90,000 acres were arable or plow land, and about 10,000 acres pasture land; leaving a remainder of 154,235 acres of wood land for the factories yet to draw from. In the point of commercial importance Paulding county has ever and does yet take a front rank with any of her sister counties. Her first cargo of exports, it is said, was twenty-five raccoon skins, eight deer pelts, ten pounds of dried ginseng, and a pair of venison hams, loaded into a canoe by a squatter at some point in the northern part of Emerald township, and

shipped down the Maumee to Defiance. The commercial value of this pioneer argosy was perhaps $25 or $30, which may seem exceedingly small to the present lumber princes of the county; but to that squatter it no doubt seemed large, as the returns represented a year's income, and from it must be furnished a year's necessaries for himself and family.

The first commercial channels of the county were the Maumee and Auglaize rivers. Down these streams were marketed, in pirogues and "slap-togethers," the surplus grain and other salable commodities of the pioneer farmer. Next came the canals—the Wabash & Erie and the Miami; and, lastly, the Wabash, Nickel Plate, and Mackinaw railroads. The first exports of the county were furs, peltry, dried venison, bear's oil, etc., followed by hand-made staves, hoop-poles, cat-tails, ship timber and the finer grades of lumber—such as black walnut and poplar—and some stone from the Doyle and Noble quarries. For many years the rearing of stock—hogs and cattle--upon the acorns and pasturage of the forrest wilds was an important industry. The stock was generally purchased in the autumn by drovers and driven away to the older counties of the state to be corn-fed and fitted for the eastern markets. The present exports of the county are agricultural products, live stock, staves, heading, hoops, pail staves, hubs and spokes, railroad ties, lumber and timber. By the above industrial review it will be seen that the leading industries of the country are agricultural and manufacturing, and that both are receiving marked attention by an industrious and prosperous people. In speaking of the rapid growth and development of the county, the Toledo *Daily Bee* of May 29, 1891, says: "The census figures, which state that during the last decade Paulding county has increased more rapidly in population than any other county in the state, must be as gratifying to its citizens as they are surprising to some other people. But not only in population has Paulding made rapid strides. The most marvelous improvements have been made in lands and roads, and the unpromising swamps of a few years ago have been transformed by industry into a garden."

CHAPTER VII.

CANALS AND RAILROADS.

THE building of the Wabash & Erie and Miami extension canals through the county was looked upon as being one of the most important events of the pioneer days. For many years they were the great commercial thoroughfares of the county, and did much toward its early development. Regarding their construction the following is taken from Hardesty's history of the county, published in 1881:

"As early as 1816 the necessity of connecting the waters of Lake Erie with those of the Ohio river, by means of a navigable canal, was assented to, and a correspondence upon that subject was had between Hon. Ethan Allen Brown, of Cincinnati, and DeWitt Clinton, then canal commissioner of the state of New York. An act of the Ohio legislature was passed in February, 1820, authorizing the appointment of three commissioners to locate such a canal. The act also proposed to ask of the general government a grant of one or two million acres of land, the proceeds of which were to be applied to the construction of the canal. For some reason the commissioners were not appointed and no survey was made. In 1821-22, the subject of canals was again revived in the Ohio legislature, and on the 31st of January, 1822, a bill was passed authorizing an examination into the practicability of constructing a canal from Lake Erie to the Ohio river. Seven commissioners were chosen for that purpose, and competent engineers were appointed to make surveys, examinations and estimates. Four routes were taken into consideration. The first from the Ohio river at Cincinnati to the Maumee river, and from thence to the lake; the second from Sandusky Bay to some point on the Ohio; the third to Traverse, up the Cuyahoga river, and then cross to the navigable waters of the Muskingum, thence down that stream to the Ohio; the fourth route was by way of the Grand and Mahoning rivers. The Cuyahoga and Muskingum river route won the prize, and the Ohio and Erie canal was constructed thereon. In 1824, however, a survey was made of the Miami and Maumee river route, and an estimate of the probable cost of constructing a canal upon it was reported to the Ohio legislature at its session of 1824-5.

"M. T. Williams, a member of the state board of canal commissioners, directed this survey. Samuel Forrer was the chief engineer, assisted by J. L. Williams, Francis Cleveland and Richard Howe. A great portion of the survey was through an unbroken wilderness. From where the town of St. Mary's now stands to Auglaize river, a distance of about forty miles, no signs of civilization were visible. On the banks of the Auglaize a squatter, named Thomas McClish, had made a small improvement. Here the party had an encampment, and also at Oquanoxa's town, an Indian village, which stood upon the present site of Charloe. The surveying of the Wabash and Erie canal was commenced in 1826, but not finally completed until the autumn of 1828.

"In 1827, congress made a land grant to the state of Indiana, of one-half of the public lands on each side for a distance of five miles, of a proposed canal that would connect Lake Erie with the waters of the Wabash river. The Indiana terminus of the canal, and also of the grant, was at the mouth of the Tippecanoe river, 213 miles from the lake. The canal was constructed to Evansville, Indiana, a distance of about 500 miles from the lake.

"In May, 1828, congress made a similar grant to Ohio, to aid in the construction of the Miami canal from Dayton to the lake; and also in the same act authorized the state of Indiana to convey to Ohio the right to all public lands lying within the limits of that state, upon such terms as might be agreed upon by those states. Accordingly commissioners were chosen from both states—one from each—who met at Zanesville, Ohio, in October, 1829, where Indiana, through her commissioner, agreed to surrender all the lands within the limits of Ohio to the latter named state, on condition that she would construct the canal from the state line to Toledo, and give to the citizens of Indiana all the rights and privileges that were granted to the citizens of Ohio. Although the Miami canal was the first to be surveyed, yet the Indiana people were the first to begin their portion of the work.

"The first ground on the Wabash and Erie was broken at Ft. Wayne in the spring of 1832. The work progressed slowly, and by the middle of 1835 only thirty-two miles had been completed. In 1840 the canal was opened between La Fayette and the east line of Indiana. Ohio was slower than Indiana to appreciate this needed channel of navigation, and Indiana, disappointed at this tardiness, in 1840 sent their chief engineer to Columbus to urge upon the legislature of Ohio the speedy fulfillment of their portion of the canal contract. The Ohio people commenced work immediately, and, in 1843, the final completion of the Wabash & Erie canal took place. The event was celebrated at Fort Wayne on the 4th of July of that year, and was participated in by citizens from both states, who listened to an able oration, delivered upon the occasion, by Gen. Lewis Cass.

"The Miami canal was not completed until 1845. These two canals, of which a brief history has been given, pass through Paulding county; the Wabash and Erie enters the county on the west side and passes through the northern tier of townships; the Miami enters on the south and has a course through the eastern tier of townships. They unite at the village of Junction."

The Indiana portion of the Wabash & Erie canal was entirely abandoned about the year of 1870. This, rendering worthless that portion of it between the state line and Junction, was also abandoned by an act of the Ohio state legislature in 1888, further mention of which will be made later on under the head of "Reservoir War." The Miami is yet navigable through the county and is in a tolerable state of repairs. That these canals have been of great benefit to the county cannot be gainsaid or questioned. When in full operation they were the great navigable lines between Toledo and Evansville, a distance of over 500 miles; and between Toledo and Cincinnati, a distance of 242 miles. Upon them was conveyed—as freight—grain, lumber and every other commercial commodity. A daily line of packets was established for the conveyance of passengers and the United States mail. These packets were drawn by three horses, driven on a brisk trot, and changed at relays ten miles apart. The schedule time to be made was six miles an hour. Doyle & Dickey were the proprietors of the best line of packets ever established upon these canals. Junction was then the place of transfer for the southern and western branches of the line. Once at that place, while the Wabash packet was waiting for the one from the south, its horses were all stolen, while the driver was regaling himself in a neighboring restaurant. After some inconvenience and a short delay a new team was promptly purchased and the swift gliding craft proceeded on its way. The proprietors threatened to prosecute that horse thief for obstructing the United States mail, but he was never caught. The through lines of packets were abandoned about the year of 1852, as the age of steam had at that time gained a firm footing, and railroads afforded a much more rapid transit.

The first railroad built through the county was the Toledo, Wabash & Western, now called the Wabash, St. Louis & Pacific. Gen. W. H. Gib-

son and Gen. James B. Steedman had charge of its construction between Defiance and Ft. Wayne. It passes through the northern part for a distance of eighteen miles, and was completed in 1855. The construction of the road, at this comparatively early date, is mainly due to the untiring energy of some of the enterprising citizens of Defiance, as is told by the late lamented Hon. W. C. Holgate, of that city, in a historical address before a meeting of the Maumee Valley Pioneer association, and published in the Defiance *Democrat*, February 28, 1878. He says: "Prior to 1842, the chief mode of travel was on foot or on horseback, and the chief means for transporting goods and produce was by pirogues or flatboats on the rivers. Our merchants and those of Ft. Wayne obtained their goods in this way from the mouth of the Maumee, where they were brought in lake boats from Buffalo. About this time the Wabash and Miami canals were constructed. Emanating in a common trunk from Toledo, one passed southwesterly through Ft. Wayne, Lafaytte, and other towns in Indiana, toward Illinois; and the other struck south to Cincinnati. Upon these canals were sumptuous packets, and numerous line boats; and they began to introduce to us the conveniences and comforts of a civilized life, and we became very hopeful that we would soon assume city dimensions. But disappointment came over the spirit of our dreams. Railroads began to stir the people of the country about these days. From the operations of those already completed, it became evident that they were destined ere long to revolutionize matters pertaining to the business of the towns; materially changing the prestige or destroying some, and building up others.

"On completion of the Mad River road, passengers that would otherwise have taken the packets at Cincinnati and passed through our village to Toledo, took the cars on that road and went to Sandusky. And at the west they would leave the canal, travel twenty and fifty miles out of a direct line north to the Michigan Southern to get to Toledo, rather than ride over the canal through our place. But a blow came nearer home; the Pittsburgh & Ft. Wayne road was put in operation, and the people of Ft. Wayne, who had been our nearest and most intimate neighbors, became lost to us, and we have seen no more of them to this day. But this was not all; it passed only thirty miles to the south of us, draining and carrying away a country that had been tributary to us. But a severer blow than this became impending. First the 'Junction road' loomed up, its place soon to be taken by the 'Air Line,' with a power behind equal to the occasion, and this was to cut our hitherto tributary territory within the limits of fifteen miles at the north. Already the cars were running on this to Wauseon, and then to Stryker, and our liverymen began running a line of carriages to and fro, to enable our citizens to get to Toledo in that way. Already our leading business men began to cast about and talk of removing to Wauseon, Stryker or Bryan. Had we not secured a railroad, and that speedily at this juncture, our doom as a town would have been sealed. We might have retained a rickety school house, a blacksmith shop, and a 'meetin' house' for all denominations, but this would have been the extent of our town capacity. 'Tis true, the securing of the Wabash road did not bring back to us our tributary territory, and so assure to us city proportions; but it put us in a position to become a respectable village, and with the advantages of our canal, made us, as we had hitherto been, the most desirable locality in these northwestern counties away from the lakes for trade and commerce.

"Few appreciate the really hard efforts and work that was done about the years of 1851-2 by some of the citizens of Defiance to galvanize, as it were, into being a railroad that would save the town from impending death. As her committee appointed for railroad purposes cast their eyes around, they could see no spark in the horizon, or any place, 'so big as a man's hand,' giving any prospects or hopes. Mr. T. D. Phillips, one of the proprietors of the town, a practical man of business, who had much experience in such matters about Dayton, where he lived, on coming forth from one of the 'committee meetings,' with downcast looks, says, 'Gentlemen, I don't see any chance for you.' But the desperate condition the town was now in aroused some on the committee, as, perhaps, they had been only once before, and late at night, and early in the morning, they worked, and worked, and worked on. Every railroad man and interest east as far as Buffalo, south as far as Cincinnati, and west as far as Lafayette, was corresponded with—and that correspondence would now fill a volume. Every railroad meeting within those limits was attended, and in vivid colors in our newspapers was depicted the advantages of routes through Defiance. * * * * Suffice it here to say the labors of that 'old committee' resulted in the construction of a railroad from Toledo running southwesterly through Defiance to the state of Illinois. The securing of this Wabash road saved Defiance, and that was all."

While the road saved Defiance, as Mr. Holgate has said, it also had its beneficial results upon Paulding county, opening for its first railroad communication with the great commercial centers of the country, east and west. It passes through the townships of Emerald, Crane, Carryall, and Harrison, and has an assessed value in the county of $266,563, annually paying into the treasury a tax of over $6,000. The second railroad completed in the county was the Paulding & Cecil road, extending between those two points, a distance of seven miles. Its struggles were manifold and its "ups and downs" numerous. The nucleus upon which the road was built was a strap iron track extending two miles south from the Paulding furnace, and used by the company in hauling wood for the kilns. About the year of 1877, George W. Potter, of Paulding, purchased of S. M. Doyle the material of a small narrow gauge railroad, which had been in operation between Columbus and North Columbus; and removed it to Paulding county. With this material he proceeded to construct a railroad from Cecil to a point about one-half a mile's distance from Paulding. It was a rickety affair, and it is thought that the proprietor never realized much profit upon the amount he invested in building it. In 1879 John F. R. Evans, with the aid of citizens of Paulding and Cecil, began the construction of a standard gauge road between those points, which, being completed, the first train ran over it into Paulding September 1, 1880. In 1881 it passed into the hands of the Paulding & Cecil railway company, with S. Frank Eagle as president, and was operated by that company until 1884, when it was sold to the Cincinnati, Van Wert & Michigan railway company, and became a part of what is now the Cincinnati, Jackson & Mackinaw road.

A history of the New York, Chicago & St. Louis railroad, or "Nickel Plate," as it is familiarly known, may be thus briefly told: In May, 1854, the citizens of Paulding county were startled by the sudden appearance of a corps of engineers engaged in running a railroad line from Tiffin to Fort Wayne. Shortly after the line was located, contractors began work and the road was cut out and partly graded through the county. In the autumn of the above mentioned year, work was suspended for the winter, with the assurance that it would be resumed the following spring. Spring came, but with it came no orders to begin work on the Tiffin & Fort Wayne railroad, and they never came. The financial embarrassment of the leaders of the enterprise had caused a permanent suspension, and many contractors and employes under them suffered a loss of being unpaid for their labor. In 1872 a new company was formed, a resurvey of the line was made and work vigorously begun. This time it was called the "Continental Railway," and was to be the great double-tracked through thoroughfare between New York city and Omaha. So confident were all that the road would this time be built that villages were located at every available point along the line, store-rooms and warehouses were erected, and corner lots arose to fabulous prices. But a second time were the people interested doomed to disappointment, for, as upon the Tiffin & Fort Wayne, work ceased upon this road never to be resumed, and the magnificent, double-tracked Continental railway passed into innocuous desuetude. For nearly ten years it slept as in the sleep of death, but in 1881 it was resurrected by a modest young railroad man of Lima, now the Hon. Calvin T. Brice, United States senator from Ohio. Its resurrection was brought about as follows:

Mr. Brice, having become largely interested in the Lake Erie & Louisville, and other north and south roads in Ohio, was desirous of obtaining an outlet for his freight to the eastern seaboard, and accordingly held an interview with William H. Vanderbilt, to see if said outlet could not be secured over his lines at better rates than those existing. The great railroad king of New York smiled rather derisively upon the young Ohio man and would offer him no inducements. Mr. Brice turned upon his heel and said: "I will build a competing line," and forthwith work was begun upon the New York, Chicago & St. Louis railroad. It was completed through the county in September, 1881. While work was progressing, the old settler looked blandly on and said: "This 'ere road will never be built." Twice had he been deceived by its fickle promises and false charms, and did not propose to be a third time duped. But the third attempt brought the real charm, and the most obstinate doubter was happily disappointed. When he saw the wheels of the iron horse go whirling by he had to believe. The line through the county is a straight one, and has a one minute deflection from a direct east and west course. It traverses the townships of Brown, Jackson, Paulding and Harrison, a distance of twenty-four miles, and has within that distance nine stations. The assessed value of its main track, side-tracks, rolling stock, etc., in the county, is placed upon the auditor's duplicate at about $200,000, so that it pays into the treasurer's office a good, round sum as taxes. When

Mr. Vanderbilt saw the effect of this "competing line" upon the Lake Shore road, he sought control of it, and it passed into the Vanderbilt system in 1886; Mr. Brice, it is said, clearing a cool $5,000,000 by the deal. So much for the pluck and energy of an Ohio man, who, if he did not belong directly to Paulding county, was born in the adjoining county of Putnam.

As early as 1838 there was talk of building a railroad from Florida to the Straits of Mackinaw, but there was nothing done upon the project more than to point out the benefits which would arise from such a route. Along in the latter part of the "fifties" a survey was made northward from Cincinnati via Greenville, and a road, called the Mackinaw, was partly graded as far north as Van Wert. Work suddenly ceased upon this road, and for more than twenty years nothing was heard of the Mackinaw. In 1880 the citizens of Van Wert, realizing the importance of a north and south road to their town, organized the Cincinnati, Van Wert & Michigan railway company, with John M. C. Marble as president, and began work on a road extending both north and south from that place. The first portion of the road completed was from Van Wert to Shane's Crossing, eight miles south. From this point it slowly but steadily advanced from town to town until it reached Franklin, on the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton railroad, whence it runs its trains over that road to Cincinnati. This was accomplished in 1887, seven years after the road was begun. The slowness of its construction was from the following cause: The company depended upon local aid to erect the first portions of the road, and then upon the earnings of the portions completed to build the remainder. The road was completed to Paulding in 1884, and by purchasing the Paulding & Cecil road secured an outlet to the Wabash at Cecil. From this point trains were run south until about 1887, when the road was pushed on northward into the state of Michigan. The company was re-organized about this time and the name of the road changed to the Cincinnati, Jackson & Mackinaw. The road is very convenient for the citizens of Paulding county, as they can leave Paulding on the early morning trains, arrive at Cincinnati about 10 a. m., have five or six hours in that city, and reach home the same day. It passes through the townships of Blue Creek, Paulding and Crane, a distance of eighteen miles in the county, and is assessed at about $3,000 per mile. Its stations in the county are Scott, Folmer, Dague, Latty, Paulding, Holcombe, Furnace and Cecil. It crosses the Nickel Plate at Latty, and the Wabash at Cecil.

In the winter of 1882, the Ohio legislature passed an act authorizing certain townships along the line of the road to vote a bonded indebtedness for aid in its construction. Among the townships which voted in favor of issuing bonds were Pleasant and Union, in Van Wert county; Dublin, in Mercer county; and Blue Creek, in Paulding county. The bonds were sold and the money applied in building the line to Paulding, When the interest on those bonds became due, the township trustees, acting under legal advice, refused payment. The holders of the bonds then commenced action to enforce collection, and the case drifted along through various courts. Judge Jackson, of the United States circuit court decided in favor of the bondholders. The case was finally settled in January, 1891, by a decision of the United States supreme court declaring the law unconstitutional under which the bonds were issued. About $80,000 of these bonds were negotiated, and that amount, together with the costs of litigation, was lost by those who purchased them.

In the summer of 1888, the American Midland, or Mahoning railroad, was graded through the southern part of the county, parallel to the Nickel Plate, and about four miles south of it. The road then, like some of its predecessors, passed into a quiet sleep from which it was fully awakened in the fall of 1891. Two trunk lines pass through Paulding county east and west; and the Mackinaw, an excellent road, cleaves her center north and south. Upon the prospects of the Mahoning road the villages of Grover Hill and Mandale were located upon its line in the county.

CHAPTER VIII.

MILITARY HISTORY.

"Cease to consult the time, for action calls;
War, dreadful war, approaches to our walls."

THE part taken by Paulding county in the late Civil war is a particularly bright one, and may go upon the pages of this volume as on an escutcheon garnished with glory. With pride will it be cherished in the memories of her citizens, and by them proudly handed down to posterity, even as is being done. When, on that dark April morning, in 1861, the lightning flashed the startling news over the world that Fort Sumter had fallen before the bombs of the rebel Beauregard, it aroused a throb in the pulse of little Paulding which beat in unison with that of the patriotic north; and in a few days a company of her gallant sons had responded to the president's call for 75,000 three months' men. This was company G, of the fourteenth regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry. It was recruited from all parts of the county and rendezvoused at Antwerp about the 22d of April, 1861. Its commissioned officers were: John S. Snook, captain; Alfred M. Russell, first lieutenant; and John Crosson, second lieutenant. A member of the company says: "At Antwerp we were drawn up in line preparatory to being mustered into the United States service. Before being mustered in we were told that all who did not wish to muster with the company might step two paces to the front. Only one man stepped out. * * * * Old Mr. Lewis Ward was there with us blowing the fife. He must have been sixty years old. I never shall forget how badly the old gentleman felt when told that his age prohibited his going with us. Tears rolled down his furrowed cheeks, and his every expression showed how intense was his desire to march to the front with the boys and do battle for his country." The company joined the regiment at Toledo, and with it was sent to Camp Taylor, at Cleveland, where, after a few weeks' drill, it received orders to join McClellan's forces, and go forth to the stern realities of war. The company with its regiment was the first organized force to invade the rebel soil at Parkersburg, Virginia, which it did on the 24th of May, a day made memorable by the death of the gallant young Colonel Ellsworth at Alexandria. The company served in West Virginia, took part in the engagements at Philippi and Carrick's Ford, and was mustered out of service August 13th, having served its term of enlistment.

The first company to be organized in the county under the three years' call was company F of the Thirty-eighth Ohio volunteer infantry. It was recruited, during the summer of 1861, in the eastern part of the county, mostly in Brown township, and when not more than twelve or fifteen men had been enrolled, they met on Saturdays at old Fort Brown —historical ground--for drill. Its election of officers resulted in John H. Adams being chosen captain; John Crosson, first lieutenant, and Elias W Gleason, second lieutenant. Webster Jones, a soldier of the Mexican war, who had been largely instrumental in the recruiting service, was chosen orderly sergeant, and soon after arose to a lieutenancy in the company, and afterward to a captaincy in the regiment. In the latter part of August, the company joined its regiment at Camp Trimble, Defiance, Ohio, and on the 8th day of September started for Camp Dennison, where, after a few weeks spent in drilling, the regiment was ordered to join the forces under Gen. Buell in Kentucky, and spent the winter of 1861-2 in that state, participating in the battle of Mill Spring. The company veteranized with its regiment in 1863, came home on a thirty days' furlough, recruited its depleted ranks, and returning took part in many of the bloody engagements fought by the western army; marched with Sherman to the sea and through the Carolinas, passed in the grand review at Washington city and was mustered out of the service at Louisville, Ky., July 12, 1865. Capt. Adams contracted disease soon after entering the service, came home and died, and was succeeded by Capt. Crosson, who was killed in the terrible charge which the regiment made at the battle of Jonesboro, September 1, 1864. This was the severest engagement in which the company participated during the war, and its loss in killed and wounded numbered nearly one-half of the officers and men engaged in the terrific hand-to-hand struggle. Paris Tucker received eleven wounds, two of them bayonet thrusts, and yet lived many years after the war. Capt. Jones was severely wounded in the face in this battle, but is yet living.

Company G, of the Fourteenth regiment, was at home only about two weeks from the three months' service when it began organizing for the three years' service, the date of enlistment being August 26, 1861. W. H. Eckels was commissioned captain; Crawford C. Adams, first-lieutenant, and Henry B. Fergerson, second-lieutenant. It served again in the "Old Fourteenth," James B. Steedman, commanding. It took part in the campaigns of Kentucky and Tennessee, and at the battle of Chickamauga suffered terrible loss: out of forty-seven men, eight were killed, nineteen wounded, and three taken prisoners; a total of thirty, or more than sixty per cent. The loss of the entire regiment was a one-third greater per cent. than that of the English light brigade in its famous charge at the battle of Balaklava. After the fight at Chickamauga, the company, with the army, fell back to Chattanooga, and after a siege of about two

months took part in the celebrated and successful charge on Missionary Ridge. On the 14th of December, 1863, it veteranized and came home on a thirty-days' furlough. After this the company served in the Georgia campaign, and went with Sherman to the sea, across the Carolinas to Raleigh, and was present when the surrender of General Johnston took place. It then marched through Richmond, Va., thence to Washington, D. C., and from there to Louisville, Ky., where it was mustered out, receiving final discharge at Cleveland, Ohio, July 11, 1865. The company served in all from April 22, 1861, to July 11, 1865, a period of four years, two months and nineteen days. The following graphic history of company C, Sixty-eighth Ohio veteran volunteer infantry, is furnished by Captain Patrick H. Mooney, of Antwerp:

"Organized November 25, 1861, with the following officers: Captain, P. H. Mooney; first lieutenant, J. C. Banks; second lieutenant, George W. Kniss, the company mustering 101 men, rank and file. Mustered into service by P. H. Mooney, captain and organizer of said company; attached to the sixty-eighth regiment Ohio veteran volunteer infantry, second brigade, third division, seventeenth army corps, army of the Tennessee. Division commanded by John A. Logan; corps commanded by Brig.-Gen. McPherson, who was killed July 22, 1864, before Atlanta. November 25, 1861, the company went from Antwerp, Ohio, to Camp Latty, at Napoleon, Ohio, the place of rendezvous. January 21, 1862, ordered to Camp Chase, Ohio; February 29, ordered to Fort Donelson, Tenn.; March 7, ordered to Metal Landing, Tenn.; 15th, ordered to Crump's Landing, Tenn.; April 6 and 7, took part in the battle of Shiloh, Tenn.; April 17, ordered to Pittsburg Landing, Tenn.; 29th, to Corinth, Miss.; June 2d, ordered to Bolivar, Tenn., under division commander, Gen. Lew Wallace; June 28, marched to Grand Junction, Tenn., after Jackson's guerrillas; July 25, returned to Bolivar, where we remained constructing fortifications, company C occupying Fort Anaca, until September 22, when we were ordered to Iuka, Miss., via Corinth. This company skirmished with the enemy under Van Dorn and Price with good effect; the enemy being driven out we returned to Bolivar September 26. October 3, 1862, were ordered to Pocahontas, on the Hatchee river, to intercept rebel forces under Van Dorn and Price retreating from Corinth after a sanguinary battle with Gen. Rosecrans. Our forces, including company C, met the retreating enemy at Hatchee river, where a severe battle took place, in which company C took an active part with the regiment, receiving praise for gallant conduct under Gen. ———. We returned to Bolivar, October 7, guarding thirty-six prisoners. This company was on the march through central Mississippi, and was with the regiment during the expedition and siege of Vicksburg; crossed the Mississippi river below Grand Gulf; marched to the battle of Thompson's Hill, Miss., May 1, 1863; met the enemy at Raymond, Miss., and routed him May 15, 1863; thence to Jackson, Miss., May 14; thence to Champion Hill, Miss., May 16, 1863; then crossed the Big Black to the siege of Vicksburg, May 18 to July 4, 1863; battle of Clinton and Jackson, Miss., February 5, 1864, and went to Meridian and burned the town and prison sheds. We were engaged for six successive days as sharpshooters, receiving praise for gallant conduct; was on the expedition under command of Maj. Gen. F. P. Blair, making a tour around by Yazoo City. This company, June 5, 1863, was in the rifle pits as before, and was in the expedition after the fall of Vicksburg under Maj.-Gen. Sherman against Johnson at Jackson, Miss. The company, with the regiment, guarded 554 prisoners into Vicksburg, Miss., where we remained until March 17, 1864, when we got furlough home. Returned to Cairo, Ill., in May, 1864, and marched from Clifton, Tenn., across Alabama, to Big Shanty, Ga., June 9, where a battle ensued; also Kennesaw Mountain and Brush Mountain until June 30, 1864; June 27, Kennesaw Mountain general assault; battle of Nickajack Creek, Ga., July 2-5; Atlanta, (Hood's first sortie) July 22, 1864; Atlanta, Ga., siege of July 28 to September 2, 1864; battle of Jonesboro, Ga., August 31 to September 1, 1864; also Lovejoy Station, Ga., September 2-6, 1864. After the fall of Atlanta went into camp at West Point, near Atlanta. This company marched from Atlanta, Ga., with Sherman to the sea and the siege of Savannah, Ga., December 10-21, 1864. Also battles as follows: Pocotalego, S. C., January 14-16, 1865; Orangeburg, S. C., February 12, 1865; Columbia, S. C., February 16-17, 1865; Cheraw, S. C., March 2-3, 1865; Bentonville, N. C., March 19, 1865; Goldsboro, N. C., March 21 1865; thence to Richmond, Va., to Washington, D. C., where the company marched in the grand review of the president of the United States, and all the government officials; thence to Louisville, Ky., where the company was mustered out on July 10, 1865, by Cyrus M. Roberts, captain Ohio veteran volunteer infantry."

The following history of company I, One Hundreth Ohio volunteer infantry, was written by a member of the company and published in the Antwerp *Argus*, July 23, 1891:

Company I, of the One Hundreth regiment, was raised at Antwerp upon the second call for 300,000 men in August, 1862. The company left here about 100 strong, under command of Capt. Kauffman; D. S. Hughes, first lieutenant; J. S. Champion, second lieutenant. Their first rendezvous was at Toledo. From thence they went to Covington, Ky., where they first sighted the "Johnnies." The regiment was a part of the Twenty-third corps commanded by Gen. Schofield, and saw some hard service. Their first regular engagement was at Buzzard's Roost, Ga. At the fight at Eutaw Creek the regiment lost 104 men out of 200 who were engaged. At the battle of Nashville the regiment captured a battery of eight guns after a desperate struggle.

From Nashville the regiment went to Baltimore, and from there to Cape Fear, and were in the hard fights at Wilmington and Goldsboro, N. C.

The principal battles in which the company was engaged were: Knoxville, Columbia, Franklin and Nashville, Tenn.; Buzzard's Roost, Atlanta, Ga.; Raleigh, Wilmington and Eutaw Creek, N. C.

The regiment was mustered out at Greensboro, N. C., June 20, 1865, and received their final discharge at Cleveland, Ohio, July 1, 1865.

Captain Kauffman died at Knoxville in the spring of 1863, and was succeeded by Capt. D. S. Hughes, who had command of the company at the time of its discharge.

Paulding county furnished two companies to the 100-day service of 1864, and as the important part taken by the Ohio 100-day men is looming into especial and merited significance, a brief history of the movement which led to their call into the United States service may not be out of place: Brough was emphatically a war governor, and to him belongs the praise of being the originator of the movement which released so many of the veteran soldiers from guard duty and sent them to the front to swell the armies of Grant. Brough suggested a call of the governors of Iowa, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana and Ohio, which resulted in a tender of 85,000 men for a period of 100 days, each state to furnish the following number: Iowa, 10,000; Wisconsin, 5,000; Illinois and Indiana, 20,000 each; and Ohio, 30,000 men. The proposition was forwarded to Washington and immediately accepted by Secretary Stanton. Governor Brough ordered Adjutant General Cowan to issue an order to the commandants of battalions and regiments in the state, calling them into active service. These had been organized really for the defense of the state, and were not in duty bound to respond, but, as the governor had relied upon their patriotism in issuing the call, they responded with alacrity, as he had believed they would. Only one company in the state, company B, Fortieth battalion, refused to be mustered into the United States service, and that company was dishonorably discharged from the service of the state. When the above call was made there was existing in the county a military organization known as the forty-second battalion, Ohio national guard, commanded by Major Andrew P. Meng. The battalion consisted of three companies — A, B and C — and was organized in the spring of 1863. When called into active service the battalion rendezvoused at Antwerp, May 2, 1864, drilled two days and was sent home, with orders to report on the 10th of the same month. Upon the 10th, the members of the battalion all reporting, they were soon on their way to serve the general government. At Toledo it was ascertained that the troop did not consist of three maximum companies, and company C was consolidated with companies A and B. By this arrangement some of the commissioned officers lost their commands, the ranking officers only being retained. With these two companies the battalions proceeded to Columbus, where it was consolidated with the Thirty-second battalion, from Logan county, and one company from Montgomery county, and became companies A and H, of the One Hundred and Thirty-second regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry, and as such was sworn into the service of the United States, Major Meng continuing to hold the same rank in the new organization that he had held in the battalion. The commissioned officers of company A were: John J. Shirley, captain; Fielding S. Cable, first lieutenant; and Peter Snook, second lieutenant. Of company H, the officers were: B. F. H. Hankins, captain; Eli H. Day, first lieutenant; and William Good, second lieutenant.

After a few days spent in drilling at Camp Chase, Colonel Haines was ordered to report with his regiment at Washington, D. C. Accordingly, on the 19th of May, it took up its line of march, and on the 22nd arrived at Washington, going over the Baltimore & Ohio railroad. At Washington it was ordered into camp at Arlington Heights, and remained there until about the first of June, when it boarded the steamer "John Brooks," and was sent to White House Landing, Va., which was then the base of

supplies for that portion of Grant's army then in active operations before Richmond. At this place it was attached to the second brigade, second division, of the eighteenth army corps, commanded by General "Baldy" Smith. The base of supplies having been transferred to the south of Richmond, the regiment, on the 13th of June, was sent to Bermuda Hundred, and for the remainder of its term of service did honorable duty in the trenches in front of Petersburg. Its term of enlistment having expired, it was ordered to Camp Chase, Ohio, about the last of August, and was mustered out September 10, 1864. True it is, the term of service of companies A and H, One Hundred and Thirty-second Ohio, was short, but the glory of their achievements will grow in brilliancy the more there is known of them. Besides these six companies, which were organized in the county, many of its citizens enlisted in other regiments of the state, so that at one time during the war scarcely a "corporal's guard" was left in the county. There were two drafts ordered in the county, but this would not have been, had not many of the enlisted men been credited to other counties. Had proper credits been given, there would have been no drafts in the county, as her quotas would have been much more than filled by volunteer enlistments. As proof of this the following instance is given: In Brown township, in the spring of 1865, a draft was pending, and six men wanted, when there were but three able-bodied men between the ages of eighteen and forty-five in the township. What is true of Brown township may also be true of the other townships. Since the war many ex-soldiers of other counties of the state, and of other states, have found homes in the county; and of these none have brighter military records than General S. R. Mott, Colonel Joseph M. Gaston, Major A. B. Holcombe and Colonel Robert S. Murphy. General Mott served as lieutenant-colonel of the Fifty-seventh Ohio volunteer infantry, and was breveted brigadier-general of United States volunteers, for gallant services on the field of battle; Colonel Gaston served four years, one month and seventeen days in the Sixteenth Indiana volunteer infantry, and as colonel of United Veteran Union post at Paulding; Major Holcombe served in a New York regiment, and in 1887 was chosen brigadier-general of the Grand Army of the Republic brigade of the sixth Ohio congressional district; R. S. Murphy served as first lieutenant of company H, Thirtieth Indiana volunteer infantry, and is now a grand army colonel in the county. Francis B. DeWitt, who has the distinguished honor of being the youngest soldier in the rebellion, resides in the county. He enlisted in the fall of 1861, when only about thirteen years old, and served in the One Hundred and Twenty-first Ohio volunteer infantry, until the close of the war, nearly four years. He took part in the battle of Pittsburg Landing, and is the original "Drummer Boy of Shiloh." There are several Grand Army, Union Veterans unions and Sons of Veterans posts in the county; and about one thousand resident veterans. The beautiful and patriotic custom of annually decking soldiers' graves with flowers is tenderly and zealously observed every 30th of May, and the exercises largely participated in by both citizens and ex-soldiers.

Bring flowers the sweetest,
Bring flowers the rarest,
And scatter them o'er our fallen braves;
Bring flowers the brightest,
Bring flowers the fairest,
And strew them profusely on our dead heroes' graves.

The Reservoir War.—The early history of the world is so intermingled with fable, that it is almost impossible to separate truth from falsehood. Many of the wars of the reputed gods were only the productions of some vivid fancy; but not so the reservoir war. It was not merely the creation of the mind but a stern reality, as many living witnesses can testify who saw the grim visages of armed troops quartered in the county for a whole week, in the spring of 1837, to quell what was purported to be a "lawless mob." From time immemorial it has been the custom of all eminent historians who wrote of wars to prelude the actual jingling of arms with the causes which led to the sanguinary conflicts. With no pretense to eminence, yet would our humble pen ask permission to, at least, be permitted to follow in the beaten path of those whose business it has been to rivet burning truths upon the lasting page. At this date, and when the white-winged dove of peace is again hovering over the county, a history of the reservoir war and the causes which led to it may be truthfully and impartially told. In 1826 certain lands in what are now Crane and Carryall townships were set apart, by an act of the Ohio legislature, for the purpose of locating thereon a reservoir, designed to be a feeder of the Wabash & Erie canal, which was then under contemplation of being built, and which was completed in 1843. Work on this reservoir began in 1840 and it was completed about two years later. It was formed by clearing away the timber, throwing up an embankment and cutting off the waters of Six Mile creek, from whence it derived the name of Six Mile reservoir. The embankments inclosed only about 3,600 acres of land, but the cutting off of the creek caused it in time of freshets to overflow its banks, which were shallow, and to spread over many thousand acres west of the reservoir, rendering it impossible to put it in a state of cultivation. It is estimated that about 14,000 or 15,000 acres of fertile land in the county were thus rendered worthless. For many years, and while the canal was in active operation, nothing was said of the devastating features of the reservoir. It was regarded as a public necessity and the citizens acquiesced in the desolation which it wrought. But when Indiana had abandoned her portion of the canal, and when that portion in Ohio between Junction and the state line was no longer navigated except now and then by a solitary wood boat, or a floating boarding house for gangs of timbermen, then an entirely different phase was put upon the reservoir and its desolate surroundings. The citizens of Antwerp—then the most populous village in the county—looked forth and saw, upon the very verge of their southern suburbs, a large, gloomy and impenetrable swamp, made so by a portion of the public works which were no longer a source of revenue to the state, but virtually abandoned by it; and they readily and justly concluded that the time for its legal abandonment had fully arrived.

Accordingly, in the winter of 1886, a petition was gotten up, setting forth in vivid, yet not overdrawn, colors, the grievances brought about by the Six Mile reservoir and its attendant influences, and praying for the abatement of what was now pronounced an eye-sore upon the county and a nuisance to the vicinity in which it was located. The petition received many signers in all parts of the county, and upon being sent to Hon. John L. Geyer, then representative from the county, he prepared a bill for the abandonment of the reservoir, and that portion of the Wabash & Erie canal extending from Junction to the Indiana state line. At this juncture the bill found a formidable and wary foe in the city of Defiance; and for the following reasons: It was a manufacturing city, and the products of its factories were mostly of wood. The vast forests in the vicinity of the reservoir were to them a territory of great wealth, inasmuch as they furnished much of the raw material for the factories; and the canal was a valuable channel, as it afforded excellent means for the transportation of said wealth to their city. What was the Upas to Antwerp and Paulding county was a Golconda to Defiance. It is not to be wondered at then, in a business point of view, that the citizens of that city sent large and influential lobbies to Columbus to oppose the passage of the bill. It was ably championed by Mr. Geyer and passed the house; but in the senate the influence brought to bear by the Defiance lobby was too powerful, and it was defeated in that body, March 9, 1887, by a vote of twenty-six to eight. When the news of the defeat of the bill reached the county, the deep rumblings of rage were heard in the breast of her citizens, and particularly in those residing in Antwerp and vicinity. In the failure of the passage of the bill they considered themselves sorely aggrieved. They felt that by the action of the senate a large, unsightly and miasmatic swamp had been fastened upon the fertile bosom of the county; and it is supposed that about this date the organization of a mysterious body, afterward known as the "Dynamiters," began; and that the avowed purpose of this organization was the destruction of the useless reservoir and canal. The state board of public works, one member of which resided at Defiance, as if in anticipation of that which did happen, placed a few citizen guards, employed by the state, on the banks of the reservoir, and at the locks along the canal, to protect them from invasion. But notwithstanding this precaution, on the night of April 25, 1887, a loud explosion was heard in the vicinity of the reservoir, and on the following morning it was ascertained that the guards had been overpowered (without injury, however, to any of them) by a large force of masked men, and that the bulkhead of the reservoir and three locks on the canal had been blown out, or injured, by dynamite. The startling news flew like lightning throughout the county and state, and the following and similar telegrams were dispatched to Gov. Foraker from Defiance:

Two hundred men marched on the canal in a body, captured the guards and held them in confinement until daylight. They worked all night on the front and rear of the reservoir, cutting the ground enough to let the water out. Then they poured coal oil on the lock and the keeper's house, burning it up. One hundred more men went to Tate's and the other remaining lock, blowing them up with dynamite. No locks remain on the Wabash canal, and mob law reigns supreme. The people of Defiance and Paulding counties call on you to protect the state property.

E. SQUIRE.

Acting upon these telegrams, Gov. Foraker immediately telegraphed Adj.-Gen. Axline to assemble a portion of the state troops and to proceed at once to the scene of conflict; and also issued the following proclamation, copies of which were posted up throughout the county:

STATE OF OHIO, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
COLUMBUS, April 26, 1887.

WHEREAS, It has been reported to me that on the night of the 25th inst. an armed mob of lawless and rioting men drove away from the public works of the state in Paulding county, the guards who were in possession of the same, and with dynamite blew up certain locks of the canal, and with powder and fire destroyed others, and otherwise by cutting the banks of the canal and reservoir, did great damage and injury thereto; and,

WHEREAS, This armed and lawless mob are reported to be still banded together for the purpose of preventing the state authorities from again taking possession and control of the property so wrongfully wrested from them, and threaten by violence to prohibit the repair of the damage so as aforesaid inflicted by them; and,

WHEREAS, The civil authorities of Paulding county appear to be either unable or unwilling to suppress said rioters and protect the authorities of the state in resuming control of the property of the state and making repairs thereof, and appear to be either unable or unwilling to disperse said mob and preserve the public peace,

Now, therefore, I, Joseph B. Foraker, governor of the state of Ohio, do hereby call upon said rioters and evil-disposed persons to desist at once from their unlawful actions and to disperse at once to their homes, and I hereby warn them, failing to do so, they will be immediately compelled to such a course so far as the protection, repair and preservation of the public property of the state is concerned. All persons failing to serve and comply with the commands hereof, will do so at their peril.

In testimony whereof I have herounto subscribed my name and caused to be affixed the great seal of the state, at Columbus, this 26th day of April, in the year of our Lord 1887.

J. B. FORAKER.

By the governor,
J. S. ROBINSON, *Secretary of State.*

In obedience to the governor, Adjt.-Gen. Axline dispatched the following order to Maj. Bunker, commanding the Sixteenth regiment at Toledo:

COLUMBUS, April 26, 1887.—Assemble about fifty men from sixteenth regiment as soon as possible for duty in Paulding county and await further orders. H. A. AXLINE, *Adjutant General.*

Maj. Bunker immediately issued the following order to the captains of companies A, C and H:

TOLEDO, April 26, 1887.

Special Order No. 1:
In compliance with the above order, you will forthwith assemble your company at its armory ready for duty.

I. T. MERRILL, *Adjutant.* H. S. BUNKER, *Maj. Com'd'g..*

At 8 o'clock p. m., April 26, Gen. Axline, at the head of a force consisting of portions of the Sixteenth regiment, commanded by Maj. H. S. Bunker; and a part of the Fourth battery, First regiment, Ohio national guard, commanded by Capt. O. J. Hopkins, arrived at Cecil, a distance of four miles from the reservoir. Total number of the force was fifty-three enlisted men and nine officers. The infantry was armed with muskets and

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bayonets and 2,000 rounds of ammunition; the battery was armed with a gatling gun, and 4,500 rounds of ammunition. Headquarters were established at Cecil, and the troops fed at the Mackinaw House, after which a detachment of twenty-eight men, headed by Gen. Axline, moved forward to the reservoir and took possession of the same without firing a gun, or even sighting an enemy. Within twelve hours after receiving orders, Gen. Axline was on the ground with an armed force ready to protect the state property. The next day, April 27, the whole command marched to the front and went into camp at the northeast corner of the reservoir. This camp was appropriately named Camp Dynamite. It was not fortified, but tents were pitched, and the gatling gun placed in position to rake the north and east banks of the reservoir in case of a hostile demonstration by land; or to pour its leaden hail over the bosom of old canal in case of a gunboat attack. Guards were thrown out, picket posts established, and everything in true military style. But no enemy appeared. No attacks were made. All around was as peaceful and quiet as the grave, save the roar of the mighty waters that rushed in torrents through the aperture made in the reservoir bank. Attempts were made by the board of public works to repair it, but they were unsuccessful; and the damage done was never fully repaired. Citizens from all parts of the county, excited by the novelty of an armed body of troops within her borders, flocked in great numbers to see the gatling gun, and mingled on the best of terms with the soldiery, gaily conversing and cracking jokes with the officers and men. Never was an invading body of troops more kindly treated in an enemy's country than was Maj. Bunker's command by the citizens of the county. On the Sabbath that the soldiers were at Camp Dynamite, Rev. J. W. McClusky, of Antwerp, attended the camp and divine services were held. A waggish Antwerper (perhaps a dynamiter), says the words of the text were: "The sword of Foraker be upon us, and the roaring of mighty waters is heard throughout the land, and groans and lamentations riseth up from the city of Defiance; but the reservoir must go." The troops were stationed in the county about one week and were then recalled. The only victim of the war was Fred Reeves, aged nineteen, private in company H. He accidentally shot himself through the head while on guard duty at Cecil an hour or two after the first arrival of the troops at that place. He was killed instantly and his remains were taken to Toledo the following day for burial, escorted by a corporal and two of his comrades. The citizens and soldiers alike mourned the sad and untimely fate of young Reeves.

In about four weeks after the departure of the militia, Governor Foraker visited Antwerp in person. He was kindly received by the citizens, and by them escorted to the late seat of war. He looked upon the dilapidated reservoir and all its desolate surroundings, and in a speech made to the crowd who had assembled to greet him said that he was convinced that the citizens of the county had grievances and that they should receive his immediate attention. A second bill for the abandonment of the reservoir and canal was presented to the Ohio legislature in the winter of 1887-8, and this time was successful. It passed both houses and became a law May 17, 1888. On the following fourth of July the citizens of Antwerp and the county celebrated the event at Antwerp with a grand jollification, in which the troops which had been called out from Toledo heartily participated. The results of the war were that the abandonment of the reservoir was hastened by it, a canal commission of three persons was appointed who sold the state lands which it contained, the channel of Six Mile was again opened, and now large fields of corn and other cereals are grown upon what was a dismal and desolate swamp. The state paid the expenses of the war, and no restitution was made of the property destroyed. The dynamiters! Who they were, from whence they came, or whither they went, is associated with as much mysteriousness as are the pre-historic races. We know that they existed only by the traces of identity which they left behind them. None of them were ever punished. The banner under which they rallied their forces was exhibited at the Antwerp jollification. It was a strip of black bunting, on one side of which was inscribed "No Compromise!" and on the other "The Reservoir Must Go!" Its memory has been perpetuated in the following stanzas:

The shades of night were falling fast,
When through the streets of Antwerp passed,
A gang with banner overhead,
Which bore the legend dire and dread
"No Compromise!"

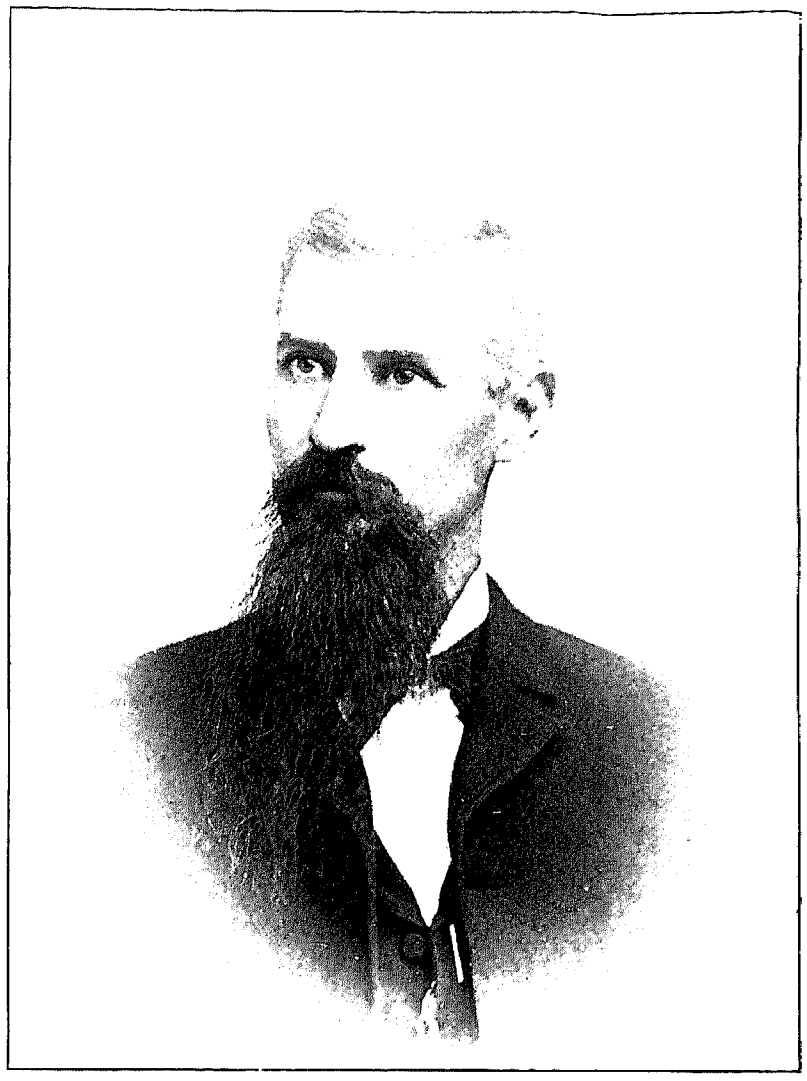
The townsman cry, "Where do you go,
Ye men of measured tread and slow?
Can nothing turn you from your course?"
The answer came in accents hoarse,
"No Compromise!"

"The Reservoir must go," they cry;
"We'll drain it out and run it dry;
We'll blow it up with dynamite,
And all resistance put to flight."
"No Compromise!"

"Our rage can never be beguiled,
We'll raise a tempest fierce and wild
Whose waves shall roll in billows on,
Until the reservoir is gone."
"No Compromise!"

Full swift the dreadful rumor flies,
To where Defiance city lies;
Fierce lightning from an angry sky,
Would fright them less than that wild cry
"No Compromise!"

Her factory wheels will cease to turn,
Her engine fires will cease to burn!
Her people crowd into the street.
With white lips whispering as they meet,
"No Compromise!"



Hon. F. B. DeWITT.

Francis Byron DeWitt was born March 11, 1849. The old stock of DeWitts are of Scotch descent, who came from Holland, to Orange county, New York, long prior to the Revolutionary war. His great-great-grandfather was the sire of nine boys, all of whom became the heads of families. The work of perpetuating the name and replenishing the earth is a family characteristic, which is well known by the family traditions covering a period of over one hundred and fifty years. Charles DeWitt, his grandfather, removed from Orange county, N. Y., to Richland county, this state, in an early period in the history of Ohio, and afterward took up his home on a farm in Delaware county. This farm is now occupied by Francis DeWitt, and has been a family homestead for sixty-two years. F. B. DeWitt says that time has worn the soil, "yet my veneration for the old farm has grown stronger as the years roll by." Francis, his father, was born in Richland county, in 1819, and Sarah McLane, his mother, was born in Pickaway county, in 1821. This couple, still living, have celebrated their golden wedding, and the subject of this sketch is the fourth child of a family of ten children, nine of whom are now living. His early life was passed on the old homestead, where a good opportunity was afforded for plenty of hard work and a country education, so essential to success in life. He spent about four years in academic and collegiate education, making a specialty of the higher mathematics. When asked at college to what class he belonged he invariably replied, to the irregular scientific preps. His profession is such that the details of mathematics have not been called into practical use, yet his faculty for correct mathematical reasoning is made apparent by every turn of his successful career. Let us pass for a moment to his military life. In 1860 he procured an old drum for one dollar in boy's work, in husking corn. He enlisted the friendship of an old Mexican war drummer, who gave him some points in this kind of music. In 1861 he could pound the sheep skin so that the neighborhood boys, who had military ambition, could keep step quite well in their home drill. Seeing others go to war and hearing the stories of camp life and battle field, he was seized with the irrepressible passion for becoming a soldier. He enlisted at the age of twelve, in the Forty-sixth Ohio regiment, and was at the battle of Shiloh. On the campaign to Corinth he acquired a temporary disability, from which, after the fall of Corinth, he was discharged. Remaining out of the service but five weeks he enlisted, in 1862, in the One Hundred and Twenty-first Ohio regiment. He was with his regiment at the battle of Perryville, Ky.; in Rosecranz's campaign through Tennessee, and under Steadman at Chickamagua; his regiment, holding the right wing of the army on that memorable field, achieved a national reputation for maintaining every foot of ground over which it fought, capturing a rebel flag from the Twenty-second Alabama against odds on an open field, firing the last gun in that most terrific conflict, and serving as a rear guard to the great army which withdrew in the direction of Chattanooga. In Bragg's siege of Chattanooga which followed, DeWitt says: That his experience of hunger impresses him yet; how every soldier on short rations coveted the army mule's ear of corn and the musty cracker, which was out of reach and carefully guarded at the commissary, and how we hailed with a soldier's delight the re-inforcements under Sherman and Grant, of the army of the Tennessee from Vicksburg, and the bountiful provisions which they brought. He participated with his regiment in the entire Atlanta campaign, 100 days under fire, and knows by experience of the Savannah campaign in marching through Georgia. In the compaign from Savannah through the Carolinas, while venturing too far in advance of the army with a squad of Sherman's bummers, he unfortunately, after a sharp encounter with a detachment of Wheeler's cavalry, became a prisoner of war, and learned something of Confederate prison life in Salisbury, Danville and Libby prisons; at the latter prison he remained until the close of the war in 1865. All of DeWitt's military life, except while a prisoner, was at the front. Others as young who served so long were in favored positions. The history of this country perhaps does not furnish a parallel of one of such tender years undergoing such long and hard service and retaining such a powerful constitution and robust health as he possesses. He thinks that the front and battle field to him who is shielded in the fortunes of war by the kind hand of providence is the paradise for the soldier.

DeWitt came to Paulding in the spring of 1867, and performed manual labor through the summer and attended school in the winter under Samuel Means, in the old frame school building which stood on the southwest corner of the public square. His collegiate course was between this and 1872. His vacations were spent at hard labor in replenishing his purse, so that the beginning of each school year found him at his desk with limited means, a sun-burned complexion, calloused hands and a strong determination to acquire knowledge. Having read law under T. B. Holland, at Paulding, he was admitted to practice in 1875. He at once built up a good law practice and at all times enjoyed the respect and confidence of the bench and bar. His success in some of the most distinguished criminal cases in the history of the legal jurisprudence of Paulding county, such as the Upthegrove, Plumley and Waterside cases, has earned for him a good reputation as a prudent criminal lawyer, while his ability as a civil lawyer having to his credit success in a long line of important real estate cases passes without question. He was married, in the spring of 1875, to Dell V. Williams, and, as a result of this happy union, is at the head of a family of highly appreciated children: Gail, John S., Eva M. (deceased), William B., Clayton and Florence Bell. Eva May, his second daughter, who departed this life in the summer of 1887, will long be remembered by many in Paulding as a very bright, interesting child. Now residing upon his reservoir farm of about 700 acres in Crane township, he is taking quite an interest in agricultural matters. The product of this farm for 1891, when considering the short time it has been occupied, is almost phenominal.

On July 25, 1891, Mr. DeWitt was nominated, by the republican convention of Paulding county, as the first representative for that county to the Ohio legislature, Paulding county never having a sufficient population heretofore under the constitution to entitle her to a separate representative. Mr. M. N. Utley, a democrat and merchant of Cecil, was his opponent. The county, in 1890, gave a democratic majority of 468. This, although not promising upon its face, was deemed a sufficient fighting chance for one of DeWitt's courage. The campaign, though long and closely contested, resulted, on November 3rd, in DeWitt's election by 343 majority. As Mr. DeWitt is a man of good character, well defined intentions and honest convictions, his friends have no fears but what he will acquit himself with credit to his people, as the first representative of Paulding county.

CHAPTER IX.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

PAULDING COUNTY is abreast with the times in her educational interests. The general spirit of enterprise manifested in business circles, and the rapid progress in other public improvements, have demanded a corresponding development in the system of education. To this demand the citizens have ably and generously responded. The log cabin of pioneer days, with its puncheon floor, clap-board roof and greased paper for windows, has rotted away, and been supplanted by good substantial frame or brick structures. Large public school buildings have been and are being erected in all the towns of any considerable size, which are modeled after the latest and best styles of architecture, and furnished with all the modern appliances. In a few instances uniform courses of study have been adopted, which are admirably adapted to the wants of the pupils who are preparing to enter college, and are especially suited to the practical needs of the masses. The Paulding, Antwerp and Payne schools are foremost in this particular, being thoroughly graded with a view to having a systematic course of study and a conferring of degrees upon graduates. There are marked signs of progress in the intellectual and practical knowledge of the teachers throughout the county. Annual institutes have been held for the the past twenty-five years, and quarterly institutes for the past four or five years. The examiners of the county have generally been, and are, men of true moral and intellectual worth, and have sought by rigid and thorough examinations of teachers to secure a genuine system and high standard of education. The first board of examiners was J. O. Shannon, S. N. Webb and H. A. Brown; and the following are the names of persons who have since served in that official capacity: John D. Carlton, Russell Cushman, A. J. Champion, Samuel Means, Andrew Durfey, W. C. Means, Kelsey Vanderhoof, A. M. Russell, I. N. Glover, C. W. Prettyman, J. H. McCague, H. M. Ayres, T. H. B. Bashore, F. B. DeWitt, W. H. Snook, John D. Lamb, C. B. May, W. B. Jackson, J. J. Clark, W. H. Mustard, Lewis Snyder, W. B. Brown, A. D. Male, J. M. Birkhold and L. J. Shafer. John D. Carlton was the first person who commenced the vocation of teaching in the county. The writer remembers of hearing an old rhyme, years ago, which ran as follows:

John Carlton was a pedagogue,
A pedagogue was he;
He taught the Paulding county youth
In eighteen thirty-three.

The stanza was probably the spontaneous outburst of some poetically inclined student of the pioneer pedagogue, and if not fraught with rhymthic beauty, contains, at least, an historical fact worthy of being preserved. Further mention of pioneer teachers and of schools in general is made elsewhere in this historical sketch, and therefore unnecessary here.

The following is a list of youth, of school age, taken at the June enrollment of 1891, in the several special districts and townships in the county:

	Males.	*Females.*	*Total.*
Special Districts—			
Broughton and Hedges	125	114	239
Scott	108	125	233
Melrose	93	92	185
Latty	118	90	208
Dague	43	41	84
Oakwood	72	80	152
Payne	225	237	472
Cecil	62	60	122
Paulding	346	323	669
Antwerp	322	312	634
Townships—			
Latty	375	343	718
Washington	368	324	718
Carryall	240	146	386
Brown	248	202	405
Blue Creek	324	256	580
Crane	172	153	328
Benton	373	279	652
Harrison	247	229	467
Jackson	246	208	454
Emerald	245	183	428
Auglaize	179	186	365
Paulding	320	309	629

The entire number of school youth in the county is: males, 4,851; females, 4,392; total, 9,233.

CHAPTER X.

CHURCHES.

AS the details of the early church organizations, also of the present church edifices, have been given in the preceding pages of this history there remains but little more to be said, unless it would be to give an extended and complete sketch of each church, and that, owing to our limited space, can not be done without infringing upon some of the other topics that must be mentioned. As has been shown the early Christians of the county met at the log dwellings of the pioneers, and cabin school-houses, to sing their songs of praise, and lift their hearts in prayer to the Most High. Happily, that is all past now, and neat and commodious edifices are erected in all parts of the county, where the various denominations can meet for worship. As a sample of the growth and development of Christianity in the county we will give the full history of one church, and what is true of its organization and advancement is in a measure true of all the others. Bethel Christian church, in Paulding county, was organized in a school-house in sub-district No. 4, Auglaize township, on the 9th of February, 1858, by Elders John Gillespie and John Bushong. This territory was then in the Auglaize conference, but when the Maumee conference was formed the church was transferred to it. In 1868 the Auglaize and Maumee conferences were consolidated into one, called the Northwestern Ohio Christian conference, and in which the church has been since that time. The charter members of the church were named: John Rickner, Rachel Rickner, John Gillespie, Susannah Gillespie, A. J. Frederick, Elizabeth Frederick, Ichabod Gillespie, D. P. W. Rains, Thomas Graham, Jemima Graham, William and Nancy Smith, and Jacob and Rosannah Eitniaer—fourteen in all. There are now on the church roster about 140 members. A hewed log church 25x30 feet in size was built in 1858, and used as a place of worship until 1874, when a neat frame structure 34x44 feet in dimensions was erected, and is yet in use as a church.

The names of ministers who have served as pastors of the church are: Rev. John Gillespie, eleven years; Rev. John Bushong, one year; Rev. Enos Foster, two years; Rev. Branson Good, six months; Rev. Ruff, three years; Rev. P. Richardson, one year; Rev. C. C. Sink, eight months; Rev. Lewis Gander, one year; Rev. Rapp, one year; Rev. Elijah Coil, six months; Rev. Garner, one year; Rev. G. R. Mell, three years; Rev. W. N. Deck, three years; and Rev. Leonard, the present pastor. John H. McCague has held the offices of deacon and clerk in the church from the year of 1860 down to the present time. The first Sunday-school that the church organized was in the spring of 1866, of which S. T. Morris was superintendent. The church has at present a very large and interesting Sunday-school, with J. M. Morris at its head as superintendent. The moral and christian influence which the church has thrown out upon the community around it is acknowledged and felt by all. May it long exist to spread its good work is the wish of the humble writer who traces its history to-day.

One of the first circuit riders to visit Paulding county was Elnathan C. Gavitt, who in after years became a presiding elder in the Methodist Episcopal church, and resided at Lima. The following sketch is given by him in an address before a meeting of the Maumee Valley Pioneer association, at Defiance, on the 22d of February, 1878. He says: "I was born in Ohio. My parents emigrated to this state in 1805. This is my native home; here are the graves of my parents, wife and children. Many are the attachments and fond recollections which cluster around the scenes of my early days. My first missionary work commenced among the Wyandots at Upper Sandusky. This mission was first established by a colored man, Rev. John Stewart, a local minister of the Methodist Episcopal church, in 1816, and was the first Protestant Indian mission this side of the Alleghany mountains. My missionary work commenced among them in 1832, in connection with Rev. Thos. Thompson. At that day it was the policy of the church to hunt up all the white settlements and carry the gospel to them. Emigration to northern Ohio had commenced, the Maumee valley was fast filling up, and hence our missionary work was not wholly confined to the Indians, but extended over a large territory now included in the following counties: Crawford, Marion, Hardin, Auglaize, Allen, Van Wert, Hancock, Putnam, Paulding, Defiance, Williams, Fulton, Lucas, Henry, Wood, Ottawa, and several appointments within the bounds of Sandusky and Seneca. Traveling most of the time without roads or bridges, fording streams or swimming our horses, and sometimes lodging in the wilderness, preaching from two to three times a day, and all this had to be accomplished every four weeks, so as to reach the mission at Upper Sandusky by Saturday night,

as one of the missionaries had to remain until the other returned, to superintend the house, farm and school, having from sixty to eighty children to be provided for. Let others think as they may as to christianity and the gospel ministry, it was the love of souls, the moral and religious improvement of these new settlements that prompted the ministers to make the sacrifices they did, and not the love of fame or wealth. My colleague, being a married man, was allowed a salary of $200 per year; but being a single man, I was only allowed $100; but this amount was not to come from the Indians, but must be secured from the whites; and each member was expected to pay 25 cents per quarter, which was called quarterage. The country being new and the people poor, the minister generally received about one-half his salary. The first five years of my itineracy I did not receive more than $40 or $50 per year, and much of this was in such articles as they could conveniently spare. However, it was customary for all the membership to pay something according to their ability, but such families as were destitute of means were cheerfully excused, providing they kept on hand a good supply of yellow-legged chickens.

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"Most of the time while at the mission I provided for myself, cooking and lodging in the school house. My food was of the plainest quality, consisting principally of deer or bear meat, coon or opossum, with some dried corn and cranberries sweetened with Indian sugar, but not always free from hair or feathers. My bed was composed of skins, my pillow a calico sack filled with dry grass, the covering my horse blanket or cloak. I preached on the Sabbath, taught during the week, and doctored at night, except in extreme cases."

When we reflect upon this sketch of Elder Gavitt, we cannot help exclaiming: What a striking contrast there is between the pioneer circuit rider of fifty years ago and the well fed, well paid and not overworked ministers of the present time! The location of the churches of the county and their various denominations will be found in the township and village history of this volume.

CHAPTER XI.

THE MEDICAL PROFESSION.

THE medical profession in the county is well and ably represented by a number of excellent physicians, graduates from the best medical schools of the country. Among the pioneers there were some able and excellent physicians. One of the first followers of Æsculapius, that we have any note of, to tread the soil of Paulding county, was Dr. Richard Allison, who accompanied Gen. Wayne in his memorable march down the Auglaize from Fort Recovery to Defiance. He was a native of New York and had served as surgeon's mate in the revolutionary war. He was surgeon general of Wayne's legion and had accompanied Gen. Harmar and Gen. St. Clair on their disastrous expeditions. After Wayne's victory at the battle of Fallen Timber, he resigned from the army and practiced in Cincinnati for many years. It is said that he was a "kindly, shrewd and sensible M. D., not overweighted with book-learning, but cunning as to the frailties of humanity." Dr. John Phillips, of New Jersey; Dr. John Elliot, of New York; Dr. Joseph Strong, of Connecticut; and Dr. John Sellman, of Maryland, were other surgeons who served with Wayne. Some of the pioneer physicians of the county were Dr. John Kingery, of Brown township; Dr. Royal B. Cooper, of Charloe; Dr. Marcellus, of Junction; and Dr. B. B. Woodcock, of Antwerp. Dr. Kingery, it seems, was a farmer and shoemaker, as well as a physician, from an entry made in one of his old account books now in possession of the writer:

DECEMBER 4th, A. D. 1845.

JOHN KRETZINGER TO JOHN KINGERY, DR.

Making one pair fine shoes	62½ cents.
To one-half bushel turnips	10 cents.
To one bushel potatoes	25 cents.
To medical attendance	$1.00.

In another entry of September 7, 1847, we find "John Bowers Dr. to John Kingery, $5.00 for filling one 'waggon' wheel and 'sitting' tire." This pioneer physician was a mechanic as well as a farmer and professional man. He resided on the opposite side of the Auglaize river from Old Fort Brown, and died about the year 1854. The principal diseases of the early settlers of the county was ague, and fevers of a miasmatic nature. Every new settler usually had a siege of chills which lasted until he wore it out and became acclimated; or until it wore him out and laid his bleached bones beneath the somber shades of the cemetery elm. Many of the first settlers died early in life, while others, having strong constitutions, lived to an advanced age. Whether the better class of physicians in the county at present could have combated the early diseases with more success than did the pioneer doctors is difficult to determine. Among the pioneers the physicians were also the dentists, charging twenty-five cents for each tooth extracted (with reduction in price if several were taken out), and plugging decayed teeth with tin-foil in lieu of gold. They were also their own apothecaries, ordering six months in advance their desiderated supplies of Glauber's salt, dragon's blood, balsam of Peru, melopodium, bitter apple, Huxham's mixture and other obsolete medicaments. We remember, when a mere urchin, of visiting Dr. Cooper's old "doctor shop" in Charloe, and regaling our olfactory nerves in the mingled odors which, like incense to the god of physic, arose from the brown paper bundles, bottles stopped with worm-eaten corks, and open jars of ointment, all having the resemblance of being the remains of some apothecary's store of King Solomon's days. Dr. Cooper was careless in his office, but was regarded as a good physician. He died about the year 1860, after having been a practitioner of medicine in the county for fifteen or twenty years. Bleeding was recognized as an effective remedy for many diseases among our pioneers, and the lancet was found in the antiquated pill-bags of every physician, and frequently used. For "tapping a vein" twenty-five cents was charged; for sitting up all night, one dollar; and for long rides to visit patients twenty-five cents a mile, payable in produce. We do not have the account of any instances where these pioneer chirurgeons were called upon to extirpate witches, but some of their prescriptions, aided by the credulity of their patients, often produced miracles worthy of the "faith cures" of these enlightened days. Dr. Olds settled in Charloe, in 1852, and began the practice, but he gave such large doses of calomel, and so many of his patients were salivated that the people ceased to employ him. About this time a song entitled "Calomel" was frequently heard. The following are two of its stanzas:

Said Dr. Olds unto the wife,
"Bring me clean paper, spoon and knife;
I'm sure your husband can't get well,
Without a dose of calomel."
Chorus: Calomel, calomel.
Without a dose of calomel.

The husband turned himself in bed,
And to his wife he feebly said:
"O let me bid this world farewell,
Without one dose of calomel."
Chorus: Calomel, calomel,
Without one dose of calomel.

Dr. Elijah J. Brown is the oldest physician in the county, having practiced in different localities of its limits for the past forty or fifty years. He is now a resident of Worstville and still in the practice. Dr. A. E. Schooley was for many years the leading physician of Junction. Dr. Jonas Hager and Dr. Milholland are the present physicians of that village. Dr. H. M. Ayres located in Charloe in the early sixties, and being thoroughly educated in the profession, began a reform in the practice of medicine. He was the first graduate of a medical college to settle in the county. In 1875 he was elected sheriff of the county and removed to Paulding. After serving as sheriff four years he again took up the practice of medicine, and is now in partnership with his daughter, Dr. Lillie Ayres, who graduated from a Cincinnati medical college in 1889, and is the only lady physician in the county. Dr. Sade E. Dix was formerly a lady practitioner in the county, but removed to Van Wert in 1889. Dr. J. L. Slager is a young and prominent physician of Paulding. He is the only post-graduate in the county, having attended a course of clinical lectures in New York city in 1887. Dr. C. E. Cunningham is an old practitioner in the county, now located at Paulding, and an excellent physician; Drs. Flavien and Montgomery are also physicians in that town and both have a lucrative practice. Dr. P. Alvin Dix, for a time a leading physician in Paulding, sold to Dr. Montgomery and located at Cincinnati, late in the fall of 1890, and in December, 1891, returned to Paulding, where he is permanently located and will practice as a specialist. Drs. J. W. Cartwright, J. W. McHenry and G. E. Brattain are located at Payne. Drs. John Harrod and C. V. Gorrell are also physicians at Payne. Dr. A. McDonnel was for many years a prominent physician at Antwerp, but died in 1888. Dr. A. C. McCann, Dr. Cave and Dr. Brattain are the present

physicians of that place. Dr. D. W. Hixson practiced medicine for many years at Paulding and Antwerp, but died in the early part of 1891. Other physicians of the county are Drs. Sherrard and Burson, at Oakwood; Dr. Fife, at Melrose; Dr. Richardson, at Hamer; Dr. Ladd, at Broughton; Dr. A. H. Mouser, at Hedges; Dr. C. A. Bray and Tooker of Grover Hill; Dr. Hosford, at Latty; Drs. Gordon, Wilson Bros. at Scott and Dr. Wemuth, at Cecil; Dr. C. B. Chesher practiced medicine at Paulding from 1880 to 1890, when he was appointed superintendent of the Cleveland insane asylum, but was superseded by Dr. Eyeman, of Toledo, in August, 1891. Dr. Frank Saylor, of Antwerp, graduated at the Ann Arbor medical college in June 1891, formed a partnership with Dr. Flavein, of Paulding, but was shortly after appointed an assistant physician at the Cleveland insane asylum, which position he is filling at present. Drs. J. L. Slager, G. E. Brattain and W. H. Montgomery are the pension board of examiners in the county, Dr. D. C. Goings is the only "faith cure," Dr. Jas. Huston, who located in Paulding in 1886, is the only resident dentist of this county.

CHAPTER XII.

BENCH AND BAR.

THE organization of Paulding county took place in 1839, and its first associate judges, Nathan Eaton, Gilman C. Mudgett and John Hudson, met in the fall of that year and appointed H. N. Curtis, clerk, *pro tem.*, and Andrew J. Smith, sheriff. The first court was held in the spring of 1840, at New Rochester, with Hon. Emery D. Potter as presiding judge. It was held in a room over Gen. H. N. Curtis' store. There being no lawyers residing in the county at that time, Edwin Phelps, of Defiance, was appointed prosecuting attorney. We have no means of giving a synopsis of the proceedings of this court, as the records have not been preserved. In those days it was customary for lawyers to travel with the judges from county to county throughout the entire circuit in which courts were held; and lawyers from as far east as Mansfield attended the courts held in Paulding and Defiance counties. They traveled on horseback and carried their volumes of legal lore in saddle-bags. The Hon. Thomas E. Powell, of Delaware, in a letter to W. C. Holgate, in 1878, says: "It is now upward of fifty-five years since I attended court at Defiance, with Judge Lane on the bench. I so attended it for five or six successive years." Mr. Powell was then a citizen of Perrysburg, having located in that village in 1820, and remaining there in the practice of law until 1830.

From New Rochester the court and county business was transferred to Charloe in 1841, that village having been made the county seat. John H. Palmer, S. Briggs and Patrick G. Good were the common pleas judges at this place; and H. N. Curtis, Christian Shroufe, John Hudson and Robert Shirley some of the associate judges. Shortly after the location of the county seat at Charloe, D. U. Harrington, John W. Ayres, John D. Carlton and A. S. Latty became resident attorneys of that village. By a special act of the legislature the county seat was located at Paulding in 1851, and the county business removed there from Charloe in the spring of that year. The first court held in Paulding was in a log cabin which stood on the corner of Water and Jackson streets, the site being now occupied by Dr. Flavien's residence. The associate judges were men chosen for their sterling worth, honesty and moral integrity, rather than for their knowledge of the law, for but few of them possessed any legal ability. Regarding this fact, an amusing incident is told as follows: Robert McCreary, or "Bob" McCreary, as he was familiarly called, a waggish sort of a genius who resided in Paulding, attended the court room one morning in the early fifties, and looking up to where the presiding judge and the three associates sat, he shrugged his shoulders and smilingly said: "Ah, a thousand judges on the bench this morning!" "Why, how is that, Bob?" some one said. "Why, one and three cyphers, doesn't that make a thousand?" The point was quickly seen and a general titter ran through the court room as the result of witticism. Poor Bob! he has long since been summoned to stand before that Great High Court, where alike the living and the dead are judged. By an act of the legislature in 1855 the office of probate judge was created, and that of associate judge abolished. Alexander S. Latty was the first common pleas judge to sit on the bench in the county after the abandonment of the associate judges; being elected in 1856 and continuing in the office for twenty years or four consecutive terms. He was a resident of Paulding when first elected and remained there until about the year of 1860, when he removed to Defiance, where he yet resides. He was a wise and upright judge, and retired from the bench only by his own choosing. The following brief sketch of his life is taken from the Toledo *Daily Bee* of August 17, 1891:

"One of the old land-marks of the Maumee valley who has been for more than half a century prominently identified with the development of northwestern Ohio is Judge A. S. Latty, of Defiance. The active career of Judge Latty was contemporaneous with that of Hon. A. P. Edgerton, Hugh McCullough, P. A. Randall, and other remarkable men who were leaders in the pioneer days in the great black swamp region. But few besides Judge Latty have lived to see the tangled wilderness transformed as if by magic into a veritable garden. Born in the west of Ireland about the time of the decline and fall of the empire of the First Napoleon, Judge Latty emigrated to America at an early age, settling first at Montreal, but coming later to New York state. His residence in the latter place was very brief, as in a short time young Latty turned his face to the westward and sought the forest fastness of northwestern Ohio. The year of his arrival in Ohio is fixed by the judge as 1837, and at that time the entire section was an unbroken wilderness, save for an occasional settlement. He soon became prominent in the new region by reason of his indefatigable energy and superior talents, and in a short time was a recognized leader. He was elected to several positions of trust, and served for twenty years as common pleas judge in the district then composed of Defiance, Williams, Paulding, Henry and Fulton counties. Since his voluntary retirement from the bench, he has given himself over entirely to the management of his large landed interests in Defiance and Paulding counties. In one township in the latter county, which bears his name, he at one time owned a large portion of the land, but of late years he has disposed of much of it. The closing years of his eventful career being spent quietly at his home in Defiance. He is in many respects a most remarkable man, full of learning, of infinite research, and as clever and interesting a conversationalist as can be found in the entire country."

In 1876, Selwyn N. Owen, of Bryan, was elected to succeed Judge Latty. He was a very popular and able judge, and was re-elected to a second term; but at the expiration of two years he resigned, in 1883, to accept a seat on the bench of the supreme court of Ohio, to which he had been elected. Having finished his term on the supreme bench, he remained in Columbus and engaged in the practice of law. On his resignation as common pleas judge, his place was filled, by appointment, by C. A. Bowersox, until the next general election. Mr. Bowersox was a learned and polished gentleman, and sat upon the bench with honor and dignity until the fall of 1884, when Silas T. Sutphen, of Defiance, was chosen to succeed him, and to fill the remainder of Judge Owen's term. In 1886, Judge Sutphen was elected to a full term, which he is now serving. On the 27th of August, 1891, he was re-nominated for a second full term. He is exceedingly popular with the bar, and an able and dignified judge, as well as a genial and social gentleman. The following pen picture of him is given by the Paulding *News* of September 3, 1891:

"Silas T. Sutphen was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, August 28, 1838. At the age of ten he removed with his parents on a farm in the village of Baltimore in the same county, where the succeeding ten years were spent in assisting his father and brothers in the arduous labor of the farm. During the winter months he regularly attended school, and by diligent application completed the course of study and entered Heidelberg college in the spring of 1859. He graduated in 1862 with the second honors of the class, and as a reward for his deportment and efficiency, he was awarded the valedictory address. Immediately thereafter he began the study of law with Judge James Pillars, at Tiffin. He was admitted to the bar in the district court at Fremont in 1862, and moved to Defiance in 1863. He entered the practice, and in 1864 was elected mayor of the city, serving in that capacity two years. He was chosen prosecuting attorney in 1867, and held that office six years. In 1884 he was elected to the common pleas judgeship to fill the vacancy created by the election of Judge Owen to the supreme bench."

With three exceptions the attorneys of Paulding county are located at Paulding. Hon. L. S. Gordon and D. W. Curtis are located at Antwerp, and M. B. Everett, at Payne. Mr. Gordon has been an attorney in the county since 1858. Mr. Curtis has, in connection with his other legal business, an extensive pension practice. Mr. Everett is a rising young attorney. Prominent among the Paulding lawyers is T. B. Holland. By his success in defending persons charged with crime, he has gained the reputation of being one of the best criminal lawyers in northwestern

Ohio. He was born in Allen county, Ohio, March 1, 1845, and removed to Paulding about the year 1873. He was prosecuting attorney of the county from 1875 to 1877. He is now the senior member of the firm of Holland & Lamb, John D. Lamb being his partner, also a resident of Paulding. Snook & Snook is another leading law firm of Paulding. W. H. Snook is the ex-prosecuting attorney of the county, having served two term; and John S. Snook, his cousin, is the other member of the firm. They were both born in Carryall township and formerly practiced in Antwerp. T. W. Shotwell and W. H. Phipps compose the firm of Shotwell & Phipps. The former came from Bucyrus and the latter from Noble county, Ohio. R. W. Pickering and F. P. Spriggs formed a partnership in the law profession in 1890, and are now doing a successful business. K. E. Shuster has practiced law in Paulding since 1883, and has built up a large practice. He was formerly a resident of Ada, Ohio. F. B. DeWitt hung out his first law sign in Paulding in 1872, and has from that time been engaged in the legal profession. He was elected, in 1891, as the first state representative from the county. Arthur L. Knapp, formerly of Meadville, Penn., located in Paulding in 1889, and opened a successful law practice. He was chosen mayor of the village in the spring of 1890, and is still an incumbent of that office. P. W. Stumm began the practice of law in Paulding about the year 1885. He is an old soldier, and makes a speciality of procuring pensions for comrades. Attorney C. W. Baughman has practiced law in Paulding since 1877. He is a native of Cincinnati, and was born in 1844. George I. Chatterton came from Clermont county, Ohio, to Paulding, in 1882, opened a law office, and is yet one of the legal lights of the county seat. J. B. Brodnix and his son, Vance, are gentlemen of the legal profession. The younger Brodnix was probate judge of the county from 1888 until 1890, serving two years of a term made vacant by Judge Lee's death. C. A. Seiders and Edith S. Seiders, of the firm of Seiders & Seiders, Paulding, Ohio, form the exceedingly rare instance where the husband and wife are in partnership in the law practice. Mrs. Seiders is the only lady lawyer in the county; is well versed in the profession, and an able member of the firm. She read law at Tiffin, Ohio, in the office of Miss Florence Cronise, who was the first woman to be admitted to the bar in the state of Ohio.

Colonel Samuel R. Mott came to Paulding in September, 1874, and has been an able member of the county bar since that time. He was born in Knox county, Ohio, January 12, 1832, and served over four years in the war of the rebellion, enlisting as a private in the fifteenth Ohio volunteers, and mustered out as lieutenant-colonel of the Fifty-seventh Ohio volunteer infantry, with brevet rank of brigadier-general. On his return home he completed the study of law and was admitted in 1869. He served two terms in the Ohio house of representatives from Auglaize county, but was defeated in the fall of 1891 as nominee of the democrat party for prosecuting attorney of this county. Fielding S. Cable commenced the practice of law in Paulding, in 1858. He was elected probate judge in 1860, and held that office until his death in 1870. Bennet Savage is another of the old-time lawyers of Paulding. Alonzo H. Seldon practiced for a few years in the early seventies in Paulding, and removed to Kansas, where he died a few years after. Thomas Emery was a Paulding attorney from 1868 to 1874, when he removed to Cleveland, and from that city to Bryan, where he is still in the practice. Lewis H. Plattor, of Defiance, removed to Paulding in 1878, and began the practice of his chosen profession. In 1883 he was elected prosecuting attorney, and held the office one term. In 1886 he removed to Spokane Falls, Wash., and was shortly after elected prosecuting attorney of Spokane county. In 1888 he was the democratic nominee for lieutenant-governor of the state of Washington, but was defeated. Mark D. Baldwin came to Paulding in 1883, and formed a law partnership with T. B. Holland, but in 1885, under the Cleveland administration, received the appointment of Indian agent to the Blackfeet Indians, and removed to the agency, at Piegan, Montana, where he remained until removed from office by a change of administration, in 1889. He is at present a resident of Grand Rapids, Mich. John S. Snook (an uncle of the present John S. Snook), was for many years a leading attorney of the county and located at Antwerp. He enlisted in the late Civil war, became lieutenant-colonel of the Sixty-eight regiment, Ohio volunteers, and was killed at the battle of Champion Hills, in Mississippi, May 16, 1863. T. J. Jones, David N. Osborn and C. A. Calhoun were former attorneys at Antwerp. Mr. Osborn and Mr. Jones died in that village, and Mr. Calhoun removed to some other location.

George W. Potter engaged in the legal profession at Paulding prior to his death in 1887. He was born in Wayne county, New York, September 11, 1826. G. F. Hargo enjoys the distinction of being the only colored attorney ever located in Paulding. He practiced in the county about the year of 1875, and was also a teacher of the colored schools. G. W. Cox was a former attorney in the Paulding court. M. D. Mann and A. B. McMillen were for some years an excellent law firm in Paulding; but Mr. Mann removed to Colorado in 1889, and Mr. McMillen to Los Gatos, Cal., in 1891. Willis B. Corbett, a bright young attorney of Tiffin, Ohio, located in Paulding in 1887. He is the present prosecuting attorney of the county, and is a republican. J. Holly was associated with T. B. Holland in 1875, in the practice of law. B. F. Ogle practiced law in Paulding in partnership with F. B. DeWitt for a year or two prior to 1879. W. A. Strong was at one time a lawyer in Paulding, but soon removed back to his native town, Kenton, Ohio. He compiled the first map of Paulding county. A. Calderwood, of Greenville, Ohio, opened a law office in Paulding in 1882, but remained only a few months. Hon. P. W. Hardesty was formerly a lawyer of Paulding and Payne, but now resides on a farm near Worstville. His son, Frank, also formerly practiced in the county, but removed to Indiana and embarked in the newspaper business. F. M. Rummell was at one time a Paulding attorney, but removed to Napoleon, and is now located in Defiance. Hon. Robert E. Reese and K. E. Fritter came to Paulding from Lancaster, Ohio, in 1882, and opened a law office in partnership. Mr. Fritter returned to Lancaster in 1883 and soon after died. Mr. Reese remained in Paulding until the year of 1887, when he went west and died at Seattle, Wash., July 1, 1891. He had served two terms in the state senate from the Hocking county district before coming to Paulding. Along in the fifties Lysander Williams practiced at Junction. He died in that village in the fall of 1867. G. W. Crosby opened an office in the spring of 1891. Formerly much of the legal business of the county was entrusted to foreign attorneys, but the high standard of excellence which the Paulding bar has maintained the past several years has led to the employment of home talent.

CHAPTER XIII.

NEWSPAPER HISTORY.

FULLY realizing the invaluable aid which the press has rendered to the writer in compiling these pages, a history of the county newspapers is now given as follows: The first newspaper of the county was established in 1853. It was named the *Age of Progress*, and published in the village of Paulding by Hon. P. W. Hardesty. In its columns were published the first delinquent tax and forfeited land lists of the county. It survived but for a few months, when its material was sold to Hon. A. S. Latty, who began the publishing of a paper named *The Democrat*. This paper was published for a year or two, and then sold to J. D. Baker, who changed it to the *Republican*, and after publishing it about a year in the county, removed it to Defiance. In the summer of 1856, John W. Ayres and Ezra J. Smith bought the material for a printing office, and began publishing the Paulding *Eagle*, with Fielding S. Cable as editor. It was afterward sold to Joseph O. Shannon, who conducted the paper until the fall of 1859, when the *Eagle* folded its pinions and sank down to rest upon its laurels. With its stock, and in the same office, S. R. Brown began the publication of the Paulding *Independent*, the first copy of which was issued November 10, 1859. The *Independent* continued to be published by Mr. Brown until the tenth of October, 1863, when its valedictory number was issued. The material of the office was sold to Dr. Daniel W. Hixson and Fielding S. Cable, who issued the first copy of the Paulding *Press* the next week after the demise of the *Independent*. The *Press* was published for a time, when the office passed into the hands of Thomas Melia, who changed its name to the *Rural Ohioan*. The paper was again purchased by Fielding S. Cable, who published it under the same name until his death in 1870. With the material of the *Rural Ohioan* Thomas Emery and Wesley A. Savage founded the Paulding *Plain Dealer*, issuing the first number June 30, 1870. The firm continued to publish that paper until June 10, 1873, when Mr. Emery issued his valedictory. Mr. Savage remained with the paper one week longer, then sold it to J. D. Baker, who, without changing its name, continued to issue it until March 23, 1874, when he removed it to some point in Wood county, Ohio.

In the year 1869, Hon. Joseph Cable began the publication of the *Review*, in Antwerp, but soon after removed it to Paulding. In 1872 he sold it to Messrs. Hammond & DeWitt, who began publishing the Pauld-

ing *Journal*. Mr. Hammond soon retired from the firm, and C. C. Scott was associated in his stead. Upon the retirement of Mr. Scott, the paper passed into the full control of Francis B. DeWitt, as editor and proprietor, and so continued until the spring of 1874, when it was sold to George W. Potter, who, with its material, founded the present Paulding *Democrat*, April 9, 1874. In the spring of 1876, Mr. Potter sold the paper to George P. Hardy and Peter Becker. In four weeks after the purchase Mr. Becker sold his interest to Robert Temple, who remained a partner only two months, when he sold his interest to Mr. Hardy. In April, 1877, it was re-bought by Mr. Potter, and in the following autumn was sold to D. J. Stalter and George P. Hardy. In the early part of 1878, it passed into the hands of the Mains Brothers, who conducted the paper nearly one year, and sold it to Ralph D. Webster in January, 1879. Mr. Webster continued its editor and proprietor until the fall of 1884, when, having been elected county auditor, he leased the office to his brother, Nelson R. Webster, who conducted it with E. A. Budd as editor. Mr. Budd continued to edit the paper until the 6th of February, 1887, at which time the publisher also assumed the editorial management. In March, 1889, the proprietor, R. D. Webster, again took charge of the paper and published it until sold to Frank J. Mains, in the spring of 1890. In January, 1891, the office was purchased by Frank Windiate, who, with C. W. Mains as editor, continued the publication of the paper for three weeks, and then sold it to Nial R. Hysell, then speaker of the Ohio house of representatives. Hon. M. G. Eggerman shortly after purchased a one-third interest in the office, and the owners became Hysell & Eggerman, with M. A. Kirchner as managing editor. In August, 1891, Mr. Eggerman sold his interest to his partner, Nial R. Hysell, who, in October, 1891, sold to Nicholls & Dickinson. Owing to its having received the bulk of the county public printing for the past few years, the *Democrat* is the most prosperous newspaper plant in the county.

The publication of the Paulding *Register* began in the early part of 1876, Messrs. Fisher and Keller being the editors and proprietors. Mr. Fisher soon retired from the paper, and Mr. Keller assumed control and published it about one year, when it was suspended. Its material was purchased, in 1877, by George P. Hardy and merged into the *Democrat* office.

What is now the *Paulding County Republican* was founded in Antwerp, April 25, 1866, by Will E. Osborn. It was then called the Antwerp *Gazette*, and was published in that village until the fall of 1878, when Mr. Osborn removed it to Paulding, changed its name to the *Paulding County Gazette*, issuing the first copy thereof November 25, of the above named year. In September of 1882, the office was purchased by James R. Conner, who conducted the same until December, 1883, when he sold it to the firm of Durfey & Moore. In the summer of 1885 it was purchased by A. C. Banks, who published it until the fall of 1887, when the office passed into the hands of an assignee. The assignee, Mr. C. A. Seiders, published it, with S. L. French as editor, until the spring of 1888, when A. W. Search became its editor and proprietor. Mr. Search published it about ten months and sold it to Andrew Durfey. Mr. Durfey changed its name to the *Paulding County Republican*, and remained with the paper about one year, and sold it to J. R. Ross, who is the present publisher. The *Republican* office is one of the best equipped in the county; and its presses, and those of the *Democrat*, are the only ones run by steam power in the county.

The Antwerp *Banner* was started in that village in the early part of 1879, by R. S. Murphy, who employed H. W. Spague to conduct the paper. It suspended publication September 1, 1881, by reason of its material being sold to Will J. Conant, who moved it to Dickson, Tenn., and started the *Dickson County Press*.

In the autumn of 1882, a man named Williamson began publishing the Antwerp *Standard*, but sold it the following winter to B. B. Banks and A. N. Smith. Mr. Smith soon retired from the firm, and Mr. Banks continued the publication of the paper until May 1, 1883, when he sold it to W. E. Osborn. With the material of the *Standard* office Mr. Osborn issued the first number of the Antwerp *Argus*, July 19, 1883, with E. A. Budd as associate editor. Mr. Budd remained with the paper until June, 1884, at which time he retired, and its editorial department passed into the charge of W. E. & N. H. Osborn. In the spring of 1889, the plant was leased to John F. Lusk, who purchased it in the fall of 1890, and is the present editor and proprietor.

The first number of the Oakwood *Sentinel* was issued February 28, 1889, by C. T. Carey, who, a few weeks later, sold an interest to Frank A. Hakes. Soon after Mr. Hakes became sole proprietor and continued to publish the paper until July 4, 1890, when he shipped the material to Houston, Mo., and founded the *Texas County Sentinel*. The following week Mr. Carey, having purchased new material, continued the publication of the Oakwood *Sentinel*, until April, 1891, when he sold it to a Mr. Martin, who remained with it only two or three weeks, when it was re-purchased by C. T. Carey, who, in turn, sold, September 17, 1891, to J. L. Lomer.

The Paulding *News* was founded in the winter of 1891, by Fred. W. French and James R. Thomas, who, with a new and elegantly equipped office, issued the first number February 12, 1891, under the firm name of French & Thomas, which firm continues to publish at present. It is a neat six-column folio, and bids fair to become a prosperous plant. The *Free Press*, the only German paper ever published in the county, is issued from the *News* office, under the editorial management of a Mr. Silberberg. During the fall of 1891, French & Thomas sold the *Free Press* to Joseph Silberberg, who is now owner and editor, and is located in the *Democrat* office.

In the summer of 1890 Sherman Mott began the publication of the Scott *Messenger*, in the village of Scott. In December of the same year, he sold to Charles O. Grimm, who published it until July, 1891, when he leased it to M. A. Kirchner, the present publisher.

The *Star*, *Independent* and *Review*, are the names of papers which have been published in Payne. Their histories will be found in the special history of Payne village. The *Review* office was leased in August, 1891, to Messrs. Hamilton & Underwood, who are the present publishers of the paper.

The latest newspaper venture in the county is *The Judge*, published at Melrose, by E. H. Battles and C. H. Yeagley. Its initial number was issued August 28, 1891.

CHAPTER XIV.

NATURAL GAS AND OIL.

PROFESSOR EDWARD ORTON, in a treatise on natural gas and petroleum, says: "They belong in a list of products of the crust of the earth to which we give the name of bitumens. Other bodies in the same list are the semi-fluid maltha and the solid asphaltum. All these substances unquestionably have a similar general history. They are found under the same conditions, and the transition of one to another, as of petroleum to asphalt, can be often noted. They are technichally known as hydrocarbons, carbon and hydrogen constituting almost their entire substance, the former about eighty-five per cent., and the latter about thirteen per cent. of them. They have long been known to man, and their use ante-dates history, but the importance which they now possess in the civilized world is of quite recent date The discovery and use of petroleum on the large scale is included within the past thirty years, and all the really important applications of natural gas belong to our own day, and are now in their initial stages.

"The theories as to the origin of petroleum and natural gas can be divided into two main groups, viz.: (1) Those which refer these bodies to inorganic sources, or, in other words, which make them the result of chemical affinity acting on mineral matter, and (2) the theories that regard them as the result of a partial decomposition of vegetable or animal substances that have been stored up in the rocks."

Reasoning from either of the above theories there is convincing evidence that an abundant supply of both gas and oil may be found beneath the surface of Paulding county. The first well drilled in the county was at Paulding, by the Paulding Oil & Gas company, in the summer of 1887. Both gas and oil was obtained, but not in paying quantities. Regarding the well the Paulding *Gazette*, of July 28, 1887, has the following: "The suspense is over. It has been demonstrated to a certainty that gas and oil underlie the city of Paulding. At 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon the long listened for cry of 'Trenton rock is struck' was heard. It was reached at the depth of 1,473 feet and 4 inches. The drillers penetrated it four feet and rested for the night. On Wednesday morning work was resumed and at 2 o'clock P. M., at the depth of 16 feet in the trenton rock and 1,489 feet and 4 inches from the surface, gas was discovered. The news flew like wild-fire, and in a few minutes hundreds of our citizens rushed to the well. The wildest excitement prevailed all the afternoon, and corner lots ran up 100 per cent. in a few hours. In the evening a jet was attached to the mouth of the well and the gas carried about twenty feet up the derrick, where it was set on fire. The flames leaped upward to the distance of about ten feet, and shed a wild, weird light around upon the scenery in the vicinity of the well. Hun-

dreds of people visited the grand lighting-up. 'Down to the gas well,' was the prevailing cry of the evening. Every age and sex caught the enthusiasm. Old men and boys, matrons and maidens, joined the promiscuous throng. All were there, from the spider-legged dude in his piccadilly collar, to the modest school ma'am, clad in her pure, bright robes of white. It was a scene for painters and poets to dwell upon, not common, prosaic editors; therefore, for the present, we desist."

LATER:—"Oil is found to be filling up in the well, already to the depth of ninety feet, and it is not known which will be the predominating element—gas or oil. The drillers are closely watching the well and further developments are hourly expected. It is not yet known whether it will be necessary to 'shoot' it or not. A meeting of the stockholders will be held this afternoon." In accordance with the decision of the stockholders explosives were put into the well a few days after, hoping to accelerate the flow of gas, but instead of so doing, it immediately began filling with salt water. Attempts were made to remove this, but of no avail; the well was rendered useless and, therefore, abandoned.

Since the above attempt, other wells have been drilled at Melrose, Payne and Antwerp, in all of which some oil and gas (mostly oil) has been obtained. In all of these trenton rock has been struck at a depth of 1,400 and 1,500 feet. What is known as the Lamb well, six miles west of Paulding, has yielded the best results of any yet in the county. It was drilled in the spring of 1891, and has a reported capacity of twenty barrels of oil per day. The Home Oil and Gas company, of Antwerp, and a company at Payne, are yet at work sinking wells, and from present developments there is but little doubt, if any, but that Paulding county will soon occupy a prominent position in the oil and gas field of Ohio.

CHAPTER XV.

GEOLOGICAL TREATISE.

THIS county occupies the angle between the Auglaize and Maumee rivers before their union, and extends a little beyond that angle on both streams. The Maumee is the principal stream of the county. It cuts off the northwest corner of the county, and runs a northeasterly course. The Auglaize is second in importance, cutting off the northeast corner, and flowing northwesterly. The slope of the county is very gentle toward the northeast. In general the surface is an unbroken plain, the valleys of streams, eroded entirely in the loose drift materials, is almost the only variation from a dead flat. On the north side of the Maumee there is a gentle descent of about forty feet from the county line to the river, at Antwerp.

The soil is that which is characteristic of the well-known "black swamp" region, the entire county being embraced in that tract. It is mainly of clay. A few sand ridges are found in the northeast corner of Brown township; the southeast corner of Auglaize township, along Six Mile creek in Emerald township, in the north part of Carryall township and in the southwest corner of Benton township. The sand in these ridges varies from six to twelve feet in depth and rests upon a superstructure of "hard-pan" clay. A few artesian wells are found in the north part of Carryall township, and wells of from eight to twelve feet in depth are found on all the sand ridges. The majority of the wells, however, are found in the clay or rock at the depth of from forty to sixty feet. Bowlders and stones are not common at the surface, but are found in the beds of streams in great numbers.

The timber of the county is embraced in the following list as noted in the geological survey: white oak, beech, cottonwood, red oak, elm, black ash, white ash, blue ash, black walnut, hickory, sycamore, black willow, trembling aspen, basswood, shingle oak, chesnut, oak, black cherry, mulberry, ironwood, sugar maple, soft maple, dogwood, buckeye, wild plum, poplar, thorn, pin oak, burr oak, prickly ash, honey locust, pawpaw, wahoo, water beech, slippery elm, hackberry, judas tree, apple and june berry.

The rocks that have been identified in the geological structure of Paulding county, range, according to Prof. N. H. Winchell, from the water-lime to the Hamilton. The following arrangement represents the formations in the order of their superposition:

Hamilton shaly limestone, Corniferous limestone, Onondaga limestone, Oriskany limestone,	.....Devonian.

The water-lime (of the lower Helderberg groups.)

The Hamilton limestone is known to underlie the northeastern portion of the county, and to present many indications of being also in Paulding township. Its line of contact with the corniferous limestone is plainly exhibited by the frequent exposures of rock in the bed of the Auglaize, where it crosses that river in Auglaize township. At the quarry of Samuel Doyle the Hamilton limestone is found in beds firm and uniform, showing but little shaly tendency, with dip north and northeast. Some of the blocks of stone taken out are twelve or eighteen inches thick. They are of a blackish blue, and are found on being exposed to the weather to be charged with Hamilton fossils. The canal aqueduct over the Little Auglaize river, near Melrose, was furnished with stone from this quarry about thirty-two years ago; and the long exposure of the stone in the abutments has caused them to check into hundreds of their beds, and, by the disappearance of the shaly parts, many well-preserved fossils are brought to view. These massive abutments are slowly crumbling away. Near the highway bridge across the Auglaize, east of Junction, is found a more enduring and persistent stone of the Hamilton group, overlying the beds in Mr. Doyle's quarry; also with dip to the north and northeast. These beds are hard, blue, crystalline, and almost unfossiliferous. In section 29, Paulding township, the bed of Flat Rock shows various indications of the Hamilton, on land owned by A. S. Latty and P. W. Hardesty. Many large fragments of black slate are seen in the bed of the stream and there is a noticeable ripple in the current. The indications spread over the space of a mile, but the actual beds are not exposed to view.

The corniferous limestone has been observed in only two points in the county—at the mouth of Flat Rock in Auglaize township, and in the Maumee at Antwerp. At the mouth of Flat Rock it makes a broad surface exposure, which gives name to the stream, and there dips toward the northeast, passing below the Hamilton. At this place there has been but little quarrying done. The fossils seen are mostly species of corals, with the usual associated brachiopods. These same beds were formerly worked for quicklime on the opposite side of the Auglaize river by William H. Mansfield. Numerous fossils are yet found near the site of this old lime kiln. The beds of corniferous limestone at Antwerp were formerly worked for flux for the furnace at that place. Only about three feet of its thickness was shown at the quarry, but the same stone is said to extend down three feet further, and to be succeeded then by a "rotten sandstone," that name being often applied to a coarse granular magnesian limestone, like the Onondaga. The outcrop here causes a very little rapid in the river, although the beds are not bare except where quarried, the water coming in contact with the bowlders only. The most common fossils are *favosites, acervularia, coenostroma,* and *cyathophylloids.* There is also occasionally a distinct crinoidal structure. Some of the corals are blackened, and smell of petroleum. Oil also gathers on the pools of standing water about the quarry.

The Onondaga limestone is the lowest member of the corniferous group in Ohio. It outcrops in the Auglaize river, in section 5, Brown township, where it was formerly burned for lime by Frank McEvoy The beds here are thinner than where exposed at a lower horizon. These heavier magnesian beds were formerly quarried at the Noble quarry, south of Charloe, in connection with the Oriskany, and including, also, some of the upper layers of the water-lime. The river here is thrown into a long series of rapids in passing these persistent beds. (For further description of the Noble quarry, see history of Brown township.) Beds of sandstone, supposed to represent the Oriskany of New York, are found in many parts of northwestern Ohio. These beds do not exceed an aggregate thickness of twenty feet, and are sometimes less than ten. The only place where this stone is found in Paulding county is at the Noble quarry. Here it is found in a bed six feet in thickness, and the stone in layers six inches thick. It was quarried for flagging.

The water-lime was the lowest member quarried at the Noble quarry. It was a blue-drab color, heavy and hard, close-grained, and was found in beds three and six inches in thickness. This stone appears in the bed of the Auglaize river at the mouth of the Little Auglaize, and at a point one-half a mile south of the mouth. It is also found at Oakwood; and in section 35, Brown township, south of Oakwood, the bed of the Auglaize is on the fine-grained drab beds of the water-lime. It is also shown in section 1, Washington township.

The deposit of drift throughout the county was laid down by the agency of the glacier, but the effect of standing water, which received the crude detritus from the ice, is seen in the occasional superficial, horizontal lamination of the upper six to ten feet. The bowlders contained in it are, almost without exception, marked by the well-known glacier scratches. It contains but little gravel. The sand formerly used by the

Paulding furnace was from the Maumee bottoms, in Crane township, on land owned by H. B. Ferguson. Generally the drift of the county is very clayey and impervious to water. The beds of all the streams are in it, occasionally touching the rock, but never excavating it. Its average thickness is about forty-five feet. The flood plain of the Maumee rises about twelve feet above the stage of low water. The material of this plain is a sandy loam, containing many land shells. The face of the bank shows them in all parts, and the deposit has outwardly every aspect of the bluff formation of the Mississippi, and is probably of the same origin.

CHAPTER XVI.

HISTORY OF PAULDING.

IN the year of 1849 as a party of gentlemen in Van Wert were discussing the probable future of the northwestern counties of Ohio, one of them remarked that "the county seat of Paulding county was not where it should be and would probably be changed sometime." A shrewd speculator hearing the above remark quickly concluded that the change might be hastened by immediate and energetic action, and that he might profit by it. Accordingly lands were purchased near the geographical center of the county and the village of Paulding laid out by George Marsh, August 10, 1850. It was located in the midst of a dense forest, several miles from any human dwelling. By a special act of legislature the county seat was located there a few months after. The whole business had been conducted so quietly and suddenly that it was not until after the change had been made that the people of Charloe began to fully realize the prize they had. A few attempts were made to get the county seat away from Paulding, but they were futile, and after a few years its permanency was no longer doubted. Whether the location of the county seat at Paulding at the time that it was, was a speculative scheme or not, it was a good thing for the county, and in all probability prevented much sectional clashing, and fierce local wars in after years, which would have retarded the progress and development of the county. The county seat is near the center of the county and where it should be. Upon the removal of the seat of justice to Paulding a few log cabins were hastily constructed for the occupation of the county officers. The first house erected was a double-logged, one-story cabin, on the present site of Dr. Flavein's residence, and was built by Elias Shafer. In this cabin two terms of court were held, prior to the building of a court house. It was afterward occupied for several years by T. W. French as a residence. Among the first frame buildings erected were the Exchange Hotel, by Isaiah Richards, on the site of the present Thompson House; the Paulding House, by John Crosson; Mrs. B. Savage's residence, on the corner of Main and Jackson streets; and a building standing on the bank of Flat Rock, a few rods above the old bridge, which was built for a residence by Judge Latty, and yet owned by him. The old log cabins have all rotted down, or been torn away. The following retrospect taken from the Paulding *Democrat* will give the reader some idea of Paulding in "ye olden time:"

"There is perhaps no city or hamlet in Ohio that has had more amusing incidents connected with its past history than Paulding. About a third of a century ago, when our little village had less than a hundred inhabitants, the means of enjoying themselves being very limited, they would collect 'neath some venerable elm or at some settler's cabin, and there dance the fleeting hours away, or sit and chat, and eat roast venison, bear meat, hoe-cake, etc., till the shades of eventide warned them that their holiday was ended and 'twas time to depart to their respective homes. But e'en these holidays were not frequent; they were too expensive. The citizens were all in a manner poor, and it must be a continual hustle with them or starve. Would we celebrate the Fourth of July? Well, now, if we didn't nobody did. We never failed to have a big 'blow-out' on that day, rain or shine. How did we celebrate? Well, we generally had a dance; yes, always had a dance. I remember one Fourth, 'twas in 1854, we had a picnic and a dance down at that old hewed log house between here and the canal. It was called the 'block-house' then, and a man by the name of Wilson owned it. Did we take our baskets? Oh no! he (Wilson) furnished the 'grub' and we donated a little 'chink' to let the old fellow come out even. Yes sir, we had a speech, and a good one, too. The speaker's name was John F. Beaver, an attorney, who lived in Warren, Ohio, and at one time represented that district in the state legislature.

"Do I remember who attended! Oh, yes. Let's see! There was John Crosson and wife (he was sheriff then), and Tom French and wife. Dick Banks and wife, Bide Norton and his girl—well I can't think of all of them, but there was a good many more than that. Did we walk? Yes, part of us did, and the rest of us rode in a log wagon, fixed up for the purpose, and drawn by two yoke of oxen. We had red, white and blue ribbons tied on the horns of the oxen and on the one wagon. Patriotic to the core, you see. How long did we stay? Well, we stayed all night. There was only a wagon track road cut out at that time, and we couldn't see to follow that, so we stayed till daylight. Were we tired? Well, yes, we were all ready to quit."

The following is the entire list of locals published in the Paulding *Eagle* of October 7, 1858, and will show to the reader that the happenings of a local nature were much less frequent than at present:

"We publish this week an original tale by 'Harry Havelock.' We have the promise of another soon from our former contributor 'Charles M. Greenough.'"

"Court is now in session in this place—Judge Latty on the bench. No important cases have as yet come to trial."

"A Teachers' Examination will be held in Antwerp, on Saturday, October 16th, for the benefit of persons in that vicinity wishing certificates."

"See advertisement of Judge Smith in another column, headed, 'Farm for sale.'—The Judge's farm adjoins the town plat of Paulding, and he offers it on favorable terms."

"Lots in Paulding, the county seat, for sale. Apply to F. S. Cable, Real Estate Agent, Paulding, O."

"Several new advertisements are crowded out this week for want of space and time. Hereafter advertisements must be handed in by Tuesday morning to insure insertion."

"A meeting is to be held this (Wednesday) evening to take action with regard to the organization of an agricultural society in this county. We earnestly hope that a permanent organization will be effected and the interests of the farming community of the county materially advanced thereby."

From the same copy of paper we glean the whole number of home professional and business cards:

"F. S. Cable, Attorney at Law and Solicitor in Chancery, Paulding, Paulding county, Ohio. Will devote his attention to the practice of law in the courts of Paulding and adjoining counties."

"Dr. A. P. Meng, physician and surgeon. Office corner of Jackson and East streets, Paulding, Ohio."

"Bennet Savage, fashionable tailor, Paulding, Ohio."

"Samuel Fisher, blacksmith, on East street, Paulding, Ohio."

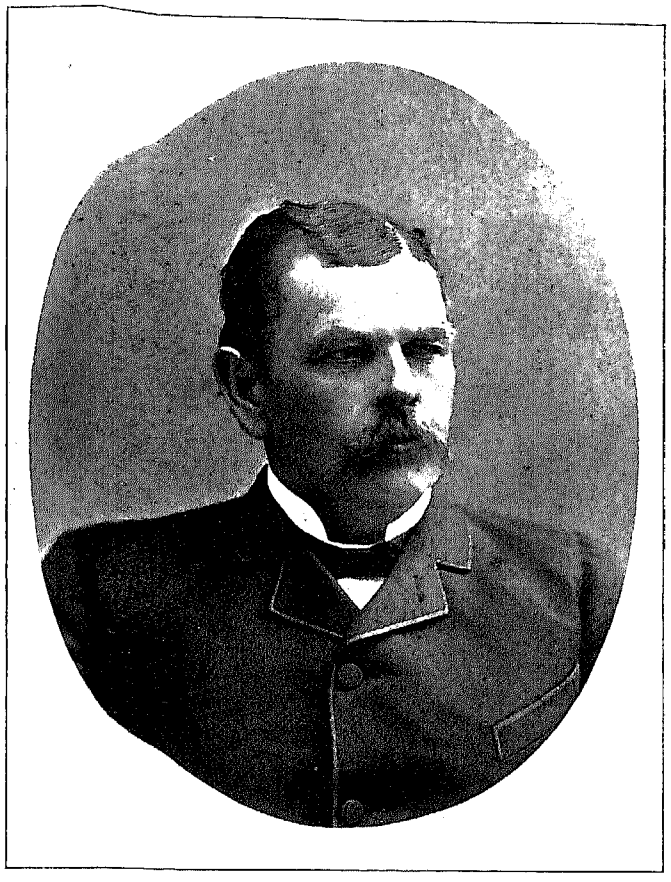
"Crosson House, by Sampson Merchant. North of court house, Paulding, Ohio."

"Exchange Hotel, by I. Richards. South of court house, Paulding, Ohio."

The pioneer merchant of Paulding was Elias Shafer. About the year 1857 he opened a small general store in the front part of his dwelling, which stood on the present site of J. B. Brodnix's residence. Dr. A. P. Meng afterward opened a dry goods and grocery store on the corner of Main and Perry streets. Hon. V. V. Pursel was also one of the early merchants of Paulding later on. Joseph Coupland embarked in the grocery business in Paulding in 1868, and soon had a large and flourishing trade. His son, John C. Coupland, is one of the present leading grocers of the city. J. P. Gasser opened a dry goods store in 1872; and M. C. Powell in 1873. For many years these were the leading mercantile houses in the place. Mr. Powell continues in the business and has a large patronage.

The present mercantile houses of Paulding are: Dry goods, L. M. Barnes, M. C. Powell and George A. Hall & Co.; hardware, Arthur Kling & Co., H. Katzenmeyer and F. M. Bashore; groceries, J. C. Coupland, J. McMahan, Lynde & Wright, T. W. Young, Nelson Davis, Harper & Outland and W. A. Savage; drugs, Dr. Flavein, A. G. Snow, Lynn & Ohl and Dr. Hebenthal; furniture, D. W. Young and Will Thompson; harness, A. Bybee, J. Eustache and C. Hoeffel; clothing, Frank Levy and Isaac Urbansky; jewelry, F. L. Bryant and W. A. Woodford; Con. Ragan & Co. and J. D. Welsh are dealers in all kinds of lumber, sash, doors, etc. J. C. Rice & Co. are retail dealers in hay, corn, feed, etc., and S. H. Myres deals in lime, cement and plasterers' material. Tate & Cromley deal in agricultural implements; J. L. Braden is the proprietor of the Paulding marble works, and John Beason and Will Ruff are fashionable tailors. Cullen, Richards & Severcool conduct a large insurance business; also Floyd Atwill is an insurance and real estate agent.

The principal hotels of the place are the Thompson House and the



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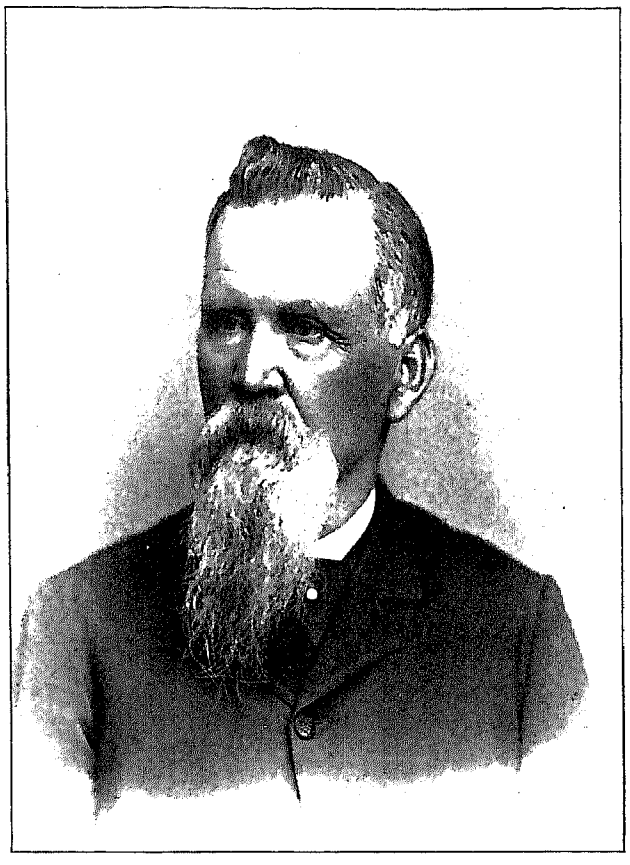

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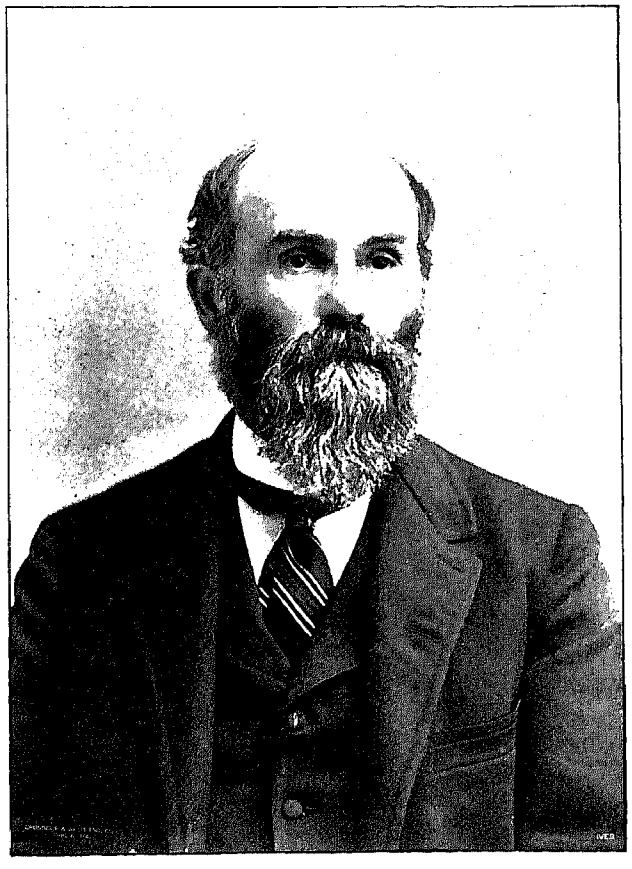

P. P. DOERING.

Paulding House. The Hamilton House, Reid's Place and the Shonk House also cater to the wants of the traveling public.

The physicians, attorneys and newspapers of Paulding, have been mentioned elsewhere in the *Historical Atlas*, therefore omitted here. T. H. B. Bashore, W. F. Straw, W. A. Savage, Tate & Cromley and A. N. Keys were former hardware dealers in Paulding; also W. Tallman, Dr. Morelock, Warren Baldwin and R. B. Porter were former druggists. Dr. H. M. Ayres was once the proprietor of a dry goods store in the place, and Kramer, Barnes & Murphy were a mercantile firm of the town at one time.

The early growth and development of Paulding was very slow; so slow, indeed, that after a period of twenty years from the date of its location its population was less than 500. But when we take into consideration its isolated and forest surrounded situation, this is not to be wondered at. Since the building of improved roads leading into the village, the location of a railroad, and the establishment of factories, its growth has been phenomenal. The decade between the years 1880 and 1890 was Paulding's developing period. There have been several additions to the original plat of Paulding, viz.: Whinnery's, Dix's, Cullen's, Gasser's, Hixson's, De Witt's, Barnes', Morrow's, Cox's, Williams' and Dix's second addition.

The village was incorporated as a hamlet April 12, 1873. Alonzo H. Seldon, Thomas Emery and Peter Kemler were the first trustees; W. A. Savage, clerk; and S. T. Miller, marshal. It was incorporated as a village April 13, 1874. Its first officers as a village were: A. H. Selden, mayor; Joshua Blank, treasurer; W. A. Savage, clerk; Jasper A. Ferguson, marshal; Frank Emerson, street commissioner; and M. C. Powell, George W. Remage, V. V. Pursel, Joseph Coupland, Warren Baldwin and Thomas B. Holland, councilmen. The present officers are: Mayor, Arthur Knapp; city solicitor, W. F. Corbett; marshal, Alex. Thompson; clerk, J. E. Atha; treasurer, Arthur Kling; and members of council: James Richards, A. Bybee, J. M. Lott, Con. Ragan, C. H. Jordan, and Dr. J. L. Slager; street commissioner, George Beck.

The first church building erected in Paulding was by the Methodist Episcopal denomination in 1872, at a cost of about $1,000. It is a neat frame, and was removed in 1884 two squares west to a location on Williams street, its former location being used as a part of the present school grounds. The Presbyterian church was erected in 1878 on South Williams street, and was also removed in 1889 to a location on Caroline street. Near the Presbyterian church stands the Disciple chapel, erected in 1889. Paulding's second school building was purchased by the United Brethren denomination and fitted up for a church. Its location is on Water street.

The public schools of Paulding take a front rank with those of northwestern Ohio, or, we may say, of the state. W. H. Mustard has been the efficient superintendent since 1888. The number of pupils enrolled is about 600. The following is the roster of teachers for the school year beginning September 1, 1890: A grammar and high school, J. W. Gilmore; Dixie department, T. J. Spriggs; B grammar, Miss Carrie Duckwall; C grammar, Mrs. W. H. Mustard; intermediate, Miss Ollie Ferneau; A primary, Mrs. May Thompson; C primary, Miss May Wells.

The first school house of Paulding was a small one-story frame, and stood on what is now the southwest corner of the court house square. It was built in 1853, and used for school purposes about sixteen years, when another was erected, and the old one removed to a location on north Main street, and fitted up for a dwelling. The second house erected was a two-story frame with two departments—one on the first and the other on the second floor. It was used for school purposes until superseded by the present one, and was then sold to the United Brethren denomination, as above stated. Paulding's third and present school building is a fine two-story brick, and was completed in 1884, at a cost of about $20,000. It is a large and beautiful structure, containing eight departments for study and a large hall for literary exercises. The building is heated throughout by the Smead system of hot-air furnaces; and is well supplied with elegant furniture, wall maps, and other school paraphernalia. Paulding's Union school building is truly an ornament to the town, and a lasting monument to the enterprising citizens who were instrumental in its building.

The city hall was erected in 1883, and is conveniently located on Williams street in a central part of the city. It is a two-story brick building, with fire engine room and city prison on first floor, and the council chamber and mayor's office above. Its cost of erection was about $4,000.

The court houses and jails which have been built in Paulding have received appropriate mention under the head of county buildings.

The first brick business room in Paulding was erected in 1881, by J. B. Cromley and Dr. P. A. Dix. It is two stories in height, with two business rooms below, and the second floor fitted up for attorneys' offices. It is known as the Cromley block. Since 1886 the Octagon block, the French block, the Phenix block, the Bank block and the Pursel block, all of brick, have been erected. In regard to the Bank block, the Paulding *Democrat* of February 28, 1889, has the following:

"Paulding has ample reason to feel proud of its new brick business blocks erected within the last two years. Among these, and one which attracts much attention from visitors to the town is the Paulding deposit bank building, at the corner of Perry and Williams streets, southwest corner of court house square. Messrs. Allen & Mohr, bankers, anticipating the future growth of the town and county, last winter purchased the lot upon which they were then located in a small frame structure, and last spring commenced erecting the fine corner building of which they took possession with their bank last Monday. While the appearance of the building outside is neat, the inside arrangement and finish is still more attractive. A vault of solid masonry, with heavy double iron doors and combination locks, all built with a view to complete protection from fire and burglars, contains their large time-lock safe. Electric burglar alarm wires run throughout the entire building, and so ingeniously arranged that it is impossible to open any door or window without ringing a bell in a sleeping apartment connected with the bank, making unobserved night entrance into the building impossible. The wood work is of oak and gives to the interior a rich and substantial appearance."

Paulding has two banks: Potter's bank and the Paulding deposit bank. The Potter bank was established, in 1874, by George W. Potter, and is the oldest bank in the county. Its present officers are, H. M. Ayres, president; W. B. Potter, cashier; Vance Brodnix, assistant cashier.

The Paulding deposit bank was established, in 1887, by C. H. Allen and W. H. Mohr. Owing to poor health, Mr. Mohr retired from the firm in 1890. The present officers are C. H. Allen, president; E. P. Copeland, cashier.

J. V. Olds & Co. did a banking business in Paulding for a short time in 1883.

The Pursel block, erected by Hon. V. V. Pursel, was the last built, being completed in the fall of 1891.

The most costly residences of the city are those of Gilbert Barnes, W. A. Savage, M. C. Powell, John Gill, R. D. Webster and W. H. Vermilye. They are all frame.

The Paulding flouring mill, built by Paul Weidmann, in 1890, is the best in the county. It has a capacity of 100 barrels per day.

The civic societies of Paulding are as follows: F. & A. M. lodge, No. 502, F. M. Bashore, W. M.; I. O. O. F, Paulding lodge, No. 577, I. J. Webster, N. G.; John Riblet command U. V. U., J. B. Brodnix, post commander; S. of V. camp, J. E. Atha, captain; Thedore Merchant Relief Corps, Mrs. L. L. Hebenthal, president; Theodore Merchant G. A. R. post, R. S. Murphy, commander; and Beatrice lodge D. of K., Mrs. Lena Hebenthal, noble grand, and Dr. Lillie M. Ayres, secretary.

A young men's reading room is maintained under the auspices of the Y. W. C. T. U., over the postoffice.

The fire department consists of a volunteer hose company, and a hook and ladder company. A steam fire engine is owned by the city. The Paulding county agricultural society has a fair ground adjoining the city on the southwest. It contains twenty-five acres, and is well furnished with suitable halls, race track, etc. Twenty annual fairs have been held by the society.

A bill passed the Ohio legislature in the spring of 1891, enabling the village council to issue bonds to the extent of $45,000, with which to improve the town; and steps are being taken to sewer and macadamize the streets. An iron bridge was built across Flat Rock, at the foot of Jackson street, in the summer of 1891.

The population of Paulding in 1880, was 483; in 1890, it was 1,873.

CHAPTER XVII.

HISTORY OF ANTWERP.

ANTWERP is the only village in Carryall township. It is situated one mile north of the southern border of the township, on the line of the Toledo, Wabash & Western railway, and four miles east of

the Ohio and Indiana state line. Its location is a very pleasant one, being on the right bank of the Maumee river and in the midst of a fertile farming region. The village was laid out in 1841 by Gen. Horatio N. Curtis, and surveyed by W. Wilshire Riley, who is yet alive, as will be seen by the following letter published in the Antwerp *Argus*, July 9, 1891:

CROMWELL, CONN., JUNE 29, 1891.

To the 4th of July celebration committee, Antwerp, Ohio:

GENTLEMEN — I was happy to receive your cordial invitation to attend the 115th anniversary of the declaration of our national independence. I sincerely regret my inability to join you on the joyous occasion, when I should have the pleasure of meeting the pioneers and their descendants, who by their industry have subdued the forests and have built up a thriving and patriotic city. To me the contrast would be most pleasing and magical, since in 1841, in company with Horatio N. Curtis and Samuel Rice, we surveyed the town, and after hours spent in choosing a name not in the postoffice directory I suggested Antwerp — and we unanimously christened it Antwerp. As I cannot be with you in person, permit me to contribute these lines to your celebration:

Our glorious declaration for the first time on earth,
Proclaimed the revelation that all were free by birth;
Endowed by their Creator to seek their happiness,
With rights to liberty and life, and none should them oppress.
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W. WILSHIRE RILEY,
Of Cromwell, Conn., and one of the founders of Antwerp.

Since the first platting of Antwerp there have been several additions to the town, among which are Daggetts', Shirleys', Banks', Johnson's, Jones', Smith's, Murphy's, Wilhelm's and Daggett's second and third additions. The business portion of the town, for many years, was along the line of the Wabash & Erie canal, where wharves, warehouses, hotels and business houses were erected; but on the building of the Wabash railroad, in 1855, the village began to move northward, and many of its first buildings along the canal have rotted down. The Pococks, Applegates, the Harrises, Graves and Banks families, the Daggetts Murphys, Gordons, Doerings, Osborns, Zubers, Reebs, Champions, Saylors, Whites, Georges, Ellsworths, Snooks and Mooneys, may be said to have been the builders of Antwerp, and to form the present progressive element of the place. The village was laid out on the prospect of the Wabash & Erie canal, and received its first boom on the completion of that line of navigation; its second increscent period began on the building of the Wabash road; and the third on the location of the Antwerp Iron furnace and other manufacturing industries in the place. For many years it was the metropolis of the county, until exceeded in population by Paulding in the census of 1890. It is now the second village in size and importance in the county.

For some years prior to the Civil war, John J. Shirley was one of the leading merchants of the place. He erected the first brick business room in the place about the year 1866, and died after its completion. The building has been occupied for several years by the large mercantile firm of Harris, Graves & Co. Mr. Shirley was a captain in the One Hundred and Thirty-second Ohio volunteer infantry.

In an Antwerp *Gazette* of January 22, 1874, the following extracts of home advertisements are found, all of which go toward making up the history of the place:

"J. T. Rymer's cheap cash store; Main street, south of railroad, Antwerp, Ohio. Dry goods, groceries, boots and shoes, ready-made clothing, etc."

"Gordon Brothers, dealers in general hardware, agricultural implements, builders' hardware, carpenters' tools, etc., Antwerp, Ohio."

"New furniture rooms — George B. Terwilliger, proprietor."

"John B. Zuber, groceries and provisions."

"Young & Knapp, hardware dealers."

"Drug store! Drugs, medicines and fancy goods. A. McDonnel, proprietor."

"Livery stable. D. J. Barnett, proprietor. Barn south of railroad."

"Domestic sewing machine. Don't balk nor run away going down hill. Joseph M. Gaston, agent."

"Clocks and watches. Thomas Dalton, Main street, Antwerp, Ohio."

"Money can be had at the Antwerp loaning bank of White & George Business transacted by B. J. White."

"K. K. Carver, Main street, south of railroad. Dealer in groceries and provisions."

"Exchange Hotel. A. Ellsworth, proprietor. Everything new, convenient and comfortable."

"D. N. Osborn, attorney-at-law, real estate and claim agent."

"L. S. Gordon, attorney-at-law. Office in brick block north of railroad."

"W. N. Snook, real estate and collecting agent, Antwerp, Ohio.

"Drs. Thomas Cave, A. C. McCann, Brattain, Pierce and Hagadorn, look after the health of the village and community."

"O. F. Perry, contractor and builder. Builds all kinds of truss bridges on the latest and most improved plan."

"T. J. Jones, notary public, real estate, collecting and insurance agent."

"Joel Bruening, manufacturer of and dealer in all kinds of plain and fashionable furniture. Rooms east of Champion House on the canal."

"Adam Cline, manufacturer of and dealer in boots and shoes."

"W. E. Osborn, dealer in school, miscellaneous and blank books, stationery, toys, notions, etc., Main street, one door south of Young & Knapp's."

The above extracts will show the reader the business of Antwerp, twenty years ago. A few of the firms and dealers still remain in the same business as then, but many have died or moved away, and their places and business been supplanted by others. The Gordon brothers yet remain in the hardware business, and W. E. Osborn continues a dealer in books, toys and notions. John B. Zuber has changed from a grocery store to a general dry goods, clothing and grocery store. L. S. Gordon is yet an attorney-at-law in the place, and A. Ellsworth, proprietor of the Exchange hotel. The following is a brief history of the manufacturing industries of Antwerp, past and present: The first manufacturing establishment to be located in the village was the Antwerp stave factory. It was established by the Antwerp stave company about the year 1860. The company consisted of Harris, Beugnot & Beugnot. This company operated it fourteen or fifteen years; and then it passed into the hands of Henry George, B. J. White, Jacob Saylor and M. P. Jacobs. These gentlemen operated the factory until 1885, when Mr. George — the last remaining partner — sold his interest to B. J. White, who associated with him as a partner Mr. J. Wallingsford. The factory manufactures staves and heading. The capacity of the works is 5,000,000 staves and 10,000,000 sets of heading per year; saw mill 20,000 feet of lumber per day. The main building is 100x20 feet in size; the engine forty-five horse power; and the grounds covered by the factory, three and one-half acres. About thirty-five hands are employed. The Antwerp furnace was located in the year of 1865, and ceased operations about the year 1881. Mention of this furnace is made elsewhere in the history. The Antwerp hub and spoke company is a large concern and is elsewhere mentioned at length.

The Gay pail factory was built in the year of 1882, and while in operation was one of the most extensive factories of the kind in the state. It gave employment to about seventy-five or 100 hands, and had a capacity of 1,500 complete pails per day. The proprietors of the factory reside in Cincinnati, and located it at Antwerp in order to be near a large belt of cottonwood timber, from which species the pail staves are made. Owing to an over-stocked market of the product manufactured and a consequent decrease of price, the factory closed its doors in 1887, and has not been in operation since that date. The Saylor & Son hoop factory was operated in Antwerp for some years; but was removed to a location in Michigan, in August, 1891. Champion Bros. & Eli Munson operated a hoop mill in Antwerp for some years along in the eighties. A good steam flouring mill is located in the village. It was built in 1872 by Peter Snook and James W. Johnson. It is now operated by Carr & Smith. There are four church edifices in Antwerp — the Methodist, Presbyterian, Catholic and Christian. The Methodist church was built about the year 1860, and is the oldest in the village. It is a frame. The Presbyterian is of brick, and is one of the only two brick churches in the county. The Catholic and Christian churches are neat frame buildings. The principal mercantile establishments of the village are the general dry goods and grocery stores of Harris & Graves, O. S. Applegate, John B. Zuber, Henry George & Son and B. J. White; the hardware stores of Joseph Reeb and Gordon Bros.; the grocery house of Pocock Bros.; Mrs. A. Schilb's furniture store; the drug store of Mrs. E. C. Emanuel; the exclusive boot and shoe house of John Yager; the book and notion house of W. E. Orborn; A. N. Smith's Boston bargain bazaar, and the drug and jewelry house of Graves & Wesner. There are also several restaurants. Ely & Bissell are the proprietors of the only elevator in the place, and buy and sell grain, live stock, baled hay, etc. John Cromley is the proprietor of the City livery. Will Cromley, Avery Ellsworth also do a nice livery business. The Exchange hotel and the Commercial house are the hotels of Antwerp. The Wabash road has a very neat and commodious depot near the center of the village; also a small park adjoining the same. Riverside park is owned by the village,

and is a beautiful grove situated on the bank of the Maumee in the eastern outskirts of the town. A beautiful cemetery is located west of the park.

The civic societies represented in Antwerp are the Carryall lodge, I. O. O. F.; W. H. Doering post, G. A. R.; F. & A. M., Antwerp lodge; Antwerp division, S. & D. T.; A. L. & H., American Council; and the W. H. Kauffman camp of S. of V. These societies are all large and in good working order.

Notwithstanding the excellent fire company which is maintained in the village, it has suffered from several disastrous fires which have swept away whole blocks. The buildings burnt have been frame, and have most been replaced by good substantial brick buildings, so that now the principal business houses are of that material. There are many beautiful and attractive residences in Antwerp, among which may be mentioned the brick residences of H. H. Gordon, Hon. Henry George and Mrs. A.

Schilb, and the frame residences of John B. Zuber, T. A. Graves, P. P. Doering, Joseph Reeb, W. E. Osborn, Fred Barchard, W. F. Fleck, Mrs. Harris, Henry Harris and Z. T. Graves. Hon. L. S. Gordon will complete in the fall of 1891 one of the costliest and most handsome residences in the county. The Union school building at this place is a large, two-story brick, containing six rooms, and is heated by furnace. It is built in modern style and is neatly furnished in the latest and most approved patterns of school furniture and apparatus. It was completed in the year of 1876, at a total cost of $17,000 for the building and furnishing. The schools are among the most prosperous in the county, and the enrollment second only to the enrollment at Paulding. The attorneys and physicians of the place have already been mentioned in this work, under appropriate headings.

In the way of amusement halls, Antwerp was in the advance of any town in the county. Its first hall was fitted up with stage fixtures about the year of 1867, on the second floor of the Shirley building, and was known as the Shirley hall. It was used by theatrical companies for many years. George's hall was fitted up with a stage, curtain, etc., in 1883, and used for a time. Chester's opera-house was built in 1886 by John Chester, and was a neat and commodious hall, well furnished with seats, scenery, etc. It was only at the service of the devotees of the histrionic art for about one year, when it was swept away by fire. The present amusement hall is the Band opera-house, built and controlled by the Antwerp Cornet band. It is visited by some very good troupes during the theatrical season.

The finances of the village are in good condition and its municipal business transacted by able and efficient officers. A bill passed the legislature in the spring of 1891, granting the privilege of bonding the village for improvements, such as sewering the town, grading and lighting streets, etc.

The *Argus* is the only newswaper published in the village. Its editor and proprietor is John F. Lusk. The paper is a four-column folio, ably edited and neatly printed.

The Exchange bank is the only one in Antwerp. It was established in 1889 by A. P. Murphy, who is the cashier and does a general banking business.

The population of Antwerp in 1880 was 1,223; in 1890 it was 1,463.

CHAPTER XVIII.

HISTORY OF PAYNE.

WHEN what was known as the "Continental" railroad was being graded, W. C. Hedges, of Tiffin, laid out several towns along its line. Among these were Oakwood, Hedges and Payne, in Paulding county. The original plat of Payne was therefore made in 1872, by W. C. Hedges, and the surveys made by Noah Ely, at that time county surveyor. At first the place bore the dignified title of Flatrock City; and in the Paulding *Democrat* of May 14, 1874, were the following advertisements pertaining to the village:

"Great excitement at the New Flatrock grocery store, at Flatrock City, Paulding county, Ohio! When you go to Flatrock, call on J. P. Radenbaugh & Co., who keep on hand a choice stock of groceries and provisions, and everything usually kept in a first-class grocery store; also, keep a full stock of boots and shoes. The highest market price paid for all kinds of produce."

"The latest news! New store at Flatrock! By Hiram Gaut. Where tinware, crockery, dry goods, boots, shoes and ready-made clothing are kept in abundance, at low prices. Cash paid for staves, hoop-poles, and black-ash hoops. Come in the morning, trade, and go away satisfied."

Additions were made to the village in 1878, by James Malott and Peter Lehman, and the name changed from Flatrock to Malottville. A few buildings were added to the village from time to time, but the commencement of its active growth did not occur until 1882, at which time the Nickel Plate railroad was completed through the place. About this date, Gen. W. H. Gibson, of Tiffin, made an addition to the town and built several business rooms; and it may be said that to his efforts can be attributed the present prosperity of the place. The village was incorporated in 1883, under the name of Payne, and since that time has sustained a healthy and rapid growth. From a half a dozen houses and a population of forty or fifty, in 1880, the census of 1890 gave it a population of 1,146. This rapid increase is owing partly to the location, but mostly due to the energy and enterprise of its citizens. The town is well lighted, has good, substantial sidewalks, fine dwellings and numerous factories, all of which combine to make it a desirable place in which to locate. The village is located in both Harrison and Benton townships, the larger portion being in Harrison. It is six miles north of the south line of the county, four miles east of the Indiana and Ohio state line, and ten miles southwest of Paulding. In size it ranks third in the county. On the night of September 15, 1887, the village was visited by a very disastrous fire, which swept away an entire block of frame buildings lying on the south side of Merrin street, and incurring a loss to the citizens estimated at $50,000. Heroic efforts were made to put down the fire, but nothing could be done except to save the neighboring buildings. The fire, however, may be regarded as a benefit to the town, for upon the cinders of the not very substantial wooden buildings were soon after erected new and attractive brick blocks.

The village was visited by another destructive conflagration about 1 o'clock a. m., March 11, 1891, in which five business houses, together with the most of their contents, were laid in ashes. An account of the fire is given in the Paulding *Democrat* of March 12, 1891, as follows: "The thriving village of Payne, this county, was visited by another destructive fire about 1 o'clock yesterday morning. The flames were first discovered in a shoe shop, and are supposed to have originated from a defective flue. The building was soon enveloped in flames, which rapidly spread until the saloon and restaurant building occupied by Albert Geist was also beyond the point of being saved. Mr. Geist's loss is about $1,500, with $1,200 insurance. In the second story of this building lived the families of L. C. Burke and a man named Grady. Mr. Burke's loss included all his household goods, and his family barely escaped with their lives. Mr. Grady saved a portion of his household effects, his loss being estimated at $500. The fire next spread to the building occupied by W. E. May as a barber shop, which was also entirely destroyed, May saving only a part of his outfit. The rooms over the barber shop were occupied by Seller's photograph gallery and Dr. Gorrell's office, every thing in the rooms being destroyed except the doctor's account books. The next building to succumb to the devouring element was that occupied by P. H. Boullion with a meat market and grocery. The scene of the fire was at the corner of Laura and Merrin streets, and five buildings in all were burned to the ground. All were frame structures, and the loss aggregates about $7,000."

Notwithstanding the fact that the above mentioned destructive fires have occurred, Payne is, perhaps, better equipped than most of her sister towns for fighting the devastating element, fire. It has a good fire department, organized in the spring of 1887, and composed of about forty members, an excellent hand-engine, purchased at Seneca Falls, N. Y., with about 500 feet of hose.

Payne has six churches, which prove conclusively that as a class its citizens are of a moral and religious nature. These church edifices have been erected by the Methodists, United Brethren, Disciple, Lutheran, German Reformed and Catholic denominations. They are all frame structures excepting the Methodist, which is a neat brick.

The village is alive to educational matters, and is provided with a good frame school house, containing six departments. It was completed in the autumn of 1885, at a cost of about $3,500. The civic societies located at Payne are as follows: John Stabler post, No. 179, G. A. R., organized May 22, 1883, with twenty charter members; Walter S. Payne camp, No. 149, S. of V., organized October, 1886, with twenty-two members; Payne lodge, No. 725, I. O. O. F., organized July 16, 1883, with

eighteen charter members; Payne lodge, No. 377, K. of P., instituted August 22, 1889; and Perseverance lodge, No. 502, I. O. G. T., organized January 28, 1889. The prosperity and almost phenomenal growth of Payne was largely due to the number of excellent factories located there. They are the motive power which roll the wheel of progress along her busy streets, and may be briefly mentioned as follows: One of the first to locate was the stave and lumber company of N. E. Prentice & Co., which began operations in 1881. The firm was composed of N. E. Prentice, Edwin Cowell and J. K. Barnes. In 1886 Mr. Barnes retired from the firm and the business was conducted by the other two members. Their principal business is the manufacture of pail staves, of which, in 1889, they shipped 2,395,100 pail staves, 98,650 pail covers and 124,200 pail bottoms. Here is also manufactured patent and lap siding, molding, flooring, beaded ceiling, lath, shingles, etc. About twenty-five hands are employed. This business was sold in June, 1891, to the J. S. Emigh Lumber Co., who are the present proprietors. In speaking of this company the Payne *Review* of July 2, 1891, says: "The J. S. Emigh Lumber company have organized with the following officers: J. S. Emigh, president and treasurer; C. H. Allen, vice president; George B. Brown, secretary; directors, J. S. Emigh, C. H. Allen, George B. Brown, R. G. Allen and J. E. Jones. This forms one of the strongest companies in northwestern Ohio, and the new firm is starting out with flattering prospects. We feel proud to have such a company located in our village. The firm manufactures and wholesales and retails rough and dressed oak, ash, cottonwood, sycamore and elm lumber; also molding, shingles, lath, doors, blinds, sash, and in fact all kinds of finishing lumber. They ship a great deal of lumber and employ a large number of men and teams." The Payne Hoop Co. is a valuable acquisition to the place. It is composed of the firm of Harris & Graves, Joseph Tarault and G. W. Ober. The factory is supplied with all the latest improved machinery for manufacturing elm hoops and has a capacity of about 30,000 hoops per day. Power is furnished by a ninety-five-horse power engine. Capt. E. O. Harris is manager and Mr. Ober is foreman of the factory. The firm employs about thirty workmen. Jacob Ream, one of Payne's most genial gentlemen, is the proprietor of a lumber manufactory and planing mill. He located in the village in 1876, and by active perseverance and fair dealing has built up an extensive and profitable lumber business. The mill is fitted up with all the best and latest improved machinery, and the yards are covered with millions of feet of lumber awaiting sale or shipment.

The stave factory of P. H. Hyman & Co. is an extensive enterprise, and gives employment to twenty-five or thirty laborers; another stave factory, owned by the firm of Hyman & Schnelker, completes the list of factories in Payne.

In the mercantile line Payne has several houses, whose proprietors carry large and well selected stocks of merchandise, and do an extensive business. Of these the following may be mentioned: The dry goods and grocery store of Harris & Graves, the general store of Thos. Lamb, the hardware stores of Henry Hyman and Michael Finan, the drug stores of Mrs. E. C. Emanuel and E. A. Field, the clothing house of M. L. Barney & Co., the grocery houses of S. H. Barnes and A. B. Oppy, the bakery and restaurant of O. V. Siniff; H. C. Weaver's harness store (successor to A. Spiece), and the furniture store of J. C. DeLong.

For several years prior to 1890, Don R. Gibson was one of the leading merchants of Payne, and conducted one of the largest general stores in the county; but owing to poor health he has now retired from the business. E. W. Fields and George Kilpatrick were formerly clothiers of the place, and Quince & Radenbaugh kept a general store for many years.

The principal hotels of Payne are the Union house and City hotel, both located on Main street. Henry Radenbaugh is the owner and present proprietor of the former; and Jacob Haddox was owner and proprietor of the latter from March 4, 1881, until the spring of 1891, when he retired from the business. Peter Feiderspeil is the only wagon-maker of the village. Daniel Bower is the photographer of Payne. His studio is located on East Merrin street, where he is excellently equipped for "securing the shadow ere the substance fades." He is a first class artist and his pictures always please.

The buildings of Payne are for the most part frame structures; but during the latter part of the last decade a few good, substantial brick ones were erected. Among these may be mentioned the Emigh block, the Hyman block, and the block erected on the corner of Merrin and Main streets, by A. Woolard. In the second story of the latter is a hall fitted up with stage, scenery, curtain, and other paraphernalia of an opera house. It is rented to traveling theatrical troupes and is known as Woolard's hall. The leading millinery house is that owned and conducted by Mrs. M. B. Jordan and is first-class in every detail. The business was established in 1886 and has annually increased. The town is plentifully supplied with barber shops, livery stables, billiard halls, restaurants, etc.

Five physicians, Dr. J. D. McHenry, Dr. J. W. Cartwright, Dr G. E. Brattain, Dr. John Harrod and Dr. C. V. Gorrell, look after the "aches and ills that flesh is heir to" in Payne and the surrounding country. Dr. A. F. Randolph is the resident dentist.

The legal fraternity is represented by only one attorney, M. B. Everett, Esq., who has an office in the Hyman block, and gives special attention to the business of his profession. H. K. Gaut is a notary public and insurance agent, and Oliver E. Kilpatrick is a notary public.

The following is a roster of the village officers in 1890: Mayor, H. K. Gaut; clerk, K. J. Vanderhoff; treasurer, Peter Finan; and marshal, Joseph Venrick.

The Nickel Plate railroad has a neat and commodious depot at Payne; and a good elevator for the storage of grain is owned by the firm of Foster & Olmstead, of Fostoria, and used by the grain dealers of the village.

The first newspaper published in the place was the Payne *Star*. Its initial number was issued in the spring of 1883; but not being a "star" of the first magnitude, it soon ceased to twinkle. Shortly after its demise, the Payne *Independent* arose above the journalistic horizon, with W. C. B. Harrison as editor and proprietor, and for a year and some months shed its voluminous light upon the citizens of Payne and the surrounding country. Not being well patronized its proprietor moved the plant to Hicksville and began the publication of the Hicksville *Independent*. The third, and present newspaper of the place, is the *Review*, published by W. J. Johnson. Its first number was issued in February, 1885, and it has been a welcome and weekly visitor at the homes of its patrons since that time. It is a neat 7-column folio, is ably edited and reflects credit both upon its proprietor and the citizens of the village who sustain it with their patronage.

The following report of the village council published in the Payne *Review* of April 2, 1891, shows the village to be in an excellent financial condition:

Statement of the receipts and expenditures between May 22, 1890, and March 31, 1891. Balance on hand on hand May 22, 1890:

General fund	$93 91
Street fund	13 90
Ditch and drain fund	232 72
Special fund	33 19
Interest	151 82
Total	$525 54

Amount received during the year:

S. G. Campbell, stock pound	$4 40
Joseph McClure, stock pound	3 00
H. K. Gaut, fines and licenses	208 90
Draft from auditor, general fund	865 16
Draft from auditor, street fund	519 10
Draft from auditor, ditch and drainage fund	173 03
Total amount received during the year	$1,773 59

AMOUNT OF DISBURSEMENTS.

General fund	$650 84	
Balance in treasury		$524 53
Street fund	177 17	
Balance in treasury		355 83
Ditch and drainage fund	122 65	
Balance in treasury		283 10
Special fund	11 30	
Balance in treasury		21 89
Interest fund, no expenditures.		
Balance in treasury		151 82
Total amount disbursed during the year	$961 96	
Total amount in treasury		$1,337 17

INDEBTEDNESS.

One road scraper	$125 00

Attest: A. W. Brown, *Clerk.*

The population of the county in 1830 was 161; in 1840, 1,034; in 1850, 1,766; in 1860, 4,945; in 1870, 8,544; in 1880, 13,489; in 1890, 25,932.

Number of acres of plow land in 1890	86,000
Number of acres of meadow land in 1890	20,000
Number of acres of timber land in 1890	153,235
Total number of acres in county	359,235

The following is the number of votes cast in the county at presidential elections since its organization: 1840, 206; 1844, 259; 1848, 301; 1852, 392; 1856, 623; 1860, 989; 1864, ——; 1868, 1,613; 1872, 1,941; 1876, 2,305; 1880, 2,716; 1884, 3,929; 1888, 5,755.

Conclusion.—In preparing the foregoing historical sketch of Paulding county, the writer has aimed at truth and conciseness, rather than verbosity. The task proposed in the beginning has been followed as strictly as the available data would permit. Aside from the tragical, the theme has been briefly covered. Any mention of homicides, murders, crimes, etc., has been intentionally omitted. Let such occupy a separate history, and be perused by lovers of the sensational; but let the fair pages of this be free from any dark stains or blots: *spero meliora.* It is unnecessary for one to assume the role of a prophet to predict for Paulding county a most brilliant future. The shadows which foretell coming events are plainly cast. Oil, gas, macadamized roads, beautiful farms, thriving villages and happy homes, all loom up in the hazy distance. The work begun by the hardy pioneer is just beginning to assume the form of the actively progressive. Paulding in its crude state, and Paulding developed, will be vastly different. The dense forests, whose shades covered the hardships of the early settlers, are being swept away, and a bountiful sunlight beginning to shed its golden streams upon the abodes of prosperity. A decade hence and the county will number fifty thousand souls; its swamps will all have been drained, and its amount of cereals grown been doubled. Then, from being the butt of ridicule and jest—the smallest of the "hoop-pole district," the swampiest of the swampy—it will have taken rank among the wealthiest and most prosperous counties of the state. In contemplating upon these things it is no wonder that some unknown lover of the Muse was inspired to write as follows on the subject of Paulding county:

No fairer land on God's green earth
  Than ours can e'er be found;
Her level acres — each is worth
  Full ten of common ground.
When tickled with the plow and hoe,
  Her harvests laughing rise;
And as the seasons come and go,
  Each brings a new surprise.
No rock-capped hills, with stony frown,
  Casts shadows o'er the land.
No sterile plain or desert brown
  Extends its waste of sand;
But all her wide expanse of soil —
  Her fields and forests wide —
Give full return for honest toil
  And join to swell our pride.
No gruesome plague assails our health,
  Or frost our growing corn;
But to our coffers added wealth
  By every breeze is borne.
Our chariot is progression's car,
  Our banners are unfurled;
We say to all, both near and far,
  Paulding against the world.

PERSONAL SKETCHES.

AUGLAIZE TOWNSHIP.

Jacob Bennett.—Among the pioneer farmers of Ohio is Jacob Bennett, who was born in Union county, June 16, 1834, the son of William and Nancy (Clark) Bennett, of this state. After acquiring a limited education, Mr. Bennett, who can tell many a story of the struggles of pioneer life, started out in business for himself and has prospered in his calling. He enlisted on the 2d of May, 1864, in Company H, One Hundred and Ninety-second regiment of Ohio volunteer infantry, for the 100 days' service, and was a participant in the siege of Petersburg, the Bermuda Hundred and several skirmishes. He was discharged at Camp Chase, September 10, 1864. Re-enlisting February 14, 1865, Mr. Bennett was mustered out of the army on the first of September of that year. From Winchester, Va., he returned home and located upon the place where he now resides. He is a democrat in politics and has held the office of township trustee for two years. He is now serving a second term as justice of the peace, besides ministering to the people in the minor positions. He has resided in this county since 1852, and is one of the enterprising and progressive citizens to whom Auglaize is indebted. Mr. Bennett was married June 8, 1856, to Miss Lucentia (Linnabary), of Melrose. She was born in Delaware county, Ohio, September 19, 1839, her parents being Andrew Linnabary, born in 1813, died in 1863, and Sarah (Young) Linnabary, born in 1815. They settled in Paulding county in 1849. Mrs. Bennett's father was also in the army, in Company F, Thirty-eighth Ohio, enlisted in 1862, served one year, was sent home on account of sickness, and died about two days after his return home. Mr. and Mrs. Bennett have one child, James Buchan Bennett, born in Paulding county, Ohio, May 4, 1857, he was married in Nebraska, in 1877, to Miss Jennie Keezer, also of Paulding county, Ohio. They have six children: William Andrew, born April 25, 1878; Clara Lucentia, born November 10, 1879; Josephine Pearl, born May 27, 1883; James Gordon, born April 6, 1885; Jacob Budd, born January 23, 1887; Emily Pelina, born December 19, 1888, lived in the west fourteen years and now resides in Paulding county. All were born in Boone county, Nebraska. These are the grandchildren of Jacob and Lucentia Bennett. Jacob Bennett is a member of the Thomas J. May post, of Charloe, Paulding county, Ohio, No. 703, of G. A. R.

Gideon Blanchard, Sr., is one of the wealthy farmers and stock raisers in Paulding county. He was born in Canada, March 15, 1841, and remained at home until the death of his mother, which occurred when he was ten years of age. He was then taken and reared by strangers for whom he worked until, at the age of fourteen years, he labored by the month in upper Canada. After working in the pineries, he came to Defiance county, Ohio, with but $25 in his pockets. He at once started to work in the timber regions and was engaged in rafting on the Maumee river for some time. Returning to Canada, he, in company with others, made timber in Ohio for several months. Mr. Blanchard made several trips to Canada, and in 1864 purchased the farm where he now resides. He is the proprietor of 528 acres of land in this county, 160 acres in Defiance county and 2,500 acres in West Virginia, and his ability as an expert and wise agriculturist is admitted by all who know him. He and his family are members of the Catholic church, and politically he is an independent. Mr. Blanchard was united in marriage with Miss Mar-

garet Mumper, on June 6, 1865, and the children who blessed their union are Gideon, Jr., John, Hattie, Zilla, Ezra and Eldie, deceased, January 26, 1889.

Gideon Blanchard, Jr., one of the most industrious of the young men of Auglaize township, was born in this county on April 1, 1866, the eldest son of Gideon Blanchard, before mentioned. Mr. Blanchard is a republican in politics, and a communicant of the Catholic church. On July 21, 1891, he married Miss Lulu Boff, an estimable young lady of Perrysburg, Ohio, who was born in Toledo, Lucas county, Ohio, on January 9, 1872. Mr. Blanchard is in all respects a good citizen, and has a wide circle of friends who wish him well, and is now in possession of the homestead farm.

Philiase Blanchard is a native of Canada, having been born April 23, 1848, the son of Jacob and Harrriet Blanchard, of French origin. The mother died when our subject was but three years of age, and he was reared by a friend until eleven years old. At the age of fifteen years he came to Defiance county in company with his father, who departed this life in 1877. Mr. Blanchard worked for his brother, Joseph, who resided at Hicksville, in the timber trade, and the following summer went to Toledo, where he followed the same occupation. Crossing the lake he went to Muskingum, Mich., and remained at Grand Rapids for six years, being engaged during this time in farming and saw-milling. Coming to Paulding county he purchased eighty-two acres of land, upon which are very fine improvements, the result of hard work and energy. Mr. Blanchard is a democrat, and as such has been supervisor of his district. June 5, 1876, Miss Mary E. Sieran became his wife, and their children are Mary C., Annie, Eddie, Matilda and Alien. Mrs. Blanchard is the daughter of Peter Sieran, of Emerald township, and with her husband is a member of the Catholic church.

Rev. John Bodenbender, one of the pioneer settlers of this county, located in Auglaize township in 1850. He was born in Germany, July 26, 1826, the son of Caspar and Anna Bodenbender. The mother died in her native country, and the father in 1831 came to America and located in Auglaize township, where he remained until death called him away in 1849. John Bodenbender was but seven years of age when he came to this country with his father. At the early age of eighteen years, he was wedded to Miss Hannah, the daughter of Jacob and Barbara Snyder, and the union resulted in the birth of three children: Susanna, the wife of G. McDole; Jacob and Henry (deceased). Mrs. Bodenbender died January 11, 1853, and her husband married March 1, 1854, Miss Mary E. Fryman, whose parents were Jacob and Rachel (Gallant) Fryman. Twelve children were born of the latter marriage of our subject as follows: Eliza J., wife of John Morris; Rachel, wife of Z. Garret; Margaret, now Mrs. J. Rickner; Mary E., wife of B. Warner; David; Alice S., wife of D. Wagoner; George, Evaline, wife of A. Shoemaker; Effie, James V., Myrtle S. and Ruth A. The father of the above named is an aggressive republican, and in February, 1865, enlisted in the army for one year, receiving his discharge on the 2d of June, at Camp Dennison. The education of Mr. Bodenbender was such as enabled him to preach the gospel, and in 1875 he started upon his ministry in the Disciples church, in which he is still engaged. He deserves rank as one of the representative and model citizens of his township.

George M. Breckler, one of the progressive and enterprising young farmers of Auglaize township, was born in Putnam county, Monroe township, November 11, 1857. He is the fourth son born to H. C. Breckler, one of the leading citizens of this county. Mr. Breckler received a good education from the home schools, and at early manhood began life at farming, and now owns a good farm, which under his management yields large crops. He grows fine horses and cattle, and is known as one of the representative farmers. Politically is a democrat and a member of the Catholic church.

Henry C. Breckler is a native of Ashland county, Ohio, born September 19, 1849, the son of Christopher and Magdalena (Hosfelt) Breckler, the former of Germany, born March 31, 1821, and the latter of Prussia, born September 26, 1828. Christopher Breckler came to America with his parents when he was eight years of age. They located in Stark county in 1829, and at the end of seven years moved to Ashland county on a small farm and died there. Christopher remained on the farm and married Miss Magdalena Hosfelt, and in 1853 moved to Putnam county with his wife and three children, locating on a farm of 200 acres that he purchased, and in the fall of 1858 he sold the farm and bought in Paulding county and moved there, where he remained until death called him away on April 13, 1888; his wife died on January 4, 1891. They accumulated over 800 acres of land, which they divided equally among their children. His family consisted of eleven children, viz.: Henry C., Joseph F., John C., George M., Jacob B., Mary V., Sarah E., Theresa M., Margaret C., Sylvester J., and Clara R. Breckler, and three of whom are dead, viz.: Joseph F., John C., and Mary V. Breckler. They were members of the Roman Catholic church. Henry C. Breckler began a business life at the age of twenty-one at farming; he owns eighty-nine acres in this county and eighty acres in Defiance, which are in good state of cultivation. At present he is holding the position of constable, having acted in that office for nine years. On May 14, 1878, he joined his lot in life with Miss Catherine H., the daughter of Michael and Catherine (Hassett) Lutz, of German and Irish extraction, and his family consists of six children, viz.: Leo A., Mary Agnes, Michael C., Luke, Theresa, and Catherine A. M. Breckler; two of them are dead, viz.: Luke and Theresa. Mr. Breckler is a stanch supporter of the democratic party.

Jacob B. Breckler is a native of Paulding county, Ohio, born February 3, 1859, the son of Christopher and Magdalena Breckler. He was reared upon the farm and educated in the common schools. At the age of eighteen years he began life for himself at farming, which he has followed since, and now owns 160 acres of fine land, being one of the finest farms in northwestern Ohio, which is well stocked with fine horses, cattle and sheep, in which he takes great pride. He is one of the progressive young men, a stanch democrat and is a member of the Roman Catholic church.

Jacob Brown, deceased, was a native of Pennsylvania, and was born on the 10th of December, 1826, the son of Peter and Savilla (Lance) Brown. The latter were the parents of Jonas, Jacob, Samuel, William, Delilah, the wife of John Brown, and Elizabeth, now Mrs. D. Fockler. The death of the father occurred in 1868, and that of his wife in 1871. Jacob Brown resided on the homestead farm until he was twenty-four years of age. At this time, on the 13th of April, 1851, he was united in marriage with Miss Barbara Whitmyer, of Germany. Mrs. Brown, who was the daughter of Jacob and Mary (Marquoet) Whitmyer, was born July 2, 1832. Her parents emigrated to America in that year and located in Tuscarawas county, where the mother died. The father then went to Orange county where his death occurred. Their children are Mary, the wife of George Hodger; Jacob, who died in the army; Barbara, Margaret (deceased), Catherine, Elizabeth (deceased), and Josiah. Jacob Brown died on the 3rd of July, 1887, of a complication of diseases, and in his death there was removed from the community a good man. He had followed various occupations during his lifetime, among them being threshing, blacksmithing and saw-milling. As a republican he held the position of township trustee for some time. He was the father of Cyrus, John, Elizabeth, Lewis, Collie, Emma, Lucy, Savilla (deceased), Amanda (deceased), and Josiah. The family are members of the United Brethren church, and Mrs. Brown, with the help of her son, Lewis, now operates the farm.

David L. Childs first saw the light of day on the 2nd of March, 1849, in Fairfield county, Ohio. He is the son of Samuel and Martha J. (Westenbarger) Childs, the former a native of Virginia of English extraction, and the latter of Ohio. David, the fourth child born to these parents, began life for himself at the age of twenty-one years. His education was such as enabled him to teach, and for eight consecutive years he taught the schools in Fairfield county. He removed from his native county to Auglaize township, and settled upon the farm of forty acres which he has well improved, and upon which he still resides. He married Miss Mila Avey, the daughter of Oliver and Sarah (Fisher) Avey, of German origin, on the 22nd of March, 1876, and the union resulted in the birth of three children, named Sadie J., Eva M. and Ella M. Politically Mr. Childs is a republican, having held the minor township offices. He has been a member of the I. O. O. F. for twenty-one years, always active and interested in its welfare.

Dwight D. Columbia.—One of the enterprising young men of the county is Dwight D. Columbia, who, in connection with his farming, handles fine horses. He was born in Auglaize township, Paulding county, on the 9th of July, 1866, the son of T. H. B. and Corrilla (Marcellus) Columbia. At eighteen years of age our subject was left fatherless, and he then worked on the farm for his mother until he reached his majority. At this time he began the process of clearing and improving his own land, and has at present eighty acres of fine ground. He was married on the 5th of October, 1886, to Miss Viola J. Wichner, whose parents, George and Jennie (Jumper) Wichner, were of German lineage. Mr. and Mrs. Columbia have three children: Susa E., Cora M. and Grace O.

John George Dotterer.—One of the finest improved farms in Auglaize township, consisting of 371 acres of land, is the property of John George Dotterer, a native of Germany, born April 4, 1830. His parents were Christopher and Francesca (Demel) Dotterer, who had nine children, two

of whom died. The parents came to America in 1849 and in 1851 came to this county and made Emerald township their home. Here the father died in 1875, the mother having preceded her husband to the grave, dying in 1869. John G. Dotterer remained at home until he was fourteen years of age, at which time he learned the trade of a shoemaker. In 1847 he came to America and landed in New York in April of that year. He worked in this city at his trade for thirteen months and then came to this state, working at Bucyrus, Tiffin and Sandusky respectively. May 11, 1856, Mr. Dotterer was united in matrimony with Miss Catherine Rummel, the daughter of Peter and Eve Rummel, of Germany. After his marriage, our subject removed to Junction, and until 1866 worked at his trade. At this time he embarked in the general mercantile business, which in 1870 was changed to a grocery and hardware establishment. In 1889 a disastrous fire swept through his store, and the loss incurred was heavy. Mr. Dotterer is a democrat and as such has held the offices of township treasurer and trustee. He was brought up in the faith of the German Reformed church, to which organization he is a liberal contributor. Twelve children were born into the home of our subject, namely: John P. (deceased), Mary C. (deceased), William H., Mary E. Christine (deceased), Benjamin R., Jerome G., Emma R., Catherine F., Ollie A., Franklin E. and Elsie L.

W. H. Dotterer, a leading merchant of the county, is a dealer in fine groceries, tobacco, cigars and general merchandise. He was born in Auglaize township June 23, 1861, the son of J. G. Dottterer elsewhere mentioned. He remained with his parents until he was twenty-four years of age, when his marriage with Miss Addie, the daughter of S. and Gertrude C. Most, occurred on the 14th of October, 1887. One child, named Orson S., is the result of this union. Mr. Dotterer who is an aggressive democrat has been assistant postmaster for six years, the post-office being situated in his store. He is one of the progressive young citizens of the town in which he lives.

Samuel M. Doyle, the son of Samuel Doyle, Sr., was born at Dayton, Ohio, in 1847. The father was a native of Kentucky and a leaser of public works. The mother was a native of France. Samuel M. Doyle, the subject of this notice, was educated in the city schools of Columbus, and began life for himself at the age of fourteen, by running an omnibus to Camp Chase. He was afterward employed in various trades, and in 1871 removed to Paulding county, where he has since been engaged in stock-raising and keeping a hotel; also owns one of the best stone quarries in the state, which has furnished thousands of yards to the B. & O. railroad, and to the county and state. He is a successful business man, energetic and progressive, and is highly esteemed in the community where he resides. He is a democrat in politics, though not actively engaged in party affairs. Mr. Doyle was married in 1870 to Miss Hattie M., daughter of Gazaway Moccabee. Mrs. Doyle was born in 1851, and by her marriage has become the mother of one son, named Samuel M. Doyle, Jr. Mr. Doyle is a Universalist in religious belief, and his wife is a worthy member of the Methodist church. They have many friends who wish them well.

Henry Frederick, a successful grower of small grain, is a native of Ohio, born in Delaware county, October 28, 1834, the son of Daniel and Christina (Strawser) Frederick, natives of Pennsylvania, their parents having been born in Germany. Daniel Frederick and his wife emigrated to Ohio and located in Ross county, thence to Delaware county, from which place they removed to Allen county. After acquiring a common education, Mr. Frederick engaged in month and day labor. After a year's residence here he located on a farm of forty acres in Paulding county, removing two years later to Putnam county, where he was the owner of land, and where he lived for two years. He then removed to Paulding county, located on a forty-acre plat of ground, and five years later settled upon his present farm of eighty acres. He was chosen township trustee for terms of one, two and three years respectively, and

served the people with ability. April 14, 1855, he was married to Miss Martha, the daughter of John and Rachel (Kennedy) Rickner, and the union resulted in the birth of Robert, John A., Walter, Thomas E. and Henry C. The family are members of the Christian church, and valued citizens of the community in which they reside. Mr. Frederick makes a specialty of growing corn, which cereal he is successfully cultivating.

Francis M. Grant, a highly respected carpenter and blacksmith of Auglaize township, is a native of Sandusky county, Ohio, and dates his birth from the 15th of December, 1866. He is the son of Joseph and Sarah (Netcher) Grant, of German extraction, and after obtaining an education in the common schools began life for himself. His blacksmith and carpenter shop is located in the village of Arthur, which is his place of business. Mr. Grant is an aggressive republican, deeply interested in politics. He was married on the 2nd of November, 1887, to Miss Cora Mansfield, and unto the union one child, named Ida May, has been born. Mrs. Grant is the daughter of Peter and Ellen (Perkins) Mansfield, of English lineage, and honored residents of this county. The family of Mr. Grant are attendants at the Christian church, in which they enjoy high standing.

Frederick Grossenbacher, a successful farmer of Auglaize township, was born in Canton Berne, Switzerland, the son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Naftzger) Grossenbacher, who emigrated to this country in 1847, locating in Wyandot county, Ohio. Here they remained for four years, when they removed to this county, and settled on the Gotlieb Overmiller farm, as it is now known. The father entered this land and lived upon it until his death, on June 29, 1871, his wife surviving him until June 18, 1882. At the age of twenty-two years, Frederick Grossenbacher enlisted in company K, One Hundred and Seventh Ohio volunteer infantry, and served for three years. He took part in the following engagements: Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Morris Island, Sumterville, and many skirmishes which occurred along the line of march. He received his honorable discharge at Charleston in June, 1865, and was mustered out at Camp Cleveland. Returning home, our subject continued to work on the farm with his father until his marriage, which occurred October 1, 1874, at which time Miss Rosanna Friedly, a daughter of Frederick and Elizabeth (Vonbalmoog) Friedly, became his wife. The parents of Mrs. Grossenbacher were natives of Germany and Switzerland respectively. The children born to our subject and wife were an infant, deceased, Frederick E., Emma E., Robert W., Anna M., Stella M., and Florence P., all living at home. Mr. Grossenbacher, who is an active democrat, was elected trustee of the township two years ago. He and family are members of the Reformed church, in which they occupy high standing. The former owns eighty acres of fine land, of which fifty-two are improved.

W. H. Hardesty, an industrious farmer of Auglaize township, was born in Allen county, Ohio, March 2, 1842, the son of E. and Margaret (Hill) Hardesty, of English origin. The mother died in 1849, and the father was again married, his wife's maiden name being Mary Henderson. W. H. Hardesty received a common education and when twenty-one years of age began the struggle of life. He joined company A, Twentieth regiment of Ohio volunteer infantry, for three months' service, and was discharged from the hospital with an almost total loss of sight. Re-enlisting in company C, One Hundred and Fifty-first Ohio volunteer infantry for the hundred days' service, he participated in the skirmishes about Washington city. Returning home he located in Lima, and engaged in saw-milling for eighteen months. Mr. Hardesty was married on the 29th of October, 1863, to Miss Rachel R. Greer, who bore him three children, namely: Emma B., wife of Manuel Lloyd; Joshua G, and Elijah R. Mrs. Greer, who was the daughter of Joshua and Rebecca Greer, was born December 14, 1839, and departed this life September 14, 1889. Her husband, who survives her, is a member of the Methodist church. He is a republican in politics and a pensioner. On account of his failing eyesight, he has retired from active work, and is superintending the improvements being placed upon his farm.

Reason Johnson, a prosperous farmer of Auglaize township, was born in Carroll county, Ohio, January 14, 1853, the son of Isaac and Margaret (Meek) Johnson. At the age of twenty-one years, our subject left the parental roof and engaged in farming in Defiance county. He is successful in his chosen calling, in connection with which he operates a fine stone quarry located upon his farm. April 5, 1874, Miss Cynthia, the daughter of Thomas and Mary (Peterson) Davis, became his wife, and they have four bright children, named Clinton, Bertie, Ernest and Earl. The family is highly respected in the community where they reside.

Joseph Keaser is the son of Samuel B. and Sarah (Darling) Keaser, and was born in Penobscot county, Me., May 5, 1845. His father died September 12, 1850, and the mother, who is still living, resides with her son, the subject of this sketch. Joseph Keaser was but five years of age at the death of his father, and he then made his home with a cousin, Samuel Keaser by name, who died in the army. In 1861 he returned to Defiance county and attended the farm for his mother, with whom he lived until his marriage, which occurred March 2, 1876. His wife was Miss Angeline Struble, the daughter of Rev. George and Lucinda (Lindley) Struble, of Trumbull county, now residing in Henry county. Five children were born of this union named Oscar D., Lois E., Howard, Permelia and Harrison F. Mr. Keaser is a republican and has held the position of trustee. He has eighty acres of fine land, well improved, and raises wheat in large quantities. He is regarded as one of leading citizens of the town-

ship and is generally esteemed.

John G. Klein, who is one of the best farmers in Paulding county, located in Auglaise township in 1879, and is one of its enterprising farmers. He was born in Germany, June 27, 1829, the son of Jacob and Barbara (Boeienar) Klein. In company with his wife, Catherine (Klotz) Klein, the subject of this notice came to America in 1850 and located in Ohio. He was married in his native land in August, 1850, and became the father of Charles, John, Jacob, Sophia, the wife of John Stroser; Mary, Emma and Christina, deceased. Mrs. Klein died October 14, 1870, and Mr. Klein married Mrs. Anna M. Holly, the widow of William Holly, one year later. Mary, the wife of B. English; Peter, Elizabeth, now Mrs. H. Bonton; Emma (deceased), Anna, John and Teressa, wife of H. Nabeau, are the offspring of this union. Mr. Klein has been prosperous in his calling and now owns 220 acres of very fine land on the Auglaize river, which is well improved. Mr. Klein is a member of the Lutheran church and his wife belongs to the Catholic denomination. The former is a democrat and one of the enterprising citizens of the county.

Mrs. Anna M. (Hoofman) Klein, wife of J. G. Klein, was born in Germany, where she grew to womanhood and there married, in 1852, William Holly, who was an honest, hard-working man. Mrs. Klein, with husband and two children, Mary and Peter, started for America, May 1, 1857, and were on the ocean fifty-four days. They located at Mansfield, Ohio, where Mr. Holly carried the hod for one dollar per day. While living here two daughters were born, viz.: Elizabeth and Emma. Early in 1860, they moved to Williams county, Ohio, near Lockport, where Mr. Holly worked at anything he could find to do until he purchased a home of his own, near Evansport; while living here six children were born, viz.: Annie, twins (still born), John, William and Tracy. Mr. Holly's health failed him, and Mrs. Holly worked out as a farm hand in the wheat field, making hay, cutting corn, and digging potatoes. Mr. Holly died March 20, 1868, after an illness of five years. September 14, 1871, Mrs. Holly married John G. Klein, since which time she has exchanged her home for land near Junction, Ohio, where she now lives and is highly esteemed where known. By her second marriage one son, Joseph, was born September 8, 1872, and is now at home working the farm. Mrs. Klein is the mother of five sons and five daughters, and has ten grandchildren, and enjoys a good home which she has made.

Englebert Link, one of a family of ten children, was born November 7, 1846, and was reared to years of maturity by his parents. His education was received in the schools of his county. He remained with his parents until the death of his parents in 1878, when he began life for himself as a teacher in the spring of 1871. He has taught twenty-eight terms of school in five districts of the county and has been successful in his calling. Mr. Link is eminently a self-made man, and whatever success he has achieved has been the reward of diligent and persevering labor. He was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth, the daughter of Nicholas and Mary (Vanvlervah) Schoonover, on the 13th of October, 1881, and are the parents of four children: Earl N., Oscar R., Flora V. and Hober G. Mr. Link is an adherent to the principles of the democratic party, has held the minor township offices and acted as assessor for three terms with satisfaction to the people and credit to himself. Three of his brothers served during the late war, one of whom, Harman Link, a private in company B, Forty-ninth Ohio volunteer infantry, was killed in battle at Dallas, Ga.

Frank S. Link, a successful farmer of Auglaize township, is a native of Baden, Germany, and was born on November 18, 1848, the son of Gallus and Josephine Link, natives of Germany. The parents emigrated to this country in 1854, and located in New York, where they remained for one year. New Jersey was their next stopping place for one year and a half, then Sandusky county, Ohio, and in 1862 the family moved to this township, where our subject now resides. He was one of ten children, and received but a common school education. As a democrat he has held the office of supervisor and other minor positions in the county. Mr. Link was married to Miss Amelia, the daughter of Joseph and Polly (Wilhelm) Heister, on August 14, 1876, and the union resulted in the birth of five children as follows: Emma, George, Alice, Alonzo and Elmore. The family are members in good standing of the German Reformed church. Mr. Link has been prosperous in business and now owns eighty acres of the finest improved land in the county. One of his brothers, a private in company B, Forty-ninth Ohio volunteer infantry, was killed in the battle at Dallas, Ga.

Henry Link, a thriving farmer of Auglaize township, was born in Baden, Germany, June 14, 1837. He came to this country and located in Paulding county, where he has since resided. Mr. Link took part in the war between the states, as a member of company C, Fifty-seventh regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry, having enlisted November 9, 1861. He participated in the battles of Shiloh, Corinth, Holly Springs and Vicksburg, where he was wounded in the side; Jackson, Miss.; Mission Ridge, Kenesaw Mountain, Atlanta, and on July 22, 1864, was taken prisoner and confined in Andersonville, where he suffered all the tortures of prison life. He was exchanged in September, and was taken to the hospital at Atlanta, where he remained until October, 1864. At this time he was sent to his regiment, and on the 21st of November received his honorable discharge. Returning home, Mr. Link engaged in farming, and as a democrat held the office of trustee for one term. November 14, 1865, he married Miss Adeliza Iddings, the daughter of Townsend and Harriet (Williams) Iddings, of Irish extraction, and is the father of William H., John, Clarence H., Jefferson, Anna D. and Curtis Cleveland. The family are devout members of the United Brethren church.

John A. Mahan, whose birth occurred in Hardin county, Ohio, August 9, 1853, was one of ten children born to David and Eliza J. (McGinnis) Mahan, natives of Ross county, Ohio, of Irish and German origin, the date of the father's birth being July 3, 1824. The parents located in this county and township in 1875, and on the 14th of March, 1886, the death of the father, aged sixty-two years, eight months, eleven days, took place. The mother followed her husband to the grave in March, 1891. Their children were named: William H. (deceased), Margaret, wife of L. Fitzwater; Elizabeth J., wife of D. Monfort; Charles Wesley (deceased), Mary, Emma (deceased), Nora, now Mrs. Andrew Williams; Clara (deceased), and Frank. John Mahan was twenty-one years old before he left the homestead, and at the time of his marriage he had but $80. The success he has achieved in life has been due to his hard work and hopeful nature. Mr. Mahan has been married twice, the first time on November 8, 1875, when Miss Mary L. Moore became his wife. She was of German and Irish descent, and bore her husband four children, namely: William Earl, Jennie M., David C. and Clarence E. William Moore, her father, who was a Virginian, is dead, and her mother, Jane Moore, born in Hardin county, Ohio, is still living. The mother died April 20, 1889, a devoted member of the United Brethren church. On the 8th of November, 1890, Mr. Mahan was united in marriage with Sarah, the daughter of George Airs, of Paulding. They are members of the United Brethren church, and in politics Mr. Mahan is an aggressive republican. He is the owner of eighty acres of fine land, which are well improved.

George Matty, one of the representative farmers of Paulding county, was born in Seneca county, Ohio, August 1, 1844, the son of Frederick and Margaret (Hester) Matty, of German extraction. When he was sixteen years of age, George Matty enlisted, in 1862, in Company C, Sixty-eighth regiment of Ohio volunteer infantry for three years, and served until the war was over. He was engaged in many hard battles and skirmishes, and at present receives a pension. He received his discharge in July, 1865, at Camp Cleveland, Ohio. Returning to Auglaize township he carried on his work, in which he has since been successfully engaged. His marriage occurred in February, 1875, when Miss Jane Fryman, the daughter of Jacob and Rachel Fryman, became his wife. Mr. Matty is a republican in politics, and one of the progressive citizens of the county in which he resides.

R. B. Montgomery has been a worthy citizen of Auglaize township Paulding county, since 1877. He first saw the light of day in Franklin county, Ohio, June 4, 1848, and is the son of George W. and Mary (Dove) Montgomery, of Irish and German extraction. March 12, 1864, at the age of fifteen years, Mr. Montgomery enlisted in Company D, First regiment Ohio volunteer cavalry, and served until the close of the war, receiving his discharge September 27, 1865, at Columbus, Ohio. Returning home to Union county, he remained with his parents until his marriage on the 4th of March, 1869, when Miss Lucy, the daughter of Timothy and Jane (Gates) Thomas, became his wife. She was born in Licking county, October 21, 1848, and by her union with Mr. Montgomery became the mother of four children: Maud, Claude, Mabel and Pert. Mr. Montgomery is a stanch prohibitionist, and is proud of it.

Joseph M. Morris.—Among the progressive young citizens of this county may be mentioned Joseph M. Morris, who was born in Auglaize township on the 20th of November, 1862, the son of H. K. and Anna (Berry) Morris, of English extraction. H. K. Morris was born in Brown county, September 9, 1830, and came to Paulding county in 1850, where he remained until his death. He built the third cabin in his part of the township on forty acres of wood land through which he cut the road and redeemed 440 acres, clearing 200. His first marriage occurred February 24, 1853, when Louisa Babcock, the daughter of John and Elizabeth (Hurdman) Babcock, became his wife. To them were born John H., George S., J. H. and Louisa T. Mrs. Morris died August 25, 1860, and

November 3, 1861, Mr. Morris married Miss Anna Jenkins, who died in 1875, leaving two children: Joseph M. and Elijah O. Miss Laura A. Jennison, of Delphos, became the wife of Mr. Morris February 8, 1880, and their children are Helen, Ray, Blaine and Clarence. As an aggressive leader in the republican party, Mr. Morris was without reproach. He held a high position in his church and was a man highly esteemed for his moral worth. His death occurred in 1889. His son Joseph, the immediate subject of this sketch, began life at the age of twenty-one years. He married Miss Alice Hardesty, the daughter of Isaac Hardesty, on the 26th of October, 1884, and they have had one child, Nina Zoe. They are members of the Christian church and highly regarded in the community in which they reside.

Hubert Naveau, Sr., is a farmer and dealer in general merchandise at Junction, Auglaize township. He first saw the light in Monroe, Monroe county, Mich., May 4, 1826, the son of Joseph and Mary (Bohema) Naveau. Joseph Naveau and Mary Bohema were natives of France, born near Paris. They came to this country in 1794 and landed in the town of Monroe, Mich, where they remained until the war of 1812, when Joseph Neveau enlisted as a private soldier, taking his family to Detroit, Michigan, while he served his country under Gen. Hull. He served until peace was declared, and saw Hull surrender to the British. He then took his family back to Monroe, thence to Toledo, then to Maumee City, Ohio, where he died in June, 1844, at the age of sixty-five. His wife, Mary, survived him and drew a pension in her old age. She died at the age of ninety-three. Their children numbered eleven, all deceased but the subject of our sketch and David, of the state of Washington. They were named Clarissa, Joseph, William, Francis, Richard, Mary Ann, Mitchell, Mary and Caroline. Hubert Naveau, Sr., started in life a poor man. He learned the baker's trade and worked at it for eleven years in Toledo, Cleveland, Perrysburg and Junction. In 1848 he permanently located in Junction, Paulding county, Ohio. He married Mary Ann Day in 1849. Six children were the result of this union: Hubert, Jr., Emma (deceased), James L., Lillie V., Almeda and Harry S., all of whom are happily married as follows: Hubert, Jr., to Jennie Shirley, daughter of Judge Robert Shirley, of Paulding; James L., to Rhoda Hostel; Lillie V., first to Daniel Boor (deceased), then to Stephen Rank, of Sherwood; Almeda, to George A. Heatley, recorder of Defiance county; Harry S., to Tracy Holley, of Defiance county. Hubert N., Sr., has worked hard for all he has and his stock is of the best. Consequently he is kept busy continually, and by his obliging manners has won a large patronage.

Andrew Ott, an industrious farmer, stockraiser and blacksmith, was born in Bavaria, Germany, January 7, 1837, the son of George and Rosa Ott, who came to this country in 1853, and located in Morrow county. They remained here but a short time, when they removed to Junction, Paulding county, and there died, the father in 1891 and the mother in 1874. Three children, Andrew, George, who died in the army, and Mary, the wife of M. Ader, were the children born to them. Andrew Ott, the subject of this notice, remained with his parents until June 26, 1862, when his marriage with Miss Maggie Dick was solemnized. Mrs. Ott is the daughter of John and Catherine (Haller) Dick, of Austria, Germany, and by her union with Mr. Ott became the mother of George, Mary, John, Eliza (deceased), Joseph, Anthony, Rosa, Emma C. and Gertrude (deceased). Our subject owns 160 acres of fine land, seventy acres of which are well improved. He is an aggressive democrat and votes the straight ticket. He has held the office of township trustee for seven years and that of supervisor for several terms. He and his family are devout members of the Catholic church.

J. C. Randolph, farmer and contractor, is a native of Mahoning county, Ohio, born January 19, 1844, the son of Davis and Caroline (Russell) Randolph, natives of Pennsylvania. Mr. Randolph was reared in Austin town and was educated in the common schools. He began life for himself at the early age of thirteen, and so continued until, in the fall of 1863, he enlisted in Company E, Twelfth Ohio cavalry, for the term three years. He was assigned to the army of the Cumberland and saw active service in Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama and North and South Carolina. He was captured at Cynthiana, Ky., by Gen. Morgan, and held for five days, when he was paroled at Claysville. On being discharged at the close of the war, Mr. Randolph returned home and later went west to Oil City. In 1866 he came to Paulding county and located
39 at Junction and then at Oakwood, where he operated the Russell farm. October 30, 1868, he married Miss Remembrance Budd, born in Columbus, Ohio, but a resident of Paulding. Mr. Randolph located on the Budd farm, and in 1877 settled upon his present property. He is one of the self-made men of the county and by hard work has achieved success and prosperity. He handled ship timber for a time but lately has turned his attention to contracting. Politically he is a republican though not a seeker for office. Mr. Randolph is the father of Oscar, Clide, Maud, Blanche and Anna Randolph.

Adam Sholl is a native of Germany, having been born there in October, 1816, the son of John and Elizabeth Sholl, natives of the fatherland. Adam was the youngest of five children born to these parents, and he came to America when he was but seventeen years of age. He located in Baltimore with his uncle and aunt for a time, and then removed to Greencastle, Penn., where he lived working by the month at $6.00. From this place he went to Seneca county where he was united in marriage with Miss Maria Hoffman, the daughter of Hood Hoffman, of Germany. Mr. and Mrs. Sholl have been blessed with nine children, namely: Mary (deceased), Joseph, Rosa, Oliver, Margaret, Mathias, Isabeth, Catherine and Adam, Jr. The family are members of the Catholic church, in which they enjoy high standing. Politically, Mr. Sholl is connected with the democratic party, in whose welfare he is deeply interested.

Joel Sloppy, a leading agriculturist of Auglaize township, was born in Butler county, Ohio, May 18, 1829, the son of Jacob and Catherine (Heroff) Sloppy, of Pennsylvania. The parents are now dead. At the age of seventeen years Joel Sloppy began working as a carpenter and continued the same for fourteen years. In February, 1865, he enlisted in company C, One Hundred and Ninety-second Ohio volunteer infantry, for one year and served for seven months, being discharged at Winchester on account of illness. He is a member of the G. A. R., and one of Paulding's best citizens. December 4, 1854, Mr. Sloppy was married to Miss Maria Borger, a daughter of Jacob and Anna M. (Long) Borger, and they are the parents of seven children: Charles E., Vastina V. (deceased), Sylvanus E., Lily J., wife of G. W. Lloyd; Leander J., Jacob and Anna M. (deceased). Mr. Sloppy, who has held the office of trustee in this township for six years, is at present serving as county infirmary director. Fraternally, he belongs to the Masonic lodge, and he and wife are members of the German Reformed church.

J. H. Stover, of Oakwood, Ohio, was born in Hancock county, Ohio, March 6, 1842, the son of Henry J. and Margaret (Bogard) Stover, of German and Irish extraction. Mr. Stover enlisted on August 6, 1861, in company A, Forty-ninth Ohio volunteer infantry, and shortly afterward was transferred to company I of same regiment, having enlisted for three years or during the war, and took part with his regiment in the battles of Shiloh, Stone River, Chickamauga and Missionary Ridge, where he was wounded in the left leg, during the former charge on the enemy. He was also wounded in the head at Rocky Face Ridge, on the 10th of May, 1864. He was present and participated in all of the battles on the Atlanta campaign, namely: Resaca, Pickets Mills (where the Forty-ninth lost over 50 per cent. killed). In fact was under constant fire for 100 days. After the Atlanta campaign and the battle of Jonesboro had been fought, when Sherman sent part of his army south and part north, the Forty-ninth was among the number that marched north after Hood's army. The Forty-ninth was then under Thomas' command and participated in the battles of Franklin and Nashville and was among the number to help annihilate Hood's army, during the summer of 1865. Mr. Stover participated in one of the most hazardous campaigns of his experience in Texas. He was mustered out at Victoria, Tex., November 30, 1865, having served over four years, having marched over 1,000 miles and fought 23 hard battles and over 100 skirmishes, and has no hospital record. He enlisted as private and mustered out as corporal. He received a veteran's medal from the state of Ohio for long and continuous service. On the 19th of April, 1866, he was married to Miss Clara, the daughter of Joseph and Ann Perkins, of Putnam county, Ohio. Miss Perkins was born in Leicestershire, England, February 17, 1841, and emigrated to this country with her parents in 1845. The result of this union was the birth of Edwin M., Dora E., Clara S., Margaret A. and Chloe E. Stover. The family are members of the Church of Christ, highly respected wherever known. Mr. Stover located in this county in 1875, and is interested in harness making and the sale of carriages, being connected with the firm of Stover & Son, Oakwood, Ohio.

Daniel F. Tuohy is a worthy representative of a worthy family. He was born in Jackson township, this county, March 31, 1858, the son of Patrick and Nancy (Ryan) Tuohy. He resided with his parents until their demise, and then took charge of the old home. He married on the 2d of June, 1887, Miss Mary C., the daughter of Benjamin and Henrietta (Wellman) Schroeder, of Germany, and is the father of two children named Mary E. and Emma H. Tuohy. The religious creed of the family is found in the Catholic church. Mr. Tuohy, who is the able assessor of the township at the present time, is a democrat in his political belief.

John Varner, who is one of the enterprising citizens of Auglaize township, was born in this county February 13, 1863, the son of Nathan Varner. After receiving his education, John Varner, at the age of nineteen years, purchased land and began life for himself. He was successful in his venture and in connection with his farming he is interested in a saw mill which is situated on his father's property. He also owns a butcher shop at Pleasant Bend, Henry county, Ohio, where he is doing a thriving business. He owns seventy acres of good land in his native township where he breeds fine horses. Politically Mr. Varner is a republican and enjoys the esteem of his fellow-citizens.

Francis M. Wade was born in Knox county, Ohio, December 22, 1834, the son of Thomas and Mary (Severns) Wade, of Virginia. The father died at Massillon, Ohio, in December, 1874, the mother having preceded him to the grave in 1852. The subject of this mention attended in his youth the indifferent schools of that time, and at twenty-two years of age engaged in farming for about three years. He operated a saw mill in Allen county, and with a portable mill went to the counties of Defiance, Putnam and Paulding. He was successful in this business, and accumulated property. On his farm fine horses, sheep and Plymouth Rock chickens are raised, and everything is in first-class shape. Mr. Wade has held the position of county commissioner, first from 1877 to 1880, and from 1882 until 1885. He acted as trustee for three years. His marriage occurred February 16, 1867, at which time Miss Harriet Vanskiven became his wife. She was the daughter of Isaac and Nancy (Wells) Vanskiven, the former of whom died in the United States service during the late war. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Wade are: Charles T., born October 27, 1867; Thomas, born December 14, 1868, died December 31, same year; Paul, born March 18, 1870, died August 18, 1870; Gertrude, born September 26, 1872; Daniel, born March 28, 1875; Roy, born March 28, 1876, died August 11, 1876; Grace, born March 30, 1878, died October 24, 1887, and Hoiland, born December 30, 1881, died November 9, 1882.

John Q. Williss, a thriving farmer of Paulding, was born in Warren county, Ohio, July 25, 1831. His parents were Elijah and Rachel (Wilson) Williss, of English origin. When he was nineteen years of age, John Williss began life for himself, doing farming in the summer months and running a saw mill in the winter seasons. His father was killed by an accident in the mill in January, 1851. Mr. Williss was married on January 24, 1856, to Sarah A. Cross, and their children are: Emma Jane, Charles E., Maria (deceased), Marshall C., and Sadie B. The parents of Mrs. Williss were John and Sarah (Booth) Cross, the mother being a lineal descendant of the Booth family so famous in history. The family are members of the Brethren church, and Mr. Williss, who has served as trustee of his township for one term, is in politics a republican.

Abraham C. Yencer located in this county in 1861, and purchased the property where he now resides, which consists of 200 acres of land. He is an active republican and has held the positions of township trustee and assessor for two years. Mr. Yencer was born in Trumbull county, Ohio, April 14, 1838, the son of Gideon and Lydia (Sechler) Yencer, natives respectively of Pennsylvania and France. The former died when his son was but fifteen years of age, leaving him helpless. He worked on a farm for two years and then learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed until November, 1860. In 1865, Mr. Yencer enlisted for one year, and was discharged in June of that year. While at Cumberland he was taken ill and sent to Fredricksburg, where he was discharged. In 1860, Miss Edna L. Miller was united in marriage with Mr. Yencer, and four children are the issue of this union. They are John F., Charles E. (deceased), Abraham Hayes and Samuel Tilden, twins. Mrs. Yencer, who is a member of the Methodist church, is the daughter of Charles and Ruby (Roberts) Miller, of New Jersey. Socially, the family occupies a prominent place in the estimation of the people of Auglaize township.

BENTON TOWNSHIP.

Isaac Allison is one of the progressive agriculturists of Benton township. He was born in Paulding county, November 25, 1852, the son of George and Sarah J. (Daniels) Allison. The father was born in Marion county on the 29th of February, 1826, came to Benton township in 1852 and purchased eighty acres of land now owned by Mrs. Hannah Snyder, Richard Snyder and George Birkhold. He was one of the early school directors and a life-long member of the United Brethren church, of which he was exhorter many years. His political belief embraced the principles of the republican party. In 1848 his marriage with Miss Sarah Daniels occurred and seven children were born to them, namely: John (deceased), Isaac, George C. (deceased), James A. (deceased), William J., Mary E. (deceased), and Emma E. (deceased). Mr. Allison died September 25, 1865, and his wife, who survived him, afterward married Henry Beal, and died November 5, 1872. Isaac Allison, the subject of this notice, was raised on the homestead farm and received a common school education. In 1876 he purchased his present farm, which is now under cultivation and well improved. Mr. Allison was married December 15, 1872, to Miss Annie C., the daughter of Peter Neigh, of Benton township, and six children were born to them: Martha E., born August 10, 1876; Bertha A., born March 1, 1878; Della M., born August 10, 1879; Rose A., born May 24, 1882; Emily E., born September 14, 1884; Elmer F., born April 14, 1887. Politically Mr. Allison is connected with the republican party.

George P. Armstrong is a native of West Virginia, and first saw the light in Preston county, May 8, 1849. He is the son of I. F. and Elizabeth (Cupp) Armstrong, honored citizens of the county of their residence. George Armstrong, the immediate subject of this notice, was raised and educated from the age of thirteen, in the county of Hocking. He remained at home until 1883, when he settled in Benton township, on a farm of forty acres, where he now lives. Politically, Mr. Armstrong has been a democrat for some time, and has filled the minor township offices. In 1873 his marriage with Miss Harriet, the daughter of James Thrush, of Hocking county, occurred, and six children came to bless this union, namely: Arthur M., Thurman P., Edward M., John H., Frank L. and Myrtle M. The family are members in high standing of the Methodist Episcopal church, of Payne. Fraternally, Mr. Armstrong belongs to the P. of H. Grange, of Benton township.

Isaac N. Armstrong.—I. F. and Elizabeth (Cupp) Armstrong, natives of West Virginia and Fayette county, Penn., respectively, are the parents of Isaac N. Armstrong, who was born in West Virginia, August 28, 1847. He attended the common schools and at the age of thirteen years went with his parents to Hocking county, where the father died in 1886. The mother, who is still living, resides on the homestead. Our subject remained on the farm until the death of his father, when he removed to his present farm, in Benton township. While a resident of Hocking county, Mr. Armstrong was a school director and supervisor. Miss Rebecca J. Coulter became his wife in 1869, and these children, Bertha B., Peter S. and Walter I., were born to them. Mrs. Armstrong is the daughter of Peter Coulter, of Stow township, Hocking county. Her husband is a member of Payne Lodge, No. 725, I. O. O. F., and the family belong to the Methodist Episcopal church.

Dr. G. E. Brattain is a son of R. L. and Aurelia (Hubbard) Brattain. Our subject's native town is Big Springs, Logan county, Ohio. He received his early education in the common schools; at the age of thirteen he entered the normal school at Rushsylvania, Ohio, where he remained two years, and was subsequently graduated from Bellefontaine high school in 1878. He then commenced the study of medicine with Dr. R. Edmons, of Ridgeway, Ohio, and graduated from the Fort Wayne medical college in 1882, but commenced to practice in 1880. In June, 1882, he located at Payne, where he has since resided, engaged in the practice of his profession. The doctor was married in 1884 to Miss Augretta, daughter of John Printz, of Ridgeway, Ohio. Politically, our subject is a democrat. He is treasurer of Paulding county United States pension examining board, is a member of Payne lodge, No. 725, I. O. O. F., also K. of L., Payne local, No. 2786, and the county and district medical society.

John D. Brown.—Prominent among the well known citizens and educators of Paulding county is Prof. John D. Brown, who was born in Jackson county, Ohio, June 3, 1840, the son of Isaac and Barsheba (Darling) Brown, natives of New York and West Virgina respectively. John D. Brown received his education in the common schools and Ewing academy. In 1861, in answer to his country's call, he enlisted in company E, Twenty-seventh Ohio volunteer infantry, and took part in the battles of New Madrid, Island No. 10, Corinth, Kenesaw Mountain, and the Atlanta campaign. At the close of the war he returned to Jackson county and at once engaged in teaching in the public schools. In 1868 he entered the employ of the Latrobe furnace company at Berlin, Ohio, and for two years acted as clerk in this establishment. He then taught for three years, and was elected a member of the board of examiners. He spent one year at Zaleski, Ohio, as superintendent of the schools, was elected county surveyor of Jackson county for four years, again returned to Zaleski, serving as superintendent for five years, and at the end of this time was a clerk in the employ of the Zaleski coal company for one year. His next appointment was as superintendent of the schools at Cedarville, Greene county, Ohio, in which he served one year, when he was called to

Benton township, Paulding county, where he taught one session. From this place he went to Payne as superintendent of the schools there, filling the office for three years. In 1887 Mr. Brown purchased his farm of
40 eighty acres and engaged in cultivating the soil. He is a member of the county board of examiners and is a republican in politics. Prof. Brown is eminently a self-made man, and whatever success he has achieved has been the reward of diligent and persevering labor. He was married in 1865 to Miss Orinda E., the daughter of Wilson and Hannah (Grey) Liston, and unto the union six children have been born; four are living, named Burdsall B., Homer L., Orris E. and Walter R. The family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Payne, in which Prof. Brown has been steward and chorister. He is also a member of the John M. Stabler Post, No. 179, G. A. R.

J. W. Cartwright, M. D., was born in Allen county, Ind., July 9, 1856, the son of Samuel and Lovinia B. (Pierce) Cartwright. He was reared upon the homestead farm and his preliminary education was obtained in the common schools. He entered the Fort Wayne university and graduated from the Fort Wayne high school in 1878. He completed his scholastic training at Purdue university of Lafayette, Ind., and commenced the study of medicine with Dr. C. B. Stemen, of Fort Wayne. He graduated from the medical college of this city in 1882, and also from the medical department of the Long Island college hospital, at Brooklyn, N. Y. At this time he located at Argus, Marshall county, and commenced the active practice of medicine. In December, 1882, he settled in Payne, Ohio, and this place has been the theater of his work ever since. A close student, thoroughly devoted to his calling, and endowed by nature with a keen perception and strong reasoning powers, he has been the trusted physician and counselor in many difficult cases. Dr. Cartwright was united in marriage to Miss Florence N. McLauchlin, the daughter of Mrs. John H. Bonnell, of Arcola, Indiana, on the 19th of July, 1882, and their children are Dale Pierce, born May 29, 1883; Emor Lopp, born September 13, 1887, and Glenn Edon, born August 9, 1891. Mrs. Cartwright was born in Canada, February 17, 1860. She received a musical education and graduated at the Fort Wayne college, now Taylor university, in 1882. Her father was John L. McLauchlin, of Canada, who died in 1864. The doctor is a member of Payne lodge, No. 725, I. O. O. F., Payne lodge, No. 377, K. of P., and of Perseverance lodge, I. O. G. T., No. 502. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which organization he holds the offices of trustee and steward.

W. T. Cress.—Among the leading farmers of Benton township is W. T. Cress, who was born in Miami county, Ohio, November 29, 1833. He is the son of George M. and Sylvilla (Baetz) Cress, the former a native of Kentucky and the latter of Ohio. George M. Cress was born in Floyd county in 1806; came to Benton township in 1852, and settled upon the farm where our subject now resides. He and his wife are venerable residents of the county, and live with their son on the old homestead. Their family consisted of Cynthiana (deceased), William T., John (deceased), Jackson (deceased), and James M. (deceased). The marriage of these parents occurred March 19, 1829. W. T. Cress, our immediate subject, was raised in his native county, acquiring his schooling there. He learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed until 1861, when he enlisted in company D, Thirtieth Indiana volunteer infantry, serving six months. He was discharged for injuries received on the march from Virginia to Green River, Ky. Returning home, he settled upon the homestead farm and engaged in tilling the soil. He was married, on the 11th of September, 1856, to Mary, the daughter of Jacob Lehman, of Benton township. They have four children, named Emmett, Chester B., U. S., and George M. Mr. Cress, who is a republican, is a member of the John M. Stabler post, No. 179, G. A. R.

A. W. Deardorff, liveryman, was born in September, 1857, in Logan county, Ohio, and in childhood removed with his parents, Abraham and Mary (Brown) Deardorff, both natives of Pennsylvania, of German and Irish extraction, to Kosciusko county, Ind., and remained under the parental roof until thirteen years of age. Not being strong, he began learning the miller's trade, and later became an expert engineer, spending several years in charge of stationary engines. In 1882 he began working for N. E. Prentice & Co., of Antwerp, Ohio. The following year he came to Payne to superintend the building of the bucket factory and continued a trusted employe until 1887, when he resigned and purchased a livery stock and established his present business. He keeps a good stock and is very popular where known. Starting out a poor boy, his business shows what industry and economy will do. Mr. Deardorff was deprived of an education, save as his own preceptor. He affiliates with the republican party and is a member of the K. of P. He was married in March, 1878, to Miss Allie Jackson, of Crane township, this county. Three children bless this union: Arrie, Izorie and Guy.

M. B. Everitt, an enterprising young attorney of Payne, Ohio, is a native of Defiance county, dating his birth from the 26th of December, 1861. He is the son of John and Martha (McKinney) Everitt, residents of Ohio. M. B. Everitt received his early education in the public schools, completing the same at the Bryan normal. He graduated at the age of seventeen years and commenced teaching in the schools of Paulding county, continuing the same seven years. Wishing to follow the profession of law, he studied with Hon. James E. Coulter, of Hicksville, and was admitted by the supreme court of Ohio, in 1884, to the practice. In partnership with Mr. Coulter, he practiced for one year at Hicksville, and then located at Payne, where he has made commendable progress. He is a republican in politics, and a prominent member of the Payne lodge, K. of P. Mr. Everitt was married in 1882 to Miss Ida, the daughter of Clement and Ellen Hulbert, of Defiance county, and a member of one of the pioneer families of that place. Three children, of whom two are now living, were born to Mr. and Mrs. Everitt. Glenn and Ford are the names of the survivors. Mr. Everitt is recognized as one of the prominent men in the county and is bound to succeed in his chosen profession.

Michael Finan, the present efficient treasurer of Paulding county, is engaged in the hardware business at Payne, Ohio, where he carries on a prosperous trade. He was born in Allen county, Ind., near what is now Fort Wayne, on December 24, 1852. His parents are John and Ellen (Moran) Finan, both natives of county Sligo, Ireland, born respectively in the years 1803 and 1813. In 1847 they emigrated to America and landed in upper Canada, where they remained for a time and then removed to Lake county, Ohio, settling at Painseville. In 1850, Mr. Finan brought his family to Paulding county, and located upon land which had been entered by James Dunn. Mr. Dunn made his home with them and in time Mr. Finan became prosperous and purchased eighty acres of land in Benton township. Their nearest neighbor was a mile and a half from them and the nearest town, Fort Wayne, was twenty-two miles. Mr. Finan was the sixth voter to locate in this township and he experienced all the vicissitudes and struggles of a pioneer life. He was not much of a hunter and never killed but one animal. In 1851, he removed to Fort Wayne, returning in 1853 to his forest home. He raised flax which was spun into cloth, from which the clothing of the family was made. Mr. Finan and his wife resided upon their farm until 1888, at which time they removed to Payne, Ohio, where they are now enjoying the fruits of well spent lives. The family are members of the Catholic church, and politically Mr. Finan has always voted the democratic ticket. Michael Finan, the immediate subject of this sketch, was but one year of age when brought to Paulding county by his parents, and was here educated in the indifferent schools of his day. He remained under the parental roof assisting his father until his marriage, which occurred on the 24th of September, 1878, at which time Miss Mary Powers, a native of Emerald township, born in 1858, became his wife. She is a daughter of Thomas and Margaret Powers, early settlers of Paulding county. In January, 1882, Mr. Finan abandoned farming and purchased a stock of hardware, locating with it in Payne, where he had built the previous season. The first article he sold was a cross-cut saw, which was purchased at the depot before the goods had been removed to the store. In his business venture, Mr. Finan has been successful. His stock has been increased and is valued at $6,000. It is now in charge of his brothers, Peter and Thomas Finan. Mr. Finan is an agressive politician and as a democrat has served as trustee of Harrison township for two terms; was trustee of Payne for the same length of time, and in 1866 was elected to the office of county treasurer. He was renominated at the next election, but was defeated by a small majority. In 1890 he was again nominated for the same office, and was elected by a majority of 385. He took the oath of office in September, 1891, and has proven himself a competent and popular official. Mr. and Mrs. Finan are the parents of Clara E. and Anna, and are worthy members of the Catholic church. Their social standing is of the best and they enjoy the esteem of the community in which they reside. Mr. Finan was reared amid rural scenes, in which he learned the lessons of industry, economy, integrity and perseverance, characteristics have that been illustrated in all his subsequent life.

Hiram K. Gaut, a real estate and insurance agent, is the worthy mayor of Payne. He was born in Harrison county, Ohio, June 11, 1841, the son of Joseph and Sarah (McClish) Gaut, natives of Ohio. He was educated in the common schools and resided upon the homestead farm until No-

vember 22, 1861, when he entered the army in Company C, Sixty-eighth Ohio volunteer infantry, and served until April 3, 1865. At the close of the war he settled in Indiana and followed various occupations. In 1869 he came to Payne, returned to Indiana in 1871, and subsequently embarked in the mercantile and lumber business in the former place. In 1872 he was appointed postmaster and filled the office until 1885; in 1882 was elected justice of the peace and served for nine years, and in 1883 was the choice of the people for mayor of the town. He has served in the last position continuously ever since and also held the office of constable for three years. He established his real estate and insurance business in 1882, and has been successfully engaged in the same. His marriage, which occurred in 1866, to Miss Elizabeth, the daughter of Christian Stabler, of Paulding county, resulted in the birth of H. E., Caroline A., the wife of M. O. Lawson; Franklin L., Alpheus, Cora A., Grace D., Peter E., and Nora E. Mr. Gaut is a member of the John Stabler post, No. 179, G. A. R., Payne lodge, No. 725, I. O. O. F., and the K. of P., No. 377. Mr. and Mrs. Gaut attend the Disciples church, in which the former is an elder. Politically he belongs to the republican party.

Rhinehart Gearling.—One of the prominent and influential men of Paulding county is Rhinehart Gearling, who was born in Hesse, Darmstadt, Germany, in October, 1824. His parents were Rhinehart and Elizabeth Barbara Gearling, natives of the Fatherland. At the age of twenty-six the subject of this sketch, in 1850, emigrated to the United States and first located in Crawford county, Ohio, where he remained for two years, working at farming. He then went to Mansfield, where he found employment in a livery stable for three years. In 1855, on coming to Paulding county, he settled in Benton township upon 160 acres of land, which he had purchased. He added to this land until at present he is the owner of 396 acres of good ground, 150 of which he has succeeded by hard work in getting under cultivation. He has built a fine residence upon his land and all his buildings have modern conveniences. Mr. Gearling led to the altar in 1855 Miss Mary Riley, a native of Germany, and unto this union these children have been born: Mary, Michael, Rhinehart, Gotlieb, Louisa, the wife of David Shiffer; Kate (deceased), who married Frank Kerns; Conrad, Adam, Christian and Caroline. The father of these sons and daughters is a democrat in politics and has filled the office of township supervisor. He and his wife are members of the Lutheran church and the family enjoy universal popularity.

Frank Gideon, junior member of the firm of Gideon Bros., manufacturers of lumber, is a son of Henry and Lydia (Bedleheimer) Gideon He was born in Franklin county, Ohio, on the 6th of April, 1852, and with his parents moved to Adams county, Ind., where he was raised and given a common school training. His youth was spent upon the farm, and, in 1873, with his brothers, Henry and John, he purchased 160 acres of land, and established a mill which is now operated by them. Another mill is also run in section 29, Benton township. Mr. Gideon is also engaged in farming, in which pursuit he is successful, operating a farm of eighty acres in Adams county. In 1872, his marriage to Miss Kate, the daughter of David Mumma, occurred, and two children, Rolla and Glenn, are the issue of this union. Politically, Mr. Gideon is identified with the democratic party.

Henry L. Gideon, deceased, was born August 6, 1848, the son of Henry and Lydia (Bedleheimer) Gideon, of Franklin county, Ohio. He was reared to manhood in Adams county, Ind., and at the age of eighteen years found employment as a brakeman on the Pittsburg, Ft. Wayne & Chicago R. R. for three years. He then engaged in the lumber business in Benton township, Paulding county, in partnership with his brothers, John and Frank, under the firm name of Gideon Bros. Miss Hannah E., the daughter of James Stevens, of Adams county, Ind., became the wife of Mr. Gideon in 1868, and now resides upon the farm where they settled in 1873. Henry L. Gideon departed this life on the 18th of December, 1888, his death resulting from Bright's disease of the kidneys. He was an energetic business man, and his demise left a vacancy in the ranks of the leading citizens of Paulding county.

Dr. C. V. Gorrell.—Prominent among the well known physicians of Paulding county is Dr. C. V. Gorrell, who was born in Trumbull county, January 4, 1843, the son of Joseph and Easter (Glass) Gorrell, natives of Beaver county, Penn. In 1845 the parents removed to Wells county, Ind., where the subject of this notice received his education and was reared to manhood. In 1862 he enlisted in company K, Seventy-fifth Indiana volunteer infantry, and served loyally until the close of the war. At the battle of Hoover's Gap, Tenn., he had the misfortune to lose the sight of his right eye by a part of a gun-cap, which entered the ball. He participated in the engagements under Gen. Rosecrans, was with Sherman on his march to the sea, and took part in the battles of Lookout Mountain, Mission Ridge and the campaign to Atlanta. At the close of the hostilities, Mr. Gorrell returned home and read medicine under Dr. J. I. Metts, of Indiana, and graduated from the Fort Wayne medical college in 1884. In 1870 he began the practice of his profession in Summitville, Ind., where he remained for four years. On account of ill health Dr. Gorrell then located at Clyde, Iowa, where he practiced until 1880, and in August of that year removed to Payne, where he has since resided. In April, 1869, Miss Alfonna, the daughter of David Hayden, of Allen county, became the wife of Dr. Gorrell, and they are the parents of Don. C. Gorrell, Joseph D. Gorrell (deceased), Orleno G. Gorrell, Claudius D. Gorrell and Erma Wilde Gorrell. Fraternally the doctor is a member of the Masonic order, I. O. O. F. and G. A. R. The family are members of the Disciples church.

Dr. John Harrod.—One of the enterprising young physicians of this county is Dr. John Harrod, who dates his birth from the 4th of January, 1863. He is the son of Morgan and Belinda (Beam) Harrod, natives of Knox county, Ohio, and was born in Allen county, Ind. His early education was obtained in the common schools and at Taylor university, Ft. Wayne, Ind. After graduating from this institution, he taught school for five years, and in 1883 commenced the study of medicine under the direction of Dr. J. L. Smith, of Hoaglin, Ind. Mr. Harrod graduated from the Eclectic institute of Cincinnati in 1887, and commenced the practice of his chosen profession the same year at Payne. He is considered one of the leading physicians of the locality in which he resides and the future is bright before him. Dr. Harrod was happily married to Miss Lucinda Berkhold, on Christmas day, 1889, and they have one son, named Paul. Mrs. Harrod is the daughter of John M. Berkhold, of Benton township, Paulding county. Politically the doctor is an adherent to the principles of the democratic party. Fraternally he is a member of Payne lodge, No. 725, I. O. O. F.

W. R. Hughes, an extensive manufacturer of tile and brick, is a native of Ohio, born in Logan county, September 16, 1847, the son of W. P. and Maria (Watson) Hughes. Mr. Hughes was raised in Logan county, remaining upon the homestead farm until twenty-one years of age. In 1880 he came to Paulding county and purchased his present farm of eighty acres. Four years later he organized a company consisting of himself, A. M. Bailey and W. H. Stewart, for the manufacture of tile and brick. The partners subsequently sold their interests to R. Bartlett and Thomas Finon, who are associated with Mr. Hughes at the present time. They are doing a prosperous business and turn out first-class work, which finds a ready sale. Mr. Hughes was married to Mary E. McCrary, October 5, 1873, and is the father of five children, named Oceolla, Corrill O., Wilkinson E., Blanche G. (deceased), and William R. Mr. Hughes has made a substantial success of life, which few men from so humble a beginning accomplish. He is self-made in every respect, and is one of the leading citizens in the township of his residence. In 1865 he enlisted in company I, One Hundred and Ninety-second Ohio volunteer infantry, and served until the close of the war. He is a member of the John M. Stabler post, No. 179, G. A. R. The tile and brick establishment of W. R. Hughes & Co., was erected in 1884 by W. H. Hughes, A. M. Bailey and Wade H. Stewart. The two latter gentlemen sold their interests in 1889 to Robert Bartlett and Thomas Finon. The manufactory has a capacity of 10,000 brick and 6,400 tile per day, and employ six hands. They have one kiln, three drying sheds, 100x20 and 100x25, and the engine which is used is of ten-horse power.

Henry Hyman, the efficient ex-treasurer of Paulding county, now the genial banker and hardware merchant of Payne, Ohio, is a native of Prussia, born in Nassau on the 6th of April, 1846. He is the son of William C. and Margaret (Upperman) Hyman, who are mentioned elsewhere in this work. Mr. Hyman was educated in the schools of Huron county, Ohio, and was reared on the farm. At the age of twenty-six he engaged in the manufacture of staves in Ohio and Indiana, and in 1880 located in Payne, where he embarked in the lumber trade. Subsequently he established a hardware business and in connection with it manufactured staves. In 1888 he was elected county treasurer on the republican ticket and filled that position with credit to himself and satisfaction to his constituents. In 1871 Mr. Hyman married Miss Caroline, the daughter of George Schonebarger of Wyandot county, and they are the parents of five children, whose names are Charles, Harry, Ralph, Noble and an infant at present unnamed. Mr. and Mrs. Hyman are members of the German Reformed church of Payne, in which organization Mr. Hyman holds the office of deacon.

W. J. Johnson, editor-in-chief of the Payne *Review*, which he estab-

lished in 1887, was born at Adrian, Seneca county, Ohio, May 24, 1849, son of William and Nancy (Cline) Johnson, natives of Pennsylvania and Ohio, respectively—the former of Scotch-Irish and the latter of German parentage. The grandfather, Archibald Johnson, was a soldier in the war of 1812, and in 1821 located on Black river, near Cleveland. Subsequently located in Seneca county, locating in the forest on land entered by his father, and here reared a large family. The father of our subject grew to manhood in this county, and became a well-to-do farmer, where he yet lives and enjoys the fruits of his earlier life. He is a stanch democrat, and Mrs. Johnson is a member of the Methodist
41 Episcopal church. Our subject was reared to manhood a farmer's boy, having the advantages of the common schools, and before he was seventeen years of age was a teacher in the public schools, which he followed successfully, spending his vacations upon the farm; subsequently attended two terms at Heidelburg college, after which he resumed teaching; then took a scientific course at Ada, where he graduated in the the spring of 1879 with honors. In the spring following he located at Green Springs, Ohio, where he edited the Green Springs *Times*, and while here taught school a portion of his time in connection with his newspaper work. Later he was associate editor of the Tiffin *News* for a time, when he again located at Green Springs, and engaged as civil engineer on the N. Y. & O. railroad; then as proprietor and editor of the Green Springs *Times*, after which he established the Holgate *Times*, which he edited for five years. In 1887 he removed to Payne, Ohio, and started the Payne *Review*, which he has conducted since, it being a well-edited, newsy paper. Mr. Johnson has devoted a portion of his time to surveying along with his newspaper work. He is a stanch democrat, and is the party nominee for county surveyor, and if elected will make an efficient officer. Mr. Johnson is a member of the I. O. O. F., K. of P., and K. of L. He was married, March 12, 1871, to Miss Nettie Hahn, of Seneca county, born August 22, 1852, of German parentage, her father being Frederick Hahn. Two childreu were born to this marriage—twins—Annie and Marion, born October 7, 1884.

Henry King, a member of one of the prominent pioneer families of Ohio, and one of the old and highly respected citizens of Benton township, was born in Perry county, May 8, 1831. His parents were Christian and Margaret (Bashore) King, the former a native of Germany, who came to this country with his parents and settled in Pennsylvania. Subsequently they removed to Perry county, where our subject was raised and given a common education. He was early employed as a farm hand and purchased forty acres of land, where he lived until 1864, when he came to Paulding and bought his present farm of eighty acres. His marriage with Miss Margaret, the daughter of William Clum, of Perry county, was consummated in 1855, and of the thirteen children born to them but five are now living: William A., David L., Jacob A., Mary E., wife of John Barnhill, of Benton township, and Sarah M. Mr. King, who is a democrat, has filled the office of township trustee for three terms. He is a member of the Reformed church, in which he has been an elder for ten years. William King, the eldest son of Henry, was born in Perry county on the 23d of October, 1857. He has lived in Benton township since childhood, receiving his schooling there. He chose farming as his occupation and in 1883 commmenced work upon his father-in-law's farm. He then bought his present place of forty acres which he cleared and upon which he erected fine buildings. His marriage occurred in 1879, at which time Miss Samantha Stabler became his wife. Their children are: Ephraim H., Addie M., Arvillia C., John M. and William F. Mr. King, who is a democrat, is one of the progressive men of his township. He and his wife are members of the Reformed church at Payne.

Jacob Lehman was born in Somerset county, Penn., October 8, 1809, the son of Jacob and Mary (Berutreager) Lehman, of French and German extraction. At the age of ten years, Jacob was taken by his father to Tuscarawas county, where the latter died in 1825, his wife departing this life ten years later. Our subject learned the carpenter's trade and carried on this business in connection with mill-wrighting for many years, both in his native and Paulding counties. October 24, 1851, he settled in Benton township, upon his present farm, which consists of one hundred and twenty acres of land, entered June 6, 1839. This farm was in the wilderness at the time of Mr. Lehman's purchase, but by hard work he has accomplished the clearing process, and now it is considered one of the finest in the county. In 1880 he retired from active work, and is spending his declining years in the midst of peace and plenty. In early life Mr. Lehman was a democrat, but later he voted the republican ticket, and has since been a supporter of that party. In 1836 he married Susannah Lavengoode, of Pennsylvania, who died January 26, 1856, leaving seven children, as follows: Mary A., wife of W. T. Cress, of Benton township; Catherine, wife of Ephraim Stabler; Hannah (deceased), who married John Wilderson; Peter, John, Susannah (deceased), who married George Frederickson, and Samantha, who was twice married, first to Julian Vendeeley, and then to John Foreny. Mr. Lehman's second marriage was to Mrs. Elizabeth M. Wiley, the daughter of O. Woodcock, of Knox county. He is a member of the German Baptist church, and has been deacon in the organization for years. He is a representative citizen, the embodiment of those qualities which go to make up honorable manhood, and by his energy, probity, tact and good nature, has become one of the popular as well as progressive citizens of his township. Peter Lehman, the eldest son, is a native of Tuscarawas county, born September 16, 1843. His education was received in the common schools of Benton township, where, with his parents, he located in boyhood. In 1861 he enlisted in the Sixty-eighth Ohio volunteer infantry, company C, and re-enlisted December 10, 1863, serving until July 20, 1865. He served his country faithfully, and participated in the following engagements: Fort Donelson, Thompson Hill, Champion Hills, Vicksburg, Black River, Kenesaw Plains, Brush Mountain and Atlanta, Ga. His regiment then followed Hood to Tennessee, and was with Sherman from Atlanta to the sea. Mr. Lehman was at the siege of Savannah, Ga., and was one of eight in the first boat that crossed Broad river to drive the rebels out of the intrenchment. At the close of the war he returned to Benton township, and, locating upon the homestead farm, remained there until he purchased a home in Harrison township. In 1876 he returned to Benton, and in 1884 bought his present place, which he has improved. He married Miss Mary E. Stabler, who died, leaving John A., Elizabeth M., Samantha, Samuel and William. Mr. Lehman has filled the offices of town trustee and supervisor, and in the discharge of his official duties he manifested business qualifications of a high order. Rev. John Lehman was born February 24, 1845, was reared upon the homestead farm in Benton township, and received his education in the common schools. In the spring of 1864 he enlisted in company C, Sixty-eighth Ohio volunteer infantry, and served loyally until July 10, 1865, participating with his regiment in the engagements around Atlanta, and Sherman's march to the sea. Returning home after the close of hostilities, he in 1879 located upon his present farm, and is the possessor of one hundred and twenty-seven acres in section 18. In 1883 Mr. Lehman was appointed by the elders of the German Baptist church to the pastorate of the Flat Rock congregation, and he has since presided in that position. He has filled the positions of trustee, constable and supervisor, and in his politics he is of the republican belief. His marriage occurred May 24, 1866, at which time Miss Samantha J., the daughter of William P. Schock, became his wife. They are the parents of Delbert, William E., Jannette E., Jacob E. and Samuel H., and enjoy general popularity in the community in which they reside.

Theobold Lothammer, , a retired farmer, is a native of Alsace, France, having first seen the light in 1808. His parents were Theobold and Catherine (Moses) Lothammer, residents of Alsace. After acquiring his schooling, Theobold Lothammer, Jr., learned the trade of wood turner, and followed the same until he emigrated to America in 1854. His first settlement was made in Crawford county, Ohio, where he remained for a time, and then purchased 160 acres of land in section 7, of Benton township. In company with his family he began the process of clearing his tract and built the little log cabin so familiar to every pioneer. Subsequently, Mr. Lothammer added to his previous purchase until he possessed nearly 300 acres, and when his sons left their home to begin life for themselves, he presented each one with a farm of forty acres. He had married, early in life (1832), Mary M., daughter of Joseph Gamber, of France, and the issue of this union was ten children, as follows: Theobold (deceased), Joseph, of Indiana; Anthony (deceased), Mary M., wife of Henry Stillsemberg; Teressa, wife of Peter Brady, of Benton township; Ignatius, of Benton; Maurice, of Benton; Agatha, the wife of Frank Quince, and two who died in infancy. In religious belief the family are communicants of St. John's Catholic church, at Payne. After a long life of usefulness Mr. Lothammer, at the death of his wife, August 15, 1889, retired from active business, and now resides with his son, Ignatius. The latter is the fourth son in the order of birth, having been born in Alsace, August 6, 1854. He was reared in the township where he now lives, and received his education in the schools of Paulding county. Through life he has followed the occupation of a farmer and has been successful in his calling. Leaving the old homestead in 1880, he settled upon his present place. His marriage occurred in 1881, when Miss Kate, the daughter of Jacob Roswurm, of Erie county, became his wife. She was born in Germany, November 17, 1862, and by her marriage be-

came the mother of three children: Francis C., Mary M. and Frederick I. Mr. Lothammer, who is a stanch supporter of the democratic party, affiliates with the members of the St. John's Roman Catholic church, at Payne, and is one of the representative citizens of Benton township. Maurice Lothammer, a brother of the foregoing, dates his birth from the 18th of September, 1864. He, like his brother, received his schooling in Benton township, and was reared to manhood as a tiller of the soil. February, 1887, he purchased eighty acres of land and settled upon forty acres adjoining his present farm, which is well improved. Subsequently he sold, in 1890, to Mr. Birkhold, this land, but has continued to make purchases until he now owns 120 acres of ground. He was united in marriage in February, 1878, to Miss Annie, the daughter of William Gillin, of Benton, and one child, Francis A., blessed this union. Maurice Lothammer is a genial gentleman, and one of the leading farmers of the township in which he resides.

Joseph D. McHenry, a well known physician of Paulding county, is a native of Ohio, born in Pickaway county, July 10, 1835, the son of William and Margaret (DeFord) McHenry. The maternal grandfather was a native of France who emigrated to this country prior to the Revolutionary war, in which he served. Subsequently he settled in Pickaway county where he died at the advanced age of one hundred and nine years. The father of our subject was a native of Virginia and in 1836 settled in Putnam county and engaged in farming. It was here that Joseph McHenry spent his boyhood. He received a common education, which was added to by a course in the Finley academy. In 1854 he formed one of a party of twelve who crossed the plains to California in search of wealth. Three years were spent in the gold mines, and in 1860 he commenced the study of medicine with Dr. J. B. Firestone, of Whitley county, Ind. In 1868 he graduated from the medical department of the Western Reserve college, of Ohio. Being thus well equipped, he began the practice of his profession at Cleveland, Ohio, and later removed to Allen county, Ind., where he remained until 1887, when he located at Payne, where he now resides in the enjoyment of a lucrative practice. Dr. McHenry is a progressive and public spirited citizen, who has done much to advance the best interests of the city and community in which he lives. In 1882, while a resident of Allen county, Ind., he was elected to represent the county in the state legislature and re-elected in 1884. He has rendered good service to his party both in local and general contests. Politically he is looked upon as one of the stanch leaders and counselors of the democracy of his portion of the state. In 1864 Dr. McHenry was married to Miss Sarah E., the daughter of Nelson and Ann Dimmick, of Whitley county. They have had five children, three of whom are living, as follows: Clara, the wife of M. L. Barney, a merchant of Payne; Nettie, and Lester, of the firm of M. L. Barney & Co. The doctor is a member of Antwerp lodge, F. & A. M.

J. W. Mitchell, a leading young citizen of Benton township, was born in Licking county, Ohio, on the 30th of September, 1865, the son of Isaac and Louisa (Blamer) Mitchell. He was reared in the county of his nativity, obtaining his education there. His parents, in 1882, removed to Benton township, where the father died two years later. The mother afterward married and now resides in Michigan. J. W. Mitchell followed farming for some time, and on the 4th of March, 1891, in connection with W. A. Shaynfelt, purchased the tile and brick factory of George Spice, which they are at present conducting. Mr. Mitchell and Miss Clara Shaynfelt became husband and wife in 1886, and unto their union two bright children have been born. They are Isaac and Estella Mitchell. Mrs. Mitchell, who is the daughter of William Shaynfelt, is a lady possessing social qualities. She is very popular in the community of her residence. Her husband, who shares her popularity, is a republican in politics.

Amos J. Mooney, a prominent farmer of Benton township, is a native of Ohio, being born in Tuscarawas county, November 14, 1852. His parents, Jacob and Sarah. (Johnson) Mooney, were natives respectively of Tuscarawas and Carroll counties, and in 1853, settled in Allen county, Ind., where the subject of this notice was reared. He remained on the home farm for twenty-four years, when he purchased his place of eighty acres, which he has cleared and improved. Mr. Mooney was married on the 16th of April, 1882, to Miss Salina Wiltsie, and by his marriage is the father of John E. and Samuel D. Mooney. The father of Mrs. Mooney is Samuel Wiltsie, an honored resident of Harrison township. Politically, Mr. Mooney adheres to the principles of the republican party. He is highly regarded as a good citizen in the county where he resides.

W. A. Shaynfelt.—One of the young and enterprising citizens of Paulding county, is W. A. Shaynfelt, manufacturer of tile and brick. He was born June 26, 1864, the son of William and Elizabeth (Lowell) Shaynfelt, of Jay county, Ind., who came to Paulding county and settled in Benton township in 1871. Subsequently they removed to West Virginia, where the subject of this notice received his schooling and followed farming. Since the age of twenty-two he followed the latter occupation, but in March, 1891, he connected himself with J. W. Mitchell, under the firm name of Mitchell & Shaynfelt, manufacturers of tile and brick. They are now successfully engaged in this business, being progressive young men bound to prosper. Mr. Shaynfelt in his political belief adheres to the republican party.

J. W. Sherer, one of the representative men of Benton township, was born in Allen county, Ohio, July 6, 1854, and was the only son born to James and Margaret (Kennell) Sherer, natives of Virginia and White Haven, England, respectively. The former was of English and Scotch extraction and the latter of English parentage. Mr. Sherer spent his early life upon the farm and had the advantage of the common schools until 1873, when he entered the National normal school at Lebanon, Ohio, where he remained for two years, thus preparing himself for teaching at the age of nineteen years. He was studiously inclined, had a retentive memory, and thus made rapid advancement. He taught several terms in Allen county, then in 1877 came to Paulding county, where he taught for two years—the first three terms at Royal Oak and afterward at Charloe. He then in 1879 located in Auglaize county, Ohio, where he engaged in purchasing railroad ties and railroad supply timber. In 1881 he engaged with N. Moses & Brothers, of Cleveland, dealers in railroad ties and real estate, with whom he remained eight successive years, during which time he was very active in business, having a large field to work over, and was a worthy and trusted employe. He was practical in his business, and his judgment and honor were never questioned. In 1889 he resigned, and since has given his attention to his farm in Benton township. He located in Payne in 1885, where he enjoys a good comfortable home, which, along with his farm, is the result of his own efforts. Politically, Mr. Sherer is a republican and a member of lodge No. 725, I. O. O. F., also of the Defiance Encampment, No. 87. He was married October 21, 1880, to Miss Lilly J. Staley, daughter of Isaac Staley. By this union two sons, Edward Earl and an infant, have been born.

The Shugars Family.—Henry Shugars was a native of Berks county, Penn., and was born in 1813, the son of Michael Shugars. In 1840 he entered eighty acres of land in Benton township, and two years later settled upon the same, following the pursuit of the farmer all his life. He lived upon his land until his death, which occurred March 8, 1891, and in his demise the community lost one of its valued citizens. He married Miss Elizabeth Howman, a native of Pennsylvania, who died March 28, 1866. Their family consisted of these children: William, who died in the United States service at Washington, D. C., as a member of company I, One Hundred and Thirty-second Ohio volunteer infanty; Barbara, the wife of Daniel Michael, who died July 9, 1889; Catherine, now Mrs. Eli Woods; Franklin and Henry. Henry Shugars, Sr., was, during his life, a member of the Lutheran church. Franklin, his son, was born August 3, 1849, in Benton township, and was reared to manhood on the homestead, obtaining his instruction in the county schools. In partnership with Henry, under the firm name of Shugar Bros., he began the breeding of horses and cattle, and cultivated 288 acres of land. As a republican he filled the office of supervisor for his township, and served the people acceptably. Mr. Shugars was married in June, 1880, to Miss Ann Brady, of Benton township, the daughter of Michael Brady, an old and well-known resident of the county. They have three children, called Ella F., Mary B., and William R., and are highly respected in the community where they reside. Henry Shugars, Jr., was the youngest son of the parents above sketched. His birth occurred February 15, 1852, and he was raised and educated in Benton township. He became a member of the firm of Shugars Bros., formed in 1871 for the purpose of stock raising, and is successful in his calling. In 1874, Mr. Shugars married Miss Catherine Marion, and the union was blessed with the birth of one child, Viola G., born March 24, 1875. Mrs. Shugars is the daughter of William Marion, of Benton township, and with her husband enjoys general esteem. The latter is a republican in politics, and is interested in the welfare of his party.

J. E. Smiley, a prosperous merchant and manufacturer of Benton township, was born February 10, 1848, in Perry county, Penn. His parents were Andrew and Frances (Leaheart) Smiley, natives of Pennsylvania. Our subject was educated in the common schools and at the normal school of Millersville, Penn. Upon leaving this institution he taught school for some time, until at the age of twenty-four his health

failed him and he came west, locating in Clarke county, Ohio, where he followed his profession. In 1882 he purchased the mercantile business of H. G. Hood, at what is now known as Smiley, and in 1883 succeeded in obtaining the postoffice at this place, naming it for himself. He was appointed postmaster, and has filled the office since to the satisfaction of the citizens. Mr. Smiley also conducts a saw mill and shingle and basket bottom factory. He owns about 210 acres of land in Harrison township, and twenty-five in Benton, while his residence and business are at Smiley. Mr. Smiley was married, in 1880, to Miss Martha A., the daughter of John Bushong, of Champaign county, and they are the parents of Estelle, Warren, Alma, Frederick and Ethel M. Mr. and Mrs Smiley are members of the Lutheran church, and have the good will and respect of a large circle of friends. Politically, our subject is a supporter of the republican party.

Henry J. Smith, born in Logan county, Ohio, March 4, 1840, is the son of Solomon and Nancy (Jones) Smith, of German and French extraction. His youth was spent in his native county upon the farm, and May 6, 1861, he enlisted in company F, Twenty-third Ohio volunteer infantry, for three years, and took part in seventeen hard-fought battles. He served for over four years, and received his discharge July 27, 1865. Upon his return home he engaged in farming in Darke county, Ohio, and there married Miss Elizabeth Kimbel, by whom he had one child, a daughter, named Mary A. Mrs. Smith died in 1872, and March 8, 1874, Mrs. Mary J. Kerns, widow of Henry H. Kerns, and a daughter of H. B. and Margaret A. (Hinkle) Budd, became the wife of Mr. Smith. Their children are: Allen H., Alice S., Satira E., and Rosa M., who are living, and Stella J., deceased. Mrs. Kerns had one daughter, Barbara A. Politically Mr. Smith is a republican, and with his wife belongs to the Methodist church. He located in Paulding county in 1881, and is a valued citizen of the community.

Isaac Snyder, Jr., a thriving farmer and justice of the peace of Benton township, was born in Champaign county, Ohio, January 22, 1850. His parents, Isaac and Eliza (Body) Snyder, reared and educated their son in Benton township, and he spent his early life upon the homestead farm. In July, 1887, he settled upon his present place and engaged in general farming. His politics are democratic, and he has held the positions of real estate assessor two terms, treasurer for six years, and supervisor one year. He has been the justice of the peace since 1889. His wife, whom he married June 5, 1887, was Miss Louisa Long, the daughter of Jacob Long, of Paulding township, and an honored resident of that place. Mr. and Mrs. Snyder have two winning children, Elmer R. and Herbert A. by name. The family are members of the Payne Lutheran church, in which Mr. Snyder is trustee.

John Stabler.—One of the early settlers of Benton township was John Stabler (deceased), who was born in Germany in 1812. At the age of twelve years he came with his parents to this country, and located in Franklin county, Penn. Here John learned the trade of a shoemaker, and when a young man settled in Ashland county, where he engaged in farming and his trade; in 1857 he came to Benton township, where his son, John M., now lives. He entered 360 acres of land, and was one of the expert hunters of this section. His wife was Elizabeth Wilkerson before her marriage, and the children she bore her husband are: Martha, wife of David Harshman; Mary (deceased), who married Peter Lehman; Susannah, the wife of S. B. Mathers; Rebecca, the wife of J. Kilpatrick; Ephraim M., John M., and three who died in infancy. The death of Mr. Stabler occurred in 1884, and his wife, who still survives him, resides with her son, John M. They were members of the Lutheran church. Ephraim, the eldest son, was born in Ashland county, Ohio, August 31, 1838. He was reared and educated upon the homestead farm, and in 1864 enlisted in company H, One Hundred and Thirty-second Ohio volunteer infantry. At the close of the war he located upon his farm, and has been engaged in clearing and improving the same. He married Catherine, the daughter of Jacob Lehman, in 1856, and eleven children were born to them: Samantha, wife of William King; Mary, wife of George Grooms; Rebecca, married John Barnhill; Samuel, Jacob, John, Edward, Susan, Nora, Daisy (deceased), and Jennie. Mr. Stabler is a progressive and energetic citizen who stands well in his community. His brother, John M., was born in 1849, and has always lived in Benton township, where he has been engaged in tilling the soil. He entered the army as a member of company H, One Hundred and Thirty-second Ohio volunteer infantry, and served until the expiration of his term of service. He was happily united in marriage to Miss Minnie, the daughter of Albert Croomer, and their children are William, Jennie, Mary, Elizabeth, Samuel, Jonathan, Garthey and John. Politically, Mr. Stabler is a republican and a worthy member of the John Stabler post, No. 179, of Payne.

Emil White (Wiess) was born in Prussia, on February 2, 1846, the son of Philip and Mary (Will) White. Philip, the father of the subject, and his wife, emigrated to this country in 1844 and settled in Sandusky county, Ohio, purchasing forty-six acres of land. At the time of this writing he owns 239 acres in Benton township, ninety of which are well improved. Emil White was reared and instructed in Townsend township, of his adopted county, and spent his early life on the farm. Subsequently he engaged in fishing on the lake and in this occupation he made sufficient to purchase 160 acres of land in Benton township, situated where he now lives. He has cleared this land and placed upon it substantial buildings. He married Miss Louisa, the daughter of Martin Extine, of Erie county, in 1872; and Clara, the wife of Stephen Neifes; Henry, Allie, Lewis, David, Nettie and Harley are the children born to them. Mr. White, who is a democrat, has filled the offices of school director and supervisor. He is a member of the farmers' alliance, and in religious belief he and his family are Lutherans. Ernest White, the fifth son of Philip, dates his birth from 1850. He was raised in Sandusky county and acquired his education there. In 1876 he came to Benton township and bought forty acres of land, which he has improved. October 12, 1876, Miss Dora, the daughter of Frederick Kruger, became his wife and to them have been born Albert, Irwin, Lily and Mary. The family are consistent members of the Lutheran church and Mr. White has been the choice of the democratic party to fill the position of supervisor. Philip White was the sixth son born to Philip and Mary White. He first saw the light in Sandusky county on the the 13th of June, 1853. His learning was obtained in the schools of Townsend township, and he remained upon the homestead farm until February, 1890. At this time he came to Paulding county, located upon his present farm of eighty acres in Benton township, and has improved and cleared the same. His marriage took place in January, 1881, at which time Miss Sophia Kubach, the daughter of August Kubach, of Erie county, became his wife. The children who have been born to them are: Oscar E., Emma C., Ida A., George A. and Clara A. Mr. White is an enterprising young man, fully alive to the interests of his county, and he justly merits the esteem in which he is held. He and his wife, who is a lady of social standing, possess many sterling qualities of mind and heart, and are consistent members of the Lutheran church.

J. A. Woolard was born in Fairview county, Ohio, April 25, 1858, the son of Isaac and Elizabeth (Miller) Woolard, of German and English extraction. Mr. Woolard grew to manhood in his native county upon the farm and received a common school education. April 5, 1882, he married Miss Mary E. Miller and soon after removed to Payne, this county, where he has since resided, being an enterprising and industrious citizen. He affiliates with the democratic party. His family consists of three sons, viz: Dallas D., James A. and Herman B.

BLUE CREEK TOWNSHIP.

David Anspach is a successful agriculturist of Blue Creek township and was born in Perry county, Ohio, December 10, 1857, a son of Absalom and Catherine (Klingler) Anspach. Our subject grew to manhood in his native county and there received a common education. He chose the pursuit of farming as his work and in 1882 located in Paulding county, where he has since resided. He was married April 29, 1879, to Mary C. Foster, the daughter of U. and Elizabeth (Grubb) Foster, and the union resulted in the birth of Elizabeth, Charles, Minnie and Mina, twins, Allen and Frank. Politically, our subject is a democrat, and one of the aggressive politicians of his county. He is a member of the Grange and an honored citizen popular with all who know him best.

John H. Arnold is a native of Ohio, born in Darke county, August 18, 1852, the son of John C. and Mary E. (Sheperd) Arnold, of German parentage. He grew up on the farm and received a common education, early imbibing those characteristics of energy and industry which have so marked his subsequent life. His marriage occurred on the 3rd of August, 1873, at which time Miss Mary J. Crawford became his wife. She was born October 12, 1854, and is the daughter of Jonathan and Mary (Sampson) Crawford of Darke county, Ohio, of German descent. The children born of this union are Laura M., William C., Jennie M., Reuben H., Allen A. (deceased), Pearlen J., Clifton B., Sopha B., and Ella E. Mr. Arnold is one of the stanch republicans of the county, and he and wife are communicants of the Methodist church. Mr. Arnold came to this county in 1887, and as his farm was entirely in the woods when he located it, he was obliged to build a plank house and begin the process of clearing his

land. He now has twenty-five acres under cultivation and is well satisfied with his adopted county.

Joseph O. Barker has been a worthy resident of Paulding county since 1872. His birth occurred in Logan county, Ohio, on the 4th of September, 1844, and he is the son of Stephenson and Mary (Mannon) Barker, of German origin. Reared in his native county, Joseph Barker received a common education and early imbibed the principles of an energetic and progressive citizen. At the age of seventeen years he went to Putnam county and worked for three years. Thence to Miami county, where, for one year, he worked as a farm hand. Returning to Putnam county he was wedded on the 11th of October, 1866, to Miss Mary C., the daughter of Henry and Susan (Dicker) Comer, of Virginia. Their children are William D., Rosa M. (deceased), Lewis, Lottie M., and Nettie J. (deceased). Mrs. Barker died on the 17th of October, 1878, deeply lamented by all who knew her. Mr. Barker is a progressive man and deservedly receives the respect of his friends and acquaintances. Politically he is an adherent to the principles of the republican party.

William J. Basil was born in Auglaize county, Ohio, September 10, 1854. He is the son of John and Eliza (Metz) Basil, of German and English extraction. Mr. Basil was reared to years of maturity in his native county, and early acquired those habits of industry and self-reliance which have enabled him to be a success in his calling. Upon reaching manhood's estate he took a pleasure trip through the states of Iowa, Nevada and California, and on returning home remained there one year, and then went to Iowa for the same length of time. He came to Paulding county at this time, and here married, on January 8, 1879, Miss Sarah, the daughter of Joseph and Mary (Troul) Reed. They have three children, whose respective christian names are: Arley, John B. and Edward E. Mr. Basil, who is a democrat in his party faith, has held the offices of township trustee for one term and that of treasurer four terms. He was an efficient officer, and served with satisfaction to the people and credit to himself. During the year 1890 he acted as land appraiser, and was a director of the Paulding county agricultural society. He is a leading citizen of Blue Creek township, and an expert and successful farmer. His friends are legion.

Joseph Benson was born in Marion county, Ohio, February 24, 1844 the son of Joseph and Annie (Konce) Benson. The paternal grandparents of Mr. Benson came from Germany and settled in Ohio at an early date. Joseph Benson reached the years of maturity in the county of Auglaize, and when but fifteen years of age enlisted in Company I, Thirty-fourth regiment of Ohio volunteer infantry. He served for three years and one month, and received his discharge September 13, 1864. He took part in the following battles: Fayette, Princeton, Lynchburg, where, as member of the mounted infantry, he lost his horse; Chapmanville, Charleston, Cloyd Hill, Salem, Strawberry, Fisher Hill, six days' skirmishing at Harper's Ferry, was under the command of Gen. Sheridan at one time, and was in the engagements of Winchester. At the battle of Princeton he was wounded in the ankle. He returned to Auglaize county and on the 10th of September, 1865, married Miss Margaret E. Hellinger, who was born in Coshocton county November 17, 1849, the daughter of John and Isabelle (Venrick) Hellinger. These children resulted from the union: Lydia (deceased), Cora, wife of S. Bowers; Rosa E., Elizabeth Manda (deceased), Francis (deceased), William (deceased), Joseph, Jr., and Pleasa M. (deceased), born October 9, 1876. Politically, Mr. Benson is a democrat, and has held the minor township offices. He moved to Paulding county in 1880, when the surrounding land was covered with forests and roads had not been made. He is a pensioner.

Hiram H. Biddle, a representative farmer of Paulding county, is a native, of Ohio, born in Champaign county, May 5, 1858. He is a son of Andrew and Mary J. (Venris) Biddle, of German extraction, and was educated in the schools of the neighborhood in which he lived. He grew to manhood in Whitley county, Ind., and in 1878 removed to this county, settling upon the farm where he now resides, successfully engaged in tilling the soil. He took Miss Rebecca Jackson as his life partner on the 22nd of March, 1881, and their children are Addie, Harry C. and Otto Biddle. Mrs. Biddle is a daughter of T. J. Jackson, elsewhere mentioned in this volume. Mr. Biddle is a democrat and was elected in the spring of 1891 to the office of trustee. He is the owner of several fine Norman horses and his farm is one of the best in the township. He and his family rank high socially in the community in which they reside.

Perry W. Blake.—Among the pioneers of Paulding county is Perry W. Blake, who was born in the county of Gallia on the 29th of September 1832, the son of John G. and Nancy (Guy) Blake, of English and Scotch origin. Mr. Blake lived in Mercer county for many years and was there educated. He learned the trade of the carpenter with his father, who followed that occupation. In 1874 he located in Paulding county and has become one of its leading citizens. He has experienced all the hardships of pioneer life and he tells of the gloom and discouragement that overcame him shortly after viewing his dismal surroundings. He was united in marriage with Miss Amanda M. Cummings, of Gallia county, September 14, 1854, and their children were named James H., Byron B. (deceased), and Myrtle A. (deceased.) Mrs. Blake was born May 8, 1832, and is a daughter of James and Mary (Watkins) Cummins. Mr. Blake is a democrat in his political belief and acted as trustee for one year. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. lodge at Paulding. The family are worthy members of the Christian church, in which they enjoy high standing.

Samuel Blank is a worthy citizen of Blue Creek township, and located in this county in 1884, where he is engaged in tilling the soil. He is the son of Jacob and Sarah (Justice) Blank, and dates his birth from the 13th day of August, 1853. He is of German-Irish extraction, and grew to years of maturity in his native county, where he early chose the life of a farmer. He was married, on the 19th of January, 1882, to Sophronia, the daughter of Bonaparte and Samantha Lindsley, of French extraction. She bore her husband a family of five children, named Verla, Cecil, May, Bonaparte and Carolina. Mr. Blank, who is one of the representative men of this township, is a democrat in his political belief, and belongs to the lodge of Red Men, at Scott, Ohio.

Thomas Coil was born in Mercer county, Ohio, January 16, 1830, the son of Andrew and Elizabeth (Foster) Coil, of English origin. Being reared to manhood in his native county, he began at the age of nineteen years to do business for himself, and located in Paulding county in 1871, when he settled upon a farm and engaged in cultivating it. In 1850 Mr. Coil married Miss Emma J., the daughter of James Heath, and this union resulted in the birth of three children, named James, Andrew and an infant (deceased). Mrs. Coil departed this life in 1855, and in 1857 Mr. Coil took as his second wife Miss Allie, a daughter of James Wright. Mrs. Coil became the mother of two bright children, whose christian names are George W. and Emma J., the wife of L. Younger. In 1870 the death of Mrs. Coil occurred, and in October, 1872, Mrs. Mary Thorpe, the daughter of Alexandria Younger, became the wife of our subject. The family are earnest members of the Brethren church. Both as a farmer and as a citizen Mr. Coil is acknowledged as a leader, and his friends and well wishers are many.

John Crissman, one of the enterprising young men of Blue Creek township, was born in Shelby county, Ohio, November 10, 1857, the son of Jacob and Louisa (Gigher) Crissman, of German ancestry. Mr. Crissman grew to manhood on the farm in his native county and here received a common education. He early chose farming as his life work, and in 1885 located in Paulding county, where he has since been engaged in tilling the soil. His marriage took place on the 16th of October, 1877, at which time Miss Melissa D. Latimore, the daughter of David and Elizabeth (Arbogast) Latimore became his wife. Their children are, Cornelius E., Clarence C. and Earnest R. The family are earnest members of the United Brethren church and rank well in the social scale of the township. Mr. Crissman votes the republican ticket and is an ardent supporter of his party.

Nathan Culpher was born in Preble county, Ohio, May 9, 1828, the son of Moses B. and Amelia (Brown) Culpher. He was one of twelve children born to these parents and was reared to manhood in Randolph county, Ind. His marriage occurred in Wayne county on the 9th of November, 1848, at which time Elizabeth, daughter of Nathan and Susan (Scott) Jones, of Green county, N. C., became his wife. Seven children were born to them, named: Susanna, wife of Benjamin Wilkins; Moses M., a minister in Mansville, Ohio; Amelia A. (deceased); Daniel J. (deceased); John W., Ephraim A. and Allen L. (deceased). Mr. Culpher, who is a republican, located in Paulding county in 1853 and has held some of the minor township offices. There were but ten voters in the township when he came to it. Mr. Culpher is a dealer in fine cattle and he is a good citizen in all the walks of life. W. P. Culpher, brother of the above mentioned, located in this county in 1887. He is a native of Randolph county, Ind., and was born May 15, 1840. His father was born the slave of James R. Brown, and he and his wife were brought from Africa and compelled to serve in the Revolutionary struggle. Our subject grew to manhood in his native county and there learned the blacksmith's trade. He was united in marriage October 10, 1870, with Miss Margaret A. Saine, a native of North Carolina, and the daughter of Peter and Margaret Saine. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Culpher were

named: John (deceased), Sarah A., Thomas E. (deceased), Henry E. (deceased), Ephraim (deceased), Charles (deceased), William, Adeline, Minnie, Emma, Nathan, Susan and Stanley. Mr. Culpher adheres to the principles of the republican party and his whole career has been marked by enterprise and industry.

Hugh Downing, a prosperous farmer of Blue Creek township, is a native of Carroll county, Ohio, and was born August 25, 1844, the second son of James and Sarah (Cameron) Downing, natives of Ohio, of Welsh and English extraction. Hugh Downing, the grandparent, was a native of Pennsylvania, lived a farmer's life and was a pioneer settler of Carroll county. James Downing was reared as a farmer, which pursuit he followe l for a time. Later he dealt extensively in stock and then in lumber, removing in 1881 to Paulding county, where he erected a first-class saw mill west of Scott. He had 400 acres of timber, which he shipped to various markets and the mill was operated for four years. In 1885 Mr. Downing abandoned lumbering and has since been actively and successfully engaged in farming, being the possessor of a 160-acre farm. He is a hale and hearty old gentleman, active and energetic, though he has passed the time allotted to man and is now seventy-four years of age. He was the father of ten children, two sons and three daughters of whom still survive. His eldest son, while a member of company H, Sixty-sixth Illinois volunteer infantry, was killed in Georgia, during a skirmish. Hugh Downing was reared on the farm and educated in the neighboring schools. From his eight until his fifteenth years he was a resident of Tuscarawas county, and in 1861 he came to Harding county, where he enlisted in 1864 in company F, One-hundred and seventy-six Ohio volunteer infantry, serving until the close of the war. He answered the roll call each day during his service and received his honorable discharge June 22, 1865. Returning to Harding county he in connection with his father followed lumbering until after coming to Paulding county. He was the owner of 200 acres of property, which he farmed in connection with his lumber business, and in 1881 removed to Paulding county where he has since resided, an honored resident of Blue Creek township. He is an ardent republican, and an active worker in the ranks of his party. He was happily married March 27, 1875, to Miss Ardella, daughter of Samuel and Mary (Hodge) Arnold of German and Irish extraction. Mrs. Downing was born in 1857, and has borne her husband three children, Harry (deceased), James A. G., Lura Belle; she is a member of the M. E. church and an estimable lady.

Almon Dunham, proprietor of the pail stave factory of Blue Creek township, was born August 22, 1856, in Woodville township, Sandusky county, Ohio, the son of Davis and Louisa Dunham, natives of the "Buckeye State." The father was a farmer by occupation, and raised a family of six sons and two daughters. In 1873, on the 3rd of April, Mr. Dunham died at the early age of forty years. His widow survives him, and resides on the homestead farm. Almon Dunham grew to manhood on the farm, and attended the schools of the neighborhood. He was the eldest of the family, and after the death of his father stayed with his mother until twenty-one years of age, then started out in life for himself. He farmed for a while, and in connection with his brother, William, did threshing for several seasons. On December 9, 1882, he came to this county and settled upon a farm in section 9 of Blue Creek township, where he owns eighty acres of well cultivated land. Mr. Dunham established his factory in 1884, and he has been successful in his venture. He also operates a saw mill in company with his brother, and this business has proven a profitable enterprise. The marketing is carried on principally at Erie, Penn., where he finds a ready sale for his goods. Mr. Dunham is ever to be found with the enterprising and charitable movements of the township, and since his coming here has rapidly risen to the front rank of business men. He was united in marriage with Miss Aurelia Jones, on the 10th of February, 1878, and the christian names of their children are: Lulu, Cora, Lavena, Sopha May and Walter H. Mrs. Dunham was born in Sandusky county, November 10, 1858, and is the daughter of Josiah and Catherine (Moury) Jones, natives of Maryland and Pennsylvania. She is a lady of culture, widely known in the community where she resides. Mr. Dunham's politics are democratic, and he is an esteemed citizen in all the walks of life.

Daniel H. Dunlap, a farmer, and a director in the county infirmary, was born in Delaware county, Ohio, January 26, 1861, one of eight children — five sons and three daughters, the offspring of James and Sarah (Coles) Dunlap, natives respectively of Ohio and New York. William Dunlap, the paternal grandfather, was a native of Ireland, and one of thirty sons, born to his father in three marriages. He left home at the age of twelve years, and came to America, where he followed farming and became well-to-do. He was an early settler of Ohio, and married there, becoming the father of two sons and one daughter. His death occurred in 1861, after a long life of activity and usefulness. He was a Mason in high standing, and a democrat in his political belief. James Dunlap, his son, and the father of our subject, was born and reared in Delaware county. He followed farming all his life with the exception of seven years, which he spent in the town of Delaware as the proprietor of a meat market. He served in the minor offices of the township, and belonged to the I. O. O. F., in which lodge he had filled most of the chairs. He died in 1879, leaving a widow and five children. Mrs. Dunlap removed to Paulding county in 1883, and is making her home with her daughter, Mrs. Joshua Smith. She is a devout member of the Baptist church. Daniel Dunlap, the subject of this mention, was educated in the common schools, and at the age of eighteen years began work upon the farm. In 1880 he purchased eighty acres of land in Blue Creek township, but was not entirely successful in this venture. He worked hard and saved enough money to make a home for himself, and is now the possessor of a good farm on the Van Wert Pike. Mr. Dunlap is a stanch republican, and takes great interest in the welfare of his party. He was married October 28, 1880, to Miss Minerva C. Harris, born in Delaware county in June, 1861, the daughter of G. W. Harris. They have had three children: Clyde L., Ada and Clarence W., who died at the age of five months. Mr. and Mrs. Dunlap are members of the Baptist church, and highly respected in the community where they reside.

Charles M. Elliott was born in Defiance county, Ohio, on the last day of July, 1854, the son of Moses and Elizabeth (Morehead) Elliott. He remained in Defiance county until the age of thirteen years and went to the counties of Coshocton and Holmes, where he received a common education. At the age of eighteen years he removed to Allen county, Ind., where he engaged in farm labor. In 1879 he located in this county and upon his cultivated farm has some fine cattle. He erected, in 1881, a saw mill, which he operates in connection with his farm. His marriage occurred on the 1st of February, 1876, in Adams county, at which time Miss Julia A. Krick became his wife. She is the daughter of Jacob and Julia (Beaverhammer) Krick and was born in Adams county, March 25, 1852. By her marriage she has become the mother of Llewellyn and Annie A. Elliott. Politically, Mr. Elliott is a democrat and a man who inspires the esteem and confidence of a host of friends.

Jasper Evans was born in Franklin county, Ohio, August 26, 1861. His parents are Alexandria and Ellen (Gordon) Evans, of Welsh and Irish birth respectively. Our subject was educated in the common schools and grew to maturity on the homestead farm in his native county. In 1882 he removed to Hardin county and married there on the 10th of October, 1883, Miss B. Dawson, who was born August 6, 1863. The christian names of the children born to Mr. and Mrs. Evans are Earl Floyd, Harry D. F. and Don Lincoln. Since 1884 Mr. Evans has been an active and energetic citizen of this county and is highly honored and respected wherever known. He is an ardent supporter of the principles of the republican party.

Andrew Follmer.—For nineteen years Andrew Follmer has been one of the representative citizens of Blue Creek township. He was born in Baden, Germany, August 3, 1826, the son of Frederick and Christina (Miller) Follmer, both of whom are now deceased. In 1852 our subject came to this country and located in New York city, going thence to Marion county, Ohio. Here he engaged as a farm laborer, and has since been actively engaged in tilling the soil. He was married on the 17th of January, 1854, to Miss Sarah L. Miller, of German parentage, and six children have been born to them, namely: Michael, Christina (deceased), Christina, the wife of William Harner; Jacob F., Catherine (deceased), and Magdalene, the wife of Charles Haines. Politically, Mr. Follmer is a democrat, and though not an office seeker in any sense of the word, is an active worker for his party. He is generally esteemed by all who known him.

William Galloway is a native of the "Buckeye state," and was born in Shelby county, March 24, 1854, a son of Henry and Sarah (Redman) Galloway, the former of Maryland, and the latter a native of Ohio. Mr. Galloway, our subject, was the youngest of eight children born to these parents, and grew to manhood in his native county. He enlisted in the regular United States army on May 20, 1878, as a member of Company G, Twenty-fifth regiment of infantry, and was discharged on the 19th of May, 1883, having served a term of five years. Mr. Galloway located in Paulding county in 1883, and on the 12th of July, 1884, was wedded to Miss Martha, the daughter of Arthur and Mary J. (Holly) Mines, of In-

diana and Ohio respectively. Their children are Charles A., Frederick D., Henry A. and Irene. Politically, Mr. Galloway is a republican, and he is esteemed in all the relations of life.

John Gearhart is one of the enterprising young men of Blue Creek township, and was born in Defiance county, October 3, 1857, the son of John and Mary (Hottle) Gearhart, of German parentage. Mr. Gearhart was the fourth in order of birth of six children born to these parents, and his education was received in the neighboring schools. He located in this county in 1888, and has since been one of its progressive citizens. His marriage occurred on the 24th of November, 1881, when Miss Mary Wells became his wife. She was born in Defiance county, September 29, 1860, the daughter of Henry and Jennie (Coleman) Wells. The issue of this union was one daughter, named Lilah Gearhart. In politics Mr. Gearhart is a believer in the doctrines of the democratic party, of which organization he is an ardent supporter.

Hiram Gebhart.—Since 1882, Hiram Gebhart has been an influential citizen of the township in which he lives. He has been justice of the peace since 1883, and acted as deputy sheriff of Butler county, Ohio, under Robert Andrews for two years. Mr. Gebhart is a son of Daniel and Christina (Lingle) Gebhart, of German lineage, and he was born September 3, 1825, in Butler county, Ohio. He grew to years of maturity in Madison county, and was given a common schooling. Farming has been his life work, and in this calling he has been successful. He was married in Montgomery county, August 3, 1851, to Miss Nancy Emrick, and their happy union has been blessed by the birth of William H., Susanna, now Mrs. John M. Jackson; Sarah, Edwin C. and Samuel. The farm which Mr. Gebhart owns is a well cultivated piece of property upon which buildings of a substantial order have been erected. He is a leading citizen and an expert and successful agriculturist.

E. Harlan was born in Columbiana county, Ohio, October 24th, 1850, the son of Elwood and Rebecca (Rudisal) Harlan. He grew to manhood in his native county and began life for himself at the age of twenty-one years, and on the 17th day of January, 1872, he was united in marriage with Miss Celestia, the daughter of John Miller. Mrs. Harlan departed this life in September, 1873, leaving one child, Maggie C. by name (who is now the wife of F. P. Davis). Mr. Harlan then removed to Dekalb county, Ind., where he was again united in marriage on the 30th day of December, 1875, with Miss Mary E., the daughter of Daniel and Margaret (Osborn) Hoffman. He then engaged in saw-milling in Dekalb and Steuben counties, Ind., following this occupation for six years; at this time he removed to Paulding county, Ohio, and erected a mill on the land known as Halsey land. This mill he operated for eight years and then removed it to his own land in section 19, Blue Creek township, Paulding county, Ohio. Here he has been successful and his patronage is large and lucrative. Mr. and Mrs. Harlan are the parents of two bright children, William D. and Lottie A. by name. Mr. Harlan is one among the leading republicans in his township, and by his life of probity and industry has gained the confidence and esteem of those with whom he comes in daily contact.

William Harris was born in Virginia, and is the son of Charles and Abbie Harris, who, though free, were reared upon a plantation. Mr. Harris was the seventh of twelve children, and was reared to manhood in his native state. His father was a boatman, running from Lynchburg to Richmond, Va.. and the subject of this notice assisted him on the boat. Our subject removed from Virginia to Pike county, Ohio, and here married, January 2, 1855, Miss Mary Ball, who was a native of Virginia. Mr. Harris followed farming until February, 1864, at which time he enlisted in company G, Twenty-seventh Ohio volunteer infantry, and saw active service until the close of the war. He received his honorable discharge at Smithville, N. C., on the 21st day of September, 1865. Returning to his home he farmed for a while, and in 1868 removed to Paulding county, where he located in Blue Creek township. He now owns 200 acres of good property as the result of his hard work, and the land is well improved. Politically, Mr. Harris is a stanch supporter of the republican party, and has held some of the minor offices of the township. He is the father of Samantha, Victoria, Thomas, William E., Bearittear, Lizzie, Charles, John, Priscilla, Lena, Mary and Annette. Mr. Harris is a respected member of the community in which he lives, and has many friends.

John B. Homer, a representative farmer of Blue Creek township, was born in Seneca county, Ohio, October 4, 1860, the son of Peter and Margaret (Culp) Homer, natives of Germany, who emigrated to America in 1845 and located in Seneca county. He was the youngest born of six children and attended the common schools of the neighborhood. After leaving school he began life for himself as a tiller of the soil. For nineteen years he operated a saw mill with good success. In 1883 he located in Paulding county and three years later went to Jay county, Ind. In 1886 he returned to this county and has since resided there. Mr. Homer is a democrat, although he is not actively engaged in the politics of his party. He was married in Logan county, Ohio, September 11, 1870, to Miss Lillie B. Bliss, a native of Wyandot county, born in October, 1855. She became the mother of seven children, as follows: Howard H., Bertha (deceased), Frank B., Nellie B., Edward, William T. and James C. Mr. Homer is not only an enterprising business man and thus a useful member of the community, but he is a good citizen in every sense of the word.

Justus W. Huffman is a native of Ohio, born in Shelby county, June 7, 1854, the son of Amos and Mary (Woodruff) Huffman. He is the only surviving child of a family of three and his mother died when he was but six years of age. He was left to the care of his aunt, Lydia Huffman, and she proved a mother to him. On the 25th of March, 1875, Mr. Huffman was joined in wedlock to Miss Margaret, the daughter of David and Elizabeth (Arbogast) Latimore, of German and Irish extraction. The offspring of this union was seven children, named Lizzie M., Hattie M., Arty G., Jessie C. (deceased), Lillian, Merrill and Tacy. Politically, Mr. Huffman is a republican and one of the representative young men of the county. He located upon the farm where he now lives in 1887. He and wife are members of the United Brethren church. The father of our subject served for eight months in the late war, and, returning home, died of injuries received while in the army.

John M. Jackson, who is the possessor of some of the finest short-horn cattle in the county, is a native of Ohio, and was born in Gallia county, May 17, 1859, the son of T. J. Jackson elsewhere mentioned in this volume. Mr. Jackson is one of the enterprising young men of the county and has held the position of constable for one term. Miss Susan A. Gebhart became his wife on the 15th of April, 1883; she is the daughter of Hiram Gebhart and was born in Butler county, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Jackson are the parents of three children: Ira, Bertie and Roy Jackson. Besides his cattle, Mr. Jackson has a quantity of fancy poultry and Poland China hogs in which he takes pride. Altogether Mr. Jackson deserves rank as one of the representative and model farmers of Blue Creek township.

T. J. Jackson, a substantial agriculturist of Blue Creek township, was born in Carroll county, May 6, 1836, the son of John and Rebecca (Stewart) Jackson. The maternal grandfather of Mr. Jackson was a soldier in the war of 1812 and was killed at Fort Meigs. John Jackson, our subject's father, was a participant in the late war and acted as wagon master. Afterward he was promoted to the rank of commissary sergeant. At the age of fourteen years, T. J. Jackson removed with his parents to Gallia county where he remained uutil 1873, when he came to Paulding county and located where his present home now stands. He served during the war for a short period, and upon his return home began farming. Mr. Jackson is a republican and cast his first vote for Abraham Lincoln. He held the office of constable for two and a half years and served in this position with satisfaction to all concerned. His marriage occurred August 12, 1858, in Gallia county, at which time Miss Elizabeth, the daughter of Abraham and Mary (DeMerric) Dupre, of France, became his wife. The parents of Mrs. Jackson came to this country in 1817 and located in Ross county, later making Gallia county their home until their deaths. Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Jackson, named John M., Rebecca, wife of H. H. Biddle; George W. (deceased), Juriett a A., wife of C. E. Gebhart; Emma L., wife of F. W. McMichael; Rufus D. and Arthur H. Jackson. The family are earnest members of the Christian church, and fraternally Mr. Jackson belongs to the Masonic lodge of Paulding. He is a lover of fine horses and has some of them on his farm.

Joshua Lee was born in Harlan county, Ky., and is a brother of Elihu Lee. He came to Paulding county, Ohio, in 1887, and located upon his farm in Blue Creek township, where he has been successfully engaged in farming. This occupation he chose as his life work, and after obtaining a common education he started out in life with but little. He was married in Lee county, Va., on the 22nd of July, 1867, to Miss Susan, the daughter of Joseph and Catherine Watkins, natives of Kentucky. Seven children blessed this union, namely: Joseph B., Stephen L., Miami C., James, John, William and Margaret E. The family are members of the United Brethren church, in which they enjoy good standing. Mr. Lee is one of the active republicans in his township, and has held the minor township offices. He is a man universally respected by all with whom he comes in contact, and he has many friends.

Alexander Lehman is a native of Pennsylvania, born in Cumberland county April 21, 1844. He grew to manhood in Allen county, Ohio, and there received his educational training. He was happily married in his native county, on the 7th of September, 1869, to Elizabeth J. Yarletts, a daughter of John Yarletts, and to them have been born: William Edward on June 4, 1870; John A., Ida M. (deceased), Cora B., Myrtle R., Frank O., Alice M., David E. (deceased), and Alfred C. Mrs. Lehman was born, in Dauphin county, Penn., on August 3, 1849. Mr. Lehman located in Paulding county in 1885, and upon his pleasant farm, which is well cultivated, he has many fine horses. He is a stanch democrat, and with his family belongs to the Lutheran church. He enlisted in company K, Fifty-fourth regiment of Ohio volunteer infantry, on the 28th of January, 1864, and served until August, 1865. On account of disabilities received while in the service, he draws a pension. Mr. Lehman is highly respected in the community in which he lives, and has many friends who wish him well.

William Lehman is a native of Cumberland county, Penn., and first saw the light October 1, 1850, the son of David and Margaret (Bookwalter) Lehman, of German extraction. Mr. Lehman obtained a common education in his boyhood, and grew to years of maturity in Allen county on the homestead farm. April 17, 1876, his marriage with Miss Lucretia Logan was solemnized, and their children are: Maud G., Daniel E., Margaret, Rolly E. and Lucretia (deceased). Mrs. Lehman was born in Allen county, Ohio, October 11, 1858, and she departed this life on the 16th of July, 1885. Mr. Lehman located in this county in 1882 and is a progressive and energetic citizen. Politically he is a democrat and a member of the Patrons of Husbandry.

Charles Marquardt was born in Prussia, May 17, 1840, and is a son of Godfrey and Charlotte (Sabel) Marquardt. He grew to manhood in his native land and was engaged for a period of two years in the religious war of Denmark. He was a soldier in the war between Austria and Prussia and served his country with loyalty. Coming to America in 1867, he located in Ottawa county, Ohio, where he engaged in farming. He brought with him to this country $1,000, which he had earned in his native land. He was married in Ottawa county, on May 15, 1868, to Miss Anna Schavlin, a native of Germany, born in 1849. She is a daughter of John and Elizabeth Schavlin. In 1868 Mr. and Mrs. Marquardt removed to Paulding county and located upon the farm where they now reside. They stand high in the community and are among its valued citizens. The children born to them are: John C., Amelia, wife of A. Parrott; Catherine E., Frederica, Emma, Amil, Anna A. and Melinda. Mr. Marquardt is an aggressive democrat and, with his family, attends the Lutheran church, Upon his farm, which is well cultivated, he raised many fine sheep which are noted throughout the township.

Cyrus A. Marshall is a leading citizen of Blue Creek township, Paulding county. He is a native of Meigs county, and dates his birth from the 26th day of January, 1855. His parents are J. H. and Nancy (Steel) Marshall, of German and Irish extraction, who reared their son to manhood in Allen county. Here he received his education and followed the occupation of a farmer. On the 22d of February, 1878, he led Miss Emma Young to the altar, and their children are Mearl and Pearl (twins), and Viva. Mrs. Marshall is a daughter of Freeman and Charity (Roberts) Young, of English parentage, and she is a member of the Baptist church. Mr. Marshall is one of the stanch supporters of the republican party and a good citizen. He located in this county in 1885, and has made many friends since residing here who wish him well.

John H. Parrott, who located in this county in 1882, was born in Mercer county, November 10, 1840, the son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Coil) Parrott. He is the youngest of seven children, his brother Andrew being the first white child born in Mercer county. Mr. Parrott attained the years of maturity in his native county and there married, in April, 1861, Miss Charlotte, the daughter of Levi and Maria (Comickle) Randbaugh. Mr. Parrott is the father of Ella, the wife of Henry Leisor; Emma, Oscar, Alfred and Etta, now Mrs. Allen Wynans. During the late war Mr. Parrot was a private in the militia of Mercer county for five years. He was discharged September 2, 1864, after months of faithful service. He has always been a farmer and in his calling has met with success. He is a republican in his political belief, and has acted as justice of the peace for three years, and trustee for one year. He is a member of the Grange and a prominent and influential citizen in his community.

Thomas W. Poorman, merchant, postmaster and agriculturist, of Blue Creek township, was born in Morrow county, Ohio, April 4, 1854, the son of A. J. and Sarah (Daily) Poorman, natives, respectively of Pennsylvania and Ohio. Christopher Poorman, the paternal grandfather, became a resident of Paulding county in early life and here he passed his remaining years. Andrew J. Poorman, the father of our subject, located in Morrow county, where he married in 1850 and lived for six years. He then settled in Blue Creek township, this county, and was prominent among the pioneer settlers. He reared a family of ten children to years of maturity. Mr. Poorman now resides on a farm near Bourbon, Marshall county, Ind. His wife died in 1888, a devoted member of the United Brethren church, of which organization he is also a member. Thomas W. Poorman was but two years of age when brought to this county. He received a good education and taught for eight consecutive winters. In 1882 he embarked in merchandising and handles a general stock of goods. He is in the enjoyment of a lucrative trade and is one of the energetic and self-made men of the county. He also owns 189 acres of land, which is fairly well improved. Mr. Poorman is a republican in his political belief and in 1882 was appointed postmaster, which position he now occupies, and the duties of which he is discharging to the satisfaction of all concerned. On January 15, 1882, Miss Marilla Mahin, of Auglaize county, became the wife of Mr. Poorman. She is the daughter of Henry and Annie Mahin, and by her marriage is the mother of two bright children, Guy and Clifford.

Joseph Preston is a thriving agriculturist of Blue Creek township and a worthy citizen of Paulding county. He was born January 27, 1858, in the state of Illinois and is the son of Joseph and Mary (Atchinson) Preston, natives of New Jersey. Mr. Preston was reared in Shelby county, Ohio, and was educated at the common schools. He was taught the lessons of industry and economy in his youth, which have been the characteristics of his subsequent life, and at his majority began the pursuit of farming with limited means. January 4, 1880, he was united in marriage with Miss Enola F., daughter of Daniel J. and Lydia Leapley, natives of Ohio. Mr. Preston removed to Paulding county in August, 1882, and located in Blue Creek township, where he has since resided upon a profitable farm. He is industrious and upright in his mode of living, and has many friends who wish him well. Mr. and Mrs. Preston are the parents of John F., Clayton E., Nellie A., Bertha E. and Don A. Mr. Preston affiliates with the democrats and is interested in the welfare of his party.

August Rahrig, a successful merchant of Blue Creek township, was born in Van Wert county, Ohio, November 5, 1858, the son of John and Barbara (Bocky) Rahrig, of German extraction. He was reared to manhood in his native county and here married on the 16th of May, 1882, Miss Elizabeth Ardner, of German parentage. The children born of this union are: Susan, Agnes, William, Laura, Emma and Thomas Edward. Mr. Rahrig is extensively engaged in mercantile pursuits and is the proprietor of two stores, one in section 8, and one on his home farm in section 30. He handles a full line of groceries, dry goods, etc., and is an energetic and progressive citizen. He located in this county in 1888, and has held the office of clerk of the school board. Politically he is a democrat, and with his family belongs to the Catholic church, toward which he is a liberal contributor.

Robert Rankin, son of Robert and Ester (Dennison) Rankin, was born in Pennsylvania, August 23, 1822, and was married, in Van Wert county, Ohio, January 9, 1862, to Catherine Susan Blythe. Their family consists of Cyrus B., born July 4, 1863; Mary E., August 22, 1865; Cora M., August 24, 1867; Ida C., November 30, 1869; Robert I., March 28, 1872; Rosa A., December 16, 1874; Lillie E., August 24, 1877; Nellie C., March 19, 1880. He has been justice of the peace for ten years; township clerk eight years; also district assessor. His wife's parents are Henry and May S. (Moore) Blythe. Three of his sister's sons were in the service, one killed and one wounded. Mrs. Rankin was born in Jefferson county, August 2, 1841. Mr. Rankin settled in Paulding county in 1862, having purchased his land in 1851, and is engaged in farming in Blue Creek township.

S. C. Robinson, a successful merchant and lumberman of Blue Creek township, was born in Shelby county, May 10, 1850, the son of John and Elizabeth (Colland) Robinson, natives of Ohio, of Scotch and Irish birth. Samuel Robinson, the paternal grandfather, was a soldier in the war of 1812, and later he located upon a tract of land which he had previously entered. John Robinson was a pioneer settler of Champaign county, and by hard work made a good home for his family. He served during the late war as a member of company H, One hundred and thirty-second regiment Ohio volunteer infantry. He and his wife were members of the M. E. church. Mrs. Robinson died in 1872, at the age of forty-seven years. Her husband still resides on the farm where he

located thirty-nine years ago. Fraternally he is a member of the lodge I. O. O. F. S. C. Robinson, the immediate subject of this sketch, attended the common schools of his county, and at the age of seventeen years began teaching school. Later he attended the select school at St. Paris and then entered the college at Urbana, Ohio. He taught during the intervals of his school career and then took a course at the business college of Grand Rapids, from which he graduated with honors, being one of four out of a class of 900 to pass the rigid examinations with great credit to himself and teachers. He had early thought of studying law, which profession he intended to follow during his life, but ill health compelled him to abandon this and he went to Pemberton, where he engaged in lumbering remaining here until 1881 at which time he located on section 32 of Blue Creek township. Here he erected a saw mill in the southwestern part of the township which in 1882 he removed to Dague, where he built a band mill with a capacity of 15,000 feet of lumber per day, and which was styled as the Robinson lumber company. Mr. Robinson purchased 800 acres of land, and after locating at Dague floated his lumber down Blue Creek He makes a specialty of one fourth sawed oak, and sycamore and does an immense business valued at $33,000 per year. Mr. Robinson is one of the substantial business men of the county, and his public spirit leads him to take an active part in all matters relating to the advancement and prosperity of the community. In 1874, he married Miss Lydia M. Woolley, of Shelby county, daughter of William Woolley, a representative citizen of the county in which he lives. Two children have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Robinson, namely, James O. and Emmet Earl. In politics, Mr. Robinson is a republican and an ardent supporter of his party. He and his wife are highly esteemed in the social circles of their community.

Granville Sayler is a man of much prominence and influence in the community in which he resides. He was born in Harlan county, Ky., September 14, 1845, the son of John G. and Polly (Hall) Sayler, of English parentage. Mr. Sayler was reared to manhood in his native county, and during the war was a soldier. He enlisted, in 1863, in company F, Forty-ninth Kentucky regiment, and participated in the battles of Franklin, Nashville and Memphis. He was discharged December 26, 1864, at Lexington, Ky. Returning home he married Miss Louise Farmer on the 18th of October, 1865. Mrs. Sayler is the daughter of James and Susan (Skidmore) Farmer, and a lady widely and favorably known in the community. By her marriage she became the mother of Angeline, the wife of Milton Belcher; Albert, Sarah (deceased), Ritta, John, Susan, Polly, James, Laura and Joseph. Mr. Sayler acted as sheriff of Harlan county, Ky., for two years and was justice of the peace for six years. He located in Paulding county in 1890, and has since been engaged in farming. Politically he is a republican and a pensioner.

Andrew A. Schillinger was born in Crawford county, Ohio, September 4, 1861, and is one of the enterprising young men of Blue Creek township. He is the son of Jacob and Magdalena (Follmer) Schillinger, of Germany, who emigrated to America in 1853 and located in Richland county, Ohio. Subsequently they made Crawford county their home, and in 1873 located in Paulding, where they purchased a farm and where they now reside, honored citizens of the township. Mr. Schillinger, Sr., owns 160 acres of land in section 13, and here he is engaged in tilling the soil. Andrew A. Schillinger, the immediate subject of this sketch, is the fourth child and second son born to these parents. His early life was spent in Mercer county, and he was educated in the common schools. As a democrat he has acted as constable of Blue Creek township for one year and has acceptably filled this office. His marriage occurred on the 24th of May, 1891, at which time Miss Maggie Arter, a native of Crawford county, Ohio, born December 26, 1872, became his wife. Mrs. Schillinger is a daughter of Henry and Sarah (Snyder) Arter, of German and Irish extraction, and is a young lady favorably known in the community. With her husband, she enjoys universal respect.

J. T. Scott, manufacturer of drain tiles, was born near Lebanon, Warren county, Ohio, March 25, 1851, the son of Richard and Margaret (Lynn) Scott, natives of Ohio and Pennsylvania, and of Scotch-Irish and Irish descent, respectively. Thomas Scott, the paternal grandfather, was a native of New Jersey, and his father, Jonathan Scott, was also a native of that state and a farmer by occupation. The great-great-grandfather was one of three brothers who came from Scotland to the United States and located in New Jersey, he being the progenitor of the family in America. Richard Scott, the father of the subject of this sketch, was reared in Warren county, Ohio, and married in early life. He was a pioneer farmer, and in 1861 sold the homestead farm, removing with his family to Putnam county, Ohio, and locating upon a section of land. Subsequently he owned 2,100 acres, and removed to the state of Tennessee, where he died at the age of seventy-eight years. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church for thirty years, but withdrawing from that body, joined the United Brethren church, of which he served as local minister for the rest of his life. Mrs. Scott still survives, and is making her home with her children. J. T. Scott removed with his parents to Putnam county, where he worked on the farm and received a common education. At the age of nineteen years he started in life for himself, and worked on a farm, receiving but small compensation. In 1870 he went to Liberty township, Van Wert county, and made his home with a brother-in-law, who was prominent in the county, and while residing here formed a marriage alliance with Miss Margeret, daughter of William and Catherine (Huston) Uhrick. Mrs. Scott is a native of Tuscarawas county, and was born June 12, 1851. For a time Mr. Scott farmed on rented land, and after his marriage returned to Putnam county and located at Kalida, where he was engaged in teaming. In 1878 he purchased forty acres of land on the present site of Scott, Van Wert county, to which he moved in 1881. He built the railroad depot after the completion of the railroad at that place, and has since added many acres to the town of Scott. As one of the representative and progressive men of the county, Mr. Scott takes first rank. He divides his attention between farming and the manufacture of drain tile, in which latter pursuit he has been very successful. He is a charter member of the order of Red Men, and with his wife is an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Under his direction a society was formed and a good frame church has been erected, in which regular services are held. Mr. Scott was also a prime mover in obtaining a special school district on the south side, and the citizens voted a tax of $300 with which to erect a school building. When the bonds for which to build the school were offered for sale there was no purchaser, and therefore Mr. Scott resigned from the school board and bought the bonds himself. The school is graded and has an enrollment of 300 pupils. Mr. Scott was also one of the charter member of the Patrons of Industry, and he is a valued member of the community. As a citizen, he has ever looked to the best interests of his town and county, the improvements and enterprises of which have been in a large measure due to him. He is the father of these children: Mitta L., Richard S., Margaret C., William Hayes, S. M., Anna E., Jessie (deceased), Fortress, Elizabeth and Ruth.

Andrew L. Shafer and his son, Zadock S. Shafer, are among the successful manufacturers of drain tile and pressed brick in the county, and established their factory in 1890. Its daily capacity is 8,000 tile, or 12,000 brick. It is the largest tile and brick factory in the county, the goods being of a superior order. Mr. Shafer, who is a skilled mechanic, was born in Mahoning county, Ohio, September 29, 1832, the son of John and Adecima (Ashbaugh) Shafer, the former being of German parentage and the latter of English extraction. Jacob Schafer, the paternal grandfather, was a native of Germany, who came to America in his youth. The maternal grandparent, Andrew Ashbaugh, was born in England, and emigrated to America at the age of twenty years. John Shafer was a farmer by occupation, and reared a family of four sons and seven daughters. He was a pioneer settler of Mahoning county, a member of the Presbyterian church, and died at the age of eighty-two years. Andrew L. Shafer remained with his parents until he reached the age of nineteen years, at which time he began an apprenticeship at the blacksmith's trade, at which he worked for fourteen years. In 1864 he abandoned this pursuit and removed to Hancock county, where he engaged in saw-milling. In 1887 he removed to Scott, Paulding county, Ohio, and became interested, in company with his sons, in the lumbering business, until the fall of 1890, at which time he sold to his sons, A. A. and F. E. Shafer. Mr. Shafer is a progressive business man, and the life he has led has been active and useful. He owns land adjoining the village plat to the extent of thirteen acres, and other town property. Politically, he is a republican. Mr. Shafer was married in June, 1855, to Miss Mary, daughter of Jacob and Susanna (Aultman) Rummel, of German parentage. She was born in Mahoning county, Ohio, December 13, 1832, and by her marriage became the mother of Alason A., Zadock S., Freeman E., Clarence L. and Alta E. Mr. and Mrs. Shafer are highly respected citizens of Blue Creek township and widely and favorably known.

J. R. Shotwell, dealer in real estate and loans, established his business at Scott, Ohio, in March, 1889. Here he has worked up a large and lucrative trade, and by his integrity and strict attention to his business affairs enjoys the respect and confidence of the community. Mr. Shotwell was born in Perry county, Ohio, September 18, 1855, the son of John C. Shotwell, an early settler of the county. He was given a good

education, and at the age of nineteen years started in life for himself by farming on rented land. In time he was enabled to purchase land in Hocking county, where he lived until 1882, when he removed to Van Wert county, and, locating in the woods east of Scott, began the process of making a home. In the fall of 1889 he located in Scott, of which place he is a worthy citizen. Mr. Shotwell was married February 13, 1876, to Miss Phœbe Paling, of Hocking county, Ohio, but a native of West Virginia. Mrs. Shotwell is the daughter of Remus Paling, of Hocking county, Ohio. Our subject is a member of the improved order of Red Men, and though not a partisan in the sense of seeking office is a worker in the ranks of the republican party.

Joshua Slusher, a thriving farmer of Blue Creek township, was born in Clay county, Ky., January 20, 1854, the son of William and Nancy (Howard) Slusher, of German parentage. Our subject grew to manhood on the homestead farm, and was educated in the common schools. Here he was joined in wedlock on August 14, 1873, with Miss Easter, the daughter of Elisha G. and Sarah (Howard) Bingham, of Kentucky. They are the parents of nine children, whose names are: Mary, William, Sarah, Philip, Benjamin Franklin, Gillis, Green, Nancy and Calloway. Mr. Slusher is one of the stanch democrats of the county, and a man highly respected, both as a farmer and private citizen. The family are members of the Baptist church, and enjoy high social standing. Our subject located in this county in November, 1889, and has since resided here engaged in tilling the soil.

Hiram Stanley was born in Harrison county, Ohio, October 16, 1846, the son of James and Susan (Scott) Stanley, of Irish parentage. The ancestors on the maternal side came from Dublin, Ireland, about the year 1810, and located in Ohio. Hiram Stanley grew to years of maturity in Logan county, and here received his schooling. In Harding county, on August 12, 1866, he was united in marriage to Emily C. Decker, the daughter of Ithamore and Charlotte (Wilson) Decker, Germans by birth. The union resulted in the birth of James F., Charlotte, Theodore and an infant not named. Mrs. Stanley departed this life in 1875, and October 12, 1876, Mr. Stanley took as his second wife Miss Julia Cox, the daughter of Dennis and Mary (Davis) Cox. During the late war Mr. Stanley was a member of company F, One Hundred and Ninety-first regiment Ohio volunteer infantry, and on the 22nd of June, 1865, he received his honorable discharge. He contracted several diseases while in the service, and is now a pensioner on account of disabilities received while in the army. Politically, he is a democrat, highly esteemed by his fellow-citizens.

David C. Stewart.—Prominent among the leading farmers of Blue Creek township David C. Stewart is deservedly mentioned. He was born in Shelby county, January 6, 1842, and is the son of Hiram and Elizabeth (Hartsell) Stewart, of German extraction. He was reared to manhood in his native county, and was married to Miss Mollie Coe, in Logan county, July 12, 1874. She is the daughter of Alonzo and Anna (See) Coe, and was born in Miami county, December 21, 1854. The result of this union is the following named: Anna M., Susan M., William H. and George H. The family are communicants of the Christian church, in which they enjoy good standing. Politically, Mr. Stewart is a republican and a member of the grange. He located in this county in 1880, and upon his farm he raises fine horses and the Holstein cattle. The family of Mr. Stewart enjoy high rank in the social world.

George Stillwagon was born in Richland county, Ohio, August 12, 1842, and his parents are Charles and Rebecca (Swoverland) Stillwagon, of German parentage. The early life of the subject of this notice was passed in Van Wert county. He enlisted in April, 1861, in company C, of the Eighteenth regular United States, for five years, and he served until 1862, or until after the evacuation of Corinth, at which time he suffered a sun stroke and was sent home as unfit for service. His health improved and he re-entered the army as a member of company H, Fourth Ohio cavalry, and under Capt. King, in the army of the Cumberland; he served until wounded at the battle of Jonesboro, Ga. He was again sent home on a furlough and after a wound received in February, 1865, he was never able to report for duty. He was taken to Camp Dennison, and there remained until June 22, 1865, when he received his final discharge. For eighteen months Mr. Stillwagon was compelled to use crutches while walking. He was married on Christmas day, 1864, to Miss Sarah Price, a native of Pennsylvania, born August 2, 1843. She is the daughter of Amos and Sarah (Bergg) Price, and bore her husband the following children: Charles (deceased), Minnie, wife of William Burnsides; George P., John W., Harry (deceased), Asron (deceased), Francis M., Clarence E., Sadie M. and Avery. Mr. Stillwagon was a locomotive engineer on the P., Ft. W. & C. R. R. for nine years; acted in a like position on the G. R. & I. R. R. for five years, and on the Clover Leaf for three years. He is a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and a republican in politics. The family are members of the Christian church and stand well socially in the community.

John Tanner, one of the expert agriculturists of Blue Creek township, was born in Morgan county, August 24, 1836, the son of Jacob and Mary A. (Warner) Tanner, of English and German parentage. The paternal ancestors came from England, and located in Chester county, Penn., about the year 1775, and here reared a family whose descendants were to be good citizens in their respective states. John Tanner received his educational training in the common schools and grew to manhood in his native county. His father was a carpenter, and he also learned the trade in connection with cabinet-making. He located in this county in 1870, settling upon the farm where they now reside. October 22, 1857, Miss Sarah J. Williams, a native of Morgan county, born January 27, 1835, became the wife of Mr. Tanner, and they have been blessed by the births of Hannah L., the wife of M. I. Kline; Mary A., the wife of John Shultz; Sarah E., Melissa J., Harriet, the wife of Frank Smith; Josephine, William J. and John F. Mrs. Tanner is the daughter of William and Sarah (Watson) Williams, of Welsh and English descent. The family are members of the Disciples church, and among the oldest settlers of the township. Politically Mr. Tanner is a democrat, and one of the widely known and respected citizens of the county.

George D. Tope first saw the light in Allen county, on the 28th of January, 1843. His parents are elsewhere mentioned in this book. He grew to manhood in Van Wert county, and there received a common education, to which he has since added by thorough reading from works by the standard authors. He chose the occupation of the farmer as his life work and has been successful in his calling. He located in Paulding county, in 1876, and by his life of probity and uprightness has become the possessor of many warm friends and well wishers. He has been trustee of his township for three years, acted as constable for one year, and as supervisor for the same length of time. Mr. Tope is a democrat politically, and was an efficient officer in these positions, serving the people with credit to himself and satisfaction to them. On the first of May, 1876, Miss Lavina, daughter of Jackson and Margaret (Kear) Pence, became his wife, and their children are: Fern D., Helen V., Jessie A. and Mary M. Mrs. Tope was born in Champaign county, January 5, 1852, and is a lady favorably known.

Hiram J. Tope, born in Carroll county, October 30, 1839, is the son of Levi and Sarah (Davis) Tope, of German parentage. He was raised and educated in Allen county, and while in Van Wert county, for a time, was united in marriage, on the 3d of December, 1866, with Miss Frances Gates. She is a native of Clarion county, Penn., and first saw the light on the 23d of December, 1846. She is a daughter of Frederick and Sarah (Black) Gates. The children born into the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tope are: Emma, wife of P. Roush; Almina L., Sarah A., Levi F., Edna J., Dora M., Edith B. and Elza. Mr. Tope is a democrat and located in this county in 1874. He and family enjoy general popularity and have many friends who wish them well.

William H. Vogel.—Among the prominent farmers and stockraisers of Blue Creek township is William H. Vogel, born in Huron county, Ohio, November 15, 1846, the son of Frederick and Adelia (Forbes) Vogel, natives of Germany and Connecticut, respectively. The former came to America while young man, and located in Orange county, N. Y., where he followed farming. He married in this county and then removed to Huron, where he became a well-to-do citizen, and at the time of his demise owned 350 acres of land. He died in 1873, at the age of fifty-five years, his wife having preceded him to the grave in 1863, at the age of fifty-two years. They were members of the Methodist Episcopal church during their lives. Upon attaining his majority, William H. Vogel, after obtaining a common school education, began the struggle of life as a farmer. At the death of his father, the homestead farm was divided between the brothers, and in 1884 our subject sold a part of his land and removed to the county of Paulding, where he purchased his present property of 147 acres. Of this, Mr. Vogel has cleared 120 acres, and by his life of probity and industry has became one of the substantial men of the county. When eighteen years of age he enlisted in the United States service, as a member of Company H, One Hundred and Sixty-sixth regiment of Ohio volunteer infantry. He, with his regiment, was assigned to the army of the Potomac, and assisted in doing guard duty around Washington, D. C. Mr. Vogel was married to Miss Margaret J., the daughter of Robert and Drucilla (Ringle) Willougby. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Vogel, and their names are: Chauncy O., Warner (deceased), Frederick and Eva G.

BROWN TOWNSHIP.

I. L. Ackley, the genial druggist and postmaster of Oakwood, is a native of Indiana, and was born August 27, 1852. He is the only son and one of five children, the offspring of Harvey and and Roxanna (Coburn) Ackley. Harvey Ackley, at the age of thirteen years, worked on the Erie canal as water boy, and then traveled with an artist, Ignatius Loyola Tellaga. At the age of twenty, Mr. Ackley purchased land and began farming. He subsequently sold his farm and embarked in the hardware business. Early in 1864 he enlisted in company A, Thirty-eighth regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry, and was with Gen. Sherman in active service for three months. He died at Ringgold, Ga., at the age of thirty-eight years. He, in company with seven nephews, participated in several battles of the late war; one was killed at Atlanta, Ga.; two killed at Shiloh, a cousin starved to death in Libby prison, and one wounded at Shiloh. After the death of her husband, Mrs. Ackley removed to Indiana, where she has since resided. She has proved a noble woman, and in her time of trouble succeeded in keeping her family together and giving her children good educations. Four of them became teachers, and are all nicely located. I. L. Ackley was reared to manhood in Newville, Ind. He received a good education, and at the age of seventeen was enabled to teach school. He taught in Indiana, and in 1883, on coming to Paulding, continued the same occupation. Locating in Michigan some time later, he purchased an improved farm, which he cultivated in connection with teaching. In company with W. R. Snook, Mr. Ackley embarked in the drug business at Oakwood, Paulding county, and in 1884, at the death of Mr. Snook, became sole proprietor. He attends strictly to his own business, has been industrious, and as a result has enjoyed prosperity. Mr. Ackley is a republican, and was appointed postmaster of Oakwood, in June, 1889. Fraternally he belongs to the F. & A. M. and I. O. O. F., and is captain of the sons of veterans. September 30, 1875, Miss Annie Z., the daughter of W. R. Snook, became the wife of Mr. Ackley, and their children are: Henry W., Roxy B., Zelma L., Ward and Blaine.

John B. Adams, one of the progressive and enterprising young men of the township, is a native of Paulding county, Ohio, and dates his birth from the 17th of November, 1861. He is the son of Mathias and Catherine (Loger) Adams, of Germany, who emigrated to this country in an early day. Mr. Adams received his education in the schools of his native county and was reared upon the farm. He was happily married on the 24th of December, 1888, to Mrs. Margaret Almira Foreman, who was born in Auglaize township, Paulding county, the daughter of Henry and Susan Bondenbender and the widow of Martin Foreman. Mrs. Adams died June 16, 1890, and since her death Mr. Adams has made his home with his parents. He is a member of the Lutheran church and in his political belief is a democrat.

Benjamin C. Bidlack, the son of Samuel and Mary (Davis) Bidlack, is a native of Luzerne county, Pa., and was born February 13, 1828. He was third in order of birth and second son of fifteen children, the offspring of the above named parents, and was reared in his native county until the age of seven years, at which time his parents removed to Delaware county. He was educated in the schools of that day and worked on the farm, later learning the trade of the cooper. He was married June 19, 1851, to Miss Mary A. Stair, born in Wayne county, Ohio, November 5, 1831, the daughter of William and Susan (McEntarfer) Stair, and the union resulted in the birth of Joseph (deceased), Samuel (deceased), Jonas, Levi, Alvie, Philander, Eli, William, Elwood, Tillmore, Lyman, Theophilus (deceased) and Hannah (deceased). Mrs. Bidlack died November 22, 1886, and Mr. Bidlack again married, taking as his wife Mrs. Elizabeth Titler, widow of John Titler and daughter of Stephen and Barbara (Noss) Robison. In February, 1865, Mr. Bidlack enlisted in company E, One hundred and Ninety-second Ohio volunteer infantry, for one year and served until the close of the war. He received his discharge at Winchester, Va. He has been a resident of Paulding county since 1850, having come from Defiance county, where he had moved in 1848, and has been a most successful farmer. Politically he is an ardent democrat and has held the minor offices of the township.

Bidlack & Kretzinger, liverymen of Oakwood, Ohio.—Allen Bidlack was born in Brown township, this county, October 13, 1857, is the son of William Bidlack, and one of the pioneers of the county. Mr. Bidlack's early life was spent upon the farm and he was educated in the common schools. February 27, 1875, he married Miss Mary Stair, born of German parentage. Three children bless this union, viz.: George, John and Lillie M. Mr. Bidlack is a stanch republican and a member of the I. O. O. F., No. 737. He and wife are members of the United Brethren church. Mr. Bidlack and George F. Kretzinger formed a co-partnership in 1890 and are doing a fine business, being attentive and accommodating. Mr. Kretzinger was born in Starke county, Ind., November 9, 1859, and son of Henry and Sarah (Hoover) Kretzinger, of German and English extraction. Mr. Kretzinger was reared to manhood in Livingston county, Ky., a farmer's boy, and received a good education. He came to this county in 1883, and for years worked at day labor, and in 1890 embarked in the livery business. He is a republican and a thorough-going young man.

D. G. Blakeslee, a prominent lumberman and agriculturist, is a native of Ohio, born in Geauga county, January 31, 1821, the son of Ozi and Axie (Taylor) Blakeslee, natives of New England. The lineage of the family dates back to 1660, the forefathers having emigrated from England and settled near Boston on a tract of land called Boston neck, and which still bears that name. The paternal grandfather was a soldier in the revolution, having the rank of major; he also served as a colonel in the war of 1812, taking part in the battle of Black Rock. In the regiment which he commanded, he had five sons, one of whom, the eldest, was the father of our subject. This son located in Geauga county, in 1816, and reared a family of eight children. D. G. Blakeslee, the seventh in order of birth, was reared on the farm and received a common education in the schools of that day. He taught for two years in Kentucky and later was the principle of schools at Maumee. In June, 1850, he removed to Paulding county and erected the first steam saw mill in the county at Charloe, which he has successfully operated ever since. Mr. Blakeslee is a progressive and enterprising citizen and has done much toward the development of the county. He is a leading supporter of schools and churches and is forward in all reformatory movements. During the war he served in the pension bureau. Mr. Blakeslee was married January 8, 1858, to Miss Harriet E., the daughter of Dr. O. H. Allen, of Defiance, and their union resulted in the birth of Maud F., who died in infancy, Albert E., a school teacher, and Flora P., a teacher of music.

Edward Bobinmyer, of Hartsburg, Putnam county, Ohio, was born in Butler county, February 18, 1835, he is the son of David and Sarah (Heffner) Bobinmyer. He grew to years of maturity in his native county, and has become a farmer and politician of note; November 9, 1857, he was married in Paulding county to Mandilla, daughter of John and Sophia (May) Stair, and these are the children born to them: Josephine, wife of Hiram Bleeks; Priscilla, wife of James L. Hoyt; David F., now in Colorado; Anna M., wife of Franklin H. Lighthill; and John P. H. Mr. Bobinmyer located in Paulding county in the year 1853, and in 1859 removed to Putnam county, and is among the pioneer settlers of Monroe township, Putnam county. He owns eighty acres of fine land in Putnam county. In 1877 he and his wife and family moved west to the state of Nebraska; he followed farming during the time he was in Nebraska, which was not quite three years, when he moved back to Putnam county, Ohio, and in the year 1883 he purchased eighty acres of fine land in Paulding county, Ohio, and in connection with farming he raises fine horses, also horn cattle and sheep. He was a member of Company I, Sixty-seventh regiment Ohio volunteer infantry, and enlisted November 1, 1864. He participated in several hard-fought battles, and the second day of April, 1865, he was one of the party that charged on the rebels' line at Hatcher's run, and April 4th again charged the rebels at Cloverhill, and the 6th of April, again at High Bridge, and the 9th of April, at Appomatox Court House, when Gen. Lee surrendered. He received his honorable discharge November 1, 1865, at Richmond, Va. Mr Bobinmyer is a gentleman who commands the respect and good will of all who know him, and his friends are many.

James Bobenmyer, the youngest child of David and Saloma (Heffner) Bobenmeyer, was born in Butler county, Ohio, December 17, 1844. At the age of nine years he was taken by his parents to Paulding county, where he grew to years of maturity and received his scholastic training. He entered the army in May, 1864, as a member of company H, One Hundred and Thirty-second Ohio volunteer infantry, and was assigned to the Potomac command. He was present at the siege of Petersburg and operations of the valley. His honorable discharge was given him at Winchester, Va., on the 27th of August, 1865, he having been in active service the entire time. Mr. Bobenmeyer was united in marriage with Miss Emma May on the 13th of April, 1869, and their children are: Charles E., Deane E., Fielding E. and Perry E. Mrs. Bobinmyer is the daughter of Daniel and Charlotte (Deviney) May, respected citizens of their county. Politically, the subject of this sketch is a democrat, and

belongs to the G. A. R. post of Brown township. He is a good citizen and is highly respected.

Boyd & Freede.—The firm of Boyd & Freede, dealers in real estate and native timber and manufacturers of lumber and shaved hoops, with a branch office at Ellisville, Miss., is composed of active and energetic young men whose mill plant and realty are now worth $140,000, they having begun with nothing a few years ago. They employ a large number of men and carry on an extensive business. This firm furnished the C., J. & M. railroad with nearly all of its timber and ties, and the goods turned out are first-class. Mr. Boyd, the senior member of the firm, is a native of Ohio, having been born in Hamilton county July 30, 1848, the son of Nelson and Martha J. (Mitchell) Boyd, natives respectively of Ohio and Virginia. John Boyd, the paternal grandfather, was a native of Ohio, and served in the war of 1812. Nelson Boyd, his son, was a farmer and cooper by trade, and removed to Auglaize county, Ohio, where his death occurred in 1867. In 1861 he enlisted in the three years' service, and became a member of the Seventy-first regiment. He served as lieutenant of company B, Thirty-third regiment of Ohio volunteer infantry, and was in the struggle for over four years. Mrs. Boyd is still living, making her home with her son. J. A. Boyd grew to years of maturity on the farm and received a good education. At the age of sixteen years he started in life for himself, and as his father had died, a large share of the support of the family fell to him. He began teaching, and for seven consecutive years taught in the common schools. In the spring of 1874 he came to Paulding, and located at Change Bridge, where he engaged in merchandising and dealing in native timber. He continued thus until 1887, when he turned his whole attention to his present business, and is to-day one of the prominent and well-to-do men of Paulding county. Mr. Boyd is a democrat in politics, and has held the minor township offices, and has served as postmaster of Melrose, Charloe and Pleasant Point for fifteen years. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. and K. of P. Mr. Boyd was married, in February, 1868, to Miss Melinda, the daughter of John P. and Hannah (Patterson) Sillin, natives of Licking county. Nine children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Boyd, only three of whom are living, named Joseph Edward, Mary Frances and Guy Maurice. The family are members of the Disciples church, and are popular with all who know them.

A. Brown.—Among the prominent and leading merchants of Melrose, A. Brown holds a conspicuous place. He established himself in business in 1882, and does an immense trade, amounting to $10,000 and $1,2000 annually. He carries a full stock of dry goods, groceries and notions, and in all his dealings with the public is honest and upright. Mr. Brown was born in Fayette county, Penn., September 1, 1829, and was the youngest of four sons and six daughters, born to William and Mary (Bernhart) Brown, natives of Ireland and Connecticut respectively. The paternal grandfather of the subject of this sketch was William Brown,

who emigrated to America in 1796, and, with his family, located in Pennsylvania. William Brown, his son, and the father of our subject, was but six years of age at that time, and received but a limited education in the schools of that day. He learned milling, and married Miss Bernhart early in life. He served in the war of 1812, removed to Richland county in 1837, and then came to Crawford county, where he purchased timber land and entered the hard life of the pioneer. He improved his farm and engaged in milling for a time. In 1853 Mr. Brown removed to Williams county, and, abandoning milling, turned his whole attention to farming. He died at the age of seventy-one years, his wife having preceded him to the grave. Our subject and his brother, Nicholas Brown of Williams county, are the only surviving members of the large family reared by Mr. and Mrs. Brown. Mr. A. Brown was reared in Crawford county, and when but thirteen years of age began life for himself, by working as a farm hand. He attended school through the winter sessions, and at the age of eighteen years began learning the carpenter's trade. At this he worked for nine years with good success. He was married in 1852, on the 29th of January, to Miss Sarah, the daughter of Samuel and Catherine (Seiler) Reed, and their children are: Anna E., wife of Theodore Burt; Catherine E., wife of T. E. Switzer, and Frances. Mr. and Mrs. Brown are worthy members of the Methodist Episcopal church. In 1856 they removed to Paulding county, and in the spring of 1857 located near old Fort Brown. Here Mr. Brown rented a mill, and it was the first grist mill to be run by water power in the county. It was built by Jacob Switzer, who afterward sold it to Mr. Reed, and later it came into the possession of Mr. Brown. In 1884, Mr. Brown sold this mill, but in time it again came into his hands, and is now owned by him, although for the last five years it has been idle. Mr. Brown started in life empty-handed, but is now the possessor of one hundred and fifty acres of good land, in Brown township; besides fifteen acres in Putnam county. He also owns a good village property in Melrose, and his stock of goods is valued at $5,000. Mr. Brown is a republican, and for one term served efficiently as county commissioner. He has been treasurer of Brown township for six years. In February, 1865, Mr. Brown enlisted in company B, One Hundred and Ninety-second regiment of Ohio volunteer infantry, and was assigned to the army of the Potomac. His service was mostly in the Shenandoah valley, and his discharge was received in September, 1865. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic post at Melrose, and is one of the esteemed and influential citizens of the township in which he lives.

Everett A. Budd—The Budd family in America owes its origin to three English sea captains, Henry, John and William Budd, who, tiring of old Neptune's stormy billows, settled on Long Island, N. Y., about the year of 1700, and took up the less perilous vocation of tilling the soil. From Long Island portions of the family passed into New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Virginia, where traces of them yet exist. They were mostly farmers, but some of them attained local eminence in both law and medicine. Dr. John Budd, of the Pennsylvania branch, emigrated to Delaware county, Ohio, about the year of 1810, and soon after married Miss Mary Adams, a lineal descendant of the Adams family of Massachusetts. His third son, Eli Budd, is the father of the subject of this sketch. He was born in Delaware county, Ohio, August 19, 1820, and married March 30, 1841, Miss Mary A. Clarke, who was born in Luzerne county, Penn., March 30, 1821, and removed to Ohio when a babe. She was educated at Central college, Ohio, and spent some years in teaching school in Delaware and Franklin counties, Ohio, receiving her first certificate from Judge Swan in Columbus. The fruits of this union are as follows: Everett A., born in Harlem, Delaware county, Ohio, March 4, 1842; Mary C., born December 21, 1843, married Capt. Joseph Ice, in the fall of 1863, and died April 12, 1864; Remembrance L., born in Columbus, Ohio, February 13, 1846, married J. C. Randolph in 1867; John C., born January 27, 1848, and is now a resident of Defiance, Ohio; Lucretia Ellen, born November 4, 1853, married to Henry Varner September 6, 1870; James E., born February 17, 1856, married in January, 1891, to Miss Catharine Motter; and Judge W., born July 22, 1860, and died in Walkerton, Ind., February 12, 1882, from injuries received by a train of cars upon which he was employed as a brakeman. Eli Budd and family removed to Paulding county in 1850, and settled in the woods upon land which he entered from the government. After sharing all the hardships of a pioneer life and clearing up a large farm he died on the 6th of July 1867, honored and respected by all who knew him. His widow is still living and resides with her daughter, Mrs R. L. Randolph. Everett A., was married April 24, 1862, to Miss Marie Lindsly, but owing to marital infelicity a separation and divorce soon followed. He was a teacher for several years, and served for a time as orderly sergeant of company H, One hundred and Thirty-second, Ohio volunteer infantry. The latter years of his life have been turned to journalism, and he has filled the editorial chair on several county papers; also been a contributor to several city periodicals. He is the author of the following poem, "Only a Brakeman," which was first published in the Steuben county, Ind., *Republican*, and afterward went the round of the press in the United States:

Only a brakeman! killed by the train!
Only a brakeman! by accident slain;
Onward, rush onward, no time for delay;
Blow the shrill whistle and hasten away.

Only a brakeman! cries the wild throng,
Only a brakeman! been called by death's gong;
Why should the eye glisten? why should the heart ache?
'Tis only a brakeman who's set his last brake.

Only a brakeman! is flashed through the air;
Only a brakeman! for his body prepare:
On the morrow 'tis shipped as poor common freight,—
As only a brakeman who has gone to his fate.

Only a brakeman! the editors write:
Only a brakeman! 'twas late in the night,
He was doing his duty — the train broke in two,
When down to his death the brakeman fell through.

Only a brakeman! but the pride of some heart;
Only a brakeman! but in some busy mart
Are eyes that are weeping, and homes that are hushed,
Because a poor brakeman was yesterday crushed.

Only a brakeman! but a true hearted boy;
Only a brakeman! but some mother's joy;
For whom there's no muffle for the coarse iron wheel,
That grinds on her heart as on the grooved steel.

Dr. H. S. Burson, a native of Mt. Blanchard, Hancock county, Ohio, was born November 19, 1840. His father, A. F. Burson, was one of the pioneer physicians of that section of the state and settled in Hancock county, in 1834. He was born in Loudoun county, Va., in 1812, and was reared in his native state until seventeen years of age, when his parents, who were Quakers, located in Columbiana county, Ohio. Being of a studious nature, young Burson obtained a good education. He read medicine with Dr. McCook, of New Lisbon, and attended the medical schools at Cincinnati, graduating with high honors. He began the practice of his profession when he was twenty-two years of age, and by degrees built up a large and lucrative business in his calling. He continued to practice until 1860, when he retired, and is now enjoying the evening of life, surrounded by his family and hosts of friends. Dr. Burson was married to Miss Rebecca Cumberland, of East Palestine, Ohio, and seven children, two of whom died, were born to them. In his youth the doctor was a whig, but is now an active democrat. Dr. H. S. Burson was the second son born to Dr. A. F. and Rebecca Burson, and his preliminary education was obtained in the common schools. When eighteen years of age he entered Miami university, entering the junior class. He attended this institution one year, and upon the breaking out of the war enlisted in company A, Twenty-first Ohio volunteer infantry, for three months' service. He was assigned to the army of Ohio and was stationed at Gallipolis during the greater part of his time, acting as clerk of the first division of the army of Kentucky. After the war Dr. Burson located at Winamac, Ind., where he taught for six months, removing at the expiration of his school term to Chicago, where he was employed as a clerk in the office of Baud & Adams, attorneys. He was an able clerk and received a salary of $1,000 per year. In 1866 Dr. Burson went to Washington, D. C., as private secretary of Congressman Norman B. Judd, and one year later was appointed to a clerkship in the treasury department, serving until the administration of U. S. Grant. He then, following the injunction of Horace Greeley, "went west" and located at Lebanon, Mo., accepting a situation as teacher in the common schools. After six months spent at that place, Mr. Burson returned home and began the study of medicine in the office of his father. In 1874 he attended the Ann Arbor medical college, and also the Eclectic medical institute at Cincinnati, graduating from the last named in the spring of 1875. The following July Dr. Burson located at Oakwood and entered upon the practice of his profession, holding at the present time the place of the oldest resident physician of the town. He is a surgeon of ability and a successful practitioner, whose long years of experience have earned him an enviable reputation in the medical field. While a resident of Washington, the doctor had the fortune to be admitted to the senate chamber during the impeachment of Andrew Johnson. He is an ardent democrat, having affiliated with that party since his youth. Fraternally he is a member of the Knights of Pythias. August 2, 1881, Dr. Burson was happily wedded to Miss Sarah E., the daughter of John and Susan Harmon, early settlers of Paulding county. Four children have blessed them, named: Jessie R., Aaron F., Georgie M. and Harrison S.

John J. Burt.—Prominent among the leading farmers of Brown township is John J. Burt, a native of the "Buckeye" state. He was born in Morrow county, August 1, 1849, the son of Lot and Abigail E. (Brown) Burt, of German and Irish extraction. His early life was passed upon the farm in Brown township, and his education was obtained in the neighboring schools. He was married September 2, 1867, to Christina Fisher, daughter of Samuel and Julien (French) Fisher, of German and English origin. Two children blessed this union, named Aden and Alfretta. On the 2d of March, 1864, Mr. Burt enlisted in company C, One Hundred and Ninety-first Ohio volunteer infantry, for one year, and received his discharge at Camp Chase, August 28, 1865. Returning home he engaged in farming and operating a saw mill, in connection with which he is now interested in the raising of fine sheep. Mr. Burt is a stanch republican, and held the office of township clerk for twenty-seven years, which fact demonstrates the popularity and esteem in which he is held, and the ability with which he discharged his official duties.

Mark M. Burt, a leading citizen of Brown township, was born in Washington county, Penn., December 29, 1822, the son of Ebenezer and Sarah (Leonard) Burt, of Scotch lineage. He was the third in order of birth of ten children born to these parents, and received but a common education. He married Miss Elizabeth, the daughter of Reuben and Esther (McCleary) Emmick, of German origin, on the 7th of May, 1849. Their children are named Bethnel, Silas (deceased), Hiram, Theodore, Samantha (deceased), Melissa, wife of Frank Myers; Leah, wife of Richard Bates; Isaac (deceased), and Frank E. (deceased). The family are communicants of the United Brethren church, while Mr. Burt belongs to the I. O. O. F. lodge, of Oakwood, which he joined in 1861. He is also a member of the G. A. R. post. September 10, 1863, Mr. Burt enlisted in the Ohio national guards, and went to the front as a member of Company H, One Hundred and Thirty-second regiment Ohio volunteer infantry. He was in the company which built the fortifications at Petersburg and Richmond, and was at White House landing. Returning home in 1864, he began farming. He had not many advantages for obtaining an education, though he worked hard for what he did receive. In 1861 he located in Paulding county, upon the land where he now resides, which is pleasantly located in Brown township. Mr. Burt signed the first ditch petition, and has been prominently identified with the improvements made in Brown township. His success in life has been due to his energy and hard work, and he is an expert and progressive agriculturist.

C. T. Carey, editor and proprietor of the Oakwood *Sentinel*, was born in Brown township, Paulding county, August 21, 1855, and is the son of Judge D. C. Carey. His early life was spent upon the farm assisting at general farm labor. He attended the district school until fourteen years of age when he entered college at Ft. Wayne. He subsequently learned the printer's trade, and for several years worked at journeyman work. He, in February, 1889, established the Oakwood *Sentinel*, which is a credit to the town and its proprietor, as it is a well edited newspaper. Mr. Carey was married January 1, 1877, to Miss Victoria McCreary, who is a native of the county and was born November 4, 1858. They have three children living, viz.: Edward E., Carl and Benjamin H.

Hon. David C. Carey is a worthy descendant of one of Paulding county's pioneer settlers. He was born in Auglaize township of the above named county, January 21, 1826, and is a son of Isaac and Abigail (Hudson) Carey. George Carey, the paternal grandfather, was a native of Essex county, N. J., and of English extraction. The Carey family were among the early settlers of Essex county, and date their settlement in this country back to the colonial period, being one of the prominent families of that day. The maternal grandfather was Shadrach Hudson, a native of New York state and a descendant of an English family. He served gallantly in the war of 1812, and subsequently settled in Miami county, Ohio, being one of the early residents of that section. In 1821 or 1822 he removed to Paulding county, and it is claimed that he erected the first dwelling in the county. He was a teamster in the war of 1812 and was at the battle which resulted in the defeat of St. Clair. He was a man of medium stature and possessed intelligence as was rarely found in the men of that day. His family consisted of six sons and four daughters, the last one dying in Defiance, in 1890, at the age of seventy years. Isaac Carey, the father of our subject, removed, with his parents, to Kentucky, when he was five years old, and afterward located with them in Miami county, Ohio. He enjoyed but few educational advantages, being raised upon the farm, and engaged in learning the trade of the stone mason and brick-layer. In 1823 Mr. Carey decided to locate in Paulding county, and, in company with his wife and son, Shadrach H., he traveled overland to Paulding county, and settled in the wilderness. Isaac Carey was a hardworking man, and devoted the better part of his life to his trade and in making a home for his family. He was an advocate of education, and sent his children to the schools of the neighborhood, which he and two neighbors established in a private way. He raised a family of five sons and four daughters, the subject of this sketch being the only living member of the family. Mr. Carey was a consistent and life-long member of the Methodist Episcopal church. After a life of usefulness and probity, he died at the age of fifty-one years, bearing with him to the grave the esteem and love of all whose fortune it had been to know him. David C. Carey was the first white child born in what is now Paulding county. He was raised upon the homestead farm in Auglaize township, and was given an education such as could be obtained in the township schools. He also attended school at Defiance. Remaining at home he worked upon the farm and later taught school. After his marriage he located on section 20 of Brown township, and commenced the process of clearing and improving a farm, where he continued to live until 1870, when he was elected probate judge and served till 1875, having been re-elected after the expiration of his first term. In 1877, Mr. Carey removed to Hutchinson, Kan., and engaged in farming. In the fall of 1878 he returned to Brown township and located upon the homestead farm, where he resided until 1882, when he settled in Oakwood, where he has since lived. Mr. Carey has always been an active and ardent republican, and acceptably filled the office of mayor of Oakwood. He enlisted during the late war in Company

H, One Hundred and Ninety-first Ohio volunteer infantry, on February 20, 1865, and saw active service until August 27th. While going to the Ohio river and into the Shenandoah valley, he contracted a cold from the effects of which he has never fully recovered. Mr. Carey was married May 22, 1848, to Miss Sarah Lydia, the accomplished daughter of Josiah and Lydia (Goodell) Talbert. The maternal grandfather of Mrs. Carey was William Goodell, a native of Massachusetts and a soldier in the Revolutionary war. He was a descendant of a Puritan family. Josiah Talbert, the father of Mrs. Carey, settled in western New York in 1815, where he and his wife died, leaving a son and two daughters, Mrs. Carey being the only living member of her family. She came to Defiance in 1836 with her sister, Mrs. Allen, wife of Dr. O. H. Allen, and received a liberal education in the schools of that place, completing her course in Oberlin college. This cultured lady became the mother of ten children, whose respective names are as follows: Sarah A. (deceased); Annie, wife of C. B. May; Harriet (deceased), who married J. L. Shively; Clark T., publisher of the Oakwood *Sentinel*; Lucy C., wife of Levi C. Keck; William E. (deceased); Alice and Mary, who died in infancy, and Mary L., the wife of L. J. Cristy. Mr. and Mrs. Carey are both consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal church, the former having become a member at the age of thirteen years. He has lived an exemplary and temperate life, never having indulged in the use of liquors and tobacco. He enjoys the confidence and respect of the people of Paulding county, and is a man of much prominence in the community. Mrs. Carey is known among the people of Brown township and Oakwood as a true Christian woman, and in the hour of sickness and trouble it is she who administers to the afflicted in her quiet and unostentatious manner, doing deeds of kindness and charity.

John W. Carter, one of the progressive and prosperous farmers of Brown township, was born in Germany, November 7, 1825. He came to America in 1850 and landed at Quebec, Canada, whence after a short residence he removed to Defiance, Ohio, and worked in the stone quarries on the Auglaize river for six years, getting stone ready for the bridge at that place. He located in Paulding county in 1857, and was married October 4, 1853, to Mrs. Catherine Allbright, widow of Abraham Allbright and daughter of John McCarty. Mrs. Carter died February 19, 1863, and Mr. Carter married, as his second wife, Miss Sophia, daughter of John and Dora (Crowls) Bowholtz, of Germany. To this union have been born John W. F. (deceased), Mary A. C., wife of John Curlew; Sarah E. M. (deceased), Emma C. J., Charles H. D., Joseph H. A. (deceased), Ira L. E. (deceased), Enos H. D. (deceased), and Virgil R. H. The members of the family are communicants of the United Brethren church and enjoy universal popularity and esteem. Mr. Carter enlisted during the late war in March, 1865, for six months, and was a member of company H, One Hundred and Ninety-first Ohio volunteer infantry.

L. J. Christy, teacher and farmer, was the eldest and only son born of two children — Lawrence J. and Robertie M.— to Robert M. and Emily E. (DeGroot) Christy, the former of Scotch parentage and the latter of French. Robert C. was the son of Ebenezer and Rachael (Dawson) Christy, and was born in Jefferson county, Ohio, September 3, 1836. He was reared upon the farm near Washington Court House, and when eighteen years of age began teaching, which vocation he followed until 1862, when he enlisted in company K, Ninetieth regiment Ohio volunteer infantry, and was soon appointed orderly sergeant. He participated in the battles of Murfreesborough and Nashville, and on account of ill

health was discharged, June 1, 1863. He returned home, but never regained his health, and died, January 9, 1866. He married Miss DeGroot August 15, 1858, who was born in Clinton county, Ohio, January 6, 1842, the daughter of James and Emily (Merman) DeGroot. James was born in 1811, in Canada, and his father, Cornelius, was a native of France. Our subject, L. J., was born at South Plymouth, Ohio, April 20, 1860, and when twelve years of age came to Paulding county, where he grew to manhood, having the advantage of the common schools, preparing for teaching at the age of eighteen years, which vocation he has followed since very successfully. He is a practical teacher and a good disciplinarian, having taught thirteen years in succession. He owns a good farm where he lives, and is one of the progressive young men of the county. He is an ardent republican, and a member of the I. O. O. F., No. 737. He was married December 24, 1883, to Miss May L. Carey, born July 28, 1867, and daughter of Judge D. C. Carey. Two children bless this union, viz.: Robert C., born March 17, 1886; Cornelia L., born April 8, 1890. Mrs. Christy is a worthy member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Richard Delaney is a native of Ireland and was born October 7, 1841, the son of John and Catherine (Rashford) Delaney. The mother died in her native land and the father emigrated to America in 1852, his son, the subject of this notice, being but eleven years of age at the time. They located at Buffalo, where the father worked on the railroad for some time and then removed to Minnesota. He remained in that state until 1873, at which time his son, Richard, located in Paulding county. The father then made his home with his son until his death, which occurred August 9, 1890. Richard Delaney received but a limited education, and was married in October, 1870, to Miss Maria Wood. These children have been born to them: Abigail A., Samuel J., Elba E. and Leonel J. Mrs. Delaney is a member of the United Brethren church and a lady who has many friends. Mr. Delaney is a democrat politically, and is the possessor of a fine farm of 101 acres, which is well improved. He is one of the expert agriculturists of Brown township and is highly respected by all with whom he comes in contact. Mrs. Maria (Wood) Delaney was born in Union county, September 17, 1851.

Edwards & Grant.—The firm of Edwards & Grant, dealers in hardware and farm implements, are among the energetic and progressive young men of Paulding county. They established their business in March, 1888, and by fair and upright dealing have won a large and lucrative patronage. Their stock is valued at from $4,500 to $5,000. Mr. A. Edwards is a native of Allen county, Ohio, and was born December 27, 1861, the son of J. W. and Lucy Edwards. Mr. Edwards was one of seven children born to these parents, and grew to manhood on the farm. When but twelve years of age he began clerking in a grocery store, and received but a limited education during his boyhood. In 1884 he came to Melrose and engaged in the grocery business, selling in connection with that line of goods a first-class grade of hardware. He was in partnership with his grandfather, W. A. Edwards. Mr. Edwards is a democrat in his political belief, and one of the active and enterprising young citizens of the community. Alex. Grant, Jr., was born in Upper Canada, June 17, 1850. His parents are Angus and Harriet M. (McDonald) Grant, natives of Canada, of Scotch parentage. Mr. Grant, at the age of fourteen years, came from his native country to Antwerp, Ohio, where he resided with his brother for some time. He drove an ox-team for five years and then engaged in business for himself. His education was limited, and he started life with but small means. Mr. Grant located in Defiance, where he remained until 1884, at which time he came to Melrose, where he has since lived. Politically he is an adherent to the principles of the democratic party. Mr. Grant was united in marriage with Miss Mary Sherry, of Defiance, on the 18th of Februray, 1878, and four children have blessed their union. They are: James A., Hattie, May E. and Jennie V. Mrs. Grant is the daughter of James Sherry, and with her husband belongs to the Catholic church. The family are highly respected and take high rank in the social scale.

Rev. David Fitzwater was born in Yates county, N. Y., December 30, 1824, the son of John and Sabra (Pickens) Fitzwater, of German and English extraction. In 1837 the parents removed to Cuyahoga county, Ohio, where they remained until their respective deaths, and here the subject of this mention was reared and educated. He learned the carpenter and joiner's trade, and December 6, 1859, was married to Miss Roxanna, daughter of Isaac and Mary (Smith) Packard. One child named Isaac E. was born to them. The mother died in April, 1851, and on January 9, 1853, Mr. Fitzwater took as his second wife Catherine Orr, a native of Ontario county, N. Y., born January 9, 1820. She is the daughter of David and Jane (Clark) Orr. Since 1863 Mr. Fitzwater has been a minister of the gospel as understood by the Methodist church, and he at present fills many appointments. He has held the principal offices of the church and has been an active worker in it. He located in Paulding county in 1853, and is one of the prominent citizens of Brown township; was legally exempted from military service, and quit chewing tobacco to prolong his life. His son Isaac lives in Kansas, where he follows the pursuit of farming.

George W. Fitzwater, brother of Rev. David Fitzwater, mentioned above, is a native of Warren county, Penn., born September 25, 1828. He grew to years of maturity in Cuyahoga county, Ohio, and married there April 11, 1854, Sarah J. Needham, born in New York, April 11, 1833. Her parents are John and Polly (Day) Needham, of English and German lineage. Mr. and Mrs. Fitzwater are the parents of Frank E., George D. (deceased), Charles W., Clara A., widow of A. Bodenbender; Brough B. and Albert A. Mr. Fitzwater, who is a republican, located in Paulding county in 1854. He, with his family, is a member of the United Brethren church, in which he enjoys good standing. In all the relations of life he is esteemed and his friends are legion.

C. J. Freede, of the firm of Boyd & Freede, is a native of Ohio, and first saw the light on the 11th of September, 1850, in Clarksville, Defiance



J. A. Boyd



C. J. Freede



John McClure



Very Truly
David C. Carey



Sarah L. Carey.

county. He is the son of Christian J. and Mary E. (Mallock) Freede, natives of Germany and Washington, D. C., respectively. C. J. Freede assisted his father, who was a lumber dealer, during his youth, the schools of the county furnishing him the means of his early education. When but thirteen yerrs of age, his father died, and he carried on the business, jobbing and dealing in timber. He worked for Mr. Boyd for several years and then, in 1881, was taken into partnership with him. Mr. Freede devotes his attention to farming and the timber trade, in which occupations he has been successful. He is a republican and belongs to the F. & A. M. and K. of P. fraternities. Mr. Freede was married July 13, 1873, to Miss Sarah J., the daughter of John C. and Amy Keck, among the oldest residents of Paulding county. They are the parents of Charles W., John K., Orville E. and Ralph R. Freede. Mrs. Freede is a member of the United Brethren church and with her husband enjoys general esteem. Since writing the above Mrs. Freede died on September 2. Her remains were followed to their last resting place by the largest funeral concourse ever assembled in the county.

Albert Fuller, who was born in Cuyahoga county, Ohio, September 21, 1844, is the son of Samuel and Eunice M. (Ashley) Fuller of Scotch-Irish and English parentage. The parents located in Paulding county in an early day and reared a family of three children to years of maturity. The subject of this sketch was nine years of age when his parents removed to Paulding county, where he attended the schools, receiving a common education. October 31, 1861, he enlisted in company C, Sixty-eighth Ohio volunteer infantry, and participated in the following battles: Fort Donelson, Shiloh, Siege of Corinth, Iuka, Matamoras, Thompson Hills, Raymond, Jackson, Champion Hills and Fort Hill, Vicksburg, Monroe Raid, Kenesaw Mountain, Atlanta, Jonesboro, Charleston, Columbus, Bentonville and Raleigh, N. C. He received an honorable discharge for his gallant service in July, 1865, at Louisville, Ky. Upon his return home, Mr. Fuller engaged in farming and saw-milling until the fall of 1890, at which time he retired from active work. October 1, 1870, Mr. Fuller was united in marriage with Esther A., daughter of William and Sarah (Sproul) Beard, and their children are: George B. and Elsie E. Mrs. Fuller was born in Turcarawas county, Ohio, January 11, 1847. Mr. Fuller located in Paulding county in 1853, and in connection with his farm pursuits he raises fine horses. He is a republican, active in the ranks of his party and a citizen who is highly esteemed.

Willis Fuller, proprietor of one of the leading saw mills at Melrose, is a native of Ohio and dates his birth from the 31st of March, 1839. He is the son of Samuel and Eunice M. (Ashley) Fuller, the former of whom came west with his parents when a boy. He came to Paulding county in 1853, where he entered land and farmed for an occupation. He became a well-to-do man and died in 1890, at the age of seventy-eight years. His wife and daughter reside on the homestead place, the former a venerable lady of seventy-three years. Willis Fuller received a common school education and was reared on the farm. He enlisted in company G, Fourteenth regiment Ohio volunteer infantry, at the call for 75,000 three-month men, and was discharged at the expiration of his term; he next enlisted in company C, Sixty-eight Ohio volunteers, and was in the army of the Tennessee. The battles in which Mr. Fuller took part were Philippi, Laurel Hill and Carrick's Ford, while in the three months' service. His next experience was at Fort Donelson, Shiloh, Corinth, Iuka, Jackson (Miss.), Champion Hill and Vicksburg. At the last named place he veteranized. He was wounded in the right arm at the battle of Atlanta, had his arm amputated on the field, and July 22, 1864, was sent to Rome, Ga., where he remained for thirty days. He returned home on a short furlough, but later went to the hospital at Columbus, Ohio. Mr. Fuller was discharged at Camp Dennison. Returning home, he purchased a farm in Brown township where he tilled the soil for several years. He then engaged in the lumbering business and for fifteen years owned a saw mill just north of Oakwood. In 1887 he came to Melrose, where he has since lived, a prominent and honored citizen. Mr. Fuller is an ardent supporter of the republican party, and has held, in connection with those of assessor and treasurer, the minor township offices. In 1865 Miss Nancy A. Burt, daughter of L. and Abigail E. (Brown) Burt, became the wife of Mr. Fuller, and the children born to them are Mervin C., Ernest A. and Erminna, the wife of Walter Simmons.

Benton Grimes was born in Logan county, Ohio, September 19, 1847, and is the son of Andrew and Louise J. (Duuson) Grimes, of Irish and German extraction. The subject of this mention is the eldest child of these parents and grew to manhood in Brown township, Paulding county, where he was taken at the age of four years. He was educated in the common schools and early chose the pursuit of farming as his life work. Mr. Grimes was married February 6, 1876, to Samantha J. Moore, born in Paulding county, August 9, 1853, the daughter of William and Elizabeth J. (Mahan) Moore, and this union has been blessed by the birth of one child, a daughter named Maggie May. Mr. Grimes is one of the leading democrats of Brown township and has acceptably filled several of the minor offices. With his wife and daughter he belongs to the United Brethren church. Mr. Grimes is an authority on all matters pertaining to agriculture and his farm of eighty acres is finely improved and cultivated.

William Grimes is a native of Brown township, Paulding county, Ohio, and is the son of Andrew Grimes and Louisa Grimes, who are elsewhere mentioned in this volume. He was born September 10, 1857, and his boyhood years were passed upon the farm. He was educated in the common schools and later in life was married to Miss Ida C., the daughter of Daniel and Charlotte May. The marriage occurred April 28, 1883, and has resulted in the birth of the following children: Edgar E., Jennie M., born February 4, 1885 (deceased); Harry E., born April 16, 1887; Frank E., born May 22, 1889, and Maud C., born September 27, 1891. In connection with farming, Mr. Grimes raised fine horses. He is considered one of the leading farmers and citizens of the township and his success has been achieved by thrift, energy and good judgment. He is a democrat politically, and a member of the I. O. O. F., lodge No. 737, at Oakwood.

Charles Hakes, one of the representative men of this county, was born in Huron county, Ohio, October 9, 1834, the son of Robert and Clarissa C. (Dresser) Hakes, who removed to Paulding county in 1837, locating on the Auglaize river in Brown township, in the forest, becoming one of the pioneers. Our subject was but a child three years of age when his parents removed to this county, and here grew to manhood a farmer's boy, acquiring a common school education; upon arriving at his majority he began life empty-handed at farming, and by hard work and economy soon established himself. April 12, 1860, he married Miss Isabel G. Hankins, who was born in New Jersey, the daughter of Samuel S. and Ann P. (Gulic) Hankins, early settlers of this county. Seven children blessed this union, viz.: Frank A., George R., E. May, Mary A., Charles E., Clara Isabella and Sarah L. Mr. Hakes, in October, 1861, answered to the call for 75,000 three years' men, by enlisting in company F, Thirty-eighth regiment Ohio volunteer infantry, being mustered in at Nicholsville, Ky. His company was assigned to the Fourteenth army corps, Third division of the Cumberland. He was appointed first sergeant soon after entering the service; later he was promoted to the office of second lieutenant, participating in several hard battles, and during the battle at Mission Ridge, November 25, 1863, he was shot through the body and was absent from the regiment in the hospital, from which he was discharged September 24, 1864, on surgeon's certificate of disability. He proved himself a brave soldier and a kind, indulgent officer. Mr. Hakes returned home and resumed .farming, which he followed with success until nominated and elected by the republican party to the office of county recorder, being re-elected twice, thus serving nine successive years to the entire satisfaction of the people. That party nominated and elected him auditor of county two terms in succession. During his official life he became thoroughly known throughout the county, and no man stands higher in the estimation of the people. Mr. Hakes is the author of the only complete set of abstract books of Paulding county. He has mastered the art of book keeping by his own efforts, and is often employed as an expert accountant. He now resides on his farm, one-half mile north of Oakwood, enjoying the fruits of his earlier life.

M. W. Hakes, marshal of Oakwood, was born in Charloe, Ohio, July 15, 1850, the son of Robert and Susanna C. (Kingery) Hakes, of English and German extraction. The father was born in Cortland county, N. Y., July 3, 1811, and the mother was a native of the town of London, Marion county, Ohio, her birth having occurred August 30, 1823. Their marriage took place on the 20th of August, 1846, and the children born to them were: Jemima, wife of E. G. Daish; William (deceased); John P., of Oakwood, and M. W. Hakes. The immediate subject of this sketch was reared in his native county, and at the age of twenty years engaged in farming, in Brown township, which he continued for two years. He then removed to Monroe township, Putnam county, and was engaged in the pursuit of farming until 1878. Returning to Brown township, Mr. Hakes settled upon the farm of his half-brother, Charles Hakes, where he remained four years, moving in 1882 to the village of Oakwood, where he erected a commodious dwelling house. Mr. Hakes was elected commissioner and marshal of the town by the republicans, and he acceptably fills his office, being a man of good judgment and one well fitted for official

duties. He was married to Miss Clarine A. Hart, August 16, 1868, at the residence of John Prowant, of Putnam county, Rev. Prowant performing the ceremony. Mrs. Hakes was the daughter of William and Margaret Hart, and bore her husband these children: Frederick E., Eva B., William R. and Clarence E., who died September 8, 1885. The mother departed this life July 28, 1890, her death being caused by malarial fever and heart disease. She was a devoted wife and mother and a lady favorably known in the community. Mrs. Hakes was a worthy member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and a lady highly respected by all who knew her.

Henry Harmon, a retired and prominent farmer of Brown township, was born September 2, 1815, in York county, Pa., the son of Philip and Catherine (Hoss) Harmon of German parentage. Philip Harmon was a farmer and served in the war of 1812. He married in early life and reared a large family of sons and daughters. They moved to Cumberland county, Pa., where their deaths occurred at the ages of fifty-five and sixty years respectively. They were worthy members of the Lutheran church. Henry Harmon grew to manhood on the farm and received a common educational training. At the age of nineteen years, he began an apprenticeship to the miller's trade. In 1837 he came west to Wayne county, Ohio, where he worked as a journeyman for a time. He was married on the 27th of September, 1838, to Miss Margaret Kretzinger Mrs. Harmon is a daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (May) Kretzinger, and was born in York county, Pa., April 3, 1820. Soon after his marriage, Mr. Harmon engaged in farming until 1845, when he removed to Paulding county with his wife and three children. He located on the Robert Shirley farm as a renter, and in the spring of 1848 purchased eighty acres of land below Charloe. Here he built his log cabin and commenced clearing his land. On this farm Mr. Harmon resided for four years, when he sold and purchased 121 acres in section 22. Mrs. Harmon died October 18, 1855, at the early age of thirty-five years. She was a worthy companion to her husband and a devoted member of the United Brethren church. After the death of his wife, Mr. Harmon lived with his children for a time and later married Mrs. Hannah (Whiting) Shank, a native of New Jersey, born December 23, 1826. Soon after his second marriage, Mr. Harmon located in Washington township, and lived here until 1882, when he purchased a home in Oakwood. He is the proprietor of 300 acres of good farm land, while his wife owns 184 acres. Considering the fact that Mr. Harmon started in life without money or influence, he deserves much credit for the prosperity he has achieved. He is a republican in politics, though cast his first vote for Martin Van Buren. He and wife are members of the United Brethren church and enjoy high social rank.

The Harmon Family.—John Harmon was born in Cumberland county, Penn., November 2, 1827, and was reared to manhood in his native county, where he was also educated. About the year 1853 he removed to Ashland county, Ohio, and engaged in farming, in which pursuit he was successful. In August, 1853, Mr. Harmon married Miss Susan Thomas, a native of Adams county, Pa., born April 1, 1836, the daughter of Isaac and Leah (Wireman) Thomas. The children born to them are William H. (deceased), Emily, wife of Reuben Gleason; Sarah, wife of Dr. H. L. Burson; David A., Curtis, Celestia, wife of J. Zimmerman; Martin and Frank. Mr. Harmon died June 22, 1869, and at his death a good man passed away. He was a republican and located in Paulding county in the year 1862. David A. Harmon, eldest son of the above mentioned, was born November 5, 1858, and was raised a farmer. His scholastic training was given him at the common schools, after which he began his business life. He is engaged with the Fleming Manufacturing company of Fort Wayne and handles road machinery of all kinds. Mr. Harmon was married on December 25, 1882, to Miss Emma, the daughter of Deane and Amanda (Ayers) Adams, of English extraction. Mrs. Harmon was born in the village of Charloe, October 8, 1857, and is a consistent member of the Methodist church. The second living son of John Harmon is Curtis J. Harmon, an enterprising young man of Brown township. He dates his birth from the 24th of January, 1860, and has been reared to the life a farmer, which occupation he has always followed. His marriage occurred December 9, 1889, at which time Etta, the daughter of John McClure, became his wife. They have one child, a son, named John M. Harmon. Mrs. Harmon was born on the first of April, 1869, and with her husband enjoys a universal popularity and esteem. Mr. Harmon is a republican, and, in connection with his farming, raises fine horses.

E. B. Hill is a leading and prosperous farmer of Brown township. He was born in Tuscarawas county, Ohio, August 10, 1847, and is a son of Robert and Nancy (Bidwell) Hill, of German and Irish descent, the former of whom came from Ireland when he was but thirteen years of age. E. B. Hill was reared in Union county and received but a limited education, early choosing the occupation of the farmer as his life work. He married in Delaware county, March 3, 1867, Mary, the daughter of Merlin and Debry Benton, and by his marriage became the father of Lydia B., wife of Oscar Smith, and James M. Mrs. Hill died August 25, 1870, and he next married September 7, 1871, Mary E. Kline, daughter of Daniel Kline. The union resulted in the birth of a son named Frank L. The mother departed this life February 9, 1875, and on the 13th of February, 1876, Miss Athaliah, the daughter of Hogan and Elizabeth (Beck) Brower, was united in marriage with Mr. Hill, and their children are: Flora, Lawrence, Jennie, Ethel, Anna, Everett B. (deceased) and Clara. Mr. Hill is a republican. He has been a resident of Paulding county since 1873, and has always been engaged in farming. He is one of the representative citizens of Brown township and is highly respected wherever known.

Jacob H. Keck first saw the light in Brown township, on the 25th of February, 1858, and is a brother of L. C. Keck, elsewhere mentioned. He received a common school education and assisted on the home farm for some years. Miss Lydia Benedict became his wife December 9, 1884, and their children are Bessie and Ethel A. Mrs. Keck is a daughter of R. W and Ellen (Varner) Benedict, of German extraction. The family are members of the Brethren church, in which they enjoy high standing. Mr. Keck is a republican in his political doctrines, and his success in life has been achieved by thrift, energy and integrity.

L. C. Keck, senior member of the firm of L. C. Keck & Co., dealers in general merchandise, was born in Brown township, Paulding county, Ohio, January 24, 1857, the son of Jacob and Sophia (Kirkingburg) Keck, natives of Germany. The firm which Mr. Keck represents was established in 1880, and has built up an immense trade amounting to $23,000 annually. The subject of this sketch was reared on the farm, and his preliminary education was obtained at the common schools. Later he attended an academy from which he graduated in the commercial course in 1879. He began teaching at the age of nineteen years and after spending eleven terms in this manner abandoned the profession, and in 1880, engaged in business in Oakwood, with his father-in-law, D. C. Carey, in general merchandising. He has been prosperous and what he has is entirely owing to his energetic and progressive business life. Mr. Keck adheres to the principles of the republican party, but is not actively engaged in politics. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., and is now D. D. G. M., of Paulding county, and with his wife is a worthy member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Keck was married on the 19th of July, 1880, to Miss Lucy C. Carey, a native of Paulding county, born September 7, 1857, and the accomplished daughter of Judge D. C. Carey. Two children have blessed this happy union, named Grace C. and J. Edwin Keck.

Edward Keltner, timber dealer in the employ of Moses Bros., Cleveland, Ohio. He is the youngest of six sons and the tenth child born of a family of eleven children, born to Michael and Sarah (Wolf) Keltner, who were natives of Pennsylvania and Ohio, respectively, the former of German extraction, and the latter of Irish-English. This family spent their earlier married life in Darke county, Ohio, and in 1861 removed to Hoaglin township, Van Wert county, where they have since resided. Edward Keltner was born in Darke county, Ohio, April 7, 1855, and at the age of six came to Van Wert county with his parents, growing to manhood in this county. He began hustling for himself at the age of ten years, and became self-sustaining from that time, receiving a meager education from the common schools by attending winter terms. He worked by the day, month or job, as it was his good fortune to find work, and thus became conversant with the realities of life. Early in 1881 he located at Oakwood, this county, where he engaged in the livery business until fall, when he sold his livery stock and became foreman of a timber gang in the employ of N. Y., C. & St. L. railroad. In December, 1881, he entered the employ of Moses Bros., as superintendent of a large farm for two years, then was given his present position, that of buying railroad timber, ties, etc. He is a hustler and commands the confidence of his employers as well as the people with whom he does business. He now owns a nice farm of 100 acres, near Dupont, Ohio, where he has resided since 1885, which is the result of his own industry and economy. Politically he is a republican, and is a member of the F. & A. M., Royal Arch degree, at Ottawa, also the Blue lodge at Kalida, Ohio. He was married March 8, 1882, to Miss Carrie E. Staley, daughter of Isaac Staley, and her birth date was August 30, 1854. Mrs. Keltner is a worthy member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

H. B. Kretzinger, a prominent agriculturist, was born March 29, 1844, and is the son of John and Jane A. Kretzinger, the former of York county and the latter of Cumberland county, Penn. Jacob Kretzinger, the paternal grandfather, was a native of Pennsylvania, and the ancestry of the family dates back to colonial times. John Kretzinger and his wife removed to Wayne county, Ohio, before their marriage, and in 1846, moved their family to Paulding county, locating on land which had been entered the year previous. The father erected a log cabin and in connection with farming made shingles. He and wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and had three children: Sarah A., wife of A. T. Woodruff; Elizabeth J., wife of Caleb Shisler and our subject. The latter was but two and a half years of age on being brought to Paulding county, and he was given the advantages of a common school education. He enlisted in company I, One Hundredth Ohio volunteer infantry, for three years, when he was but eighteen years of age, and with his regiment was assigned to the Twenty-third corps of the army of Ohio. He took part in the following engagements: Siege of Knoxville, Tenn., Rocky Face Ridge, Resaca, siege of Atlanta, Ga., battles of Nashville, Franklin, and Columbia, Tenn. As a soldier Mr. Kretzinger was gallant and patriotic, and he was honorably discharged June 20, 1865, at Greensboro, N. C. Returning home, he resumed farming, in connection with which he has worked at the carpenter's trade. The farm he now owns is the one on which he lived during his childhood and it consists of 114 acres. Early in the fall of 1879 Mr. Kretzinger studied surveying, and he was elected by the republican party to the office of county surveyor. He also served acceptably as township trustee and clerk. In March, 1878, Mr. Kretzinger was married to Charlotte A., daughter of James and Mary Bidlack, and their union has been blessed by the birth of Wilfred V., Alberta B., Elmina G., Orra and Emery J. Socially the family ranks very high, and the members of it are respected by all.

Judge Warren G. Lee, deceased, was born in Coshocton county, Ohio, April 12, 1828, and was the son of Moses and Debra (Coupland) Lee, of English and German parentage. The father of our subject was a physician by profession, and an early practitioner of Putnam county, in which county he spent a long and useful life. He attained prominence in the medical profession, and was one of the founders of the town of Kalida, of which he was one of the leading and prominent citizens. Our subject went to Putnam county in his boyhood, and was educated in the common schools of that day, thus obtaining a meager education. At an early age he began clerking, and subsequently embarked in the drug trade, also handling general merchandise. He soon won the confidence of his people by his fair and honest dealing — thus beginning a successful business career. He started in life a poor boy, and only by his own exertions he succeeded in surrounding himself with quite a sufficiency. In 1869 he came to Paulding county, locating near Oakwood, where he purchased a large farm. He soon became popular here, and served as justice of the peace for fifteen years, and also served as township treasurer for several years. In 1884 he was elected probate judge of Paulding county, then re-elected in 1887, and served until his death, August 26, 1888. He proved himself an efficient and worthy official, administering the duties of his office fairly and satisfactorily to the people of the county. He was an aggressive politician in the democratic ranks, and wielded a large influence. He was a member of the F. & A. M., at Kalida, Ohio. He was married December 2, 1855, to Miss Annie E. Myers, who was born of German parentage, January 12, 1834, the daughter of Peter and Anna B. (Crouse) Myers. By this union seven children were born, viz.: Orren M., Moses C., Warren U., Harmon H., Frederick G., Lorenzo and Americus V. R. Mrs. Lee, after the death of her husband, located in the village of Oakwood, where she is surrounded by all the comforts of home, and is one of the estimable ladies of her town. She is also a member of the Baptist church.

Robert H. Lighthill.—Prominent among the retired farmers of Brown township, Robert H. Lighthill holds a conspicuous place. He is a native of Pennsylvania, and was born in Beaver county, May 29, 1827, the son of George and Jemima (Hendricks) Lighthill, the former being a nephew of R. M. Johnson, at one time vice-president of the United States, and the latter of whom is a cousin of the late Thomas Hendricks of presidential fame. In 1837 George Lighthill removed to Richland county, Ohio, where he engaged in farming. He located in Paulding in 1852, being preceded there by his son, who had remained in Richland county but a short time. Mr. Lighthill, the subject of this mention, married, December 18, 1851, Lydia, the daughter of John and Annette (Randal) McMannis, who was born in Wayne county, Ohio, August 16, 1835. Mr. Lighthill obtained his land from the government, taking out a patent deed, and he is one of the oldest settlers in the county. He has held the office of township trustee and other positions for which he was well fitted, being in his political belief a democrat. Mr. and Mrs. Lighthill are the parents of Mary A., wife of H. Hoover; Thomas, B. D., Jefferson, Helen (deceased), Lanada, wife of Charles Matson; Annaretta, wife of B. D. Claypool; George, Nelson W., Jemima (deceased) and John M. In their religious views the family are Free Thinkers. They are highly respected in the community in which they live. Mr. Lighthill is a member of the Grange, No. 627, of Paulding county.

Rev. Spencer Lighthill, younger brother of Robert H. Lighthill, was born in Beaver county, Penn., May 31, 1836, and in company with his brother came to Paulding county in 1851, where he has since resided. He received his education in the schools of the day, and grew to manhood on the farm. His marriage occurred June 28, 1860, when Mary, the daughter of Thomas and Polly Hamilton, became his wife. Mrs. Lighthill was born in Allen county, Ohio, December 28, 1838, and was there reared to womanhood. Her parents are both deceased. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Lighthill are Rosa A., wife of Heimal Knapp; Henry F. and Ellsworth T. (deceased.) In 1863 Mr. Lighthill enlisted in company I, One Hundredth Ohio volunteer infantry, for three years, but not being able to serve, he was sent home in August of the same year. He is a carpenter and stone-mason by trade, and has followed these occupations all his life. Since 1877 Mr. Lighthill has been a minister in the Dunkard denomination, and he has preached in nineteen different states. He retains many recollections of pioneer days, when the old settler spent the greater part of his time in hunting. Rev. Mr. Lighthill is a pensioner, and though never actively engaged in politics, is a supporter of the democratic party. He is highly esteemed in his township, and has always been forward in supporting schools, churches and all educational and reformatory movements. Henry F. Lighthill is the son of Rev. S. H. Lighthill, above mentioned, and is one of the enterprising young agriculturists of the township. He born January 11, 1863, was reared upon the farm and obtained his education in the neighboring schools. He was married January 11, 1884, to Miss Anna, daughter of Edwin Bobinmyer, and the children that have brightened the family circle are: David E., Ethel G., and Clinton H. Politically Mr. Lighthill is a democrat. In connection with his farming, he raises fine horses.

R. B. Littrick, justice of the peace, notary and manager of the pension claim agency, was born in Hancock county, Ohio, March 5, 1846, the eldest of nine children, the offspring of William and Judith (Arnold) Littrick, natives of Scotland and Indiana, respectively. Robert Littrick, the paternal grandfather, was a native of Scotland, and a stone-cutter by trade. William Arnold, the father of the mother of this sketch, was born in Tennesee, and served in the war of 1812, under Gen. Harrison. He was one of the early settlers of Franklin county, Ind. William Littrick was ten years of age when his father died, and five years later he came to America with his mother and a younger brother. They located in Guernsey county, Ohio, and there Mr. Littrick learned the trade of the stone-cutter, which he followed for seventeen years. Subsequently he located in Hancock county, upon land entered from the government, and commenced the life of a farmer. He is one of the old-time whigs, and since the birth of the republican party, has been a stanch supporter of the same. Although reared in the faith of the Presbyterian, Mr. Littrick later joined the Methodist Protestant church, of which he is at present a member. The subject of this sketch was reared on the farm in Hancock county, and was educated in the common schools. At the age of seventeen years he enlisted in Company C, Twenty-first Ohio volunteer infantry, of the Fourteenth army corps, under Gen. Sherman. His first engagement was at Buzzard's Roost, Ga., in May, 1864, and the last was at Bentonville, N. C., on the 19th of March, 1865. Returning home, Mr. Littrick assisted his father upon the farm and attended school. He taught for a time, and in 1867 went west, where he followed mining in New Mexico, for five years. In the spring of 1874 he returned to his boyhood's home and engaged in farming. He was engaged in the growing of grain, in which he also dealt, and in the fall of 1881, located at Oakwood, where he dealt in live stock. He also managed the mercantile affairs of Mr. E. G. Dash, for a time, and then opened a pension claim office. In his latter venture, Mr. Littrick has been successful, and his business has become large and lucrative. He is a republican and is serving his third term as justice of the peace, and his second as the efficient mayor of Oakwood. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., K. of P., and G. A. R., and by his life of activity and integrity has won the respect and confidence of all who know him. He was married in September, 1876, to Miss Abigail A. Nowlan, a native of Hancock county, born October 29, 1846, the daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Dennison) Nowlan. This

union has resulted in the birth of Myrtle, Mary (deceased), Georgie, William, Inez (deceased), Blanche (deceased), and Maggie. Mrs. Littrick is a member of the Methodist Protestant church, and a lady who stands high in the social scale of the township.

Thomas C. Littrick is a younger brother of R. B. Littrick, before mentioned in this work. He was born in Hancock county, Ohio, on the 11th of May, 1848, and his parents are William and Judith (Arnold) Littrick. He was reared on the homestead farm, and upon reaching his majority traveled through various states engaged in general work. His marriage occurred in Hancock county, on January 25, 1883, to Miss Elizabeth Vermillion, daughter of Isaac and Mary (Elzay) Vermillion, of Irish and English parentage. These children were born to this union, Orie Grace, Emmett Floyd, and an infant unnamed, all deceased. Fraternally, Mr. Littrick is a member of the Masonic order at Rawson, Ohio, lodge No. 418, while politically he is an active worker in the republican party. Mr. Littrick leads a useful life of industry and integrity, and his friends and well wishers are many.

David Litzenburg was born in Washington county, Penn., October 14, 1820, and is an honored citizen of Brown township. His parents were John and Nancy (Prong) Litzenburg, of German descent, respected farmers of the county in which they lived. The subject of this sketch was educated in the old field schools of his day, and passed the earlier years of his life upon the homestead farm in his native county. Removing to Knox county, Ohio, he was was there married, in January, 1846, to Ruth, daughter of Levi and Delilah (Lair) Debolt, of French and English lineage. The union resulted in the birth of John, and Lavina, wife of William Hill. Mr. Litzenburg located in Paulding county in 1875 upon the farm where he now resides. He and his estimable wife were for many years members of the Christian church. Mrs. Litzenburg departed this life October 16, 1887. She was a Christian woman, highly respected. May 13, 1864, the subject of this sketch enlisted in company A, One Hundred and Forty-second Ohio national guards, and received his honorable discharge at Camp Chase on the 2nd of September, that year. He is a republican and a pensioner, and a good citizen, whose name is the synonym for integrity and honesty.

Cyrus B. May is one of Brown township's leading and prosperous citizens. Born in Wayne county, Ohio, October 7, 1843, he is the son of Daniel and Catherine (Zinn) May, of German and Irish parentage, and passed many years of life in his native section. He was educated at the Lebanon university, where he studied three years and received a diploma which enabled him to teach. For thirty terms he taught school in connection with farming, and in both of these pursuits he was successful. Mr. May was married in Hutchinson, Kan., July 15, 1877, to Miss Anna A., the daughter of David Carey. Mrs. May was born in Paulding county, January 6, 1851, and bore her husband these children: Walter C., Sarah E., Daniel C., Lucy, Ralph Waldo Emerson, Charlotte A. (deceased) and Allen C. Mr. May, who is a republican, has acted as town clerk for ten years and has held the office of county school examiner for four years. He proved himself competent in every way as an official and is a man of much ability and good judgment. In September, 1862, Mr. May enlisted in company C, Sixty-eighth Ohio volunteer infantry, for three years, and participated in many hard-fought battles, among them being Raymond, Jackson, Champion Hills, siege of Vicksburg, the Atlanta campaign and the march to the sea under the generalship of Sherman. Mr. May located in Paulding county in 1880, and is highly respected as a good citizen. He was a resident of Hutchinson, Kan., for three years, coming from that place to Ohio.

Daniel May is a retired agriculturist of Brown township, and is spending his life amid scenes of happiness and prosperity. He was born in York county, Penn., February 20, 1819, the son of Jacob and Christena (Detter) May, and his early life was spent in his native county. He married, in 1841, Miss Catherine Zinn, the daughter of John and Elizabeth (Farlow) Zinn, and to this union Thomas J. (deceased), Cyrus B. and Allen were born. Mrs. May died June 9, 1850, and Mr. May took as his second wife Charlotte A. Deviney, whom he wedded September 21, 1851. She was a native of Cumberland county, Penn., born October 30, 1830, and died February 18, 1887. The children by his marriage are: Emma, wife of J. Bobinmyer; Flora E., wife of Andrew Budd; James B. (deceased), Jeremiah, Hannah (deceased), Ida C., wife of William Grimes; Alice V., wife of A. Carpenter, and Lottie A. (deceased). Mr. May has been an honored resident of Paulding county since 1848, and he is a prominent citizen of Brown township.

Jacob May, born in York county, Penn., December 12, 1828, is the son of Jacob and Christena (Detter) May. He is the youngest of eight children, the offspring of these parents, and when three years old was taken by his father to Wayne county, Ohio, where he was educated and lived until 1848, at which date he removed to Paulding county, where he has since resided. His marriage occurred in September, 1861, when Rachel Jones, the daughter of Margaret Jones, of English descent, became his wife. Sherman E. May is the child born to them. Mr. May is as ardent republican and he is an active worker for his party. He is a progressive farmer, and an esteemed citizen in all the walks of life.

Thomas May, formerly a prosperous and representative citizen of Paulding county, was born March 12, 1842, in Wayne county, Ohio, the son of Daniel and Catherine May. His education was obtained in the county schools, and the earlier years of his life were passed in his native county. He enlisted in company C, Sixty-eighth Ohio volunteer infantry, on September 8, 1863, and received his honorable discharge at Louisville, Ky., July 10, 1865. Returning home, Mr. May engaged in farming, which occupation he followed until his decease on February 25, 1886. He married March 26, 1867, Martha J., the daughter of Reddigg and Sophia (Trine) Schuler, and the union resulted in the birth of a son, Emery W., born September 22, 1873. Mrs. May is a native of Butler county, Ohio, and dates her birth from the 7th day of August, 1845. She is an estimable lady and a consistent member of the United Brethren church. Before his death, Mr. May was one of the progressive farmers of Brown township, and he was a man of much ability and good judgment. He was a worthy member of the United Brethren church, and politically affiliated with the democratic party.

James H. Morris, who is one of the leading farmers of Brown township, was born January 12, 1857, in Auglaize township, Paulding county, Ohio. He is the son of H. K. Morris, elsewhere mentioned in this volume, and his boyhood days were spent upon the farm. He received his education in the schools of the county and was married on November 9, 1882, to Miss May R. Christy, a successful teacher. Mrs. Morris, who is the daughter of Robert and Emily (Degroot) Christy, of English and French extraction, was born October 13, 1862, and commenced teaching at the age of fifteen years. Her father was a soldier in the late war. Mr. and Mrs. Morris are the parents of Glennie F., Ralph C. and Rell. Morris. They are valued members of the Christian church at Bethel and enjoy general popularity. Mr. Morris is one of the influential republicans of the township and is respected by the community at large.

Martin Myers was born in Knox county, Ohio, October 17, 1824, the son of Frederick and Elizabeth (Kinceal) Myers, of German extraction. The progenitors of this family in America were natives of Germany who came to this country in an early day and settled in Ohio. Martin Myers, the subject of this sketch, was reared and educated in his native county. He was married in Crawford county to Elizabeth Immil, September 31, 1851, and became the father of Mary C. (deceased), Frank S., Elvira A., wife of Lewis Bidlack; Emma M. and Alice O. Mrs. Myers was born in Pennsylvania October 21, 1833, and her parents were Philip and Catherine (Noyer) Immil, of German origin. In 1858, Mr. Myers came to Paulding county and located upon the farm where he now lives. At the time of his purchase, the property was covered with woods, but it is now considered one of the finest improved farms in Brown township. Mr. Myers entered the army February 20, 1865, as a member of Company H, One hundred and ninety-first Ohio volunteer infantry, and received his honorable discharge at Winchester, Va., August 27, 1865. He is a pensioner, as he is badly crippled from rheumatism which was contracted by him while in the war. Politically Mr. Myers is a democrat and has acted as township trustee for six years and assessor for seven years. He has been a worthy citizen of Brown township since 1858, and is highly respected by all who know him.

J. G. Patterson, dealer in real estate, is a native of Ohio, born in Seneca county, July 20, 1825, the son of William and Sallie (Gibson) Patterson. The parents were natives of Maryland and Pennsylvania, and were of Scotch-Irish lineage. Robert Patterson, the grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was a native of Maryland, and followed farming as an occupation. The maternal grandfather, John Gibson, was an early pioneer of Seneca county. William Patterson was taken by his parents, when he was a child, to Mercer county, Penn., and there obtained a common education in the schools of that day. Subsequently he located in Jefferson county, Ohio, where he married in 1819. He served in the war of 1812. In 1823 Mr. Patterson came to Seneca county, and was elected the second sheriff of the county by the whig party. He reared four sons and four daughters to maturity, and died at the age of forty-seven years. His widow survived him some time, and her death occurred in 1864, when she was sixty years of age. J. G. Patterson, the subject of this notice

grew to manhood on the farm, and began life for himself in the occupations of farming and dealing in stock. In 1858 he moved to Mexico, Mo., and embarked in the livery business. In 1860 he located in Wood county, Ohio, and purchased a farm where he lived nine years. Going to Sandusky county, he there became the junior member of the firm of Gibson & Co., manufacturers of lime, staves and heading. In the fall of 1880, Mr. Patterson became interested in real estate in Paulding county, and platted the place which is known as Payne. He has assisted in developing much of this county, and was instrumental in securing right of way for the N. Y. & St. L. R. R. In 1882 Mr. Patterson removed to Melrose, where he built several buildings and made it his home for a time. He is thoroughly acquainted with Paulding county, and helped organize the republican party in 1856, while a resident of Seneca, Ohio. He has always been an ardent supporter of the principles of the republican party, but has never sought office, though he served six years as justice of the peace. He has been a member of the F. & A. M. since 1862, and belongs to the Disciples church. Mr. Patterson was married in 1852 to Miss Elizabeth Baker, of Seneca county. She was born November 20, 1832, and was the daughter of John and Mary (Eaton) Baker. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Patterson are: William H., a cooper by trade and a merchant by profession, and Blanche, a cultured young lady who is engaged in teaching, being one of the leading educators in the county. Mr. and Mrs. Patterson enjoy general popularity wherever they are known.

Joshua Pierce was born in Knox county, Ohio, May 8, 1833, the son of Ezekiel and Sarah (Hanville) Pierce, of German descent. He was reared and partly educated in his native county, and at the age of eight years was taken by his parents to Paulding county, where the family located at old Fort Brown. There were but few earlier settlers there at that time, and consequently no improvements to speak of had been made. Mr. Pierce, Sr., was a farmer, and this occupation his son, the subject of this sketch, has always followed. Joshua Pierce was united in matrimony with Matilda, the daughter of William and Mary (Selfeist) Hoover, July 4, 1854. Mrs. Pierce died in February, the following year, and he married again, on November 6, 1856, Martha Caskey. She is the daughter of Andrew and Sarah (Shaump) Caskey, of German and Irish descent, and by her marriage became the mother of Harrison P. (deceased), Corydon (deceased), Caskey, Sherman, David, Clarence and Hannah. The family are members of the Disciples church, and Mr. Pierce is a republican. He enlisted, in 1864, in Company A, One Hundred and Thirty-second Ohio volunteer infantry for one hundred days, and was discharged at Camp Chase, in September, 1864. He is a representative citizen and a good farmer, and has gained the esteem of the community by his life of industry and integrity.

William H. Ream, deceased, was born in Ross county, Ohio, May 18, 1844, the son of Daniel Ream. He received a common education and remained under the parental roof until, in 1862, he enlisted in company G, Ninety-fifth Ohio volunteer infantry, serving for several months. At the expiration of his term of service he re-enlisted in company E, One Hundred and Fifty-third Ohio volunteer infantry. Mr. Ream located in Paulding county in 1873, on the farm where his widow now resides. He married Miss Anselena Smith, December 31, 1867, and two children, named Lem S. and Olive M., were born to them. Mrs. Ream was born in Clarke county, Ohio, October 23, 1847, the daughter of Charles and Rebecca (Chenoweth) Smith, of English and German ancestry. Mr. Ream died on the 22nd of August, 1890, and in his death a good citizen passed away. He was a Universalist in his religious views and a worthy member of the community. Politically he was a republican and held several of the minor offices in the gift of the people. Since his death the homestead farm has been under the management of his son, who was married on Christmas eve, 1890, to Mary A., daughter of Benjamin Bidlack. The property consists of eighty acres of well improved land, upon which substantial buildings have been erected.

Uriah D. Ream located in Paulding county in 1889, and is a representative citizen of the community. He was born in Union county, Ohio, January 21, 1854, and is the son of Daniel and Harriet (Muncy) Ream. His early life was passed in the counties of Union and Champaign and he was engaged in farming at Urbana. Mr. Ream was married in Union county to Ellen, the daughter of Caleb Clark. She died in September, 1881, and November 23, 1883, Mr. Ream took as his second wife Alice, daughter of Charles and Mary (Barker) Reames. Two children are the result of this marriage, named Edna G. and Mary Ethel. Mr. Ream is a republican in politics, and while an active worker in the ranks of his party, he is not an office seeker in any sense.

The Rhees Family.—William Rhees, one of the most able of Brown township's farmers, was born in Wayne county, Ohio, January 19, 1823, the son of Thomas and Keziah (Culbertson) Rhees, of Irish extraction. He was reared as a farmer in his native county and received an education in the old field schools of the day. He married on July 16, 1845, Miss Susan Burkholder, a native of Franklin county, Penn., born February 20, 1831. She was the daughter of Henry and Anna (Seaburns) Burkholder, and bore her husband the following children: Mary J. (deceased), George, Franklin, Marion, James, Alice, wife of James Bidlack, and Myrtle. Mr. Rhees is a democrat and with his family belongs to the United Brethren church. He located in the wilderness of Paulding county in 1860, and has endured the struggles and hardships of pioneer life. His farm consists of 100 acres of finely improved land upon which he lives, enjoying the fruits of a well-spent life. He is one of the influential and leading citizens of the township and is highly esteemed.

George Rhees, his son, is also a native of Wayne county, and dates his birth from the 22d of January, 1851. His early years were spent upon the homestead farm and the occupation of the agriculturist has been followed by him for many years. His marriage occurred August 7, 1873, at which time Miss Caroline, the daughter of Andrew and Sarah (Shaump) Caskey became his wife. They are the parents of William A., Martin E. (deceased), Susan M. and Lawrence. Mr. Rhees, like his estimable father, is a democrat in politics, and with his wife belongs to the United Brethren church.

The second son of William Rhees is Franklin, who first saw the light in Wayne county, Ohio, December 27, 1853. He was but seven years of age when his parents removed to Paulding county, and he was raised on the farm and educated in the common schools. January 2, 1876, he was happily married to Miss Frances Moore, of Fayette county, who was born October 1, 1857, the daughter of Charles and Mary Moore, of English lineage. Their children are Bertha B. and John W. Mr. Rhees is a democrat in his political belief, and is the possessor of a fine farm of forty acres. He is, like his brother, a prosperous young man, and is respected by the community at large.

James Rhees, an enterprising young farmer, is the son of William Rhees, and was born in Wayne county, Ohio, August 27, 1858. In Paulding county he grew to manhood, being but three years of age at the time his parents removed from Wayne county, and here he was also educated. He began his business career upon reaching his majority, and on Christmas day, 1881, his marriage to Miss Hannah May was consummated. Mrs. Rhees is a native of Paulding county, born May 9, 1863, and is the daughter of Daniel and Charlotte (Deviney) May, of English origin. The issue of this union is Bessie M. and Minnie L. Mrs. Rhees died May 13, 1890. Mr. Rhees is a member of the United Brethren church, and a democrat in politics. He resides upon a good farm of forty acres and is esteemed by all who know him.

Myrtle Rhees, the youngest child of William Rhees, is a native of Brown township, Paulding county, Ohio, and was born on the seventh day of February, 1873. She was educated in the common schools of the neighborhood and is a young lady who has many friends and well-wishers.

J. M. Russell (deceased) was for years one of the leading citizens of the county. He was born June 19, 1821, in Mahoning county, Ohio, where he was reared to manhood, receiving a good education. Soon after arriving at his majority, he went west to Galena, Ill., and was one of the first to enlist in the United States service during the trouble with Mexico, serving until close of war and soon after receiving his discharge, located in Paulding county, Ohio, becoming one of the first school teachers of Brown township, which vocation he followed until 1855, when he was elected by the republican party to the office of county treasurer, then re-elected in 1857, after which he was elected clerk of the courts for one term. Mr. Russell then located upon his farm in Brown township, where he resided until his death, September 16, 1879. He was a life-long republican and one of the county's most respected and progressive citizens. He became well-to-do and left a large farm. Early in the fifties, Miss Mary E. Gleason, came west from York state and taught school in Paulding county and while here met Mr. Russell, which meeting resulted in marriage May 10, 1855, at Lenox, N. Y. The result of this union was two sons and one daughter, Jennie R., Alfred M. and Homer J. Mrs. Russell survived her husband some four years, they leaving daughter Jennie R., who died in the spring of 1891, and Homer J., who resides on the homestead farm near Oakwood.

William Sherman (deceased) was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, July 25, 1825, the son of John and Ursulia (Haven) Sherman. Mr. Sherman came to America in 1854, and located in Defiance, Ohio, where he engaged in black-smithing, which he had learned in his native country. He remained in Defiance but a short time, removing to Charloe, where he followed the same business until 1860. At this time he moved upon the farm where his widow and children now reside. Mr. Sherman was married August 2, 1861, to Susanna, the daughter of Ulrich and Margaret (Huet) Stetter, and a native of Germany, born February 17, 1837. Her parents came to America in 1855, and located at Toledo, Ohio, where they

lived until called by death. The father was a carpenter and cabinet maker. The children born to our subject and wife were Mary, Anna, John, George, William, Catherine, Augusta and Bertha. Mr. Sherman died November, 1889, a member of the Lutheran church. He was a good citizen, active in promoting the welfare of his township and county, and his death created a vacancy which will be hard to fill. During the late war, he was a member of One hundred and Ninety-first regiment of Ohio volunteer infantry, company A, and served faithfully for seven months, receiving an honorable discharge at the close of hostilities. Mrs. Sherman, an estimable lady, still resides upon the farm purchased by her husband, and is highly respected by all who know her.

A. C. Sherrard, M. D., was born at Gilbo, Putnam county, Ohio, November 22, 1857, being the twin brother of Charles C. Sherrard, now of Detroit, Mich. His parents were W. R. and Mary (Caddy) Sherrard, natives of Ohio, of Scotch-Irish descent. The paternal grandfather, Henry Sherrard, was a native of Scotland, and came at the age of fourteen years with his uncle to America, the latter being one of the worthy pioneer settlers of Ohio. The maternal grandparents were natives respectively of England and Scotland, the great-grandfather being an officer in the English army. The grandfather, Charles C. Caddy, is a minister in the Methodist Episcopal church, and at the venerable age of seventy-nine is still engaged in the active service of the church. W. R. Sherrard, the father of Dr. Sherrard, had but few educational advantages. His father died when he was young, and as he was the eldest of the family, much depended upon him for the support and advancement of his brothers and sisters. He was a mechanic and a farmer, and by good management and a close attention to business secured for himself a good share of this world's goods. Politically, he is a democrat, being a prominent and active worker in the ranks of his party. He acted as superintendent of the infirmary of Putnam county for twelve years, and was also county surveyor. His family consisted of seven children, one of whom died at the age of seven years. With his wife, Mr. Sherrard belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church. His son, the subject of this sketch, was reared on the farm, and at the age of fifteen entered the normal school at Ada, Ohio. When he was but sixteen years old he commenced teaching in country schools, where he continued until he was twenty-three. In the meantime he had attended school some and was reading medicine under the able direction of Dr. J. C. McClung of of Leipsic, Ohio. This he continued for four years, and then entering the medical department of the university of Wooster, Ohio, he graduated from that institution in July, 1884. He also attended lectures during the years 1883-4. He soon located at Oakwood, where he began the practice of his profession, and by close application to his business is today one of the leading physicians of Paulding county, and enjoys a large and lucrative patronage. Dr. Sherrard makes a specialty of surgery and gynecology, in which branches he excells. Politically he is a democrat, a member of the Royal Arch degree of the F. and A. M., belongs to the I. O. O. F. and K. of P. He was happily married on August 5, 1884, to Miss May Lamb, of Hancock county, a native of Findlay, Ohio. This cultured lady was the daughter of R. B. and Jennie (Guiard) Lamb, early and prominent settlers of the county. The union of Dr. Sherrard and his estimable wife has been blessed by the birth of one child, a daughter named Nell Sherrard. Mrs. Sherrard died in the spring of 1890, and in her death the home circle, the church and society lost a beloved and worthy member.

Caleb Shisler was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, August 5, 1836. His parents were Samuel and Mary (Bolinger) Shisler, of Virginia and Maryland. Samuel Shisler took part in the war of 1812, and died September 17, 1870; the mother departed this life October 15, 1874. Caleb Shisler was fifteen years of age when with his parents he removed to Delaware county, where he remained five years. At the expiration of this time he came to Putnam county, where he lived for ten years. May 9, 1861, he was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth, the daughter of John and Jane A. Kretzinger. Mrs. Shisler was born in Wayne county, Ohio, March 17, 1841. In 1868 our subject, with his wife, removed to Williams county, and in the latter part of 1868 located upon the farm in Brown township, where they now reside. They are the parents of Arthur H., Grafton W., Anzaletta, wife of Isaac Robinson; Homer and Della Shisler. Mr. Shisler is a leading republican in his township. He served his country for a short time during the late struggle as a member of Company E, One Hundred and Ninety-second regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry, and received his discharge at Winchester, Va., September 1, 1865. He is the owner of 160 acres of good land, and his home is one of the pleasantest in the township. The family are highly respected for their integrity and uprightness.

J. H. Shirley, freight and ticket agent on N. Y., C. & St. L. railroad, express agent and dealer in fine tobacco and cigars, is a worthy representative of a pioneer family of Paulding county. He was born in Defiance county, April 20, 1832, the son of Robert and Sarah (Hudson) Shirley. The paternal grandfather, Robert Shirley, was a native of Virginia, who came to Defiance county with his parents prior to the year 1828. He reared a family of five boys and three girls and became a well-to-do citizen of his county. Robert Shirley, the father of the subject of this notice, was reared on a farm and became a great hunter in his day. In 1834 he came to Paulding county, where he bought land in Brown township, and with his wife and two children, settled in the forest and erected the little log cabin. The roads had to be made as they were needed, and an ox team was the only means of conveyance. Mr. Shirley served for twenty years as township treasurer, and he acted as judge of the circuit in which his county was located. He was married thrice and became the father of a large family of sons and daughters. His present wife was Elizabeth Strathers before her marriage. Mr. Shirley affiliated with the whig party in the early days, and at the organization of the republican party became a supporter of it. He died in 1886 at the age of eighty years. In 1834 Mr. Shirley planted an orchard in Brown township, and to this day many of the trees are bearing fruit. J. H. Shirley, the subject of this sketch, was but two years of age when brought to this county by his parents. He received but a limited education in the old field schools of that day and spent his boyhood on the farm. Later, at his own expense, he attended school and prepared himself for teaching. He taught many terms with good success, and during that time married Miss Mary E. Ward, of Franklin county, who was also a teacher. She was the daughter of Lewis Ward, who located in Paulding county in 1854. Abandoning teaching, Mr. Shirley purchased land and began farming it. Later, he sold this land and embarked in merchandising, which he continued for thirteen years with good success. In 1876 he again turned his attention to farming and erected the first building in what is now Melrose. Here he purchased a general stock of goods and was soon afterward appointed agent for the Nickel Plate railroad at his place. He then became agent for the American express company, which positions he is still holding. In connection with these positions Mr. Shirley deals in tobacco and cigars. He is one of the self-made men of the county and is a man of much prominence in the community. In political sentiment, Mr. Shirley is a republican and is at present serving his tenth year as notary public. Mrs. Shirley died in 1867 at the age of thirty-four, leaving three children: Milton, Homer and Stephen. Mr. Shirley married Miss Malinda Nash for his second wife, and their children are Alice, wife of L. S. Holbrook, and Warren. The mother is an earnest member of the Baptist church and a lady favorably known in the township where she resides.

George W. Snyder.—Since 1884 George W. Snyder has been a worthy citizen of Brown township, Paulding county. He is the son of Jacob and Fannie (Baker) Snyder, and dates his birth from the 25th of June, 1845. His early life was spent on the homestead farm in Hancock county, and at the age of fourteen years he, in company with his parents, removed to Henry county, where the latter engaged in farming. Mr. Snyder obtained a common education, and was married in Putnam county Ohio, Mrs. Elizabeth Button, widow of Otis Button, becoming his wife. Mrs. Snyder is the daughter of James Anderson, a respected resident of his county, and by her second marriage is the mother of Sarah (deceased), Robert, George, Cora, Thomas and Ida. Mr. Snyder is a democrat in politics, and by his life of probity and industry has gained the esteem of all who know him.

A. N. Wiseley, merchant and dealer in groceries, queensware, hats, caps, boots and shoes, is one of the energetic and progressive citizens of Brown township. The business, of which he is now proprietor, was established by himself and brother in 1874, but in 1888 he became sole owner. He is prosperous in his trade, which is valued at from $15,000 to $20,000 annually. Mr. Wiseley was born in Licking county, Ohio, December 5, 1850, and is one of a family of ten sons and five daughters born to Allen and Mary (Gilmore) Wiseley, both natives of Ohio, of German parentage. In 1860 the subject of this sketch, in company with his parents, removed to Auglaize county, where he received a good education. At the age of twenty years, he went to the business college, situated at Lebanon, Ohio, from which institution he was graduated in the fall of 1872. At intervals during his school life, Mr. Wiseley had taught school for six terms. In 1873, in partnership with his brother, Mr. E. Wiseley, he began his business career and has been successful. Mr. Wiseley is also interested in farming and has 120 acres of good land. He is in charge, also, of the grain elevator under the management of Brown Bros. Mr. Wiseley is an active worker in the ranks of the democratic party, and was a member of the first county board of elections. He is interested in educational work and was himself a successful teacher. Mr. Wiseley was married July 30, 1878, to Miss Florence R., the daughter of Elias and

Nancy (Rayburn) Gleason, natives of New York and Ohio. Mrs. Wiseley was born October 20, 1857, and is the mother of Daisy, Earle, Allen, Rozella, May and Carrie. The family are popular with all who know them, and occupy high rank in the social world.

Rodney Young, a retired agriculturist of Brown township, was born in Delaware county, Ohio, November 17, 1824, the son of Jacob L. and Sarah (Pierce) Young, of German and English ancestry. Mr. Young was raised in his native county, and there obtained his education. He worked on the farm in his youth, and in March, 1850, was married to Miss Malinda Bidlack, the daughter of Samuel and Mary (Davis) Bidlack. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Young, namely: Merrit, who died in the army, and Rebecca, now deceased. Mr. Young served his country in her time of need as a member of company F, Thirty-eight regiment, Ohio volunteer infanty, and participated in the battles of Mill Spring and Pittsburg Landing, where he was taken sick and confined to the hospital at Cincinnati for several months. He received his honorable discharge on account of disability in July, 1863. His wife having died, Mr. Young married Miss Eliza, the daughter of Henry and Mahala Hoover, and their children are Mahala, wife of Alonzo Pier; Silas, Frank, Almeda, Rebecca, Alfred and Albert, twins. Mrs. Young died in 1875. Our subject is a republican in his political belief. He located in Paulding county in 1852, and the scenes of pioneer life are familiar to him. He was an expert hunter in his day, and helped clear many a road for use. He is a man of much prominence in the community where he resides and has many friends who respect him and wish him well.

L. Zimmerman is a son of Francis and Teressa (Stephen) Zimmerman, and was born November 6, 1835, in Baden, Germany. He received a common school education. His father was engaged in the milling business, and our subject was taught the business. At the age of eighteen he emigrated to this country; the first position he obtained was in Green county, Ohio, with Frost & Enger, millers, where he remained three years. He then accepted a position as miller at Bellbrook, Ohio, where he remained three months. He then located at Lafayette, Ind., as miller for Halbert & Co., distillers, where he remained one year. Having secured, by industry and close attention to business, some capital, he purchased a mill at Bunker Hill, Miami county, Ind., in 1862, which he conducted for four years. He then disposed of his property and purchased a mill at North Manchester, Ind., which he operated for five years. He then traded this property for a saw mill and farm in Wabash county, Ind., and remained there three years, when he disposed of this property and located at Silver Lake, Ind., he purchased another mill, where he remained until 1889, when he settled in Oakwood, and built his present mill, which is a frame structure, 32x40, containing three floors, and is fitted up with all the latest improvements, ten pair of rollers, and an engine of forty-horse power, with a capacity of seventy-five barrels per day, and gives employment to four men. At the age of twenty, in 1855, Mr. Zimmerman was married to Miss Caroline Kuntz, who died in July, 1888, and by this marriage they had five children: Millie, wife of C. C. Stetler, of Indiana; William, of Chicago, Ill.; Joseph, Emma Caskey, of Oakwood, and Charley, of Oakwood. His second marriage occurred, in 1889, to Miss Sarah Myers, of Washington township. Politically Mr. Zimmerman is a democrat, and in religious belief a Catholic, and is one of Oakwood's enterprising business men.

CARRYALL TOWNSHIP.

Orlando D. Applegate, a representative young farmer of Carryall township, was born in Allen county, Ind., January 21, 1860, the son of Henry and Mary (Swisher) Applegate. The early life of our subject was passed in his native county and his education was acquired in the common schools. He married December 24, 1886, Miss Ida C. Herrick, and their union has been blessed by the advent of Roy H., Henry R. and Audra A. Mrs. Applegate is a daughter of Runa and Mary (Boger) Herrick and was born in Allen county on August 29, 1863. With her husband she located in Paulding county in 1890. Politically Mr. Applegate is a republican, and is recognized as a good business man and a first-class citizen.

Charles W. Armstrong, a leading citizen of Carryall township, was born in New London county, Conn., April 26, 1827, the son of Lee and Mary (Spaford) Armstrong. In 1834 his parents came to Defiance county, Ohio. When Charles Armstrong was seven years of age, he was bound out to Robert Clemer, with whom he remained for five years. At this time his father, who was living in Oakland county, Mich., purchased his time and he lived at home until 1844. He then went with his father to DeKalb county, Ind., where he remained about three years, when he came to Carryall township, Paulding county, and worked at various places until 1857, when he bought forty acres of land where he now resides. In time he added 102 acres, and in connection with his farming he has been engaged in steam threshing for forty years. As a republican, Mr. Armstrong has filled the offices of school director and supervisor. His marriage occurred September 15, 1850, when Jane Handy, a native of New York, became his wife. She bore her husband these children: Coe (deceased), Charles L. (deceased), Lorenzo L., Cora, the wife of Jacob Hailenger, of Indiana; Emma, now Mrs. James Wilson and Ada, the wife of Theo. Peppers, of Iowa, and F. H. Armstrong, who married Miss Mirty Banks, residing on the home farm.

Thomas Barber is a native of England, and was born in or near Dover, Kent, on the 10th of March, 1846, a son of George and Elizabeth (Andrews) Barber. These parents came to America in 1852, and located in Lorain county, Ohio. In 1865 they removed to Paulding county, and were respected residents of the community in which they lived. They reared a family of four children, as follows: Emma, wife of J. C. Hudson, of Detroit, Mich; Thomas, the subject of this brief notice; Ellen, wife of J. T. Snook, and George Barber. Mr. Barber early chose the pursuit of farming as his life's work. Politically he is a republican and an active worker in the ranks of his party. His farm is well improved, and he is the possesssr of fine live stock. Mr. Barber is an expert agriculturist and a highly respected citizen of Carryall township, and has many friends who wish him well.

Joseph T. Bushong was born in Logan county, Ohio, August 27, 1847, and is a son of John and Sarah (Smith) Bushong, natives, respectively, of Scioto county, Ohio, and of Pennsylvania. The father removed to Putnam county in 1847 and engaged in farming. He was a minister of the Christian church for many years, and is still preaching the doctrines of that denomination. The early life of the subject of this sketch was passed in Putnam county, and he was educated in the common schools. When but fifteen years of age he enlisted, August 26, 1862, in company G, Eighty-first Ohio volunteer infantry, and received his honorable discharge July 13, 1865. He participated in the principal battles of the Atlanta campaign, and was with Gen. Sherman on his march to the sea and through the Carolinas. After the war had closed Mr. Bushong returned to Putnam county, and in the spring of 1866 went to Cass county, Mo., where he remained one year. He returned to Putnam county; thence went to Allen county, and finally, in 1872, removed to Paulding county, where he owns one of the finest farms in Carryall township. He was united in marriage with Miss Jane Peppers, March 15, 1866. Mrs. Bushong is the daughter of William and Sarah (Sampson) Peppers, and was born November 30, 1846, in Coshocton county. She bore her husband the following offspring: Viola, Cora and Sarah M. Mr. Bushong is a republican and a member of the the G. A. R. He is the superintendent of the horse department of the Hicksville argricultural society, and is an enterprising gentleman who has many friends.

Thomas Carr, of the firm of Carr & Smith, proprietors of the Antwerp flouring mills, is a native of Yorkshire, England, and was born September 30, 1845. He is the eldest of three children born to William A. and Elizabeth (Holliday) Carr, the former of whom was a farmer. He was on the eve of emigrating to America when his wife died, leaving one son and two daughters. Later he came to this country and located in Yates county, N. Y., bringing with him his sister who kept house for him. Early in 1862 he enlisted in Company G, New York volunteer infantry, for three years, and did active service while in the army of the Potomac. He was wounded once and proved himself a faithful and gallant soldier. After the war, Mr. Carr, Sr., came west and located in Allen county, Ind., where he resided for a short time, subsequently removing to Minnesota, where he settled on government land. A few years later he removed to Antwerp, where he lived with his son Thomas, and where he died at the age of sixty-eight years. He was an ardent republican. Thomas Carr was reared to the life of a farmer in Yates county, N. Y., being but four years of age at the time his father came to America. He received his educational training in the common schools. At the age of seventeen years he started out in life as a teamster and for six years was in the employment of Solomon D. Weaver. During this time he was sent west with a four-horse team, and for several years handled ship timber. Mr. Carr had but little when he began his business life, but he has been successful in his ventures and has become well-to-

do. Upon leaving the employ of Mr. Weaver he purchased seventy-four acres of land in Allen county, Ind., from which he cut the timber and made improvements. He then rented a farm at Oxbow, where for four years he tilled the soil. In 1874 he located upon land in Maumee township, where he owned 200 acres, residing there for thirteen years. He sold his Indiana property, and, in 1888, purchased in company with J. H. Chester, the Antwerp flouring mills, which he operated in connection with farming. Mr. Carr owns good village property, and his success in life is due to his energy and economy. He is a self-made man, liberal minded and benevolent. Politically he is a republican and served as trustee of Crane township, for eight successive years. Mr. Carr is a member of the I. O. O. F. In April, 1868, he was married to Miss Sarah Nelson, a native of Allen county, Ind. She died early in 1870, leaving a daughter named Alice, now the wife of L. Durfey, of Crane township. Mr. Carr married again March 26, 1871, Miss Ruth Foster, of Paulding county, and the daughter of Edward Foster. Their children are: Frank, Mina, Olive, Edward and Alfred (twins), Lulu, Joseph and Ralph. Mrs. Carr, who was born in Harrison county, Ohio, in 1853, is a valued member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

W. W. Corbett, a prosperous farmer of Paulding, was born in Portage county, Ohio, October 8, 1842, the son of Charles and Laura (Dix) Corbett. The parents were natives of Massachusetts who settled in Portage county about the year 1820. They subsequently removed to Williams county in 1849 and there engaged in farming. In that county, W. W. Corbett received his early training and education. He left the old homestead in 1862, when he enlisted in the Twenty-third Indiana light artillery and was elected first corporal. He served throughout the war and was mustered out on the 3rd of July, 1865. He participated in the siege of Vicksburg, was at Atlanta and with Gen. Sherman on his march to the sea. In his youth he had learned the trade of the carpenter and at the close of the war he located in Allen county and worked at his profession for fifteen years. In 1887 he settled upon his present farm, which consists of eighty acres, and has placed many improvements upon it. He married Miss Sindonia Walker in 1865, and they have three children named Carrie, Nellie and Bertie. Mrs. Corbett was the daughter of Samuel Walker, of Allen county, Ind. Mr. Corbett, who is politically a republican, has filled the office of township trustee. He is a member of the I. Donifin Post, No. 52, G. A. R., of Hicksville, and also of the Hicksville lodge, No. 374, F. & A. M.

John Cromley, was born in Hancock county, Ohio on the first day of December, 1851, and is the son of Jonas and Mary (Beard) Cromley. He was educated in the common schools and remained under the parental roof until he reached his majority. He engaged in farming, which occupation he followed until 1888, when, in company with his brother, he embarked in the livery business in Antwerp. In 1889 his brother retired from the firm, and Mr. Cromley has acted as sole proprietor of the establishment since. His business is well equipped and he is in the possession of a large and lucrative trade. Mr. Cromley was united in marriage with Miss Addie M. Newton, a native of St. Lawrence county, N. Y., on the first of January, 1873, and their children are Victor E., William J., Marion C., Stephen O., Joseph L. (deceased), John R. and Paul A. (deceased). Mrs. Cromley was born May 16, 1856, and is the daughter of William and Martha (Lobdell) Newton of Scotch descent. The family are members of the Methodist church and are highly respected in the community of their residence.

D. W. Curtis.—Among the prominent lawyers of Paulding county, few occupy a more conspicuous place at the bar than D. W. Curtis, whose brief biographical sketch is herewith presented. Mr. Curtis was born in Butler, Ind., October 26, 1844, the son of Dr. F. A. and Sarah (Tuttle) Curtis, natives of Ireland and Scotland. He received his early educational training in the country schools. In 1849 his parents settled in Crane township, Paulding county, and here the father died April 10, 1851. Mrs. Curtis then removed to Miami county, where her death occurred in 1858. Our subject made his home with an uncle until 1861, when he enlisted in company A, Thirty-ninth Indiana volunteer infantry. He was made orderly sergeant in Kentucky, in December, 1861, and was wounded at the battle of Black River, Miss. He was at the fall of Atlanta, and was with Gen. Sherman on his march to the sea. After the expiration of his term of enlistment, Mr. Curtis was discharged in July, 1865. In 1863 the regiment was re-organized as the Eighth Indiana cavalry, and saw much service. In 1867 our subject entered the Lebanon normal school of Warren county, and graduated in 1869. Mr. Curtis then taught school for twelve years, during this time reading law with Shirk & Mitchell, of Peru, Ind. He was admitted to the bar January 1, 1879, and commenced the practice of his profession in Antwerp, in 1880. As a practitioner, Mr. Curtis ranks among the most successful lawyers in his portion of the state, and he combines within himself rare qualities of mental strength and indefatigable will, keen judgment and quick observation. He was married March 10, 1870, to Catherine, the daughter of Peter Richer, of Miami county, Ind. They have had five children, as follows: Clarence (deceased), Florence (deceased), Lewis, John and Minnie. Mr. Curtis is a republican in politics, and while a resident of Miami county was justice of the peace and county superintendent. He is a member of Peru lodge, No. 69, F. & A. M., and of the Antwerp W. H. Deering post, No. 247, G. A. R., of which he is the commander.

P. P. Doering, born in Lehigh county, Penn., December 17, 1837, is the son of Joseph and Eliza (Hoffman) Doering. He was raised upon the farm and is self-educated. At an early age Mr. Doering came to Ohio, and was employed as superintendent of a section in the construction of the Wabash railroad. In 1858 he went to California, where he engaged in farming and where he remained until the fall of 1865. In this year, our subject returned to Paulding and in connection with his brother, W. H. Doering, purchased a saw mill and engaged in the manufacture of lumber, which they carried on until 1873, when, in partnership with Samuel Harris and A. C. Tucker, they organized the Antwerp Hub & Spoke company, of which Mr. Doering is the superintendent. He has been a member of the Antwerp council for twelve years and in his political belief is a republican. He was united in marriage to Miss Susan, the daughter of Nirum Strout, of Antwerp, and their children are: Lottie, the wife of E. E. Pocock, Joseph L. and J. Clyde (deceased). Mr. Doering is a member of Carryall lodge, No. 463, I. O. O. F., also of the Defiance encampment, No. 87, and the Rebecca lodge. He and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church, in which he is a deacon. The parents of our subject moved to Miami county in 1838, and in 1847 came to Paulding county and located in Carryall township, of which place they are honored residents.

John Dunderman has been a resident of Paulding county since 1865. He came from Medina county, Ohio, where he was born February 13, 1844, in which county his wife, Helen, was born May 28, 1841. The result of this marriage is: Jacob Lewis, born December 25, 1864; George Cornelius, born March 29, 1868; Frank Edward, February 26, 1871; Frederick William, July 19, 1874; Joseph Augusta, August 29, 1883. John Dunderman's father was born June 24, 1809, died July 17, 1871; his mother, Mary Ann (Deimling) Dunderman, was born June 24, 1803, died February 15, 1871, both born in Germany. Mrs. Dunderman's parents were also born in Germany; her father, John Magez, was born November, 1805, and his wife, Elizabeth (Deimling) Magez, was born October, 1811. They reside in Medina county, Ohio. The early life of John Dunderman was spent upon the farm and he received a common school education. He learned the trade of the engineer, and in 1865 came to Paulding county as engineer for the Antwerp Furnace company, which position he filled for eleven years. He purchased, in 1869, the farm of fifty-two acres upon which he now lives, and to which he has since added, until he now owns 125 acres of good land upon which is a fine brick residence and a substantial barn. Mr. Dunderman, who is a democrat in politics, is a member of the Farmers' alliance. He and wife and family belong to the St. Mary's Catholic church at Antwerp.

Daniel Duval, a leading citizen of Carryall township, was born in Hancock county, Ohio, April 9, 1839, the son of Elias and Katie (Punches) Duval, of French and German descent. Our subject was but ten years of age when his parents died, and his boyhood was spent among strangers in Defiance county. He drove a packet on the Wabash canal for three years, and carried mail from the state line to Defiance. He then followed lumbering for five years with good success. Mr. Duval was married to Miss Sarah J., daughter of Joel and Elmira (Sensabaugh) Dils, on September 23, 1861, and these children were born to them: Orley J., Oliver (deceased), William, Katie E., Leonard, Claude and Nolan. Mr. Duval entered the army on the 1st of September, 1861, as a member of Company G, Thirty-eighth Ohio volunteer infantry, for three years, and re-enlisted December 25, 1864. He was wounded at Atlanta, August 8, 1864, and was sent to the hospitals at Chattanooga and Nashville for nine months, receiving an honorable discharge at Camp Dennison, Ohio, on June 4, 1865. Upon his return home, Mr. Duval engaged in farming in Henry county, where he remained until 1888, at which time he removed to Carryall township, Paulding county. He is a pensioner, and during service participated in the battles of Atlanta, Corinth, Perrysville, Stone river, Murfreesboro, Hoover's Gap, Chickamauga and Mission Ridge. Politically Mr. Duval is a republican and a man highly respected by all.

John Erter, one of the principal farmers of Carryall township, was born in Clarke county, Ohio, February 14, 1848. He is the son of Henry and Rachel (Smith) Erter, of German extraction, and was reared in his native county. His father died when he was nine years old and his mother removed in 1857 to Paulding county and located at Cecil. The

family consisted of three sons and one daughter, as follows: George, who died at Cecil; Caroline (deceased), Frank Curtiss and John. Mrs. Rachael Erter resides with her son, the subject of this sketch. The latter was reared in Cecil and was there educated in the common schools. He enlisted, in 1864, in company G, Fourteenth Ohio volunteer infantry, and served faithfully until the close of hostilities. He took part in the engagements of Resaca, Kenesaw Mountain and Jonesboro, and was with Gen. Sherman from Atlanta to the sea. At the close of the war, Mr. Erter returned to Ohio, located in Crane township, Paulding county, and remained there until 1870, when he purchased his present place of eighty acres, which he has improved. He has been engaged in carpentering, in connection with which he runs a saw mill and threshing machine. He was married, in 1868, to Miss Emeline Lehman, who died in 1879, leaving these children: Henry C., Anna C., Louis A., Mattie J. and Francis M. His second wife, whom he married in 1880, was Miss Nellie Frazier, a resident of Carryall township but formerly of California. By her marriage she is the mother of Lutellus E., William H. and Roy B. Mr. Erter has held the minor township offices and is a democrat in politics, although in his earlier life he voted the republican ticket. He was formerly a member of the United Brethren church but is now a member of the re-organized church of Latter Day Saints, commonly known as Mormons. The creed of the church of Latter Day Saints, to which Mr. Erter belongs, is based on the Book of Mormon, as follows: "Wherefore, my brethren, hear me, and hearken to the word of the Lord: For there shall not any man among you have save it be one wife, and concubines he shall have none, for I, the Lord God, delighteth in the chastity of women. And whoredoms are an abomination before me, saith the Lord of hosts."—Jacob 2: 6-9. The confession of faith of the church is here appended: "We believe in God the Eternal father, and in his son Jesus Christ, and in the Holy Ghost. We believe that men will be punished for their own sins, and not for Adam's transgression. We believe that through the atonement of Christ, all men may be saved by obedience to the laws and ordinances of the gospel. We believe that a man must be called of God, and ordained by the laying on of hands of those who are in authority, to entitle him to preach the gospel, and administer in the ordinances thereof. We believe in the same kind of organization that existed in the primitive church, viz.: Apostles, prophets, pastors, teachers, evangelists, etc. We believe that in the bible is contained the word of God, so far as it is translated correctly. We believe that the canon of scripture is not full, but that God, by His spirit, will continue to reveal His word to man. We believe in the powers and gifts of the everlasting gospel, viz.: The gift of faith, discerning of spirits, prophecy, revelation, healing, visions, tongues, and the interpretation of tongues, wisdom, charity brotherly love, etc. We believe that marriage is ordained of God; and that the law of God provides for but one companion in wedlock, for either man or woman, except in cases where the contract of marriage is broken by death or transgression. We believe that in all matters of controversy upon the duty of man toward God and in reference to preparation and fitness for the world to come, the word of God should be decisive and the end of dispute, and that when God directs, man should obey. We believe in the religion of Jesus Christ, as taught in the New Testament Scriptures, will, if its precepts are accepted and obeyed, make men and women better in the domestic circle, and better citizens of town, county and state, and consequently better fitted for the change which cometh at death. We believe that men should worship God in 'spirit and in truth;' and that such worship does not require a violation of the constitutional law of the land." Mr. Erter is an energetic and progressive citizen, who has the welfare of his town and county in view, and he lends a helping hand toward all projects which have as their object the improvement of the same.

Lewis S. Gordon, of the firm of Gordon Brothers, and also a member of the Antwerp Hub & Spoke company, is one of the popular and enterprising citizens of Carryall township. He was born in Orange county, N. Y., April 7, 1835, the second son of Thomas and Sarah J. (Smith) Gordon, both natives of New York, and of Scotch-Irish parentage, members of the family being prominent in colonial times. The paternal grandfather, Samuel Gordon, was a farmer by occupation, and served in the Revolutionary war, crossing the Delaware with Gen. Washington. He experienced all the hardships of pioneer life, and died at the advanced age of ninety-three years. Thomas Gordon was the youngest of a family of eight sons and three daughters, and was reared on the farm, learning the carpenter and joiner's trade, which he followed through life. He was born in 1804, and died at the age of seventy-two years. When a young man he married a Miss Smith, who was born in 1807. She is still living, at the age of eighty-four years, in Antwerp, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Gordon were the parents of eight children, all of whom survive, with the exception of one. The father came west to join his children, in 1874, but died two years later. He was an old-time whig, and later an ardent republican. With his worthy wife he belonged to the Presbyterian church. L. S. Gordon, the immediate subject of this sketch, was educated in the common schools and at the Neversink seminary, of New York. He began his business career as a clerk in a hardware store, and here remained for two years. In 1855 he came west, and for one year acted as clerk in the county offices of Paulding. In the fall of 1856 he commenced teaching a common school, and he taught successfully for three years, and then was nominated on the republican ticket of the county for the office of county recorder. He was elected and took charge of the office January 1, 1860, being re-elected in 1862. In October, 1865, Mr. Gordon was elected to the office of county treasurer, and re-elected in 1867, resigning the position in 1869, to make the race for county auditor. He was defeated by thirteen votes. On April 8, 1870, he was commissioned probate judge to fill a vacancy of seven months. Subsequently, in February, 1871, Mr. Gordon moved to Antwerp to take charge of a hardware store, which he had previously started in connection with his brother, Harry H. Gordon. Since then these gentlemen have been successfully engaged in business for over a period of twenty-one years. In July, 1859, Mr. Gordon, having read law for two years under the supervision of Col. John S. Snook, was admitted to the bar by Judge Sutliff. He practiced but little while engaged in the official duties of Paulding county, and since locating at Antwerp has acted as counselor on various occasions, though not being actively engaged in the work of his profession. He has held a notary's commission since the year 1861. Mr. Gordon takes a lively interest in all that tends toward the improvement of his town and county, and is liberal with his means. He is an ardent advocate of the present school system whereby the masses may be educated. Mr. Gordon was nominated by the republican party as the representative of Defiance and Paulding counties, in 1881, and overcame a democratic majority of 1,350 by 349. He did active service for his constituents and acquitted himself with honor. His first vote was cast for President John C. Fremont, in 1856, and since that date he has always supported the republican ticket. Mr. Gordon was married February 9, 1860, to Miss Margaret Voreis, a native of Crawford county, born in July, 1842. Her parents were Peter D. and Margaret (Luke) Voreis, natives of New Jersey, and of Holland-Dutch extraction. Mr. and Mrs. Gordon are widely and favorably known, and are now enjoying the fruits of a well spent life. In 1888 Mr. Gordon was elected as presidential elector from the sixth congressional district, and was formerly instrumental in forming the new district, being appointed on the re-districting committee in the Sixty-fifth general assembly of Ohio. He has long been one of the influential and prominent citizens of Paulding county, and enjoys the confidence and esteem of all who know him.

John W. S. Goshorn was born in Huntington county, Penn., December 3, 1827, the son of Samuel and Ellen (Traxler) Goshorn, of German and Irish lineage, natives of Pennsylvania. These parents reared a family of ten children, of whom our subject is the second in order of birth. Until he was sixteen years of age his life was spent in his native county. He then removed to Crawford county, Ohio, and engaged in driving stock over the mountains. He was married June 30, 1865, to to Miss Louisa Goller, a native of Medina county, born April 6, 1835, the daughter of Michael and Barbara (Hitzelberger) Goller, of Wittenberg, Germany. Her parents emigrated to America in 1831 and located in Medina county, Ohio, where the father engaged in carpentering and farming; after the decease of his wife, Barbara, he removed to Defiance county, where his death occurred. After his marriage, Mr. Goshorn began farming in Williams county, and remained there until 1866, when he came to Paulding county and settled in the village of Antwerp. He acted as a clerk for one season and then embarked in painting and general work, which he followed until 1886. At this time Mr. Goshorn became interested in the hotel business, which occupation he at present is engaged in. October 26, 1861, he enlisted in company B, Sixty-eighth Ohio volunteer infantry, for three years, and was a participant in the following battles: Pittsburg Landing, Hatchee river, siege of Vicksburg,

the advance on Atlanta and Jonesborough, and many others. He was given the position of commissary of his company in 1862, was made camp inspector for some time, and in 1863 was appointed clerk in the dispensatory department. He received his discharge November 7, 1864, and is drawing a pension of $18 per month for injuries received. Mr. Goshorn is a democrat politically and has acceptably filled the office of corporation clerk of Antwerp for two years. Mr. and Mrs. Goshorn are the parents of Maggie, wife of George Sinn; Francis J. (deceased). Lillian E., William E. (deceased), Minnie W. (deceased), and Minnie L, (deceased). The family are worthy members of the German Reform church and enjoy general popularity.

Jacob Green is one of the early settlers of Carryall township, and was born in Huntingdon county, Penn., in 1810. He is the son of Jacob Green, and as his parents died when he was young, a man by the name of William Shaffer, who was a canal contractor, reared our subject in this business. He was thus engaged for some years, and in 1848 purchased his farm of 121 acres, which he has succeeded in getting under cultivation. His wife, who was Miss Rebecca Young, bore her husband these children: Mary, Harry and Everett. Mr. Green, who is a democrat, has filled some of the minor offices of his township. He and wife are members of St. Mary's Catholic church at Antwerp, and enjoy the esteem of a wide circle of acquaintances.

D. E. Hackedorn, M. D., one of the young physicians of the county, war born at Van Wert, Ohio, September 17, 1859, the son of S. J. Hackedorn. He was reared upon the farm and educated in the high school of Van Wert, from which he graduated in the spring of 1878. He then entered the N. W. normal school, at Ada, Ohio, where he remained two and and one-half years, at which time he returned to the farm, and a few years after began reading medicine with Dr. G. J. Evlen, of Van Wert, Ohio, in a special course of the eclectic class; later he attended lectures at Cincinnati, Ohio. Two years after which he practiced for one year, when he again returned to college and graduated fourth in a class of sixty-nine, June 4, 1890. Dr. Hackedorn immediately thereafter located at Antwerp, Ohio, where he is rapidly gaining a good practice. He was married September 11, 1890, to Miss Dolly Ramsey, of Covington, Ky., a lady of fine attainments.

Henry Harris, one of the enterprising and progressive citizens of Carryall township, is the son of Samuel and Mary A. (Bailey) Harris, and dates his birth from the 5th day of August, 1845. His parents, both natives of England, emigrated to America in 1843, and located in Knox county, Ohio, where they followed farming. Prior to coming to this county, the father had been a civil engineer, in the employment of the government. His death occurred February 2, 1875, and his widow resides in Antwerp, this county. The early life of Henry Harris was spent in the counties of Knox and Defiance, and his preliminary education was obtained in the common schools. Later he attended the university at Berea, Ohio, and upon finishing his course, began the pursuit of farming. In 1856 he removed to Paulding county, locating in Crane township, where he remained until 1858. At this time he moved to Carryall township, where he has ever since resided. Mr. Harris was united in marriage with Miss Jennie E. Cottrel, on Christmas day, 1871, and their children are Lillian, a graduate of the public schools and at present taking a collegiate course at Oberlin, Ohio; S. Lloyd, Louis C., Guy (deceased) and Bertha L. Mrs. Harris is the daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Bridge) Cottrel, and was born May 26, 1854. On May 2, 1864, Mr. Harris enlisted in company A, One Hundred and Thirty-second Ohio volunteer infantry, for 100 days, and received his discharge September 10th of the same year. During the greater portion of his service he was in the Tenth corps of the army of the Potomac. In 1872 Mr. Harris became interested in the Antwerp Hub & Spoke factory, of Paulding county, and at the present writing he is the president of this establishment. As a business man he is keen and successful, and as the result of his good judgment and ability is enjoying prosperity. He is a republican in politics and belongs to the lodge of I. O. O. F., No. 463, and encampment 87. With his family he attends the Presbyterian church, in which organization he has held the principal offices.

Jacob Hook, who is the second son of John Hook, elsewhere mentioned, was born in Carryall township, Paulding county, Ohio, on the 24th of October, 1857. His education was given him in the common schools and he was raised on the farm. His marriage occurred on the 24th of February, 1886, at which time Miss Samantha Edgar became his wife. Mrs. Hook was born on the 10th of August, 1856, and is the daughter of Joseph and Teressa (Teeples) Edgar, of German and Irish descent. Mr. and Mrs. Hook are the parents of one child, a daughter named Ethel May. They are members of the United Brethren church, and their social standing in the community in which they reside is very high. Mr. Hook is a republican in his political belief, though not a seeker of office. His farm is finely improved and he is the possessor of some splendid stock.

John Hook, a prominent farmer and stock raiser, is a native of Switzerland, born January 13, 1821. His parents are Jacob and Barbara Hook, the former of whom came to this country in 1848, and settled in Starke county, Ohio. Be was a baker by trade and died in the county of his adoption. He was the father of seven children, two of whom are living, namely: Martin, of DeKalb county, Ind., and our subject, who was raised in Starke county. He worked on the farm until he was twenty-four years old, and then came to Paulding county, where he purchased 100 acres of land from the United States government. This he sold and in 1850, purchased the land where he now lives, and to which he has added from time to time until he is now the possessor of 210 acres. Mr. Hook married Miss Mary Donat, and eleven children were born to them. They are: Elizabeth (deceased), Amanda, Daniel Savage, Lydia, wife of William Cleman; Margaret (deceased), Adam, of Michigan; Jacob, of Carryall township; Isaac, of Defiance county; Amanda, wife of J. Jude, of Carryall township; Louise, now Mrs. Albert Smith; and Cora (deceased). Politically Mr. Hook is a republican. Mr. Hook was wholly deprived of an education during his boyhood days, thus has never learned to read and write; yet, being a close observer, is well posted on the general topics of the day, and as a financier is unexcelled.

Jasper N. Hughes, a successful manufacturer of tile, and an agriculturist by profession, was born in Crane township, Paulding county, Ohio, March 28, 1839. His parents are Dennison and Hannah (Barnes) Hughes, of English and Irish extraction, who located in this county in 1825. They followed the occupation of farming during their lifetime and both are now deceased. Jasper Hughes was reared on the farm and educated in the common schools. He was married to Miss Mary, daughter of John and Rachel (Runyon) Coffelt, on the 28th of October, 1860, and the children by this marriage are: Henry C. (deceased), Clarence E., Cora L., wife of Clifford Reeb; Ida J. (deceased), John J., Orley D., Marietta (deceased), Com B., Rachel E. (deceased) and William E. (deceased). Mr. Hughes enlisted in Company C, One Hundred and Thirty-second Ohio volunteer infantry, for 100 days' service during the late war, and received his honorable discharge on the 14th of September, the same year. He is a pensioner. In 1881, he erected a tile mill which is among the leading establishments of the kind in the county, and is turning out a first-class article. Mr. Hughes is a representative citizen and is esteemed by all.

H. S. Humphrey, a representative citizen of Carryall township, was born in Shelby county, Ohio, July 15, 1840, the son of John and Mary (Burton) Humphrey. The early life of our subject was passed on the farm and in the common schools where he acquired his education. At the age of twenty years he started for California, and spent eighteen months in prospecting in the mines of the Rocky mountains. From there he went to Iowa, and, in answer to the call for troops, enlisted in the Nineteenth Iowa volunteer infantry, August 5, 1862, for three years. He participated in the battles of Prairie Grove, where he was wounded in the ankle; Pierce's Point, Fla., the expedition against Mobile, the siege of Vicksburg and others. Mr. Humphrey was wounded three times, his hip being seriously injured in one engagement. For disabilities received, he is a pensioner. September 22, 1867, Mr. Humphrey was united in marriage with Caroline, the daughter of John and Eliza (King) Bankerson, and their home has been brightened by the advent of Orrell L., Verrell J., Oell S. and Etta May. Politically our subject is a republican, and fraternally belongs to the G. A. R. and Masonic order. He located in Paulding county in 1867, since which time he has been a valued resident of his township.

M. P. Jacobs is one of the influential and progressive citizens of Carryall township. He was born in Lake county, Ohio, March 14, 1838, the son of Dana Jacobs and Florence (Pettitt) Jacobs, natives of New York, of German and English extraction. Mr. Jacobs was educated in Niagara county, N. Y., and at the age of sixteen years, came to Paulding county, where he acted as section foreman during the construction of the Wabash railroad. In 1862 he entered the employ of the United States government for the construction of a railroad in the south, to be used during the war. At the close of hostilities he returned to Paulding county and located at Antwerp, where he engaged in the mercantile business for four years. At this time, in connection with Charles Harris, he engaged in the stave business, and at the end of four years'

time sold his interest. He then bought his present farm of one hundred acres, and has been engaged in general farming ever since. He was married to Miss Mary Goshorn, who died in 1861, leaving two children: Edward and Elmer. In 1864 Miss Ellen, the daughter of Nirum Strout, of Caryall township, became his wife, and their children are Warren, Zona, Claude, Fred, Florry, Bert and John. Mr. Jacobs is a supporter of the democratic party. He is a member of the Antwerp lodge, F. and A. M., and is the first Mason initiated in Paulding county. He is a member of the Farmers' Alliance, K. of L. and P. of I. Mr. Jacobs is a man who commands the respect of the community in which he lives.

Peter Jailer, a venerable resident of Carryall township, is a native of Clinton county, N. J., and was born May 22, 1814, the son of John and Mary (Demaree) Jailer, of French descent. John Jailer took part in the war of 1812, and the grandfather was a soldier in the Revolution under Gen. LaFayette. Peter Jailer passed his youth in his native county and received an education such as was given in the primitive schools of that

54 day. In 1834 he removed to Cuyahoga county, Ohio, and for fourteen years was engaged in carpentering and farming there. He married in Cleveland county, in 1837, Miss Annie Waldken, a daughter of William Waldken. Mrs. Jailer died and our subject married his present wife May 13, 1866. She was, before her marriage, Miss Fannie Moore, daughter of William and Gertrude (Cook) Moore, of Irish and Holland Dutch origin. They are the parents of Gertrude A. (deceased), Peter (deceased), Charles A., John, Samuel and Annie. The family are valued members of the Methodist church. Politically Mr. Jailer is a democrat. He located in Paulding county in 1867 and is a pioneer settler, having cleared his home from the forest. Mr. Jailer has led a useful and active life, and his whole career has been marked by integrity and enterprise.

Warren Jump located in Paulding county in 1875, and is a prosperous citizen of Carryall township. He was born in Erie county, Ohio, August 7, 1844, and is a son of Levi and Catherine (Moore) Jump, of English and Scotch descent. In 1846 the parents came to Allen county, Ind., where they reared their son and educated him in the common schools. They were farmers and respected residents of their adopted county. Warren Jump enlisted in the Twenty-third regiment of volunteer light infantry of the artillery on the 2nd of September, 1862, for three years' service. He was assigned to the western army and participated in twenty-two hard-fought battles. He was married in 1868, on the 15th of July, to Miss Maria Volkert, of Allen county, and the daughter of Frederick and Catherine Volkert, of Germany. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Jump are Ellis, Priscilla, Samuel, Iva, Laura, Harry, Carrie, Rolly and Howard, deceased. Mr. Jump is a republican and a pensioner. He is a member of the G. A. R. and has acceptably filled many of the minor township offices. The whole career of Mr. Jump has been marked by uprightness and enterprise, and he is deservedly esteemed by the people of the community in which he lives.

Josiah Lybarger is a native of Knox county, Ohio, and dates his birth from the 19th day of November, 1823. He is the son of Henry and Elizabeth (Carpenter) Lybarger, of German origin, and both of whom are deceased. After obtaining an education in the common schools, Mr. Lybarger began life for himself as a farmer. He remained in his native county for some years and there married on December 16, 1847, Savena Troutman, who was born in Knox county, January 11, 1826, a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Horn) Troutman. The issue of this union is as follows: Elizabeth, John H., Austin and Mary A., wife of James McCormick. Mrs. Lybarger died January 11, 1886, a devoted member of the Lutheran church. Since 1862 Mr. Lybarger has made his home in Paulding county. He purchased 160 acres of land in Carryall township and is the possessor of one of the pleasantest homes in the county. He is a democrat and has held the office of trustee for two terms. He is among the prosperous agriculturists of the township.

James B. McCormick is a native of Carryall township, Paulding county, Ohio, and first saw the light on the 10th day of January, 1857. He is the son of Josiah and Harriet (Cooper) McCormick, of Irish and German extraction. Mr. McCormick spent his early years upon the farm in his native county and was there educated in the neighboring schools. His marriage occurred on the 10th of April, 1889, at which time Miss Allie Lybarger, born March 16, 1861, became his wife. Mrs. McCormick is the daughter of Josiah Lybarger, a prosperous farmer of Carryall township, who is elsewhere mentioned in this volume. Mr. McCormick is one of the stanch republicans of Paulding county and has served as constable of his township for one year. He proved himself competent as an official and in every respect has always been a first-class citizen. He owns 120 acres of fine land, which is well improved and upon which substantial buildings have been erected.

Sergeant George W. Mears was born in Erie county, Ohio, May 4, 1843. His parents are James and Deborah (Dymond) Mears, of English descent, and they educated their son in the common schools and reared him on the farm. A part of his early life was passed in his native and Sandusky counties, and he enlisted in company F, Forty-ninth Ohio volunteer infantry, for three years' service, on the 16th of August, 1861. On account of disability, Mr. Mears was discharged at Nashville, Tenn., September 9, 1862, he having been engaged in the battle of Shiloh, in April, of that year, where he was wounded in the spine by the explosion of a shell. He draws a pension of $72 per month on account of injuries received. He took part in the siege of Corinth and other engagements of the army of Ohio, and re-enlisted June 28, 1863, in battery M, of the First Ohio artillery, where he served until July 25, 1865. Returning to his home, Mr. Mears was married on the 26th of December, the same year, to Miss Caroline M., daughter of Barnhart and Martha (Mantz) Weigle, of German extraction. They are the parents of James H., Homer I., Anna B., wife of William Dunderman; Ora B. and George W. Mr. Mears is an active republican, and belongs to the G. A. R. post. He has been a worthy resident of Paulding county since 1877, at which time he removed from Sandusky county, Ohio.

Peter Mettert, a leading citizen of Paulding county, is the son of Samuel and Mary A. (Crane) Mettert. He was born in Preble county, May 18, 1846, and grew to manhood on the homestead farm. His parents removed to Allen county when he was a boy, and he received but a common school education. When he was eighteen years of age he enlisted in company F, One Hundred and Forty-second Indiana volunteer infantry, and served his country faithfully. At the close of the war he returned to Allen county and commenced farming upon rented land, where he remained until 1869. He then purchased forty acres in Carryall township, to which he has added twenty-five acres, all of which is well improved. A handsome residence has been built, and the farm buildings are of the most substantial. Mr. Mettert was married to Pauline, the daughter of John Bartholomew, of Allen county, in 1867, and the offspring of this union was four children named: Permelia, the wife of Ellsworth Edgar; Toy A., the widow of Reason Groves; Florence A. (deceased) and William H. (deceased). Mr. Mettert, who is a member of the I. O. O. F. and I. Donifin post, No. 52, G. A. R., of Hicksville, is a member of the P. of I., Crescent association, No. 1,777, of Carryall township. Politically, Mr. Mattert is identified with the republican party and enjoys general esteem.

A. P. Murphy, banker and dealer in real estate, was born in Butler county, Ohio, November 19, 1840, and is the youngest and only son now living born to John J. and Elizabeth (Brown) Murphy, natives of Virginia, and of Irish and English extraction respectively. John Murphy, the paternal grandfather, was a native of Ireland, and came to America early in life. He settled in Pennsylvania, and there married. He followed farming and reared a large family. As one of the early settlers of Carryall township, he served as one of the first officers and helped lay out many of the public roads. He was a hard-working man, of sterling integrity, and with his wife was a member of the Presbyterian church. He died at the age of sixty-five years, and his wife at the age of seventy. The maternal grandfather, John Brown, was a native of Virginia and a planter by occupation. He participated in the French and Indian war, and was with the command of Anthony Wayne when it passed up the Maumee river from Defiance to Fort Wayne. Later in life he located in Butler county, and here he died at the age of eighty-four years. His wife, who with her husband, had been a devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal church, departed this life when she was seventy-five years old. John J. Murphy, the father of the subject of this sketch, was born in Virginia, and in boyhood removed to Pennsylvania, where, he learned the trade of the blacksmith, which he followed for the greater part of his life. He married and later removed to Butler county, where his wife died. He afterward married Mrs. Shepard Brown, and settled upon a farm in DeKalb county, Ind., and here he died in 1878, his companion dying in 1880. Mr. Murphy was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and though in his youth was a Jackson democrat, he became devoted to the republican party. A. P. Murphy was reared amid the scenes of farm life and received his education in the common schools. When ten years of age he was taken to DeKalb county, where he grew to manhood and followed the pursuit of farming on rented land until 1876, when he engaged in lumbering and collecting at Harlan, Ind. In 1885 he located in Antwerp, Ohio, and thence went to Jetmore, Kas., where he began dealing in real estate. This vocation he followed four years, and then returned to Antwerp, where, April 27, 1889, he established his present business, the Antwerp Exchange bank, of which he

is cashier. Mr. Murphy is one of the leading and representative men of Paulding county, and highly esteemed wherever known. He is a member of the F. & A. M., being a Master Mason in Antwerp lodge, but a dimitted member. He affiliates with the republican party. October 24, 1864, Miss Olive Chandler, a native of Ohio, became the wife of Mr. Murphy. She died in 1878 at the age of thirty-five years, leaving Robert, Ernest, Carrie, wife of John Oswalt, and Grace Murphy. She was a devoted member of the Methodist Protestant church, and a lady favorably known. As a business man, Mr. Murphy stands in the front rank, and success has attended his efforts.

William E. Osborn was born June 24, 1838, in Michigan, and is the son of David N. and Mary (Parcas) Osborn. His father was a native of Brooklyn, N. Y., and his mother of New Jersey. David N. Osborn located in Michigan in 1837. He was a lawyer, and in 1855 removed to Mansfield, Ohio, remaining there until 1863, when he settled in Antwerp, where his death occurred on the 24th of December, 1878. He was prosecuting attorney for two terms and was the first mayor of Antwerp. His son, William E. Osborn, was educated at Mansfield, and at the age of eighteen, engaged in photography. This he carried on for three years, when he learned the printer's trade in the office of the Douglass *Democrat* and Mansfield *Herald*. He then entered the employ of the Mt. Vernon *Republican*, remained there until 1860, when he returned to Mansfield and engaged in his first work, that of photography. July 16, 1861, he enlisted in company D, Thirty-second Ohio volunteer infantry, and served three years. He was made orderly sergeant of his company, and at the siege of Vicksburg was appointed to second lieutenant. He participated in every engagement with the regiment, also the Vicksburg and Atlanta campaigns, and was taken prisoner at Harper's Ferry in 1863. He was then sent to Camp Douglass at Chicago, was paroled three months, at the end of which time he returned to the regiment and served until the end of his enlistment. In the spring of 1866, Mr. Osborn established the Antwerp *Gazette*, which he conducted until November 25, 1875, when he removed it to Paulding under the name of the Paulding county *Gazette*. In 1882 he sold the plant to James R. Connor and returned to Antwerp, where he continued his present business as a dealer in stationery and books. In July, 1883, he founded the Antwerp *Argus*, and ran that paper in connection with his store until August 1889, when he sold it to John F. Lusk, the present publisher. Mr. Osborn is a member of Doering post, 247, G. A. R., and of the V. U. V. He was the republican candidate in 1879 for state senator and reduced a democratic majority from 11,000 to 1,300. Miss Naomi H., the daughter of Roger D. and Jane R. North, of Plymouth Ohio, became the wife of Mr. Osborn on the 3rd of October, 1864, and the union was blessed by the birth of Carrie F., born August 2, 1866, died January 10, 1869; May D., born November 1, 1868, and North G., born September 9, 1875. Mr. Osborn is one of the influential and progressive citizens of Antwerp, and takes deep interest in all things which tend to the welfare of his county. He is a man of much force and ability. He has been a resident of Antwerp since October 4, 1864.

John W. Pool—Among the leading citizens of Carryall township is John W. Pool, who was born in Clermont county, Ohio, July 5, 1832, the son of Joseph and Mary (Leads) Pool. The early life of Mr. Pool was spent in his native county and there he acquired his scholastic training. In 1866 he removed to Highland township, Defiance county, and there engaged in farming. Subsequently he removed to Paulding county (in 1883) and here he has since been successfully engaged in tilling the soil. Mr. Pool was married October 11, 1860, to Miss Sarah A. Allen, who was born May 8, 1837, the daughter of George and Eliza (Airhart) Allen, of English and Irish parentage. The children that have blessed this union are Elizabeth, wife of Wm. Cordrey; Ocellus, George, Carrie, wife of Leonard Smith; Austin, Effie, Henry, Charles and an infant deceased. Mr. Pool is a republican and a member of the Patrons of Husbandry. He has led a life of probity and industry and has gained the confidence and esteem of those with whom he comes in contact.

Charles Reeb is a native of Alsace-Lorraine, France, and dates his birth from the 9th day of July, 1829. He is the son of Henry and Catheríne (Rothan) Reeb, of France, who immigrated to America in 1847, and located in Carryall township, Paulding county, on section 27, now the property of Nelson Snook. There the father died, the mother departing this life in Logan county. Mr. Reeb, the immediate subject of this notice, was nineteen years of age, when, with his parents, he came to this country. He was raised and resided on the farm and received his education in the common schools. August 30th, 1859, Mr. Reeb was married in Fort Wayne, Ind., to Miss Mary A. Knisely, and Catherine Elizabeth, (deceased) and Esther, (deceased) were the offspring of this union. Mrs. Reeb died in 1860, and our subject married a second time, on April 5, 1862, taking as his wife Miss Rosanna, daughter of Godlove and Rosanna (Wasserbach) Reich, of German parentage. Mr. and Mrs. Reeb are the parents of John E., Florence S., Albert H., Charles E., George F., and Ora A. The family are valued members of the United Brethren church and highly respected in the community. Politically Mr. Reeb, is a republican and a member of the Patrons of Industry, and the G. A. R. In 1864 he enlisted in the home guards in Company A, One hundred and thirty-second Ohio volunteer infantry, and was taken into active service. His discharge was given him on September 4th, of the same year, and he now draws a pension of $16 per month.

David Reeb, a prominent citizen of Paulding county, is a native of France, and was born there in 1839, the son of Joseph and Madeline Reeb. The parents emigrated to this country in 1845, settling in Carryall township, where they engaged in farming. They had four children, named: Joseph, now a merchant of Antwerp; Madeline, the wife of Thomas Murphy; David, our subject, and Margaret (deceased). The father died in 1855, and his wife survived him until 1860, when her demise occurred. David Reeb remained upon the homestead farm until the death of his mother, when he purchased his present farm of one hundred acres. He enlisted, in 1864, in company E, One Hundred and Thirty-second Ohio volunteer infantry, for the hundred days' service, and is now a member of the William H. Doering post, No. 247, G. A. R., of Antwerp. Mr. Reeb was married to Miss Clarinda, the daughter of David Perry, of Carryall township, in 1859, and they have six children: Francis E., Henry F., Belle, the wife of David Anderson; Joseph E., Bertha C., and Blanche. The family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and in politics the father is a democrat.

George H. Rogers, aged sixty-seven, a prosperous citizen of Carryall township, is a native of Virginia, having been born in Southampton county, March 13, 1824. He is the son of Robert A. and Lucy G. (Whittfield) Rogers, of English and Scotch descent, who came to Columbiana county, Ohio, from the Old Dominion, in 1833, and there engaged in farming. G. H. Rogers was reared to manhood in Columbiana county. In 1852 they removed to Paulding county, and located in Carryall township. He was married in DeKalb county, Ind., on the 3rd of July, 1856, to Miss Julia, the daughter of Samuel and Barbara Loomis, of English and German extraction, and is the father of Arvy A., George A., and Minnie L., wife of Ezra Boutwell. Mrs. Rogers died March 18, 1863, and on October 17, 1866, Mr. Rogers took as his second wife Celia A., the daughter of Henry Beal. This union resulted in the birth of Leslie W., married November, 1886, to Daria Shafer, daughter of Wash Shafer; Savilla, wife of Charles Billman; John H., Anna O., Thomas A. and Maggie P. Mr. Rogers is a republican in his political belief, and a pensioner. During the late war he was a member of company C, Sixty-eighth Ohio volunteer infantry, and served for one year and seven months, participating in many hard-fought battles of the campaign. Mr. Rogers located in Paulding county, in 1853, at which time, with his parents, he came from Columbiana county. All these years he has been a good citizen of his adopted county, and the life he has led has been useful and upright. His public spirit leads him to take an active part in all matters relating to the advancement and prosperity of his township and county.

A. J. Smith.—Among the early settlers of Paulding county is A. J. Smith, who was born in the year 1816, in the state of New York. He is the son of Thomas and Jane (Jones) Smith, who removed to Indiana when our subject was a boy, and there reared him to manhood. His early life was spent in various occupations and in 1856 he came to this county and purchased his present farm of 76 acres, which he has cleared and improved. Mr. Smith was the first sheriff of the county, being in politics a republican. His marriage occurred in 1857, at which time Miss Catherine Bogert became his wife. They have these children: Coe M., Andrew D., William H., Eliza J., Franklin T., John M., Hattie A., Newton C. and Vinnie M. Mr. and Mrs. Smith rank high in the community in which they reside.

Alex. Trambly is a native of the Dominion of Canada, and was born near Montreal on the 27th of June, 1834. He is a son of Eli Trambly, of Canada, whose parents were natives of France. Mr. Trambly spent his youth in Montreal, and in 1851 went to western Canada, coming in 1863 to the United States. He located in Napoleon, Ohio, and at the end of a year removed to Carryall township, Paulding county, where he has since resided, an honored citizen. His marriage occurred in Canada in March, 1860, at which time Miss Margaret Lendore became his wife. She is the daughter of Christopher and Mary Lendore, of France, and with her husband is a valued member of the Catholic church. Political-

ly, Mr. Trambly is a democrat, though not a seeker for office in any sense of the word. He is a good citizen and enjoys the respect of those with whom he comes in contact.

George W. Tustison is a native of the state of Indiana, and was born in DeKalb county on the 22nd of February, 1849. Sebastian and Anna (Allen) Tustison are his parents, and they are descended from English and Danish ancestry. Mr. Tustison spent his boyhood years upon the homestead farm and received his education in the schools of the neighborhood. He was united in marriage in Defiance county, Ohio, on the 17th day of February, 1880, to Miss Lucinda Keener, a native of Crawford county. Mrs. Tustison was born November 2, 1849, and her parents are William and Nancy A. (Porterfield) Keener, of German and Scotch-Irish parentage. One child named Mabel G. Tustison has been born to bless this happy union. Politically Mr. Tustison affiliates with the democratic party, and fraternally he is a member of the I. O. O. F. of Hicksville, Ohio. He located in Paulding county in 1881, and is highly respected as an expert agriculturist and a good citizen.

B. J. White, general manager of the Antwerp stave company, is a native of Union county, Ohio, and was born August 14, 1828, the son of Isaac and Jane (Hultz) White. He was educated in the common schools and his early life was spent upon the homestead farm. At the age of twenty-one he learned the harness maker's trade, and subsequently carried on the business in Delaware, Ohio. In 1866 he located in Antwerp and engaged in the same work, which he carried on for eleven years. In
55 1874, in connection with Henry George, Jacob Saylor and M. P. Jacobs, Mr. White purchased the Antwerp stave plant. Millions of dollars have been paid out to the citizens of Paulding county for timber, it being the main industry of the town for a number of years. He purchased the interest of Henry George, the last remaining partner, in 1885. Has also been engaged in the mercantile business for seventeen years. Mr. White has a successful business record. Was married in 1864, and is the father of one daughter, Ione. Politically our subject is a republican.

Francis Zuber was born in Wayne county, Ohio, on the 13th of August 1844, the son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Offalker) Zuber, natives of Switzerland, who came to this country and settled in the above mentioned county. Subsequently they removed to Paulding, locating in Carryall township, where they afterward died. They were the parents of nine children, six of whom are living, namely: John B., Joseph H., Elizabeth, wife of Jacob Wiss; Francis, David and William. The elder Zuber was a carpenter by trade and was engaged in the lumber business in connection with his farm, which is situated where Francis Zuber now resides. In religious belief he was a Catholic, while politically he voted the democratic ticket. Francis Zuber was raised upon the homestead and is self-educated. He enlisted in 1862 in company I, One Hundredth Ohio volunteer infantry, and served for three years. He took part in the battles of Franklin, Nashville, Atlanta, siege of Knoxville and other engagements. At the close of hostilities he returned to Paulding county and engaged in the grocery business at Antwerp for eight years. For two years he followed farming, then entered the grocery traffic for ten years, at the end of which time he returned to his farm, where he has since resided. Politically he is a democrat and fraternally a member of the G. A. R. His marriage to Miss Anna, the daughter of Capt. Emanuel Kauffman, resulted in six children, namely: Benjamin F., Appelis D., Julia R., Blanche A., William H. and John E.

CRANE TOWNSHIP.

Dominick Arend has been a good citizen of Crane township since 1868, and he is the possessor of 186 acres of fine land, which is well under cultivation. He was born in Belgium, Germany, December 19, 1819, the son of Lawrence and Mary Arend, and at the age of nineteen years came to America, where he obtained work as a fireman on the old Mad River railroad. He there attended to the water tanks. This occupation he continued for thirty years, at which time he engaged in farming, and has since been successfully pursuing this occupation. He also kept a boarding house. Mr. Arend was married, in 1850, to Miss Mary Wagoner, the daughter of John and Kate Wagoner, and unto this union were born: Kate, the wife of J. W. Kuebler; Margaret, the wife of L. Smith; Mary, the wife of T. Duffner; Lizzie, the wife of G. Sly; Anna, the wife of John Rosselit; Rosa, the wife of W. Schiltz; Lawrence, who married Katie Jacob; Pauline, the wife of Frank Bakle; Dominick, Jr., Martin and Peter. Mr. Arend is an aggressive democrat, and while not a seeker for office, is a hard worker for his party. The family are worthy members of the Catholic church, and rank high in the social scale.

Anthony Beugnot, who is a native of France, was born on the 6th day of February, 1838, the sixth of a family of eleven children, the offspring of Francis and Coullsette (Periagout) Beugnot. The parents with eight of their children, among whom was Anthony, came to the United States in 1843, and settled in Starke county, Ohio, where they resided for five years, following the occupation of farming. In 1848 they removed to Indiana, and there purchased forty acres of land which they farmed, our subject staying there until 1858, when he went to Michigan, and was employed in coopering and fishing on Beaver's Island. In 1858, Francis Beugnot the father of Anthony departed this life, and his wife followed him to the grave in 1870, both dying in Allen county, Ind. The second member of the family who came to the United States was Mary, who married John Begue, of Allen county, and is a resident of Fort Wayne. Margaret, the eldest, became the wife of Francis Savouny, and she and her husband lie buried in France. The third in order of birth was John, who was born in 1833. He came to the United States with his father when he was ten years of age, and in after years married a sister of his brother's wife, both now living in New Haven, Ind. In 1882, John Beugnot visited the former home of himself and wife, and is the only one of the family who has ever returned to the native land. August, the fourth member of the family, died in Cecil, in 1879, and another while in infancy, died in France. Anthony, the sixth child, and now a prosperous resident of Cecil, carried on the business of stave manufacturing for thirteen years in his adopted town, carried on farming, and is at present the owner of a saw mill situated on section 36, Crane township. On August 30, 1859, he joined his lot in life with a young lady of French lineage, and on the 9th day of August, 1860, a daughter, now the wife of John Schaab, was born to them. Anthony Beugnot, who was brought up in the Roman Catholic faith, is a member of that church, while in politics he affiliates with the democratic party. His sister Jane, the seventh child, died in Allen county, in 1854, at the age of thirteen years, while the two following expired in France. Charles, who is married, is now living in Georgia, while Paul who was born in Starke county, in 1845, departed this life in Allen county, Ind., in 1889. The Beugnot brothers are pioneers in the manufacture of staves, having built the stave factory in Allen county, and the one in Paulding county, Ohio. They commenced on a small scale, enlarging their traffic from time to time, until it reached large proportions, and the receipts were from $30,000 to $35,000 per year. The company owns 722 acres of land in the county, of which 300 acres are improved. The Fort Wayne factory was erected in 1870, and eight years later was removed to its present site. In 1881, J. A. Schaab became a partner in the concern which, on October 16, 1890, was sold. J. B. Beugnot, who has been the treasurer of Cecil, is a democrat in politics.

Percival C. Bishop was born in Ontario, N. Y., September 12, 1842, the son of Reuben and Mary Elizabeth (Cooper) Bishop. He received a good education in the common schools of the neighborhood and early choose farming as his life-work. In the spring of 1861, at the call for volunteers, Mr. Bishop became a member of company A, Twenty-first regiment of Ohio volunteer infantry, and served for three months, at which time he was discharged. Re-enlisting in September, 1864, he took part in the battles of Columbia, Spring Hill and Franklin. While at Ft. Negley, Nashville, his hearing became impaired and he now draws a pension for disabilities received while in the army. Returning to his home in Wood county he remained there until 1879, when he went to Allen county, Ind. In 1885 he purchased the property in Crane township upon which he now resides, and has his land in good condition. December 9, 1865, Mr. Bishop was married to Miss Sarah E. Wikle, the daughter of Andrew and Elizabeth (Lawrence) Wikle, of German parentage, and these children have blessed their home: Elmore L., Samuel C., John H., Earl O., Orin E. and Sarah E. (deceased). Politically our subject is a republican and has held the office of clerk of Wood county. He has held the minor school offices in his township and fraternally belongs to the G. A. R. post. The entire family is held in high esteem in the community, both for its success in financial matters and for its probity and uprightness in living.

Lewis Chaney, farmer, was born in Clermont county, Ohio, August 6, 1826, the son of Thomas and Chloe (Schooly) Chaney, of German and Irish extraction. Upon reaching his majority, Mr. Chaney began life for

himself, and in 1850 came to Paulding county and located in Crane township, where he has since made his home. He has eighty acres of land well under cultivation, it having been in the wilderness at the time of his purchase. He is familiar with all the privations of pioneer life, and has become, through years of practice, an expert agriculturist. Mr. Chaney was married on the 12th of April, 1858, to Miss Lucetta, the daughter of James Durham, and these children have been born to them, namely: Laura A. (deceased), William R. (deceased), Thomas L., Chloe, wife of Samuel Miller, and Marshall B. Mrs. Chaney is a member of the Methodist church, in which organization she is an active worker.

Thomas B. Chaney, born in Crane township December 24, 1854, is the son of John L. and Emily (Harris) Chaney, natives of Clermont county, and of Scotch-Irish descent. Mr. Chaney was reared upon the farm, which vocation he has followed, and in 1889 purchased his present home of eighty acres of fine land, thirty-five of which are improved. He owns fine horses and is a lover of good stock. Miss Mary E. Chaney became his wife on the 5th of October, 1878, and two children have blessed their home. They are Ira J. and Hazel May. Mrs. Chaney is the daughter of Seth and Sarah (Meek) Chaney, and she was born August 4, 1857. Politically, our subject is an adherent to the principles of democracy, and stands well in the community.

Thomas Chester, ex-commissioner of Paulding county and a retired farmer, was born in Northamptonshire, England, on the 14th of February, 1822. He is the youngest of six children, four sons and two daughters, born to William and Hannah (Martin) Chester, both natives of England. The father, who was a wagon-maker by trade, was apprenticed when young at wheelwrighting and the carpenter's trade. As he had received but a limited education he started in life a young boy with nothing but his profession. He was small of stature, but strong and hardy, and the active life he began in boyhood was followed throughout in the county of Northamptonshire, where he died in the sixty-sixth year of his age. He married while young, and his wife, a member of good standing in the Episcopal church, preceded him to the grave. They reared five children (two of whom still survive) to manhood and womanhood, and named them William (deceased), John (deceased), Sarah, now Mrs. George Hutchins; Jane (deceased), and Thomas. Thomas Chester grew to manhood in his native county, receiving a limited education, his training prior to nine years of age having been received in the Sabbath school. He began working out as a farm hand, one and two years at a time, and later labored for ten years at £9 annually and his board. His wages increasing, he remained as a farmhand until after his marriage, which took place in October, 1850, when Miss Elizabeth Hale became his wife. She was the daughter of John and Sarah Hale, and her birth occurred January 5, 1816. Soon after his marriage Mr. Chester started for America, boarded the ship Ticonderoga at Liverpool, and started on a voyage which lasted four weeks. He and his brother landed in New York in April, 1851, thence went to Cleveland, Ohio, locating in Lorain county, where they soon found work on a farm. Thomas Chester concluded that he could make a good living in this country, so he sent for his wife and daughter, Jane, who was born on July 9, 1851, and they, accompanied by his sister, Sarah, now Mrs. Hutchins, arrived in October, the same year. They resided with their employer's family for nearly twelve months, when, with his limited means, Mr. Chester removed his family to Paulding county in November, 1852, and in January of the next year he and his brother entered forty acres of land on which he now lives. They erected the rude cabin familiar to all pioneers, and experienced the hardships belonging to the people who, in years gone by, worked so hard to make a home for those dear to them. They toiled early and late in clearing the farm, and the roads of the vicinity were, with the help of others, made by them. Working together for eight years they made fair improvements, and purchased eighty more acres adjoining their first land. At the end of this time they divided equally with one another. Mr. Chester has continued to reside here ever since, and at the present time has a farm well improved, which contains 460 acres of land. On arriving in this county he had but $160 of his own, but by energy and good judgment, which has characterized his subsequent life, he has become the progressive and successful man he now is. As a benevolent man he is always ready to encourage home enterprises, and is an ardent supporter of the public school. He was, in 1876, elected as a republican to the office of county commissioner. He was holding office at the time when the court house and county infirmary were being built, and gave eminent satisfaction. As township trustee and treasurer he aided the people of his township for seven and two years respectively. Thomas Chester became the father of three children, named Jane, who was born in England, July 9, 1851; Sarah, born December 30, 1856, and John H., born June 12, 1858, and at present in charge of the home farm. Mrs. Chester departed this life January 20, 1878, having been a member of the Wesleyan Methodist church in England, and becoming a member with her husband of the Methodist Episcopal church in this country. Mr. Chester's services as county commissioner extended through four terms, having been elected in 1876, 1879, 1885 and 1888.

Alexander Cromley, one of the thriving business men of Cecil, is a native of Ohio, born in Defiance county, January 16, 1865, a younger brother of George Cromley, mentioned elsewhere in this work. Mr. Cromley engaged in farming and teaming at the age of eighteen years, and is one of the young and energetic men of the community in which he resides. On the 17th of October, 1888, he was united in marriage to Nancy Askins, who was born July 24, 1864. She is the daughter of Thomas and Rebecca (Funk) Askins, of Putnam county, and German and Irish extraction. In 1889 Mr. Cromley erected a large and modernized livery barn in Cecil, where he has on hand a fine supply of horses and carriages and everything found in a first-class establishment. He is a pushing young man, deservedly esteemed wherever known.

Levi Dysinger, a worthy farmer of Defiance county, was born in Seneca county, N. Y., June 29, 1830, the son of Jacob and Christina (Long) Dysinger, of German lineage. After acquiring an education, Levi Dysinger, at the age of twenty-one years, entered a business life. He engaged in general labor and worked by the day and job until February 13, 1859, when he was united in wedlock to Miss Harriet, the daughter of Lewis and Elizabeth (Gordon) Platter. Mrs. Dysinger, who was born in 1836, became the mother of one child named Clinton O. Dysinger. They adopted a daughter of John and Mary Crozer, by name Lillie A. Mr. Dysinger located his property in Defiance county in 1852, and has eighty acres of fine land well improved; also forty acres in Paulding county. In February, 1865, he enlisted in company A, One Hundredth and Eighty-ninth Ohio volunteer infantry, for one year, and after serving faithfully his term of enlistment, received an honorable discharge in September, 1865, at Columbus, although he was mustered out of the service at Nashville. As a republican, Mr. Dysinger is devoted to his party's interests and held the office of assessor of Mark township, Defiance county. He is a liberal contributor to all public enterprises and is one of the progressive men of his community.

John Fox, the genial section foreman on section 29 of the C., J. & M. R. R., was born in the town of Culmulling, Province of Leinster, County of Meath, Ireland, April 24, 1838. He is the son of Thomas and Anna (Duffy) Fox of the Emerald Isle. John Fox, at the age of twenty-seven, came to America and located in Newburg, N. Y., holding the position of private watchman for A. T. Stewart for a period of four years. After leaving New York and laboring around, he began work on a section in 1874 at Loveland, Ohio, becoming the foreman. From there he went to Deshler, being the section foreman on the D. & M. R. R., where he remained for six months. He then removed to Perrysburg, where he stayed for twenty-four years, at the end of that time going to Dupont, spending five months at the latter place. He again moved, this time to Daughins, Ind., where he lived for five years and one month. At last, in 1889, he came to Cecil and has held the position as section foreman here ever since. Mr. Fox is a practical railroad man, and the condition of section 29, on C. J. & M. R. R., speaks of his handiwork, and the time that he remains with a company shows his popularity and the confidence imposed in him. Miss Maria Herbert, a native of Ireland and the daughter of George Herbert, became his wife on November 11, 1869, and two children, now deceased, were born to them. Mrs. Fox died in 1871. In 1873, Mr. Fox married Miss Maria, the daughter of Thomas Flynn of Ireland These are their children: Thomas (deceased), Thomas S., telegraph operator, Margaret and Mary.

Melvin Fuller, a prosperous citizen of Paulding county, Ohio, is a native of Chautauqua county, N. Y., and was born in Ellington township, October 19, 1855, the son of Aaron and Axie (Lincoln) Fuller, whose ancestors were natives of England. Melvin Fuller located in his adopted county on the 1st day of December, 1880, and engaged in day labor in Paulding Center. His marriage took place on July 4, 1881, his bride being Mrs. Mary E. Means, the daughter of John and Hettie (Moore) Loar, of Swedish and French extraction. She was the widow of William Means, who died in 1877, leaving a son called Eugene to the care of his mother. Beside this son, they have adopted a child named Lewis V. Mr. Fuller is a republican in politics. Religiously he and his wife affiliate with the Methodist church. Mrs. Fuller, who is a lady favorably known, owns forty-three and one-half acres of good land. Melvin Fuller is regarded as one of the leading farmers of his township, and is generally esteemed.

D. Guerin.—One of the leading merchants of Cecil, Ohio, is D. Guerin,

dealer in general merchandise. He is a native of Canada, born in Montreal, February 1, 1843, the son of Amoab and Sophia (Montreslia) Guerin, of Canada. Mr. Guerin commenced a business life when but eighteen years of age. In 1862 he immigrated to the United States and located in Defiance county, where he embarked in the timber business. For four years he remained here and then removed to Crane township, where for eight years he worked with the Furnace company. At the expiration of this time he went to Cecil and entered an active business life, which he has since followed. Mr. Guerin is an energetic and intelligent man, and by his obliging manners he has won for himself a large and lucrative patronage. His marriage to Miss Eliza S. Andrews, the daughter of Israel and Mary (Blanchflower) Andrews, was solemnized on the 28th day of September, 1864, and they are the parents of Joseph, Israel, William D., Mary G. (deceased), Ernest C., Adelia, Frank, Freddie (deceased), Georgia and Mitchell. The family are earnest members of the Roman Catholic church at Cecil, and politically Mr. Guerin is a believer in the principles of the democratic party. He is highly esteemed and recognized as a worthy citizen of the town in which he and his family reside.

George W. Horn, a leading farmer of Crane township, was born in Tuscarawas county, Ohio, January 22, 1843. His parents were Moses and Verlinda (Grear) Horn, of German and English parentage. They gave their son a common school education, and he remained at home with them until, at the age of twenty-one, he began life for himself. On the 18th of October, 1861, he enlisted in company F, Thirty-first Ohio volunteer infantry, for three years, and was a participant in many battles. He was disabled at Nashville, Tenn., in a railroad accident and is now receiving a pension for injuries received. He was discharged in October, 1864, but re-enlisting for another year, he was made a member of company B, One Hundred and Eighty-fourth regiment Ohio volunteer infantry. At the close of the war he returned to this county and has since resided in Crane township. His marriage to Miss Amanda Onstott was solemnized

in April, 1866, and their children are Sarah, wife of R. E. Oaks; Susie, wife of John Hench; Nancy, Wallie (deceased), Lois, Howard and Elwood. Mrs. Horn is a daughter of Samuel and Sarah (Reed) Onstott, of German extraction. Mr. Horn is a republican and has always been a hard worker for his party. Fraternally he is a member of the G. A. R. post, and is a man who commands the respect of the community in which he resides.

Andre L. Hughes is a native of Crane township, Paulding county, and was born September 8, 1828, a son of Henry and Nancy (Thomas) Hughes. At the age of twenty-one years, Mr. Hughes, after receiving a good education, embarked in farming, which he has since followed. He entered the army August 26, 1861, in company G, Fourteenth regiment Ohio volunteer infantry, and served eighteen months and three days, at which time he received his discharge. Mr. Hughes espoused Miss Elizabeth, the daughter of David Masters, on the 11th of November, 1853, and one child, Albert W., was the issue of the marriage. Mrs. Hughes died in June, 1855, and on February 14, 1864, Mrs. Savannah, the widow of John Reed and the daughter of Isaac and Elizabeth (Woodcock) Place, became his second wife. The children born of this marriage are Cynthia, Duane, George, Nancy (deceased), Horton (deceased), Lawrence (deceased), Margaret (deceased), Samuel (deceased), and John (deceased.) Mr. Hughes, who was formerly a whig, joined the ranks of the republican party at its organization. He has held the office of justice of the peace for three years and that of constable for twenty-five years. In 1863 he was captain of company F, Home guards, Crane township, and since then he has held different positions, among them being those relating to school matters. Mr. Hughes is a pensioner, a member of the G. A. R. and of the Patrons of Industry. He is one of the prosperous and intelligent agriculturists in the community in which he lives, and the entire family is respected and esteemed for its success and uprightness.

George Hutchins, a retired agriculturist of Paulding county, Ohio, first saw the light near Sittingbourn, Kent county, England, on the 14th day of November, 1821. His parents, who were James and Mary (Swan) Hutchins, both died in England. After acquiring his education in his native land, George Hutchins, in 1851, came to America and located in Cuyahoga county, Ohio, thence in 1853 to Paulding county, when he located on the farm where he now resides. It was at that time nothing but a dense forest and he could hear the wolves at night, while deer, bear, turkeys and pheasants were very plentiful. From this wilderness he has obtained a fine farm of one hundred ninety-five and a half acres of land where, in the evening of life, he is surrounded by his family and friends, and enjoys the esteem of the community. His marriage to Miss Sarah Chester, who was born March 8, 1814, took place December 10, 1853. They adopted their nephew, Albert, son of Charles and Elizabeth (Spendle) Hutchins, his birth having occurred October 6, 1859. His nephew's eldest child, Elizabeth by name, and born April 16, 1881, has resided with Mr. and Mrs. Hutchins since she was nine months of age, her father taking care of the farm on which our subject lives. George Hutchins in politics votes the republican ticket, while the Methodist church holds the religious creed of the family. They enjoy the confidence of their fellow-townsmen.

Frederick Inselmann, a well known tiller of the soil of Paulding county, is a native of the province of Hanover, Germany, and dates his birth from October 1, 1843. He is the son of Conrad and Elizabeth (Heines) Inselmann. After receiving a common school education, Frederick Inselmann came to America in 1870, and for four years was engaged in a factory and freight depot of New York. In 1874 he returned to the land of his nativity, and while there collected some money which was due him. In the same year he returned to Ohio and purchased sixty acres of land in Auglaize township, Paulding county. In 1877 Miss Clara Pracht became his wife, and in November of the same year he was called upon to mourn the death of the lady he had married but so short a time before. He again married on July 24th, 1885, and he and his wife are members of the Lutheran church. Politically Mr. Inselmann is of the democratic faith. In business life he makes a specialty of raising fine cattle, and is one of the leading citizens in the community where he resides.

Benjamin B. Jackson, a prominent farmer and justice of the peace of Crane township, Paulding county, Ohio, was born in western Virginia, February 26, 1821, the son of William and Hannah (Bennett) Jackson, the former a native of New Jersey and the latter of Virginia. When but eight years of age, Benjamin B. Jackson was taken to Warren county by his parents, where he grew up on the farm and received a common school education. He married, in 1840, Miss Elizabeth J., the daughter of Robert Champion, of Clermont county, Ohio, and to them have been born eleven children, six of whom are now living. They are Andrew C., a widower residing in Paulding; Martha C., the wife of George Banks, a resident of Antwerp; Sarah, the wife of Theodore W. Hanschild, of Washington state; William B., married and living in Paulding; Stephen O., of Crane township, and B. B., Jr., now dwelling in Chicago. Benjamin B. Jackson, in 1848, removed to Crane township and settled on the farm he owns and now occupies. In answer to his country's call, he enlisted on the 26th of August, 1861, and was assigned to the Third division of the Fourteenth army corps, being sent to Kentucky. He took part in the battles of Mission Ridge, participated in skirmishes at Wild Cat and Mill Springs under Gen. Thomas, was with Sherman in his march to the sea, and for four months was fighting continually. Fraternally, he is a master Mason in good standing, and a member of Antwerp lodge. He was called upon to act as justice of the peace in the fall of 1889, being elected for a three years' term.

Peter Lalone, a progressive agriculturist of Paulding county, Ohio, was born in upper Canada, March 14, 1828, and is the son of Elick and Margaret (Brey) Lalone, the former of whom died in 1867, and the latter in December, 1887. At the age of twenty-two years, Peter Lalone started out on a business life, following the occupation of the farmer. He was united in matrimony on February 7, 1850, to Miss Amelia, the daughter of Peter and Amelia Dorae, of Canada, and unto this happy union these children have been born and named as follows: Amelia, the wife of C. Schambeau; Harriet, the wife of O. Jareau; Martinie, wife of H. Wiswold; Caroline, wife of F. Julian; Peter, Maggie, the wife of B. Gibson; Elick (deceased), Virginia (deceased), Nola and Anna. Mr. Lalone came to the States with his family in 1862 and located on the banks of the old Wabash canal, where he engaged in the cutting of ship timber for three years. He then purchased the farm where he now resides, it being dense woodland at the time he procured it, and has since beautified it into the pleasant home he and his family now occcpy. They are devout members of the Catholic church, while Mr. Lalone is a member of the democratic party. The family enjoys the good will of its circle of acquaintances.

John Landis, a prosperous farmer of Cecil, Paulding county, was born in Montgomery county, Ohio, on the 20th day of October, 1824, being the son of David and Mary (Sowers) Landis, both natives of Pennsylvania. David Landis was born in 1800, and settled in the state of Ohio in 1820. Here he and his wife reared a family of eight children, namely: Nathan M., Maria, John, Absalom, Lucinda, Sarah, Josiah, now a resident of San Diego, Cal., and Harriet. Of these children, five are now living and reside in the United States. John Landis, who is of German descent, was the eldest of three brothers who came to this country. On November 4, 1849, he married Miss Sarah Gordon, of Crane township, Paulding county, Ohio, and unto this union were born six children, three of whom survive: Jerome, Samuel, who is married and living in

Paulding, and Emma. The parents of Mrs. Landis were among the early settlers of Paulding county, having come to the county in the year 1824. John Landis has followed farming for a livelihood, and in this calling has been successful.

James F. Latimore, one among the oldest and highly respected residents of Crane township, was born in Licking county, Ohio, October 3, 1820, the son of John and Violetta (Curtis) Latimore. He settled in Paulding county in 1843 and engaged in clerking and farming. He has endured all the privations of pioneer life, and in the early days subsisted mostly on the game which was to be found in the woods of Paulding county. On the 25th of February, 1849, Miss Rachel A. Burwell, born June 18, 1827, became the wife of Mr. Latimore, and she has proved a worthy companion to him. She is the daughter of Ephraim and Sarah (Mapes) Burwell, and by her marriage became the mother of Ella, wife of A. Woodward; Medora, wife of William C. Flagg; Lavinia, wife of Victor Barnes; Albert, who married Miss Anna Mannes; Charles, deceased, and Ida, wife of G. T. Hazlit. On May 15, 1864, Mr. Latimore enlisted in company A, One Hundred and Thirty-second Ohio National Guard, and received his discharge September 10, 1864; then, in 1865, he served in Pioneer corps, near Nashville, until close of war. He had a brother who died from wounds received in the service. The father of Mrs. Latimore was the founder of Hicksville, which he named and aided in developing. Our subject has been an active republican, and as such has held the office of township treasurer one year, and clerk one or two years. He was assessor for one year, and for fourteen years acted as justice of the peace. He has now retired from active life and approaches its evening with the satisfaction of knowing that he has so conducted himself as to deserve and receive the esteem of those who know him best. At present he is residing upon a small farm in Crane township, where, with his estimable wife, he dispenses hospitality to his many friends.

William Lewis, a native of Warren county, Ohio, and a prominent citizen of Paulding county, was born March 18, 1836, the son of John and Sarah (Thatcher) Lewis, of New Jersey. Their deaths occurred in Warren county. Receiving a common school education, William Lewis resided with his parents until twenty-six years of age, when he was united in marriage with Miss Hannah J., the daughter of James and Caroline (Stokes) Graham, of New Jersey, of Irish-American extraction. Mrs. Lewis was born in Warren county, Ohio, in 1843, and by her marriage with William Lewis, became the mother of eight children, whose names are as follows: Elva, the wife of John Cole; Caroline, wife of C. Drake; Anna, wife of Edgar Fry; David T., James, John, Mary and Jennie. She was a member of the Christian church, near Greenville, and died in 1879. Mr. Lewis again married on June 15, 1881, when Zora Stevens, the daughter of John and Rebecca (Woods) Woods became his wife. Three children were the result of this marriage: Albert and Elbert (twins) and Harrison. The family are members of the Christian church and enjoy social popularity. Mr. Lewis, who is a republican, is the possessor of forty acres of land, of which twenty-five are cleared.

Levi Lichty was born in Pennsylvania, April 27, 1844, the son of Christian and Annie (Layman) Lichty, natives respectively of Pennsylvania and Maryland. Mr. Lichty, Sr., died in 1863, and his wife followed him to the grave, dying in 1888. Our subject received a common education, and in 1861, enlisted in Company G, Fourteenth regiment, Ohio volunuteer infantry, for three years' service. He was a participant in the battles of Chickamauga, Mission Ridge, Jonesborough, and was with Sherman on his march to the sea. At the first named battle he was wounded in the right thigh, and was an inmate of the hospital at Nashville, for five weeks. At the expiration of his term of service, Mr. Lichty re-enlisted and received his final discharge at Louisville, Ky. Returning home, he managed the home farm for two years and then removed to Paulding county, where he worked for the furnace company in the position of fireman. In 1876 he severed his connection with this firm and purchased the farm upon which he now lives. In August, 1868, he was wedded to Miss Emma A. Drury, of Holland, and one child, named William H., blessed their union. Mrs. Lichty departed this life in 1869, and in 1871 Mr. Lichty took, as his second wife, Catherine Price. The children born of this union are Emma A., Jilma, Bertie, Rettie, James A. and Ruby L. Mr. Lichty is a pensioner and a member of the G. A. R. post, of Cecil, of which he is commander. He is one of the leading republicans in his county and township, and has held the office of trustee for one year. He was also a member of the school board, upon which he served three years.

Peter A. Locy is a representative agriculturist of Crane township, and was born in Wood county, Ohio, September 23, 1850. His parents were Peter and Jane (Anderson) Locy, both deceased. Mr. Locy remained at home with his parents until their deaths, at which time he entered upon the life of the farmer. He located in this county in 1882 upon the farm where he now resides, which is composed of eighty acres of fine land. This represents his hard work, and is a credit to him. Mr. Locy was united in marriage with Miss Harriet M. Travis, the daughter of Samuel and Susanna (David) Travis, in April, 1872, and the union has resulted in the birth of nine children, named as follows: Eva J., wife of John Stryker; Clayton B., Myrtie (deceased), Anna (deceased), Charles P. (deceased), Della, Grace, Roscoe and William. The family are members of the United Brethren church, in which the father has held the principal church offices. To those in need he is generous, and by his charity he has endeared himself to all who know him.

John S. McCaskey is one of the enterprising citizens of this county, who located in Crane township in 1874. He was born in Wayne county, January 18, 1831, the son of Mathew McCaskey. He early chose farming as an occupation, and at the age of twenty-one began life for himself. He was married June 30, 1859, to Miss Mary E., the daughter of John and Susanne (Graham) Cornell, who was born November 23, 1841. As a result of the union, Charles (deceased), John O., William M. and Mary R. (twins), were born. The family are members of the Methodist church. Mr. McCaskey is an aggressive republican, and a leader in his party. He located in Paulding county in 1874, and chose Crane township as a site for his farm, which is one of the well cultivated pieces of land in the county. He is one of the benevolent and progressive men of his township.

Mrs. Margaret McCormick, the widow of George McCormick, who departed this life May 16, 1880, was born in Germany February 13, 1832. In 1841, at the age of nine years, she came to this country, and located in Independence, Henry county, Ohio, where her father died. In 1853 her marriage to George McCormick was consummated, and eight children came to bless this union: Georgiana, the wife of F. Simpson; Sobrina, wife of A. B. Collins; Nettie, who is married to Robert Gray; George, May (deceased), Viola, wife of F. B. Goring; Iola and Charley (twins). Mr. McCormick was one of the self-made men of Paulding county, where he had made for himself and family a good home, and was a thorough business man, highly esteemed for his integrity and honor. In his death one of the prominent citizens of the county was taken, and a place was made vacant in the ranks of those who have the county's welfare at heart. His wife, who survives him, is a member of the Presbyterian church.

Barney McGaharan, a highly respected farmer of Paulding county and a brother of Terence McGarahan mentioned elsewhere in this volume, was born in Ireland, August 14, 1830. In 1849 he came to this country when but nineteen years of age and located in Brooklyn, N. Y. He engaged in day work at the stage stables and remained busy with his work for four years. He then removed to Toledo, Ohio, where he drove a team for two years. At the end of this time he located in Crane township, Paulding county, Ohio, and in 1861 purchased the farm which he now owns. The farm is composed of eighty acres of fine land, thirty acres of which are improved. Mr. McGaharan has always been a loyal democrat and has held the minor township offices, that of the trustee being among them. He served the people in the latter position with credit to himself and satisfaction to all for a term of one year.

Terence McGaharan.—One of the leading farmers of Paulding county, Ohio, is Terence McGaharan, who first saw the light in County Cavin, Ireland on the 12th day of February, 1838. His parents, who were also natives of the Emerald Isle, were Edward and Anna (McVenia) McGaharan. Edward McGaharan departed this life in his native land, and his wife, the mother of our subject, still survives, making her home with her son John of Crane township. Terence McGaharan came to America in company with his brother Patrick in the year 1857 and located in Pottsville, Pa. He made this mining town his home for two years, being engaged in the coal works, as he was a miner by trade, and then emigrated to Pittsburg, Pa., and remained there three years. At the end of this time, in 1861, he removed to Crane township, Paulding county, where he has since resided. His marriage to Miss Eliza, the daughter of William Feenay, took place in June, 1872, and Mary A., the wife of J. Guerin and and Ellen are the children born to them. Mrs. McGaharan died in October, 1875, and Mr. McGaharan was afterward married to Mrs. Elizabeth McNamara, whose death occurred in 1879. He was again married in October, 1886, to Adaline Julian, and is the father of three children named: Elizabeth, Stephen (deceased) and John. In politics he is a strong adherent to the principles of the democratic party, while religiously he and his family are devout Catholics.

George F. Metzger, an enterprising agriculturist of Paulding county, was born in Wood county, Ohio, August 5, 1862, the son of Lewis and

Mary A. (Reninger) Metzger. The father and mother were natives of Germany, and emigrated to America in 1841, locating in Medina county, Ohio. Subsequently they removed to Wood county, the same state, where the father, who was a farmer by occupation, engaged in the pursuit of his profession. They were the parents of seven children, namely: John, Charles, George, Henry, Edward, Caroline and Ellen. George F. Metzger, at the age of twenty-two years, engaged in farming for himself, continuing the same for one year, at which time he went and worked for his father. Here he remained, assisting his parent until he reached his twenty-fourth birthday, when he began work on the B. & O. R. R., getting out timber for the company for two years. He then came to Paulding county, where he purchased eighty acres of land in the woods, and began the process of clearing the same. Mr. Metzger took for his life partner, on November 26, 1889, Miss Mary, the daughter of John and Ellen (Fitzsimmons) Carrigan. One son, named John, resulted from this happy union. The family are earnest communicants of the Catholic church, and the husband and father is a supporter of the democratic party.

J. W. Meyer, a representative farmer of Paulding county, was born in Germany, May 27th, 1852, the son of John and Catherine (Shaale) Meyer. John Meyer brought his family to America in 1868, and located in Defiance county. His death occurred in the year 1885, and the mother makes her home with her sons. After coming from the old country, J. W. Meyer and his brother followed their trade, the former having earned his livelihood since his fifteenth year, and placing himself in a comfortable position. He took for his life partner Miss Sophia, the daughter of Mrs. Sophia (Miller) Bade, and unto this union two children, named John Henry and John William, were born. Mr. Meyer, who is quite a politician, adheres to the principles of the democratic party. Religiously, he and his wife are valued members of the Lutheran church. His success in life is well deserved, and his popularity in the community is fully attested by the number of fellow-citizens who call him friend.

J. H. W. Meyer was born in Hanover, near Bremen, Germany, on the first of June, 1841. He is a son of Detrick and Dora Meyer, the former of whom died in Germany. The mother came to America in 1865, being preceded by her son, J. H. Meyer, who came in 1861. He located in Henry county and there remained on a farm for five years, when he removed to Defiance, where for eighteen years he was engaged in farming. At the end of this time he came to Paulding county and located in Crane township on the farm where he now resides. He owns 200 acres of land, sixty of which are improved. He was united in marriage on September 25, 1867, to Ida, a daughter of John Rimer, and the union resulted in the birth of Frederick, Henry, Bertha, Sophia, Willie, Thaga and Julia. Mrs. Meyer came from Mecklenburg, Germany, where she was born March 18, 1846. With her mother she came to America in 1867, her father having died in the old country. Mr. and Mrs. Meyer are members of the Lutheran church, and have many friends and acquaintances who wish them well.

James Morley, a prominent dealer in and breeder of fine cattle and horses, was born near London in England on June the 1st, 1849. At the early age of one month he was brought by his parents to this country. His father and mother, James and Ann (Adam) Morley, were natives of England. In 1834 James Morley, Sr., came to America and worked in Richland county one year, and in the summer of 1835 he removed to Toledo, and worked on the canal. In the winter he sawed the lumber with which the first warehouse in Toledo was built; remained there for six years and then returned to his native land, where he married Miss Ann Adam. Returning to America in 1849 he located in Monroeville, Richland county, Ohio, and there he remained for four years, removing to Paulding county in 1853. There he settled and made his home, following ditching, farming and timbering. He became the father of six children, whose names are as follows: James, William, Adam, Maria A. (deceased), Mary M., wife of H. Howey, and Hannah A., who is the wife of James Smith. His death occurred in 1873, and the mother, who still survives, is a resident of Paulding county. James Morley, Jr., at the age of nineteen, bought his freedom, paying, as its price, $100 per year. He engaged in handling timber, and thus laid the foundation of his present prosperity. On the 28th of May, 1870, his marriage to Miss Caroline, daughter of Jacob and Hannah (Gay) Baker, of English and German descent, was solemnized, and unto their union these children were born: Hannah E., wife of A. Murphy; Mary A., Clarissa, James H. (deceased), David A., Laura E., Lucy A. and Alice. Mr. Morley is a republican, although he believes in voting more for the man than the party. He has held the minor township offices, and is one of the most progressive and successful citizens of the county.

William Morris is one of the representative farmers of Crane township and was born in Sandusky county, April 26, 1830, the son of William and Dorcas A. (Nelson) Morris. Mr. Morris was twenty years of age when he engaged in general labor on the railroad. He married on the 29th of October, 1854, Miss Ellen Blackburn, the daughter of William and May Blackburn of German origin, and the union resulted in the birth of Alva, Page W., Etta, Sherman, Jennie and Jessie Morris. At the outbreak of the late war, Mr. Morris entered the United States service as a member of company A, One hundred and Forty-fourth regiment Ohio volunteer infantry, for the 100 days' service. He was a participant in several skirmishes and was discharged at Camp Chase, Ohio, in August, 1864. Politically he is a republican; he is a pensioner, and a man universally respected by the people of his township.

W. A. Phillips was born in Knox county, Ohio, March 22, 1838, the son of Richard and Sarah (Beeny) Phillips, both deceased. They were natives of Sussex, Eng., came to America in 1820 and located in Knox county, where they died. Mr. Phillips, our subject, began at the age of twenty years to teach school in Sandusky county, where he remained during one term, and thence to Morrow county, for the same length of time. He enlisted in company G, Twentieth Ohio volunteer infantry, for three years and took part in the battles of Fort Donelson, Shiloh and Bolivar, Tenn. At the latter place he was made a prisoner and taken to Jackson, where he was confined one month and sent to Vicksburg. Returning to Bolivar he went to Corinth and was with Gen. Grant at Vicksburg. After severe fighting, Mr. Phillips returned home on a furlough, and after twenty days joined his regiment at Cairo, Ill. He was with Gen. Sherman and participated in the engagements around Atlanta. September 26, 1864, Mr. Phillips was honorably discharged and returning home he took up his vocation of teaching. He attended Eastman's business college for four months and then resumed his profession. Mr. Phillips was married January 22, 1867, to Miss Almeda A., the daughter of Winship and Martha (Ball) Nye, of German extraction. Seven children named Allena B., Clyde, Lulu Edith, William (deceased), Walter, Gracie and Nina have blessed the union. Mr. Phillips has held the offices of clerk and assessor for two years, was appointed trustee and for three years was the justice of the peace. These positions he filled with satisfaction to the people and credit to himself. He has been a respected resident of this county since 1872, in which year he moved to Crane township.

Russell Randolph, justice of the peace and notary public of Crane township, was born in Mahoning county, October 28, 1846, the son of Davis and Caroline (Russell) Randolph, of Ohio. The paternal grandfather, John Randolph, was a native of Virginia, of Scotch descent. Davis Randolph, the father of our subject, resided for fifty-eight years in Mahoning county and served as justice of the peace twenty-six years. Russell Randolph was reared upon the farm and received his education at the Girard high school. When but sixteen years of age he became a member of company E, Twelfth regiment Ohio volunteer cavalry, and was assigned to the Fourteenth army corps. He was in active service in Atlanta, Ga., and Tennessee, and with his regiment liberated a large number of Union men who were under guard. With but a slight attack of illness Mr. Randolph kept in good health during his service and answered roll call on every occasion. His brother, J. C. Randolph, enlisted at the same time forthree years and a younger brother entered the service for one year at a later date. These patriotic brothers received honorable discharges at Nashville, our subject having been promoted to the position of corporal in 1864. Returning to his native county, he attended schools in the winter season and worked on the farm during the summers. He clerked in a grocery store in 1869, and late in the fall resigned his position and came to Paulding, where he taught three terms of school. He then accepted a position in the general merchandise store of Evan Rogers & Co., and remained with them seven years, proving himself an efficient and trustworthy man. He located at Cecil in 1876 and began the general merchandise trade in company with W. H. Robertson, in buying the interest of the latter gentleman. He at once erected a store 22x55, and for eight years continued the business with success. He abandoned the mercantile line and embarked in farming, acting in connection with it as notary and justice of the peace. Mr. Randolph cast his first vote while a soldier for Abraham Lincoln, and has always been an ardent worker for the republican party. He served as township clerk for fourteen consecutive years, and in 1891 was re-elected. He is one of the energetic and progressive business men of his township, and not only as a business man does he rank well, but also as a private citizen who takes great interest in the welfare of his town and county. Mr.

Randolph was united in marriage with Miss Fannie E. McCaskey on the 21st of May, 1874, and their children are Boyd, Charles, Jay and Earl. Mrs. Randolph, a cultured lady, is the daughter of M. O. McCaskey, an early settler of this county. She and her husband are active members of the Presbyterian church. Fraternally Mr. Randolph is a Mason of the third degree in lodge No. 333, of Antwerp, and belongs to the K. of P. and the G. A. R. post of his town.

J. C. Schaab, the son of J. A. and Magdalene Schaab, was born in Knox county, Ohio, on the 3d of July, 1856, the seventh in order of birth of ten children. At the age of twenty-one, he began life for himself in the dry goods and clothing business at Auburn, which he continued for four and one-half years, being successful in his venture. In 1881 he became a partner in the stave manufactory owned by J. B. Beugnot & Bro., continuing as such until the sale of that establishment, which occurred in 1890. On October 21, 1879, he was joined in wedlock to Miss Aline, the daughter of Anthony Buegnot, who is elsewhere mentioned in this book, and three children came to bless this union, named: Henry J. (deceased), Alfred E. and Mary Reina. Mr. Schaab is a democrat, and in all respects enjoys the esteem of his fellow-citizens.

L. J. Shaffer.—The present efficient superintendent of the schools of Cecil, and a member of the board of county examiners, is L. J. Shaffer, a native of Highland county, Ohio, born January 25, 1851. His parents, Joshua and Phebe J. (Daggy) Shaffer, were natives of Ohio and Indiana respectively. The paternal grandfather was John Shaffer, and the maternal ancestor, J. D. Daggy, was a native of Germany, and a minister in the Lutheran church. The subject of this sketch grew to manhood in his native county, and there attended the schools. He worked on the farm, and at the age of nineteen years entered the high school of Hillsborough, for which he had prepared himself, and took only such branches as would be needed in his business life. He attended this school three years, working during the vacations. In 1875, Mr. Shaffer went to Kansas, and there taught and farmed for four years. At the end of this time he sold his farming property, and took a course at the normal school of Valparaiso, Ind., after which he returned to his native state and county, and engaged in teaching and agriculture. In the spring of 1882 he removed to Paulding, and has since been identified with the school work of that and Van Wert county. He was appointed county examiner in the spring of 1891, for a term of three years, and at the present time is superintendent of the schools at Cecil. Mr. Shaffer is a thorough and practical teacher, well informed on the questions of the day. He is a democrat in political views, and belongs to the English Lutheran church. On December 7, 1879, he was united in marriage with Miss Olivia, daughter of Henry and Lucinda J. (Barrow) Smith, natives of Ohio. Mrs. Shaffer was born in Highland county, December 8, 1858, and she became the mother of one child, a son named Lewis Orlando. She died July 5, 1886. During her life she was an active member of the Friends church. Mr. Shaffer is one of the enterprising and progressive young men of the county, and he is highly esteemed by his fellow-citizens.

Andrew V. Simpson, a leading citizen of Paulding county and the son of Andrew and Elizabeth (Williams) Simpson, was born in Ross county, Ohio, near Chillicothe, on the 22nd day of August, 1825. He is descended from Welsh and English ancestors, his mother having been born in Schuylkill county, Penn., and his father in Scotland, where his birth occurred, in 1794. Andrew Simpson, Sr., was fourteen years of age when he came to America. He was one of ten children, named Rebecca A. (deceased), Evan W. (deceased), Hannah W. (deceased), Eliza J., the wife of S. Dowden; Mary (deceased), Ellen (deceased), Shruean (deceased), Eva and Ida (twins, now deceased), and our subject. The father died in December, 1831, while the death of the mother occurred in September, 1848. The former was a whig in politics, and he and his wife were devoted members of the Methodist church. The property on which Andrew V. Simpson; Jr., now resides, was entered by his father from the government in 1825. The family moved to this place in 1826, it then being located in Williams county, and the Indians about their door were many. At the age of nineteen years, Andrew V. Simpson began the battle of life. He engaged in farming in Washington county, Ohio, and later worked at boating and in the tobacco houses for two years. He then purchased land, farmed for a while, worked on the railroad and then in the saw mill. Miss Henrietta, the daughter of Nathan and Betsey (Hartford) Eaton, became his wife on the 18th of December, 1850. Six children were born to them, whose names are as follows: Hiram M., Eliza, the wife of J. Whippert; Arahnel, Mary E., wife of Charles Hull; Edith, wife of O. McCaskey, and Andrew N. (deceased.) In politics Mr. Simpson is a democrat, and has held some of the minor township offices. He was also township trustee for one term. He is the owner of fine horses, and raises chiefly the small grain. Mr. Simpson and family are highly respected in the society in which they move.

F. E. Simpson.—On the 13th day of April, 1854, in Paulding county, Ohio, F. E. Simpson, the son of E. W. and Permelia (Travis) Simpson, of Scotch and German descent, was born. The father, who was a farmer by occupation, died in 1865, and the mother, now the wife of G. C. Armstrong, is a resident of Defiance, Ohio. F. E. Simpson was educated in the common schools of his county, and at the age of twenty-five years engaged in farming and handling timber, at which he has been successful. In 1880 he led to the altar Miss Georgiana, the daughter of George McCormick, who is elsewhere mentioned in this work. Mrs. Simpson is a member in high standing of the Presbyterian church. Her husband, who is the possessor of 540 acres of land, 120 of which are improved and the rest being used for timber and pasture purposes, makes a specialty of the former, and in 1878 erected on his land a saw mill of forty-horse power. He is one of the enterprising and progressive men of the county.

Edward Spiess, a progressive young farmer of Paulding county, Ohio, was born in Wood county, on the 28th of November, 1862. He is the son of John and Rosina (Isch) Spiess, of Switzerland, latterly of Wood county, Ohio, who came to this country in 1856, locating in the county of their adoption. They have since re-visited their native land. Mr. and Mrs. John Spiess were the parents of eight children and named them John, Lewis, William, Walter, Edward, Rosetta, Bertha and Elizabeth. At the age of twenty-one years, Edward Spiess started out on his business life and engaged in the occupation of farming, carrying on the same very successfully. In 1890 he came to Paulding county and purchased eighty acres of good land where he now resides. On the 3rd day of June, 1891, he led to the altar Miss Maggie, the accomplished daughter of Mathias and Mary (Buel) Swartzlander, of German lineage. Mrs. Spiess was born in Sandusky county, Ohio, August 3, 1872. She and her husband are attendants at the Lutheran church. Mr. Spiess, who is a democrat in politics, is one of the popular young citizens of Paulding county.

Courtland W. Starkey.—In Clermont county, Ohio, on the 18th day of August, 1846, Courtland W. Starkey was born, and is a successful farmer of Crane township. He was the son of Shadrach and Jemima (Bennet) Starkey, of Irish extraction, the death of the father occurring in 1859, and that of the mother in 1854. At the age of eighteen years, Courtland Starkey began life for himself, working by the day and month, continuing the same until, on June 12, 1870, Miss Mary E., the daughter of Evan and Permelia (Travis) Simpson became his wife. Mrs. Starkey, who was born December 6, 1851, became the mother of six children, whose names are as follows: Etta M., Onah, the wife of John Musselman; Nellie I., Belle G., Ray E. and Millie O. The family are members of the Presbyterian church. Politically Mr. Starkey is a democrat, having held the office of township trustee for one year and acted as a member of the board of education for six years. In his business life Mr. Starkey has been successful, having begun threshing in the fall of 1870, and has continued the same each season until the present time.

Jonathan L. Wheaton was one of thirteen children born to William and Sarah (Hall) Wheaton, of German extraction. His birth occurred in Prairie township, Holmes county, Ohio, on the 16th of May, 1827. After receiving a common school education, he, at the age of twenty years, began life for himself, in the occupation of farming in Seneca county, his native state, where he remained for several years. Subsequently he removed to Wood county, until at the breaking out of the war, he enlisted in company K, Eighty-fourth regiment Ohio volunteer infantry, for the three months' service. He entered the army in May, 1862, and while on duty on a platform which ran from a railroad grade to the door of a second story building, was terribly injured. The platform gave way, and he was hurt in his left hip, his breast and head so severely that a hemorrhage of the lungs set in. He received his honorable discharge on September 20, 1862. In 1881 he had the misfortune to lose the use of his voice, and October 14, 1885, had a stroke of paralysis, the result of injuries received by the giving away and fall of a platform. Mr. Wheaton is an aggressive republican, fully alive to the interests of his party. For two years he has served as the constable of Crane township, and while a resident of Wood county held the position for twenty-five years, which is much to his credit. He located his property in this county in 1863, moving on it in 1876, where he has ever since abided, as one of the old and honored residents. At present he owns forty acres of good land, thirty of which are under cultivation. By his marriage, on August 24, 1851, Mr. Wheaton became the father of six children, namely: Sarah C. (deceased), William J., George W., Phœbe A., Anise S. (deceased), and James E. The family are members of the Methodist church. By reason of injuries received and his serv-

ices rendered the country in its time of great need, Mr. Wheaton at this time draws a pension.

Jacob Whippert, who is a flourishing farmer of Crane township, was born in Emerald township, Paulding county, on March 3, 1849. His father died when he was but four years old, and his mother's demise occurred a short time afterward, thus leaving him an orphan in his early age. Until he was fourteen years old Jacob Whippert lived with George Platter. At the death of his benefactor he was obliged to work out by the day and the month for his living. He purchased in 1876 the farm of eighty acres where he now resides, and has succeeded in clearing all but ten acres of the same. On May 7, 1878, Mr. Whippert led to the altar Miss Eliza, the daughter of A. V. and Henrietta (Eaton) Simpson. One child named Adolphus, and aged twelve years, is the fruit of this union. They live in the first house that was built on Mr. Whippert's land, it being a hewed log building of comfortable dimensions. In politics, Mr. Whippert shares the democratic faith, and his wife is a member of the Presbyterian church.

George E. Woodring, a thriving farmer of Paulding county, is a native of Fulton county, Ohio, where he was born September 7, 1850. His parents, who were Jonathan and Fanny (Martin) Woodring, were of English extraction. The mother died in 1857, and the father is an honored resident of Hillsdale, county, Mich. George Woodring, at the age twenty-one years, began farming on rented land, for two years continuing the same, when he purchased the farm where he now resides. December 3, 1876, he was united in wedlock to Miss Della, the daughter of Asa and Jerusha (Bell) Devine, of New York, and the union was blessed by the birth of three children: Edith, Clyde and Forrest. Politically, Mr. Woodring is a stanch republican, while religiously he and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church. The family is highly respected in the community where it resides.

EMERALD TOWNSHIP.

P. L. Anderson, a thriving farmer of Paulding county, was the fourth son born to Thomas and Helen (Conley) Anderson. His birth took place in Noble county, Ohio, May 29, 1857, and his parents were natives of Ohio The maternal grandfather, who was a native of Ireland, was a school teacher and edited several school books, among which was an arithmetic. He lived for many years in Washington, Guernsey county, Ohio, and reared a family of two sons and five daughters. Thomas Anderson, the father of our subject, was reared a farmer and received instruction in the schools

of his day. On reaching manhood's estate, he inherited a farm on which he lived for a number of years and then sold. He then engaged in the mercantile trade, which proved disastrous to him, and then located in Vinton county, Ohio, where he became a well-to-do farmer, dying in 1885. He was a man of large stature and great physical endurance. He and his wife, who died in 1870, were members of the Christian church. P. L. Anderson, who left his native county at an early age, lived in Vinton county until after his mother's death. At the age of thirteen he began the battle of life in Pickaway county, where he as a farm hand received fifteen dollars per month. He then worked for one man for a period of three years, during this time attending school at intervals. He located in Madison county in 1878, and in December of 1881 he was wedded to Niss Addie Linson, whose birth occurred August 22, 1859. She was the second of four children born to George and Martha (Latham) Linson, natives of Kentucky. George Linson, who was a farmer, died in 1875 and his wife still resides on the home farm in Madison county. Mr. Anderson removed to Emerald township, Paulding county, in February, 1883, and located upon the farm where he now lives, having cleared fifty acres of the same. He is an industrious farmer and one of the progressive men of his township. His politics are democratic, while fraternally he belongs to the Ohio Masonic order, being a Master Mason. Mrs. Anderson is a member of the Christian church.

Christian Ankney, a retired farmer, was born in Somerset county, Penn., September 13, 1809, the son of Henry and Susanna (Koontz) Ankney, of French and German origin. Christian Ankney is the fifth of fourteen children and remained with his parents until he reached his majority, when he married, on the 9th of September, 1831, Miss Mary Ankney, of Tuscarawas county. They had nine children, five of whom reached the years of maturity. George and Adam Ankney were in the army and the latter met his death in the battle of Atlanta. The former, however, happily reached home in safety. The wife of Christian Ankney died on August 6, 1845, and he was married about a year later to Elizabeth Stineman, his present companion. There were twelve children by this marriage and all but five died in infancy. Mr. Ankney has always been a farmer and has cleared two farms besides the one on which he now resides, the latter being composed of eighty acres of land. His second wife was a native of Ohio and was the eldest of three children born to Jacob and Susanna Stineman. Mr. Stineman was a soldier under Napoleon and was born in Switzerland. His wife was a native of Germany. He served for nine years and nine months in the army and was not wounded during all this time. Mr. Ankney is a stanch republican and has always worked for his party. His educational advantages were limited in his youth, but he has become by study a well-informed man. He has been prosperous and his beautiful farm is under excellent cultivation. His son, Daniel, has had charge of the farm for six years, and Simon P. is also at home with his parents.

David Ankney, who was born in Tuscarawas county, Ohio, May 3, 1822, is one of the progressive and well known farmers of Emerald township. He is the son of Henry and Susanna (Koontz) Ankley, of Pennsylvania, formerly of Germany. After attending school, Mr. Ankney, our subject, was married to Nancy Wilch, of Tuscarawas county, and five children were born to them, as follows: John, Joseph, Daniel, Margaret and Isaac, who died in 1890. The mother dying, Mr. Ankney was again married and Elizabeth Koli became his wife. Their children are Emanuel, Barbara, Ada, Evaline, Eli and Dennis. Mr. Ankney enlisted in company G, Fourteenth Ohio volunteer infantry, on April 26, 1861, and was honorably discharged in August of the year of his enlistment in Toledo, Ohio. He is in politics a democrat and his family are members of the Lutheran church. Our subject, who commenced life with but $40, has succeeded in his profession and now owns a farm of fifty-eight acres and a good home.

Jacob Ankney, a thrifty farmer of Paulding county, was born in Tuscarawas county, Ohio, August 15, 1832, the son of Michael and Philpena (Fockler) Ankney, of Pennsylvania. The father, who was a farmer, died in 1864, his wife having preceded him to the grave in 1834. Jacob Ankney located in this township in 1852 and bought eighty acres of land, which he at once began to clear. The ground was in the wilderness and it took the hard work which Mr. Ankney gave it to make it into the pleasant home which he now owns. He was married April 1, 1855, to Miss Mary A., the daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Wolf) Nedrow, of German origin, and they have twelve children, whose names are Simon (deceased), Michael, Elizabeth, Jacob (deceased), Mary and Anna, twins; John, Samuel, Frank, Joseph, Yetta and Della. Mr. Ankney has been the democratic constable for one term, and township trustee for six terms. The family are members of the Lutheran church and give their ready assistance to all projects promising good for the community.

Peter Bakle is a native of Germany, having been born there March 7, 1836. When eleven years old he was brought to this country by his parents, and settled with them in Seneca county, Ohio, where he grew to manhood. In 1854 he located in Paulding county, and by hard work has amassed a farm property of 320 acres, which is well cultivated. Mr. Bakle, who is a democrat in politics, is one of the representative farmers of the county in which he resides, and has served as township trustee for four terms, and town treasurer for two terms. He was married on the 23rd of September, 1860, to Miss Adelaide Schlered, whose birth occurred December 14, 1839, in Germany. She came with her parents to America in 1850, and with them lived for a time in Seneca county, Ohio, later removing to Paulding county. By her marriage she became the mother of Adolph (deceased), Frances R., John P., Mary A., Leander (deceased), Daniel, Andrew and Harry E. During the war Mr. Bakle was a member of company E, One Hundred and Ninety-second regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry, and was honorably discharged September 7, 1865, at Winchester, Va. He and family are members of the Catholic church, in which they enjoy high standing.

C. F. Baldwin was born in Lorain county, Ohio, on the 22nd of May, 1857. His parents, Lucus and Elizabeth (Bailey) Baldwin, were natives of Pennsylvania and Vermont, respectively. Their son, C. F., remained at home with them until his marriage with Miss Cornelia, a daughter of James and Mary Ellen (Lewis) Bayliss, was consummated, on the 27th of March, 1884. Mrs. Baldwin was a school teacher, having started in her profession when she was but sixteen years of age. Her husband, who is also a teacher, began his work at the age of twenty-two years, has taught sixteen terms, and is still engaged in that occupation. Mr. and Mrs. Baldwin are the parents of two children, Charles E. and Wilmer H. Mr. Baldwin is a republican in politics, while his estimable wife is a member of the United Brethren church. The former spent two years in Val-

paraiso college and one year in Bryan, Ohio, while obtaining his education.

James Beaubien, Jr.—One of the prosperous young farmers and stock-raisers of Emerald township is James Beaubien, Jr., who was born in Monroe county, Mich., on the 5th of April, 1845. His parents are James and Jane (Neadeau) Beaubien, formerly of France. James was the eldest of twelve children born to these parents. The mother died in 1862, and the father then married Mrs. Melinda Mette, also of Michigan, and they had five children. Mr. Beaubein, Sr., is a resident of Paulding county, his home being in Emerald township. His son James, at the age of twenty-three years, married on March 4, 1867, Mary, the daughter of Oliver and Teressa Beaubien, third cousin, and the fruit of this union was seven children, viz.: James, George (deceased), Mary (deceased), Andrew J., Frederick M., Oliver H. and Leo L. Mr. Beaubien, who is an active democrat, was deputy sheriff and constable of Monroe county, Mich., for several terms. He and his family are Catholics, attending the church of that faith. He has 120 acres of good land, of which one-third is improved, and on this farm new buildings with every convenience have been erected.

Solomon Blain, one of the enterprising citizens of Paulding county, is a native of Delaware county, Ohio, and dates his birth from the 21st of February, 1828. He is the eldest son of Elma and Sarah (Cockrell) Blain, who were natives of Virginia and Pennsylvania, respectively. The death of the father took place in January, 1889, and that of his companion in 1863. Solomon Blain received his education in the common schools, and began the life of a farmer. He entered the army in 1863, and joined company H, One Hundred and Twenty-first Ohio volunteer infantry, with which regiment he took part in the battle of Perryville. Illness prevented him from further duty, and he was mustered out of the service. He is now a member of the G. A. R. association, of Paulding, also a strong partisan in the democratic ranks. In November, 1854, he was joined in wedlock with Miss Susanna Stanley, whose parents, Thomas and Emily (Hyatt) Stanley, were natives of Virginia and Ohio, respectively. After his marriage Mr. Blain located on a farm; in 1883, he came to this township and settled upon the farm he now owns, which is well under cultivation. Six children, namely: Benjamin L., Mary, the wife of Martin Craven; Sarah E., the wife of Clinton Evans; Joseph, William and Lenora, who died October 10, 1890, were born to the union of Mr. and Mrs. Blain.

Samuel Craven, a prominent farmer and stock-grower of Emerald township, is the son of Robert and Elizabeth (Wolf) Craven, and was born on the 1st of March, 1837. His parents were natives respectively of England and Germany. Samuel Craven commenced life for himself at the age of nineteen years. At the age of twenty-seven, in answer to his country's call, he enlisted in company G, Fourteenth Ohio volunteer infantry, and participated in the battles of Nashville, Kingstown and Carrick's Ford. He was then honorably discharged but re-enlisted in the fall of 1864, leaving the army July 28, 1865. Returning from the war with but a slight wound in his right limb, he located upon the farm he now owns, which is composed of 200 acres of fine land. In connection with his farm work, Mr. Craven is a lover of fine horses and has many of them in his possession. His politics are of the republican order, and he is deeply interested in his party's welfare. April 26, 1863, Miss Annie, the daughter of John and Maria (Myres) Myres, natives of Canton Berne, Switzerland, became his wife, and they are members of the Lutheran church. Mr. Craven has held the offices of the county infirmary director and assessor, the former for five years and the latter for nine terms.

George W. Cromley was born in Defiance county, Ohio, December 4, 1858, the son of Jonas and Mary (Beard) Cromley, of German extraction. He remained with his parents until his twenty-fifth year, when his marriage with Miss Helen F., the daughter of Townsend and Caroline Newton, of Defiance county, occurred. The parents of Mrs. Cromley were at a former time residents of New York. Shortly after his marriage, Mr. Cromley removed to Paulding county, where he began farming, which occupation is still his employment. He is the father of three bright children named Mamie, Grace H. and Clara E. In politics Mr. Cromley is a stanch republican, and his wife is an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Joseph Deislar is a native of Seneca county, Ohio, and dates his birth from the 18th of January, 1859. He is the third child born to George and Catherine (Shade) Deislar, natives of Bavaria, Germany, and Pennsylvania, respectively. The father, who was born in 1825, was seven years old when he was brought to America by his parents and was reared and educated for the occupation of a farmer. He served an apprenticeship at the carpenter's trade, at which he worked ten years. His wife, whom he married when he was thirty years of age, was a Miss Shade, who came to Ohio in her childhood and was raised in Seneca county. They had eight sons and three daughters, whom they reared. Mr Deislar, Sr., resides in Seneca county, in view of his childhood's home. He and his wife are members of the Reformed church. Joseph Deislar received a common education and started life on a farm doing job work. He removed to Paulding county in May, 1887, and located upon his present farm, which consists of sixty acres of well improved land. He votes the democratic ticket and was land appraiser of Emerald township in 1890. Miss Agnes Kint, of Williams county, who was born March 15, 1865, became Mr. Deislar's wife, February 11, 1886, and they have three children: Carmia A., Cady L. and Mamie A. Mrs. Deislar's parents are Daniel and Margaret (Kollers) Kint, natives of Germany.

Nicholas Demongeot.—Among the well known citizens of Emerald township is Nicholas Demongeot, a native of France, who was born June 6, 1848, the son of Celestine and Mary (Colia) Demongeot, who are elsewhere mentioned. The parents came to this country in 1855 and located in Newport, Mich., where they remained for three years. Findlay, Ohio, was then their home for four years, when they removed to this county in 1865, locating where they now live. Nicholas Demongeot married Mary Shingler, the daughter of Antoine and Rosaline (Gray) Shingler, and these children are the offspring of the marriage: Henry (deceased), Allie, Freddie, Rosaline, Minnie (deceased), Lewis (deceased), Frank J., Clara and an infant deceased. Mr. Demongeot is an aggressive democrat, fully alive to the interests of his party. The family belong to the Catholic church.

Daniel Ehrman, a progressive farmer of Emerald township, was born in France, March 22, 1862, the son of Gregory and Magdalene (Andrews) Ehrman, both of France. The parents came to America in the year 1876, and located in Sandusky county, Ohio, coming in the year 1886 to this county. They had eleven children, whose names are: Victor, Anthony, Mary, August, Magdalene, Annie, Rose, Jacob, Alexander (deceased in 1878), Henry and Daniel, our subject. The latter was twenty years old when he started out in life for himself. June 29, 1883, Miss Anna C. Weiker became his wife, and they have two children, Charles Edward and Jessie Clyde, an infant. The parents of Mrs. Ehrman were Jacob and Elizabeth (Boyer) Weiker, natives of Germany. Mr. Ehrman is an aggressive politician, advocating the principles of the democratic party.

Marcus J. Frank is a worthy representative of a worthy family. He was born in Licking county on the 25th of April, 1858, the son of Jacob and Mary A. (Betzolt) Frank. The parents emigrated from Germany to America about the year 1837, and the father, who was a butcher and farmer by occupation, died April 2, 1885, his wife having preceded him to the grave in February, 1884. Marcus Frank remained at home until the deaths of his parents. October 25, 1887, his marriage to Miss Eva J. Merchant was solemnized, and two children have been born to them, named Vivene and Letta E. Mrs. Frank is the daughter of Sampson and Emily (Temple) Merchant, of whom mention is made in this book. Mr. Frank is the possessor of 160 acres of fine land, ninety acres of which are cultivated and upon which comfortable buildings have been erected. The family are communicants of the Catholic church.

James H. Green, a popular farmer and at one time teacher, was born in Maryland, July 21, 1831. He is the son of John and Susanna (Shimer) Green, the former a native of Maryland and the latter of New Jersey. They had ten children, viz.: Zachariah, Barbara, Elizabeth, Catherine, William, Himus, James H., Mary A., Martha J. and Susanna. James H. Green began his business life by work by the day and month during the summer seasons and attending school in the winters. In 1853 he taught school and continued that occupation until 1860. August 19, 1861, he enlisted in company F, Thirty-eighth Ohio volunteer infantry, and was a participant in the following battles: Mill Springs, Perrysville, Stone River, Tenn., Chickamauga, Mission Ridge and others of minor importance. He was discharged September 13, 1864, and now draws a pension of $10 per month. Mr. Green, who is a republican in politics, is an admirer of James G. Blaine. He has held the offices of clerk and assessor for two terms each in Emerald township. His marriage to Miss Mary, the daughter of Harrison and Delilah (Barber) Knisely, took place September 12, 1855, and two years later he located in this township, where he has since resided. His children numbered twelve, named: Sarah E. (deceased), Cyrus (deceased), Mary A., wife of J. F. Yencer; Robert F. (deceased), William A., Delilah, Benjamin F. (deceased), Nora A., Charles T., John A., James H. and Edith A. The family are members of the Methodist church and are highly respected in the community in which they reside.

Philip Guilliam.— One of the oldest living residents at this time in Emerald township is Philip Guilliam, an enterprising agriculturist, who

is a native of Prussia, born November 17, 1827, the son of Lewis and Katie (Renolet) Guilliam, also of Prussia. Our subject came to America in 1852 and located in Buffalo, where he lived for two years employed in a saw mill. By way of the canal he came to Auglaize county, and from there went to Minnesota, spending two years in traveling, thence to Emerald township, where he located and has since lived. He engaged in the manufacture of timber, in connection with his farming, until August, 1862, when he enlisted in company K, One Hundred Seventieth Ohio volunteer infantry, and served faithfully until the close of the war. He participated in the battles of Gettysburg, Chancellorsville, Fredericksburg and others, and was badly disfigured, for which he draws a pension of $8 per month. He is the owner of forty acres of land and has the oldest house in the township, having been among the early settlers. His marriage to Miss Katie Renolet, the daughter of Paul and Mary Renolet, on Christmas day of 1856, resulted in the birth of these children: Mary, the wife of E. Glassmeyer; Annie, wife of Carl Shockow; George, Peter, Frederick, Pet, an infant deceased, Daniel, Henry, Franklin, Alfred, Thomas and Ada Belle. Mr. Guilliam's life of probity and energetic labor has won for him the esteem and regard of his neighbors and all who come in contact with him.

William H. Hanenkratt, a prosperous farmer and thresher, was born May 7, 1844, in Tuscarawas county, Ohio, the son of Frederick and Maria (Sweitzer) Hanenkratt, natives of Switzerland, who came to America in early life and were married in this country in 1843. They had nine children whose names were William, Ann E. (deceased), Jane, wife of Samuel Tucker; Fred J., Rosanna (deceased), Maurice, Benjamin (deceased), Tebo and Andrew A. (deceased). Mr. Hanenkratt, Sr., was a fruit grower by occupation and also followed farming. The death of his wife occurred January 2, 1885. William Hanenkratt remained with his parents until he was twenty-six years old. August 16, 1868, he married Miss Sophia, the daughter of Peter and Elizabeth (Lutmon) Smith, natives of France, who died in 1866 and 1879 respectively. Mrs. Hanenkratt was the youngest child born to these parents and her birth occurred June 24, 1848. Her husband after his marriage located where he now resides and is the owner of 200 acres of fine land. At present he is preparing for the erection of a large and commodious residence, and in connection with his farming has been engaged in threshing for twenty- three seasons. He is also interested in thoroughbred sheep, and is trying to introduce the Shropshire breed, in which he takes great pride. Mr. Hanenkratt is the father of ten children as follows: Cora, wife of H. Deisler; Hupert H., Albert A. (deceased March 22, 1875); Willard P., Gertie, Carrie M., Ottillia, Homer W., Charles E., and Sophia A. He is a representative citizen of the township.

John Hash, Jr., the subject of this biography, is a well known farmer and prominent citizen of Paulding county. His parents were John and Catherine (Himes) Hash, of Germany, and his birth occurred on the 16th of December, 1849. He, in company with his parents, came to America in 1853, and remained with them until he had reached the years of maturity. He was married February 19, 1871, to Caroline Sultzman, the widow of Christian Sultzman, whose death occurred August 8, 1866.

After his marriage Mr. Hash began farming for himself, and has been successful in his chosen calling. Five children were born to this union, named Frederick W., Henry, Caroline, Mary Z. and John A. Mr. Hash is an active democrat, a lover of fine horses and a genial friend. They, as a family, are Lutherans in their religious belief.

David Hetrick was the oldest of a family of fifteen children born to John and Susanna (Shauver) Hetrick, of Pennsylvania, who located in Richland county, Ohio, in early life. He was born in Richland county, May 31, 1838, and made his home with his parents until he became of age. He worked by the day and month until 1862, and then interested himself in the pursuit of farming. He led to the altar Miss Mary E., the daughter of Gustave and Mahala (Wells) Skiver, and this union was blessed by the birth of these children: Ida, the wife of W. Barcaw; Francis, Ella R., Farris (deceased), Lorenzo, Arthur, Emery and Edna. Mr. Hetrick was the democratic trustee for his township for one term, and served the people faithfully in that position. It is entirely proper to add in this sketch that Mr. Hetrick is a good man and a worthy citizen.

Jesse Hughes (deceased) was born in Jackson county, West Va., July 25, 1812. He was the son of Jesse and Susanna (Mock) Hughes, of York state, who became the parents of these children: John, Hannah, James, Jesse, Henry, Elias, Nancy, William, Grace A. and Jacob. With the exception of James and Jacob, these children are dead. Jesse Hughes, the subject of this sketch, remained with his father, assisting him until he was thirty years of age. He was then married to Sarah J., the daughter of William and Rebecca (Stotts) Hughes of New York, and of German extraction, and unto this union eleven children were born, called Rebecca, Annie, Henry W., George W. (deceased), Matilda, John A., Alfred, Nancy E. (deceased), Josiah E., Melissa and Mary. Mr. Hughes located in this county in 1851, and began clearing a farm out of the woods. This farm he sold, and in 1883 purchased the place where his family now lives. Mr. Hughes was an industrious tiller of the soil, and in his death, which occurred May 9, 1885, one of the firmest friends of the county passed away. He was generous to a fault and helped many in the struggle of life. He and his family were identified with the Methodist Episcopal church and enjoyed high standing in the community where the father resided. Mr. Hughes was one of the trustees of the county for several years, also supervisor and director. His funeral was largely attended, thus showing the estimation in which he was held. His son and daughter, Josiah and Anna, are at home, caring for their mother, who was left to survive the husband and father.

Thomas E. Jones.—The subject of this sketch is Thomas E. Jones, a highly respected farmer of Emerald township, who was born in Clinton county, July 17, 1840. His parents were Benjamin and Frances (Evans) Jones, of Ohio. The father died in 1843, and the mother followed him to the grave January 24, 1878. The subject of this mention was married September 11, 1866, to Martha A., the daughter of Campbell and Henrietta (Hale) Maxwell, and they have ten children: John B., William F., Henrietta, Daniel L., Mary F., Eva, James O., Maud J., Nancy P. and George C. The children are all at home with their parents. In 1890 Mr. Jones erected a tile and saw mill, which is doing an extensive business. Mr. Jones was a participant in the war of the rebellion, having enlisted at Delaware, Ohio, in March, 1864, in company E, Twenty-seventh regiment Ohio volunteer infantry, and was in the battles of the Wilderness, Petersburg, Fort Fisher and other skirmishes. He was mustered out of the service on October 15, 1865. In politics he is for the people, and in religious faith he and his wife are believers in experimental religion.

Anthony Kelly, a highly respected farmer of Paulding county, is a native of the Emerald Isle, and was born in 1836, the son of Francis and Anna (O'Connel) Kelly. Coming to this country in 1851, Anthony Kelly located in New York, and after a two years' residence there removed to Defiance county, Ohio, and thence to Paulding county, where he purchased land and engaged in farming, which occupation he has followed the greater part of his life. He received his citizenship papers at Camp Chase, May 13, 1865. He enlisted in the Confederate army May 16, 1861, in company B, First Arkansas volunteer infantry (Monroe Blues), and was afterward transferred to the Fifteenth regiment. He took part in the battles of Shiloh, Murfreesboro and Chickamauga, and was mustered out of the service May 13, 1865. During his long and active army career he was taken prisoner July 18, 1864, and was held as such for about one year. In his political belief, Mr. Kelly adheres to the democratic party, and has acted as supervisor for one term.

Ira E. Kintner, a leading farmer of this county, was born in Defiance county, Ohio, the son of Jacob and Eliza (Barrick) Kintner, of German extraction. He was one of ten children born to these parents, named Alice, wife of Frank Traxler; Elnora, wife of Oliver Williams; Ira, Frank, Daniel, Jerome, Ezra, Charley, Arabella and Rose. On reaching his majority, Ira E. Kintner engaged in farm labor for Jacob Brown, of Williams county. At the age of twenty-three, in September, 1885, Miss Florence, the daughter of George and Anna (Moody) Thompson, became his wife, and the children born of this union are Ora B., Florence and Bertha. After his marriage, Mr. Kintner farmed in Defiance county for two years and then purchased in Emerald township the farm upon which he now lives, it consisting of eighty acres of well improved land. The family are communicants of the German Baptist church, and Mr. Kintner is a republican and a representative citizen of the township.

Jacob Kinzer, who was born in Emerald township, Paulding county, Ohio, is one of the leading farmers of his township. His birth occurred on the 15th of January, 1861, and he is the son of John D. and Margaret (Hash) Kinzer, of Germany. After acquiring his education, Mr. Kinzer began life for himself in the pursuit of farming. He and his father are among the largest land owners in their county and are successful in their calling. In politics he is a supporter of the democratic party and has held the minor township offices. His marriage with Miss Mary M., the daughter of Jacob Speith, formerly of Germany but now of Defiance county, took place on the 28th of June, 1885, and they are worthy members of the Lutheran church. Mr. and Mrs. Kinzer take high social rank in the township of their residence.

Casibianca B. Layman —This estimable gentleman was born in Union county, Ohio, on the 25th of October, 1849. He is a successful farmer

and stock-raiser, and is a younger brother of Henry Layman, who is elsewhere mentioned. Starting life at the age of eighteen years he has been successful, and now owns over fifty-five acres of good land, which he and his wife care for. He located in Emerald township in 1885 on the farm where he now lives, and has cleared twenty-three acres. Mr. Layman selected as his life companion Miss Mary E., the daughter of John H. and Sarah (Spron) Bennett, of Maryland and Tennessee, and the marriage occurred June 12, 1874. The result of the union are the following named children: John H., George H. (deceased), Alvin C. (deceased), Sarah L., David J. and Harry E. Mr. Layman is a member of the Christian church, and in politics is a republican. He is one of the leading citizens of his township.

Rev. Henry Layman is one of the nine children who were born to Jacob and Elizabeth (Crotinger) Layman, natives of Pennsylvania. The father, whose birth occurred in 1808, died in the spring of 1861, and his wife, who was born in 1813, remained in Union county, Ohio, supported by her children, who were named John, Lavina, wife of John Romine; Susanna, wife of Jacob Freshwater; David, Henry, our subject; Lucinda, wife of Martin Webb; Isaac, C. B. and George. Rev. Henry Layman is a native of Union county, and first saw the light on December 17, 1842. At the age of twenty-six he began farming for himself, though he had formerly followed the cooper trade. In the fall of 1869 he removed to Jay county, Ind., and followed farming for seven years, when he came to this county and has since improved his farm and built a beautiful home. He is the possessor of 236 acres of well improved land. Mr. Layman, who began preaching in 1890, has charge of the Fairview and Flat Rock churches, and has been township trustee for three terms. He was also a member of the township board. May 2, 1864, he entered company A, One Hundred and Forty-fifth Ohio volunteer infantry, and was mustered out of the service August 24, 1864, at Camp Chase, Columbus. January 7, 1869, Mr. Layman led to the altar Miss Abigail Ann Elizabeth, the daughter of Levi and Elizabeth (Michaels) Jenkins, natives of Maryland, of German extraction. Their children are Flora M., Alice E., John W., Sarah A., Charles E., Emanuel C., Amy D. and Harvey E.

Patrick McCarthy was born in Crawford county, Ohio, April 6, 1863, and is one of the leading young citizens of Paulding county. He was left an orphan at the age of fourteen years and lived with his brothers until, at the age of seventeen, he went to St. Vincent's college for six months. In Ada, Ohio, he studied telegraphy for half a year and then returned to his home. After two years had passed he removed to Michigan and worked at the carpenter's trade for a couple of years, when he came to this county and engaged in farm labor by the month for the same length of time and then bought the property he now owns. Religiously he affiliates with the Catholic church and politically with the democratic party.

L. P. McCarthy, a representative farmer, is the son of Timothy and Margaret (Grace) McCarthy, of Scotch and Irish extraction. At the age of twenty-two years our subject began working on the railroad and continued that occupation for two years. He then labored on the farm for a short time, and then was engaged in a commercial way in Seneca county a number of years. Again he returned to the farm, where he was taken sick and confined to his bed for two years. On August 3, 1880, he joined his lot in life with Miss Anna F. Kessler, the daughter of Balsar and Margaret (Cootart) Kessler, of Ohio, and six children namely: Clara Alvina, Mary L., Anna M., Peter D., Anthony C. and Ida E., were the fruit of this union. Mr. McCarthy, like his brother Patrick, mentioned above, is a democrat, is highly esteemed and he and family are members of the Catholic church.

Timothy J. McCarthy.—The subject of this sketch is Timothy J. McCarthy, who was born in Crawford county, Ohio, September 3, 1860, the son of Daniel and Nancy McCarthy, of Irish and German origin. The parents are worthy residents of Seneca county, Ohio. On reaching his majority, Timothy J. McCarthy began working in a restaurant in Tiffin, Ohio, where he remained for five years, at the and of which time he interested himself in farming. As a democrat in politics, he has been the assessor of his township, and served the people well in this position. He married November 7, 1887, Miss Anna, the accomplished daughter of James and Elizabeth (Barry) McNamara, and the union has been blessed by the birth of two bright children: Bertha and Mary O.

W. S. Merchant, a thriving farmer of Emerald township, was born in Defiance county, Ohio, November 24, 1844, the son of Sampson and Emily (Temple) Merchant. He received a common school education and began life for himself. June 18, 1863, he enlisted in Company E, Eighty-sixth Ohio volunteer infantry, and served loyally until February 22, 1864, when he was discharged, only to re-enlist in August of the same year. His term of service expired July 10, 1865, when he was again discharged and returned to his home. He is at present a member of the G. A. R. post, and as a republican has served in the office of assessor, being re-elected. For two terms he acted as justice of the peace and for one term was township trustee. Mr. Merchant was married May 19, 1867, to Miss Eliza, the daughter of John Musselman, and they have these children: Lizzie, wife of W. A. White; Emma, wife of F. Haley; Edith, Nellie G., Eva J., an infant (deceased), and W. Temple.

Francis Meyer is a native of Germany, and was born in the year 1821. He came to this country in 1873, and located in Paulding county, Ohio, Emerald township, where he now resides. He was married, in 1849, to Catherine Ann Justinger, of Prussia, and she has proved a good wife to him. The children who were born to this union are: Michael, Mary (deceased), John B., Catherine (deceased), and Antoine L. Mr. and Mrs. Meyer are Catholics, and the former is a supporter of the democratic party. He owns one hundred and forty-eight acres of fine land, which is well improved. John B. Meyer, a representative young farmer of Emerald township, and son of the foregoing, was born in France, February 28, 1860. He made his home with his parents until he was twenty-six years of age, and then his marriage with Miss Mary C., the daughter of Nicholas Schaadt, was celebrated. They have two children: John N. and Clara C. Mr. Meyer has held the offices of supervisor and assessor for two terms, and was town clerk for four years, being the present incumbent of that office. His political views are democratic.

John T. Miller.—One of the industrious and hard-working men of Paulding county is John T .Miller, who is a native of Virginia, born in Augusta county, on the 31st of October, 1846. John H. and Nancy (Willis) Miller were his parents, and they are also natives of the Old Dominion. John Miller was the second of eight children born to these parents. After receiving a limited education, he engaged in farming, and has since followed that profession. He is a well-to-do agriculturist and has many friends. In May, 1871, Miss Sarah Wilson, the daughter of Jesse and Cynthia (Ramsey) Wilson, was married to Mr. Miller, and the union was blessed by the birth of three bright children, named: Charles, America and Francis. Politically Mr. Miller is a democrat.

J. L. Miller.—The subject of this sketch is J. L. Miller, a well known farmer and carpenter of Emerald township, who was born in Franklin county, June 10, 1849. He was the fifth son born to Jacob and Mary (Libey) Miller, of Pennsylvania, the former of whom departed this life May 24, 1881, and the latter in October, 1887. The subject of this mention began doing business for himself at the age of twenty-one years. He left Union county, which had been his home for some time, and went to Paulding, where he started in the butchering trade, which he continued until 1888, when he removed to the farm, in Paulding county, where he now makes his home. He has cleared seventy acres of land and has them under cultivation. Mr. Miller has been twice married. His first wife, whom he married February 2, 1871, was Miss Melinda, the daughter of John and Mary (Black) Freshwater, and the fruit of this union was five children: Doctor F., John A., Nettie C., deceased; Linna and Linnie, twins, who are deceased. The mother dying August 5, 1881, Mr. Miller espoused Altha Harris, whose parents were George and Elizabeth (Smith) Harris, of Pennsylvania. The latter union resulted in the birth of five children, named: Dorr, Nina, Leonard, deceased; Oscar W., and Irvie L., deceased. Politically Mr. Miller has been a democrat, and fraternally he belongs to the order of I. O. O. F.

John Musselman, Sr., is a native of the Old Dominion and was born in the county of Shenandoah May 30, 1803, the son of David and Susanna (Hershberger) Musselman, both of Virginia. Our subject is the eldest of the following children born to these parents: John; Samuel and Isaac, who are dead; Annie, who resides in Covington; Susan, Elizabeth, Rebecca and Mary, the last four being deceased. John Musselman was a tanner by trade, and followed the boot and shoe business for several years. He formerly practiced medicine for twenty years or more, and at last settled on a farm. He now owns 160 acres of fine land, and at the age of eighty-eight years is nearing the close of a long and successful life. In former years he was a believer in the principles of the democratic party, but of late years he has voted as best suited him. He has been county commissioner for one term and justice of the peace for five terms. He purchased the place where he now resides in 1833, and one year later he settled upon the land and has always lived there. March 29, 1832, he married Miss Eliza, the daughter of David Clemmer, of Virginia, and these children were the fruit of this union: They are John, Jr., Amos, Diana, Cyrus, Jane, William, Mary, Eliza, Minerva, Ira, Ida, now in California, and David. After many years of married life, the mother died September 19, 1880, and June 20, 1882, Mr. Musselman married

Clarissa Richards Lacy, the widow of Elmer Lacy, who died in 1876. When Mr. Musselman took possession of his land there were no buildings on it and it lay in the wilderness. He is thoroughly acquainted with all the vicissitudes and perils of pioneer life, and deserves the more honor for the success which he has achieved from a humble beginning.

John Musselman, Jr., a prosperous farmer and stockraiser, was born in Paulding county, March 11, 1837, the son of John and Eliza (Clemmer) Musselman, a notice of whom appears elsewhere in this work. John Musselman remained with his parents until his twenty-sixth year and then married, on the 5th of March, 1863, Rebecca, the daughter of Jesse and Sarah J. (Hughes) Hughes. After their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Musselman located upon the farm where they now reside. These children were born to them: Nathan, who died in 1865; Emanuel, died July 4, 1888; John M., David, Martha, Minerva, Clement and Aden, twins. Mr. Musselman has succeeded by hard work and careful financiering in accumulating 300 acres of fine land of which 140 are under cultivation. Politically he is a democrat, fraternally a member of the P. of I., and religiously he and his wife are Free Thinkers.

John M. Musselman.—Among the representative young farmers of Paulding county may be mentioned John M. Musselman, who first saw the light in Emerald township, October 13, 1868, the son of John Musselman, Jr. He received a common school education and then engaged in the pursuit of farming. He purchased eighty acres of good land in Emerald township and is engaged in clearing the same. March 30, 1890, Mr. Musselman led to the altar Miss Onah D. Starkey and they reside on their farm. They have one child, Nina E. Musselman, born June 18, 1891. In religion, they term themselves Free Thinkers, and politically Mr. Musselman is a supporter of the democratic party. He is a leading citizen of his township, and highly respected.

Samuel Parks.—In the front rank of agriculturists and school teachers of Emerald township stands the subject of this sketch, Samuel Parks. His parents, who were Samuel and Elizabeth (Barnett) Parks, were natives of County Donegal, Ireland, who came to this country and were married in Philadelphia, in 1843. They then located in Massillon, Ohio, where they reared these children: John, James, Sarah, the wife of H. Bohenan; Samuel (deceased), Samuel, Joseph, Mary, Adeline, Charlotte and David. Mr. Parks, Sr., died in July, 1865. Our subject, who is engaged in raising fine sheep in connection with his farming and teaching, was married at the age of twenty-three years. Miss Eliza Alexandria, the daughter of Noble and Anna Alexandria, became his wife in March, 1870, and their children are: Lillian (deceased), Alice, Noble, who died in August, 1875, and Charlotte. Samuel Parks began his profession as a teacher, at the age of eighteen, and continued it through the winters while he worked at home on the farm during the summers. For two years he made Benton county, Ind., his home, then removed to Starke county, Ohio, where he farmed and taught for five years, at last locating in the county of Paulding, where he now resides, engaged in teaching and farming. The family are members of the Lutheran church, in which society Mr. Parks holds several prominent positions.

James Powers, a farmer and tile maker of Paulding county, was born in this county, January 1, 1850, the son of Thomas and Margaret (Tate) Powers, natives of the Emerald Isle. The parents were married in the state of Ohio, in 1848, and these children were born to the union: James, John and Mary, wife of Michael Finan. The father died March 11, 1880. James, our subject, stayed with his parents until he reached his majority

and a few years later he was married to Miss Catherine, the daughter of Patrick and Anna (McQuirk) McGuire, of Ireland. The father of Mrs. Powers died in early life and his widow afterward became the wife of Michael Boylan, also of Ireland. He died in 1882 and his widow resides with her son-in-law James, who after his marriage located upon the farm where he now resides and cleared the same. His children are Margaret, Anna and Mary. The family are members of the Catholic church, and Mr. Powers, who is a democrat, has held the office of township trustee for two terms, also that of infirmary director for six and a half years. In 1886 he erected a tile and brick factory upon his land, and, in connection with his farm, he has had the management of his extensive business. He owns eighty acres of land in Paulding county, of which fifty are improved, while in Defiance county he has forty-five acres under cultivation. His home is large and commodious, with all the modern improvements. Mr. Powers in youth received a common school education, but by observation he has become one of the well informed men of the county.

John Powers, county commissioner and farmer, is a native of Emerald township, Paulding county, Ohio, and was born on the first of August, 1854, the son of Thomas and Margaret (Tate) Powers, of Ireland. Our subject remained under the parental roof until he reached his majority, at which time he began farming for himself. He was married April 18, 1882, to Mary, daughter of James and Elizabeth (Barry) McNamara of Ireland, and their children are: Thomas, Elizabeth, James and Robert. Since his marriage, Mr. Powers has resided upon a farm in Emerald township, where he has been successful in tilling the soil. Mr. Powers is a stanch republican, and in the fall of 1891 was elected county commissioner, in whom the county has secured a safe and trustworthy official. He is an enterprising citizen, respected by all who know him. With his family he belongs to the Catholic church. Mr. Powers acceptably filled the office of township trustee for two years, gaining the confidence and good will of its citizens.

Francis V. Reiniche, farmer, merchant and owner of a saw mill, was born March 31, 1834, in Alsace, France, the sixth child of thirteen born to Francis and Mary Ann (Marsot) Reiniche. When twenty years old, in company with his brother Thiebeaux, who died on the ocean while bound for America, he started for this country and came on to Fort Wayne, where he engaged in ditching for seventy-five cents per day and and his board, and thus he remained for some months. He then worked on a farm for one year; spent the summer in labor on the Air Line railroad and then boated on the canal for one year. In 1857 he located in Emerald township, and on February 9, the year following, married Miss Louisa, the daughter of Tebo and Mary A. (Marshall) Didier, of French origin. Ten children were born to these parents, whose names are as follows: Mary, the wife of Alphonso Ran; Joseph C., Thiebeaux (deceased), Anna, wife of Isaac Lalonde; Eugenia Belle, Francis, John M., Alphonso, Leo and Rosalie. The family are members of the Roman Catholic church. Mr. Reiniche, who in politics is recognized as a stanch democrat, is engaged in the manufacture of staves in connection with his saw mill.

Nicholas Schaadt is a native of France, and was born in Marie Sancho county, January 20, 1844. His wife, Magdalena, is a daughter of Victor and Margaret (Walter) Scheher, born in Bertleming, Sarburg county, France, February 14, 1844. They were married June 16, 1865, in Domaver, Blanco county, France. Mr. Schaadt's father, Jacob Shaadt, was born in France, February 2, 1810, lived with his son Nicholas and his death occurred August 16, 1888. His mother, Barbara (Ebenar) Shaadt, was born in France, March 10, 1808, and died December 30, 1874, in Paulding county. They were married August 16, 1842, and had these children: Nicholas, Barbara, Constantine, born May 14, 1846, died June 18, 1861, in Germany; Elizabeth, born September 17, 1848, died September 17, 1865. Nicholas Schaadt emigrated with his parents from France to this country, in 1866, and located in Hancock county, Ohio, where he followed farming with his father. They remained in Hancock county until 1868, and then located in Emerald township on the farm where he now resides. His farm consists of 120 acres of good land, on which are comfortable buildings. These children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Schaadt: Elizabeth, born in France, August 15, 1866, and now the wife of D. P. Slattery; Mary Clementine, born December 13, 1868, the wife of J. B. Meyer; Constantine and Margaret Celestine, born May 14, 1870; Jacob, born May 26, 1872; Anthony, born March 12, 1875, died September 6, 1880; and Nicholas T., born July 24, 1877.

Peter Schehr, now retired, was born in Byron Province, Germany, February 12, 1826, the only child of Peter and Mary E. (Young) Schehr, both natives of Germany. Peter Schehr, Sr., was a farmer, and after the death of his first wife he married her sister, and the union resulted in the birth of two sons. He was a farmer and spent his whole life in his native land. The maternal grandparents lived and died in Germany. Peter Schehr, Jr., was reared by his grandmother Young, as his mother died when he was but eight days old. He received his education in the common schools and remained at home until twenty-four years of age, when he began life for himself. He had married the year before Miss Elizabeth Gintsmaster, and they, in 1852, came to America, going direct to Cincinnati, where they lived three years when they removed to Defiance county. When he landed, Mr. Schehr had but $22.50. He purchased a cow for $23 and was then in debt 50 cents. He had worked at the tailor's trade in Cincinnati, but on coming to Defiance he abandoned this and began farming, which he continued until 1869, when he located in Emerald Station and dealt in merchandise for fifteen years. At this time fire destroyed his entire stock and buildings, and so selling his lots he and his wife went to the farm they had purchased in 1860 and began the process of clearing it. They now own and enjoy a good home and 160 acres of land, which they have earned by hard labor. His wife Elizabeth died in Defiance in 1856 and May 10, 1857, he married Elizabeth

Cline, a native of Germany, born July 11, 1836, and who in early womanhood came to America with her parents. By this marriage they had a daughter, Mary E., now the wife of Ed. Huss. Mr. and Mrs. Schehr are members of the Christian church. The former, who is an ardent supporter of education, gave the first lot towards its sustenance in the county and also gave the same amount of land to the church. Mr. Schehr, who is a democrat, served in the postoffice from 1870 to 1884 and has acted as township trustee and treasurer.

Alexandria Scott, a carpenter and farmer, was born in Ireland, December 25, 1836, the son of Alexandria and Margaret J. (Orr) Scott, of Irish origin. He was the eldest of six children born to these parents, and their names are as follows: Alexandria, Robert, James, John (deceased), Sarah, and Hugh (deceased). The death of the mother occurred in her native land in the year 1849; and the father, in 1851, with his four children, set sail for America. He remained in this country but three weeks, when he returned to Ireland, and engaged in farming, which he carried on until his death, in 1859. Thus, his eldest son, our subject, was left an orphan at the age of fourteen years to struggle on as best he could. He engaged as an apprentice in a foundry and machine shop, where he stayed about two years. The next two years he worked in a paper mill, in Patterson, New Jersey; then he located in Emerald township, in December, 1854. He stopped at Tate's Landing, (now Reid's postoffice), and worked at day labor until 1860. At this date Margaret J., the daughter of Thomas and Mary (Tate) McKindlas, became his wife, and after his marriage he worked in the Reiniche saw mill until November, 1864, when he enlisted in company L, Tenth Ohio cavalry, and was engaged in active service until August 10, 1865. He took part in the battles of Nashville, Bentonville and other hard skirmishes, and received an honorable discharge. After his return home from the war he turned his attention to farming and carpentering. As a democrat, Mr. Scott is quite aggressive, and at present is filling the office of justice of the peace. Mr. and Mrs. Scott are the parents of these children: Mary; an infant, who is deceased; Margaret; Annie, who died in 1865; William, Samuel, Nettie, Annie and James.

Peter Sieran.—Nicholas and Mary Sieran were natives of Holland, and immigrated to America in the year 1845, locating in Seneca county, Ohio. A son was born to them in Holland, on the 8th of August, 1833, whom they named Peter. The father died in 1853, and Peter Sieren, the subject of this notice, began life for himself with a willing heart. He was a sailor on Lake Erie for a year, and then began farming, which he has since successfully continued. He enlisted in the army in 1865, becoming a member of company E, One Hundred and Ninety-second Ohio volunteer infantry, and received his honorable discharge in September of the same year. He chose as his wife Miss Theressa, the daughter of Michael Wagoner, and their marriage took place May 11, 1854. Mr. and Mrs. Sieren are the parents of the following children: John (deceased), Mary, the wife of P. Blanchard; Minnie, John P., Josephine (deceased), Frank, Susan, an infant (deceased), and Katie. The family are members of the Roman Catholic church, and enjoy the esteem of a wide circle of friends.

David Smith, a successful farmer, is the son of Hiram and Mary (Colar) Smith, natives of Virginia. He first saw the light in West Virginia, on the 6th of June, 1844, and from that time until he was forty years of age, he resided with his parents. November 6, 1884, in Milway, Madison county, Ohio, he was married to Miss Nancy Harper, and became the father of one son, named John H. Smith. Mrs. Smith is the daughter of David and Mary (McMullen) Harper, of Ohio, and is a member of the Presbyterian church. Her husband, who located in this township March 20, 1889, is a Master Mason, and a supporter of the democratic party. The family have the respect of a wide circle of acquaintances.

Hamden C. Tom.—Prominent among the well known citizens and farmers of Paulding county is Hamden C. Tom, who was born in Hocking county, Ohio, February 18, 1848, the son of Jacob and Mary (Kepler) Tom, natives of New Jersey and Pennsylvania respectively, but of German extraction. Mr. Tom lived with his parents until he reached his majority, when he engaged in carpentering and worked at that until 1883, when he located in Emerald township on the farm where he now resides. This farm consists of eighty acres of land. Mr. Tom has served as township trustee and was re-elected to that position at the last election. In connection with his farming he handles fine horses. January 13, 1870, Mr. Tom was united in marriage with Miss Mary E., the daughter of Jacob B. and Julia A. (Graffis) Angle. Mrs. Tom's father is interested in the nursery business. Mr. and Mrs. Tom have three children, named: Jacob, who was born December 9, 1870; Fannie B., born March 8, 1875, and Bessie May, born March 10, 1879. They are members of the Methodist church, and fraternally Mr. Tom belongs to the I. O. O. F. and his wife to the Rebecca lodge.

Jacob A. Tom, a farmer and stockraiser of Emerald township, was born in Hocking county, Ohio, September 13, 1845. He is the brother of H. C. Tom, who is mentioned elsewhere in this volume. Our subject resided with his parents until he reached his majority, and then he began farming in Madison county, which he has successfully carried on since in different localities. At present he is preparing to build a large and comfortable home for himself and family. Matilda A., the daughter of Charles and Margaret Fisher, of Germany, became the wife of Mr. Tom on June 20, 1865, and they had eight children, namely: Charles F., Mary A., William, Maggie E., John J., Alice M., Albert H. and Arthur Roy. Mrs. Tom died November 19, 1888, after a lingering illness, leaving her husband with the motherless children, the youngest of whom was but a year and a half old. Mr. Tom located in this county in 1876 upon a farm which was but little improved. He owns 160 acres of land and has succeeded in getting sixty acres under cultivation. Mr. Tom is a democrat and a representative citizen of the county.

Josiah Upthegrove, a successful farmer and stockraiser, was born in Highland county, Ohio, March, 1848, the son of Andrew and Susanna (Rollins) Upthegrove, freedmen of Virginia and Carolina. The mother died when her son was but eighteen months old. He was left to the care of his uncle Randal Upthegrove, where he remained until he was eighteen years of age. After working a short time, he, in company with his uncle John, came to Emerald township, and remained until 1865, when he went to Greene county and married Miss Carrie E., the daughter of Burt and Martha Kirk, of North Carolina, the latter of whom was a slave. Six children were born to the union, named Charles H., Mattie J., Fannie H., Mary E., Thomas A. and Minnie D. Mrs. Upthegrove died June 6, 1885, of quick consumption. Her husband, by hard work, has gained property and prominence in the county where he resides, and at present is the possessor of one hundred and twenty acres of fine land, well improved. In connection with his farming, Mr. Upthegrove, who is a lover of fine horses, is a stock grower. He is a member of the U. B. church, and in politics is a stanch supporter of the republican party.

August Weber.—One of the enterprising men of this county is August Weber. He is the section foreman on the Wabash railroad and was born on Long Island, N. Y., March 19, 1862, the son of August and Bridget (Mcquartney) Weber, the former of Germany and the latter of Ireland. August Weber came to Ohio with his parents when he was three years old and still resides with them. In 1880 he commenced his life as a railroad man, and has been advanced until he is foreman of section 11. Besides his work as foreman, he has purchased eighty acres of good land and is interested in the cultivation of his farm, which is entirely free from debt. Politically, Mr. Weber is a democrat, and takes great interest in the welfare of his party.

Charles M. Wittmer, a well-to-do farmer and stock-raiser of Emerald township, is a native of Ohio, and was born in Bucyrus, December 17, 1859, the son of Jacob and Matilda (Stoufer) Wittmer, originally from Germany and England respectively. Jacob Wittmer at the beginning of the war entered the service and remained a year. During his absence from home his wife died, leaving three children, our subject being but fourteen years of age at the time. After his return from the war the father found his home broken up and his children living in Bucyrus with a man by the name of Moses Sparr, who had proved a father to them. Mr. Wittmer with his children then came to Paulding county, where he married Mrs. Vitner, and here they continued to reside. Charles Wittmer, when fifteen years of age, was making his home with George Dycus, and remained there for one year. He then went to his uncle, whose name was Michael Rummel, and stayed with him for some time, learning the trade of the shoemaker. After that he resided with another uncle, John Wittmer, for two years, and worked for his board and clothes. With his uncle he removed to Kansas, and worked by the month at $15 and $16, staying there for four years, when he went to Indiana, for a time laboring in Ohio township, until the fall of 1883, when he was married, on October 18, of that year, to Miss Phœbe, the daughter of George and Teressa Spron. They have two children: Ida C., aged four years, and Bertha, two years old. Mrs. Wittmer is a member of the German Reformed church. In the spring of 1884, Mr. Wittmer, who is a democrat, was appointed superintendent of the county infirmary, in which position he remained for one year, and then purchased the farm on which he now lives. He farmed for one year, when he was again chosen as the superintendent, and he served the people well for three successive terms, returning to his farm March 25, 1890. He owns eighty acres of good land, and is a highly respected citizen of his county.

John W. Wolf, a good citizen of Paulding county, is a native of Emerald township, and dates his birth from the 19th of January, 1857. His parents are Simon and Elizabeth (Ankney) Wolf, both of the state of Ohio. John Wolf remained with his parents until his marriage which occurred March 16, 1879, when Eliza J. Ankney became his wife. By this marriage Mrs. Wolf became the mother of the following children, namely, Annie (deceased), Mary H., Margaret, Simon C. (deceased) and Mary E. In their religious belief, the family are members of the Lutheran church, and politically Mr. Wolf is a supporter of the democratic party. He has served as trustee of his township for one term and enjoys universal esteem.

J. W. Wortman, a prominent citizen of Paulding county, is a native of Morgan county, and was born April 11, 1848, the youngest of seven children, four sons and three daughters, born to B. V. and Rachel (Strong) Wortman, natives of Pennsylvania and Virginia. The father was a farmer, and in early manhood left his home and located in Morgan county, Ohio, where he became a well-to-do tiller of the soil. During his life he was an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and in politics was a republican. He died in 1879, at the ripe old age of eighty years. His son, J. W. Wortman, who is the immediate subject of this sketch, was reared in the pioneer home of his parents, and received but a limited education in the log school-house of that period. He prepared for the profession of teaching in Marietta college, and at the age of eighteen years taught his first term of school. He farmed and raised stock in connection with his teaching, and came to Paulding county in 1875. He located upon the farm of 160 acres which is now his home, and taught each winter until 1888, making twenty-five terms in all. He and his wife, who are stanch friends of education, have done much to further the same in the county. Mr. Wortman, who has served as justice of the peace for six years and in all the township offices, is a self-made man, and justly deserves the esteem which is his. In politics he was formerly an abolitionist, later supported the men who best represented his interests, and was at one time a candidate for county auditor on the the labor and farmers' ticket. March 21, 1872, he was united in marriage with Miss Annie Phipps, a native of Noble county, Ohio, born May 28, 1854, and daughter of Samuel H. and Mary (Miller) Phipps, of Scotch and Irish extraction. Mrs. Wortman's paternal grandparents were natives of New England, while the maternal grandfather was born in Ireland. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Wortman, as follows: Fred P., who mastered Appleton's first reader when but four years of age; Frank B., Mary M., Charles W., Stella M. and James W. The family are highly respected residents of Emerald township.

William Zarr.—Among the well remembered citizens of Paulding county is the late William Zarr, whose family is still living in this part of the state. Mr. Zarr was born in Columbia, Penn., November 14, 1826, the son of Daniel and Hannah (Cleaver) Zarr. He lived with his parents until he reached his majority and then engaged in milling, which he continued some time. He located in Emerald township in September, 1865, and purchased the farm on which his family now lives. March 19, 1855, Miss Elizabeth, the daughter of Peter and Elizabeth (Luteman) Smith, became his wife, and they had eight children, as follows: Lydia, wife of F. Shincler; Rosabella, wife of Z. Schlegel; Theodore (deceased), Melinda, wife of W. Ripley; Ella E., wife of Aachbacher; Harriet, now Mrs. Edward Beach; Florence, wife of Amos Thompson, and John W. After his marriage, Mr. Zarr engaged in stone quarrying in Huron county until 1861, when he enlisted in company D, Fifty-fifth Ohio volunteer infantry, and took part with his regiment in the battles of Antietam, Gettysburg, Lookout Mountain, and others. He was a member of the pioneer corps and was honorably discharged October 19, 1864. After his return home from the war he took up farming, which occupation he followed until his death on the 20th of April, 1883. Mr. Zarr was a member of the Lutheran church and his life was fraught with good works.

Silas Brattain is one of the successful farmers and tile manufacturers in Harrison township. He was born in Logan county, Ohio, July 16, 1846, the son of Joseph and Talitha (Fawcett) Brattain, of Irish extraction. His early education was received in the county of Logan, and in 1877 he located in this county. In 1888, he, in partnership with F. A. Pio, began the manufacture of tile on the latter's land, and these gentlemen have succeeded in establishing a large trade. Twelve kilns, with a capacity of 110,000 tiles a year, are in constant use. On New Year's day, 1873, Mr. Brattain was united in wedlock with Miss Phebe Fry, the daughter of Peter and Emily Fry. She was born in 1853, and by her marriage with Mr. Brattain became the mother of Calvin C., Elmer A., Easter A., Mary E., Ida M., Bertha E., Edna O., Frank H. (deceased), and Dalles O. Our subject, who is independent in his politics, is a member of the I. O. O. F., in which lodge he has taken the three degrees. He is a courtly gentleman, respected by all who know him.

John Copenhaver has been an honored resident of this county since 1884. He was born in Wayne county, Ohio, October 1, 1839, the son of Jacob and Sarah (Baker) Copenhaver, of German parentage. He grew to manhood on a farm, and early chose agriculture for a life work, in which he has met with success. He has traveled extensively through eleven of the states, but chose as his home Paulding county, where he has resided seven years. He was married April 1, 1884, to Miss Fannie, the daughter of Matthew Ridenour, of this county, and these are the children born to them: Willard L., Roscoe C. and Harvey L. The family are members of the Lutheran church, and their lives are in harmony with their Christian profession. Politically Mr. Copenhaver is an earnest supporter of the democratic party, in which he takes deep interest.

James Coplin, the son of Jared and Parney (Blake) Coplin, of English parentage, was born in Lewanee county, Michigan, October 2, 1836. He was the fourth in order of birth of eight children born to these parents, and received but a common school education. September 8, 1858, he wedded Miss Rachel L., the daughter of Richard and Sally (Teller) Martin, and became the father of these children, namely: Kate, married C. Hatcher; Richard J., Bruce (deceased), James, Jr., Martha (deceased), George and Frank. Mr. Coplin joined the ranks of the republican party some time ago, and he and his estimable wife are members of the Methodist church. Richard Coplin, the son of James Coplin, before mentioned, was born in Hillsdale county, Mich., January 21, 1861. He is one of the progressive young men of his township, and has held the office of trustee for three years.

John H. Cornell.—One of the thriving farmers of Harrison township is John H. Cornell, who was born in Delaware county, Ohio, on the 19th of September, 1862. He is the eldest of seven children born to Thomas B. and Caroline Ann (Wright) Cornell, of German origin, and was reared to the years of manhood in his native county, following the occupation of agriculturist. On November 26, 1885, Mr. Cornell led to the altar Miss Mary Frank, the daughter of John F. and Eliza J. (Roloson) Hults. Mrs. Cornell, who is of English extraction, was born in Delaware county, October 22, 1866, and came with her husband to this county in October, 1887. Her husband, who is an enterprising citizen, is a republican in politics.

Samuel Deardorff is a native of Virginia, born in Bedford county, August 11, 1820, the son of Abraham and Nancy (Hodges) Deardorff. He was the eldest of five children born to these parents, and was reared to manhood in Logan county, Ohio. Here he married, April 11, 1844, Margaret Jordan, a native of Greene county, born March 16, 1824, the daughter of William and Margaret (Coffel) Jordan. The children born of this union are William, Mary F. (deceased), Elizabeth A., John D., Susan C., Rebecca J., James F., Samuel L., Margaret A. and Rachel B. Mrs. Deardorff died August 26, 1887. Samuel Deardorff entered the United States service as a member of company H, Ninety-sixth Ohio volunteer infantry, and was a participant in the siege of Vicksburg. He was discharged August 8, 1863, and returning home located in Paulding county in 1866, where he has held the minor offices of Harrison township. He is a republican and a pensioner, and fraternally belongs to the G. A. R. He ranks as one of the leading and influential citizens of his community, and is universally respected.

Jacob Delong, a leading agriculturist of Harrison township, was born in Erie county, Ohio, March 3, 1832. His parents were John and Rachel (Lindsley) Delong, of French and German extraction respectively. Our subject located in this county in 1870, and settled upon the farm where he now resides. He is a republican and has held the office of trustee for three terms. Mr. Delong enlisted in March, 1862, in company I, One Hundred Forty-fifth regiment Ohio national guards, for five years, but was discharged in August, 1864. He returned to Erie county and engaged in fishing on the lake, which occupation he followed fourteen years. He was married to Miss Rachel Cowel, and their children are John C., Frank, Josephine (deceased), Converse, Melvin L., Mary E. (deceased), Jacob E. (deceased) and Frederick (deceased). Mrs. Delong died December 22, 1862.

Joel Fry, who was born in Logan county, Ohio, is an elder brother of John Fry, mentioned below, and was reared to manhood in the county of his nativity. He enlisted in company H, One Hundred and Twenty-eighth Ohio volunteer infantry, in 1863, and was detailed to guard the prisoners on Johnson's Island. After eighteen months of active service he was discharged at Camp Chase, Ohio. Returning to Logan county, Ohio, he engaged in farming, and then came to this county, where he

has since lived, giving his attention to the farm, and has held the minor township offices. Mr. Fry has been twice married, the first time April 30, 1866, to Matilda King, the result of which union was these children, named Mary M. (deceased), William C., Amos W., Ashby R., Peter E., Laura J. and Cora O. The mother departed this life in January, 1888. Miss Josephine Corwin, the daughter of Jacob and Lovina (Arbgest) Corwin, of German extraction, became Mr. Fry's wife, and their children are Clemens L. and Alida B. Politically the subject of this sketch is a democrat, also a member of the G. A. R., and is highly respected by all who know him.

John Fry, a prosperous farmer of Paulding county, was born in Logan county, the son of Peter and Emeline (Rollins) Fry, of German extraction, his birth occurring on March 25, 1846. He received a limited education, and was reared to his years of maturity on the farm. He enlisted in 1863, in company H, One Hundred and Twenty-eighth Ohio volunteer infantry, and served faithfully during the rest of the war, being at one time a guard on Johnson's Island. July, 1865, he was mustered out of the service and returned home. In May, 1869, his marriage to Catherine, the daughter of Peter and Mary (Stump) Lutz, of German lineage, occurred, and their children are: Rosa C. (deceased), William A., Josephine, Noah A., Alvin P., Lucy, and Chester, who is dead. Mr. Fry, who is a stanch supporter of the republican party, has held many of the minor township offices and served the people well. His estimable wife is a consistent member of the United Brethren church.

Wilson Graham, farmer and stockraiser, was born in Lee township, Athens county, Ohio, September 8, 1830, the son of William and Nancy (Cassel) Graham, natives of Pennsylvania. The paternal grandfather, James Graham, was a soldier in the Revolution and was one of the early settlers of Athens county, locating there shortly after his arrival from Ireland. Henry Cassel, the maternal grandparent, was born in France, and upon coming to this country was an Indian trader in the early days of the state. William Graham, the father of our subject, was a soldier in the war of 1812. He furnished his own gun and horse and took part in the battle of Fort Meigs. His wife slept in a hollow tree during the nights, and this was her only protection during those days of terror. Returning to Athens county, Mr. Graham, who was a wagon maker by trade, worked at the same in connection with farming. He reared a family of six sons and six daughters to maturity and died in the county of his adoption. He was a progressive citizen in his day and founded the town of Albany. Wilson Graham was given a good education in the schools and college at Albany. He resided with his parents, and at twenty-two years of age began life for himself. In 1853 he married Miss Mary D. Hawk, of Vinton county. She died in September, 1872, leaving six children: Alice K., wife of Evans Wood; Henry (deceased), Sarah E. (deceased), Charles E., Laura J. (deceased), and Clara M. (deceased). Soon after his marriage, Mr. Graham came to Paulding county and purchased 170 acres of land in Benton township. In 1854 he located in Harrison township, and at this time there were only twenty-three voters here. Finding his land in the forest, our subject was obliged to cut roads and build a little log cabin, familiar to many a pioneer. The nearest trading place was at Fort Wayne, although, in the winter time, Antwerp and Defiance could be reached by making the journey on the ice. Later, Mr. Graham was enabled to buy more land, and at present he is the possessor of 160 acres, upon which have been erected good buildings. This is the fruit of hard labor and denial. Mr. Graham is a republican, and has held nearly all of the township offices. He is a progressive and liberal man, ready at any time to promote the general welfare. He was one of the charter members of the Masonic lodge at Antwerp and is now a Master Mason. December 28, 1873, Mr. Graham married Mrs. Hester (Miller) Kilpatrick, a native of Carroll county, born May 6, 1846. Two children have been born to them, viz: Ira L. and Rodney M. (deceased). Mr. and Mrs. Graham are members of the Methodist church, and they are universally respected in the community in which they reside.

Hamilton Griswold.—Since 1865 Hamilton Griswold, who was born in Franklin county, Ind., has been a prosperous resident of Paulding county. His parents, who were William and Nancy (Munson) Griswold, had a family of twelve children, of whom our subject was the eldest son. In his boyhood, which was spent in the counties of Franklin and Decatur, in the saw and grist mills, he received but a limited education. In April, of 1861, he enlisted in company F, Seventh Indiana volunteers, which was the first regiment called into active duty. With his regiment he participated in the following battles. Parkersburg, Philippi, Laurel Hill, Cheat River or Carrick's Ford. Receiving his discharge in August, he re-enlisted in company G, September 1, the same year, and took part in the engagements of Potomac, Bull Run, Winchester, Fredericksburg, Port Republic, Culpeper and in fact all the battles occurring under Gens. Hooker, Burnside and Mead. September 20, 1864, Mr. Griswold received his honorable discharge. Returning home, he engaged in the handling of timber, and later was interested in milling at Antwerp. In 1884 he turned his attention to the pursuit of farming, having at present eighty acres of well improved land, upon which are erected substantial buildings. On Christmas day, 1864, Miss Sylvia I. Tanner became the wife of Mr. Griswold and seven children are the result of this union, namely: Kirk, William, Frank, Arthur, Archie, Ella and Ethel. Mrs. Griswold, who is the daughter of William and Eliza (Dickinson) Tanner, was born in De Kalb county, Ind., on November 20, 1841. The family are members of the Disciples church and Mr. Griswold is an aggressive republican.

Miner Griswold has been a resident of this county since 1871, and of Harrison township since 1881. He is a native of Decatur county, Ind., and was born near Kingston on the 18th of March, 1850. William and Nancy (Munson) Griswold of Irish origin were his parents. The former is deceased while the latter resides with her son George, who is elsewhere mentioned. Having but a limited education, Miner Griswold began the battle of life at his father's death, caring for his mother and younger brothers. On the 18th of March, 1875, when he had reached his twenty-fifth year, he was joined in matrimony to Miss Elizabeth, the daughter of Samuel and Margaret (Jordan) Deardorff. She was born on the 4th of March, 1849, and is the mother of John, May, Samuel and Floyd. Mr. Griswold is one of the thorough-going, industrious farmers and by his own efforts has became well to do. Politically he is connected with the republican party and is deeply interested in the welfare of that organization.

John King.—Among the leading and representative farmers of the county may be mentioned John King, who first saw the light in Logan county, Ohio, June 14, 1846. He is the son of Jacob and Mary (Rollins) King, natives of Kentucky and Virginia respectively. Mr. King was reared to manhood in Logan county, Ohio, and in 1864 enlisted in company D, One Hundred and Twenty-fourth Ohio volunteer infantry, serving faithfully until the close of hostilities. Although but eighteen years of age he took part in the battles of Rocky Face, Resaca, Dallas, Kingston, Kenesaw Mountain, Peach Tree Creek, Atlanta, Franklin, Nashville, in which place he was wounded in the knee to such an extent as to cause amputation of the right limb. He received his discharge at Columbus, Ohio, on the 16th of May, 1865. He had chosen farming as his life work and after the war he resumed the occupation which had been neglected during years of terror and trouble. His marriage to Miss Elizabeth Wrightsman, the daughter of Daniel and Catherine (Good) Wrightsman, was solemnized September 24, 1867, and the union resulted in the birth of Ella, wife of Albert Bainbridge; Harry W., Charles O., Nina M., Manda M. and Myrtle E. Mr. King is a republican and receives a pension of $45 per month. He is a breeder of fine Jersey cattle and successful agriculturist.

John R. Leeth, a highly respected citizen of Harrison township, is a native of Pike county, Ohio, and dates his birth from the 11th of February, 1850. His parents, Perry and Lydia (Parker) Leeth, were of Irish origin and reared their son to manhood on the farm, giving him a common school education. In 1881 he removed to this county, where he has since resided, and owns a good farm, which is well cultivated. The marriage of Mr. Leeth with Miss Almira Rose, the daughter of William and Malinda J. Roberts, of German extraction, occurred on the 31st of December, 1876, and unto this union have been born these children: Algon (deceased), Lydia J., Lenora, Fairy, Andrew M. and Michael M. Mrs. Leeth was born in Gallia county, Ohio, June 26, 1858. Her husband is a democrat, and the family are members of the United Brethren church.

Michael Maloy, the present efficient county commissioner, is a native of Crawford county, Ohio, born October 18, 1852. He was the youngest of four sons and daughters, the offspring of Edward and Mary (Brady) Maloy, natives of Ireland, and received a common education. His paternal grandparents remained in their native country and reared a large family, but the grandparents on the maternal side immigrated to America and were early settlers of Marion county, Ohio. Edward Maloy, the father of our subject, prior to leaving Ireland, was a tradesman. He was well educated, and in 1849, with his wife and three children, he came to this country and at first settled in Crawford county. Later, he removed to Paulding county and located in Benton township where he succeeded in redeeming a farm out of the wilderness. After years of hard work, Mr. Maloy died here in 1870 at the age of seventy-one years. His widow still survives and resides with her son Michael. Michael Maloy came to this county in boyhood and was raised upon the farm of his father. His education was received in the schools of the neighborhood, and at the

age of sixteen years he helped clear the land which was to be the home of his mother. He learned the carpenter's trade, at which he has since worked in connection with farming and has been successful. He is one of the energetic self-made men of the county, and enjoys universal esteem. He started in life a poor boy, but his busy and active life has borne fruit, and he is now in good circumstance. Mr. Maloy is an aggressive democrat, and in 1887 was elected to the office of county commissioner and re-elected in 1890. He is proving himself to be a competent and worthy official.

William Maxwell, a prominent farmer of Harrison township, was born in Ireland in 1835, the son of John and Mary Maxwell, natives of the Emerald Isle. William Maxwell was reared to years of maturity in his native land and in 1853 was united in marriage with Elizabeth Brown. She bore her husband four children: Mary (deceased), Alexandria, Jennie and Margaret H. Mrs. Maxwell died in Sandusky county, Ohio, in 1876, and our subject then married Mrs. Adeline Smith, a daughter of Peter and Adeline (Hatfield) Barger. The union resulted in the birth of William H., Daisy M., Lewis F., Bertie A. and Warner E. Mr. Maxwell came to this country in 1871, and located in Clyde county, Ohio, one year later removing to Harrison township, this county. He is a believer in the principles of the democratic party and a worthy citizen of his adopted state.

J. L. Miller was born in Lenawee county, Mich., on the 20th of March, 1853, and is the son of Ziba and Jane (Lowe) Miller, of Yankee descent. He was educated in his native county and there began the pursuit of farming as his life work. He was married in Logan county, Ohio, on March 28, 1872, to Miss Leanna D. Elliott, the daughter of George and Eliza (James) Elliott. The children that have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Miller are Clara E., George Z. and William E. Mr. Miller located in Paulding county, in 1882, and was for two years engaged in the implement business at Paulding. Politically he is a democrat and an active worker in the party ranks. He is an industrious young farmer and his success has been achieved by thrift and economy. With his wife and children, he is highly respected in the community.

Alonzo Outland, who is one of the representative farmers and carpenters of Harrison township, was born in Logan county, February 22, 1839. He is the eldest son of Thomas and Eliza (Freer) Outland, of English parentage, and was reared to manhood in his native county, where his education was received. On the 3rd of November, 1860, Miss Minerva E. Reams was joined in matrimony with Mr. Outland, and they have these children: Mary E., wife of E. Gaut; Frank, Maud, wife of J. Mulligan; Addie, Gardner, Laura, John, Raymond, Charles (deceased), John A. (deceased), and Iona. Our subject is a stanch supporter of the republican party, and is a pensioner. He served one year during the war as a member of company D, One Hundred and Ninety-second Ohio volunteer infantry, having been discharged June 28, 1865. He located in this county in 1874, and is highly respected as one of its good citizens. Mrs. Outland is the daughter of Vincent and Mary T. (Vasser) Reams, of English origin, and was born in Logan county in January, 1842.

Frank A. Pio is a native of New York, having been born in Oswego county, January 7, 1846, the son of J. B. and Mary (Rusay) Pio, of French extraction. The parents came from France in 1828, and located in New York, where they remained for some years. They then went to Allen county, Ind., and lived there until their respective deaths. Frank Pio, our subject, was the fourth child in order of birth born to these French immigrants. He received a common school education and was reared to manhood in Allen county. In 1888, Mr. Pio, in partnership with Mr. Silas Brattain erected a tile factory on the former's land, and are at present doing a prosperous business. March 12, 1866, Miss Mary, the daughter of Jacob and Mary (Dupray) Barbier, became the wife of Frank Pio, and ten children were born to them, named William J., Joseph J., Norah J., wife of A. F. Hughes; Mary E., Frank A., Jr., Charles E., John W., Henry A., Fred J. and Emma H. Pio. The father, who is independent in his politics, has been trustee of his township for four terms, and assessor for five terms. He and his family enjoy the esteem of the community in which they reside.

Francis A. Quince, a former prominent farmer of Paulding county, was born in Richland county on the 2d of August, 1849. His parents, Francis and Catherine (Shelly) Quince, were of French lineage and honored residents of the township in which they lived. After obtaining a common school education, Francis Quince began life for himself. In 1873, on the 13th of January, he was united in matrimony with Miss Agatha Lothammer, a native of France, born in 1852, and the daughter of Theobold and Mary M. (Gamber) Lothammer, of France, the former of whom was born May 5, 1806, and is still well and hearty, and the latter's birth occurring April 10, 1809, her death taking place August 15, 1887. Three children blessed this union, by name: Catherine M., born October 6, 1873; Mary C., born April 11, 1875; Morris O., born June 29, 1877. The father of these children was killed by lightning on the 19th of August, 1880. Since his death the farm work has been overlooked by Mrs. Quince. Mr. Quince, when alive, was identified with the democratic party, and his family are members of the Catholic church.

John R. Radenbaugh, one of the enterprising citizens of this county, was born in Williams county, Ohio, December 10, 1841, the son of Philip and Mary A. (Fisher) Radenbaugh. The parents, who were natives of Germany, emigrated to this country in early life and located for a time in Erie county, later coming to Williams and then to Paulding. John Radenbaugh was educated and reared to the years of maturity in the last named county. On the 4th of August, 1861, he joined company F, Thirty-eighth Ohio volunteer infantry, and served for two years and six months, at the end of which time he received his discharge at Chattanooga, Tenn. He re-enlisted there for three years more, served faithfully for a year and a half, and was mustered out of the service in July 1865. During his service, Mr. Radenbaugh took part in the following battles: Mill Springs, Murfreesborough, Corinth, Stone River, Jonesborough, and the battles in which the army of the Cumberland participated. His marriage with Miss Mary C., the daughter of Francis and Catherine (Shelly) Quince, occurred December 7 1865, and unto this union these children were born: Francis, Sarah A., wife of Wm. H. Harris; John P. (deceased), Alonzo, William M. (deceased), Henry M. and Laura. Mr. Radenbaugh, who is identified with the democratic party, has held the office of trustee for six years and treasurer for three years. He located in this county in 1851, followed merchandising for sixteen years in Payne, and when, in 1887, his stock was burned, he retired to the farm where he now resides.

George A. Sellers is a native of the Old Dominion, having been born in Rockingham county, March 12, 1835, the son of Emanuel and Sarah (Warvel) Sellers, of German extraction. Our subject was the sixth of seven children born to these parents, and he received his education and training in his native county. His occupation was that of a cabinet maker and undertaker. When the war broke out he was one of the first volunteers for his country and the union, but when the war proper began he and his comrades were forced to join the Confederacy for six months. They then went home on the sick list, and hid for about eighteen months before they could cross the line. When Mr. Seller reached the Union forces he met with an accident. He fell over a rock in the dark, and had the misfortune to break his right leg. This calamity incapacitated him for duty, and he was confined to his bed at the house of Abram Funk, a Union man, who cared for him in his trouble. At the end of seven weeks he made a second start and succeeded in getting to New Creek station, where he met the Union army and came north, July 4, 1863, with the rebel prisoners to Camp Chase. He remained there for three weeks, took the oath of allegiance and came to Greenville, Darke county, Ohio, where he engaged in the pursuit of his occupation. From this place he removed to Pikeville, thence to Webster, where he began farming; later he went to North Star, where he resided until 1879. From the latter place Mr. Sellers went to live on a farm, making the same his home for six years. In 1885 he came to the town of Payne, this county, and one year later moved on the farm where he now resides. His wife, whose maiden name was Miss Catherine Reubush, was the daughter of John and Polly (Hoffman) Reubush. They were married April 15, 1866, and had these children: William, Jolly, Mollie, Nanny B., deceased; Charley, deceased, and George, deceased. George Sellers, who is a republican in politics, has held the minor township offices, and he and his family are members of the United Brethren church.

William A. Sellers was born in Rockingham county, Va., on the 20th of January, 1857, and is a representative citizen of the township in which he lives. When he was seven years of age he was taken by his parents to Darke county, Ohio, and there commenced the life of a farmer. His instruction was received in the common schools, and in the fall of 1875 he began the profession of teaching, having taught each successive winter since that time. In March, 1887, he located in this county upon the farm where he now resides. His estimable wife, whom he married December 11, 1881, was Miss Sarah Grove, a native of Miami county, born March, 1861. Her parents were Christian and Hannah (Smith) Grove, German lineage. Mr. and Mrs. Sellers have four children, called: Cora May, Bessie Pearl, Elva Earl and Charles Ray. The father has held the office of trustee for three years, and while a resident of Darke county acceptably filled the minor township offices.

Frederick Schubel.—In 1871 Frederick Schübel came to this county and located upon 120 acres of fine land, which he has well improved. He is a native of Germany, born in Prussia, September 14, 1839, the son of Daniel and Polodina (Garing) Schübel. At the age of eighteen years he came to America, and, in 1857, located in Huron county and engaged in farming in company with several of his countrymen. At first he worked by the day and month at hoeing corn, and, as stated above, came to this county and purchased land, in the cultivation of which he has since been engaged. He was united in marriage in December, 1862, to Miss Caroline, the sister of Frederick Wahl, and their children are: Frederick, Julietta, Henry, Harmon, Rocelia, Mary, Ellnora, Charles, Jacob, Harmena (deceased), and Ida (deceased). The family are members of the Holy Saints church, and socially are popular citizens of the community in which they reside. Politically Mr. Schübel is a democrat, and takes deep interest in the welfare of his party.

Henry Shelly, a prominent farmer of Harrison township, was born in France, near Paris, on the 26th of December, 1829. His parents, Francis and Jennie Shelly, emigrated to America in 1831, and located in Richland county, near Shelby. They remained here until their deaths, which occurred later on. Henry Shelly was but two years of age when he came to this country with his parents. He received but a limited education in his adopted county, and began life for himself at an early age. In 1864 he enlisted in company H, One Hundred and Sixty-second Ohio volunteer infantry, and served for 100 days. He received his honorable discharge, and is a pensioner. Mr. Shelly married Miss Abigail Chaney, the daughter of Charles Chaney, after coming to this county, and they had a child named Charley. The mother dying, Mr. Shelly was again married, Miss Mahala Michaels becoming his wife. Their children were: Abram, Louisa, the wife of L. Leeth, and three who are now deceased. Mrs. Shelly died in 1866, and Julia Myton, the daughter of Robert and Rhoda (Homan) Myton, of German extraction, was married to Mr. Shelly, in 1869. Their children are: Carrie, born April 14, 1872, died March 24, 1883; Emma, born May 21, 1875; Victoria, born September 5, 1877; Ada May, born May 23, 1881, and Lucy, born June 27, 1889. The father of these children is a republican in politics and highly esteemed.

Orin Skinner is a native of New York and was born in Chenango county, September 20, 1820, the son of Justin and Alma (Norton) Skinner, of English origin. Our subject is the only son living and his boyhood was spent in York state. At the age of seventeen years he went to Darke county, Ohio, and began life for himself as a farmer. Removing to Paulding county, he has become one of the venerable and honored residents of Harrison township. He is a member of the Dunkard church. Mr. Skinner was united in marriage to Miss Nargaret C. Renner, a native of Maryland, on March 18, 1853. Mrs. Skinner was born near Fredericksburg, and when two years old was taken by her parents to Starke county, where they died. To the union of Mr. and Mrs. Skinner seven children have been born, namely: Henrietta L., the wife of Silas Blazer; Florence B., the wife of Joseph Iveman; Alvin O., Ella, the wife of James Deardorff; John, Alfred and Clarence S. Mr. Skinner is a republican and has held the minor township offices. He was clerk of the township for three years and also held the position of constable for two years. Mr. Skinner is now retired from the active labor of farm work and living in the midst of friends and relatives; with pleasant and comfortable surroundings, there is no reason why the last days of himself and faithful companion should be crowned with contentment and all its attendant blessings.

Jacob Speaker was one of the early settlers of Paulding county, Ohio, and was born in Pennsylvania. He served through the war of 1812, and at the expiration of his term of service, received his honorable discharge. His wife, whose maiden name was Experience Dunham, was the daughter of Peter and Martha (Sprague) Dunham. She was born in the year 1817, and by her marriage with Mr. Speaker became the mother of two children, Mary A., the wife of George Gladwin, and Charles. She is now residing with her granddaughter, Mrs. Jennie (Gladwin) Shelly. Jacob Speaker departed this life in the county of his adoption, in 1864, and in his death the county lost one of her firmest friends.

Hiram Underwood was born in Logan county, near West Middleburg, January 28, 1840, the son of David and Mary A. (Downs) Underwood, of English parentage. The ancestors came from England before the Revolutionary war and settled in the eastern states, where they became well-to-do citizens. Mr. Underwood, our subject, received his educational training in his native county, and at the age of fourteen years began to learn the trade of the blacksmith with his father. At the call for troops in 1862, he enlisted August 8, in company H, Ninety-sixth Ohio volunteer infantry, and took part in the battles of Chickasaw Bayou, Arkansas Post, siege of Vicksburg and Jackson, Miss. He was taken prisoner November 3, 1863, in the battle of Grand Coteau, and was sent to Alexandria, La., where he was confined, until, with three companions, he made his escape December 15, 1863. During a severe thunderstorm, these men, thirsting for liberty, rushed out, and, slipping through the guard line, succeeded in getting to the Louisiana swamps, where for eight days they remained in hiding. Boarding the monitor Osage, he went to New Orleans, where he remained but a short time and then joined his regiment in Texas. He took part with them in the engagements of Sabine, Cross Roads, Cane River, Fort Gaines and Morgan, Spanish Fort and Blakesley, and was at the capture of Mobile. Returning home he received his discharge July 7, 1865. Politically Mr. Underwood is a prohibitionist, though formerly he voted the republican ticket. He held the office of clerk for two terms, that of assessor the same length of time, and he acted as justice of the peace three years. He is a member of the board of education, and with his wife belongs to the church of Christ at Payne. September 22, 1860, Mr. Underwood married Miss Rachel, the daughter of David and Ann Haines. She was born in Logan county, August 23, 1837, and is the mother of David W., Mary E., wife of William Ballinger; Louisa J., wife of Martin Leeth; Sarah E., Elmore and Edwin, twins, Ida May and Charles A. Mr. Underwood followed his trade of blacksmith till 1876, at which time he engaged in farming in Paulding county. In 1868 he located the splendid farm upon which he now resides and is the possessor of many fine horses. He and his wife are held in the highest esteem by all who know them.

George Wahl (deceased).—One of the well-remembered citizens of Harrison township is George Wahl, who died on the 7th day of October, 1884. He was born in Baden, Germany, July 28, 1846, came to this country with his parents in 1852, and at the age of twenty-three, January 2, 1870, married Ruth Philo, the daughter of Asa and Sarah (Hazlitt) Philo. Mrs. Wahl was born December 18, 1851, and was of German extraction. Her children are: George F., Eva, Sarah, Jacob, August, Bertie (deceased), Mary (deceased), Nicholas, Clara A. and Hulda E. The father of these sons and daughters was a republican, and in his death the township lost a good citizen. He had led an industrious and virtuous life, was charitable and hospitable, and his early death was deeply mourned by the citizens of the township and his bereaved family. Other information, touching his ancestry, will be found in the sketch of Frederick Wahl, his brother.

Frederick Wahl was born in Baden, Germany, April 4, 1843, the son of Nicholas and Julia Wahl, who came to America in 1852, and located in Erie county, Ohio, where they died. Our subject was nine years old when brought to America, and at the age of twenty-one he entered the service of his adopted country in company I, One Hundred and Forty-fifth regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry, and did garrison duty at Arlington Heights. Receiving his discharge August 27, 1864, he returned to Erie county and engaged in farming, which occupation he has since followed. In 1871 he located in Paulding county and settled upon the land where he now resides. December 12, 1868, Mr. Wahl married Miss Mary A. White, a native of Prussia, who, when but a few months old, was brought by her parents, Philip and May White, to this country. She bore her husband five children: Frederick E., Christian F., John A. (deceased), Willie (deceased), and Ida (deceased). As a republican, Mr. Wahl has held the office of trustee for one year and acted as a member of the school board for four years. He and wife are valued members of the United Brethren church. Mrs. Wahl died May 14, 1875, and in April, 1877, Mr. Wahl espoused Miss Ellen Gillen, the daughter of William and Ann (Woodward) Gillen. Their children are: Jacob, Anna (deceased), and Ida E. (deceased). Mr. Wahl enjoys great personal popularity in the county and has many friends who wish him well.

George Webber was born in Virginia February 25, 1847, the son of Solomon and Susan (Shepard) Webber, of German and English extraction. He grew to the years of maturity in Logan county, Ohio, and when but fifteen years of age enlisted Christmas day, 1863, in company F, Twenty-third Ohio volunteer infantry. He enlisted for three years, and took part in the battles of Cloyd Mountain, New River, Lexington, Lynchburg, Cabletown and Winchester. At the last engagement he was wounded, taken prisoner, and sent to Libby Prison, where he remained but a short time. He was then taken to the hospital, which place was styled by the southern men as "Castle Green," and by the unioners, "Castle Thunder," and was placed in confinement for two months. He was then put on parole for sixty days and exchanged at Parole Camp, Annapolis, Md. He then returned to his regiment at Stanton, Va. July 26, 1865, he received his discharge at Cumberland, Md., and returned home. Mr. Webber located in this county in 1879, and on August 10, of

the following year, was united in marriage to Miss Louesa E. Banks, who was born in this county, March 6, 1850, the daughter of J. and Caroline D. (Daggett) Banks. Louesa E. Webber's mother was a sincere Christian and a gentle mother, and survived her husband long enough to see their four daughters grow up to womanhood, all of whom now reside in this county. The grandfather of Louesa E. Webber, on her mother's side, was of Scotch extraction. His name was William K. Daggett. He was born in Vermont. One of his forefathers came over in the Mayflower and settled in Connecticut. Three of his ancestors were professors in Yale college; their names were David, John (they served in the Revolutionary war), and Gideon. David was taken prisoner; he was driven at the point of the bayonet all night through rain and sleet, and died three days after from the exposure. John Daggett, grandfather of William K. Daggett, was a captain. His son, Gideon, the father of William K., served as his attendant all through the war, and lived to be ninety years old. William K. Daggett came to Antwerp, Paulding county, about the year 1845; his third daughter, Caroline, was married to Jedediah Banks, who was a son of William Banks, Sr., who came to this county in 1827, and were of English extraction. Thomas Bank, father of William, lived in New Jersey, and also died there at the age of fifty years. Mr. Banks was a member of company I, One Hundred and Thirty-second Ohio volunteer infantry, during the war, and died from a disease contracted while in the service. Mr. and Mrs. Webber, who are devout members of the Methodist Episcopal church, are the parents of two bright children: Callie Ada Dollie and Jedah George Webber.

Augustus F. Wiegel.—In 1873 Augustus F. Wiegel located in this county, and has been one of the representative citizens during his residence here. He was born in Erie county, Ohio, May 27, 1850, the son of Bernhart and Martha (Mantz) Wiegel, of Germany, who came to America in early life, and were married in Huron. Augustus was the eighth of nine children born to these parents, and he received a good education. He married in Sandusky City, June 3, 1873, Katie Eusteen, the daughter of William Eusteen, of German origin, and these are their children: Cora M., Grace E., John H., Myrtle V., Carl C. and Milton E. Mr. Wiegel, who is a republican, has held these positions: clerk of the township for five years, trustee for three years, assessor for one year, and constable for one year. He has also served on the board of education, and is highly esteemed wherever known.

Samuel Wiltsie, a retired agriculturist of Harrison township, was born in Otsego county, N. Y., January 23, 1827, the son of George and Asenath (Hutchins) Wiltsie, both of whom are deceased. Mr. Wiltsie was left an orphan when but five years of age, and was bound out to a farmer in his native county, with whom he remained until he was nineteen years of age. He then removed to Lancaster county, Pa., where he was employed in the iron works at that place for one year. The education of Mr. Wiltsie was naturally limited, and he learned to read by the light afforded by the pine knots in the evenings. The Mexican war breaking out, Mr. Wiltsie enlisted in the First regiment of United States volunteers, and took part in the battles of the Valley of Mexico. Returning from the war, Mr. Wiltsie was employed at various work, and on May 16, 1850, married Miss Mary A., daughter of Peter and Mary (Clare) Mumma, of Lancaster county, Pa., both now being deceased. During the Civil war Mr. Wiltsie served for 100 days in the One Hundred and Thirty-second Ohio volunteer infantry. He has resided for twenty-six years upon his present place, and has contributed much toward the development of the county, having witnessed its growth from a dense forest into the cultivated spot it now is. Mr. and Mrs. Wiltsie became the parents of Asenath (deceased), Aldema (deceased), Samuel H., Emma (deceased), Mollie, Selina, Ella and Bertha. The family enjoy high social rank, and are esteemed throughout the county.

Anson Wiseman.—Among the leading nurserymen and farmers of Harrison township, Anson Wiseman holds a conspicuous place. He was born in Carroll county, Ohio, June 6, 1836, a son of George and Mary (George) Wiseman, of German and English origin. The grandfather on the paternal side came from Germany to New York city at the age of fifteen, in 1774. On the breaking out of the Revolution he enlisted in the cause of his adopted country under Col. Walter Stewart for five years. After serving his time out he drove a government team during the remainder of the war. George Wiseman, father of our subject, was born in Bedford county, Penn., and came to Ohio in 1809 and served as a sergeant in Col. William Rayne's regiment of Ohio militia in the war of 1812. Anson Wiseman grew to manhood in Meigs county, Ohio, and received a first-class education. In connection with farming he chose the profession of teacher, and taught eight terms of school. He was the first man in Salem township, Meigs county, to originate the grange hall association. He came to Paulding county, Ohio, in 1883, and is the owner of a fine nursery stock. Mr. Wiseman is something of a musician, having taught vocal as well as organ and violin music. In politics an earnest republican, Mr. Wiseman is a quiet citizen, has never been a witness before any court, and has never heard a case tried.

Anthony Worm.—One of the leading agriculturists of Harrison township is Anthony Worm, who was born in Seneca county, Ohio, May 19, 1855. His parents are Christian and Hannah (Layman) Worm, natives of Germany, who came to America in early life. Anthony was the fourth of five children born to these parents and grew to manhood in his native county. Here he obtained an education in the schools of the neghborhood, and upon graduating, engaged principally in milling and threshing. He located on section 16, in 1884, and here erected a saw mill with a capacity of 12,000 feet of lumber per day. He has been interested in the lumber business quite extensively and in his chosen work is successful. He was married, April 6, 1880, to Miss Victoria, the daughter of Peter and Margaret (Falter) Casanova, and to them have been born Isabella, Philomena, John, Henry and Olla. The family are members of the Catholic church and enjoy high social standing in the community where they reside.

JACKSON TOWNSHIP.

S. B. Akerman.—Among the prosperous farmers of Paulding county should be mentioned S. B. Akerman, who was born in Morgan county, Ohio, the son of William and Keziah (Carroll) Akerman, natives of Ohio. He was reared and educated in Allen county, Ohio, and there, in 1855, he married Miss Eva Fisher, who bore him nine children, four of whom, Andrew J., Laura, the wife of Henry Ramsey; John M., and Charles E., survive. He enlisted, in February, 1865, in company E, One Hundred and Ninety-seventh Ohio volunteer infantry, and served until the close of the war. During his life he followed various employments, until, in 1866, he settled upon his present farm of eighty acres, which he had purchased in 1863, on which he has erected the buildings. Mrs. Akerman died in 1881, and he was married to Miss Sophia Seely. Mr. Akerman has held the office of township trustee, and at present is filling that of township treasurer, having been the incumbent of that office for four years. In politics he is a member of the democratic party.

J. C. Baughman, a prominent farmer and tile manufacturer was born in Saxony, Germany, August 3, 1853. He is the son of Christopher and Christina (Looft) Baughman, who immigrated to this country in 1868, and setttled in Hardin county, Ohio. J. C. Baughman was educated in his native land and remained upon the farm with his father, in his adopted state, until 1882, when he purchased 100 acres of land in Jackson township, Paulding county, which he cleared and upon which, he erected substantial building. He was engaged in farming with good success until 1887, at which time he erected his tile mill, consisting of two buildings, one 20x156 and one 18x24. The capacity of his mill is 10,000 tile and 10,000 brick per day, the machinery being run by a sixteen horse power engine. Mr. Baughman gives employment to four men, and finds ready market for all of the tile he can manufacture. He was married September 9, 1879, to Miss Annie Casper a native of Germany, who was at the time of her marriage a resident of Hardin county, Ohio. The union of Mr. and Mrs. Baughman resulted in the birth of Lawrence, Ellen and Laura Baughman, and the family are highly respected in the community in which they reside. In political belief, Mr. Baughman is a democrat and he is one of the enterprising men of the county. He is keen, progressive and successful, and with his wife occupies high rank in the social world.

Florents Berlingcourt (deceased) was a native of Switzerland, and was born in that country in 1809. He started for the United States in 1849, and landed in this country in 1850. By trade he was a carpenter, and worked about eight months in Buffalo, N. Y. Magnolia, Ohio, then became his home, and he followed farming for two years, when he removed to Allen county, Ohio. In 1860 he settled in Jackson township, Paulding county, and bought land to the amount of eighty acres, where his son Alseed now lives. When he purchased this land it was mostly woods, but he built his log house and barn and began the process of clearing away the forest. He formed a marriage alliance with Miss Miss Salina Williamcy in Switzerland, and six children were born to them, whose names are as follows: Lena, who is married to Frank Du-

pont; Leopold, a member of the Twenty seventh Ohio volunteer infantry, killed at the battle of Atlanta, Ga.; Christina, wife of Samuel Hostretter; Edith (deceased), Rev. Alfred of the Christian church and Alseed. Mr. Berlingcourt died at his home in 1886, and his wife preceded him to the grave in 1882. They were, in religious belief, members of the Dutch Reformed church. Alseed Burlingcourt, the youngest child, was born in Switzerland, February 10, 1849. He was reared and educated in Allen county, and has followed the pursuit of farming all his life. He now owns the homestead place. He is a member of the U. B. church, and a republican in politics. He is one of the enterprising farmers of Paulding county.

John Butler, one of the prosperous farmers of Paulding county, Ohio, is a native of the Emerald Isle. He was born in county Kilkenny, June 24, 1841, the son of Edward and Agnes (Purcell) Butler. When fourteen years of age, John, our subject, came to the United States and settled in Cattaraugus county, N. Y., where he went to school. In 1857 he came to Madison county, Ohio, where he clerked at West Jefferson for five years. Farming then became his occupation and in 1883 he purchased his present farm in Paulding county. He served as township trustee in Madison county, Ohio, while residing there, being the choice of the democratic party. He was a member of the Ohio militia at the time of Morgan's raid. Mr. Butler has been twice married. His first wife was Jane Crego whom he married in 1864, and their children were named as follows: John C., Annie (deceased), Edward, Jennie, the wife of J. H. Billingsly; Martha M. and Walter J. (deceased), twins. The mother died in 1887 and Mr. Butler took for his second wife, on the 7th of August, 1890, Mrs. Mary Anderson, the daughter of John Depman. They are members of the Catholic church and Mr. Butler belongs to the P. of H., Jackson Grange of Hedges.

John J. Clark, a prosperous farmer of Paulding county, was born in county Antrim, Ireland, October 25, 1847, the son of James and Catherine (McRoberts) Clark. The father came to America in 1849 and settled in Perry county, Ohio, moving later to the county of Hardin, where he now resides, engaged in farming. John Clark came to this country with his grandfather in 1857, and the death of the latter occurred in Perry county in 1861. His wife, whom he had married in the old country, was Margaret McCaully. Our subject was reared in Perry county, Ohio, in the common schools he received his education. He lived upon the homestead farm until he was seventeen years of age and then taught school during the winter months. In 1869 he engaged in contracting for building turnpikes, at the same time continuing his teaching, at which latter he was employed for twenty-one years in the counties of Madison, Hardin and Paulding. Miss Christina, the daughter of Daniel McCarty, of Seneca county, Ohio, became the wife of Mr. Clark on January 22, 1884, and they are the parents of four sons, namely: Daniel, John, Edward and Alfred. Mr. Clark has a large farm of 127 acres, of which eighty acres are well improved and under cultivation. He is a democrat in politics, and as such held the following positions: County examiner of Hardin for three years; the same position in Paulding county for three years; township trustee for two years; was appointed sheriff by the county commissioner in 1891 to fill an unexpired term of E. C. Swayne, who resigned. Mr. Clark and family are members of the Catholic church, of Cecil, and are highly esteemed wherever known.

Joseph Clementz, who is a native of Alsace, France, is a progressive farmer of Paulding county. He was born February 8, 1835, the son of Remy and Catherine (Horny) Clementz. Joseph Clementz was reared in his native country, where he received his education and learned the stone mason's trade, which he followed until he came to America, in 1854. Upon his arrival in this country he located in Massillon, Ohio, and engaged in working at his trade, which he carried on until 1877, in which year he came to Jackson township, Paulding county, which is his present place of residence. He purchased 160 acres of land and began farming for a livelihood, in connection with his masonry. He espoused Miss Eugenia Russell, in 1857, and she died in 1862, leaving one child, Celestina C., now the wife of Isaac Loar, of Jackson township. His second wife, whom he married in 1866, was Miss Elizabeth Kessall, and their children are: Joseph, George, Regina (deceased), Peter, Charley and Henry. Mr. Clementz, who is a supporter of the democratic party, is a member of the P. of H., Jackson Grange No. 1238; P. of I., Jackson lodge No. 2288. He and his wife are worshipers at St. Mary's Roman Catholic church at Junction.

Joseph A. Crosby (deceased) was one of the early settlers of Jackson township. He was born in Kentucky, November 24, 1816, and was the son of Alexander Crosby, whose father came from Scotland to this country at an early date and settled in Kentucky. He subsequently removed to Licking county, Ohio, where he departed this life. His family consisted of three daughters and six sons. Joseph, the third son, was reared in Kentucky until he reached the years of manhood, and received his education at the subscription schools. In 1850 he came to Paulding county and located in Benton township, thence to Jackson township, and settled upon the land now in the possession of John Keck. Here he lived for eight years, and then purchased eighty acres of land where his son, A. M. Crosby, now makes his home, and where he continued to live until his death, which occurred in 1866. Politically Joseph Crosby was in early life a whig and later a republican, and filled the position of township trustee for fourteen years, which speaks well for his executive ability. In religious belief he was a communicant of the United Brethren church, and was the leader for many years. Mary J., the daughter of Thomas Borchus, of Licking county, Ohio, became his wife, and his family was composed of the following members: John W. (deceased), Elmira (deceased), who was the wife of Thomas Moore—second husband, James Barnhill; Eli, who was a member of the Thirty-eighth Ohio volunteer infantry, and died while serving his country; interred in section 64, No. 124, Jefferson barracks, St. Louis, Mo.; Albert M., Julia, who married Thomas Hayes; David (deceased), Thomas H., Amanda C. (deceased) and George W.

Albert M. Crosby, who resides on the farm, first saw the light on the 19th of May, 1848, in Union county, Ohio. He was reared and educated in Paulding county and has always followed the pursuit of farming. In 1864, in answer to his country's call, he enlisted in company H, One hundred and thirty-second Ohio volunteer infantry, and was honorably discharged at the end of his term of service. In June, 1869 he married Miss Ellen Holtsberry, whose death occurred in the same year, and on June 19, 1874, he took as his wife Miss Alice, the daughter of Joseph and Susan Betts, of Jackson township, and five children, four of whom are living, were the issue of this marriage. They are named as follows: Eva B., Nora B., Asbury B. (deceased), Ida and Lita. Mr. Crosby, who is a republican in his political belief, has acted as township treasurer for three terms. He is a member in good standing of the Broughton post, 513, G. A. R., Paulding lodge, No. 577, I. O. O. F., and P. of H., Jackson Grange.

T. H. Crosby is the son of Joseph Crosby, of whom a more extended account is elsewhere given. He was born March 13, 1854, and received his education in the common schools of his county. He was raised on a farm and has followed the profession of the agriculturist all his life. In March, 1874, Miss Ida B., the daughter of Gabriel Holtsberry, became his wife, and they are the parents of four sons, named: Charles E., La France E., Byron R. and George O. As a republican in politics, Mr. Crosby has filled the offices of township assessor and constable, and at present is the able clerk of the township. Fraternally he is a member of the I. O. O. F., and P. & H., of Jackson grange, 1238, and is considered one of the leading young citizens of the county in which he resides.

E. H. Dietrich.—John and Gertie Dietrich, who were natives of Germany, where they were reared and married, became the parents of E. H. Dietrich, a highly respected farmer of Paulding county. He was born in Cleveland, Ohio, October 18, 1851. His parents came to this country in 1850, and located in Cleveland, where the father engaged in the baker business and lived until his death, which occurred in 1853, leaving a widow and two sons. The mother subsequently married Morton Leffel, and by her second marriage became the mother of three daughters and one son. She died in Allen county in 1889. Our subject was but two years of age when his father died, and as his mother had but limited means with which to care for her children, he was placed in the hands of strangers, and the circumstances were such that he had no opportunity to obtain an education. He earned his own support from the time he was a lad and later on assisted his father-in-law in the farming of rented land for four years. They failed in their efforts and E. H. Dietrich then went to work in the stone quarry, and succeeded, by his work, in paying off all the debts. He again began farming on rented land, and in time came to Paulding county, where he bought his present farm of forty acres, which he has improved and erected suitable building thereon. Miss Sarah Harmon, of Mercer county, Ohio, became his wife October 5, 1876. She was born October 5, 1852, and was the daughter of Lewis Harmon. Their children are: Hattie, born July 18, 1877; Delmer, born April 18, 1879. Mr. and Mrs. Dietrich are members of the German Baptist church, and in politics he is a democrat.

Henry Downhour, a successful farmer of Paulding county, was born in Thorn township, Perry county, Ohio, October 10, 1838, the son of Peter and Catherine (Greenawalt) Downhour. He was raised on the homestead farm and received a common school education. His father

died when he was but a young lad, and at the age of eighteen he, in company with his mother, removed to Allen county, and bought a farm of eighty acres. Here he remained until 1861, when he came to Paulding county, and located in Latty township. After two years' residence in this place he purchased his present farm of eighty acres. He was elected

to the office of infirmary director in 1887, and served in this capacity for thirty-seven months, his politics being of the democratic faith. In 1860 he married Miss Nancy, the daughter of John and Elizabeth Lones. She departed this life in 1868, leaving three children, named Charles D., John H. and Barbara J. Mr. Downhour was a second time married, in 1876, to Miss Emily, the daughter of George W. and Leddie (Ross) Dilts, of Marion county, and one child, now deceased, was the fruit of this union. Mr. Downhour is a member of the farmers' alliance, also of P. of H. grange No. 1238. He is a member of the Lutheran church.

M. M. Gantt, the superintendent of the infirmary, was born in Knox county, Ohio, on March 8, 1852. His parents were T. F. and Margaret (Snell) Gantt, natives of Virginia, who settled in Knox county, and later removed to Union county, where they now reside. Mr. Gantt was educated in the common schools and was reared to the life of a farmer. He first followed the occupation of farming in Union county, but on the 26th of February, 1880, located in Blue Creek township, where he bought his farm of sixty-two acres, which is still in his possession. He was appointed superintendent of the infirmary March 26, 1886, and held that position for one year. At the expiration of his term of office he returned to Blue Creek and commenced farming again. In 1890, the people recognizing his ability as an officer, appointed him again to the place of superintendent of the infirmary, of which he is now the incumbent. In the spring of 1883 he was elected justice of the peace for Blue Creek township, and he remained in the office for three years, and while notary public his term was also for three years. He is a republican in politics. October 17, 1875, he took as his wife Miss Sarah E., the daughter of Jacob Hilderbrand, a native of Germany and a resident of Union county, Ohio. They had three children, but two are all that survive. They are Icy and Jesse. Fraternally Mr. Gantt is a member of the Paulding lodge, No. 557, I. O. O. F.

Frederick Gekler, a popular farmer of Paulding county, is a native of Fairfield county, Ohio, and was born in 1839, the son of Frederick and Mary (Ganevay) Gekler. When he was five years of age his father died, and he was taken by an uncle to Cincinnati, where he remained for five years. He then went to Dearborn county, Ind., in company with the same uncle, by name James Ganevay, lived there five years, then removed to Harrison county, and made that his home for seventeen years, during that time farming the land on which he lived. In 1871 he came to Paulding county, where he purchased his present farm of eighty acres from William Donald, and has since managed the same. He erected upon his land, in 1883, a brick factory, which has a large capacity for work, and which he has run for six years. He was united in wedlock, in 1861, to Miss Susan, the daughter of Enos and Jane Faivre, natives of France, who came to this country in 1849, and settled in Harrison county, Ind. Their children are: Mary A., the wife of John Ryan; Mary F. (deceased); Henry, of Washington township; Theodore E., of Latty township; Sarah A. and Rose E. Mr. Gekler, who is a democrat, is also a member of the P. of H., Jackson Grange, No. 1238. The family are attendants at the St. Joseph Roman Catholic church, of Latty.

Hays Family -- One of the early settlers of Paulding county was William Hays, who was born in Maryland in 1818, and came to the county of his adoption in 1852, where he lived for two years. He returned to his native state in 1874, and his demise occurred in 1885. He settled upon the land where his son John Hays now lives and was a carpenter and farmer by profession. Mr. Hays was three times married. His first wife was Miss Lenda Crosby, of Licking county, Ohio, who bore him two children, John and Thomas. Her death occurred in 1854. Miss Rachel Barker became his second wife, and one daughter, Anne, now the wife of Samuel Harden, was the fruit of this union. He again married, this time taking as his wife Miss Susan Haywood. Mr. Hays was one of the early democratic trustees, and a devoted member of the Christian church. Rev. John Hays, the youngest son, first saw the light in Delaware county, Ohio, on October 9, 1848. He was raised in Illinois and received his education in the common schools. During his youth he followed the occupation of the farmer, but in 1882 he was ordained, by the congregation at West Liberty, as a minister of the Christian church. For four years he has been in charge of the Forest Grove church and that of Columbus Grove, Putnam county. He was united in wedlock, to Miss Elizabeth, the daughter of John Burge, of Illinois, and five children blessed their union: Surilda J., Lula B., William, T. J. and Nora E. Rev. Hays is a member of the P. of H., Jackson Grange, No. 1238, and is a supporter of the prohibition party. In 1865 he enlisted in company C, One Hundred and Twenty-third Illinois regiment, and served for the remainder of the war.

C. H. Hood, the enterprising merchant and postmaster of Hedges, Ohio, was born March 20, 1862, in Maysville, Allen county, Ohio, a son of H. G. and Mary (Johnson) Hood. He was reared and educated in his native town, and in early life entered his father's store in Maysville as a clerk. In 1886 he purchased the general store of Jerome McMahon, at Hedges, Paulding county, and has since successfully conducted the same. Mr. Hood was appointed in January, 1890, to the position of postmaster and is fulfilling the duties of that office with satisfaction to all. Besides the foregoing office, he has been treasurer of Jackson township. He is in politics a stanch supporter of the republican party. Mr. Hood's marriage to Miss Nellie, daughter of Rev. M. H. Mott, of La Fontaine, Ind., occurred January 31, 1888, and to them two children, Clair and Eloise, have been born. The family enjoy the esteem of a wide circle of acquaintances.

Dr. F. B. Ladd.—One of the enterprising young physicians of Paulding county is Dr. F. B. Ladd, who is a native of Saco, Me., and was born on the first of October, 1865. He is the son of Samuel and Jane C. (Patterson) Ladd. Dr. Ladd is a descendant of one of the Puritan forefathers whose name was also Ladd, and who came to this country in the famous Mayflower. Our subject was educated in the common schools and became a student of medicine in the University of Iowa, from which institution he graduated in 1888. He came to Ohio in 1883 and finished his studies under the preceptorship of his brother, Dr. L. E. Ladd, of Middle Point, Van Wert county, Ohio, and in 1888 located in Broughton, where he has since resided in the enjoyment of a lucrative patronage. Dr. Ladd is a member of the Paulding county and the Northwestern medical societies, and in politics belongs to the republican party.

Josiah Lambert, a native of Miami county, Ohio, was born near Troy. He came to Paulding county in 1851, settling first in Brown township, and afterward in Jackson, upon the land where Frank Jones now resides. He then engaged in the store business at Hedges, for a time, subsequently removing to Charloe, where he conducted a mercantile trade and then retired. Miss Sarah Rollins, of Miami county, became his wife, and unto them twelve children, six now living, were born. Those who yet survive are: Jonathan, Hezekiah, Jane, wife of Frank Jones; Clarissa, the wife of Charley Tobker; Daniel, and Rellia, wife of James Hastings. Mrs. Lambert died in 1875. Mr. Lambert's second wife was Mary Paris, of Miami county, Ohio, Mr. Lambert, who is a supporter of the republican party, has served as the constable of Jackson township. Jonathan Lambert, the eldest living child, was born January 13, 1842, in Miami county. He was educated in the common schools and on the farm. In 1861 he enlisted in company I, Seventeenth Ohio volunteer infantry, and served faithfully until 1864, having participated in all the battles in which the Fourteenth army corps, to which he belonged, took part. In 1875 he settled upon his present farm. Mr. Lambert and Miss Elizabeth, the daughter of Daniel Good, of Fairfield county, became husband and wife, in 1865, and the children by this marriage, who are living, are as follows: John W., Sarah C., the wife of George Kiser; Mary, Frank, Charlie, Nancy, Emma and Minnie. The family are members of the Christian church, of Jackson township, in which they are in high standing.

Eugene E. Manson (deceased) was a native of France, who came to the United States with his parents in 1834, and settled with them in Fairfield county, Ohio. He was a miller by trade, but after coming to this country he learned the process of making shoes, and was engaged in that occupation at Basil for seven years. In 1861 he came to Paulding county, and located upon the land where his widow now lives. It was composed of forty acres, to which he subsequently added 120 more. His marriage to Anne, the daughter of Peter N. Mazelin, of France, who came to this country in 1840, settling in Fairfield county, Ohio, resulted in the birth of the following named: Alpheus, Mary Josephine, wife of Mail Smith, and Isidore, of Nebraska. Eugene Manson died on the 14th day of August, 1877. His politics had been of the democratic faith, and he had held the position of township treasurer for two terms. His religious belief was that of the Catholic, and he was a member of St. Mary's church. The father of Eugene E. Manson was for twenty years a soldier under the great Napoleon. Alpheus Manson, whose birth occurred October 17, 1856, at Basil, Ohio, received a common schooling. He has taken charge of his father's estate, and has improved about eighty acres of land. In the fall of 1890 he erected a tile and brick factory upon his land, with a capacity of 1,300 brick per day. Mr. Manson is a

communicant of the St. Joseph Roman Catholic church. He is a genial farmer, respected by all who know him.

Dr. A. H. Mouser.—Among the prosperous and leading physicians of Paulding county may be mentioned Dr. A. H. Mouser, who is a native of Marion county, Ohio, and was born on the 23rd of November, 1867. He is the son of Mr. J. A. and Nellie S. (De Long) Mouser and was educated in the common schools, graduating from the high school of La Rue, his native town. He began the study of medicine under the tutelage of his father, and in 1889 received his diploma from the Columbus Medical college. He practiced his profession with his father for one year and then, June 4, 1890, settled at Hedges, which is still the place of his residence. In 1889 his nuptials with Miss Belle, the daughter of Thomas Price, of Jackson township, were celebrated. Dr. Mouser is a member of the Marion county medical society and in politics is independent. He and wife belong to the Methodist Episcopal church of La Rue. Dr. Mouser is one of the progressive young physicians of the county in which he lives and deserves the success he is so rapidly attaining.

J. S. Parrish, proprietor of the first and only hotel of Hedges, Paulding county, was born in Pleasant township, Putnam county, Ohio, on the 2nd of August, 1838. He is the son of John and Sarah (Brown) Parrish, the former a native of Virginia. The early life of J. S. Parrish was spent on the farm, and when he reached the age of twenty-four years he learned the trade of a blacksmith, which he followed until 1878 in Putnam county. In 1878 he came to Jackson township, this county, and engaged in farming until 1882, when he began contracting for roads, etc. This profession he followed for two years, and in 1884 he went to Antwerp, where he embarked in the hotel business. June 25th, 1885, was the date of his removal to Hedges, where he built his present hotel. At the same time he commenced his business of blacksmithing and is successfully engaged in the same. On January 31, 1860, the marriage of Mr. Parrish was solemnized with Miss Mary J., the daughter of William Cowden, of Columbus Grove, Putnam county, Ohio, and unto the union these five children have been born: Rose E., Sarah N., Iona L., John B. and Louis P. Parrish. Mr. Parrish, who is democrat, has held the office of township trustee, in which office he gave satisfaction.

James M. Price, a prominent farmer and stockgrower, of Paulding county, was born in Middleburg, Cuyahoga county, Ohio, on the 24th of March, 1858. He is the son of William and Jane (Hodson) Price, and was raised on the farm. After receiving his schooling, he learned the trade of meat-cutting, and, in 1882, settled in Cleveland, where he conducted a grocery and meat business for two years. In the year 1885 he came to Paulding, and in April of 1889 he located upon his present place of 160 acres, and is employed in general farming and stockraising. He selected as his life companion Miss Hattie A. Conley, of Cleveland, Ohio, and their marriage took place in 1882. One child, a son, named Gussie J., was born to them. They are communicants of the Christian church, and Mr. Price is in political belief a republican.

Thomas Price, farmer, was born in Licking county, Ohio, February 3, 1823, and is the son of Jared and Annie (Hutchins) Price, both natives of Maryland, and who were among the early settlers of Licking county, Ohio. Thomas Price was reared in his native county, having the advantage of the common schools of that day. He started in life a poor boy, and by hard work and industry has made a good home. He removed to Paulding county in 1869, locating in Jackson township, where he has since resided, and now owns a good home, the results of a well spent life. He has assisted in making many of the roads of his township, and is a progressive and benevolent man. Mr. Price is a stanch democrat, and is also a member of the grange. He was married May 3, 1846, to Miss Catherine Holzberry, daughter of James and Fannie (Harter) Holzberry, both of German parentage. By this union ten children were born, viz.: John M., Richard, James, Albert, Annie, Solomon, Sarah, Jemima, Rilla and Belle. Mr. and Mrs. Price are worthy citizens, and respected wherever known.

Hance Reed, an enterprising farmer of Jackson township, was born in Coshocton county, Ohio, February 25, 1829. He is the son of Samuel and Catherine (Seyler) Reed, natives of the state of Ohio. Samuel Reed was a miller by occupation, and in 1859 came to Paulding county, locating in Brown township, upon the Auglaize, where he engaged in milling. Hance Reed, the subject of this sketch, received his education from the common schools, and was reared upon the farm in Crawford county, Ohio, and learned the carpenter's and miller's trade, and in 1855 located at Paulding, Ohio, where he worked at his trade four years. He then engaged in partnership with his father until 1857, when E. Brown became his partner, with whom he continued in business four years, when he rented Harrison Hanville's place at Fort Brown, where he remained until October, 1863, when he returned to his former home, and in May, following enlisted in company H, One Hundred and Thirty-second Ohio volunteer infantry, for the one-hundred-day service. In 1866 he purchased his present home of seventy-nine acres for $600, which was yet unimproved, but since he has redeemed it from the forest, and it is now worth $3,000. Mr. Reed is a hard-working, industrious man; a member of the P. of H., Jackson Grange No. 1238, and is a stanch republican. He was married, June 18, 1856, to Miss Harrriet E. Shaffer, and their children are: Sarah T., born March 21, 1857, married August 28, 1875, and died January 29, 1879; Catherine L., born June 7, 1858, and August 12, 1879, married Charles Landrie; Samuel E., born March 15, 1863, and was married to Miss Emma Parrish February 20, 1879, who died May 12, 1887; Bertha A., born February 14, 1868, who is yet at home; John H., born September 26, 1870 (deceased), aged one day. Mr. and Mrs. Reed are worthy citizens and highly respected.

Ebenezer Russell came to Paulding county in 1859, and purchased a farm of forty acres, in Jackson township. His wife was, before her marriage, Phœbe Freeman by name, and she became the mother of five daughters and three sons. Her husband, who was a justice of the peace, died in 1865, and she followed him to the grave on February 13, 1868. Their son, Rufus Russell, who is the immediate subject of this sketch, was born in Cataraugus county, N. Y., March 9, 1827. At the age of six years, his parents moved to Medina county, Ohio, taking him with them, and there they educated and reared their son to manhood. At the age of twenty-six he settled in Alger county, Mich., and began farming. He then went to Allen county, Ohio, where his parents had moved, and in 1856 came to Paulding county, and located on a farm where he now lives, owning a farm of eighty acres, well improved. He was formerly a cooper by trade, and worked at it for two years. As a democrat he has acceptably filled the offices of township treasurer and trustee, and it was he who voted the second democratic ticket cast in Jackson township. He enlisted, in 1864, in the Forty-seventh Ohio volunteer infantry, and served faithfully until the close of the war. He was at the battle of Fort McAllister, and was with Gen. Sherman from Atlanta to the sea. He is a member of the G. A. R. His marriage to Miss Jane, the daughter of John Charlton, of Allen county, occurred on March 6, 1851, and these are their children: John, Rufus, Edward, Martin, Nora, the wife of Amos Ross; Hewron, Elizabeth, wife of Hugh Ross; and Estella.

John Ryan (deceased) was a native of county Limerick, Ireland, and was born in the year 1829. He was a son of John and Mary Ryan. At the age of nineteen years, in company with his brother, Jeremiah, he emigrated to this country and settled in Columbiana county, Ohio. For two years he was employed on the railroad and then went to Logan county, Ohio, where, in the occupation of farming, he remained for eleven years. In 1861 he came to Paulding county and procured eighty acres of land where his son James now lives. He subsequently purchased eighty acres more, which is now the residence of Jeremiah Ryan, and, in connection with this, twenty-five acres where his niece, Hannah Ryan, dwells. His life, which was a long and prosperous one, was devoted to farming. Miss Hannah Perkins, of Columbiana county, became his wife, and unto their union three sons and one daughter were born. They were named Jeremiah H., John, James, and Mary, who married James Satterly. John Ryan died on the 17th of February, 1886, and in his death the county lost one of its ablest citizens. Politically he was a democrat and religiously a member of the Catholic church. He served in the 100 days' service of the Civil war, and, while a man of retiring disposition, exerted a strong influence for good in his community.

Jeremiah H. Ryan, the eldest son of the above, was born in Logan county, September 4, 1852. His early life was spent in his native county, where he was educated. He came to Paulding county with his parents and began work on the railroad, which he continued until his marriage, when he settled upon his present place. Mr. Ryan, in connection with his farming, acts as agent for Hughes & Bros., manufacturers of monuments and tomb-stones. In 1876 he led Miss Mary E., the daughter of John and Caroline Dague, of Licking county, Ohio, to the altar. Our subject is a democrat and has filled some of the minor offices of his township. In religious belief Mr. Ryan is a Catholic and a member of the St. Joseph church, of Latty. His brother James, who is the third son, was born May 27, 1861, in Logan county, Ohio. His education was received in the public schools. He was first engaged in railroading, but afterward settled upon a portion of the homestead place and began farming. February 13, 1888, Mrs. Eva Lamb, the daughter of Joseph McClung, was married to him and they became the parents of two children, both of whom are now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Ryan are members of the St. Joseph Roman Catholic church at Latty, and are highly respected in the

community in which they reside.

John C. Smith (deceased) was a native of Germany, and came with his parents to Stark county, Ohio, when twelve years of age. In 1863 he removed to Paulding county, and there purchased one hundred and twenty acres of land, where his sons now live. He married Rachel Parrish, who died in 1870, and they became the parents of three children: John C., William H., and Sarah A., who became the wife of Samuel Tucker. John C. Smith, Jr., was born June 14, 1858, in Stark county, where he lived until six years of age. He was educated in the common schools. In 1883 he settled upon his portion of the homestead farm,
65 and is now engaged in the pursuit of agriculture. He was married to Miss Anna Bercaw, April 5, 1883, and they have three children: Charles H. was born February 8, 1884; George I. was born August 22, 1886, and died March 6, 1888, and Flossie F. Smith was born January 21, 1889. William H. Smith, the second son, is a native of Stark county, and was born February 19, 1863. After acquiring a common schooling, he, at the death of his parents, went to Emerald township to reside, and has followed the occupation of farming. He is now living on his portion of the homestead farm. He married Miss Mittie E. Bercaw, of Defiance county, and they are the parents of two children: Lula R. was born August 27, 1888, and Laura E. Smith was born December 25, 1889.

Jasper Snyder was born March 29, 1856, in Allen county, Ohio, the son of Peter and Clara (Edgecomb) Snyder, wno were natives of New York and Ohio, respectively. Jasper Snyder, who was raised upon the homestead farm, was educated in the public schools, and at the age of twenty years learned engineering, in which he was engaged for some time running engines at various places. In 1887 he bought his present farm in Jackson township, which consists of forty acres of good land well cleared and improved. Mr. Snyder married, in 1873, Miss Alice, the daughter of William Lackey, of Allen county, and seven children came to bless their union, namely: Calvin E., Warren F., Inez E., Carrie Maud, William Jay, Charles A. and Ethel May. The family are members of the church of Christ, of which Mr. Snyder is one of the elders. In politics he is a republican and enjoys the general esteem of his fellow-townsmen.

John Staley, a well-known agriculturist, was born in Allen county, May 28, 1839. Peter and Hannah (Hall) Staley, natives of Virginia, were his parents, and they reared their son on the farm, while his education was acquired in the common schools. His father and mother having died when he was but fourteen years old, he began to earn his living by working in various places on farms. This was continued until December 31, 1861, when he enlisted in company I, Forty-sixth Ohio volunteer infantry, for eleven months. At Vicksburg Landing he was wounded in his right wrist by a musket shot. He was placed in the hospitals of Louisville, Ky., and Columbus, and September 11, 1862, he was honorably discharged on account of wounds and disability. He then purchased forty acres of land in Allen county, Ohio, where he lived until March, 1871, when he bought forty acres in Paulding township, where he remained for one year, at the end of which time he bought his present farm of eighty acres. He took unto himself a wife in the person of Miss Maria J. Akerman, of Allen county, and their marriage occurred in 1860. They became the parents of ten children, eight of whom are living: Francis M., who married Miss Alice Holtsbery; William H., who died November 11, 1881; Andrew C., Mary E., wife of Michael Keck; Humphrey O., Hannah E., wife of Albert Good; John R., died December 8, 1881; Letitia R., Keziah M. and James W. Mr. Staley, who is a republican in politics, has been a school director. He is a member of the Broughton post, G. A. R., and P. of H., Jackson Grange, of Hedges, and in his business life is a progressive farmer.

Lemuel Tucker, now deceased, one of the early settlers of Paulding county, Ohio, was born in Harrison county, Va., in 1804. He moved from Virginia to Allen county, Ohio, where his was one of eleven white families, thence to Hardin county, and from there to Latty township, Paulding county, in 1856. He purchased eighty acres of land in Latty, and after he had cleared the same he discovered that he had established himself upon the wrong ground and so lost it. He then removed to the place his deed called for, and improved it. As a democrat in politics he filled the position of township trustee for many years. His wife, who was Miss Maria Walton, bore him eight children: Sarah (deceased), Mary E. (deceased), Hannah E., wife of William Preist; Catherine, wife of B. Bales; John L., Paris and Joseph Samuel. The death of Lemuel Tucker occurred in 1881, and his widow who survives him resides with her daughter, Mrs. Preist. Paris Tucker is a native of Allen county, and first saw the light on the 7th of November, 1840. He began life as a farmer, but in 1861 he enlisted in Company F, Thirty-eighth Ohio volunteer infantry, and served as a loyal soldier for three years, three months and twenty-three days. He was with the army of the Cumberland and at the battle of Jonesboro where he was wounded in nine different places. He lost an eye by a bayonet thrust, was wounded by a bayonet in the left shoulder, shot in the right knee and thigh and also in the left wrist, these being the more severe wounds. Politically Mr. Tucker is a democrat and fraternally he is a member of the Crosby post, G. A. R. In 1865 he married Miss Martha A. Smith and they have four living children: David, Maria R., now Mrs. Joseph Brown; Winfield and Newton.

William Tuohy (deceased) was the son of Daniel and Ellen (Welsh) Tuohy, and was born in county Limerick, Ireland, about the year 1827, and died December 28, 1887, aged about sixty years. His father died in Ireland, and he in 1849 emigrated to America and engaged in the railroad work in Hardin county, Ohio, in company with his brother Patrick, who had emigrated to America two years previous. In 1851, the mother with her three daughters started to join her sons in this country, but ere she reached them died in Cleveland and lies buried there. Her daughters were Ellen, who married Dennis Gonon, of Lima, Ohio; Ann, who married Michael Barrett, of Columbus, and Margaret, who is supposed to have died in Chicago, Ill. Patrick married Nancy Ryan, and subsequently came to Paulding county in 1853. He died at Junction twenty years later. William Tuohy also went to Hardin county, where he joined his brother in the railroad labor. He remained there until 1853, when he came to Paulding county in company with his brother and purchased sixty acres of land, the present home of his widow. He bought the land from the government, paying for the same one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre. His early education was limited, he having but few opportunities to attend school. He was, however, an active and energetic man, taking great interest in the local affairs of his county, and the people, recognizing his ability, elected him to the office of township trustee for several terms, and the other positions of less note. He was of a retiring disposition, and the offices thrust upon him were not sought after. He was an ardent democrat. His religious creed was found in St. Mary's Catholic church of Junction, of which he was one of the founders and early members, and towards whose erection he contributed largely, and in which cemetery he now lies buried. May 16, 1856, Miss Olive, the daughter of Henry Grant, of Pickaway county, Ohio, became his wife. Mrs. Tuohy's father became a resident of Paulding county in 1852, making Jackson township his home until he enlisted in the late war, from which he never returned, and his widow still lives with her daughter, Mrs. Tuohy, and at the present time is enjoying good health, at the age of seventy-eight. The children born to William Tuohy and Olive, his wife, were: Henry, born May 13, 1859; Bryan L., born March 17, 1861; William, born April 14, 1864; Charles, born May 30, 1866; Anna, born June 8, 1868; Martha E., born April 21, 1870; John, born July 21, 1873; Mary J., born June 16, 1875. William, the third son, was reared on the home farm, and procured his education at the public schools, and followed the occupation of farming until March, 1890, when, in partnership with his brother Henry, he purchased the farm of D. Brown, of Jackson township. It contains 240 acres of land, and the brothers are employed in improving it. The eldest son of William and Olive Tuohy, Henry, received his literary instruction in the common schools, and until 1890 worked at home. He then, with his brother, began the clearing of a large farm, which is his home at present. On November 11, 1889, his marriage took place to Miss Julia A., the daughter of Oliver Jeffreys, and one child, Sylvester W., born September 18, 1890, is the fruit of this union. Mr. Tuohy, who has filled the office of assessor, is at present one of the township trustees. The brothers, who reside together, are respected members of the Catholic church, and enjoy general popularity.

John Upthegrove (deceased) was a native of South Carolina, and was born in 1825, in the bonds of slavery. He was one of a number brought from South Carolina, in 1835, by their owner, Henry Upthegrove, and set free in Clinton county, Ohio. In the latter place John Upthegrove grew to manhood, and subsequently went to Fayette county, where he lived until 1865, when he settled in Jackson township, and purchased 180 acres of land, located in Emerald and Jackson townships. He cleared this land and made improvements upon it, and it is now the residence of his widow and children. He married, in 1835, Phœbe J., the daughter of Benjamin Jones, of Clinton county, and eleven children are the issue of this marriage. They are: Rev. Henry H., of the Eaton, Ohio, colored Methodist Episcopal church; William Henry (deceased), Sarah, wife of Alex West; Cecelia E., wife of Rufus Stewart; Thomas, Mattie, wife of William Christ; Mary M., wife of John Jones; Olly, Ida, Cora and John. John Upthegrove died in November, 1890. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and was highly respected. He was a re-

publican in politics, and filled the offices of township trustee and supervisor.

Axel White (Scheutz), druggist and agent for the Finley brewing company, of Toledo, Ohio, is a native of Sweeden, born there October 12, 1849, the son of T. A. Scheutz. He was educated in his native country, and in 1867 came to the United States. He joined an uncle who lived in Illinois, and for whom he did farm work at Genesee. Subsequently Mr. White found employment in railroading, and became foreman of construction, and later did contracting work for the railroad at various places. This business he followed for seventeen years, and in 1884 established his present store, and deals in drugs, etc. In 1873 Miss Catherin Caughlin, a resident of Broughton, became his wife, and they are the parents of one child, a daughter named Nellie White. Mr. White is a democrat, and is one of the charter members of Paulding lodge, F. & A. M., No. 502. He is an energetic and progressive man of fine business habits, and his store is located in Broughton. He and wife are popular in the social world of their township and have many friends and acquaintances.

Alexander Winland, a progressive citizen of Paulding, was born in Monroe county, Ohio, May 15, 1822, the son of Henry and Hannah (Brown) Winland. Henry Winland was a miller by occupation and carried on that trade during his life. Alexander Winland, after attending school, learned the business of milling and farming, and worked with his father until 1857, when he settled upon a part of the farm and remained there for several years. Subsequently, in October, 1864, he came to this county and located upon the land he now owns in Jackson township. But few acres of this land were cleared when he purchased it, but at present, fifty-four acres are in good condition, and a frame house and barn have been erected, Mr. Winland was married in June, 1847, to Miss Hannah J., the daughter of Joseph Masters, of Washington county. She died in 1888. Ten children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Winland, of whom six are now living and their names are as follows: John, at home; Mary, Maggie J., who is the wife of John Licky, of Sterling, Ill.; Candace F., Sarah J., now living in Covington, Ky., and Jennie. Mr. Winland has been township trustee of Monroe county, and school director and supervisor of Paulding county. In politics he is a republican, while religiously, he and his family are respected members of the Methodist Episcopal church of Paulding.

LATTY TOWNSHIP.

John Baker, farmer and manufacturer of tile, is the son of Adam and Delilah (Vance) Baker. He was born in the Shenandoah Valley, Va., September 10, 1841, and was reared on the farm; his education was obtained in the common schools, and in 1861 he enlisted in company K, Twelfth Virginia volunteer regiment of the Confederate States army. He was taken prisoner at Winchester and sent to Camp Chase, and thence to Johnson's Island, where he remained until 1864, when he took the oath of allegiance and was released from prison life. Returning to Columbus, Mr. Baker engaged in various occupations for a time, and then, in 1887, located in Latty township, Paulding county, where he operated a saw mill for eighteen months. He then settled upon his present place and erected a saw mill which was kept running until 1890. In the latter year Mr Baker engaged in the manufacture of tile and brick, and erected a building, 20x100, with a capacity of 8,000 tile per day, and 6,000 brick. He employs four men, and the engine which is used is of twenty horse power. The saw mill turns out many thousand feet of lumber every day, and the ground covered by this enterprise is one acre. Mr. Baker was married to Miss Amanda Krael, of Columbus, Ohio, and this union has resulted in the birth of Catherine, Annie (deceased), Irwin, Elsie, Charles and Bessie. Mr. Baker affiliates with the democratic party, and is a member of the Lutheran church. His success has been largely achieved by thrift, energy and wisdom in the management of his affairs.

Joshua Baldwin, a farmer by occupation, was born December 9, 1848, in Madison township, Fayette county, Ohio, the son of John and Jane (Sollers) Baldwin. He remained on the homestead farm many years and received his education in the common schools. At the age of twenty-two years he engaged in farming for himself, and then took charge of his father-in-law's farm for five years. At the end of this time he returned to the old homestead, and in 1881 located in Jackson township, Van Wert county, where he purchased a farm of forty acres. In 1890 Mr. Baldwin removed to Latty township, this county, and there bought eighty-one acres of good land, which he has cleared and well improved with good buildings. On November 17, 1870, he took as his wife Miss Sarah E., daughter of William Davis, of Fayette county, Ohio. They have had thirteen children, as follows: John W., born October 7, 1871; Joseph S., born October 26, 1872; Rebecca J., born July 11, 1876; Ella, born February 28, 1878; Loten, born May, 1, 1879; Harley and Harry, twins, born May 18, 1881; Lida A., born April 4, 1883; Guy, born August 21, 1885; Mary M. and twin sister, born April 9, 1887; Maggie, born October 20, 1888, and Nettie E., born April 2, 1891. While a resident of Van Wert county Mr. Baldwin held the offices of supervisor and constable. His political sentiments are of the democratic order, and he is an ardent supporter of the principles of his party. Mr. Baldwin is a leading farmer of Latty township, and by his life of probity and uprightness has won the confidence and esteem of hosts of friends.

Samuel W. Billingsby, born in Perry township, Franklin county, Ohio, March 1, 1857, is the son of William and Sally (Billingsby) Billingsby, natives of Maryland and Ohio respectively. The subject of this sketch was educated in the common schools and reared upon the farm, where he remained until 1886. At this time he rented a farm where he lived for some time and then purchased, in Latty township, his present property. Mr. Billingsby has cleared his farm and improved it with good buildings. His marriage occurred on the 16th of August, 1883, at which time Miss Elva, the daughter of Robert Patterson, of Medina county, Ohio, became his wife. She died January 23, 1891, leaving two children: Grace and Leslie Billingsby. Mr. Billingsby is a member of the P. of H., Jackson grange, and is found in the ranks of the republican party. He has proved himself competent in his calling and is highly esteemed in the community where he resides.

Dr. Charles A. Bray, a prominent physician of Grover Hill, was born in Cuyahoga county, Ohio, June 9, 1853, a son of Charles and Mary C (Miner) Bray. The parents removed to Van Wert county in 1860, and there the subject of this sketch was reared and educated. At the age of twenty-one he commenced to teach school, and followed this occupation for seven years. During his leisure hours he had studied medicine under the tutorage of Dr. J. M. Stutsman of Van Wert, and was graduated from the Fort Wayne medical college in 1881. Dr. Bray commenced the practice of his profession in Gilbert Mills, Ohio, where he remained until 1889, at which time he located in Grover Hill, and opened a drug store, in connection with his professional work. He was happily married to Miss Sophia, the daughter of John Harpester, of Putnam county, Ohio, on the 11th of October, 1877, and seven children were born to them, of whom Lulu J., Mary E., Daniel W., Eva E. and Gilbert O. are living. Formerly Dr. Bray was a democrat, but has voted the prohibition ticket for some time. He is a member of the medical society of Paulding county, and, as a physician, takes high rank. Dr. Bray is a communicant of the Christian church at Middle Creek, of which he is clerk.

Wm. Campbell is one of the leading citizens of Latty township, also an agriculturist and justice of the peace. He was born November 15, 1829, in Miami county, Ohio, the son of John L. and Elizabeth (McCullough) Campbell, whose deaths occurred in Auglaize county, where they have long been honored residents. Our subject received his scholastic training in the common schools and was reared upon the homestead farm in Auglaize county, where his parents had settled in 1831. After reaching his majority, he followed various occupations, until in 1857 he engaged in farming in Auglaize county. In 1865 Mr. Campbell joined the One Hundred and Ninety-third regiment of Ohio volunteer infantry, and served faithfully until the close of the war. He settled in Latty township in 1869, purchasing, in 1872, his present place of eighty acres. He has cleared and improved his land, and it ranks as one of the best farms in the township. While a resident of Auglaize county, he filled the office of justice of the peace, which position he resigned when he entered the service of his country. In 1879 he was elected justice of the peace in Latty township and this office he has continued to fill efficiently ever since. He was chosen clerk of the township and also filled the office of trustee. Mr. Campbell is an active democrat and takes much interest in the welfare of his party. He is liberal in his religious views, while his wife is a worthy member of the United Brethren church. June 14, 1857, Mr. Campbell was happily wedded to Miss Sarah, the daughter of Samuel H. McCullough, of Auglaize county, and their married children are Clarissa, the wife of William Akerman, of Indiana, and Joseph, of Auglaize county, Ohio. Fraternally, Mr. Campbell is a member of the Masonic order and the Patrons of Husbandry. He is a man of much prominence in the community.

J. H. Dickenson is among the prominent agriculturists of Latty township. Born in Saratoga county, N. Y., on March 6, 1853, he is the son of Edward and Naomi (Denton) Dickenson. In 1861 the parents removed to Fairfield county, Ohio, where our subject was reared and educated.

At the age of twenty years, Mr. Dickenson commenced working by the month, which he continued for four years, when he rented a farm and resided upon it until 1887. One year prior he had purchased his present home and cleared sixty-five acres of the land. His buildings are substantial and supplied with all the modern conveniences, and the farm is ranked as one of the best in the township. While a resident of Fairfield county, Mr. Dickenson held the position of school director for three years, and that of supervisor for nine years. His marriage occurred in 1876, at which time Miss Mary C. Pickering, a daughter of J. C. Pickering, of Fairfield county, became his wife, and their children are: Alfred C, Clarence, Jacob T., Alice M., Clara L. and Alta E. Mr. Dickenson is a valued member of the I. O. O. F. and P. of H. grange of Grover Hill, and is one of the progressive and enterprising young men of Latty township. His career has been marked by uprightness and success, and he is recognized as a good farmer and a first class citizen.

William Eaton, farmer, one of the early settlers of Paulding county, is the subject of this sketch. He was born December 30, 1828, in Erie county, Penn., and is a son of William and Martha Eaton. The elder Eaton was
66 a native of Vermont and his wife of Pennsylvania. He settled in Pennsylvaina when a young man, and subsequently removed to Franklin county, Ohio, where he resided until his death. Our subject was one of a family of ten children, and was the fourth child. He was raised upon a farm, and his education was of the most limited kind; at the age of ten years he commenced working by the month, and at the age of twenty-one years, he commenced life upon a rented farm. In 1854, Mr. Eaton came to Latty township, what was then Washington, and purchased forty acres of land where his homestead now stands, which at that time was a wilderness, and here endured the hardships incident to a pioneer's life. He now owns and operates about 145 acres, and at one time owned about 700 acres, which he has given to his children. Our subject and his son, William H., laid out thirty acres of the town of Grover Hill. He filled the office of township trustee for eighteen years, and has filled many of the minor township offices. Politically Mr. Eaton is a life-long democrat. He has been twice married, his first wife was Miss Susan A., daughter of William and Mary Agler of Franklin county, Ohio. She died August 8, 1881, leaving a family of ten children: Mary M. J., wife of Benjamin Longworth, of Latty township, Willard E., of Latty township, Lydia A., wife of Jeremiah Fritz, of Grover Hill, Ohio, William H., of Grover Hill, Ohio, James E., of Latty township, Orin L., of Grover Hill, Ohio, Martha A., who resides in Franklin county, Ohio, Laura L., wife of Frank Cole, of Latty township, George and Amanda. Mr. Eaton's second wife was Mrs. Rebecca Miler, daughter of John Knodle, of Washington township, to whom he was married on December 24, 1882, and by this marriage they have one daughter, Lenora. When Mr. Eaton settled in what is now Latty township, it contained but four residents: Martin Pease, Lydia Kohn, William Grove and Jorden Bennett. Our subject has never sought public office, but has always been willing to accept any trust that would further the interests of his neighbors, and it is befitting, after a long life of quiet usefulness, some mention should be made of him.

Willard E. Eaton, farmer and tile manufacturer, is a son of William and the late Susan (Agler) Eaton. He was born September 28, 1853, in Franklin county, Ohio. He was raised in Latty township, and received his education in the public schools of the township. He was reared a farmer, and remained upon the homestead farm until he was twenty-seven years of age, when he located upon his present farm of eighty acres, which he cleared and improved, and followed farming until December, 1883, when, in connection with B. W. Longworth, he engaged in the manufacturing of tile, and erected their mill, consisting of ending shed, 18x36, drying shed, 18x164, kiln, 20x9½ feet and 10 feet high, with a capacity of 8,000 tile per day, giving employment to four hands. Their works cover about four acres. Mr. Eaton also operates his farm. He was married, in 1881, to Lorretta, daughter of John Burkett, of Van Wert county, Ohio, and by this union they have had born to them two children: Carrie M. and John W. Mr. Eaton has filled the office of township treasurer three terms, also township trustee for four years, and school director three years. In politics he is a democrat, and is a member of the P. of H., Latty grange No. 621, of Grover Hill, Ohio, also the county grange. Mr. Eaton is one of the enterprising, pushing business men of his township, and commands the respect of the people of his community.

Levi A. Fast, the son of Abraham and Mary (Ginter) Fast, of German parentage, was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, April 10, 1834. He was educated in his native county, and at the age of twenty years removed in company with his parents to Mercer county, where they engaged in farming and stock-growing. April 7, 1859, Mr. Fast was happily married to Miss Mary A. Bice, who was born in Columbiana county, Ohio, January 8, 1837, the daughter of William and Mary (England) Bice. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Fast are William C., Mary J., wife of William Bowyer; George M., Allen L., Sophronia E., wife of Charles Fry; Abner D., Alice B. (deceased), and Levi A. Mr. Fast is a democrat in his political belief; has held the office of trustee, and has been the obliging postmaster at Follmer since 1884. He located in Paulding county in 1873. He is a member of the Patrons of Husbandry, and with family belongs to the Church of God. In connection with his farming and official duties, Mr. Fast handles an extensive stock of agricultural implements.

James H. Gensel.—The subject of this sketch was born in Carbon county, Pa., January 2, 1837. He is a son of Gideon and Elvina (Easterline) Gensel. The father of our subject was a native of Berks county, Pa. John Gensel, the paternal grandfather, was a son of a German emigrant who settled in Berks county at an early date, and was John Gensel. John Gensel, the grandfather of our subject, was a soldier of the war of 1812; he married Susan, a daughter of Frederick Helwick, and they were the parents of nine children: Gideon, Jacob, Lydia, who married Jesse Spangler; Eliza, who married Enoch Spangler; Katie, who married George May; Betsey, who married Samuel Mowery; Phœbe, who married Daniel Hains; Mary, wife of Henry Sherman, and Annie, who married Daniel Sharp, all of whom are deceased excepting Mrs. George May and Mrs. Samuel Mowery. His second wife was Rachel, the widow of Judge Haize, of Mercer county, Ohio, who survived him. But little is known of John Gensel by his descendants, excepting that he was a weaver by trade, which he followed for an occupation until 1815, when he moved to Pickaway county, Ohio, and settled upon a farm in Salt Creek township. He subsequently moved to Allen county and settled in Jackson township, where he died upon his homestead in 1864, at the advanced age of eighty-five, his wife having died some years previous. He was a Lutheran, and a consistent member of that church. He was an old line whig until the formation of the republican party. Gideon, his son, was born in Berks county, Pa., in 1802, and was a carpenter by trade, which he followed for a living in his young days. When the Lehigh canal was under construction, he returned to Carbon county, and entered the employ of the late Judge Asa Packer, as one of his superintendents, constructing the locks upon the canal. He subsequently returned to Pickaway county, Ohio; later settled in Allen county. In 1866 he came to Paulding county and purchased a farm of eighty acres in Benton township, where he died June 8, 1881. In 1862 he joined company I, Forty-sixth Ohio volunteer infantry, served two years, and was discharged for disability. He was three times married. His first wife was Eliza Kendel, who died after six months of marriage. By his second wife, Elvina Easterline, he had four children: John F., who died at Chattanooga, Tenn., while in the United States service as a member of company I, One Hundred and Forty-sixth Ohio volunteer infantry; James H., Jacob W., who served in the Eighty-first Ohio volunteer infantry, and Frances M. Her death occurred in 1846. By his third and surviving wife, Elizabeth Hoover, who resides upon the homestead in Benton township, he had seven children: George, who served in an Ohio regiment; Thomas, deceased; Monroe, deceased; Columbus, Alfred, Andrew J. and Stephen A. Our subject, James H., was raised and educated in the common schools, and at the age of twenty-one he went to Pike's Peak and engaged in mining. In 1859 he went to Tennessee, and was employed upon the construction of a number of the railroads in that state and in Mississippi; later he went to Texas and engaged in railroad work. He returned to Mississippi, and in June, 1861, enlisted in company K, Twentieth Mississippi volunteers, Confederate states army, and served until the close of the war. He was taken prisoner at Fort Donelson, and sent to Camp Douglas, Chicago, and from there to Vicksburg, Miss., and exchanged. He participated in the engagement at Fort Donelson, and served under Hood and Johnson in the Atlanta campaign, Stone Mountain, Peach Tree Creek, and in the North and South Carolina campaign. At the close of the war he returned to Mississippi and followed various occupations until 1867, when he returned to Allen county, and engaged in railroad work until August, 1871, when he purchased his farm in Latty township. Mr. Gensel married, July 25, 1869, Miss Mary S., daughter of William Akerman, of Allen county, Ohio, and by this union they are the parents of nine children: Oliver Clinton (deceased), William Gideon, Elvina Elizabeth, Keziah Ruth, Henry Marion, Mary Lucretia, John Cleveland, Ivey Rosetta and Byron Albert. Our subject was elected township trustee in 1891, and is now filling that office. Politically, Mr. Gensel is a democrat, and is a member of the P. of H., Latty grange, of Grover Hill, and is one of Latty township's enterprising and progressive citizens.

Philander Gilbert (deceased) was born in Livonia, Livingston county, N. Y., February 5, 1813. He was the son of Reuben Gilbert and was raised in his native county, where he received a fair education. He learned the carpenter's trade and in 1832 came to Ohio and settled in Licking county, where, in connection with his uncle, David Hawley, he erected in St. Albans township a water power grist and saw mill, which was operated until 1861. At this time he removed to Franklin county and purchased a steam saw mill, which he continued to run until 1866. He removed the concern to Latty township and located it upon the land where his widow at present resides. This mill was destroyed by fire in 1870, but, nothing daunted, he rebuilt it upon the same site where it remained until its removal to the present situation. It is now owned by his son Byron J. Gilbert. Mr. Gilbert also purchased eighty acres of land which he cleared and cultivated until it ranked as one of the finest pieces of property in the township. In 1872 the postoffice of Gilbert's Mills was created and our subject was appointed postmaster, which office he held until 1885. Mr. Gilbert was married three times. His first wife was Miss Rhoda Goddard, who died in 1838, leaving two children: Orville (deceased), and Mary C., wife of Andrew Stevenson, of Ringgold county, Iowa. His second marriage was to Miss Margaret, the daughter of William Armstrong, of Franklin county, Ohio, who bore her husband four children, as follows: Olive E., wife of T. E. Du Bois, of Council Bluffs, Iowa; William (deceased), Sarah J. (deceased) and Byron J. Mrs. Gilbert died in 1854 and Mr. Gilbert married as his third wife Miss Catherine Sewell, of Knox county, Ohio, and a native of Ireland. This union has resulted in the birth of Sarah A., wife of W. W. McClure, of Latty township, and Kate, wife of S. A. Gusler, of the same place. Mr. Gilbert departed this life April 16, 1887. He had been a prominent and active member of the community in which he resided and his memory will long be cherished, not only by his loving descendants, but by all who knew him and for whom he did many kind acts. He was an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church and had filled the offices of class leader, steward and trustee. Mr. Gilbert was an ardent republican, and while he never sought office, did not refuse to take upon himself the duties and responsibilities thrust upon him by his admiring friends. He filled the office of justice of the peace and acted as school director for many years, as he was a firm friend of education. Mr. Gilbert was also a member of the P. H., Latty grange, of Grover Hill.

Byron J. Gilbert, the only male descendant of the above mentioned, is a native of Ohio, born in Licking county, October 11, 1849. He was educated in the common schools and at the age of fourteen entered the employ of his father. In 1880, in connection with W. W. McClure, he rented the saw mill which they operated for six years. At the expiration of this time Mr. Gilbert purchased the mill and removed it upon its present site. He now operates it in connection with his farm. Mr. Gilbert has added a planing mill to his former establishment. This mill gives employment to four men and has a capacity of 5,000 feet of lumber per day. Two buildings, one of which is 26x60 and the other 16x60 are used in this enterprise and they are fitted up with improved machinery, the engine being of thirty-horse power. Mr. Gilbert was united in marriage with Mary C., the daughter of Elwood Pease, of Washington township, on the 30th of December, 1870, and the union has been blessed by the birth of six children. They have been named Elwood, Philander, Marion M. (deceased), Maggie C., Emma L. and Edna J. Gilbert. Politically the subject of this sketch adheres to the principles of the republican party and belongs to Latty grange, No. 621, P. of H. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he has served as steward. At present he is superintendent of the Sunday school and has his heart in his work. Mr. Gilbert is at the present time school director of his township. He is one of the leading and influential men of his county, and a citizen who commands the respect of all with whom he comes in contact. Mrs. Gilbert, a lady widely and favorably known, is a fitting companion to her husband and with him enjoys high social rank.

T. F. Gillespie, the son of Rev. John and Susanna (Hefner) Gillespie, was born June 27, 1847, in Allen county, Ohio. He was raised and educated in his native county, and in 1863 enlisted in the service, joining the Seventh independent company of Ohio sharpshooters. He served one year in this company and was transferred to the Fourteenth United States infantry, regular army, for two years. Returning home he learned the trade of a cabinetmaker, which he followed for seven years at Defiance, Ohio. He then engaged in car work at Lima for some years, when he located at Dupont, Putnam county, and became interested in furniture and undertaking business. In 1883 he purchased his father's farm, situated in Washington township, and resided upon it for eight years. On account of failing health, Mr. Gillespie leased his farm and established himself in his present pursuit, notary public and collecting. He was married in 1867 to Miss Emma L. Boutell, of Defiance county, who died in 1877, leaving these children: Charles A., Albert L., Gilfred L. and Jennie. His second marriage was to Miss Emma C. Pease, of Washington township, and occurred in 1878. The union resulted in the birth of Nettie, Leona, Cloyd and Phœbe L. While a resident of Putnam county, Mr. Gillespie filled the office of justice of the peace, his politics being republican. He has proved himself competent in his official duties and in every respect has always been regarded as a first-class citizen. He is a member of Lima lodge, No. 205, F. & A. M.; Dupont lodge, No. 150, K. of P.; Weiser post, No. 93, G. A. R., of Dupont, Ohio, and Ellsworth command, No. 6, Union Veteran's Union, of Grover Hill. He is also a member of the Christian church. While in the service, Mr. Gillespie was wounded by a musket ball in the left hand at Weldon railroad, Virginia, on the 18th of August, 1864.

T. L. Goble, proprietor of a saw mill, tile factory, and by occupation a farmer, was born in the state of Mississippi, May 19, 1847. He is the son of John and Elizabeth (Isabel) Goble, and when a youth was taken by his parents to Texas, where he was reared and educated. When sixteen years of age he enlisted in company K, One Hundred and Eighth regiment of the Texas volunteers, Confederate States army, and served for eleven months. In 1866 he removed from Texas to Allen county, Ohio, where he followed farming until 1872, at which time he engaged in sawmilling. In 1884 he removed to Paulding county and erected a saw mill, building used being 35x60. The engine used is of twenty-horse power the and four men are constantly employed. The capacity of this mill was 6,000 feet of lumber per day. Mr. Goble became interested in tile manufacture, and in 1891 erected two buildings, one 20x80 and the other 18x40, with a capacity of 6,000 tile per day. The engine is of forty-horse power and four men are also employed in this industry. Lately the capacity of the saw mill has been increased to 8,000 feet of lumber per day. In 1870, Mr. Goble was united in marriage with Miss Harriet E., daughter of Peter Manges, of Allen county, Ohio. Their children are: John W., Robert L., Dora, Edward, Elizabeth, Mabel, Millie, Ada, Leonard, Warren and Miles. In 1889, Mr. Goble was elected township trustee, and is acceptably filling that office at the present time. He is a member of the Baptist church of Blue Creek township, of which organization he is clerk. Politically, the subject of this sketch is a democrat, and is one of the leading citizens of the township. His paternal grandfather was one of the pioneers of Allen county, Ohio. He rented the homestead farm in Allen county of his father, and at his death, our subject took charge of the land until 1872, when he embarked on his business career. Mr. Goble is a public spirited gentleman who takes an active interest in all that promises good to the welfare of the township and county.

George W. Griffith was born in Union county, Ohio, August 17, 1841. He is the son of Benjamin and Susan (Fausnaught) Griffith, the former of whom was a native of Maryland and the latter of Ohio. The parents settled in Van Wert county, where the subject of this sketch was reared and educated. He remained upon the homestead farm until 1861, when he entered the United States service as a member of company F, Sixty-fourth Ohio volunteer infantry, serving until December 10, 1864. He was at Nashville, Tenn., Stone River, and the fall of Atlanta, Ga., and at the close of the war returned to Van Wert county and remained under the parental roof for a few years. He subsequently purchased two farms in his native county, sold them and then rented land for a few years. December 22, 1887, he bought his farm in Latty township, which consists of eighty acres of land, and cleared it, erecting substantial buildings thereon. He was married, in 1867, to Miss Sarah R., the daughter of James Thomlinson, of Van Wert county, and these are their children: Annie, wife of George Geiger, of Latty township; William, Mussetta, Effie (deceased), George A., Harvey, Laura, Minnie, Clifford, Lafayette V. (deceased), Florence and Benjamin H. Mr. Griffith votes the republican ticket, and both as a farmer and citizen is popular with all who know him.

John W. Harp, a prosperous farmer and trustee of Latty township, is a native of Ohio, and was born in Loramie township, Shelby county, on the 3rd of December, 1853. His parents are Albert and Catherine (Galley) Harp, and he was raised on the homestead place. His education was obtained in the common schools, after which he removed with his parents to Cyrthian township, and lived under the parental roof until August 25, 1863. He learned the trade of a plasterer with his father, and at the age of twenty-two years began business for himself. Mr. Harp settled in Latty township on the 24th of October, 1886, and there purchased his present farm of eighty acres. This land he has cleared and placed improvements upon. He was married in 1877 to Miss

Lydia, the daughter of John S. Rhodes, and eight children, of whom three are living, were born to them. Those surviving are Levi, Clara, and Perly. Politically Mr. Harp is a republican and was elected to the office of township trustee in 1890. He is a man of much ability, and as as a farmer and citizen is acknowledged as a leader.

Franklin J. Holmes, born June 1, 1833, in Frederick county, Va., is the son of Jesse and Susan (Stewart) Holmes. In 1839 his parents removed to Delaware county, Ohio, and there he was reared and educated. Reared amid the scenes of farm life, Mr. Holmes chose the occupation of the agriculturist as his life work, and remained upon the homestead until he had reached the age of twenty-one. He then rented a farm in Delaware county, Ohio, where he was engaged in farming until 1885, at which time he purchased his present place in Latty township. Mr Holmes was married to Miss Rebecca M. Powers, the daughter of Erastus Powers, of Delaware county, and they became the parents of Jeannette, wife of B. M. Stewart; Jane, now Mrs. Eli Fox; Jesse (deceased), Henry L., Mary, Orrin, of Michigan; William, Andrew, Laura, wife of William Smith; Jefferson, Ida, Emory and Ernest. Mr. Holmes is a republican in his political belief, and has held many of the township offices. In religious belief he and wife are Quakers.

Henry E. Holmes, a leading farmer of Latty township, is a native of Ohio, born in Delaware county, March 6, 1863, the son of F. J. and Rebecca (Powers) Holmes. The subject of this sketch was the second son of these parents and received his scholastic training in the schools of the county. At the age of seventeen he engaged in working by the month at various occupations. This he continued until February, 1888, at which time he removed to Latty township and purchased his present property of forty acres. He has cleared this land and places suitable improvements upon it. On the 22d of January, 1891, Mr. Holmes was joined in matrimony with Miss Alva R. Smelts. She is the daughter of James Smelts, of Hocking county, Ohio, and a young lady favorably known. Politically Mr. Holmes is a democrat, though not actively engaged in party affairs. He is an energetic and progressive citizen, who has been successful in his calling and won the esteem of those who came in contact with him.

Sandford E. Kohn, attorney and pension agent of Latty township, is a native of the Buckeye state, and was born in Franklin county, September 5, 1837, the son of Amos and Rachel (Chilcott) Kohn. The preliminary education of Mr. Kohn was obtained in the common schools of his native township. At the age of nineteen years he entered the Central college, situated in Franklin county, and was graduated from this institution in 1859. Although not an enthusiast in the study of law, Mr. Kohn read the same under the supervision of Joshua Graves, of Columbus, Ohio, and was admitted to the bar in September, 1860, by the district court of Ohio. He then returned to the homestead farm where he engaged in tilling the soil for a time. In 1863 he moved to Washington township, Paulding county, Ohio, where he purchased eighty acres of land, which he commenced clearing. Here remained until 1880. Prior to this, in 1878, he had engaged in saw-milling for three years, and in 1881 located at Munannta, in Putnam county, where he practiced his profession. For three years Mr. Kohn remained here, locating, in 1884, at Grover Hill, where he established his present occupation. In 1888, while loading his gun on a hunting expedition, it exploded, and with the exception of the little finger, Mr. Kohn had the misfortune to lose his hand. After this accident he entered his law practice and that of abstracting, and has made a specialty as a pension agent. He was married in 1861, to Clara S., the daughter of William Smothers, of Delaware county, Ohio, who died in 1876, leaving six children, as follows: Elnora, deceased; Dora A., deceased; Albert S. J., Josephine, Sarah J. and Edward E. Kohn. Politically Mr. Kohn is a democrat. He is a man of much ability and his whole career has been marked by uprightness and enterprise. As a business man he is keen, progressive and successful, and enjoys the esteem of all who know him.

B. W. Longworth.—Prominent among the farmers and tile manufacturers of Latty township is B. W. Longworth, born in Auglaize county, Ohio, April 24, 1848, the son of Jonathan and Teressa (Langley) Longworth. His education was obtained in the common schools, and his life was spent upon the homestead until in January, 1864, when he enlisted in company C, Thirty-first Ohio volunteer infantry, and took part in the following engagements: Resaca, Ga., Tunnel Hill, Dalton, Polk Gap, Kenesaw Mountain, Peach Tree Creek, Atlanta and Jonesboro. Mr. Longworth received his honorable discharge, July 20, 1865, and, returning home, worked at his trade of plasterer for thirteen years. In 1873 he removed to Latty township and entered the employ of William Eaton, with whom he remained for some years. He then purchased the farm where Mr. F. M. Saun now lives and worked upon it for some years. In 1881, Mr. Longworth purchased his present place, and three years later, in connection with Willard Eaton, established a tile manufactory, under the firm name of Eaton & Longworth. The subject of this sketch was married January 24, 1875, to Mary M. J., the daughter of William and Susan (Agler) Eaton, and the union was blessed by James L., born December 14, 1875, Rhoda A., born August 17, 1877, Anna L. March 6, 1879, and died November 11, 1881, William W., July 12, 1880, died September 25, 1880, Lettie L., born December 7, 1881, Alta L., August 21, 1883, Iva M., born April 27, 1885, Anson H., February 17, 1887, and Laura A., July 12, 1889. Mrs. Longworth was born on the 24th of January, 1852. Mr. Longworth had been married prior to the date above mentioned, his first wife being, Miss Martha A. Widner, who departed this life in 1872. She left one daughter named Flora May, who lived but five months after the death of her mother. Mr. Longworth is a member of the U. V. U., Ellsworth command, No. 6, of Grover Hill, and of the I. O. O. F. Politically he is a democrat and an enterprising and progressive citizen.

George W. Lynch, a prosperous agriculturist of Latty township, was born in Van Wert county, Ohio, February 22, 1852, a son of John and Sarah Lynch, now deceased. Mr. Lynch was left an orphan at the early age of one and a half years, and was reared by ex-County Treasurer Robert Pollock, who indeed proved a father to him. His education was obtained in the common schools, and he learned the carpenter's trade, engaging in active work at the age of eighteen years. This he carried on for some years, and then operated stationary engines. In 1883 he removed to Paulding county and settled upon his present place in Latty township, which is well improved with substantial buildings. Mr. Lynch, who is self-educated, has been reading law for some time, preparing for admission to the bar. He has practiced in the justice courts of Paulding and adjoining counties, and in 1884 was elected justice of the peace in Latty township, which position he acceptably filled for six years. Mr. Lynch is a democrat politically, and served several years as a school director and member of the board of education. His marriage occurred in 1873, at which time Miss Sarah C., the daughter of Jeremiah Hire, of Van Wert county, became his wife. They are the parents of eight children, as follows: Charles, Dorsey, Thomas, Lula, Emmon, Ada, Flossie and Grover Lynch. Mr. Lynch is a member of the I. O. R. M., P. of H., Latty Grange No. 153, and of the county grange. He belongs to the Disciples' church at Grover Hill, and is a good citizen in all the walks of life.

A. J. McClure was born in Bass township, Allen county, Ohio, March 12, 1836, and is the second son of Alexander. He received such education as could be obtained in the schools of that period, and remained upon the homestead farm until twenty-three years of age. He then engaged for himself, working upon W. Raumbaugh's farm, where he remained until 1860, when he settled upon the eighty acres where he now lives, which he had purchased previous to his settling upon the same, and to which he added eighty acres more for his homestead farm. Mr. McClure has owned in Latty township five hundred and twenty acres of farm lands, and has given to his four married sons a farm of forty acres each. Our subject, like many of the early settlers of the township, has cleared his farm and built the improvements, and has the only brick house in the township. Our subject joined company K, One Hundred and Ninety-seventh Ohio volunteer infantry, March 3, 1865, and served until July 31, 1865. He was married, in 1859, to Miss Orrenna, a daughter of William Raumbaugh, of Bass township, Allen county, Ohio, and by this union they are the parents of twelve children, named as follows: Marion L., Alexander H., William R., Charles T., Grant A., Horace A., Clara D. (deceased), Lewis A. (deceased), Bruce E., Edward S., Robert G. and Oscar B. Mr. McClure, politically, is a republican, and has filled many township offices. He was elected trustee, to sell the school lands; was three times elected township clerk—in 1867, 1868 and 1869; and in 1869, perhaps he succeeded in doing what will never be accomplished again in Latty township—out of a total vote of seventeen republicans and twenty-two democrats, he succeeded in getting every vote polled. Our subject is a member of Van Wert lodge, No. 218, F. and A. M., and Ellsworth Command, U. V. U., of Grover Hill. He is also a member of the Latty M. E. church, of which he has been class-leader and trustee. Mr. McClure is one of the leading citizens of Latty township, and one of Paulding county's progressive farmers.

Alexander McClure (deceased). Among the pioneers of Latty township was the subject of this sketch. He was a native of Bass township, Harrison county, Ky., and was a son of Moses McClure. He settled in Latty town-

ship on section 36, in 1858, when a young man he settled in Bass township, Allen county, Ohio, and was one of the pioneers of that county. He helped cut the timber from the land that forms the site of the city of Lima. He was a tanner by trade, and erected the first tannery in Lima, and was engaged in the tanning business for some years. He also owned a farm in Bass township, Allen county, Ohio. His son, Jas. N. McClure, had settled in Latty township, in September, 1858, and he, coming to visit him, concluded also to settle in Paulding county, and purchased 160 acres, in section 36, where he resided until his death. He married Margaret Neeley a native of Greene county, Ohio, and a daughter of James Neeley, his family were five sons and five daughters, James N., Elizabeth, who married Thomas Lunget of Lima, Ohio, A. J., of Latty township, Samuel H., of Latty township, Sally (deceased), Laura (deceased), Newton J., Latty township, William W., merchant of Latty township, and Aurelia E., who married O. E. Girod, of Latty township. Mr. McClure died September 29, 1862, at the age of 54, his wife surviving him until 1883. In early life he was a democrat, but after the organization of the republican party he became a strong supporter of that party. In religious belief, he was a Methodist, of which church he was a member and class leader for many years.

Alexander H. McClure, the second son of A. J. McClure, was born October 29, 1862, upon the homestead where he was reared. At the age of twenty he worked out for one year, when he settled upon his farm of forty acres, to which he has added eighty acres, where he now resides. He was married October 29, 1883, to Miss Alice Bigelow, of Washington township. They are the parents of four children: Mary M., Stella J., Arena M. and Bertie O. Mr. McClure has filled the office of school director, and is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and in his political choice a republican.

William B. McClure is the third son of A. J. McClure. He was born upon the homestead, August 26, 1864. His early life was spent upon the farm. He received a common school education, and subsequently located upon his present farm, in Washington township. He married, Janu- 26, 1886, Miss Byanthe, daughter of H. W. Martin, of Van Wert county, Ohio, and by this union they have two children: Henry H. and an infant not yet named. Mr. McClure is one of the enterprising farmers of Washington township, and a republican in politics.

Charles T. McClure was born August 28, 1866, and is the fourth son of A. J. McClure. He received a common school education, and was raised upon the homestead until he was twenty-four years of age, when he settled upon his farm of forty acres in Latty township, and is engaged in general farming. He was married, April 24, 1890, to Miss Dora I., daughter of Amos Stuckey, of Van Wert county, Ohio, and by this marriage they have one child, Gilford O. Mr. McClure is a republican in politics, and an enterprising, pushing gentleman.

Grant A. McClure, the fifth son of A. J. McClure, was born April 16, 1868, upon the homestead farm. He was educated in the common schools and raised a farmer; at the age of twenty he worked out by the month. He is now engaged in farming upon a place of his brother's. He married Miss Margaret Powell, and by this union they have one child. Politically, Mr. McClure is a republican.

Samuel H. McClnre, the third son of Alexander, Sr., was born in LaFayette, Allen county, Ohio, October 24, 1839. He was bred a farmer, which he has followed through life for an occupation; was reared upon the homestead farm until 1862, when he joined company I, One Hundredth Ohio volunteer infantry, and served three years, and participated in twelve engagements. He married, in 1860, Miss Mary A. Stout, of Carrol county, Ohio, and they are the parents of six children: George, James F., Lavinia, wife of Howard Garrison, Jesse A., William S., and Della.

J. S. Musselman is one of the leading farmers of Latty township, and was born in New Madison, Ohio, in 1845, the son of Daniel and Rachel (Harris) Musselman. He grew to manhood in Randolph county, Ind., his parents having removed to that county when he was a lad. He remained under the parental roof until 1863, at which time he enlisted in company E, Second Ohio volunteer heavy artillery, and served with loyalty until the close of hostilities. Returning home, Mr. Musselman took up farming, and in the year 1869 removed to Latty township, where he purchased his present fine farm of 120 acres. He has cleared fifty acres of this land and erected pleasant and substantial buildings upon it. His marriage occurred in 1867, at which time Miss Nancy A., the daughter of Abraham Smith, of Jackson township, Randolph county, Ind., became his wife. These children blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Musselman: George E., Frances R., deceased wife of John Dillon; Alfred (deceased), H. J., Mary L. B., Cora L., O. J. (deceased) and Arley (deceased). Mr. Musselman served as township trustee three terms, and for the same length of time was clerk of Latty township. He is a democrat politically, and is a member of the Eli Crosby post, G. A. R., of Broughton. He is also a member of the Union Veteran Union post, No. 6, of Grover Hill. Mr. Musselman is a progressive citizen, and as a business man he has much ability. He and family enjoy high social rank in the community in which they reside.

Henry L. Phillips was born June 15, 1837, in Ross county, Ohio, the son of Curtis and Jemima (Stewart) Phillips, natives of Ohio. He was raised upon the homestead farm, and received his education in the country schools. At the age of sixteen he commenced working for S. N. Higbie, of Ross county, in whose employ he remained for sixteen years. He then rented a farm in Pickaway, for twelve years, and then removed to Van Wert county, where he resided for one year, at the end of which time he purchased his place in Latty township. He has cleared thirty acres of land, and his buildings are of a substantial character. In 1877, Mr. Phillips was married to Mrs. Louisa French, the daughter of William Hart. Politically he is a democrat, and a member of the P. of H. grange. In June, 1863, he entered the United States service as a member of company B, First Ohio volunteer heavy artillery, and served faithfully until the close of the war. In 1864, he was detailed for duty in the body guard of Gen. Tilson, and accompanied him to Georgia and Tennessee. He took part in the battle of Peach Tree Creek, and was brigade wagon master, which position he filled until the close of hostilities. Besides various skirmishes, Mr. Phillips participated in the battles of Carter Station and Strawberry Plain. He is a member of the Bostwick post, No. 406, of Mt. Sterling, Ohio, and also of the Union Veteran Union, No. 6, of Grover Hill. Mr. Phillips is a successful and expert farmer, who attends strictly to his business affairs. He is highly esteemed in the community in which he resides.

J. H. Pickering, one of the leading farmers of Latty township, was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, April 13, 1850, the son of J. C. and Mary Catherine (Smith) Pickering. The father was a native of Rockingham county, Va., who settled in Fairfield county, Ohio, where the subject of this sketch was reared and educated. The early life of J. H. Pickering was spent upon the homestead farm, and when he had reached the age of twenty-six years, he removed to Illinois and engaged in tilling the soil for six years. He then settled in Shelby county, Ohio, which he made his home for the space of three years, and then located upon his present farm of eighty acres in Latty township, Paulding county. This farm is well improved, and good substantial buildings have been erected upon it. In 1875 Mr. Pickering was married to Miss Emma, daughter of Edward Dickerson of Fairfield county, Ohio, and their children number five, as follows: James E., Rhoda V., Hannah N., Bida B. and Sarah C. Politically, Mr. Pickering is a democrat, though not actively engaged in party affairs. He is one of the energetic and industrious young agriculturists in the county, and is, in company with his wife, highly esteemed.

Willis C. Powell was born in Madison county, Ohio, February 20, 1861. He was reared a farmer, and received a common education in the schools of his neighborhood. At the age of twenty-one, Mr. Powell located in Van Wert county, where he was engaged in various employments. In 1884 he settled in Paulding county, and engaged in farming for a while, later interesting himself in the butcher business. He conducted the latter trade for one year and then established his present restaurant. Mr. Powell was united in marriage, in 1882, with Miss Hester, the daughter of George Bresler, a respected resident of Lima, Ohio. Three children, Laurah, Claudie and Nellie, have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Powell. Politically, the subject of this sketch is a democrat, and one of the progressive and enterprising young men in Latty township.

Lewis Robinson, agriculturist and engineer, was born in Concord township, Delaware county, Ohio, September 21, 1851, the son of William D. and Eliza (Smith) Robinson. The paternal grandparents were William and Rebecca Robinson, natives of England, who settled in Concord township, where they died, the former in 1868, and the latter in 1890 at the age of ninety years. Lewis Robinson was the eldest son of his parents, and was educated in the common schools. He followed the occupation of the farmer, in connection with mill work, until 1873, when he engaged in saw-milling. In 1881 he turned his attention to farming and running stationary engines, and three years later was appointed engineer at the industrial home in Delaware county, which position he filled for two years. Mr. Robinson settled in Latty township in 1885, upon his present farm, and has been engaged as engineer and sawyer in the mill there. In 1873, Mary, daughter of Fred A. Lehman, of Delaware county, became his wife, and five children, of whom four are living, were born to them. They are William C., Lawrence C., Frederick J., Bessie

(deceased) and Ethel C. While a resident of Delaware county, Mr. Robinson filled the offices of constable, school director, and other township positions. He and family are members of the Christian church of Washington township, and politically he is a republican. Mr. Robinson is highly esteemed for the life of probity and uprightness which he has led, and his friends are legion.

J. M. Smith, an industrious farmer of Latty township, was born in Wayne township, Auglaize county, Ohio, on the 23rd of August, 1853. He is the son of W. B. and Nancy (Clark) Smith, natives of Ohio, and was reared and educated in the common schools of his native place. At the age of twenty-five years he came to Paulding county and purchased his present farm of sixty acres, which is well cultivated. In every respect Mr. Smith is a thorough farmer who understands his business and sticks to it closely, the result being that he has obtained success and established himself as a worthy and useful citizen. His marriage occurred in February, 1877, at which time Miss Rebecca Cox became his wife. They have three children, whose respective christian names are: Ernest V., Forest E., and Francis M. Smith. Politically, Mr. Smith is a member of the democratic party, though not deeply interested in partisan contests.

George M. Wallar, a representative citizen of Latty township, was born in Guernsey county, Ohio, on the 23d of July, 1837, his parents being Daniel and Susan (Girty) Wallar, of English and German descent. His youth was passed in Jackson and Vinton counties, and his education was obtained in the common schools. He was married June 24, 1867, to Elizabeth, daughter of Garret and Phœbe (Clark) Timberman, of English and German parentage. The children that have been born to them are: Seth C., Hiram H. and Eliza J. Mrs. Wallar and daughter are worthy members of the Church of God, and fraternally Mr. Wallar belongs to the Masonic lodge and the G. A. R. post. Politically he is a republican. He enlisted November 19, 1861, during the late war, in company G, Seventy-third Ohio volunteer infantry, and served until January 27, 1865. He was a brave and gallant soldier, and participated in many hard-fought battles and skirmishes. He suffers with inflammatory rheumatism contracted during his service and is a pensioner. Mr. Wallar is a citizen much interested in the welfare of his township and county, and enjoys universal respect and esteem.

Samuel H. Ward, farmer, the subject of this sketch, on the paternal side is a descendent of the Wards of the Jamestown, Va., colony, and a great-grandson of Gen. Ward, of colonial times; on the maternal side he descends from the Harpers, of Harper's Ferry, Va. Our subject was born in Champaign county, Ohio, May 2, 1827, and is a son of John and Rose A. (Harper) Ward, natives of Virginia. The paternal grandfather was Abraham Ward, who emigrated from Berkeley county, Va., in 1804, and made his first settlement in Pickaway county, Ohio. He subsequently removed to Champaign county, and later settled in Allen county, where he died. Abraham was twice married and had a family of four sons and two daughters. John Ward the father of our subject was the eldest son; his early life was spent in Champaign county. He had but few opportunites for an education. He was reared a farmer and when a young man engaged in transporting by team (the only means in those days) the products of the farms to the Cincinnati and Louisville, Ky., markets. About 1830 he went to what is now Allen county, and purchased 80 acres of land in Bath township. When Allen county was organized in 1830, he was appointed clerk of the court, and was elected the second recorder, which position he filled until his death, which occurred in 1842. At the breaking out of the war of 1812, he offered himself for enlistment, but, being under size, he was not accepted. His evident disappointment attracted the notice of Gov. Vance, who commissioned him a captain in the state militia, and at his death he held a commission in the state militia of brigadier-general of the Twelfth division. Politically he was a democrat and was a power in his party, and one of the leading democrats of the county. In his religious belief he was a Presbyterian, in which church he was an elder for many years. His family consisted of six children: Margaret who died in 1849, Samuel W., Joseph of Van Wert county, Rebecca (deceased), Elizabeth, of Lima, Ohio, and Simeon. His wife survived him for some years. Samuel W. Ward received such advantages as the schools of his time afforded; at the age of sixteen he located one and a half miles from Lima, and engaged in farming, where he remained until April 16, 1865, when he located in Latty township, and purchased his farm of 160 acres. In early life Mr. Ward was a democrat, but at the formation of the republican party he connected himself with that party, and was one of five to sign the petition to organize the republican party of Ohio. He has filled the offices of justice of the peace, township trustee, and was the republican candidate for county commissioner in 1887. In 1864 he was connected with the national guard of Ohio, and was orderly sergeant of company F, Thirty-third regiment, which was consolidated with a regiment from Hocking county, which formed the One hundred and fifty-first Ohio volunteer, he being attached to company B, and served four months. Mr. Ward was married November 1, 1849, to Miss Effie, daughter of Eli Peterson, of Franklin county, Ohio, and by the union they have had eleven children, eight of whom are living: William, John S., R. E., Mary, Clara, wife of Henry Leigh, Harry, Elizabeth, wife of O. Lewis, of Van Wert county, and B. G. Mr. Ward is a member of the P. of H. Latty grange, No. 621, of Grover Hill, and a member of the M. E. church of Latty township, of which he is a trustee. Mr. Ward is one of Paulding county's progressive citizens, and commands the respect of his neighbors and the citizens of the county.

Nathan Wyatt, a prosperous agriculturist and stock raiser of Latty township, and one of its leading citizens, was born November 10, 1844, in Wilkes county, N. C. He is a son of David and Permillia (Wingler) Wyatt, the former of whom is a descendant of one of the old families of North Carolina. He settled in Wilkes county in early life and lived and died upon the farm which he purchased while a young man. His family consisted of eight sons and six daughters. He was a life long member of the Baptist church and his death occurred in April, 1872, his wife surviving him until 1878. Nathan Wyatt, the immediate subject of this sketch, grew to manhood's estate upon the homestead farm. His opportunities for receiving an education were limited, and consequently he is a self-educated man. In October, 1863, Mr. Wyatt was conscripted into company D, Twenty-sixth North Carolina infantry, Confederate states army, and served seven months. On being taken sick, he was allowed to go home on sixty days' furlough and never returned to his regiment. In 1868 he removed to Miami county, Ohio, and engaged as a farm laborer for the space of two years. He then embarked in the manufacture of tile for seven years, settling at the end of this time upon his present farm of 160 acres, in the southeast quarter of section 26. This land he had previously purchased, but which was then unimproved. The buildings which he has built are of a substantial order and his property ranks among the best. The marriage of Mr. Wyatt occurred December 21, 1876, at which time Miss Sarah C., the daughter of Chas. Frisloe, of Shelby county, became his wife. They are the parents of Richard P., William H., Maud R., Charles D., Walter A., Oscar C. and Warren L. Mr. Wyatt's political affiliations are with the republican party and he has served as school director. He is a member of Pleasant Hill lodge, No. 574, I. O. O. F., of Miami county, and belongs to the Christian church, with which institution he has been connected since 1870. Mr. Wyatt is one of the prominent and influential farmers of his township and enjoys the esteem and confidence of all who know him.

PAULDING VILLAGE.

H. M. Ayres, physician and president of the Potter bank, is one of the leading practitioners of Paulding county. He was born in Putnam county, Ohio, July 12, 1838, a son of William and Rachel (Crow) Ayres. The doctor's early education was received in the common schools of his native county. At an early age he commenced the study of medicine under Dr. J. B. Welsh, of Putnam county, as his preceptor; in 1857 he entered the Eclectic medical college of Cincinnati, and one year later commenced practicing. In 1864 he graduated from the same college, and in 1865 he was graduated from Starling medical college, of Columbus, Ohio. The doctor continued the practice of his profession in Putnam county until 1865, when he settled at Charloe, Paulding county, Ohio, where he remained until January 1, 1874, when he removed to Paulding, where he continued to practice until 1873, when he was elected sheriff, and filled the office for two terms. At the expiration of his term of office he engaged in mercantile business, which he carried on for five years, when he connected himself with the Potter banking company, and in 1890 was elected its president, which office he now fills in connection with his practice. Our subject was married, in 1859, to Miss Mary A., daughter of Jacob Varner, of Putnam county, Ohio, and by this marriage they are the parents of eleven children: Forest R., wife of Samuel J. Tate, of Paulding; Lillie M., M. D., who is practicing her profession in Paulding; Zoe Z., wife of ex-Judge Vance Brodnix; Arrira H., Faustina F. Zoheth R., Golding B., Lloyd H., Clive S., Dow D. E., and Mary E. B. Politically the doctor is a democrat, and is a power in the councils of his

party. In his religious views, though, he is liberal. He is a member of Paulding lodge, No. 502, F. & A. M.; Paulding lodge, No. 577, I. O. O. F., also National Union, No. 37, of Paulding. In connection with his professional duties and banking interest, he is also extensively engaged in farming, and is among the leading, liberal and enterprising citizens of Paulding county, and commands the respect and esteem of the community in which he lives.

James E. Atha, a prominent citizen of Paulding, was born on May 4, 1862, the son of John H. Atha. The latter, at the age of eighteen years, enlisted on the second of December, 1861, in company G, Eighty-second regiment Ohio volunteer infantry, for three years. His death occurred at New Creek, W. Va., July 22, 1862, leaving his wife with two small children, William H. H. and James E., to care for. James E. Atha, the immediate subject of this sketch, had many obstacles to overcome in his youth, and his manful struggles have met with success. Entering the Northwestern Ohio normal college at Ada, Ohio, he studied there during 1879-80, and then became a student at the Fort Wayne, Ind., Methodist Episcopal college, in 1881, remaining one year and making good progress. A printer by trade, Mr. Atha has advanced step by step until, at the present writing, he is the efficient foreman of the *Republican* job printing office at Paulding. He had no influential friends to assist him, but has made himself what he is by his own individual efforts. On June 12, 1891, Mr. Atha was elected lieutenant-colonel of the Ohio division S. of V., at the ninth annual encampment, held at Toledo. Mr. Atha is a member of John Barnes camp, No. 424, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A. Prior to this, in May, he had been elected captain of the above camp. He is in every way qualified for his present position and thus makes an efficient officer. He is a stanch supporter of the republican party, and in 1889 was elected clerk of the town of Paulding. Mr. Atha was happily married in July, 1886, to Miss Ella E., the eldest daughter of Mr. L. D. and Mrs. Jennie Newton, of Paulding. Mr. and Mrs. Atha are worthy and active members of the Church of Christ, worshiping at Paulding.

Floyd Atwill, a real estate and insurance agent of Paulding, was born in Harrisonburg, Rockingham county, Va., September 24, 1861, the son of James R. and Lucy (Bullard) Atwill, natives of the Old Dominion. He attended the St. Paul Episcopal school of Baltimore, Md., for a time, and at the age of thirteen years began life as a newsboy in Baltimore. Subsequently he entered the employ of Horace Abbott & Son, of Baltimore as an office boy for three years, and then as assistant bookkeeper in the Abbott Iron company. March 30, 1881, he accepted a position as bookkeeper for the Paulding Iron Co., and remained with them for four years. He was the deputy auditor in 1885, and the same year was appointed postmaster at Cecil to serve until 1887. Returning to Paulding in 1887, as deputy clerk, he established his present business, in which he has been successful. Mr. Atwill represents the Firemen's Fund, of San Francisco; Pennsylvania Insurance Co., of Philadelphia; the North American Insurance Co., the Northern Insurance Co., of London, England; the Glen Falls Co., of Glen Falls, N. Y.; the Columbia Insurance Co., of Dayton; Amazon Insurance Co., of Cincinnati, Ohio; the Lancashire Insurance Co., of Manchester, Eng., and the Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Co. Politically, Mr. Atwill is a democrat, and fraternally belongs to the Paulding lodge, K. of P., No. 270, also the Paulding council, National union. Miss Helen, the daughter of Joseph Ice, of Paulding, became the wife of Mr. Atwill in 1884, and she has borne her husband these children: Joseph B., Lucy (deceased), Clara and Allen.

Gilbert Barnes, merchant and agriculturist, and one of the active and progressive men of Paulding, was born in Medina county, Ohio, February 25, 1839, the son of John and Elizabeth (Lowrey) Barnes, natives of Columbiana county, Ohio. The paternal grandfather was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, and was among the first settlers of Columbiana county. He was a farmer by occupation, and lived to an advanced age. John Barnes was reared a farmer, and prior to 1830 moved to Medina county, Ohio, where he located in the forest. He cleared a home out of the wilderness for himself and family, and became a prosperous citizen of his township. He purchased for each one of his ten children eighty acres of wood land in Paulding county, and later in life located in this county with his sons. He was a man highly esteemed, wherever known, for his personal qualities and life of probity and uprightness. Politically, he was a republican, although in his youth he had been a democrat. He and his wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and died when they had reached the age of seventy years. Gilbert Barnes was reared on the farm, and assisted his father in raising the flax from which their garments were made. He remained under the parental roof until he had reached his majority, and in 1861 came to Paulding county and engaged in various occupations. Returning home in 1862 he worked on the farm, and enlisted, July 30, of that year, in company I, One Hundredth Ohio volunteer infantry. He was assigned to the Twenty-third corps of the army of Tennessee, and his first engagement was at the siege of Knoxville. He took part in the battles of Buzzard's Roost, Resaca, siege of Atlanta, and the Atlanta campaign. He was wounded in the thigh and taken to the hospital at Chattanooga, and later to Louisville, Ky., and from there was transported to Washington, D. C. He was furloughed, and later ordered to report to Columbus, where, in May, 1865, he received his discharge. For many months after receiving his wound Mr. Barnes was compelled to go about on crutches. In the fall of 1865 he came to Paulding county and located on land northeast of Paulding, where he built himself a cabin. In the spring of 1867 he exchanged his land for a saw mill and turned his attention to lumbering, which pursuit he followed until 1890. He purchased land and cut the timber from it, clearing a good farm, and also dealt largely in real estate. For five years Mr. Barnes has been interested in merchandising, and he is also the proprietor of a livery barn, which is under the management of Landis & Hixon. He is the possessor of some of the finest farming land in the county, amounting to 600 or 700 acres, and upon which are many improvements. Mr. Barnes is a self-made man, and he is a liberal contributor to all public enterprises. He has always been a republican in politics, but has never been an office seeker. Fraternally, he belongs to the F. & A. M., and is a member of the I. O. O. F. Mr. Barnes was married, in 1865, to Miss Esther C. Lurren, of Huron county. She died, leaving a son named Melville, now a prosperous young merchant of Paulding. Mr. Barnes was again married, taking as his wife Eliza J. Harvey, a native of Indiana. Harvey G. is the offspring of this union. Mrs. Barnes is a valued member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Frank M. Bashore recorder of Paulding county, and the youngest of thirteen children born to Frederick Bashore, is a native of Bratton township, Adams county, Ohio, and dates his birth from the 9th of September, 1850. He was reared on the farm and given a good education in the schools of the neighborhood. He prepared for teaching at the age of nineteen years and spent some time in the normal institutes. Mr. Bashore taught school for six years and in the fall of 1869 came to Paulding county, teaching in Barnhouse district. He proved an efficient instructor and under his guidance good progress was made. During his vacations, he worked at surveying, and upon giving up his profession as a teacher he accepted a clerkship with W. F. Straw, a hardware merchant of Paulding. Later on, Mr. Bashore was employed by Messrs. A. N. Keyes and W. A. Savage. In 1884 he was nominated by the democratic party as recorder of the county and was successful in one of the hottest contested campaigns ever witnessed in the county. He received the largest majority of any one on the ticket and was re-elected in 1887, running ahead of the state ticket. Mr. Bashore was one of the most popular and efficient officers the county ever had, and he discharged his duties with satisfaction to all concerned and with credit to himself. He has held nearly all of the minor town and township offices. He owns good property in the town and country and by his life of uprightness and probity has won the confidence and respect of all who know him. He is a valued member of the F. & A. M. and is a Knight Templar of the Defiance commandery, No. 30, being the present master of Paulding Blue lodge, No. 502, and a member of the I. O. O. F., No. 577. Mr. Bashore was happily married September 18, 1872, to Miss Martha W. Haines, of Union county. She was born May 3, 1856, and is the daughter of Augustus E. and Emeline (Crowder) Haines. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Bashore, as follows: Murrell C., Cory (deceased), at the age of two years; Chloa, Forest C. and Cash. Mrs. Bashore is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and a lady favorably known. Mr. Bashore is at the present time engaged in the hardware business, having purchased theentire stock of A. M. Sponsler.

F. W. Bashore was born February 26, 1831, in Fairfield county, near Rushville, Ohio, and at the age of six years removed with his parents to Highland county, where he was reared upon the farm, receiving a very limited education from the common schools. When eighteen years old he located in Adams county, Ohio, on Brush creek. He worked out for fifteen and twenty-five cents per day, and later at $8 per month, until the fall of 1852, when he located in Clinton county, where he worked at cutting wood and usual farm labor. He the following two years secured about one year's schooling and also took a course in surveying. He then taught school in winter and worked on the farm during the summer until 1856, when he went west to Kansas, joining a party of government surveyors journeying to the northwestern part of the territory, and win-

tered at Lawrence, Kan. The spring following they started overland with an ox train of twenty-two wagons for California via New Mexico, stopping only a few months and returned through Arizona and Mexico. He superintended the building of Seneca Station, for the Butterfield Mail Route Co., and on completing the same was stationed on the San Pedro river, until spring, when he returned to Adams county, Ohio, and the following winter taught school in Hardin county. Early in the spring of 1861, he, with others at Lima, Ohio, organized a cavalry company, and tendered their services to the government, but was not accepted, and the company was disbanded. Upon the call for three years' men another company was organized, with Hiram Stotts, of Lima, as captain, and, on reporting to the adjutant-general, was accepted and ordered to Columbus, arriving August 7, 1861, and later to Cincinnati, and was mustered in as company F, Fourth regiment Ohio volunteer cavalry. Active service began in November, in Kentucky, but the regiment soon became a part of the army of the Cumberland, and Mr. Bashore took part in all skirmishes and battles in which his regiment was engaged until the close of the war. He acted as first sergeant until April, 1863, when he was commissioned as a lieutenant, and served as second in command until the battle of Chickamauga, when the captain resigned, leaving Mr. Bashore in command of the company during the battles and skirmishes of the campaign in and around Chattanooga. He re-enlisted in February, 1864, and came home from Pulaski, Tenn., on furlough. February 28, 1864, he was married to Miss Nancy J. Craig, of Allen county, Ohio. He joined his regiment at Camp Dennison, Ohio., joining the Cumberland army, and returned to Nashville after the fall of Atlanta with Gen. Thomas, spent the winter at Eastport, Tenn., and was with his command on the Wilson raid, ending at Macon, Ga., when he soon resigned and reached home July 6, 1865. A short time after he came to Paulding county, purchasing a tract of land and building a log cabin, into which he moved September 6, 1865, and has been a resident ever since. He affiliates with the republican party and has been twice elected county surveyor, making an efficient and obliging officer. Mr. Bashore is the author and compiler of the county and township maps contained in this volume.

Charles W. Baughman, a leading attorney and collector of Paulding, was born in Hamilton county, Ohio, November 1, 1844, the eldest son of Robert A. and Margaret (Armstrong) Baughman, residents of Pennsylvania and Ohio. The paternal grandfather, Mathias, was a native of Holland, and married prior to coming to America. He served in the war of 1812, and died at the age of eighty-four years, a German Lutheran in his religious faith. Thomas Armstrong, the maternal grandfather, was born on the ocean while his parents were en route for this country. He was a brick-maker and located in Hamilton county, where he died, while still a young man. Robert A. Baughman, the father of our subject, came to America while yet a lad, and was educated in Hamilton county. He learned the trade of a house painter, and followed it many years as a contractor. He is living at the age of seventy-two years, and with his wife belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church. Charles W. Baughman was reared in Cincinnati, and at an early age went to West Liberty, where he was educated by private tutors. At the age of eighteen years he acted as clerk in a hardware establishment for some time, and then took to the road, as a commercial traveler, for several years. He purchased goods and worked up a large trade, having his headquarters at St. Louis, Mo. He abandoned this mode of life in 1871, at which time he taught school, and later acted as bookkeeper for five years. During his leisure time he studied law, and in January, 1877, was admitted to practice in the district courts. He removed to Paulding county in 1881, and opened a law office, where he successfully practiced his profession; also, for fifteen months, was interested in the grocery business. Since the expiration of that time, however, his whole attention has been given to his law business. He is an energetic and progressive citizen, and is esteemed by all who know him. Politically, Mr. Baughman is a democrat. He was married March 24, 1881, to Miss Eleanor McBeth, of Clark county, and five children have been born to them, as follows: Margaret E., Sarah J., Thomas W., Bethetta and Ralph. Mrs. Baughman was born in Champaign county, Ohio, on the 20th of May, 1854, and is of Scotch-Irish descent. She is a member of the Presbyterian church, and with her husband enjoys high social rank.

John Beson, merchant tailor, is a son of F. B. and Angelica Beson, and was born May 8, 1836, in France, where he lived until seventeen years of age. He received a common school education, and learned the tailor's trade. In 1853, he emigrated to this country, and located in New York city, where he remained three years, engaged at his trade. In 1856, he removed to Newport, Shelby county, Ohio, engaged in business for himself and remained one year, when he removed to Versailles, Ohio, and carried on business there for two years. He subsequently engaged in business at Greenville, Darke county, Ohio. He then located in Cincinnati, remaining there for a short time, when he again returned to Versailles, Ohio, where he conducted business for four years. In October, 1882, he located in Paulding, and established his present business. In August, 1862, he enlisted in company I, Ninety-third Ohio volunteer infantry, and was discharged in the spring of 1864, for disability. In the fall of the same year he joined company H, Fifty-fourth Ohio volunteer infantry, and served until the close of the war. He participated in the battle of Nashville Tenn. Mr. Beson was married August 26, 1856, to Miss Mary V. Perrine, of Darke county, Ohio, and by this marriage they are the parents of five children: Lewis, Joseph, Edward, Mary J., wife of A. F. Fritz, of Strong City, Kans., and Albert. Politically Mr. Beson is a republican, and is a member of Theodore Merchant post, 683, G. A. R. In religion he is a Catholic.

John Brewer, agent for the Cincinnati brewing company, and also dealer in ice, at Hamilton, Ohio, was born in New Vernon, this state, October 31, 1841. His parents were Lewis and Elizabeth (Newby) Brewer, who reared their son to the life of a farmer, giving him an education in the common schools. In 1846 Mr. and Mrs. Brewer removed to Auglaize township, where the youth of our subject was spent. Lewis Brewer was one of the pioneer settlers of the township and county, and owned 300 acres of land. John Brewer purchased 200 acres of ground and followed farming until he was thirty-five years of age, at which time he went to Texas on a prospecting tour. Remaining here for one year, he returned to Auglaize, sold his farm, removed to Paulding in 1878 and purchased his present place, where he is engaged in the saloon business. In 1886 he was made agent for the brewing company and opened up his ice house, being the first to run an ice wagon in Paulding. These houses have a capacity of 300 and 500 tons respectively, the latter being situated on the bank of the creek. Mr. Brewer was united in marriage with Miss Louisa Dobson, on February 13, 1862, and they have two sons, Walter, and Charles A., who is in the ice business with his father. April 18, 1861, Mr. Brewer enlisted in the Twentieth regiment Ohio volunteer infantry, with which he served for three months. Politically he is a member of the democratic party, and highly esteemed in his place of residence.

Hon. Vance Brodnix, assistant cashier of Potter's bank, is the only son of J. B. and Sarah (Neal) Brodnix. He was born November 25, 1859, in Van Wert county, Ohio, and received a common school education, later learning the trade of a gun and lock-smith. Mr. Brodnix commenced reading law at the early age of fifteen years and was admitted to the bar in July, 1880, at Harper, Kans. In 1881 he settled in Van Wert, Ohio, graduating from the law school at Cincinnati, being admitted to the bar of Ohio in June, 1882. Commencing the practice of his profession in company with his father, J. B. Brodnix, under the firm name of Brodnix & Brodnix, he so continued until 1885, at which time he retired from the practice of law and engaged in farming, which occupation he followed for one year. Entering upon the practice of law again, he was, in 1888, elected probate judge of Paulding county, which office he acceptably filled until February, 1891, at which time he was appointed to his present position. Mr. Brodnix was married, February 28, 1884, to Miss Zoe Z., a daughter of Dr. H. M. Ayres, a leading physician of Paulding. Two children blessed this union, named Cyri and Kent. Mr. Brodnix is a member of Paulding lodge, No. 577, I. O. O. F.; Rebecca lodge, No. 319, and the Defiance encampment, No. 98, and the John Barnes post, No. 424, S. of V. Politically he is an ardent republican, in which party he is an active worker. In his religious connection he is a member of the First Christian church of Paulding.

J. B. Brodnix, a prominent agriculturist of the township, was born at Morris Villa, Bucks county, Penn., October 3, 1832. He is a son of Thomas and Anna (Boyd) Brodnix. The paternal grandfather, Thomas Brodnix, came to America with Gen. La Fayette, and served gallantly through the Revolutionary war. Subsequently he settled at Morris Villa, Penn., where he purchased land and engaged in farming, which occupation he continued until his death, which occurred in 1834. His family consisted of two sons and two daughters, the eldest son, Thomas, being the father of our subject. The latter was a weaver by trade and lived upon the homestead farm until the death of his father, when he removed to Defiance county, Ohio, where he now resides at the venerable age of ninety-two years. The education of J. B. Brodnix was limited. He followed the occupation of the farmer until 1861, at which time he joined company H, Fifteenth Ohio volunteer infantry, serving until March, 1865. He took part in all the engagements of the Fourth army

corps, and was wounded three times. Returning home from the scene of hostilities, Mr. Brodnix located at Van Wert, Ohio, and was appointed deputy county treasurer. Later, he was appointed cashier of the Emerson National bank, of Van Wert. During this time, Mr. Brodnix was reading law with James L. Price, of Lima; in 1875 was admitted to the bar, and practiced twelve years at Van Wert, removing to Harper, Kans., where he was engaged in the same pursuit for four years. At this time he retired from the practice of his profession and has since devoted his attention to farming. While a resident of Harper, he was judge of the county court. Mr. Brodnix is a warm supporter of the prohibition party, and fraternally belongs to the G. A. R. post, the U. V. U., I. O. O. F. and the I. O. of R. M. Religiously, he is a consistent member of the First Christian church of Paulding. In 1862, Miss Jennie Neal became the wife of Mr. Brodnix, and they are the parents two children: ex-Judge Vance Brodnix and David Fullmer Brodnix.

Frank L. Bryant, jeweler and progressive business man of Paulding, was born at Cadiz, Ohio, August 19, 1865, the second son of John and Matilda (Adams) Bryant, natives of Gloucestershire, Eng., and Ohio, respectively, and of English and Scotch-Irish extraction. Mr. Bryant's early life was spent upon the farm and his education was received in the graded schools of Cadiz. He served an apprenticeship at the jeweler's trade of three years, after which he worked at journey work in New York, Birmingham, Conn., Pittsburg, Penn., Steubenville, Ohio, and Kansas City. He then located at Vermillion, Ohio, with a fine stock of jewelry, and the following year sold, locating at Paulding, where he does a nice business, carrying a full stock in his line, and by his affable and courteous way commands the leading trade of the town. He is an ardent republican and member of the F. & A. M.

George I. Chatterton, attorney, was born in Brown county, Ohio, January 21, 1856, and was the youngest of nine children, five sons and four daughters, born to James and Hannah (Iden) Chatterton, natives of New York and Maryland respectively, and of English parentage. Mr. Chatterton was reared upon the farm, attending the common schools until fourteen years of age, when he entered Clermont academy, where he completed a three years' course, after which he attended a normal school for one year at Worthington, Ohio, preparatory for teaching. Beginning in the fall of 1875 he taught eight successive years in Brown and Clermont counties. His vacations, and also leisure time while teaching, were devoted to reading law, preparatory to entering upon that profession. He then entered the office of W. W. Young, of Georgetown, with whom he remained until the fall of 1882, when he entered the Cincinnati law school, from which he graduated in the spring of 1883. In June of the same year he located at Paulding, where he began the practice of law, at which he has been very successful. Mr. Chatterton is a shrewd collector and an able counselor, giving his undivided attention to his chosen work. He is an aggressive republican and was elected city solicitor of Paulding, serving two successive terms. He is a member of the K. of P., Paulding lodge, 270. He was married January 13, 1887, to Miss Nora E. Champion, of Antwerp, this county, born October 2, 1863, and daughter of Richard Champion, of Carryall township. Mrs. Chatterton taught in the Antwerp city schools for a time and was known as one of the leading teachers of the county. Mr. Chatterton has one son, Iden E., born September 21, 1888.

C. E. Cook, P. M., was born September 9, 1842, in Salisbury, Herkimer county, N. Y., and is a son of Abel and Hannah (Ward) Cook. At the age of three years he lost his father, and his mother was next married to D. S. Neeley. They removed to Monroe county, N. Y., where our subject was reared. He received a common school education, and lived upon the homestead farm until August 25, 1862, when he enlisted in the Eighteenth New York independent light artillery, and served until July 20, 1865. He participated in the following engagements: Fort Bisten, La., Port Hudson, and the Red River campaign. After the close of the war he went to Orleans county, N. Y., and engaged in farming. He subsequently located at Lockport, N. Y., and engaged in the manufacturing of vinegar. In 1868, he removed to Illinois and engaged in farming for five years. In 1873, he removed to Wilkesbarre, Pa., and engaged in the grocery business. In 1878, he changed to Mentor, Lake county, Ohio, and engaged in the stave business. In 1880, he came to Paulding, and entered the employ of A. B. Holcomb, as foreman, where he remained until the plant passed into the hands of Weidman & Eichling, when he entered their employ as bookkeeper, and remained until he received his present appointment, which was dated February 11, 1890. He was married to Miss Emma, daughter of Alonzo Holcomb, of Monroe county, N. Y., and by this marriage they are the parents of these children: Grace, wife of H. D. Reiners, Fred B. and Harry. In politics, Mr. Cook is a republican. He is a member of Theodore Merchant post, G. A. R., Paulding lodge K. of P., and the National Union.

Willis F. Corbett, prosecuting attorney, was born on a farm in Seneca county, Ohio, October 14, 1862; lived on the farm until the age of nineteen; was educated in the public schools of his native county and Heidelberg college, of Tiffin, Ohio; entered the law office of Seney & Schaufelberger in the spring of 1884 as a student, and was admitted to the bar June 4, 1886. Mr. Corbett came to Paulding in the spring of 1887, since which time he has been engaged in the practice of his profession here, where he is recognized by the court and bar as one of the best and most reliable lawyers at the Paulding county bar. He was elected to the office of city solicitor in the spring of 1891. Mr. Corbett is an aggressive politician in the republican ranks, and in the fall of 1891 was elected prosecuting attorney with a handsome majority. He is a close student, applying his whole attention to his chosen profession.

Joseph Coupland, farmer.—Among the early residents of Paulding, is the subject of this biography. He was born in Lincolnshire, England, March 15, 1831, and is a son of William and Ann (Conyards) Coupland. Our subject immigrated to this country at the age of eighteen. He went to Wasson, Ohio, and found employment at railroad work until 1861, when he located in Paulding county, and purchased a farm in section 8, Jackson township. In July, 1862, he joined company I, One Hundredth Ohio volunteer infantry, and served until August 11, 1865, participating in many battles, and was with Gen. Sherman at the fall of Atlanta. At the close of the war Mr. Coupland returned to his home, and again engaged in farming, which he followed for three years, when he settled in Paulding and engaged in mercantile business, which he carried on for three years. He then again resumed his farming operations, which he has since followed. Our subject was married, in 1857, to Miss Mary A., a daughter of Allen Robinett, of Fulton county, Ohio; by this union they are the parents of three children: John C., merchant of Paulding; Sylvester, and Maggie, wife of William Swayne, of Lake county, Ohio Politically Mr. Coupland is a republican. He filled the office of treasurer for Paulding for two terms, and the same office for Jackson township two terms. Our subject is a member of Theodore Merchant Post, G. A. R. Mr. Coupland is one of the extensive and enterprising farmers of Paulding county, cultivating 283 acres, and is one of the leading and respected citizens of Paulding.

Joseph B. Cromley (deceased) late of the firm of Tate & Cromley, livery-men and dealers in agricultural implements, was a native of Hancock county, Ohio, having been born March 12, 1850. He was the son of Jonas and Mary (Beard) Cromley, early settlers of Defiance county. The subject of this sketch was reared upon a farm, and educated in the common schools of Defiance county, to which he had removed with his parents when a boy. At eighteen years of age he served an apprenticeship at the miller's trade, and was employed at Junction, Ohio, until 1876, when he removed to Antwerp and engaged in business in partnership with Mr. Young, under the firm name of Young & Cromley. In 1878 Mr. Cromley was nominated for the office of county clerk, elected by a fair majority, and re-elected in 1881. He made an efficient officer, and served in all six years. In 1884, in company with Mr. Samuel J. Tate, he embarked in the hardware business, and the firm was successful in this pursuit. Subsequently, in 1888, they sold their stock and engaged in dealing in agricultural implements and in livery. Mr. Cromley, who was a progressive citizen in every sense, built the first brick business house in Paulding, and at his death he left an estate which will be well cared for by his estimable widow. He was an active and influential politician in the ranks of the republican party, and was highly esteemed. Fraternally, he was a member of lodge No. 502, F. & A. M., and of the I. O. O. F., No. 577. Mr. Cromley was happily married in 1876 to Miss Anna J., daughter of Lyle Tate, formerly a leading citizen of the county. One child, a son named Lyle Tate Cromley, was born to them. On November 6, 1891, Mr. Cromley died after a short illness, deeply lamented by all who had known him.

G. W. Crosby, attorney, is a son of Joseph A. and Mary J. (Borchus) Crosby, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work. Our subject was born November 21, 1856, upon the homestead, in Jackson township. His early education was received in the public schools, and subsequently he attended the normal school at Kalida, Ohio. In 1882 Mr. Crosby removed to Holton, Kans., and while there engaged in teaching, and also attended the Campbell university at that place. In 1884 he returned to Paulding county, and entered the employ of the Vanderbilt stave company, of Broughton, Ohio, as bookkeeper, and there he remained for two years. He then commenced reading law in the office of F. B. DeWitt,

of Paulding, and was admitted by the supreme court in June, 1891, and commenced the practice of his profession at once. Mr. Crosby was married to Miss Eva A., daughter of Theodore Poorman, of Jackson township, and by this union they are the parents of six childrn: Arthur W., Delbert R., Anna, Clayton, Carl P. and Jennie. Mr. Crosby has filled the office of township clerk for Jackson. In his early life he was a democrat in politics, but now affiliates with the republican party. He is a member of Paulding lodge, No. 577, I. O. O. F., also of the Christian church, which he connected himself with in 1878. He is one of Paulding county's young and rising lawyers, and commands the respect of the people of the community.

W. H. Cullen.—Prominent among the business men of Paulding county is W. H. Cullen, of the firm of Cullen, Richards & Savercool, agents for various life and fire insurance companies. Mr. Cullen is the son of Seth and Susan (Perry) Cullen, and was born on the 4th of February, 1864, at Napoleon, Henry county, Ohio. The father is a native of England, and the mother of Nova Scotia. The subject of this sketch was reared in his native town, and there attended the common schools, acquiring an education. From his earliest years he developed qualities of accuracy and promptness, which inspired him to make the choice of a strictly business-like vocation. Accordingly, at the age of thirteen years, his first business experience was found in a dry goods store, where he acted as a clerk until 1888. Feeling in need of a wider scope for his business transactions Mr. Cullen embarked in the insurance business, taking as his partner Mr. James Richards. These gentlemen, who are of the energetic and progressive type, continued the business as the firm of Cullen & Richards until June 1, 1891, at which time, their business having increased to such an extent, it became necessary for them to increase their force, which they did by taking in as a partner E. M. Savercool, making the present firm of Cullen, Richards & Savercool, who represent the following companies: Home, of New York; L. & L. & G., of Liverpool; Royal, of London; Phenix, of Brooklyn; Hartford, of Hartford; Connecticut, of Hartford; Ætna, of Hartford; German American, of New York; California of San Francisco; Springfield, of Springfield, Mass.; Queen, of Liverpool; German, of Freeport; Niagara, of New York; Traders', of Chicago; Manchester, of Liverpool; Ohio Farmers', of Leroy, Ohio; Travellers' Accident, of Hartford; Standard Accident, of Detroit, and Union Central Life, of Cincinnati, Ohio. They are business men of much ability, and, as a result of their integrity and enterprise, are enjoying a lucrative patronage. Mr. Cullen was happily married to Miss Lula Huston, of Paulding, in October, 1890, and, with his estimable wife, enjoys high social rank. Fraternally, our subject is a member of the K. of P., Paulding lodge, No. 270. In his political affiliations he is a republican.

C. H. Cunningham, M. D., was born in Athens, Ohio, December 26, 1832, the son of Charles and Elizabeth (Harper) Cunningham. His early education was obtained in the common schools. He commenced the study of medicine under the direction of Dr. Simon Hyde, of Rushville, Fairfield county, Ohio, and graduated from the Eclectic medical institute of Cincinnati in 1876. He entered into the active practice of his profession in Jay county, Ind., and also practiced some in Randolph county some time before his graduation. In 1856 he came to Paulding and has since been in the active practice of his profession here. Dr. Cunningham has been successful in his profession and is considered one of the leading practitioners of his county. He has filled the office of coroner and was elected to the town council three terms. He is independent in his politics and belongs to the I. O. O. F. lodge of Paulding. In 1861, Dr. Cunningham enlisted in the Thirty-eight regiment of Ohio volunter infantry, was transferred to the hospital department and was discharged in 1863 on account of disability. He was married in 1858 to Miss Martha Fisher, who died, leaving two children, namely, John M. (deceased), and Riley, a resident of Adams county, Iowa. The doctor is a member of the Theodore G. Merchant post, G. A. R., No. 683. At a business man he is keen, progressive and successful.

Daniel Davison, commissioner and farmer of Paulding, is a native of Ohio, born in Auglaize county, May 20, 1848. He is the eldest of five sons and four daughters born to John and Hulda (Elsworth) Davison, of Scotch and Welsh ancestry. Andrew Davison, the grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was a native of Virginia and a farmer by occupation. He settled in Champaign county, and was one of the pioneer settlers. The great-grandfather, Josiah Davison, was also a Virginian. Daniel Elsworth, the maternal grandfather was a native of Rhode Island. He was a farmer by calling, and removed to Ohio, becoming one of the pioneers of that state. He died in the state of Illinois. Daniel Davison, the immediate subject of this notice, assisted his father to make a home in the forest and clear the land. He received but a common school training, and early engaged in farming as a means of livelihood. In 1876 he located in Washington township, this county, and purchased eighty acres of land. He now owns 104 acres of good land, the fruit of his hard labor. Politically, he is an ardent supporter of the democratic party. In the fall of 1886, he was elected to the office of county commissioner, and re-elected in 1889, so conducting himself in his official position as to give satisfaction, and gain the good will of all. He was serving during the erection of the court house, and his public spirit leads him to take an active part in all county improvements. Mr. Davison was happily wedded to Miss Melinda Sutton on the 29th of July, 1872, and they have had seven children, four of whom are living, namely: Hulda E., Daniel M., Mahaska and Lucinda. Mrs. Davison is the daughter of Isaiah and W. (Smith) Sutton, and a lady widely known in the township.

Benjamin Demond was born in Madison county, N. Y., June 15, 1842, where he resided with his parents until June, 1854, when with them he immigrated to Ohio and located at Royal Oak in Brownt ownship. On the 22nd of April, 1861, Mr. Demond enlisted as a member of company G, of the Fourteenth Ohio volunteer infantry under Capt. John Snook and after a campaign of three months, returned to his home in Paulding county. December 5, 1861, he was united in marriage with Miss Nancy Miller, of Carroll county, Ohio. He again entered the United States service as a member of company C, Sixty-eighth Ohio volunteer infantry, and served in all the principal battles of the west until the fall of 1863, when he re-enlisted as a veteran volunteer and remained in the same company and regiment until the close of the war, when in 1865 he received his honorable discharge. Returning home, he took up the life of the pioneer, locating at Broughton, Ohio. He has served Jackson township in almost all of its offices, from justice of the peace to school director, and was one of the projectors and workers in planning and obtaining the special school district of Broughton and Hedges. He was active in the incorporation of Broughton, and was honored by being elected its first mayor in 1890. His family consisted of one son, Lawrence M., and two daughters, the youngest having died at the age of two years. The happy family circle was broken on the 31st of January, 1891, at which time Mrs. Demond was called by death to part with her family. The son and daughter are married and are making their homes in the town of their birth. Benjamin Demond, who is the deputy probate judge, is a man of sterling integrity, and his name is a synonym for honesty and uprightness.

John B. Dickman is a member of the firm of Nichols & Dickman, editors and proprietors of the Paulding *Democrat*, under whose management the paper is bound to succeed, as they are both practical newspaper men, full of energy and a disposition to please. Mr. Dickman is a native of Dayton, Ohio, and was born August 20, 1859, being the son of Theodore and Mary (Weinmar) Dickman, natives respectively of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Wurtemberg, Germany. Our subject located at Minster, Auglaize county, Ohio, in childhood, with his parents, and there he remained until fourteen years of age, when his people located at Wapakoneta, Ohio, where he grew to manhood and received a fair education. At the age of sixteen years he entered the office of the Auglaize *Democrat*, where he served a four years' apprenticeship at the printer's trade. In 1880 he received an appointment as compositor in the government printing office at Washington, D. C., where he remained for ten years. In June, 1886, he represented the Columbia Typographical union, No. 101, at the international convention, at Pittsburg, of which, in 1888, he was elected president for one year. Mr. Dickman began hustling for himself at the age of twelve years and is practically a self-made man. In 1886, January 10, he was united in marriage with Miss Annie L. Ribnitzky, of Washington, D. C., daughter of J. H. and Mary Ribnitzky, natives of Germany.

Dr. P. A. Dix was born at Van Wert, Ohio, June 13, 1850. His father, Peres M. Dix, and mother, Lovina Dix, were among the first settlers of that county, having moved from Delaware county, Ohio, to Van Wert when there was only one house in that city, his father buying land two and one-half miles west of the city of Van Wert, in 1836. In 1840 they started to work to build up a home in the then wild west; they still own that farm, which, with its additions, it is one of the best in that county. In 1888 they moved to Van Wert city, where they now live in the enjoyment of good health. Both are now in their seventies. Dr. Dix was their second son, and his boyhood was passed upon his father's farm, which he assisted in cultivating in summer; in the winter he attended the country schools. He also worked at the printing business as a compositor, and taught school. In 1871 he bought a farm of eighty acres, three miles

west of Van Wert, Ohio, and went to work on that. In the following year he married, and moved into a log cabin in the woods, and commenced to clear it up, keep his family and study medicine, working in day time and studying at night. After a few months, by advice of his preceptor, Dr. A. N. Krout, now deceased, he was advised to quit work, or studying, for a while; so he chose to study and oversee his farm. In 1871, having a good farm, well improved and buildings thereon, he rented them out and moved to Fort Wayne, Ind., to complete his study of medicine and surgery. In 1879 he removed to Paulding county, Ohio, locating at the village of Payne, and commenced the practice of his profession there; in 1880 he removed to Paulding, and besides practicing medicine and surgery, bought and laid out the two additions to the village known as Dix's first and second additions to Paulding, Ohio. The doctor has resided in Paulding county since the spring of 1879 until the present time, excepting about fifteen months' residence in Cincinnati, where he practiced as a specialist. The doctor is again permanently located at Paulding, where he will practice as a surgeon specialist, treating dropsy, cancer, tumors, catarrh, etc. The doctor will locate near the depot, where he may be easily found. The doctor has a family of five children, three boys and two girls. The eldest daughter is married and living in Winona, Minn. Dr. Dix has served three terms as coroner of Paulding county.

Andrew Egleson, who was born in county Tyrone, Ireland, April 15, 1824, is the son of Alexander and Nancy (Weare) Egleson. The father died on his way to America, and the mother, in company with her children, continued her journey, and settled in Coshocton county, Ohio, where the subject of this sketch was reared. At the age of twenty years he learned the trade of blacksmith, which he followed successfully for forty-three years. Mr. Egleson was married in Hancock county, Ohio, in 1858, to Elizabeth, daughter of John and Sarah Pugh, and to them six children were born. The mother died in 1864, and Mr. Egleson was married a second time, Lucinda Baughman becoming his wife in 1865. S. B. Egleson, the youngest son of Andrew and Elizabeth Egleson, dates his birth from the 6th day of November, 1864. He was born in Van Wert county, and there his earlier life was spent upon the farm. He was educated in the common schools, and on the second of July, 1891, entered upon a business life, and engaged in handling flour, feed, hay and straw. He is a representative and energetic young man, highly respected in the community.

S. J. Evans, proprietor of the Paulding House and the Evans livery barn, is a native of Pennsylvania, and was born in Bedford county, at Bainsburg, August 29, 1857, the son of David and Sarah R. Evans, of English parentage. David B. Evans was reared in Pennsylvania and was engaged in carpentering and contracting on the railroad. He married in early manhood, Miss Morgart, who bore him one son, the subject of this sketch. Mr. Evans, Sr., enlisted in the fall of 1863, and served for eighteen months in the quartermaster's department. His wife is now living with her son, and is a worthy member of the Methodist Episcopal church. S. J. Evans, the immediate subject of this mention, was given a good education, and at the age of thirteen years began the study of telegraphy at Hyndman, Pa. Before he was fourteen years of age, he was given an office on the B. & O. line, and was transferred from place to place, until in 1880 he located at Attica, Ohio. During his service as operator Mr. Evans was stationed at Mt. Vernon, Ohio, North Baltimore, Miller's Station, Ind., Defiance, Ohio, Fostoria, Chicago, Tiffin, Indianapolis, St. Louis, Toledo, Marshall, Mich., Van Wert, Latty and Paulding, where he served for over two years as operator and express agent. At the end of this time he abandoned the railroad work and engaged in the grocery business. On the first of May, 1890, Mr. Evans took charge of the Paulding House, and at the same time purchased the livery stable. He has been successful in his business ventures, and is respected by the community at large. Mr. Evans is a democrat in his political belief. He was married May 27, 1886, to Miss Flora B., the daughter of Corydon and Charlotte (McCoy) McLaughlin, of Indianapolis, Ind., and their children are Edgar M., born May 3, 1887, and Elsie D., who died August 31, 1890, aged thirteen months. Mr. and Mrs. Evans are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and enjoy high social standing.

Jasper A. Fergerson, the genial agent of the Findlay brewing company, of Toledo, Ohio, is a native of Pennsylvania, having been born in Luzerne county in 1829, the son of Richard and Mary (Rice) Fergerson, the former a native of New York and the latter of New Jersey. Our subject, who was raised upon the farm, was engaged in the lumber business until 1854, when he went to Erie county and conducted a meat market at Milan for nine years. In 1863 he went to Defiance county and purchased eighty acres of land, forty of which he cleared, and in 1866 sold. He then located in Antwerp, continuing the butcher business three years, and then took charge of the Bemhart house. He was elected sheriff of the county in 1869, and one year later removed to Paulding. He served two terms as sheriff, and then entered the livery business, which he continued at intervals until 1877, when he was again elected sheriff, filling the office for another term of two years. In 1880 he received an appointment in Washington, D. C., in the war department, and remained there for two years, subsequently returning to Paulding and continuing the livery business. In 1886 he took a lease of the Thompson house for three years. In 1890 he located in his present place and engaged in the saloon business, acting as agent for the Toledo brewing company. Mr. Fergerson has been actively engaged in the politics of the county and was the first democratic sheriff elected. He has served as constable and marshal of Antwerp, marshal of Paulding, and is at present serving on the school board. He was married, in 1856, to Miss Susan, the daughter of Avery Ellsworth, of Luzerne county. They have had four children, of whom, one, Henry Fergerson, is living. Mr. Fergerson is a member of the lodge, I. O. O. F., which he joined when he was twenty-one years of age. He was made a member of the Masonic lodge in 1854. He is one of the enterprising and progressive citizens of the township, always ready to further any plan which has for its object the good of the town and county.

Frederick W. French is the son of Andrew F. French and Charlotte B. (Harbaugh) French, the former a native of Ohio, and of English extraction, and the latter a native of Pennsylvania, and of German descent. F. W. French was born in Paulding, Ohio, November 20, 1867. He received a common school education in his native town, and attended the Valparaiso (Ind.) business college, from which he graduated January 14, 1887. For some time he resided in Chicago, but on the 12th of February, 1891, in connection with J. R. Thomas, established the Paulding *News*. Mr. French's father died at his home in Paulding, March 18, 1886. His mother and his sisters, Ethel L. and Margery, still reside in this place. He was married on March 28, 1888, to Miss Mollie L. Primmer. Two children were born to them: Harry D. and Cecil S., both of whom are living. James R. Thomas is the son of Dr. I. H. and Minerva (Martin) Thomas, both natives of Ohio, the former being of Welsh and Irish, and the latter of German descent. The subject of this sketch, Jas. R. Thomas, was born in New Madison, Darke county, Ohio, December 29, 1870, and attended school in that county and in Paulding until about fifteen years of age, when he commenced to learn the printer's trade, in the office of the Paulding *Democrat*. On February 12, 1891, in connection with F. W. French, he established the Paulding *News*, a democratic paper, of which he is now the editor, and which is constantly gaining friends and patronage, by the impartial manner in which it has been conducted. Dr. Thomas died at his residence in Palestine, Darke county, Ohio. J. H. Thomas, Jr., is a brother of the subject of this sketch, and resides with his mother in this place.

Americus R. Geyer is a son of Amos and Emogene (Well) Geyer, born February 18, 1858, in Kalida, Putnam county, Ohio. He graduated in the common schools of Kalida, Ohio, in 1877, and then took a two-years' engineering and business course in the Northwestern Ohio normal school, situated at Kalida, Ohio, and commenced his profession as civil engineer in 1880. In 1883 he came to Paulding, Ohio, where he followed his profession in partnership with his brother, Hon. John L. Geyer, who is now serving his third term in the Ohio legislature, until February, 1890, when he purchased what is known as the Old Reliable Hakes Abstracts of Title, the only complete set in Paulding county, from which time he has followed the abstract and loan business, and is now in that business; no man is better known in Paulding county. He belongs to lodge No. 502, F. & A. M.; Defiance chapter, No. 89; Paulding lodge, No. 270, K. of P., and is a successful man. He was married, on May 6, 1886, to Maude E. Crawford, and two children (girls) have blessed this union: Velma D. Geyer, now four years old; Alta Marie Geyer, who died February 1, 1890.

Guy Gilbert, proprietor of the City Livery and Sale stable, of Paulding, Ohio, was born in Tompkins county, N. Y., April 13, 1846. He is the son of Lorenzo D. and Rosetta (McIntire) Gilbert, who were natives of York state, where they married in early life. Our subject remained in his native county until fifteen years of age, when he removed to Wayne county, Ohio, with his parents, where he grew to manhood. He received his education in the common schools. At the age of sixteen years he began an apprenticeship at the saddler's trade, which he followed continuously until 1879, when he located in Paulding county, where he followed farming successfully until December, 1888, when he engaged in the

livery business in Paulding, and has, by giving undivided attention to business, made a success, never failing to please his patrons, for they always received good turnouts and kind, courteous treatment. He is a lover of of good horses and keeps on hand as fine drivers as northwestern Ohio affords. Mr. Gilbert is one of the progressive young men, always ready to assist in all public and benevolent enterprises. Fraternally he is a member of the I. O. O. F. In 1869 Mr. Gilbert was united in marriage with Miss Caroline Shoup, of Burbank, Wayne county, Ohio, which has resulted in the birth of three children, as follows: Charles E., George W. and Frank T. Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert are worthy citizens and highly esteemed wherever known.

George P. Hardy, an abstractor of Paulding, is a native of Ohio, and dates his birth from the 28th of June, 1853. He is the son of Henry and Mary (Platter) Hardy, who educated their son in the common schools and reared him to manhood. He learned the trade of a printer and followed that business until 1875, purchasing, at this time, the Paulding *Democrat*. He edited this paper for five years and then engaged in the newspaper business in Indiana for some years. Returning to Paulding, Mr. Hardy engaged in his present occupation and has worked at it since. He was married, in 1878, to Miss Louisa L. Nash, of Allen county, and one son, Earl Hardy, has been born to them. Mr. Hardy is identified with the democratic party, and is member of Paulding lodge, No. 502, F. & A. M. He is a man who commands the respect of the community in which he lives.

A. Harper, a successful gardener and apiarist, was the first white child born in Black Creek township, Mercer county, Ohio. His birth occurred December 29, 1829, and he is the son of Jacob M. and Calinda (Watkins) Harper, natives of Pennsylvania and Kentucky respectively. His grandfather on the paternal side was a native of Pennsylvania and reared a large family. His grandfather Watkins was a native of Maryland, and a soldier in the war of 1812. He was an early settler of Kentucky, but died in Van Wert county, Ohio, in the sixty-first year of his age. Jacob M. Harper, the father of the subject of this notice, was reared in his native state, and in early life came to Fort Wayne, where he worked at his trade of a stone and brick mason. Later he entered land in Mercer county, and became one of the pioneer settlers, enduring all the hardships of that trying period. He became a well-to-do man in his time and was a class leader in the Methodist church. Politically, he was a whig, and served as an associate judge in Van Wert county. His death occurred at the early age of forty-two years, and his wife, who still survives him, is a worthy member of the Methodist Episcopal church. The boyhood of A. Harper was spent in Mercer and Van Wert counties, on the farm. He received a common education, and served a three years' apprenticeship at the wagon maker's trade. He worked as a journeyman for eighteen months, and later opened a shop in Bluffton, Ind., and thence in a year he moved to Mercer county, working in all twenty-six years at his trade. He had at that time become an expert in his line, and is a self-made man. In the spring of 1874 he moved to Paulding county and purchased a property in town, where he has since lived. He is a successful gardener, and is the largest bee grower in the county. Politically, Mr. Harper is a stanch republican, and has served some time as town councilman. Mr. Harper married, May 10, 1853, Miss Mary Ann Wilch, and is the father of these children: Willis B., Alden D., John A., Nelson E., Calinda Margaret, the wife of Charles Percy, and Lilla May, the wife of Charles Hudson. Mrs. Harper, who is an estimable lady, is a member of the Lutheran church, and her husband is a member of the lodge, I. O. O. F.

R. S. Harris, a popular grocer of Paulding, Ohio, was born in Rochester, N. Y., September 5, 1834, the son of C. S. and Ellen (Walton) Harris. He was educated in the public schools at Rochester, learned the carriage painter's trade, and made it a specialty for fifteen years in different parts of the country, then located in Cleveland, Ohio, and was in business there for several years. He came to Paulding, Paulding county, Ohio, September 1, 1883, and embarked in the mercantile business. Mr. Harris has so conducted himself and his business as to give satisfaction to his friends and gain the good will of all. He is a democrat and belongs to the Masonic fraternity and I. O. O. F. In 1885 Mr. Harris established his present business and he has been successful in this pursuit. He was married in 1878 to Miss Amanda M. Adkins, of Kentucky, and they enjoy high social rank and the esteem of the community in which they reside.

L. W. Hebenthal was born in Manhaim, Germany, July 27, 1838, the son of George and Maria Hebenthal. His early education was obtained in the public schools and at the age of twelve he entered the high school and completed a course in chemistry and medicine. Later he engaged in clerking and at the age of fifteen emigrated to America. He located at Toledo, Ohio, and followed various occupations until 1861, when he joined company K, Fourteenth Ohio volunteer infantry, with which he served three months. At the expiration of his term of service, he re-enlisted in company K, Sixty-seventh Ohio volunteer infantry, and again enlisted for a period of three years. He served faithfully until the close of the war, and was a participant in the following engagements: Philippi, Va., Carrick's Ford, Winchester, Stroudsburg, Va., Front Royal, Suffolk, Va., and in the charge upon Ft. Wagner, S. C. Mr. Hebental was thrice wounded, first in the left leg by a bayonet; next in the left forearm and the last wound was received in the scalp by a shell. He was sent to the hospital at Beaufort, S. C., and from there was taken to Fort Schuyler, N. Y. Recovering from his wounds, he rejoined his regiment and was at the following battles, the Bermuda Hundred, Fort Darling, Deep Bottoms, Petersburg, Va., Ft. Harrison, Farmville, and Appomatox. At the close of the war, Mr. Hebenthal located at Maumee City, Ohio, and was engaged in the livery business for eight months. Removing to Napoleon, in connection with David Hancock he was interested in the mercantile business for one year, at the end of that time going to Defiance, Ohio, where he took charge of a restaurant for two years. He then located at Mount Blanchard and for two years was connected with a drug establishment at that place. He removed to Dunkirk, Hardin county, and for ten years followed the same business, coming in 1886 to Paulding county and establishing his present concern. Mr. Hebenthal deals in drugs and stationery and has been successful in his business affairs. He is gentlemanly and obliging and has built up a large and lucrative trade in Paulding county. Mr. Hebenthal was married in 1867 to Miss Lena, the daughter of Edward Dyer, of Watervile, Ohio, and two children have blessed their union. They are Delia, wife of Con Regan, of Paulding, and Mamie who is at home. The subject of this sketch is a republican in his political belief and a member of Theo. Merchant post, G. A. R., and Paulding Lodge, I. O. O. F., No. 577.

George M. Hoaglin, the city engineer of Paulding, is a descendant of a prominent pioneer family of Van Wert county, Ohio. He was born in this county, July 21, 1861, and was given his educational training in the common schools and the Normal school at Valparaiso, Ind., from which institution he graduated in 1886. He commenced teaching in Van Wert county in 1882, and was subsequently appointed county examiner. In 1888 he was elected superintendent of the Scott schools. Two years later he located at Paulding and engaged in engineering. In April, 1891, he was elected city engineer, which position he is at present filling with credit to himself and satisfaction to the people of the city. Politically he is a democrat, and belongs to the lodge I. O. of R., at Scott, and to the F. & A. M., at Paulding. Mr. Hoaglin was married in 1889 to Miss Jennie Snorf, an accomplished young lady of Paulding. They are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Charles L. Hoeffel is a native of Lorraine, France, and was born in the department of Delamert, county of Phalsbourg, February 2, 1851. His parents were Michael and Mary (Shafer) Hoeffel, the former of whom came to America in 1866 and located in Defiance county, where he was engaged in farming until his death. The subject of this sketch was fifteen years of age when he served an apprenticeship with Peter Westrick at the saddler's trade. He remained at Defiance engaged in this calling for five and a half years, and then traveled in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Indiana, Illinois and Colorado, for two years, working at his trade. He was married to Miss Catherine Burgmyer, of Toledo, on September 4, 1874, and became the father of Mary (deceased), Charles, Lina, Leo, Henry and Fetus. Locating in Defiance after his marriage, Mr. Hoeffel engaged in the harness and saddlery business, which he continued until 1887, when he removed to Emerald township, Paulding county, and followed farming. This last pursuit he was unable to continue on account of breaking his leg on March 21, 1890. In June, 1891, he again embarked in the harness trade in Paulding, where he handles a full line of harness, buggies, whips, robes, etc. He is a successful business man, widely and favorably known throughout the township and county. Mr. Hoeffel is a member of the Catholic church and a stanch republican in his political belief.

Thomas B. Holland, attorney, one of the leading members of the bar of Paulding county, is the subject of this biography. He was born March 1, 1845, in Allen county, Ohio, and is a son of B. A. and Lydia (Osborn) Holland. He received his early education in the public schools and graduated from the high school of Lima, Ohio. He read law with Judge Charles M. Hughes, of Lima, Ohio, and was admitted to the bar of Ohio by the supreme court on August 14, 1869, and commenced the

practice of law at Ada, Ohio, in 1870. In 1874 he came to Paulding, where he has since been in the active practice of his profession. Mr. Holland was elected county prosecutor in 1875, and filled the office until 1877. In 1861 he enlisted in the Thirty-second Ohio volunteer infantry, and was discharged for sickness. In 1862 he enlisted in the Fourteenth Missouri volunteer infantry, and was again discharged for sickness. In November of the same year he joined the One Hundred and Eighteenth Ohio volunteer infantry, and was wounded in the shoulder and hand, and was discharged, by order from the war department, to accept the commission of a second lieutenant in the One Hundred Eightieth Ohio volunteer infantry. He commanded his company until the close of the war, and was discharged July 1, 1865. Mr. Holland was married September 24, 1871, to Miss Mary D., a daughter of David Scott, and by this union they are the parents of three children: Charles B., Maud R. and James C. Politically, our subject is a democrat, and a leading spirit in his party. He is a member of Paulding lodge, No. 577, I. O. O. F., and Paulding lodge, No. 270, K. of P.

James Huston, a prominent dentist of Paulding county, is a native of Paint township, Wayne county, Ohio. He was born on August 17, 1832, the son of Cunningham and Elizabeth (Scott) Huston, natives of Pennsylvania, of Irish and Scotch descent. They were among the early settlers of Wayne county, and the father, who was a successful merchant, accumulated a large amount of property. In 1843 he removed to the city of Mexico, where he hoped to better his condition, and engaged in business, which he continued until the outbreak of the Mexican war when he in company with other Americans left that territory. He disposed of his mercantile stock and taking a couple of trusted servants and a herd of mules, started for his old home. While en route, he was shot down and robbed by the men whom he had put his faith in, and his wife, with five sons and three daughters, was left in a condition little better than poverty. Mrs. Huston supported her children and reared them to manhood and womanhood. James Huston, the immediate subject of this sketch, was given a common education in the schools of the neighborhood and spent his vacations in clerking in a dry goods store. Later he attended the normal school at Fredericksburg, where he prepared himself for the vocation of teaching. This calling he followed for several years, in the meantime reading medicine with a view to studying dentistry. He spent two years in the office of Dr. E. Chidester, at Massillon, Ohio. After getting through with his studies in the fall of 1860 he went to West Virginia for the purpose of locating there, but on account of the political excitement existing throughout the south he returned in the spring of 1861 to Mt. Eaton, the home of his birth, where he located and practiced dentistry successfully for ten years, and in the spring of 1871 moved to Dunkirk, Ohio, and was then given a certificate, in 1872, by the state board of examiners at Columbus, Ohio, for the practice of dentistry. Dr. Huston is the pioneer dentist of the county and no man commands a higher place in the estimation of his fellow-citizens. Dr. Huston was happily married to Miss Rachel, daughter of Elisha and Rachel (Beales) Griffith, of Wayne county, and to this union have been born Mead C., Lulu, wife of William H. Cullen; and Frank G. Politically Dr. Huston is an ardent republican and fraternally belongs to the K. of P., No. 270, in which lodge he holds the position of master of exchequer; and the Masonic order, having held the position of secretary for four years, and being again elected to that office in November, 1891. While a resident of Dunkirk the doctor was a member of the school board and by his untiring efforts the school of that place became prosperous, and was placed upon an equal basis with the neighboring institutions of learning.

Mead C. Huston, of the firm of Huston & Thompson, proprietors of the Thompson House, is the son of Dr. James Huston, and was born in Wayne county, Ohio, July 15, 1863. In childhood he removed to Dunkirk, Ohio, where his early life was spent, being educated in the city schools. During his vacations he studied dentistry with his father; later attended the dental college at Ann Arbor, Mich., in the winter term of 1884–5, after which he practiced dentistry with his father until the fall of 1886, when he engaged in caring for the traveling public at Dunkirk, which proved a success. In 1889 he sold and removed to Paulding, where he became proprietor of the Thompson House, since which time he has conducted a first-class house, and has made himself very popular with the knights of the grip. Politically, he is a republican; also a member of the K. of P., at Forest, Ohio. November 4, 1886, he was united in marriage with Miss Anna Kahler, a popular teacher of the Dunkirk high school, and daughter of Samuel Kahler, an early settler of Wayne county, Ohio. One son, Edward Everett, was born to this union, December 9, 1891. Mr. and Mrs. Huston are highly respected where known, and Mrs. Huston is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

F. W. Hyman, a prominent and influential citizen of Paulding, now retired, was born in Nassau, Prussia, July 12, 1848, the son of William C. and Margaret (Upperman) Hyman. The parents came to this country in 1852, and settled near Bellevue, Huron county, Ohio. The subject of this sketch was raised in his adopted county, was educated in the common schools, and spent his early life upon the farm. In 1867 he engaged in the general mercantile business at Kirby, Ohio, with his brother, P. H. Hyman, and together they carried on trade for some time. In 1875 Mr. Hyman embarked in the agricultural implement business until, in 1884, he came to Paulding, and engaged in the hardware trade. This he conducted with success until 1889, at which time he retired from active life, a well-to-do man. Mr. Hyman was united in marriage, in 1874, with Miss Mary Katzenmeyer, of Wyandot county, and three children have blessed their union, namely Winnie, Nina and Harvey. Politically he is a republican, though in no sense a seeker for office.

W. B. Jackson.—The subject of this sketch was born in Paulding county, Ohio, July 26, 1857, the son of Benjamin B. and Elizabeth J. (Champion) Jackson. He was educated in the common schools and at the Northwestern Ohio normal, situated at Ada. He graduated from the latter institution in 1880, and taught in the schools of Paulding county for a number of years, and for five years was a teacher in the public schools of Antwerp. Three years of this time he held the position of superintendent of schools, and did effective work in building up the educational institutions of Paulding county. In 1890 Mr. Jackson was elected clerk of the courts, which position he is at present filling. Politically he is a democrat, and fraternally belongs to Carryall lodge, No. 463, I. O. O. F.; Cecil Assembly, No. 8878, K. of L., and the John Barnes, Camp No. 424, Sons of Veterans. He was married, in 1884, to Miss Kate, the youngest daughter of Nirum and Eliza (Wentworth) Strout, and to this happy union three children, Ruby C., Hazel H. and Edith S. Jackson, have been born. Mr. Jackson is an enterprising business man, and takes an active part in all matters relating to the advancement and prosperity of his county and state.

Hon. Arthur L. Knapp.—Prominent among the well known attorneys of Paulding county is Hon. Arthur L. Knapp, the present mayor of Paulding. He was born in Crawford county, Penn., December 2, 1856, and his early life was spent upon the homestead farm. His preliminary education was received at the common schools and in 1879 he graduated with honor from the normal school at Edinboro, Penn. He then taught in the schools of Crawford county for fourteen years and commenced the study of law with Judge Henderson, of Meadville, in 1883. In 1886 Mr. Knapp was admitted to the bar and in 1889 began the active practice of his profession in this county. In 1890 he was elected, on the democratic ticket, mayor of Paulding, which office he is now so acceptably filling. He is a member of the Paulding lodge, No. 502, F. & A. M. Mr. Knapp was married to Miss Belle, the daughter of Nathan Rumsey, of Beaver Center, Penn., and they have one child, Frank Lyle Knapp. As a successful lawyer, Mr. Knapp has tried many cases in his and other counties and has been very successful in his profession.

Judge Lafayette Lewis, born June 24, 1846, is a native of eastern Ohio. His parents were Morgan and Margaret Lewis, honored residents of the county in which they resided. The subject of this notice was reared on his father's farm and received a good education. In 1852 he located in Van Wert county, and engaged in farming with good success. He purchased his present farm in Latty township, Paulding county, Ohio, in the year 1884 and has since resided upon it. Mr. Lewis was elected in 1890 to the high position of probate judge of Paulding county, which he now occupies. He is a democrat in political sentiment and has discharged the duties of the minor township offices with satisfaction to all concerned. Judge Lewis was united in marriage with Miss Lucinda, the daughter of Jacob Dibert in 1874. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which organization he is a licensed exhorter. In 1864, Judge Lewis enlisted in the Seventy-eighth regiment of Ohio volunteers, and was with Gen. Sherman on his march to the sea. He served until the close of hostilities. In all the walks of life, Judge Lewis is highly esteemed, and, with his cultured wife, enjoys high rank in the social scale of Paulding county.

Max Lowenthal is one of the progressive citizens of Paulding, and was born in the city of New York on the 5th of December, 1856. He is the son of Bernard and Bertha Lowenthal, and received a common education. At the age of thirteen years, he entered a dry goods store as clerk, and remained there for two years. At this time he enlisted in the United States regular army and served for five years. At the expiration of his term of service, he engaged in the stock business in

Dakota. Coming to Paulding on the 19th of August, 1889, he acted as clerk for John Brewer three months, and then worked on the P., Ft. W. & C. R. R. a short time. Mr. Lowenthal then opened his present business, and conducted the same in the south end of the town. He has established nine saloons, including the one at Oakwood. In 1891 he located in his present building, which is 120 feet in depth, and fitted up with all the modern improvements. His marriage with Miss Sarah E. Grubb was solemnized in 1881, and their home has been brightened by the advent of Bertha and Harry. Mrs. Lowenthal is the daughter of Moses and Sarah Grubb, honored residents of Allen county, Ohio. She and her husband are respected members of the community in which they reside.

Henry Ludwig, groceryman at Cecil, Ohio, is a native of Pennsylvania, and was born in West Salem township, Mercer county, on the 3rd of January, 1851, the son of Abraham and Anna (Gongway) Ludwig. He was raised on the homestead farm and received his educational training in the schools of his township, learning, in connection with farming, the trade of a carpenter. When he reached the age of eighteen years he left home and followed his occupation in various places, coming, in 1883, to the county of Paulding, where he worked at his trade. Late in the fall of 1891 Mr. Ludwig purchased his present place of business, and is now successfully engaged in conducting the same. Politically he is identified with the democratic party, although he is in no sense of the word an office seeker.

J. A. Mohr, a successful dealer in real estate, loans and exchange of Paulding, is one of three children, two sons and one daughter, born to Jacob and Martha A. (Hattery) Mohr, the former a native of Germany, born February 26, 1838, and the latter of Carroll county, Ohio, who dates her birth from the year 1844. Frederick Mohr, the paternal grandparent, came to America in 1849 and with his family located near Mansfield, Ohio. He later moved to Van Wert where he built a log cabin and succeeded in clearing a farm of forty acres. This property is now in the possession of his youngest son, Jacob, the father of our subject. The latter was eleven years of age when he emigrated to this country. He was well educated both in the English and German languages. He married at the age of twenty-six years and located upon land adjoining his father's place, where he now resides. He is a well-to-do man, a republican in politics, having held the minor township offices, and he and wife are worthy members of the Evangelical church. Mr. Mohr started life with but little and he is a self-made man in every sense of the word. J. A. Mohr was born in Van Wert county, June 7, 1865. He attended school at Angolia for a short time and then went to Ada, where he completed a scientific course, graduating July 19, 1888. In 1880 Mr. Mohr taught school for three terms and then acted as agent for the Home Library association, meeting with marked success as a salesman. In September, 1888, he formed a partnership with J. R. Shotwell, of Scott, Ohio, and engaged in the real estate and loan business. The firm was successful and had a large and lucrative patronage. In August, 1891, the firm was dissolved by mutual consent and Mr. Mohr located at Paulding, where he is engaged in the above mentioned business. As a business man, Mr. Mohr is keen, progressive and successful and has worked hard for what he has. Politically he is a republican, active in the ranks of his party.

W. H. Montgomery, M. D., and the president of the United States pension board of Paulding county, Ohio, was born June 2, 1858, in Cambria county, Penn., the son of Rev. M. J. and Louisa (Kinter) Montgomery. His education was received in the common and high schools of Pittsburg, and he began the study of medicine with Dr. Eli Coon, of Butler county, Penn. He graduated from the college of physicians and surgeons at Baltimore, Md., in 1881, and commenced the practice of his profession at Leesburg, Penn., where he remained one year. Subsequently he removed to Coal Village, Allegheny county, Penn., and later to Pittsburg, where he remained until 1890. Coming to Paulding in the latter year, he purchased the practice of Dr. A. P. Dix, and has since been engaged in a lucrative practice. Dr. Montgomery is thorough and competent in his profession, and is rapidly gaining the confidence of the people, of which he is in every way worthy. Dr. Montgomery is a member of the Coal Valley lodge, No. 649, I. O. O. F., and the Valley council, No. 198, Jr., O. U. A. M. He is a republican in politics and a man highly esteemed by a large number of friends and acquaintances.

O. Morrow, civil engineer and ex-county surveyor, was born in Warren county, Ohio, March 22, 1846, and is the son of William and Lydia (Williams) Morrow, who were natives of New York and Pennsylvania, respectively. Mr. Morrow was reared a farmer's boy, having the advantages of the common schools, in which he prepared himself for teaching at the age of twenty years. He taught a few terms, then entered the Lebanon high school, and while there, completed a course in civil engineering. He later taught school for a few years, but in 1871 abandoned teaching. The same fall he located in Sumner county, Kans., where he entered a piece of land, remaining here two years, then returning east to McLean county, Ills., thence, one year afterward, to his native county. Mr. Morrow soon after was engaged as civil engineer at Warren, Ind., on the narrow gauge railroad, later at Salina, Ohio; afterward followed his profession on the railroad and county work until the summer of 1884, when he located at Paulding, Ohio, since which time he has been a resident of Paulding. During 1884-5 he engaged in timbering, then, in the fall of 1885, was the nominee of the republican party for county surveyor, to which he was elected, also re-elected in the fall of 1888, and made an efficient officer. Mr. Morrow is one of the progressive young men of the county, and is a member of the K. of P. lodge, No. 470. His marriage occurred June 11, 1890. Miss Eva DeWitt, a lady of fine attainments, became his bride. Mrs. Morrow is a worthy member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Samuel R. Mott, Jr., justice of the peace and attorney, is a son of John G. and Anna (Rieder) Mott. He was born in Knox county, Ohio, January 12, 1831, and his early education was received in the common schools. He learned the molder's trade at St. Mary, Ohio, and Buffalo, N. Y., which he followed for an occupation for six years. In 1855 he located in Auglaize county, Ohio, and engaged in the saw mill and lumber business. In 1858 he commenced reading law with Col. John Walkup, of Wapakoneta, Ohio. At the breaking out of the war he abandoned his studies, and in April, 1861, he joined company K, Fifteenth Ohio volunteer infantry, and served three months; he then enlisted in company C, Fifty-seventh Ohio volunteer infantry, and was elected captain. In 1862 he was commissioned lieutenant-colonel, and subsequently was made the colonel of his regiment, served until September 26, 1865, and was discharged with the rank of brigadier-general. Our subject was three times wounded: at Shiloh, in the right hip; at Vicksburg, in the neck, and at Atlanta, in the left knee. He was with Gen. Sherman from Atlanta to the sea, and participated in some fifty different engagements. At the close of the war our subject resumed the study of law, was admitted in 1866, and commenced the practice of law at Wapakoneta. In September, 1874, he located in Paulding, where he has since resided, practicing his profession. Our subject was one of the promoters of the Cecil & Paulding railroad, by which he suffered heavy financial loss. Politically Mr. Mott is an ardent democrat, and while a resident of Auglaize county, represented that county in the state legislature, and also filled the office of recorder. He has also been the mayor of Paulding, and has filled the office of justice of the peace for twelve years. Mr. Mott was married in 1852 to Miss Martha, a daughter of Peter Apgar, formerly of New Jersey, and by this marriage they are the parents of six living children: Sherman, Florence, wife of Leon Bloom; Ida J., widow of M. T. Harrison; Gertie, wife of Charles Brewer; Americus V. and Leona. Our subject was one of the charter members, and the first master of Paulding lodge, No. 502, F. & A. M. As a good soldier in the past, and an upright citizen in the present, the colonel commands the respect of the people of Paulding county.

Sherman Mott, the eldest son of Col. S. R. Mott, was born in Wapakoneta, Auglaize county, Ohio, Sunday morning, July 22, 1866. At the age of twelve years he came to Paulding, Ohio, with his parents, where he was educated and grew to manhood. In 1879 he began learning the printer's trade in the office of the Paulding *Democrat*, under the management of R. D. Webster. He, after serving his apprenticeship, worked at journeyman work until November, 1887, when he and his brother opened a confectionery store and news stand, and just one year later sold out, when Mr. Mott established the Sherwood *Sentinel*, of which he was editor and proprietor until January, 1889, when he sold out, having been chosen message clerk of the Ohio house of representatives, which position he ably filled. During the latter part of his term of office he established the Scott *Messenger*, at Scott, Paulding county, Ohio, and edited the same until the spring of 1891, when he sold out and began the study of law in the office of H. C. Glenn, of Van Wert, Ohio. Mr. Mott is one of the progressive young men. He was united in marriage November 20, 1888, with Miss Minnie Leota Reid, of Van Wert, Ohio.

Murphy Family.—Among the early settlers of Paulding county was Robert Murphy, a native of county Down, Ireland, who emigrated to this country, and settled in Pennsylvania. He subsequently removed to what was then Williams county, and now Paulding, Ohio. He purchased one hundred and six acres of land, situated upon the Maumee river, about one mile from Antwerp, which is now in the possession of

his son, Daniel Murphy. His family consisted of Philip, John, Robert, Joseph, Daniel, Rosanna, who married S. Filly (both deceased); Anna, who married Wilson Snook (both deceased) and Harriet, who married John Collins (also both deceased). Robert, Sr., married Anna Jackson, a native of Pennsylvania, and died about 1843. He was the first treasurer of Carryall township, and in politics was a democrat; in religion he was a Presbyterian.

Joseph K., the fourth son of Robert Murphy, was born in 1814, in Pennsylvania, and came to Paulding with his parents. He was a farmer and local preacher in the M. E. church, which he followed through life. He married, in 1837, Miss Phœbe, a daughter of Sylvestus Carvin, of Antwerp, Ohio, one of the pioneer settlers of that locality, and by this marriage they were the parents of six children: Robert S., Daniel, who died of sickness contracted in the United States marine service on the steamer Baltic, August 3, 1863; Joshua, of Fort Gate, Dak.; Mary J., deceased wife of Owen Cole; Isaac Newton; Roseanna, who was twice married—first to George Genther, and secondly to Gilbert James; Ellen, wife of Frank Pierman. Joseph K. died November 22, 1852, and his wife in 1882. He held many minor township offices, was a democrat, and a self-made and self-educated man, having had no opportunities in early life. Robert S., the eldest child, was born in what was Williams county, April 15, 1840. His early life was spent on the home farm, and he was educated in the subscription schools. August 27, 1861, he enlisted in company E, Thirtieth Indiana volunteer infantry. At the battle of Corinth he was made sergeant of his company, and served with his regiment until 1863, when he contracted rheumatism, and was discharged. He next enlisted in the marine service, and was made sergeant of company H, First marine regiment, on the 23rd of August, in the same year. He was made second lieutenant of the same company, May 9, 1864, and was commissioned, by President Lincoln, first lieutenant. He participated in the battles of Pittsburg Landing, siege of Vicksburg, and a score of smaller engagements. His discharge was endorsed by D. S. Tallerdy, major commanding, as follows: "I have known this officer three years, and have ever found him prompt and efficient in the discharge of his duty. As a gentleman his character is irreproachable, and he is brave even to a fault." At the close of his term of service he returned to Antwerp, and engaged in farming, until 1866. He then engaged in mercantile business for seven years, and was then elected justice of peace and engaged in real estate business in Antwerp. In 1881 he was elected county auditor, an office he filled for one term, and then engaged in mercantile and insurance business until the spring of 1891, when he retired. Since his election as county auditor he has been a resident of Paulding, and has filled the office of town councilman four years. In politics he is a republican, and he is a member of the F. & A. M., Paulding lodge, 502; also of Defiance chapter and the commandery, No. 30, of Defiance; and member of the Ohio consistory S. P. R. S., 32nd degree. Also, Theodore Merchant Post, G. A. R., No. 683, and has been post commander since its organization; and commander of Paulding county battalion, G. A. R.; also of Paulding lodge, K. of P. Mr. Hughes was married, August 13, 1865, to Miss Roxanna, daughter of John and Jane Evans, who died October 8, 1876, leaving four children, viz.: Charles, Florence Adell, Cora B. and Alva. His second marriage occurred June 8, 1889, to Mrs. Esther Snyder, daughter of Jacob Goldsmith, of Monroe county, Ohio.

E. S. Nichols, of the firm of Nichols & Dickman, editors of the Paulding County *Democrat*, the subject of this sketch, was born in December, 1862, in Auglaize county, Ohio, received a high school education, and at the age of fifteen, entered a printing office to learn the printing trade. After working at Wapakoneta four years he went to Washington, a situation in the government printing office having been tendered to him through the kindly efforts of Hon. Benjamin Le Fevre. After remaining here a year and a half, he resigned to enter the study of law in the office of Congressman Layton & Stueve, remaining here until after the election of Cleveland to the presidency, when he again accepted a place in the government office. After a few months' work Mr. Nichols was promoted to the position of proof reader and several months later was again promoted, being made one of the editors of copy in that large establishment. He held the place until after the inauguration of Harrison, resigning in April, 1889. While in the government employ, Mr. Nichols availed himself of the night sessions of the law schools of the capital city and completed his law studies, graduating from the Georgetown university law school in 1888. Mr. Nichols married, in August, 1885, the daughter of G. W. Humphreys, master mechanic of the B. & O. R. R., in the city of Washington. Mr. Nichols practiced law in Wapakoneta until October, 1891, when he in connection with Mr. Dickman, of the same place, purchased the Paulding *Democrat* from the Hon. N. R. Hysell.

William H. Phipps.—Among the energetic young lawyers of Paulding, William H. Phipps occupies a notable place. He was born at Caldwell, Ohio, August 16, 1864, the son of Samuel H. and Mary (Miller) Phipps. His early educational training was received in the common schools, and was completed at the Northwestern Ohio university and Elizabethtown college. In 1887, Mr. Phipps began reading law with Hon. D. S. Spriggs, of Caldwell, and was admitted to the practice in 1889. The same year he settled in Paulding, where he has practiced ever since, enjoying lucrative patronage. Mr. Phipps was married, August 14, 1890, to Miss Nora, the daughter of William K. Cooper. She is an estimable lady, possessing many social qualities. Politically Mr. Phipps is a republican, belongs to the Sons of Veterans lodge of Caldwell, Ohio, and is a member of the Masonic fraternity of Paulding.

George W. Potter (deceased).—Among the men who have passed away and who stood out prominently in the early improvement of Paulding, is the subject of this sketch, George W. Potter, who was born in Wayne county, N. Y., September 11, 1826, and was a son of William and Fanny (Squires) Potter. His father was a native of England, and his mother a native of Wayne county, N. Y. At the age of three years Mr. Potter lost his mother, and upon her death his father returned to his native land, binding out our subject to a man by the name of Morris, until he became of age. At the age of thirteen Mr. Potter ran away and went to sea, which he followed until 1847, when he joined the American army and served through the Mexican war, receiving a gunshot wound in the bowels, while guarding an army train with his company. At the close of the war Mr. Potter settled in Jay county, Ind., and engaged in farming and mercantile business. He subsequently concluded to change locations and selected Morrow county, Ohio, and engaged in the same business. While a resident of that county he was elected to the office of justice of the peace, which he filled for nine years, and while still in that county he commenced reading law under H. S. Profeth, in connection with his other business ventures, and was admitted to the bar in 1867. In 1868 he again changed his location, at this time coming to Paulding. Here he established a mercantile business, and commenced the practice of law. Six years later Mr. Potter established the first bank in Paulding county, and it is still in a flourishing condition and is known as the Potter bank. He was one of the promoters and builders of the Cecil & Paulding railroad, by which he suffered heavy financial loss. In 1874, in connection with his son, W. B. Potter, he established the Paulding *Democrat*. In 1862 he joined company F, Forty-third Ohio volunteer infantry, and served one year. Mr. Potter was married, in 1850, to Miss Rachel, a daughter of Isaac Youngs, of Jay county, Ind., and by this union they were the parents of five children: Elizabeth, wife of Edwin S. Dix; William B., banker; Phœbe F., wife of A. McDonald; Emma, wife of W. G. Brumbaugh; and Mary A., wife of D. D. McDonald. In his political views Mr. Potter was a stanch democrat, in which party he exercised no little influence and power. He was twice elected mayor of Paulding, filled the office of justice twice, and city treasurer two terms. He was a member of Paulding lodge, I. O. O. F. In his religious views he was liberal. His death occurred May 15, 1887, but his wife survived him, and resides in Paulding.

W. B. Potter, the only son of George W. Potter, was born February 18, 1854, in Jay county, Ind., and was reared in Morrow and Jay counties. He received a common school education and then learned the printer's trade in the office of the *Plaindealer*, and worked four years at the business. After serving his time, in 1874 he and his father established the Paulding *Democrat*, which our subject conducted for two years. In 1876 he engaged in the real estate and insurance business under the firm name of Parr & Potter. Mr. Parr subsequently retired and the firm became Potter & Durfey. Mr. Potter subsequently purchased Mr. Durfey's interest and conducted the business until 1881. He then entered his father's bank as bookkeeper, which position he filled until 1887, when he became its cashier, which position he has since filled. Our subject is also extensively engaged in farming. He was married in 1881 to Miss Alma R., daughter of Solomon Miller, of Paulding, and by this marriage they are the parents of five children: George W., Kenneth B., Wesley N., Glenn S., and Muriel R. Mr. Potter's political affiliations are with the democratic party, and while he never sought or would accept public office, he takes great interest in the success of his party; and he is one of the energetic and enterprising business men of Paulding, and commands the respect of the people of his county.

Isaiah Richards.—Among the early residents of Paulding was the subject of this sketch. He was born in Crawford county, Ohio, January 25, 1825, and is a son of James and Deborah (Hollingsworth) Rich-

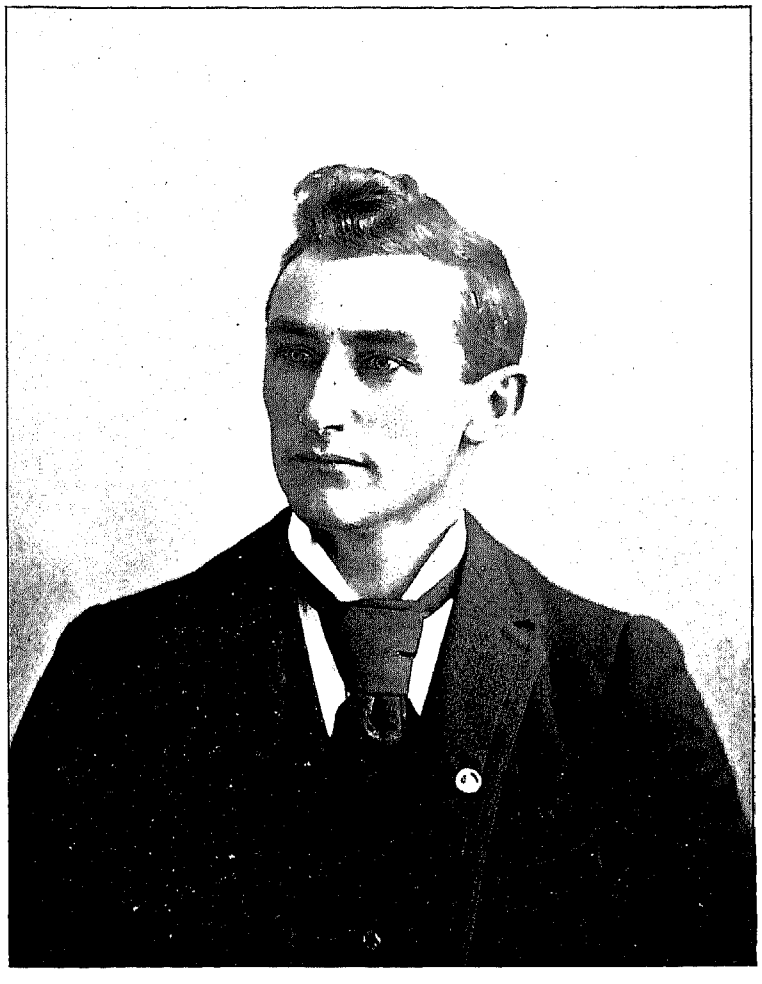
ards, both of German extraction, who settled in this state. Our subject's early life was spent upon the homestead farm, receiving such education as could be obtained from the subscription schools of that period. In 1855 Mr. Richards settled in Paulding, and purchased the hotel property from A. G. Smith, and was the landlord for seven years. In the fall of 1857 he was placed in nomination on the democratic ticket for sheriff of the county, and was elected by a good majority. He served the people faithfully. Mr. Richards was quite a hunter during his early life, having killed bear, deer and other game. In April, 1861, he enlisted in company G, Fourteenth Ohio volunteer infantry, three months' service, and served until discharged. In the fall of 1861, Mr. Richards was elected to fill the office of county treasurer, in which position he served for four years. In 1865 he was elected county auditor, and filled the office with such ability for three years, that, at the expiration of his term of office in 1868, the people elected him recorder, which office he filled for ten years. After retiring from public duties, Mr. Richards engaged in farming. In his early life Mr. Richards was a democrat, but since and during the war he has affiliated with the republican party. He was married November 30, 1849, to Miss Sarah, a daughter of Andrew Yeagly, of Crawford county, Ohio, and by this marriage they are the parents of four children: James D., Rance L., Francis, and Jennie, wife of B. F. Griffin, of Toledo, Ohio. Our subject is a member of Paulding lodge, No. 562, F. & A. M. After a residence of thirty-eight years, and twenty years of public service in the county, it is befitting that some mention should be made of our subject for integrity, and his honest administration of office. No man stands higher in the community than Mr. Richards.

James Richards, of the firm of Cullen, Richards & Savercool, insurance agents, is a native of Paulding, Ohio, having been born on the 8th of February, 1865, the youngest of a family of three sons and one daughter, the children of Isaiah Richards. He was educated in the schools of his native town, accepting at the age of sixteen years a good position in the office of the county recorder, his father being the incumbent of that office at the time. Here he remained for four years, gaining a knowledge of men and events which was to be so essential in his business life. He then engaged as a clerk in the dry goods store of Mr. Cullen, his present partner, remaining in the emply of that gentleman for over a year. In April, 1888, in company with his former employer, he purchased the insurance business of George F. McCabe and the firm of Cullen & Richards was established. In the spring of 1891, Mr. E. M. Savercool was taken into the concern and the firm name is now Cullen, Richards & Savercool. As a business man Mr. Richards is popular, progressive and painstaking. He is a republican in his political belief, and has served as a councilman of the city of Paulding. Fraternally he belongs to the K. of P. lodge. Mr. Richards was united in marriage with Miss Della Cramer of Paulding, Ohio, on the 7th of October, 1890. Mrs. Richards was born in Allen county, Ohio, on March 30, 1867, and she is the only daughter of S. W. Cramer, a prominent citizen of the county.

Joseph R. Ross, editor and proprietor of the Paulding county *Republican*, is a native of Mercer county, Ohio, and was born January 8, 1863. He is the son of Thomas C. and Mary (Sherer) Ross, the former a native of Kentucky, of Scotch parentage. The latter was born in Pennsylvania, of German extraction. The grandfather of Mr. Ross became a pioneer of Mercer county, where he entered land and spent a long useful life. Thomas C. was a boy of six years when he came into the county, where he grew to manhood, and has since lived, owning a part of his father's old home, which he assisted to redeem from the forest. At the age of twenty-six years, he married Miss Mary Sherer, who came to the county in childhood, and has been a resident since. They are prosperous, well-to do people, and enjoy a substantial home near Mendon, Ohio. Our subject, Joseph R., was reared upon the farm, where a good opportunity was afforded for plenty of hard work and a country school education. He was studiously inclined, and had a strong disposition to excel, as well as a retentive memory, thus standing at the head of his classes. Taking to books kindly, his leisure hours upon the farm were spent in reading, from which he profited later on. At the age of eighteen he held a teacher's license, but instead of teaching he began an apprenticeship in the office of the Mercer county *Observer*, during which time he pursued a course of study under the direction of Rev. J. M. Anderson, who took
75 a great interest in him, then, as his own preceptor, he has become well versed and is a fair example of what pluck, and a determination to succeed will accomplish. In 1884, he became a partner in the office, which co-partnership existed until the fall of 1889, when he sold his interest, and December 1, 1889, he purchased the Paulding county *Republican*, which under his management and editorial skill now ranks second to none, being a clean, well-edited county paper and party organ. Mr. Ross is one of the thorough going progressive young men. On October 24, 1888, he was united in marriage with Miss Delphene Roop, of Celina, Ohio, third daughter of the late Judge D. J. Roop. Mrs. Ross was born at Fort Recovery, Ohio, July 7, 1863, and was educated in the high schools of Celina, graduating in 1879, after which she taught several terms in the public schools of that place. From 1883 to 1885, she was a typo in the office of the Mercer county *Observer*, during which time the friendship formed as co-workers ended in marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Ross are worthy members of the Presbyterian church.

Edward M. Savercool.—Prominent among the insurance solicitors of Paulding county is Edward M. Savercool, junior member of the firm of Cullen, Richards & Savercool, who was born at Madison, Wis., June 11, 1861. Mr. Savercool is one of a family of three sons and four daughters, the offspring of Reuben and Eliza (Smith) Savercool, natives of New York. The parents became residents of Ohio in their childhood, and were married in Saville, in 1840. Removing to Madison, Wis., they made that city their home until 1863, when they located in Kansas. In 1875 they went to Chico, Cal., and are now living in Nampa, Idaho. Reuben Savercool was a member of the Third Wisconsin cavalry during the late war, having enlisted in 1861. He was in active service in Arkansas and Missouri, and after the expiration of his three years' term of enlistment, received his honorable discharge. While living in Kansas, he owned a large stock ranch, and upon locating in California, he followed stock-raising and mining. He was part owner of the Savercool quartz mine, a successful enterprise. He is living in retirement at the present, and with his wife, who has been his helpmeet for fifty-one years, he is enjoying the evening of life in peace and prosperity. Edward Savercool was but three years of age when his parents removed to Kansas, and he was fourteen years old at the time he was taken to Chico, Cal. He was well educated, receiving an academic training. At the age of seventeen he began an active business life, taking charge of his father's interest in the mines, which, in after life, he owned in partnership with his brothers, who are extensive mining operators in northern California. This mine is now in successful operation. In the fall of 1883 Mr. Savercool came to Paulding county, and on the 9th of January, 1884, was married to Miss Jennie R., the accomplished and only daughter of James M. and Mary E. Russell. Mrs. Savercool was born in Paulding, and at the time of her marriage was a teacher in the schools of the county. Mrs. Savercool was well educated, attending the Fostoria normal school and graduating at the Northwestern Ohio normal school at Ada, Ohio. She died April 10, 1891, leaving one child, a daughter, named Jennie. She was a worthy member of the Methodist Episcopal church during her life, and belonged to the Grand lodge of I. O. G. T. After his marriage Mr. Savercool located upon the Russell farm, near Oakwood, and engaged in farming in company with H. G. Russell, under the firm name of Savercool & Russell, and these gentlemen own and operate one of the largest farms in Brown township. In 1887 Mr. Savercool embarked in the mercantile business, in company with L. C. Keck, in Oakwood, and under the firm name of Keck & Savercool. In 1891 Mr. Savercool sold his share in the mercantile business and became a member of the firm of Cullen, Richards & Savercool. He is an energetic and progressive young man, and, as before stated, ranks very high as a solicitor. Politically he is a republican, and belongs to Paulding lodge, F. A. M., and Oakwood lodge, No. 737, I. O. O. F.

Alfred H. Saylor, ex-sheriff of Paulding county, was born July 26, 1861, on the state line between Ohio and Indiana. His father was Jacob Saylor, and the maiden name of his mother was Elizabeth J. Curtis. She was the daughter of Gen. H. W. Curtis. Alfred H. Saylor spent his youth upon a farm, and received his education in the schools of Antwerp and the Methodist Episcopal college, of Fort Wayne. He graduated from Eastman's business college, of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., and in 1881 engaged in the manufacture of staves at St. Louis, in company with his brother, H. N. Saylor, under the firm name of H. N. Saylor & Bro. He remained in this city for three years, and then, removing to Payne, Ohio, embarked in the dry goods business. Subsequently he returned to St. Louis and entered the employ of his brother, and later became one of the firm of Saylor & Co., composed of H. N. Saylor, his father, and our subject, for the manufacture of patent coiled elm staves. Mr. Saylor is still engaged in this business, and has become a successful business man. In 1889 he was elected to the office of sheriff as a democrat, honorably discharged the duties of that position, and proved himself a worthy and efficient official. He was at all times prompt in looking after the duties of the office, and in discharging such, showed himself to be a servant of the people. His social, unassuming way, and the official ability exercised, won for him a host of friends in the county. Mr.



ED. STALEY, Sheriff.

Edward Staley, the popular sheriff of Paulding county and the superintendent of the establishment of N. Moses & Bro., dealers in timber and real estate, was born in LaFayette, Allen county, Ohio, March 7, 1862, the son of Isaac Staley, an early and prominent settler of Washington township, Paulding county, and a native of Virginia. When a child, the subject of this sketch was brought to Paulding county, where he was reared and educated. At the age of nineteen years he rented the homestead farm, and engaged in the timber business in the vicinity of Melrose. He also learned the trade of the blacksmith and became a good mechanic. In the fall of 1881 Mr. Staley engaged in business for the firm of N. Moses & Bro., remaining with them for two years. He then spent one year in prospecting in the mines at Leadville, Col., and in the timber trade, but not meeting with the success he anticipated, in the fall of 1883 he returned to Melrose, where he at once found employment with the above named firm, and since that time he has had full charge of the timber and real estate business in this and adjoining counties. During his business engagement with this firm Mr. Staley has paid out in Paulding and other counties the sum of $1,000,000. He has invested his earnings in land, and is engaged in farming by proxy, owning in Washington and Latty townships 400 acres, 100 of which are cultivated. Starting in life with but little means Mr. Staley has, by integrity, energy and activity, succeeded in becoming one of the well-to-do young men of the county, and is most favorably known. He is a republican politically; is a member of the F. & A. M.; the Blue lodge, at Paulding, No. 502; is one of the youngest Knights Templar in northwestern Ohio, being a member of lodge No. 30, at Defiance, and he is a charter member of the K. of P. lodge, No. 503, at Melrose. Mr. Staley was married, in April, 1885, to Miss Elva Day, of Henry county, and the union has resulted in the birth of one child, a daughter, Jessie, born on the 23rd of June, 1886. Mrs. Staley died July 18, 1886, having been a lady highly esteemed wherever known, and a faithful and loving wife and mother. During the last campaign Mr. Staley was elected sheriff of the county on November 3, 1891, by a majority of 179, his opponent being Mr. O. H. Saylor, a popular candidate for re-election. In discharging his official duties, Mr. Staley is giving satisfaction to his constituents, and he is well worthy the honor conferred upon him.

Saylor is a member of the Paulding lodge, K. of P., and is past master workman of assembly No. ---, K. of L., of Paulding. He was married, in 1885, to Miss Carrie C., the daughter of Henry George, and is the father of two bright children, whose names are Alfred H. and Vergie G.

C. A. Seiders, born in Allentown, Penn., June 1, 1857, is a rising young attorney of Ohio. He came with his parents to Seneca county in 1866, and his preliminary education was received at the common and high schools. He read law with Lutes & Lutes, of Tiffin, Ohio, and was admitted to the bar in 1882. In April, 1883, he located in Paulding and formed a law partnership with F. B. DeWitt, which continued for two years. Mr. Seiders was united in marriage with Miss Edith Sams on the 1st of May, 1883. Mrs. Seiders is an accomplished young woman, and at the time of her marriage was practicing law in Tiffin, Ohio. She has since been associated in the practice with her husband, under the firm name of Seiders & Seiders, but not actively engaged therein for the past four years. Two children have blessed this union, named Marian D. and Seth Seiders. The subject of this sketch is a member of Paulding lodge, No. 270, K. of P., and is the attorney under salary for the "Nickle Plate" railroad and the C., J. & M. R. R., having full charge of the legal affairs of both companies in Paulding county. He is also attorney for a number of large corporations, among them the J. S. Emigh Lumber Co., of Payne, Ohio, and the Poplarville Lumber company of Mississippi. Politically, Mr. Seiders is a republican, and as a private and public man enjoys general popularity and esteem. Mrs. Edith S. Seiders, his wife, was born in Hillsboro, the daughter of English parents. She was educated in her native city and Tiffin, by her mother, and read law with Miss Florence Cronise of that place. Mrs. Seiders is the first lady in Ohio who has been honored by admission to the bar of that state by the supreme court. She commenced her work in partnership with her preceptor and continued with her until her marriage, and in company with her husband she has practiced in Paulding ever since. Mr. and Mrs. Seiders are honored residents of the community in which they live, popular with all who know them.

Theodore F. Shotwell, attorney, is a son of Rev. John M. and Salome (Stone) Shotwell. He was born at Waterville, N. Y., July 30, 1851. His early education was obtained in the public schools of his native town. He attended the Genesee Valley seminary, of Belfast, N. Y., and graduated from Oberland college in 1872, then read law with Goodman & Wellman, of Norwalk, Ohio, and was admitted to the Ohio bar, March 28, 1878. In the same year he located at Paulding, Ohio, and commenced the practice of his profession, which he has since followed with success. Politically Mr. Shotwell is a republican, and as such has filled the office of clerk of the school board of Paulding. He was married, in 1876, to Miss Anna H., daughter of James and Rebecca Kimstrey. By this marriage they have three children: Charles W., Rebecca, and Herbert C. Our subject is a member of Paulding lodge, No. 270, K. of P., also of the Presbyterian church, and is one of the leading members of the Paulding county bar, and one of the leading citizens of Paulding.

K. E. Shuster, attorney, was born in Hardin county, Ohio, on the 3d of July, 1845, the son of John and Elizabeth (Wingate) Shuster. He was reared on the farm and there, amid rural scenes, learned those lessons of economy and industry which have characterized his life. At the age of seventeen he enlisted in Eighty-second regiment of Ohio volunteer infantry, and was actively engaged; was wounded at Dallas, Ga., in the left ankle, and was not able to return to his regiment again. Returning home after the close of the war, Mr. Shuster spent several years in carpentering and masonry. He then attended the normal school at Ada, Ohio, and there prepared to become a teacher. In 1870 he began a successful career in this calling, taking charge in 1873 of the grammar department of the Union schools of Ada. He was promoted to the office of superintendent of schools and held the same until 1875, when he resigned in order to engage in the practice of the law. He read law with Duane Cunningham, of Lima, and was admitted to the bar in 1878, at once entering the active practice of his profession, which has been large and lucrative. He is not only a successful practitioner in his county but in all adjoining counties and he is highly esteemed wherever known. Politically Mr. Shuster is an active worker for the democratic party, and fraternally he belongs to Paulding lodge No. 502, F. & A. M., and the G. A. R., Theo. Merchant post. He was married to Miss Martha J. Breckler of Hancock county, in 1871, and one child, a daughter, named Verde, has been born to them.

Joseph Silberberg is the editor and proprietor of *Die Freie Presse*, a German weekly democratic newspaper, published at the county seat of Paulding county; it is the only paper printed in German in the county. It reaches a thrifty, well-to-do and growing class of people, whose sterling qualities as citizens and business men are well known in every community, particularly in Ohio. The German is, as is well known, inseparably attached to his mother tongue and the customs of fatherland; for this reason he likes to read the news in his native tongue, and to supply this long-felt want *Die Freie Presse* was established. Joseph Silberberg, the editor and proprietor of the paper, was born and educated in Germany. When still a boy he was apprenticed to a newspaper printer, where he learned, during a five years' stay, the intricacies of the publication business. When twenty-one years of age he came to this country, where he worked in many states as a printer, always anxious to see as much of the people and country as his means would permit him. Possessing a tendency for close observation and study he soon learned to love our country, its institutions and people, and eighteen years ago, eight years after his arrival, he became an American citizen, choosing this country as his future home. Mr. Silberberg is a hard worker. His earnest efforts, while having in the first place the advancement of German culture for his purpose, are thoroughly imbued by patriotic love for institutions and people of his adopted country.

Wilson H. Snook, ex-prosecuting attorney, and one of the leading attorneys of the Paulding county bar, was born near Antwerp, Ohio, October 30, 1850. His parents, Wilson H., Sr., and Anna (Murphy) Snook, were both natives of New Jersey, and of German and Irish parentage respectively. The father of our subject was reared to early manhood in his native state, when he came with his parents William H. and Parmelia Snook, to Defiance county, Ohio, locating at Delaware Bend, in 1826. Wilson H. Snook, Sr., was the third son, and started in life empty-handed, with a strong determination to succeed, following farming through life in connection with merchandising at Antwerp, the last few years. He by his active business life and good financiering ability, became well-to-do, leaving a good home for his family at his death, which occurred in November, 1853, aged forty-four years. At the age of twenty-three years he was married to Miss Anna Murphy, a daughter of Robert Murphy, one of the pioneers of Carryall township, which marriage resulted in the birth of four sons, viz.: William, Byron, John and Wilson H. Mrs. Snook died January 2, 1871, aged fifty-eight years. Mr. Snook and wife were prominent members of the Methodist Episcopal church. W. H. Snook, the subject of this sketch, was the youngest of the family, and was reared to manhood upon the homestead farm near Antwerp, Ohio, having the advantages of the common school. Being favored with a studious disposition and retentive memory, he made good use of his time. He later attended school one year at Newville, Ind., after which he taught in the common schools of the county a few terms. He then attended school at Maumee City, Ohio, for one year. In 1869, he entered the Baldwin university, at Berea, Ohio, and spent four years of hard work, when he abandoned school life, resuming farming and teaching school during the winter. He also began reading law with Hon. L. S. Gordon as his preceptor. He applied himself closely to his chosen work, and in 1879 was admitted to the bar, at Columbus, Ohio, and immediately thereafter began the practice of his profession at Antwerp, Ohio, where he commanded a lucrative practice until the fall of 1885, when he was elected prosecuting attorney of Paulding county, by the republican party, and re-elected in 1888, having made an efficient official. He is an able jurist and a safe counselor-at-law. He is a strong partisan in the republican ranks and was the nominee for the common pleas judge of the district composed of Williams, Defiance and Paulding counties, but the election is now under contest. He is a member of lodge No. 335, F. & A. M., at Antwerp, also the commandery at Defiance, Ohio. Mr. Snook was married April 11, 1877, to Miss Nannie Graves, the daughter of Z. T. Graves, an early settler of Carryall township. This marriage has been blessed with four children, viz.: Homer C., Lee May, Otto Ward and Ethel Maud. Mr. and Mrs. Snook are worthy members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and are highly respected citizens.

Allen G. Snow was born in Knox county, Ohio, August 2, 1865, the son of Freeman and Mary (Gann) Snow, of German, French and Scotch extraction. The early life of our subject was spent in his native county, where he attended the common schools. At the age of sixteen, he served an apprenticeship of three years in the drug store of Edmund Bocking, of Wheeling, W. Va., after which he attended the Cleveland college of pharmacy for about eighteen months. After his graduation from this institution, on September 13, 1883, he clerked in Cleveland, and in 1890, removed to Paulding, where he took charge of the store owned by Hon. J. L. Geyer. This he continued until September 8, 1890, at which time he embarked in the drug business upon his own responsibility. His stock, which is first class, is comprised of drugs, fancy goods, toilet articles, wall paper, artists' materials and school books. Mr. Snow is a republi-

can, and a member of Masonic lodge, No. 417, at East Palestine, Ohio. He is a representative and enterprising young man, and if life and health be spared to him, will doubtless have a long and prosperous business career.

A. M. Sponsler, the assistant cashier of the Potter bank, and one of the progressive young men of Paulding, was born in Kenton, Hardin county, Ohio, the son of Jacob and Margaret (Slonaker) Sponsler. The early life of our subject was spent upon the farm and he acquired his education in the schools of the county. He early engaged in farming and stockraising, and in 1889 came to Paulding and engaged in the hardware business under the firm name of Savage & Co. In 1890 Mr. Sponsler bought the entire business and built up a fine business, having a store 76x22, which was completely stocked with a fine line of agricultural implements, buggies, wagons, stoves and general hardware. Late in the fall of 1891, he sold his stock to F. M. Bashore, and then in January, 1892, purchased an interest in the Potter bank, and accepted his present position. His marriage to Miss Margaret Stevenson, occurred in 1889. Mr. Sponsler occupies a prominent place in the estimation of his fellow citizens and his great personal popularity has won him a large circle of friends throughout the county.

Henry E. Spring, real estate and loan agent, is a son of Henry and Louisa (Steadman) Spring, and was born in Oswego, N. Y., July 30, 1839. His parents settled in Medina county, Ohio, where our subject was reared and educated. He learned the shoemaker's trade, which he followed for an occupation until 1861, when he enlisted in company K, Eighth Ohio volunteer infantry, and served three and one-half years, and was wounded at the battle of Gettysburg, in the left ankle. He participated in the following engagements: Winchester, Fredricksburg, Gettysburg, Wilderness, Chancellorsville, Antietam, Mine Run, Weldon railroad, North Anna and Cold Harbor. After the close of the war Mr. Spring was engaged at his trade until 1868, when he settled in Paulding and engaged in teaching, for a number of years, throughout the county, and in 1885 he established his present business. In 1879 he was appointed mayor of Paulding and elected the two following terms. He was deputy clerk in 1878, under A. D. Fuller. In 1888, he was appointed by Gov. Foraker, probate judge, to fill the unexpired term of W. G. Lee. Politically he affiliates with the republican party. Mr. Spring is past master of Paulding lodge, No. 502, F. & A. M., member of Theo. Merchant post, G. A. R. He was married in 1863, to Miss Achsa, a daughter of John and Elizabeth Barnes, and by this union they are the parents of four children: Nellie V., A. Fay, Clark E. and J. Carroll. Mr. Spring is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he is one of the trustees.

W. F. Straw, manufacturer of drain tile and brick, is a native of Crawford county, Ohio, and was born on the 26th of October, 1833, the son of Orrel and Rosetta (Main) Straw. He was educated in the schools of his county and learned the tinner's trade at Mansfield. He went to Kenton, Ohio, in 1856, and engaged in the business, following it for ten years, when he removed to La Fafayette, and later to Fort Wayne, where he carried on his occupation. He then engaged in farming in Illinois for four years, removed to Paulding and established, in partnership with Messrs. Durfy and Segars, a hardware store. Subsequently Mr. Straw purchased his partners' entire interests and operated the same until 1876. He then located upon his present place, which he had previously purchased, and which he still occupies. Mr. Straw is a member of the school board of Paulding and belongs to the F. & A. M. lodge. He has been twice married. Miss Amanda Baird, of Upper Sandusky, who became his wife, died, leaving a daughter, Emily P. He then married Mrs. Martha Nash Craig, and four children, two of whom, Charles L. and Rosa M., are living, were born to them.

Samuel J. Tate, deputy sheriff and one of the representative men of the county, was born at Tate's Landing, April 1, 1854, the younger of two children and only son born to Lyle and Martha A. (Alexander) Tate, who were natives of Ireland. Lyle Tate was born in Ireland in 1820, and emigrated to Canada with his parents, John and Jane (Lowry) Tate, thence to Paulding county in 1840, where they died in 1843 and 1872, respectively, aged sixty-seven and ninety-six years. Mr. Lyle Tate came into the county in 1840, and soon after engaged in the grocery business at Sharpslock, later at Tate's Landing, where he did business for many years; he also owned and operated a large farm. He married, in 1851, Miss Martha Ann Alexander, which union resulted in the birth of two children, Anna J. and Samuel J. Mr. Tate was appointed postmaster under President Buchanan, in 1860, and served for eighteen years. Lyle Tate was a stanch republican, and served as township trustee several terms, and was also a member of the infirmary directory; then, in 1887, he retired from business, locating in Paulding with his daughter, Mrs. J. B. Cromley. His death occurred August 10, 1890, aged seventy years. Mr. S. J. Tate was reared in the lap of industry, educated in the common schools, and upon arriving at early manhood engaged in business with his father under the firm name of Tate & Son. In the fall of 1879 he was elected, on the republican ticket, sheriff of Paulding county; then re-elected in 1881, making an efficient and popular official for six years. During his last term he engaged in the hardware business with J. B. Cromley, the firm name being known as Tate & Co. Two years later the firm of Tate & Cromley became successor to the firm of Tate & Co., which firm continued in business until the fall of 1891, when it became extinct at the death of Mr. Cromley. The last two years they had been engaged in the livery business and handling agricultural implements. Mr. Tate is an active and progressive young man, being highly respected where known. He is a stanch republican and a member of lodge No. 502, F. & A. M., also lodge No. 577, I. O. O. F. He was united in marriage, December 29, 1881, with Miss Forest R. Ayers, of Paulding, though born in Putnam county, Ohio, in 1859, the daughter of Dr. H. M. Ayers. Two children blessed this union, Lyle and Eveline Nulton. Mr. and Mrs. Tate are members of the Presbyterian church.

Levi R. Thompson, of the firm of Huston & Thompson, mine host of the Thompson house, also proprietor of the Paulding feed store on Perry street, was born at Zanesfield, Ohio, October 14, 1858, and was reared to manhood in his native town. He had the advantages of the common schools, and, during vacations worked upon the farm. At the age of thirteen he became self-supporting, by practicing economy and industry. He was reared in a hotel, and, from early manhood, naturally drifted in this channel, as hotel clerk in a number of good hotels. In 1879 he came to Paulding, and six months later found him at Deshler, Ohio, as an affable hotel clerk, for eighteen months, when he returned to Paulding, engaging in the restaurant business with his brother, S. M. Thompson. In the spring of 1881 he sold out his interest, and returned to Zanesfield, remaining with his mother until her death, then soon after returned to Paulding, where he and his brother Frank engaged in the restaurant business, which proved a successful venture, and a progressive business firm of Paulding. Mr. Thompson continued in this business until 1889, when he sold, and engaged in the stock business, making a specialty of horses, he owning several speeders in connection with his large brood barn that he conducted for two years. In the fall of 1890 he became a member of the firm of Huston & Thompson, proprietors of the Thompson house. Mr. Thompson is one of the progressive and enterprising young men of the county, and is highly respected where known. Politically, Mr. Thompson is a republican, and a member of the K. of P. lodge at Paulding. He was united in marriage, September 22, 1885, with Miss Jessie E. Hixson, of Antwerp, Ohio, and daughter of Dr. D. W. Hixson, who was one of the leading physicians of the county. Mrs. Thompson is a native of Marshall county, Ind., born July 3, 1861. She is finely educated, and for years taught in the public schools of the county. One daughter blessed this union, viz.: Ruth Ray, born June 27, 1886. Mrs. Thompson is a worthy member of the M. E. church.

S. M. Thompson.— One of the progressive and enterprising men of Paulding was born at Zanesfield, Logan county, Ohio, September 1, 1846, the eldest son, though second born, of a family of five sons and three daughters, born to Amos and Ruth (Ray) Thompson, who were natives of Virginia, and of English extraction. Amos Thompson was one of three brothers, left orphans in childhood, and thus became one of the bound boys. He was taught the cabinet maker's trade, and received a good education. He came to Zanesfield in his boyhood, and here grew to manhood; he also married, in early life, Miss Ray. In 1861 he enlisted in the Thirteenth battery, and did active service for eight months, and at Pittsburg Landing was taken sick, returned home soon after and died, aged thirty-five years, leaving his life companion, and five sons and two daughters. Mrs. Thompson succeeded in rearing her family to man and womanhood, as well as to accumulate an estate, living to see her family grown and self-sustaining. Mrs. Thompson died in 1881, aged sixty-two years, having been a devout member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Our subject was the eldest of the family at his father's death, and he at once assumed many responsibilities in assisting to provide for the family. At the age of sixteen he began learning the shoemaker's trade, which he followed for nine years. He then engaged in mercantile pursuits, handling boots and shoes, also merchant tailor stock. He came to Paulding county in 1874, and has since been identified with the growth and development of the county. He is a shrewd

trader and a practical business man, having been engaged in the following businesses in Paulding: Druggist, restaurant, livery, saddlery and hotel, and as mine host is hard to be excelled. He began in life empty-handed, and by industry, economy and good financiering has become a well-to-do man. He and S. M. Thompson own the Thompson house, also the Logan house, at Bellefontaine, Ohio. Mr. Thompson is a democrat in politics, and a member of lodge No. 424, I. O. O. F. In the spring of 1875, he was united in marriage with Miss Nora Williams, of Paulding, though a native of Logan county, Ohio. Mrs. Thompson is a most estimable lady, the daughter of Alexander Williams, and is a worthy member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Miss Carrie May is the only child.

Will Thompson, dealer in furniture and undertaking, handles a first class stock of well selected goods. Mr. Thompson is thoroughly competent in doing embalming, as he received his instruction of Prof. J. H. Clark, of Springfield, Ohio. His quiet and unassuming manners make him popular as an undertaker and funeral director. Mr. Thompson was born at Zanesfield, Ohio, October 20, 1860. The youngest of the family, he received a good education and remained at home until his monther's death in 1882, when he began hustling for himself. He soon after engaged in the restaurant business at Paulding, Ohio, in company with his brother, S. M. Thompson. Later he engaged in each of the following: Livery, drug and grocery business, for a short time, then in 1885 the firm of S. M. Thompson & Bro. was organized, locating on south Main street, with a complete stock of furniture and undertaking goods. Six months later Mr. Thompson purchased his brother's interest, becoming successor to the firm, and has built up a large lucrative business. Politically he is a republican and a member of the Paulding lodge, No. 170, K. of P. April 22, 1891, he was united in marriage with Miss Ollie, the accomplished daughter of H. E. McClure, one of the representative men of Paulding.

R. D. Webster, ex-auditor of Paulding county, was born March 9, 1855, in Portland township, Chautauqua county, N. Y., the son of J. H. and Mary (Tucker) Webster. He spent his early life upon the farm and subsequently attended the Westfield and Jamestown schools. He learned the printer's trade at Mayville, and worked at it for several years at Jamestown, N. Y., Toledo, Upper Sandusky and Port Clinton, Ohio. In January, 1879, he came to Paulding and purchased the Paulding *Democrat*, publishing the same until 1890. In 1884 he was elected auditor of Paulding county, which office he filled until June, 1891, when he resigned to go into the newspaper business at Defiance. As a democrat, he has also occupied the minor town offices. He is a member of Paulding lodge, F. & A. M., also the En-Sa-Woc-Sa chapter of Defiance, and commandery No. 30, K. T. Mr. Webster was married, in 1875, to Miss Clara J., the daughter of Philip Snyder, of Ottawa county. He is now engaged in publishing the Defiance *Democrat*, at Defiance, with Mr. F. J. Mains.

W. J. Wheeler, of the firm of Wheeler Bros., manufacturers of coiled elm hoops and staves, was born March 16, 1855, in Cuyahoga county, Ohio, the son of Edwin F. and Sallie M. (Sanford) Wheeler, natives respectively of New York and Connecticut. The paternal grandfather, Zenas Wheeler, was a native of Massachusetts, and spent the most of his life in New York. The Wheeler family is originally of Puritan stock, and the christian name of Zenas has been handed down, generation after generation using it since 1700. Zenas Wheeler was one of the four charter members who formed the first temperance society in western New York. Edwin F. Wheeler, the father of our subject, removed in early life to Connecticut and there married in 1840. He went to western New York, thence via Buffalo to Bedford, Ohio, where he located and engaged in farming. He was a strong advocate of temperance and a friend to all educational works. He reared a family of four sons and one daughter, and since the death of Mrs. Wheeler, which occurred in 1881, he has made his home with his children, spending part of his time at Paulding. W. J. Wheeler was educated in the common schools, and at the age of nineteen years, engaged with Z. J. Wheeler, in business at Cleveland, Ohio, in the wholesale of harvesting machinery. In 1880 Mr. Wheeler located in Indianapolis, and embarked in the agricultural implement trade, being very successful. He remained there until 1889, where he traveled through several states selling his goods. He then located in Paulding and became the junior member of the firm of Wheeler Bros. This concern was established in Oakwood, in the fall of 1882, with a capital of $30,000, under the firm of Bruner & Wheeler, which was subsequently changed to that of Wheeler & Wisely, then to Wheeler & Fuller, and then to Wheeler & Day, becoming, in 1889, the firm of Wheeler Bros. This firm is a successful one and does an extensive business in hoops and staves. Mr. W. J. Wheeler was married in 1882 to Miss Nettie R. Clark, of Willoughby, Ohio, and to this union two children, Lois M. and Clark Sanford Wheeler, have been born. Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler are communicants of the Disciples church.

Mr. Z. J. Wheeler, brother of the above, and senior member of the firm of Wheeler Brothers, was born January 16, 1844. He was reared on the farm and acquired a common school education. In September, 1861, he enlisted in company D, Forty-first regiment of Ohio volunteer infantry, and was assigned to the army of the Cumberland. He took part in the battle of Shiloh and engagements of lesser importance, and in 1862 was discharged on account of disability. Returning home, Mr. Wheeler resumed work upon the farm until March, 1865, when he re-enlisted in company K, One Hundred and Ninety-seventh Ohio volunteer infantry, and was commissioned first lieutenant. During his last term of enlistment, Mr. Wheeler served until the close of the war. After the war our subject worked for a time at farming, and then engaged in saw-milling in Au Sable, Mich. For two years he worked on the island, near Put-in-bay, and was later put in charge of the warehouse there. Locating at Cleveland, Mr. Wheeler traveled for the Peekskill plow works, and in two years' time went with the Johnston harvester company, where he remained for four years. Some time after he engaged with the D. M. Osborn company, and in 1881 located in Defiance, Ohio. With Mr. A. Bruner he embarked in the sale of farm implements, selling out in 1882. They then erected a coil hoop factory at Oakwood, where, until 1887, they were successfully engaged. At this time the firm of Wheeler & Day removed their plant to Melrose and there added their stave factory. In October, 1890, Mr. Wheeler came to Paulding and is nicely situated there. The firm which he established is energetic and prosperous and enjoys a lucrative patronage. Mr. Wheeler was married to Miss Emma R. Drake, of Bedford, Ohio, October 14, 1874, and their children are George, Z. Frank, Robert and Chase. Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler are members of the Christian church, in which they enjoy high standing. Mrs. Wheeler is the daughter of Alonzo and Sarah Drake, and was born in June, 1851, at Bedford, Ohio.

Wm. A. Woodford, jeweler of Paulding, was born in Springfield, Mass., January 6, 1858, and is the third son born to Rensselaer and Sarah B. Woodford, who were natives of New York, and Massachusetts, respectively, and also early settlers at Niles, Mich., where they still reside. Mr. Woodford was an infant when his people located at Niles, Mich., where he grew to manhood, receiving a common school education, and during his vacation working upon the farm. At the age of sixteen years he went to Texas, securing work on a sheep ranch, where he remained three years, then returned home and began an apprenticeship at the jeweler's trade with R. P. Micks, of Niles, Mich., remaining four years. In 1882, he again went west, locating a homestead and tree claim near Langford, South Dakota, remaining there two years, when he proved up his claims and went to Chicago, where he resided for one year, thence to Elkhart Ind., where he continued working at his trade until April, 1888, when he located at Paulding. During the fall of 1890 he began business for himself on Perry street, and commanded a large patronage until late in the fall of 1891, when he sold out. He is an experienced workman, and a progressive young man; also a stanch republican.

John Yager, county recorder, is one of the leading young men and representative citizens of Paulding. He was born September 14, 1858, in Henry county, Ohio, the son of Christian and Sophia (Bumgardner) Yager, of German parentage. At an early age, Mr. Yager removed to Antwerp, where he was reared and received a good education in the common schools. He entered the employ of J. B. Zuber, of Antwerp, as clerk when eighteen years of age and remained with him three years. In 1886 he engaged in the boot and shoe business, and conducted the same until in 1890, when he sold out, having been elected as the democratic nominee for recorder of the county. He has proven himself to be an efficient officer, serving the people to their entire satisfaction. He is a good citizen in every sense of the word and his friends are legion.

T. W. Young, proprietor of the grocery, restaurant and bakery of Paulding, was born in 1854, at North Lewisburg, Ohio, the son of Edward C. and Elizabeth W. (Winder) Young. He was reared on the farm, meantime receiving a common school education. Learning the trade of a tinsmith, he followed it until 1880, when he engaged in his present successful business. Politically Mr. Young is a democrat and has filled the minor town offices. He is a member of the Paulding lodge, F. & A. M., and the En-Sa-Wac-Sa chapter, No. 89, of Defiance, Ohio. Miss Elma, the daughter of Samuel Jones, of Columbus, Ohio, became the wife of Mr. Young in 1878. He is one of the active and energetic young business men of Paulding, highly respected by all who know him.

PAULDING TOWNSHIP.

J. D. Bailey is one of the thriving young agriculturists of Paulding township. He first saw the light in Preble county, Ohio, on the 21st of April, 1854, the son of John I. and Mary (Lehmer) Bailey, natives of Pennsylvania and Ohio. The paternal grandparents were natives of Ireland and came to America during the Revolutionary war. The maternal ancestor was a farmer by occupation and one of the early settlers of Ohio. John I. Bailey came to Preble county in his boyhood and in early life worked at the carpenter's trade. He married Miss Fannie Harper, who died, leaving five children: Subsequently Miss Lehmer became his wife and they had ten children, nine of whom are living. Mr. Bailey was a self-made man and became a well-to-do farmer. He died in 1877, aged seventy-two years. Mrs. Bailey yet resides on the home farm, a venerable lady, beloved by all who know her. Three of her sons now reside in Paulding county, named: J. D., Oliver P. and S. M. Bailey. J. D. Bailey was married to Miss Josephine Bloom, of Preble county, on the 21st of December, 1876, and five children blessed this union, named: Rutherford H., Bertha M., Maud A., Grace A. and Chloe. Mr. Bailey came to Paulding county in May, 1885, locating on the farm where he now resides. He is one of the representative young men of the county, and as a politician, adheres to the principles of the republican party.

O. P. Bailey, farmer, was born in Preble county, Ohio, January 15, 1861, the son of John I. Bailey. He was reared a farmer's boy, and received a common school education. He began life, first at saw-milling, in Darke county, Ohio; later engaged in farming, and in the fall of 1887 sold out and removed to Paulding county, purchasing his present farm of sixty-six acres, and where he has since resided. He is a progressive, hard working young man. He is an aggressive politician in the republican ranks. His marriage occurred November 8, 1883, to Miss Addie I. Stump, of Darke county, Ohio, daughter of David and Margaret (Smith) Stump, both of German extraction. Three children blessed this union: James E., Ora B. and William H.

S. M. Bailey, an enterprising farmer and tile manufacturer of Paulding township, is a native of Preble county, Ohio, and dates his birth from the 6th of January, 1859. He received a common education and worked on the farm. At the age of twenty-one years he interested himself in tobacco, and took to raising it. He came to Paulding county in March, 1888, and located on a farm of sixty-eight acres, which was entirely in the woods. Mr. Bailey erected a house and began the task of clearing his land which by hard work he accomplished. In the next fall, he built his tile factory, which has a capacity of 250,000 to 300,000 per year. The article turned out is first-class and has a ready sale. On the 20th of December, 1883, Mr. Bailey led to the altar Miss Maud, the daughter of John and Mary (Snyder) Cassel, and the union has been blessed by the birth of a bright boy named George R., who was born July 20, 1887. Mr. Bailey is an active and faithful adherent to the republican party, in whose welfare he takes great interest.

Victor A. Barnes is the son of Levi M., and Emma (Raby) Barnes, natives of Ohio and England respectively. He was born in Licking county, Ohio, August 31, 1851, and was scarcely two years of age when brought to this county. He received a fair education and on arriving at his majority he chose the calling of the farmer and has improved the farm where he now lives. He has worked hard from his youth and what he has accomplished is the result of this industry. Mr. Barnes is an aggressive republican and takes deep interest in the welfare of his party. He and his wife, whom he married January 1, 1873, are highly respected and enjoy general esteem. Mrs. Barnes was Miss Vinnie Latimore before her marriage and was born December 12, 1852, the daughter of James F. Latimore. She was educated in the common schools and at Mt. Vernon, Ohio, and became a successful teacher. She taught school in Paulding county for five terms. Mr. and Mrs. Barnes have had five bright children named: Raymond, Edwin A., Curtis, Emma (deceased), and James Victor. Levi M. Barnes, the father of our subject, followed farming throughout his life. He married in early manhood and subsequently in 1853 came to Paulding county, where he purchased land on Flat Rock. He found his land uncultivated and setting to work, experienced all the hardships of the pioneer. He had by hard work cleared 180 acres which is the homestead farm. His death, which occurred in November, 1875, was a loss to his county and was sincerely mourned by a host of friends and acquaintences. The death of his widow occurred in 1889 at the age of sixty-one years. In religious views, Mr. and Mrs. Barnes were spiritualists.

Solomon Bashore was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, October 3, 1837, the sixth son born to Frederick and Rebecca (Fisher) Bashore, natives of Pennsylvania and Ohio respectively. The paternal grandparents were natives of Germany, emigrating to America and locating in Pennsylvania. The maternal grandparents were natives of Pennsylvania and Maryland, and Adam Fisher was a soldier in the war of 1812. Frederick Bashore came to Ohio and was reared to the life of a farmer, learning the distiller's trade while at home. He married, in 1826, Miss Rebecca Fisher, of Perry county. They lived in Fairfield county six years, and then removed to Adams county, where 134 acres of land were purchased. He became a well-to-do man, and when he died, in 1864, he left a wife and ten children comfortably situated. Mrs. Bashore, after the death of her husband, made her home with the subject of this sketch, her demise occurring in March, 1889, when she was eighty years of age. She was the mother of these children: Frederick W., Adam, Louisa, John (deceased), Hiram (deceased), Solomon, Jacob (deceased), George (deceased), Joseph, Thomas, Barbara (deceased), and Francis M., ex-recorder of the county. Jacob died at Atlanta, and George died from wounds received at the battle of Atlanta. Of this family, Frederick, Solomon, Jacob, Joseph and Thomas served in the late war for terms of three months, three years, four years, three years, and three years and nine months respectively. Solomon Bashore was reared in Ohio, and upon reaching his majority began life as a tiller of the soil. October 1, 1861, in company F, Fourth regiment, Ohio volunteer cavalry, his regiment became assigned to the Cumberland army. During his service in the war he had a horse shot under him at the battle of Stone River, and was taken prisoner twice during the same battle. He was promoted to corporal, and received an honorable discharge in July, 1865. Returning to his home, he resumed farming and served the people in the minor township offices. Mr. Bashore was married, on November 28, 1868, to Miss Mary A. Messinger, of German extraction. Their children are: Rebecca, wife of Francis Radabaugh; Joseph, Charles O., Lola A., Otto, Elga and Lillie. Mr. Bushore moved to Paulding county in 1869, and has cleared a fine farm out of the ground which he purchased in the woods. He is a stanch republican, a member of the K. of H., G. A. R., U. V. U., and F. C. L. He and his wife are widely and favorably known in the community in which they live.

James Baxter was born in Harrison county, Ohio, August 10, 1845. He is second son of William and Mary (Sproul) Baxter, of Irish extraction. He is one of the successful farmers of the county and was reared to manhood in Van Wert. His education was limited and after leaving school he began work. At the breaking out of the war, Mr. Baxter enlisted in the 100 days' service in company I, One Hundred and Thirty-ninth Ohio volunteer infantry, and with his regiment was assigned to the army of the Potomac. He did garrison duty Point Lookout, and on being discharged returned home, where he subsequently married in September, 1867, Mary M. Leslie, a native of Van Wert county, born in 1848. Prior to his marriage he farmed rented land in Marshall county, Ind., thence to Wells county, Ind., where he worked in a saw mill, thence to Decatur, where he lived until 1871, when he located on forty acres of timber land which he purchased in Paulding county. He has built good buildings upon his land and is successful in his calling. Mr. Baxter, who is a democrat, has served as township trustee. He is the father of five children: Hester M., John W., Thomas S., Pearl M. and William F. Mr. and Mrs. Baxter are members of the German Baptist church and influential residents of the community in which they reside. The grandfather of our subject was John Baxter, who came from Pennsylvania to Ohio in an early day, and followed the occupation of the farmer. The maternal grandfather, James Sproul was a wheelright by trade, a native of Pennsylvania and also an early settler of Ohio. William Baxter, the father of James, was reared a farmer but worked at the wheelright trade. He married, early in life, Miss Sproul, and came to Van Wert county, where in 1846 he purchased fifty-four acres of timber land upon which he built his log cabin. By hard wark and industry, his land was cleared and improved and he made a good home for his family. Subsequently he sold his land and located in Marshall county, Ind., where he owns eighty acres of land and operates a saw mill. He is a man of nearly seventy years, hale and hearty.

Joshua Bennett, one of the early settlers of Ohio, was a farmer by occupation, and became the father of Madison Bennett. The latter, in 1841, removed to Highland county, Ohio, and later, to Pike county, where he died from an injury received while loading logs on a truck wagon. His wife, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Frump, of Ohio, is living, and makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. Stultz. To these parents was born a son, named William, who first saw the light of day in Adams county, Ohio, January 22, 1840, and was reared to manhood in this place. His education was limited, for he was left an orphan at an

early age. In December, 1861, Mr. Bennett enlisted in company D, Sixtieth regiment Ohio volunteer infantry, Sixth army corps, for one year. He was taken prisoner at Franklin, Va., and was sent, in 1862, to Belle Island, from where he was paroled. He joined his regiment at Annapolis and was discharged. At once re-enlisting, he entered company A, First heavy artillery, and from this time on did active service at Covington, Ky., and on Johnson's Island. At the close of the war, Mr. Bennett was discharged, and, returning to Highland county, he resumed farming, and has continued the same since. He moved to Fayette county, thence to Douglas county, Ill., in 1873, where he lived three years. Coming to Paulding at this time, he located in the woods, where he erected a log cabin and began cutting away the forest. He has had many hardships to endure, but is now in good circumstances, owing to his industry and energy. Mr. Bennett, who is a republican, is holding the office of township trustee. He is a member of the G. A. R., while his wife belongs to the Church of God. Our subject was married in March, 1866, to Miss Mary S. Cummings, a native of Indiana, born in August, 1845. Ten children, named Catherine, Barbara, George, Charles, Minnie, Hattie, Nannie, Bertha, Frank and Fred, are the issue of this marriage.

A. R. Bruner located in this county in 1883 and held the offices of township assessor and school director. He was born in Sandusky county, Ohio, January 16, 1852, the son of Martise and Catherine Bruner, both of German parentage. When but two years of age our subject was left an orphan; his father met his death in a railroad accident on the Lake Shore road and his mother died some time after of typhus fever. Mr. Bruner was cared for by his grandmother until he was nine years of age, at which time he was compelled to work for himself. He has been engaged in farming since arriving at manhood's estate and has been successful in his calling. He was married to Mary Wierman, of Sandusky county, on March 23, 1872. Mrs. Bruner was born July 28, 1855, and by her marriage became the mother of William I., Cora M., Noah, Ella S. and Amos R. At present Mr. Bruner and son, William I., are clerking in Briceton for R. L. Magee, one of the leading young men of the county.

P. M. Chapman is the manager of the Keystone hub and wheel works, of Latty, Ohio. This plant was located here at a cost of $6,000, in the fall of 1889, and occupies three acres of ground. It turns out hubs in the rough, also spokes, and the expenses for the year 1890 amounted to $12,000. In the manufacture of these articles, small elm, second growth hickory and white oak are used. The main building is 30x50, with a 20x30 engine room, and the sheds are 30x510 feet. The buildings are of a substantial kind, and the concern is a prosperous one. This enterprise is in charge of P. M. Chapman, purchaser and manager. He was born in Crawford county, Pa., December 29, 1851, the son of L. K. and Robey (Thompson) Chapman, natives of New York and Vermont. Mr. Chapman was educated in the common schools, and during his vacations assisted in boating on the Erie extension canal. He worked a little at carpentering, with the tools of his father, and became a fair architect, drafting the plans needed by him. He is a progressive and energetic man, attending strictly to business, and has been successful in his calling. Mr. Chapman is a republican in politics, and has served as councilman and on the school board. Miss Carrie Alvord, of Crawford county, Pa., became his wife on September 10, 1875. She is the daughter of Henry Alvord, and was born February 4, 1857. Her father was a soldier in the late war, and died in front of Richmond. Four children, Fannie E., Charles L., Floyd M. and Arthur L., are the issue of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Chapman. The latter is a member of the Christian church.

George W. Cook, the genial postmaster, and dealer in general merchandise, was born in Hancock county, Ohio, January 2, 1844, the youngest of four sons, the offspring of Samuel and Amelia (Park) Cook. Samuel Cook first saw the light in Wayne county, February 19, 1816, and was reared to the life of a farmer. He has followed this calling through life with success. He married in his native county and here his wife died in 1844, a member of the Protestant Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Cook again married, taking as his wife, Elizabeth Baker. He removed to Allen county in 1851, and here Mrs. Cook died in 1866. After the death of his wife, Mr. Cook resided with his son until his demise, which occurred September 29, 1890. Politically he had been a whig, and later a republican. The paternal grandfather was a soldier in the war of 1776, and served with distinction through that struggle. George W. Cook was reared in the wilderness of Allen county, receiving but a limited schooling. At eighteen years of age he enlisted on the 2d of October, 1861, at the first call for three years' men. His company was I, Fourth Ohio cavalry, and was assigned to Gen. Buell, who commanded the first engagement at Basom Creek, Ky., where soon after our subject was taken sick with the measles. He was sent to the hospital, and again, later on, joined his command at Huntsville. He was at the siege of Corinth, thence to Huntsville, where he was taken ill with typhoid fever and sent to Nashville, and in December, 1862, he received his discharge on account of ill-health. He returned to Allen county to recuperate, and in 1864 enlisted in the gunboat service for three years. Here he served until the close of the war, being mustered out of the army in 1865. On his return home he engaged in farming, continuing the same until 1879, when he removed to Paulding county. At the end of five years he sold his farm and engaged in merchandizing in Latty. In June, 1889, he was appointed postmaster and is making an efficient officer. He has been mayor of Latty, and a member of the school board. Fraternally he belongs to the F. & A. M., No. 502, and has taken the third degree. Mr. Cook was married August 2, 1866, to Miss Cornelia Hammond, of Miami county, Ohio. She was born February 12, 1848, and is the daughter of Andrew and Nancy (Hamilton) Hammond, natives of Scotland and Indiana. Mr. Hammond came to America when he was eighteen years of age, and learned the trade of a wool carder and cloth presser, at which he worked during his life. Mr. and Mrs. Cook are the parents of Clarence M., William L., Orpha A., wife of Matthew Lawhead, of Van Wert, Ohio; Henry H., Edwin, Eva Varner, and Grace (deceased at the age of five years.)

Rezin S. DeBolt, the subject of this sketch, is a well known and highly respected farmer of Paulding township, who was born in Wyandot county, Ohio, July 29, 1843. His parents were Rev. Silas and Elizabeth P. (Parkinson) DeBolt, natives of Pennsylvania and Virginia respectively. Rev. DeBolt came to Ohio in infancy, and at the age of fourteen years began working in a tannery. Later he embarked in the tannery business for himself, and followed the same for forty years. He married in Fairfield county, later removed to Wyandot, where he has lived ever since, and where he followed merchandising for twenty-three years. He has since lived in retirement upon a farm near Upper Sandusky, where he and his aged companion are surrounded by the comforts of life. His marriage occurred in 1828, and for sixty-three years he and his wife have been together, happy in each other. Mr. DeBolt is an ordained minister of the old Baptist church. His son, our subject, enlisted at the age of seventeen years, but was rejected on account of his age and size. In August, 1862, he again enlisted and joined company D, Forty-ninth regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry, the first armed regiment which joined the army of the Cumberland. Mr. DeBolt was in every engagement in which his regiment took part, until, at Pickett's Mills, May 27, 1864, he was wounded by the explosion of a shell. By this accident he lost the sight of his right eye and was confined in the hospital for seven months. In the organization of his regiment, our subject was assigned as a member of the band, in which he played the fife. Later he was appointed chief bugler, and on November 30, 1865, received his honorable discharge. Returning home he entered college at Granville, and continued his studies there until the close of that year—1866. At this time he took up the vocation of the teacher, and taught for twelve terms. Removing west, he located at Sedalia, where, for six years, he lived and followed his profession. In 1884 he came to Latty and settled upon the farm where he now resides. Mr. DeBolt is a member of the G. A. R. and of the Masonic order. On the 26th of July, 1874, Miss Sophia C. Perry, the daughter of Prof. Christian L. Perry, was wedded to Mr. DeBolt, and they have five children: Nora B., a teacher; Walter S., Leslie A., Waldo P. and Paul S. The grandfather of Mrs. DeBolt was a colonel in the British army, while her father, a learned man, was master of fifteen languages.

M. M. Dodge, manufacturer of hard and soft wood lumber, was born September 21, 1830, the eldest of a family of four sons and one daughter, born to Eusebia and Hannah (Hall) Dodge. The parents were natives of New York, and of English origin, the latter being a lineal descendant of a royal family, exiled from England. The paternal grandparents moved to Ashtabula county, Ohio, in September, 1811, being among the pioneer settlers of that state. Eusebia Dodge was an evangelist in the Freewill Baptist church and devoted the greater part of his life to preaching and farming. His family consisted of four sons and one daughter, who died December 14, 1851, aged twenty-seven years, three of the boys still living. Mr. Dodge died in December, 1852, at the age of forty-five years. His wife's death occurred while she was making her home with her son, our subject, in Indiana. M. M. Dodge received a common school education and worked on the farm at carpentering until 1853. At this time he engaged in lumbering in New Line, purchasing a water mill in company

with his brother, E. J. They built a steam mill in 1853, and have been successful lumbermen. Mr. Dodge removed to Noble county, Ind., in November, 1859, and settled at Wawaka. Here he resided until August, 1882, when he came to Bricelon under contract with McGee & Boyne to cut 3,000,000 feet of lumber. He worked for this firm until 1889, when he built his present mill, which has proved a successful venture. Mr. Dodge is an evangelist and preaches to the people on a regular circuit. He joined the Baptist church when he was a youth of nineteen years and began preaching in 1867. He is an ordained minister of the Freewill Baptist church. Mr. Dodge was married on March 12, 1852, to Miss Delissa Richmond, a teacher of prominence in the Ashtabula schools. Fern L., Ladora (deceased), Della and Olive B., are the offspring of this union. Mrs. Dodge died in 1879, aged forty-seven years. She was a devout member of the Christian church, and a lady widely and favorably known. Mr. Dodge again married, taking as his wife on April 12, 1882, Miss Jennie M. Kridler, of Ottawa county. They enjoy high social rank in the community where they reside.

Philip Echard, a retired agriculturist, is a native of the Old Dominion, and was born on April 3, 1820, the son of Philip and Susanna (Simmons) Echard. He was reared on a farm, remaining at home with his mother until his marriage with Miss Elizabeth Elyard. After this event he moved to Franklin county, Ohio, during the latter years of the war. He had two sons, William H. and Jacob, who were in the United States service, one in the infantry and the other in the cavalry. Mr. Echard came north after the war with limited means, and his family followed him soon after. Mrs. Echard died in October, 1888, at the age of sixty-seven years, having been a member of the Presbyterian church. Abraham Echard, their son, is a prosperous farmer of Paulding township. He was born in Virginia, August 12, 1852, and received a limited education in the country schools. At the age of twenty-one he left the parental roof and began working out by the month. He continued thus for several years, when he returned home, and has resided with his parents ever since. In company with them he came to Paulding in the spring of 1886, where, in August following, their present home was purchased Mr. Echard is one of the self-made young men of the township, and has hosts of friends.

Samuel Gorman was born November 5, 1851, the son of Matthew and Rebecca (Hedges) Gorman, of Irish and English extraction. The parents were reared in Adams county, where they were married. The father farmed for a living, and in the fall of 1875 he removed with his family to Paulding county and for several years lived on leased land. He and his sons afterward purchased eighty acres, which is the home of Mrs. Gorman. The farm was situated in the midst of woods and the roads leading to it had to be made before the cabin could be built. Mr. Gorman died December 25, 1889 at the age of sixty-five years. He was a democrat in politics and with his wife belonged to the Disciples church. Samuel Gorman, who is now a prosperous stock grower of this township, was reared in Adams county, where he was educated. He is a well informed man and takes great interest in all educational matters. When a boy of eleven years, he was hired out by the month to work, and this was continued for eight year. On arriving at his majority he went west to Indianapolis, where he worked as a brick-maker for two years. Returning to Adams county, Mr. Gorman did job work, and on the 23rd of March, 1882, took as his wife Mrs. Rachel (Hoop) Grimes, the daughter of John and Ursula (Van Meter) Hoops. After his marriage, Mr. Gorman located on thirty acres of land, which he has improved and which is in a good state of cultivation. He is the father of two promising sons, William A. and James M. Mrs. Gorman was the mother of five children by her first marriage to Henry Grimes (deceased, fall of 1874.) Those now living are John W., Mary E., the wife of James Miller, and Seth Myron.

Felix B. Goying, the son of William H. and Margaret (Pownel) Goying, natives of West Virginia and Virginia, was born January 20, 1863. His father was a farmer, who followed his calling in Hardin county, W. Va., until 1865, when he removed to Fayette county, where he rented land and lived until 1888. At this time he came to Paulding county and located upon land purchased by his son, F. B., in 1885. This farm consisted of eighty-three acres of wooded land, which is nearly all improved at the present writing. Though now seventy years of age, Mr. Goying is hale and hearty, a man of great endurance. His wife, Margaret, departed this life November 12, 1887. He became the father of Mary C., Jonathan, David S., Jasper N. (deceased), Samuel R., James H., Felix B., Salemma E., Jessie A. and Minnie G. Mr. and Mrs. Goying are members of the United Brethren church, and politically the former is an adherent to the principles of the republican party. Felix B. Goying was reared in Fayette county, in the common schools in which he was educated. Arriving at manhood he started out in the struggle of life with limited means. He worked on the farm until 1885, when he came to Paulding, and there labored in the woods to make a home. He is a progressive young man, and in his growing of the Poland China breed of swine he has been successful. He commands the respect and confidence of a large circle of friends.

A. F. Hardesty, a prominent farmer and stock grower, is the only son now living of Adam Hardesty. He was born August 16, 1830, and his mother's maiden name was Anna Kimmel, a native of Pennsylvania. Adam Hardesty, the father of our subject, was a miller by trade, but spent the latter years in the pursuit of farming. He married in Ohio, and became the father of sons and daughters. In 1853 he removed with his family to Paulding county, and here purchased eighty acres, in section 30, which was but little improved. There was only a creek road, and the milling had to be done at Fort Wayne. Mr. Hardesty was a man of large stature, of great endurance and fortitude. He was an upright and honest man, and had the confidence of all who knew him. Mr. Hardesty was an anti-slavery man and for that reason left the Methodist Episcopal church and joined the Wesleyan Methodist congregation. Politically he was a republican, and served as justice of the peace in Paulding township. His wife was a devoted worker in her church, and died in 1873, at the age of seventy-two years. She was living with her son and daughter, as her husband had departed this life in 1863, at the age of fifty-six years. But two of this family now survive, Mary A. and our subject. The latter was raised in the occupation of the farmer, and received but a common education. He was taught those qualities of industry, energy and economy on the farm, which have characterized his subsequent active life. He first purchased forty acres of timber land which he afterward sold, and made many real estate changes before purchasing the homestead farm, which he did at the death of his father. He now owns 340 acres of well improved land, underdrained largely by tile. Mr. Hardesty is an enterprising farmer, and keeps on hand a fine lot of stock. He is deeply interested in all that promises good to his county, and in educational matters he is among the foremost. His children have all been well educated, and their home is filled with books by the best authors. Mr. Hardesty cast his first vote for John P. Hale, and afterward joined the ranks of the republican party, in which he has since been an active worker. He has held the minor township offices, and was for a number of years a leading worker in the Methodist Episcopal Sunday-school, of which church he and his wife are valued members. Mr. Hardesty was married, in 1855, to Miss Mary J. Crisman, a native of Tuscarawas county. She died November 9, 1860, leaving three children, named: Ida M. (deceased), George and Isaac. Mr. Hardesty was again married in July, 1861, at which time Miss Caroline Kaufman, of Fairfield county, became his wife. To this marriage, Daniel A., Emma J., wife of Spencer Maddox; Hammond W., William S., Homer A., Eugene, Minerva L., Cora A., Clinton A., Flora A. and Pearl, have been born.

James P. Hastings, a popular farmer of Paulding township, was born in Hardin county, Ohio, January 15, 1845, the son of John and Jane (Hunter) Hastings, natives of Ireland and Ohio respectively. Mr. Hastings, the grandfather of our subject, came to America with friends and settled in Hardin county. His son John, the father of our subject, was reared to manhood in his native country and was well educated. After coming to America he taught school in Maryland, subsequently going to Wyandot county, Ohio, where he married and later located in Hardin on a farm, where he now lives. He started in life a poor man but by hard work and economy has become well-to-do and is now enjoying his old age surrounded by every comfort. He and his wife are the parents of twelve children, and are members of the Presbyterian church. James P. Hastings received a good school training and at the age of nineteen years enlisted in company A, One Hundred and Thirty-fifth Regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry, and was assigned to the army of the Potomac. He participated in the battle of Harper's Ferry and for six weeks was an inmate of the field hospital where he was ill with lung fever. Returning from the war, he worked the homestead farm until 1867, when he removed to Larue, Ohio, where he engaged in the mercantile line, handling groceries, boots and shoes. This business he successfully carried on for twelve years and in the fall of 1881, after selling his stock, he located in Paulding, purchasing 100 acres of timber land, which he at once began to improve. He has built himself an elegant residence in which he dispenses hospitality to his many friends. Mr. Hastings was married in May, 1881, to Miss Orra Lambert, the daughter of Joshua Lambert. They are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which Mrs. Hastings is an active worker. Politically our sub-

ject votes the republican ticket and fraternally he belongs to the Union Veterans' Union.

Samuel Hastings is one of the prominent farmers and stock raisers in his section of the county. He was born in Ohio, January 8, 1851, one of seven sons and ten daughters, fourteen now living, born to James and Rachel (Haines) Hastings, natives of Ireland and Virginia. Patrick H. Hastings, the grandfather was a farmer and came to America with his family in 1833, locating near Columbus. Subsequently he moved to Hardin county, where he spent the rest of his life. His son James, the father of our subject, was born in 1819. At the age of fourteen years he left his native country and came to America, where he spent his youth in hunting with the Indians. He now owns part of the homestead farm and is one of the wealthy men of his county. He married at the age of twenty-five Miss Rachel Haines, and they are members of the Presbyterian church. Samuel Hastings is the leading apiarist of his county. In his boyhood he received a common education, and worked on the farm during the summer seasons. He was married on December 20, 1876, to Miss Lizzie B. Mitchell, of Wyandot county, Ohio, and they have seven children, namely: Charles P., Elbert M., Frank D., Otto R., Ernest L., Sadie Fay (deceased), and Samuel J. Mrs. Hastings is the daughter of Lucas and Sarah (Frazer) Mitchell. Her husband, our subject, remained on the home farm until 1880, when he located in Paulding, and in 1883, moved upon the 160 acres of land he had purchased and improved. He is a good stock grower and as an apiarist is very successful. As a republican, Mr. Hastings is aggressive; he is a member of the P. of H., and with his wife belongs to the Presbyterian church.

John Herr, a progressive farmer of this county, was born in New York city, July 18, 1852. He is the eldest son of Joseph and Benedicta (Feartherly) Herr, both natives of Germany, who were reared to manhood and womanhood in their native land. Joseph learned the tinner's trade, and in 1852, he and his affianced emigrated to America and landed at New York, where they were married and started housekeeping with but ten cents. They worked for fifty cents a day and were soon able to buy two chairs and a bedstead. Later, by hard work and economy, they purchased one acre of land which Mr. Herr sold for $400, and then removed with his wife to Ohio. He located in Sandusky, moving in 1862 to Fremont. Three years later they went to Henry county, where Mr. Herr owned, at the time of his death, 240 acres of land, upon which were good improvements. His death occurred January 7, 1882, while he was yet in the prime of manhood. He left a family of seven sons and one daughter, who yet survive. Mrs. Herr still resides on the homestead farm, a hale and hearty woman. Our subject, John Herr, was reared to the life of a farmer, receiving but a limited education. He remained with his father assisting in supporting the family until he was twenty-two years of age, when he began work on the B. & O. railroad. After this he was on a fishing vessel on Lake Erie for three summers, and during the winters worked in the woods. Mr. Herr purchased his present home of 160 acres in 1880, and has since built a good frame house and barn, the latter being one of the finest in the county. He now has 245 acres of land and has built a large elevator on the place, the largest in the state of Ohio on a farm. On the 27th of August, 1882, he was married to Miss Emma Anspach, who was born in Hancock county, August 10, 1862, a daughter of Levi Anspach. This union was blessed by the birth of Levi, Herman, Earnest, Ray, Earl, Charles and George Herr. Mr. Herr, who is a member of the Catholic church, is an active politician, advocating the principles of the democratic party. His estimable wife belongs to the Lutheran church, and the family are well known and esteemed throughout the county.

J. H. Hollihan, justice of the peace, was born in Champaign county, Ill., on the 29th day of August, 1858, the son of John and Louisa A. (Paulus) Hollihan, natives respectively of Ireland and Ohio. John Hollihan, the father of our subject, was a boy twelve years of age when he began life for himself on a steamer between America and England. He made several trips on this boat, and finally located in Ohio. Later he went to Illinois, and here married Miss Paulus. He followed the calling of the farmer, and in 1865 settled in Darke county, where his death occurred in 1880, at the age of fifty-eight years. Mrs. Hollihan makes her home with her son, John, in Jefferson county, Ind. Our subject's early life was spent on the farm, where he acquired his education. When he was twenty-two years of age he commenced learning the carpenter's trade, and has since followed the same. In 1888 he removed to Briceton, and in this town he has done contract work with good success. He is an expert in his calling, and is kept busy. Politically, Mr. Hollihan is a democrat, and as such was elected justice of the peace in the spring of 1890. He was married, in 1881, on the 29th of August, to Miss Delilah Dehoff, of Darke county. She is the daughter of Anthony and Barbara (Metz) Dehoff, of French and German extraction. Mr. and Mrs. Hollihan are the parents of one daughter, named Lessie I.

J. H. Hosford, M. D., was born in Hastings, Minn., April 26, 1859, and attended school in his native town until eighteen years of age, when he located at Van Wert, Ohio, with his parents, where he attended school three years, after which time he began reading medicine with Dr. Stemen, and later with Dr. Dix, at Paulding, Ohio. He graduated from the Fort Wayne medical college in the spring of 1886, and soon after located at Latty, where he began the practice of his profession. He is a successful practitioner and commands a large and lucrative patronage. He is one of the self-made men, progressive and benevolent. Politically, he is a democrat, and has served as coroner of the county. He was married, March 24, 1881, to Miss Luella Lewis, daughter of Wrexham Lewis, the founder of Latty. Dr. Hosford is the son of Samuel and Jane (Rumbaugh) Hosford, both natives of Ohio, and of German parentage.

Albert Jones is a native of Sandusky county, Ohio, born May 12, 1857. His parents were Josiah and Catherine (Mowery) Jones, of Welsh and German extraction, respectively. The former was left an orphan in childhood and was reared to maturity by a Mr. Batts, of Seneca county. His education was limited and he started in life a poor man. He married Miss Mowery, a native of Starke county, and reared three sons and three daughters. In 1884 he came Paulding county, locating in Blue Creek township. While teaming in 1890, and loading logs upon a wagon, one rolled back and fell upon him in such a way as to cause his death. His widow lives with her children and is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Albert Jones, after receiving his education, began farming on rented land. He met with success in his calling and in the spring of 1886 came to Paulding county, where he purchased forty acres of unimproved ground. This, by hard work, he has cleared, and erected upon it good substantial buildings. Mr. Jones has been twice happily married. His first wife was Miss Annie Kinsling, who died in February, 1883. He again married, and Angeline, a younger sister of his first wife, became his bride. They have had two children, Henry M. and Minnie P. (deceased). Mrs. Jones is a daughter of Henry and Minnie Kinsling, natives of Germany, who immigrated to America early in the fifties. Mr. Jones, who is an aggressive politician, is a believer in the principles of the republican party and has served in many of the township offices. He and his estimable wife are members of the German Reformed church.

Adam C. Klingler is a native of Hardin county, Ohio, and he was born February 12, 1853, the son of David A. and Sarah Klingler. The maternal grandparents emigrated to America in early life and settled in Pennsylvania. Adam C. Klingler, our subject, began an apprenticeship to the wagon maker's trade at the age of seventeen years. He worked in Ada for twenty-one months and then began as a section hand on the P., Ft. W. & C. R. R. In the employment of this company he remained for five years, trusted and respected. In the fall of 1881 he came to this county, and, locating north of Briceton, cleared a farm from the forest, upon which he made many improvements. In 1887 he sold this land and a second time cleared a home in the wilderness. He is one of the progressive and representative young men of the county, highly respected wherever known. Mr. Klingler is a prohibitionist in his political belief. He was married to Miss Elizabeth Anspach, of Hardin county, on the 29th of August, 1873, and these children were born to them: Annora E., Sarah E., Harry O., David M., George W., Lydia A., Macy V. and Paul W. Mrs. Klingler is the daughter of Jonathan and Elizabeth S. Anspach, and she was born September 7, 1853. Mr. and Mrs. Klingler are members of the Methodist Episcopal and Lutheran churches, respectively, and enjoy general esteem.

M. W. Klingler, tile manufacturer and farmer, was born in Perry county, Ohio, June 11, 1848. He is the son of David and Sarah (Brocies) Klingler, natives of Perry county, the latter a Jewess. The paternal grandfather was a native of Pennsylvania, and his father came from Switzerland to America in the early days. The maternal grandparents were of German origin, and early settlers of Ohio. David Klingler, the father of our subject, was a hard working man, and married early in life. He became a resident of Hardin county and died here at the age of fifty-five years, leaving a wife and fifteen children to mourn his loss. Mr. Klingler was a democrat, and had served in some of the township offices. He was a member of the I. O. O. F., at Ada, Ohio. Twelve of his sons are now living. Our subject was taken in his infancy to Hardin county, and obtained a common education. At the age of twenty years he began work on the P., Ft. W. & C. railroad, as section hand, saving in five years $700, with which he purchased eighteen acres of land, and, aban-

doning the railroad, began the pursuit of farming. He remained in Hardin until 1881, when he sold his land and bought 120 acres in Paulding county, which is his present home. In connection with his farm work, Mr. Klingler, in 1890, erected a tile shed, which has a capacity of 400,000 per year. He uses the latest improved machinery, and intends to add in the future a brick kiln to his present establishment. He is a thorough business man, highly esteemed for his integrity and honesty. Politically he is a democrat, a member of the Grange, and I. O. O. F. Mr. Klingler was married November 4, 1871, to Miss Margaret Anspach, the daughter of Jonathan and Elizabeth (Swineheart) Anspach, natives of Perry county. Five children were born to this union, named: Sarah P., Ida E., Jacob I., Clarence F. and Calvin Paul. The parents are valued members of the Reformed church.

John Leslie is a native of Ohio, having been born in Van Wert county, on the 2nd of March, 1852, the son of George Leslie, and a brother of Thomas Leslie, elsewhere mentioned in this volume. His early years were passed in his native county, and he attended the common schools. Upon entering the struggle of life he chose farming as a pursuit and still follows this occupation. Mr. Leslie was united in marriage with Miss Emma Bashore on Christmas day, 1880, and their children are: Raymond C., Wilbert E., Grover C., Ralph H. (deceased), Rosa F., and George D. Mrs. Leslie is the daughter of David and Susan (Carter) Bashore, of English and German descent. Mr. Leslie located in Paulding county, in 1872, and he has acted as township trustee for four years. Politically he is a democrat and a worker in the ranks of his party. He is highly respected wherever known as a representative farmer and a good citizen.

Thomas Leslie is one of the substantial farmers of the county in which he lives. He is a native of Van Wert county, Ohio, and dates his birth from the 8th day of May, 1854. He is the son of George Leslie, and was educated in the common schools. He remained with his parents until twenty-three years of age, and on the 4th of November, 1877, he was united in marriage with Miss Sarah A. Weaver, the only daughter of Daniel Weaver, who is mentioned elsewhere in this volume. Mrs. Leslie was born in Darke county, May 11, 1860, and came with her parents to this county in 1869, where she was educated. Mr. Leslie purchased eighty acres of land, upon which he has made some of the finest improvements in the county. Farming has been his life work, and in this useful calling he has been very successful, owning a beautiful home, the result of his own industry and energy. Mr. Leslie and his father founded the village of Briceton, laying out the original plat. His children are named Ora C., Larwell C. and Clara A. George Leslie, the father of our subject, was born in Pennsylvania, July 5, 1811, the son of George and Anna (Bowen) Leslie, natives respectively of Ireland and New Jersey. George Leslie came to America in early manhood, with but limited means, and settled in Pennsylvania, where he worked at the shoemaker's trade in different places. He married Miss Bowen some time later, and became the father of one son, our subject, and three daughters, one of whom is now living. Mr. Leslie died at the age of seventy years, and the mother, with her son, came to Van Wert county, where she died. They were members of the Baptist church. George Leslie grew to manhood on the farm, and obtained a common schooling. He married Miss Ruth Tindall, June 25, 1833. She was a native of Beaver county, Penn., born October 28, 1814. At the death of his father, George Leslie purchased 100 acres of land, and later came west to Van Wert county, where he entered 160 acres of wild land, and, by hard work, cleared the same. He was a strong and robust man, a great worker and an expert woodsman, full of life and cheerfulness. Mr. Leslie was appointed first postmaster of Briceton, and filled that position well for eight years. He made several changes while in the county, and in 1872 sold his farm and came to Paulding, locating land in the forest. He helped locate the roads in the township, and many of the improvements in the southern part of the county are due to his energy and progressiveness. He has been a hard worker, and now, at an advanced age, is active and sprightly, widely known and respected throughout the county. He and his wife have lived together for fifty-eight years, and now, in the evening of life, are surrounded by children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Mr. Leslie has been a life-long democrat, and served as assessor for seventeen consecutive years. He and his venerable wife are members of the Baptist church.

Wrexham Lewis.—One of the venerable citizens of Paulding county, Ohio, is Wrexham Lewis, who is now enjoying the fruits of a well-spent life in retirement. He was born June 27, 1812, while his father, Peter Lewis, was in the commissary department in the war of 1812. His grandfather, Noble Lewis, served seven years under Washington in the Revolutionary war. The mother of our subject was Elizabeth (Masse) Lewis. Her husband, Peter Lewis, was a hatter by trade, and in 1816 he liberated his slaves, sold his home and removed to Chillicothe, Ohio, where he purchased 640 acres of partly cleared land. Here his family sickened, and becoming disheartened, they returned east to Columbia where the mother died, leaving four small children. Soon after the only daughter died, and Mr. Lewis removed to Greensburgh, Penn., and here married. His children were bound out, our subject being taken by a farmer who could not teach him a trade. So at the age of fifteen years he was taken to Pittsburg, where he was bound out to Mr. F. C. Davis and began learning the art of making chairs and ornamenting. He remained here three years and then worked as a journeyman some time for his board and washing. He painted the first canal boat which floated down the Erie canal and also the first passenger car which crossed the mountains. He also painted the first canal boat which plied on the Wabash canal, and was owned by Mr. Frank Reinische, and the first boat built at Antwerp, of which George McCormick was the proprietor. The first grist mill in the county was erected at Junction, by Messrs. Sirenos, Most & Co., and also painted by him. Mr. Lewis worked for a while in Leesville, but was obliged to take in payment guns, watches and horses. Later he built a house, and February 4, 1840, married Margaret, the daughter of John and Isabell (Moderwell) Majors. Mrs. Lewis was born July 30, 1821, and by her marriage became the mother of Dessie, wife of John Cox; Artemus F., Stanley, Emma, now Mrs. Sylvester Emerson; Luella, wife of Dr. John Hosford, and Laura, the wife of Eli Adams. Mr. Lewis left a farm, and went to Bucyrus, where he worked at his trade, and then exchanged it for eighty acres of wild land, where the town of Latty is now situated. On arriving in Paulding county Mr. Lewis found his land covered with woods, but setting to work, he soon had a portion of it cleared and then erected a house. He lived here and then bought eighty acres just north of the town, which is still his home. Just before the railroad was built, Mr. Lewis located at Latty, in which place he laid out seventy acres and made for himself a good investment. He has been in poor health for some time and his eyes are weak. He cast his first vote for Andrew Jackson, and, save at the election of Lincoln, his votes have always been cast in favor of the democratic candidates. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis, who have lived together over fifty years, are held in the highest esteem by all who know them.

Jacob Long, a successful farmer of Paulding township, Paulding county, was born in Coshocton county, Ohio, February 18, 1833, the oldest son of John and Esther (Caner) Long, both natives of Westmoreland county, Pa. They were the parents of ten children, six sons and four daughters. The father was a shoemaker by trade, married in Pennsylvania, and removed to Coshocton county, where he lived for several years. Purchasing land in Holmes county he resided there until 1852, when he sold his land and located ten miles east of Lima, in Allen county. He owned 140 acres of land, which he cultivated and lived on until his death, in March, 1889, at the age of eighty-three. His wife preceded him to the grave in May, 1888, aged seventy-two years. They were devout members of the Christian church, highly respected in the county of their residence. Jacob Long, the subject of this notice, received a limited education, and as he was the eldest son, he took an active part in supporting the large family of which he was a member. He remained with his parents until his marriage, which occurred in the fall of 1854. One year later he removed to Paulding county, locating three miles southwest of where Paulding now stands, and purchased eighty acres in the woods, which he cleared and upon which he erected the primitive log cabin so familiar to the pioneer settler. He depended on the game of the forest for his meat, and the skins of animals were used as tax money. He endured all the hardships of the early days, helping to make all the first roads in the vicinity. Mr. Long added to his farm 120 acres, making in all 200 acres, a large share of which is under cultivation. His buildings are fitted with all the modern conveniences. Mr. and Mrs. Long raised a family of sons and daughters named: William, Alden, John, Louise, wife of Isaac Snyder; Melanchton, Lydia, wife of W. G. Lloyd; Hattie and Emmet. The parents are worthy members of the Lutheran church, and enjoy the esteem of all who know them. Mr. Long, who is liberal minded in politics, is one of the substantial farmers of the county, having seen it prosper through the years in which he has made it his home.

John H. Long, one of the successful young men of the county, is a native of Paulding township, and was born November 27, 1858, the third son of Jacob Long. He was reared in his native county, receiving a common school education, and chose the calling of the farmer. In 1879, he purchased his home of forty acres, clearing the same and erecting thereon

a log cabin. In 1881 he moved onto the land, and now has it well improved, adding in 1890 forty acres more. Mr. Long was united in marriage to Miss Martha L. Fisher, on the 14th of November, 1880, and is the father of Chloa M., Grover A. and Adam E. An infant unnamed, is deceased. Mrs. Long was born in Perry county, Ohio, the daughter of John and Charlotte (Jonas) Fisher, of German extraction. She and her husband are members of the Lutheran church, and enjoy the respect and confidence of a wide circle of friends.

J. H. Magee.—Few citizens of Paulding township are as widely and favorably known as J. H. Magee, of the former firm of Magee & Baynes, manufacturers of staves, heading and native timber. This manufactory was established in 1882, and did an extensive business. In 1889 the concern changed hands, and J. H. Magee became sole proprietor. The yearly output is 9,000,000 staves, 500,000 set of headings and 500,000 feet of lumber; the capital is $75,000, and the firm owns 1,300 acres of
79 land. This large enterprise is under the management of R. L. Magee, the youngest son of our immediate subject. He was born September 28, 1863, in Ottawa county, Ohio, and was educated in the city schools of Elmore. He also spent three years at the Ohio Wesleyan university. During his vacations, Mr. Magee acted as assistant cashier of the bank at Elmore, and after leaving school he spent six months traveling in California and the far west. Returning home he at once engaged as bookkeeper and superintendent of the factory at Briceton, where he has remained ever since. Soon after locating here, he became interested in merchandising, and, in company with N. G. Saurwine, Mr. Magee, in 1890, became successor to the firm of Saurwine & Co., and now carries a $5,000 stock of general merchandise. In connection with his other work, he is superintending the work on his farm of eighty acres. Politically, Mr. Magee takes stand with the democratic party, and fraternally, he is a member of the lodge K. of P. He was married, May 22, 1888, to Miss May Cory, of Defiance county, and they have one son, Clarence J. Mrs. Magee is the daughter of A. F. Cory, and was born September 29, 1866. She is a valued member of the Presbyterian church.

John B. Mossney, a retired farmer, was born on the 17th of March, 1826, in the Province of Luxemburg, of Belgium, France, the son of J. B. and Mary J. (Fustee) Mossney, both natives of France. John B. Mossney, Sr., was a soldier in the regular army under the great Napoleon, and was at the battle of Moscow. He married in early life, and was connected through his grandfather to the nobility. In 1833 he immigrated to America with his wife, two sons and four daughters, and on reaching this country, came direct to Seneca county, Ohio, where he purchased eighty acres of land three miles west of Tiffin, where he lived the balance of his life and became a well-to-do citizen. At the age of eighty-eight years he died, and his wife followed him to the grave a few years later, being within a few days of reaching 100 years. The family were members of the Catholic church, and in early life the father was a whig in his political views. He was a progressive citizen, and of his family, two sons and three daughters are living. John B. Mossney, Jr., was but seven years of age when he came to Ohio and his early life was spent in working out by the day, becoming an expert with the ax. He was twenty-two years of age when he left his home and started overland for the gold fields of California, going via Ft. Laramie, up the Platte river, making the first stop at Placerville. Six months later, arriving at the fields, he armed himself with a pick-ax and pan, and lived a miner's life with fair success. He returned to Tiffin three years later and soon after, in 1855, came to Paulding county and purchased eighty acres of his present farm. On the 26th of June, 1856, Mr. Mossney married Miss Martha A. Smith, the youngest daughter of David and Rebecca (Milder) Smith, natives of Maryland, of German parentage. They were among the early settlers of Ohio, and were married in Seneca county, where they spent the rest of their lives. Mr. Mossney made Paulding his home in 1858 and has since lived here, cultivating a large farm. He came west alone and built his log hut and is one of the pioneers of the county. His milling was done at Defiance, his ox team drawing the produce to and from the mill. The farm of Mr. Mossney is an old Indian burying ground and it was also Gen. Wayne's camping place. These facts make it one of the historic places of the state. Our subject, who is a democrat, has served as township trustee and town treasurer for three years. He is a charter member of the Grange, No. 332. He is the father of these children: John B., William H., Edward M. (deceased), and Orlando D. Mr. and Mrs. Mossney are worthy citizens of the county in which they live and enjoy general popularity.

Elder A. B. Oppy was born in Grant county, Ind., March 12, 1844, the son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Briggs) Oppy, of German and English origin. He was reared to manhood in Jasper county and here learned the carpenter trade with his father. He married March 5, 1865, Lucinda E. Hartman, of Finley, Ohio. He is at present engaged in the grocery business at Briceton. Elder Oppy was for seven years state evangelist and a strong advocate of the following belief: I advocate the final restitution of all things which God has spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began, and as a means to this end the establishment of the kingdom of God on the earth with the Christ as king and the immortal saints as joint heirs with him in the government of the nations; the restoration of Israel; the literal resurrection of the dead; the immortalization of the righteous and final destruction of the wicked; life eternal only through Christ. Also a hearty belief of the gospel and a holy life essential for final salvation.

William W. Parent.—Among the enterprising young farmers of Paulding township is William W. Parent, who dates his birth from the 5th of August, 1854. He is the son of George F. and Isabelle (Euritt) Parent, both natives of Ohio. The grandparents on both sides were early settlers of Ohio, and of German and Irish parentage. George F. Parent was a farmer of Darke county, and reared a family of three sons and and four daughters, our subject being at this time the only son living. Mr. Parent started with but little of this world's goods and engaged in saw-milling. Subsequently he located on the farm where he now resides and improved the same. His son, our subject, was educated in the schools of Darke county. He married November 11, 1875, Miss Mary L. Denlinger, who was born near Lancaster, Penn., October 8, 1854, the daughter of Jacob L. and May (Barr) Denlinger. After his marriage Mr. Parent located on rented land, and subsequently purchased a farm in Randolph county, Ind., where he moved in the fall of 1886. He lived here for three years, at which time he sold and bought land in Darke county. Here he remained until 1889, when he again sold and purchased a fourth section of land situated in the forest. This he cleared and it is now his home. He is one of the progressive young men of his township, and what he has is the result of hard work and economy. Mr. Parent is a republican in politics, and with his wife belongs to the United Brethren church. Mr. and Mrs. Parent have had six children, four of whom are living, namely: Clyde A., George F., Mary I. and Maggie E.

David W. Parr, a prominent farmer and the ex-sheriff of Paulding county, is a native of Ohio, having been born in Licking county, on May 2, 1851. He is the eldest son, and the second child in order of birth of seven children born to Stephen S. and Athelia (Moore) Parr, natives respectively of Pennsylvania and Maryland. The paternal grandfather, Samuel Parr, was an early settler of Licking county, and erected the first house where the city of Newark now stands. He died at the venerable age of one hundred and four years. William Moore, the maternal ancestor, was also an early resident of Licking county, and died full of years and honors. Stephen S. Parr spent his boyhood in his native county, and there married Miss Moore. He was a member of the Twenty-eighth regiment of Ohio volunteer infantry during the Civil war, and received an honorable discharge on account of disabilities. He removed to Union county, and from there to Champaign county, where he lived for a time, dying in Mansfield, in 1872. Mrs. Parr, who died in Union county, was an active and life-long member of the Methodist Episcopal church. David W. Parr was reared and educated in the counties of Union and Champaign. He served an apprenticeship at the carpenter's trade, working at the same for several years. In 1872 he removed to Paulding county, where he was successfully engaged in handling real estate and attending to insurance business. Mr. Parr is a man of excellent business judgment, to which his prosperity is due. He was married on October 30, 1880, to Miss Jennie, the daughter of Louis and Louisa Stanz, an early settler of Paulding county. Mrs. Parr is a native of Putnam county, and dates her birth from the 4th of September, 1855. She and her husband are the parents of Edna, Belva and John W. Parr. Our subject, who is an active and ardent democrat, was the nominee in 1883 for the office of sheriff. He was elected, overcoming a republican majority of two hundred. In the fall of 1885 he was re-elected by an increased majority, being the only democrat elected on the ticket. He has proven himself a most popular and efficient officer, and served with credit and honor to himself and party. Mr. Parr is a member of lodge No. 507, I. O. O. F., Paulding, Ohio.

C. H. Parrish was born near Columbus Grove, Putnam county, Ohio, June 11, 1848. His parents are Joseph B. and Keziah (Moneysmith) Parrish, natives of Licking and Medina counties, Ohio, of German lineage. The paternal grandfather was a native of Virginia, and an officer in the war of 1812, under General Hull. Joseph B. Parrish located in Putnam county, in boyhood, and there followed tilling of the soil. He

reared a family of five sons and five daughters, and became a well-to-do man. He died in 1867, and his wife, who is a member of the Presbyterian church, now resides in Kansas. C. H. Parrish received a common education, and was raised on the farm. At the call for troops, at the outbreak of the late war, he, when but fifteen years of age, joined company A, Fifty-seventh regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry, and served faithfully. His first engagement was at Resaca, Ga., at the beginning of the Atlanta campaign. After reaching Goldsboro, he had an accident, in which he broke his right leg, just above the ankle. At Larkinsville he was taken with smallpox, and while at Atlanta, in July, 1864, he was struck by a shell. Mr. Parrish was discharged at Little Rock, Ark., and on his return home, began farming. He purchased sixty acres of land, upon which he made many improvements, and while living here, his wife, who was Miss Lucy Tracy, and whom he married October 1, 1867, died, leaving him one son, named Charles. Mr. Parrish sold his farm and went to jobbing for some time. He next married, February 21, 1878, Miss Mary M. Well, of Allen county, who was born in 1855. Edna, Ora, Mary, Sarah and Joseph, were the offspring of this union. Mr. Parrish removed to Jackson township, this county, and, in 1885, made this township his home. He is the possessor of sixty acres of good land, upon which substantial buildings are built. He and his estimable wife are members of the M. E. church.

A. D. Paulus, farmer, stockraiser and dealer in hard and soft lumber, was born in Champaign county, Ill., December 26, 1858. He is the eldest son of Henry Paulus, notice of whom is elsewhere made. Our subject removed in his childhood from Illinois to Darke county, Ohio, where he was reared in the occupation of the farmer. His education was obtained in the common schools, and while at home he assisted his father on the homestead farm. Upon reaching his majority Mr. Paulus purchased eighty acres of land in section 34, which was at that time covered with timber. In the fall of 1890 he erected a saw mill, and is now engaged in cutting the lumber. His mill has a capacity of 4,000 feet per day, and is taxed to its utmost. In 1889 Mr. Paulus, in connection with his farming, purchased a threshing outfit, and is prepared to do fine work at reasonable prices. He is a democrat in his political principles, and takes a deep interest in the welfare of his party. On St. Valentine's day, 1881, his marriage with Miss Sarah Stombaugh was solemnized, and three bright children have blessed their union. They are Laura V., Oscar L. and Raymond A. Mrs. Paulus is a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Binkley) Stombaugh, natives of Ohio, and was born December 12, 1858. She and her husband are members of the Lutheran church and highly respected.

Henry Paulus, a successful stockgrower and farmer, was born in Preble county, Ohio, May 31, 1833, fourth in order of birth in a family of four sons and nine daughters. His parents are Daniel and Lucy A. (Treon) Paulus, natives of Maryland and Pennsylvania, of German extraction, the grandparents on both sides having immigrated to this country from Germany. Abraham Paulus, the grandfather, was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, and in 1808 located in Montgomery county, afterward entering land in Preble county, where he died at an advanced age. Daniel Paulus, the father of our subject, was born in 1807, and when he was one year old was brought by his parents to Ohio, where he grew to manhood. He married early in life Miss Lucy Treon, who was born in 1809. In 1830 Mr. Paulus removed to Preble county, and four years later went to Darke county. He and wife reared a family of thirteen children to manhood and womanhood. Mr. Paulus sold his land in Darke county, went to Champaign county, where he lived for eight years, and returning at the end of this time to Darke county, he again took up his abode. His wife died in 1880, having been a member of the Lutheran church for many years. Henry Paulus was reared on the farm, receiving a limited education. He remained at home assisting his father until his marriage to Miss Mary C. Bope on Christmas day, 1852. Mrs. Paulus was a native of Germany and the daughter of Philip and Mary (Wiesberger) Bope, of Germany, who immigrated to America in 1846 and settled in Darke county, where Mr. Bope died. After his marriage, Mr. Paulus rented a farm, and in the fall of 1870 came to Paulding county where he bought forty acres of land, to which he has added, owning at the present time eighty acres of well improved ground. Mr. Paulus is one of the first settlers of this part of the county, and has worked hard for what he has. He is an energetic man, highly esteemed by all who know him. He votes the democratic ticket, and is a member of the lodge I. O. O. F., of Paulding. Of the nine children born to Mr. and Mrs. Paulus, six are now living, named Augustus D., Lafayette, Lucy, now postmistress at Briceton, Ohio; Clara C., Dora and Charles. The family are members of the Lutheran church, in which they enjoy high standing.

Lafayette Paulus, undertaker and farmer, and senior member of the firm of L. Paulus & Co., was born in Darke county, Ohio, February 10, 1861, the second son of Henry Paulus, sketched above, He established his business in the spring of 1889, and carries a full stock of all goods needed, having one of the best equipped concerns of the kind in the county. Mr. Paulus came to this county when he was but ten years of age, and here received his educational training in the common schools. He assisted his father on the farm and remained under the parental roof until the age of twenty-four years. At this time he purchased ground and built a house for himself. He has since added to his former purchase eighty acres of timber land, which he is improving and clearing. Politically our subject is a democrat and one of the progressive young men of his county, and a member of the Odd Fellows, No. 577. He is a member of the grange, No. 303, and he and his wife are communicants of the Lutheran church. On the 15th of October, 1884, Mr. Paulus espoused Miss Lydia A. Anspach, who was born June 2, 1865. Their children are Arthur C., and Raymond E. (deceased).

Henry Ream was born in Starke county, Ohio, February 2, 1842, the son of George and Franae (Price) Ream, natives of Ohio, of German parentage. George Ream was a blacksmith by trade, and spent his youth in Starke county, later coming to Hancock county, where he died in 1878. His wife followed him to the grave in 1887, at the age of seventy-four years. They were members of the German Reform church, and during his life Mr. Ream held the office of township trustee for years. His father was a native of Pennsylvania, and an early pioneer of Ohio. Henry Ream learned the carpenter's trade, at which he worked until he enlisted in company F, Twenty-first regiment Ohio volunteer infantry, for three years' service. He was assigned to the Fourteenth army corps under Gen. Thomas, and participated in the battles of Stone river, Chickamauga, Chattanooga, Tullahoma, Resaca, the siege of Atlanta, and was with Gen. Sherman on his march to the sea. After the battle of Savannah, Mr. Ream was sent to the hospital at New York; three weeks later he was sent to Cincinnati, where he received his honorable discharge in May, 1865. Mr. Ream was a faithful soldier, loyal to his country, in whose service he lost the sight of his right eye. He took part in twenty-two hard-fought battles. Returning from the war with limited means, our subject purchased land in the woods and, erecting a log cabin, lived the life of the pioneer. Subsequently he sold his tract and located in Ada, where followed the occupation of brick making for twelve years. In February, 1879, he removed to Paulding, where owns forty acres of good land. In 1863 Mr. Ream led to the altar Miss Jane Stroup, and their union was blessed by the birth of five children, three of whom survive. They are: Esther, wife of Townsend Bashore; Nettie B., wife of Rafe Matter; and Sheridan. Mrs. Ream died in 1872, at the age of twenty-five years. In 1877, on the 27th of June, Miss Martha A. Holer became the wife of Mr. Ream, and she has borne her husband three children: Bertha I., George A., Levi H., Elva A. and Chloe E. The family are worthy members of the Christian church.

Ephraim V. Ridenour, auditor, and one of the progressive agriculturists of Paulding township, was born in Allen county, Ohio, on the 9th of March, 1847, the eldest son of Matthias and Rebecca Ridenour, natives of Ohio and of German parentage. The paternal grandfather, John Ridenour, was a Virginian, and one of the early settlers of Ohio when it was yet a territory. He was a soldier in the war of 1812, and died when he was ninety-two years of age. Ephraim V. Ridenour, our subject, grew to manhood in Allen county, spending the years from 1860 to 1863 in the county of Paulding. After the death of his mother he returned to Allen county, where he resided until after his marriage. He was educated in the common schools and at Columbus, Ohio, and when he was twenty-two years of age he taught his first term of school. He followed this calling successfully for fifteen winter seasons in the counties of Allen, Paulding and Hardin. He was married, on the 10th of March, 1872, to Miss Sophia, the daughter of Joshua and Sophia (Weimer) Mechling, both natives of Pennsylvania. They were of Dutch parentage, the maternal grandfather having emigrated from Holland. After his marriage, Mr. Ridenour removed to Hardin county, where he tilled a rented farm until the spring of 1875. At this time he located upon the farm of eighty acres, which he has since cleared, and erected thereon substantial buildings second to none in the township. Mr. Ridenour owns forty acres of land in Allen county, in the oil district, and has been successful in his chosen profession. Politically, he is a stanch democrat, taking an active part in the politics of his county. He has served the people acceptably and well as township assessor. He was elected auditor by a plurality of 554 ahead of his ticket, which shows the esteem in which he is held. Mr. and Mrs. Ridenour are valued members

of the Lutheran church, and are the parents of Lewis A. and Edith I. Ridenour.

Matthias Ridenour, a retired farmer, is a native of Perry county, Ohio, and was born on the 26th of January, 1824. His parents were John and Hannah (Spohn) Ridenour, natives of Alleghany county, Md. The grandfather, Lewis Ridenour, was a native of Germany, and came to America when but seven years of age. He was a farmer by occupation, and served as a soldier in the Revolutionary war. He located in Perry county, in 1801, and died there at the age of 81 years. The maternal grandfather was a captain in the Revolution, and settled in Ohio, in 1803. John Ridenour, the father of our subject, was eighteen years of age when he came with his parents to Perry county. He married here, in 1807, Miss Spohn, and followed farming throughout his life. He had a family of four sons and four daughters. In 1831, on moving to Allen county, he built the first cabin in Perry township. He owned a farm of two hundred and forty acres, which he improved, and he and his wife died here, at the ages of ninety-two and ninety-four years respectively, honored members of the Lutheran church. Our subject obtained a fair education, and at the age of twenty-two years, married Rebecca Ridenour, who was born in Ohio, October 21, 1821, the daughter of Michael and Hannah (Schotts) Ridenour. Matthias Ridenour enlisted, in 1861, in company H, Thirty-second regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry, and was transferred to Harper's Ferry, Va., where he was taken prisoner. He was exchanged and transferred to the western division of the armyof Tennessee. He participated in the siege of Vicksburg, and was with Gen. Sherman. His service was full of incidents and dangers, and in 1864, on account of a wound received, he was given a furlough, and while at home assisted in recruiting a company. He was promoted to first lieutenant of company A, One hundred and eightieth regiment, and subsequently was given a captaincy of the same company. Mr. Ridenour received his honorable discharge on the 29th of July, 1865. His wife died, February 19, 1863, and after the close of the war he returned to Allen county, and again married, in the fall of 1865, Harriet Fleming Newcomer. She died in 1868, and Mr. Ridenour again married, Mrs. Margaret Maxwell Douglass becoming his wife. Her demise occurred in December, 1885. In 1887, Miss May E. Bousher was married to our subject. Mr. Ridenour, who is a democrat, has held the offices of town clerk, assessor, trustee and sheriff of Allen county. He and his wife are members of the Lutheran church, and, fraternally, Mr. Ridenour belongs to the Union Veteran Union and Grand Army of the Republic.

S. E. Ropp, a prosperous farmer and stock grower, is a native of Champaign county, Ohio, born January 13, 1842, the eldest child of John and Elizabeth (Young) Ropp, natives of the Shenandoah valley and Edinburgh, Scotland, respectively. The paternal grandfather was Simon Ropp, a soldier in the war of 1812, and a farmer by occupation. He reared a large family, of whom John was the eldest son. He was educated in the common schools; married in early manhood, and farmed for a time on rented land. He was a member of the United Brethren church, and died in August, 1889, aged seventy-one years. Mrs. Ropp is still living, a venerable lady of seventy-six years. Our subject was reared on the farm, and at the age of nineteen years enlisted, August 20, 1861, in company A, second regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry, which was assigned to the army of the Cumberland under Gen. Thomas. The first engagement was at Perryville, Ky.; he participated in Stone River, and Chickamauga, on the second day of which battle he was taken prisoner and sent to Richmond. Six months later he was taken to Andersonville, where he remained a year, being there at the time of President Lincoln's assassination. He was released from prison at the close of the war, and received his honorable discharge at Columbus, June 3, 1865. He returned home on crutches and weighed but ninety-eight pounds. When he was able, Mr. Ropp commenced farming on rented land, and later purchased land, which he finally sold in 1878. He then came to Paulding county, and settled in section 36, Paulding township, where he has eighty acres of well-improved land. Mr. Ropp is a self-made man, and as a democrat has filled the offices of township assessor, trustee and treasurer of the special school district. He is a member of the G. A. R., in which he is acting as commander. On the 17th of August, 1865, Miss Tamor Morris, of Clark county, became the wife of Mr. Ropp, and their children are: Emma, wife of James Jonas; Edwin F.; Alice J., wife of J. L. Carney; Alvin B. (deceased), John M., Walter S. and Clyde S. Mrs. Ropp is the daughter of S. R. and Sarah (Rue) Morris, and was born April 18, 1842. She and her husband are highly respected citizens of the county in which they live and enjoy the good will of a large circle of friends.

C. M. Smith, a skilled workman in wagon making and general repairing, located in Latty, Ohio, in 1884, and has established a good and lucrative business. He was born in Greene county, Ohio, November 11, 1856, the son of John C. and Emeline (Witta) Smith, natives of Virginia and Ohio. John Smith was a farmer, married early in life and became the father of nine sons, six of whom are living. He became a resident of Van Wert county in 1862, where he is now living in the enjoyment of healthy old age. He and his wife are members of the Friends church. C. M. Smith, our subject, was six years old when he came to Van Wert county. His education was obtained in the common schools, and as he had a talent for mechanics, he soon acquired the use of the tools. He worked with his father on the farm until he was nineteen years old, when he engaged as a farm hand in Indiana and at carpentering in Michigan. Returning to Van Vert in 1881, he again farmed his father's place until 1884, when he removed to Latty, where he worked during the first summer at house building, and in 1885 was employed at the Eagle stave works. Late in the fall he opened his shop, and by his obliging manners he has won a lucrative patronage. Mr. Smith was united in marriage to Miss Emma Lawhead, of Van Wert county, on April 2, 1882, and to them four children, named Arthur A., Bessie L., Bertha M. and Elmer A., have been born.

J. Snellenberger.—Among the leading farmers of Paulding county is J. Snellenberger, a native of Ohio, born in Columbiana county in 1833. He is the son of Adam and Eliza (Dannels) Snellenberger, of German extraction, and his boyhood days were spent in Holmes and Coshocton counties, where he received a common education. He began the pursuit of farming in his youth, and in connection with this calling he is engaged in the lumbering and saw-milling industries. On December 27, 1858, he was united in marriage with Miss Sarah A. Miller, daughter of Samuel and Hester (Kimmel) Miller. Their children are: Melissa, wife of G. D. Meads; E. J., Elizabeth, wife of O. Adams; Willard A., an able musician and skilled tuner of pianos and organs; Eva R., wife of H. C. Henschen, Charles H., Genevra, U. W., Etha J., Onata and Grover W. Mr. Snellenberger located in Paulding county in 1847. He erected his saw mill in 1878, and has ever been a progressive citizen of his township. Politically he is a democrat, and served six years as justice of peace. The family are members of the Dunkard church, and enjoy universal esteem.

Leonard Snyder.—Prominent among the hard working farmers of Paulding county may be mentioned Leonard Snyder, who was born in Hardin county, Ohio, March 30, 1852. He was the eldest of four sons born to William, and Elizabeth (Mathews) Snyder, both natives of Ohio, and of German parentage. Adam Snyder, the paternal grandfather, was a native of Pennsylvania and one of the pioneer settlers of Ohio. The maternal grandfather, Samuel Mathews, was also a Pennsylvanian and an early resident of Richland county, Ohio. William Snyder, the father of our subject, started in life a poor man. He chose the occupation of the farmer, purchased timber land, which he cleared, and became a well-to-do man. He and his wife are enjoying the comforts of a good home after years of hard work. They are members of the Reformed church. Leonard Snyder received his education in the district schools of his neighborhood. He remained at home until he was twenty-six years of age, at which time, on June 12, 1878, he took as his wife Miss Ella, the daughter of Jonas and Mary (Stumm) Loutzenhiser. Mrs. Snyder was born in 1857, and she and husband have adopted a son, named Harmon, whose birth occurred December 9, 1882. Mr. Snyder, on starting out in life for himself, had but little. He worked hard and saved $500, and in company with his brother, Ambrose, purchased 40 acres of land. This they owned for several years, selling in 1882, and coming to Paulding county. For ten successive seasons he operated a threshing machine. Buying 40 acres of land in Paulding he has erected a good frame dwelling and is getting his farm under cultivation. As a democrat, Mr. Snyder has served as a school director. He is a member of the Lutheran, while his wife belongs to the Reformed church.

Samuel Stults.—A prominent farmer of this county is Samuel Stults, a native of Highland county, Ohio, born January 7, 1844, the son of Joseph and Mary (Rhodes) Stults, both natives of Ohio. Michael Stults, the paternal grandfather, was reared in Pennsylvania, being among the pioneers of southern Ohio. He was the father of five sons and one daughter. The maternal grandfather, John Rhodes, was a shoemaker and farmer, and an early desident of the Buckeye state. Joseph Stults followed farming throughout his life, and had by hard work made a good home in which the declining years of his life were spent. He reared a family of seven sons and three daughters to maturity, and died in the spring of 1866, aged fifty-eight years. He and his wife were members of

the United Brethren church. Samuel Stults grew to manhood on the farm, receiving his education in the common schools of the county. He started in life as a farm hand and worked for one man for three years. In August, 1862, he enlisted in company E, One Hundred and Seventeenth Ohio volunteer infantry, and saw active duty in Kentucky. Some time later the regiment was transferred to the First Ohio heavy artillery, and he, with his regiment, was in Georgia, Atlanta and Virginia. He never failed to answer to the roll call, and did faithful work while in the service. Returning home, Mr. Stults commenced farming, and later on removed to Iowa. He worked on the railroad as section hand and then as fireman, and afterward made Douglas county, Ill., his home. In 1881 he purchased fifty acres of land in Paulding county, and at the present time it is worth $2,500. Mr. Stults was united in marriage to Miss Nancy Bennett, on May 3, 1866, and their children are George M., Ida M. and Clara (deceased). Mr. Stults is an aggressive republican, a member of the G. A. R., and he with his wife are members of the Lutheran church.

Joseph Tarault, proprietor of the stave mill at Worstville, Ohio, is a native of Canada, born in Peterborough in 1844. He is the eldest son of Edward and Anna (Savage) Tarault, natives of Montreal, and of French and Irish extraction. Joseph Tarault assisted his father in business during his youth and received only a meager education. When he was twelve years old his father died, and he was thrown upon his own resources. He worked for $6 per month, and at the age of twenty years went to Rochester, N. Y., where he worked as a day laborer. Later he purchased an interest in a factory which turned out staves for nail kegs, and this he continued for two years. Subsequently he sold his share and purchased a stave mill, which he operated for eight years, buying meantime other mills. He met with several losses by fire, and during eight years rebuilt his mill five times. He bought 1,000 acres of land, but at present owns but 360 acres near Elliston, Ottawa county, Ohio. In 1883 Mr. Tarault removed to Paulding county and purchased a saw mill of John Worst, the founder of Worstville. With this he bought 4,000 acres of land, 400 of which are well under cultivation at the present time. Mr. Tarault deals in staves, heading and native lumber, and his goods are in great demand. He manufactures 3,000,000 staves annually and 3,500,000 feet of lumber. In connection with this business, he is interested in farming and had a corn field of 125 acres in 1891. He is a self-made man, and what he has is owing to his own activity and industry. He owns much valuable city property in Toledo, of which city he is now a resident, and is one of the prominent and influential citizens of the community in which he resides. Politically he is a republican, though in no sense is he an office seeker. Mr. Tarault was married to Miss Maria Saddler, the daughter of John Saddler, in 1865, and they have one child, Lillie, the wife of George Harmon. Mrs. Tarault is a native of Canada, and was born in 1846. She is a lady favorably known and is a member of the United Brethren church.

John Tennar is a native of Harrison county, Ohio, and first saw the light of day on the 12th of March, 1827, the son of John and Mary (Tipton) Tennar. John Tennar, Sr., was a farmer, and came to Ohio in the early days, where he married, and began the pursuit of farming. He was a soldier in the war of 1812, at the close of which he removed to Van Wert county, where he died, aged sixty-two years. His wife had preceded him to the grave, dying of the small-pox. They were members of the Baptist church, and had raised a family of nine children. John Tennar was raised on the farm, and learned those lessons of industry and economy which stood him in good stead in after years. He did job work at fifty cents a day until his marriage, which occurred January 19, 1864, when Mrs. Elizabeth Johnson, the widow of Elias Johnson, and the daughter of George Leslie, became his wife. She was born in Van Wert county, August 11, 1839. Mr. Tennar enlisted in September, 1862, in company H, Fifteenth regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry, and was assigned to the army of the Cumberland. He went as far south as Nashville, and while on duty was taken sick and placed in the hospital. He received his honorable discharge in June, 1863. Mr. Tennar remained in Van Wert county until 1872, at which time he came to Paulding, and located on the farm which has been his home ever since. He found his farm just as nature had made it, and he had to cut away the timber before his house could be built. By hard work he has his land in a state of cultivation, and has erected substantial buildings upon it. He and his wife are members of the Dunkard church, in good standing. Their children are Ruth A., the wife of Thomas J. Reighter, and George W., who married Miss Ida M. Biggs. Mr. Tennar has been successful in his calling, and enjoys the friendship and good will of all who know him.

Absalom Voke, who was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, May 4, 1821, is a son of John and Anna M. (Neable) Voke, both natives of Pennsylvania. The paternal grandfather, Michael Voke, was born in Pennsylvania, and served in the Revolution. The maternal grandparents came from Germany. Our subject learned the trade of cabinet maker and carpenter, and followed it nearly the whole of his life. He was reared in Fairfield county, and came to be a fine workman, although his education was limited. In 1843 he was married to Miss Jane C. Askins, a native of the Old Dominion, but who became a resident of Ohio in childhood. She died in Darke county, in 1857, leaving seven small children, two of whom, Benjamin F. and William Henry, are living in Paulding township. Mr. Voke, after the death of his wife, worked at his trade in Logansport, Ind., for ten years, then returned to Darke county, and later moved to Paulding, and made his home with his son Frank. He has lived an industrious life, the evening of which he is spending in health and happiness. Benjamin Franklin Voke, son of the above mentioned, is a native of Fairfield county, having been born on the third of January, 1852. He was but three years old when his mother died, and he lived with Jacob Fritz until he reached the age of eighteen years. His education was obtained in the German schools of the county, after which he worked in tobacco, and then helped his uncle. He was a boy of good habits, saved his wages, and in 1879 he invested his hard earned money in eighty acres of land, which is now his present home. His buildings were well constructed, his barn being one of the best in the country. Mr. Voke was married, in 1880, to Miss Missouri Clark, a native of Virginia, Rockbridge county, born November 7, 1855. She is the daughter of Robert and Elizabeth Clark, of Irish extraction. Mr. and Mrs. Voke is a members of the Reformed church, and highly respected by a large circle of friends and acquaintances.

Daniel Weaver, a prominent stock grower of Paulding, was born in Preble county, Ohio, January 26, 1834, the eldest of eight children, four sons and four daughters, born to William and Mary (Harraman) Weaver, natives respectively of Virginia and Tennessee. The paternal grandfather was a native of the old dominion, and a soldier in the war of 1812. He reared a family of two sons and seven daughters. William Weaver, the father of our subject, was but two years of age when he was brought to Ohio. He married at the age of twenty-three, and became a well-to-do and progressive citizen. His son, our subject, was reared in Darke county, where he continued to reside until 1869, when Paulding county was made his home. He located on his land in the wilderness and experienced all the hardships of pioneer life. Game was abundant, and supplied them with meat. Mr. Weaver has redeemed 120 acres of land, upon which he has made improvements, second to none in the township. He is a progressive, self-made man, having the respect of the community in which he lives. Mr. Weaver was married, on the 9th of September, 1858, to Miss Catherine, the daughter of John and Margaret Brock, natives of Tennessee, but early settlers of Ohio. The children which blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Weaver are: Sarah A., the wife of Thomas Leslie; Frances M., Charles H. (deceased), and William A. The family are worthy members of the German Baptist church.

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP.

James M. Anderson, a worthy citizen of Washington township, is the son of Philip and Americus (Dicus) Anderson, of German and Irish extraction. He was born in Sugar Creek township, Putnam county, Ohio, on the 2d day of March, 1859, and his education was obtained in the common schools. The early life of Mr. Anderson was passed in Putnam county. He was married on the 17th of March, 1878, to Miss Louisa J. Nichols, and the issue of this marriage is as follows: Frank C., Margaret E., Ralph E., Leonard S., Stewart W. and Blaine J. Mrs. Anderson is also a native of Putnam county and dates her birth from the 13th day of October, 1854. She is a daughter of Edward and Margaret (Ervin) Nichols, of German ancestry. In 1890, Mr. Anderson, in company with his brother, engaged in handling a stock of general merchandise and thus far they have been successful. They are leading citizens of Plumb's Cross roads and enjoy universal respect. Politically the subject of this sketch affiliates with the republican party, being an active worker in its ranks.

Samuel Campbell is a representative of a worthy family of Washington township, Paulding county, where he was born May 18, 1848, the son of John and Lydia (Harrell) Campbell, of Scotch and German extraction. He was educated in the common schools and reared to the life of the farmer, which occupation he has ever since followed. The farm which Mr. Campbell now owns is the one upon which he first saw the light and was reared to manhood. On February 29, 1864, he enlisted in company G, Fifty-fourth regiment of Ohio volunteer infantry, for three years' service, and was a participant in the battles of Atlanta and Jonesborough. In the former engagement he was wounded in the right breast and was sent to the Marietta hospital for thirty days. At "Nigger Jack" Creek he was taken prisoner, and confined in Andersonville prison for six months. Mr. Campbell received his honorable discharge June 8, 1865, at Camp Chase, Ohio. On the first day of November, 1868, he was joined in marriage with Miss Elizabeth J., the daughter of Michael and Amanda (Killgore) Hoopingarner, and the children born to them are Byron (deceased), Amanda, John M., Georgia, Earl, Jessie (deceased), Ivan (deceased), and Irvin (deceased.) Mr. Campbell acted as assessor for two terms, and is a republican. He is one of the oldest settlers in Washington township, and a man of much prominence in the community.

Eleazer Cattell, the son of William and Rebecca (Mellsburg) Cattell, was born in Columbiana county, Ohio, March 18, 1820. He grew to years of maturity in his native county, and there acquired a common education. He was married July 10, 1845, to Catherine Meyer, born in Pennsylvania, January 18, 1824, a daughter of William and Anna (Sparscht) Meyer, and became the father of Rebecca (deceased), Sarah J. (deceased), and Isaac. Mrs. Cattell died May 28, 1885. Her husband who survives her is a member of the Christian church, and a venerable resident of Washington township. Isaac Cattell is a native of Paulding county, and
81 dates his birth from the 27th of October, 1857. He was reared on the farm and attended the country schools during the winter seasons. On the 22nd of February, 1883, Mr. Cattell was married to Miss Mary F., the daughter of Joseph and Lydia E. (McKinney) Craig, and by her had the following children: James W., born December 17, 1883; Joseph E., born April 11, 1886; and Clifford L., born November 1, 1887. Mrs. Cattell was born in Steuben county, Ind., June 20, 1864, and died November 18, 1888. Like his father, Mr. Cattell is a democrat in his political affiliations and one of the active and progressive young men of Washington township.

George H. Coltman is the son of George and Jane (Reid) Coltman, and was born in Richland county, Ohio, August 20, 1863. On the death of his father, his mother came to Paulding county, he being but nineteen months of age at the time. He was reared on the farm, and attended to his mother's affairs, remaining with her until his marriage to Miss Jennie Roach, which occurred March 4, 1888. Mrs. Coltman is a native of Brown township, this county, and was born February 8, 1868, the daughter of William and Laura (Mallet) Roach. Mr. and Mrs. Coltman are the parents of one child, named Fern A. The subject of this sketch is a republican, and while living in Brown township held the office of constable for four years. He is one of the leading citizens of Washington township and enjoys general popularity.

Eli Day is a native of Starke county, Ohio, and dates his birth from the 2d day of April, 1836. His parents were Solomon and Ann (Barnhill) Day, natives of Virginia and Pennsylvania, respectively. The subject of this sketch was but four years of age when his parents removed to Logan county, Ohio, where they resided until their deaths. For thirty-nine years, Eli Day was a resident of Logan county, and there, in 1860, on the 13th of May, he was united in marriage with Miss Marshana Ash. Mrs. Day was born January 16, 1838, her parents being Herod and Eliza (Bird) Ashe, of North Carolina. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Day are Laura B., the wife of David Hamilton; Oscar T., Laramer T., an infant unnamed, now deceased; Corinda A., Wellington, Oden, two infants deceased, and Warren. Politically Mr. Day is a prohibitionist, and with his wife belongs to the Baptist church, of which he has been a member thirty-six years and is noted for his decisions in church government and strict discipline. He located in Paulding county in 1880 and is a good citizen in all the relations of life.

Elias A. Dempsy (colored) was born in North Carolina, January 26, 1839, the son of James and Keturah (Ashe) Dempsy, freedmen. The subject of this sketch was but five years of age when his parents removed to Clarke county, Ohio, where they remained but a short time. They then went to Logan county, and in 1863 located in Paulding county, where the father died, February 19, 1888. The mother, who survives her husband, is a resident of Washington township. Mr. Dempsy was reared on the farm and received his education in the country schools. He engaged in teaching in the public schools of Logan and Paulding counties from 1860 to 1879, since which time he has devoted his attention to farming and the business duties of his office. He was married in Logan county, June 4, 1861, to Elizabeth, the daughter of Richard and Sophia (Hearst) Jackson, of Virginia, and had seven children, named James A., William C., Elias S., Mary E., wife of W. D. Simons; Minnie A. (deceased), Keturah, wife of George McGee, and Elizabeth C. Mrs. Dempsy died June 25, 1874, and Mr. Dempsy married in November, 1875, Sarah, the daughter of L. D. and Mary (Roberts) Hearn. The issue of this union is Ollie V., Cora J., Luther B., Lucius, Dorothy L., and Inez Z. Mr. Dempsy, who is an active republican, has held the office of township clerk for nine years and that of notary public for the same length of time. He and wife are members of the Methodist church. Mr. Dempsy located in this county in 1863 on a farm of sixty acres. In connection with his agricultural pursuits, he is engaged in raising fine horses. He leads a useful life and is recognized as a good farmer and a first-class citizen.

W. H. Dempsy, brother of the subject of this sketch, was born in Logan county, February 13, 1849. He is engaged in the ministry, being pastor of the Baptist colored church of Washington township.

John Folk is a native of Muskingum county, Ohio, and dates his birth from the 14th of April, 1824. He is the son of Jacob and Catherine (Landis) Folk, who came to Licking county in an early day, where they lived and died. John Folk, after obtaining a common education, began the struggle of life for himself. He learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed in connection with farming, and located in Paulding county in 1878, where he has since become one of the leading agriculturists in Washington township. Mr. Folk was united in marriage with Miss Marietta Wilcox, on October 15, 1848. Mrs. Folk was born in Vermont, near Burlington, December 29, 1825, the daughter of William Wilcox. She is the mother of Alice M. (deceased), John H., Howard, Emma C., wife of Frank Brickner; Lucy C., wife of L. T. Norris. Mrs. Folk died May 16, 1866. Mr. Folk is a republican in his political belief, and has held the office of justice of the peace for six years. He is a member of the Patrons of Husbandry, and formerly belonged to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. A good citizen, he enjoys the esteem of all who know him.

John and Andrew Gaines are farmers. They were born in Kentucky, as slaves of Joseph Hughes, who liberated them at the beginning of the war, and they soon afterward came north to seek homes. They were industrious, hard working young men, and to-day have a well improved farm, the result of their own good management. They each vote the republican ticket and are members of the Baptist church. They removed to Paulding county, Washington township, where they resided ever since. Andrew married Miss Mary Simmons, daughter of M. C. and Charlotte Simmons. By this marriage four children were born, viz.: Ida, Burton, John H. and Gertrude. John is yet single and is a thoroughgoing, industrious young man.

Joshua Hartzog was born in Schuylkill county, Penn., January 19, 1830, the son of Christian and Catherine (Lintimoot) Hartzog, of German origin. The parents came to Ohio in 1830, and located in Fairfield county, subsequently removing to the county of Mercer, where they remained a while and thence to Van Wert. In the latter county the subject of this sketch was reared and educated. He learned the blacksmith's trade in Wayne county, Ind., and for two years worked thereat. He removed to Paulding county, and here, on the 16th of January, 1851, he was united in marriage with Eliza J., daughter of Demmet and Ellen (Ridenhour) Mackerel. Mrs. Hartzog died on the last day of December, 1864, leaving the following children: James I., Mary E., wife of William Garrison; Sarah A., wife of Philip Kidner, and Christian M. Mr. Hartzog took as his second wife, Mrs. Sarah J. Pease, the widow of Mark Pease, and daughter of Henry Blythe. The children that have blessed this union are: Melissa J., wife of Jacob Rush; Annie H., wife of William McDorman; Joshua B., and Benjamin L. Mr. Hartzog married his present wife November 11, 1872. Before her marriage she was Elzina E., widow of Conrad Bevilhiner, and daughter of Lewis and Sophia (Eaton) Cole, of English descent. Mr. Hartzog located in Paulding county in 1850, upon the farm where he now resides. He is a prohibitionist in politics and has served as the trustee of the township for two years. His farm is one of the well improved pieces of property in the county, he having entered the land from the government in 1850.

Dr. D. C. Goings.—The subject of this sketch was born at Rumley, Shelby county, Ohio, May 19, 1839. He is a son of Joel W. and Elizabeth (Cole) Goings. His father was of Indian race and his mother of Irish descent. His father belonged to the tribe of Wapoo. Our subject was the seventh son of his father's children, and commenced doctoring at

the age of twelve years. His practice is through faith, and claims he was taught by the spirits his knowledge in the healing power. He received a collegiate education, and has practiced his profession through the states of Pennsylvania, New York and Ohio. He was married in Shelby county, Ohio, in June, 1861, to Rebecca, daughter of Archibald Fox, a full blooded Indian. By this union they have had born to them eight children: Joseph, Wesley, Lavenia Luella, wife of Charles Williams; Balaam, Craig, Charles, Julia and Isabella, deceased. Politically our subject is republican, and has filled the office of township trustee. His religious convictions are with the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he is a member. Mr. Goings is also a member of the Masonic order, and is connected with a lodge at Shippenville, Penn. Helocated upon his present place in Washington township, November 5, 1881, on which he has placed substantial improvements and is one of the well-to-do men of his township.

James M. Jackson was born in Hocking county, Ohio, October 15, 1843. His parents were James and Julia (Cook) Jackson, of New York, who came to this state in an early day. The father assisted in building the Hocking valley canal, and was a respected citizen of his adopted county. James M. Jackson, Jr., was reared to the life of the farmer in his native county and there obtained his education. His marriage to Miss Elizabeth Reedy occurred August 13, 1865, and the children born to them are Julia (deceased), Bastian H., William F., David L., Margaret C., wife of Daniel Martin; Minnie, wife of Oliver Clay; Alice, Dora C., Mary, Lulu, and Eva. Mrs. Jackson was born in Perry county, Ohio, June 29, 1844, a daughter of Samuel and Isabelle (Work) Reedy. She and her husband are active members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and enjoy high social standing. Politically Mr. Jackson is a republican and a member of the grange. He is engaged in raising fine horses and has been successful in his calling. The subject of this sketch entered the Ohio militia during the war, enlisted July 10, 1863, and was discharged May 1, 1866, at Columbus, Ohio.

Samuel S. Johnston.—One of the leading agriculturists of Washington township, Paulding county, is Samuel S. Johnston, a native of Mercer county, who dates his birth from the 20th of January, 1849. He is the son of Stephen and Rachel (Snyder) Johnston, of German and Scotch extraction. Mr. Johnston grew to manhood's estate in Shelby county, Ohio, and early imbibed those habits of industry and energy which belong to the life of the farmer. His schooling was obtained in the neighboring institutions of learning, and in 1873, on the 11th of January, he was united in marriage with Miss Eliza E., the daughter of Noah and Rebecca Fought. Mrs. Johnston was born in Paulding county, in 1859, and by her marriage became the mother of the following named: Stephen N., Ella R., John C. (deceased), Joseph A. (deceased), Blanche A., George W., David and Hattie M. Mr. Johnston's politics are of the democrat order and he is a member of the Patrons of Husbandry. He located in this county in 1873 and is a man of much prominence in the community.

Adam Kidner, a representative citizen of Washington township, was born in Franklin county, Ohio, March 11, 1840. His parents are George and Ruth Kidner, of Virginia, and he was reared to manhood in his native county. He followed farming while a youth and received his education at the common schools during the winter seasons. September 2, 1860, Mr. Kidner was married to Sarah A. Smothers, born in Fairfield county, April 4, 1837, the daughter of Joseph and Sarah (Rowe) Smothers. Mr. and Mrs. Kidner are members of the Methodist church and highly respected in the community where they reside. Our subject located in Paulding county in 1863 and has a farm which is well improved. He is interested in raising fine horses and his success in life is due to energy and hard work. Politically he is a democrat, but takes little interest in partisan contests.

Peter Leatherman, born in Allen county, June 10, 1864, is the son of Daniel and Mary (Alstetter) Leatherman, of German origin. He was reared and educated in his native county, and there married, on the 8th of September, 1887, Miss Marinda Taylor, the daughter of Jacob and Martha (McIntyre) Taylor. The union of our subject and his wife has resulted in the birth of three children, whose christian names are Addie, Edward and Florence. Mr. Leatherman owns a fine farm of eighty acres, on which he resides, where he enjoys the fruits of his own labor, and is an ardent supporter of the democratic party and one of the enterprising young men of Washington township, and respected by all who know him.

Daniel Leatherman (deceased) was born in Tuscarawas county, Ohio, May 4, 1823, the son of Daniel and Sophia (Swelly) Leatherman, of German extraction. He received his schooling in his native county, and there grew to manhood. During the late war he was a member of company H, Ohio volunteer infantry, and served for a short time. Mr. Leatherman was married September 26, 1847, to Miss Mary A. Alstetter, who was born in Hamburg, Germany, April 7, 1827, the daughterof Peter and Catherine (Gable) Alstetter. These parents came to America in 1829, and located in Smithsburg, Md., later removing to Allen county, Ohio, where they led the lives of farmers, and where their deaths occurred. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Leatherman were named: Matilda, wife of George Butler; John, Jacob, Elizabeth, wife of Martin Wise; Joseph (deceased), Samuel (deceased), Nettie, wife of Noah Myers; Peter, Charles (deceased), Philip, Annie and William. The death of Mr. Leatherman occurred on the 29th day of June, 1881, and in his death the community lost one of its most honored residents. During his life he had been a valued member of the United Brethren church, to which his widow and surviving children belong.

John McCluer, a worthy citizen of Washington township, was born in Logan county, Ohio, June 12, 1827, the son of Moses and Mary S. (Watt) McCluer, of Irish extraction. Mr. McCluer was reared to manhood in Allen county. He followed farming and also learned the tinner's trade, in Lima. He married in Allen county, January 10, 1850, Elizabeth Staley. Mrs. McCluer was born in Pickaway county, Ohio, March 7, 1828, and is the daughter of John and Ara (Kirby) Staley, of English and German origin. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. McCluer are: Martha A., wife of W. J. Fife; William H., Isaac N., John Monroe (deceased), Mary A., wife of M. J. Fife; Charley N., Ara, wife of J. C. Harmon, and Maggie E., wife of U. Hitchcock. On the 15th of August, 1861, Mr. McCluer enlisted in the First Ohio cavalry, and did active duty in recruiting the company. He was first lieutenant of his company, but on account of sickness was compelled to return home. He re-enlisted as a private, in 1864, in the Fourth Ohio cavalry, and received his discharge at Nashville, Tenn., June 28, 1865. He was active in the following engagements: Selma, Ala., Columbia and Macon, Ga. Mr. McCluer assisted in the capture of Jefferson Davis, standing guard over him for four days. He has held the office of trustee for six years and the minor township positions, and affiliates with the democratic party, in which he takes an active part and wields a large influence. He is one of the leading progressive men of the county, and is a liberal contributor to all public and benevolent enterprises. Mr. McCluer, who located in Paulding county in 1868, is a member of the Methodist church. He is a member of the G. A. R. post, and is a pensioner. He is favorably known in the county, and enjoys general esteem.

William H. McCluer.—Prominent among the leading citizens of Washington township, is William H. McCluer, the son of John McCluer, before mentioned. He was born in Allen county, Ohio, July 17, 1854, and was reared to manhood in his native county, being educated in the schools of the neighborhood. He early chose farming as his life work and has always been engaged in this occupation with good success. His marriage occurred March 7, 1878, Miss Mary A. Leatherman becoming his wife. She was born in Paulding county, in 1858, the daughter of Hiram and Catherine (Shafer) Leatherman, and by her marriage has become the mother of John H., Martin A. (deceased), Ida, William (deceased), Hattie, Myrtle A. and Charles F. The family are valued members of the United Brethren church, and enjoy the esteem of the community in which they reside. Mr. McCluer, who is an enterprising gentleman, is a democrat in political belief, and is at present trustee of the township, having been elected in the spring of 1890.

John C. Martin, born in Washington township, Paulding county, Ohio, on the 5th of November, 1861, is one of the representative young citizens of the community in which he resides. He is the son of Henry and Hulda (Edwards) Martin and was reared and educated in his native county. He was married on the 30th of August, 1890, to Miss Cassie Allerding, of Hancock county, and a daughter of Michael Allerding, of German origin. Mrs. Martin was a school teacher prior to her marriage, having taught nine successive and successful terms. She and her husband are members of the Christian church and enjoy good social standing. Mr. Martin is a believer in the principles of the democratic party and an enterprising young man who has many friends and well wishers.

John H. Matson, son of John T. Matson, who is elsewhere mentioned in this volume, was born in Putnam county, Ohio, on the 4th day of January, 1859. Reared on the farm, Mr. Matson early chose the calling of the agriculturist, and is one of the leading young men of Washington township. His education was received in the schools of his neighborhood, and has been supplemented by careful reading and observation. He is a worthy member of the United Brethren church, and politically adheres to the tenets of the republican party. Mr. Matson is an energetic and progressive young man, and if life and health be spared him

has a bright future before him.

John T. Matson is a native of Ohio, born in Auglaize county on the 13th of April, 1830. His parents, John and Rebecca (Johns) Matson, were of Welsh and English parentage, and honored residents of the county in which they live. Mr. Matson was reared to manhood in Putnam county, and there received his education. His marriage occurred on the last day of December, 1854, at which time Elizabeth Shafer, born in Fairfield county, December 27, 1828, became his wife. Their children are: William F., Ruth, wife of John Yant; John H., Rebecca E., wife of Charles W. Kicher and Eliza J. Politically, Mr. Matson is a republican, and with his wife and children belongs to the United Brethren church. He has been a representative citizen of Paulding county since 1861, and is highly respected wherever known.

Joseph F. Mellinger, one of the enterprising young men of Paulding county, was born in Washington township, April 12, 1861, a son of David and Sarah J. (Burbage) Mellinger. He was reared on the homestead farm in his native county, and his scholastic training was received in the schools of the neighborhood. Mr. Mellinger was united in marriage on the 11th of October, 1886, with Miss Emma L. Spray, the daughter of Edward and Hannah (Montgomery) Spray. Mrs. Mellinger was born in Latty township, this county, July 15, 1866, and has borne her husband the following children: Ethel (deceased), and Oscar. Mr. Mellinger is a stanch supporter of the republican party. He is a member of the grange, and with his wife belongs to the Methodist church. Mr. Mellinger is an active business man and a good citizen in every sense of the word.

Joseph Moxley, born a slave in Shelby county, Kentucky on the 10th of August, 1813, is one of the leading agriculturists of Washington township. He is a stockholder in the Toledo, Delphos & Burlington railroad and settled in this township in 1862. When Mr. Moxley was thirty-one years of age he left Kentucky, and went to Illinois, where he remained six weeks. He then removed to Canada, paying a man the sum of $60 to take him across the Ohio river. His wife, Cynthia Ann, was a slave girl owned by John L. Clark. She died two years after he started for Canada, leaving five children. Returning to the United States after

the war, Mr. Moxley visited his old master, and was permitted to take with him his three children, who still survived. They were Lewis L., born May 30, 1842; May J., born December 28, 1843, and Charles C., born August 18, 1846; Caroline died in April, 1849, and George L. was born September 15, 1849. The parents of Mr. Moxley were Robert Ferris, a native of Kentucky, and Lucinda (Wode) Bont, who died in that state. The subject of this sketch has been one of the directors of the agricultural society of Washington township and is highly respected in the community where he resides. He had no opportunity of receiving an education in his boyhood, but by close observation has become well posted on the affairs of the day. He has given his children good educations, and they are respected citizens of the county. For fifty years Mr. Moxley has been a devoted member of the M. E. church, and has held most of the offices in that organization.

Joseph Nichols was born in Putnam county, Ohio, December 8, 1847, the son of Edward and Margaret (Irwin) Nichols. The paternal ancestors were Irish, while the maternal were German, who came to Putnam county in an early day and here died. Joseph Nichols was reared in his native county and married there on the 12th of April, 1866, Mary E., the daughter of William and Louisa (Critten) Bogart. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Nichols are William E., Louisa A. (deceased), Margaret, wife of B. Jackson; Joseph T., John E., James E., Henry H., Ralph L., Effie G., Emory and Bessie L. Mr. Nichols is a democrat, and while a resident of Putnam county, held the office of trustee of Union township. He located in Paulding county in 1888 and is an honored citizen of Washington township. He is a member of the grange, No. 619.

David P. Oliver, a popular citizen of Washington township, is the son of James and Frances (Hamilton) Oliver, and was born in Union county, February 15, 1853. He grew to years of maturity in his native place, and there acquired a common education. Mr. Oliver located in Paulding county, in 1875, and has always followed farming. He is a republican, and held the office of assessor for one term, that of constable for the same length of time, and at present he is the postmaster at Plumb's Cross Roads, and notary public. Mr. Oliver was married September 9, 1875, to Miss Maggie E., the daughter of W. K. and Mary (Richards) Mellinger, becoming his wife. Mrs. Oliver was born December 6, 1859, and is the mother of Wilberta H., Francis M., Mary M. and Jessie. The family are communicants of the Methodist church, in which body Mr. Oliver is trustee. He is a member of the grange, and his success is due to his energy and hard work.

William E. Pease, the eldest son of Elwood and Margaret Pease, was born in Darke county, Ohio, January 11, 1843. He was reared amid rural scenes, in which he learned those lessons of industry, economy, integrity and perseverance which have characterized his subsequent life, and in February, 1864, enlisted in company A, Fifty-seventh Ohio volunteer infantry, receiving his discharge on the 26th of August, 1865. He took part in the engagements of Buzzard's Roost, Tunnel Hill, Resaca, Kenesaw Mountain and Fort McAllister, and several minor skirmishes. Returning home, Mr. Pease and Miss Elizabeth Lucas were united in marriage on December 3, 1865. Mrs. Pease is the daughter of Nathaniel and Mary Lucas, and bore her husband five children, as follows: Mary M. (deceased), Barbara E. (deceased), William S., Byron D. and Joshua S. (deceased), She departed this life in January, 1878, and on April 24, 1880, Miss Mary, the daughter of Levi and Cynthia Elston, became the second wife of Mr. Pease. Their children are: Thomas B. and Eliza M. He is a democrat in his political belief, though not a seeker for office, and is a worthy and useful citizen.

Lloyd Phillips is a native of Kentucky, born in Jefferson county, August 24, 1840. He was born a slave and served until 1864, when he escaped across the Ohio river and went to Pennsylvania, where he remained for a short time. He then went to Columbus, and from there to Greene county, Ohio, where he lived for seven years. Mr. Phillips is the son of Abraham and Nancy (Lewis) Phillips, both of whom were slaves in Jefferson county. The marriage of Mr. Phillips, the subject of this notice, occurred in Kentucky, while he was a slave, to Miss Lucy Hardin, who died in 1880, leaving Charles, Lloyd, Eliza J., wife of E. Watson; William, Victoria (deceased), and John Phillips. March 17, 1881, Mr. Phillips was married to Georgiana Howard, a daughter of Richard and Elizabeth Howard. They are the parents of Thomas H., James, George, Arthur, and Iola. Politically Mr. Phillips is a republican, and has held the office of supervisor for one year. He was licensed to preach in 1870, and is the pastor of four different congregations of the Baptist denomination. Since 1872, Mr. Phillips has been a resident of Paulding county, and in connection with farming, he raises fine horses. His farm is well improved, and both as a farmer and citizen he is esteemed as an honored resident of the community.

Henry L. Plumb (deceased), formerly a well-known citizen of Washington township, was born in Hamilton county, Upper Canada, May 7, 1834. His parents were Caleb J. and Eliza (West) Plumb, natives of New York, of English parentage. Mr. Plumb was educated in Jay county, Ind., and in 1861, removed with his parents to Paulding county, Ohio, and there married, on the 5th of February, 1865, Sarah, the daughter of Michael and Amanda (Kilgore) Hoopingarner. Mrs. Plumb dates her birth from July 28, 1845, the place of her nativity being Tuscarawas county, Ohio. She was a worthy companion of her husband, and is the mother of Eliza A., wife of A. J. Orner; Minnie M., wife of James R. Sherry; John H., Sarah L., Eva May, Dillie E. (deceased), Clarence J., Michael H. (deceased), Mary R. and Elvira J. Henry L. Plumb served in the late war as a private in company M, Forty-fifth Indiana volunteer cavalry, and had two brothers (Eugene A., who was shot in battle, and Francis, who starved to death in Libby prison) in the war. Mr. Plumb met his death on the 15th of August, 1883, in an accident in a saw mill, and in his demise a good citizen of the county passed away.

David Prowant, son of Rev. Henry Prowant, who is elsewhere mentioned in this volume, was born in Washington township, Paulding county, Ohio, February 12, 1856. He grew to manhood on the farm and was educated in the common schools. July 10, 1879, he was happily wedded to Hannah, daughter of William and Louisa (Harmon) Bidlack, of German origin, and two children have been born to them, namely: Lawrence and Jennie. Mrs. Prowant died December 23, 1888, and Mr. Prowant married on April 12, 1890, Miss Catherine, the daughter of Jonathan and Rebecca Weller. The result of this union is a daughter named Rebecca. Mr. and Mrs. Prowant are members of the German Baptist church and enjoy high social standing. Farming has been the principal work of the subject of this sketch and in his calling he has met with a fair share of success.

Rev. Henry Prowant is a native of Pennsylvania, born in Lancaster county, February 11, 1827. He is the son of Christian and Catherine (Gable) Prowant, German settlers of the above named state. Mr. Prowant was reared in Wayne and Putnam counties, his marriage occurring in the latter on the 9th of May, 1850, at which time Miss Catherine Eyer, of Canada, became his wife. She is the daughter of John and Barbara (Shank) Eyer, and by her marriage became the mother of Minda (deceased), Jacob (deceased), David, Barbara, wife of D. Shafer; Annie, wife of D.

Reynolds; Emma, wife of Charles Thrasher; Samuel and William H. Mr. Prowant is a republican and one of the leading citizens of Washington township. He has served as trustee of his township one term, and at present he is the minister of the old German Baptist church, having been ordained in 1857. He located in Paulding county in 1851, and in connection with his ministry has followed farming. His first wife departed this life on the 23d of February, 1890, and on the 20th of May, 1891, Mr. Prowant was again married, Mrs. Ruth Wilcox, the widow of Richard Wilcox, becoming his wife. Mrs. Prowant is the daughter of John and Rebecca Matson.

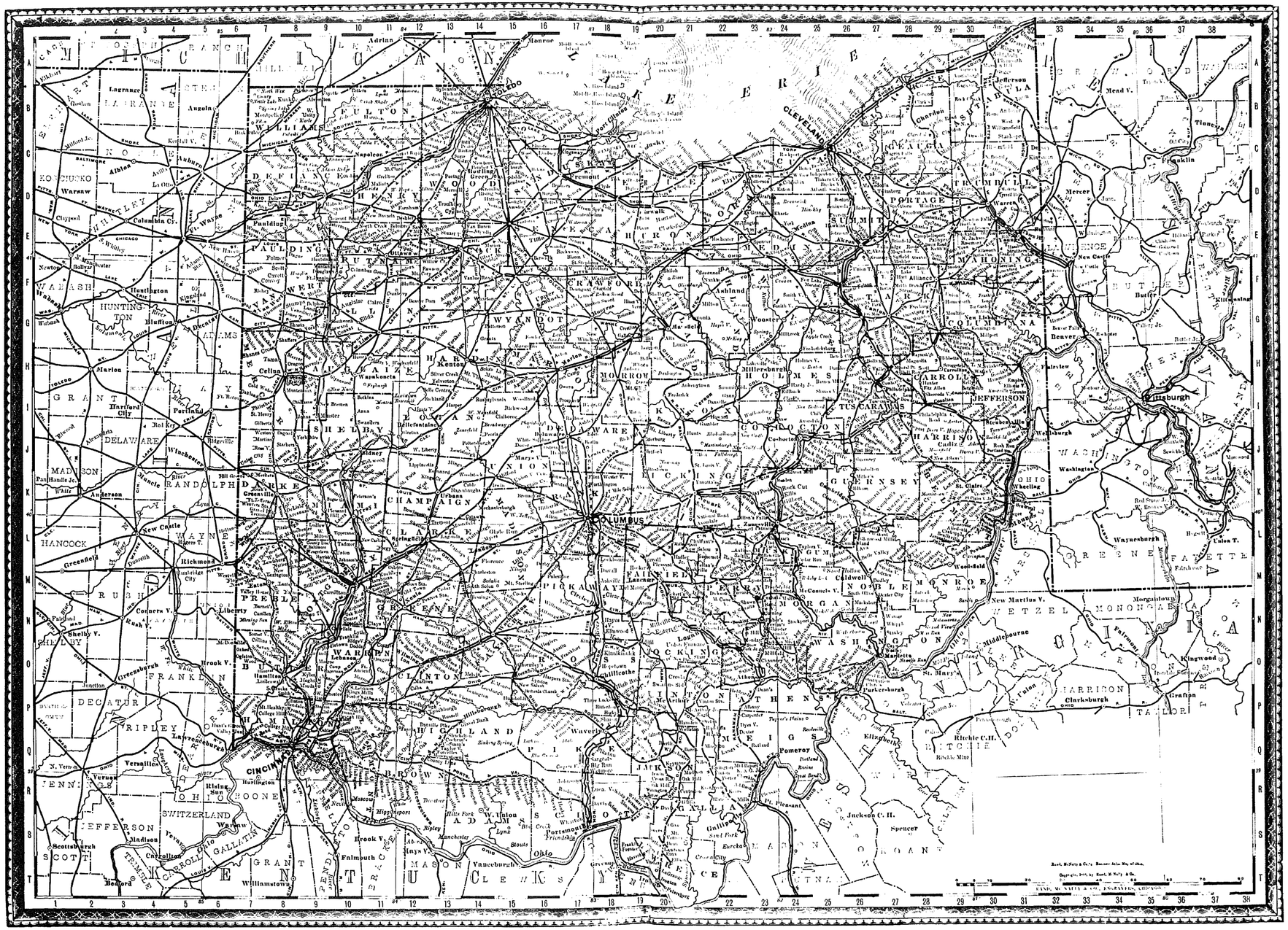
Samuel Prowant the fourth son born to Rev. Henry Prowant, before mentioned, first saw the light on the 27th of April, 1865, his birthplace being Washington township, Paulding county, Ohio. He was reared upon the farm, and was educated in the common schools of the township. He has been successfully engaged in tilling the soil, and thoroughly understands his work. Mr. Prowant married Miss Ruth Wilcox, on the 2nd of September, 1887, and they have one child, a daughter, named Bertha. Mr. Prowant is the daughter of Richard and Ruth Wilcox, and a worthy companion to her husband. The subject of this notice is a republican in his political belief, and is deeply interested in the welfare of his party. He is a progressive young man, and has the esteem and good will of his fellow-citizens.

Silas H. Sanderson located in Paulding county, on the farm where he now resides, in 1859. He is a native of Fayette county, and was born May 6, 1829, the son of Alex. and Mary (Newman) Sanderson. These parents were farmers by occupation and settled in this county in 1810. Silas Sanderson was raised in his native county, and in 1853 married Margaret Workman, the daughter of Joseph and Sarah (Carr) Workman. Mrs. Sanderson was born in Fayette county, in 1833, and by her marriage became the mother of Charlotte (deceased), Frances M., Jemima, wife of D. Smith; Mary E., wife of L. Bowsher; George W., Sarah E., wife of Jacob Moore; Janet, wife of D. Kincaid; John, and James A. Mr. Sanderson and family are belivers in the Bible and their lives are in harmony with its teachings. Politically he is a republican. His success in life has been achieved by that thrift and energy which have been marked characteristics of the man, and he has gained the confidence and esteem of all who come in contact with him.

John Shafer located in Paulding county when the townships of Washington and Latty were one, the date of his settlement being 1848. He was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, July 10, 1823, the son of Frederick and Ellen (Scorkins) Shafer, of English and German parentage. Mr. Shafer received a common education and was married in Allen county, on the 29th of September, 1842, to Miss Susan Dickey. She was born in Holmes county September 4, 1818, and was the daughter of John and Mary (Deets) Dickey. The children which bless the union of Mr. and Mrs. Shafer are: Jacob D., John F., William, Daniel A., Jefferson E. and Willomina, Mary E. and Susan A., who are deceased. Mr. Shafer is one of the leading republicans of Washington township and cast his first vote for Martin Van Buren. He is one of the pioneer settlers of the county and highly respected for the long life of probity and usefulness which he has led.

Jacob D. Shafer is the son of John Shafer, who is elsewhere mentioned in this volume. He was born on the 22d of February, 1844, in Allen county, Ohio, and at the age of four years came to Paulding county, with his parents, where he grew to manhood on one of the first farms in Washington township, following the occupation of the farmer. He was married in Putnam county, September 6, 1866, to Miss Susan, the daughter of David and Esther (Shank) Spitnale, and by her he had the following named children: John W., Hulda E., wife of Elias Bidlack; Elizabeth, Annie, David, Lewis, Lawson, Eula and Clinton J. Mrs. Shafer was born in September, 1846, and, with her husband, belongs to the Mennonite church. Mr. Shafer has held many of the township offices, and is a republican in politics. He has been a worthy citizen of Paulding county since 1868. On the 15th of June, 1863, he enlisted in company C, One Hundred and Twenty-ninth Ohio volunteer infantry, and received his discharge at Cleveland, Ohio, March 4, 1864. He took part in the battles of Cumberland Gap and Clinch river, during which engagements he fought bravely and faithfully for his country.

Isaac Staley, a retired farmer, was born in Pickaway county, Ohio, January 7, 1829, the son of John and Arah (Kerby) Staley, natives of Virginia and Maryland, respectively, the former of German and the latter of Irish and English extraction. They came to Pickaway county, Ohio, in childhood and here married, rearing a family of three sons and three daughters. Mr. Staley died at the age of seventy years, and Mrs. Staley yet survives, aged eighty-three years. Our subject removed to Allen county, in infancy, with his parents, and was frequently nursed by the Indians, as they were numerous in that section during his childhood. He was reared a farmer boy and received a limited education from the common schools, and during his boyhood days took up blacksmithing in the shop with his father. He began business at Lafayette, Ohio, where he opened a blacksmith, wagon and repair shop. Mr. Staley was an expert workman, and made many a breaking plow and other farm tools. In the fall of 1863, he removed to Paulding county, locating in section 18, Washington township, having to cut his road to his forest home, where he became a pioneer. He opened a blacksmith shop in which he worked during the day, and at night cleared away the forest where he had his first wheat field. He followed his trade for thirty years along with farming, becoming one of the well-to-do farmers of his county. After abandoning his trade he began dealing in timber, after which he was employed by Moses Bros., of Cleveland, Ohio, and for several years was one of the most active timber dealers in northwestern Ohio, and no man stands higher for integrity and honor. He is an aggressive republican and one of the leaders of his party for years. He located at Dupont, Ohio, in 1890, where he enjoys all the comforts of life provided by his own hard work and industry. Mr. Staley is one of the leading Sunday-school workers in the county, and during the first two years in this county, succeeded in establishing five Sunday-schools, and to-day fine church societies flourish as the fruits of his work. He is also a pioneer temperance worker. Mr. Staley was married, in 1840, to Miss Martha A. Gilbert, a native of Canada, of English parentage. By this union are eight children, viz.: Clinton J., Caroline, wife of Edward Keltner; Mary, wife of Mayland Thompson; Lilly, wife of James Sherer; Isaac L., Edward, sheriff of Paulding county, William and Arthur H. Mrs. Staley died in 1879, having been a life-long member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Staley married again in the fall of 1882. Mrs. Margaret Kingery became the bride. Mr. and Mrs. Staley are worthy members of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which Mr. Staley has been a member for forty years.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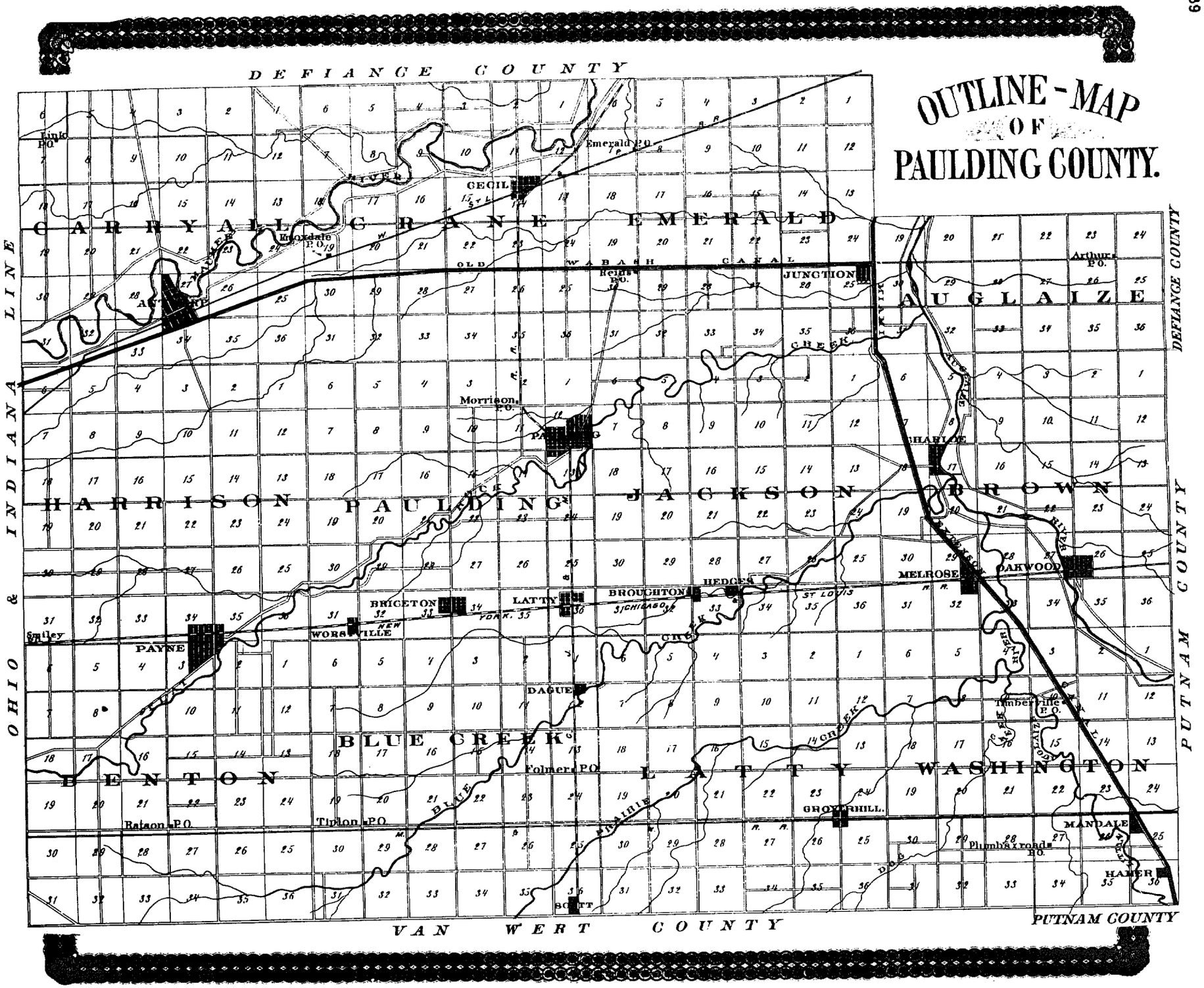

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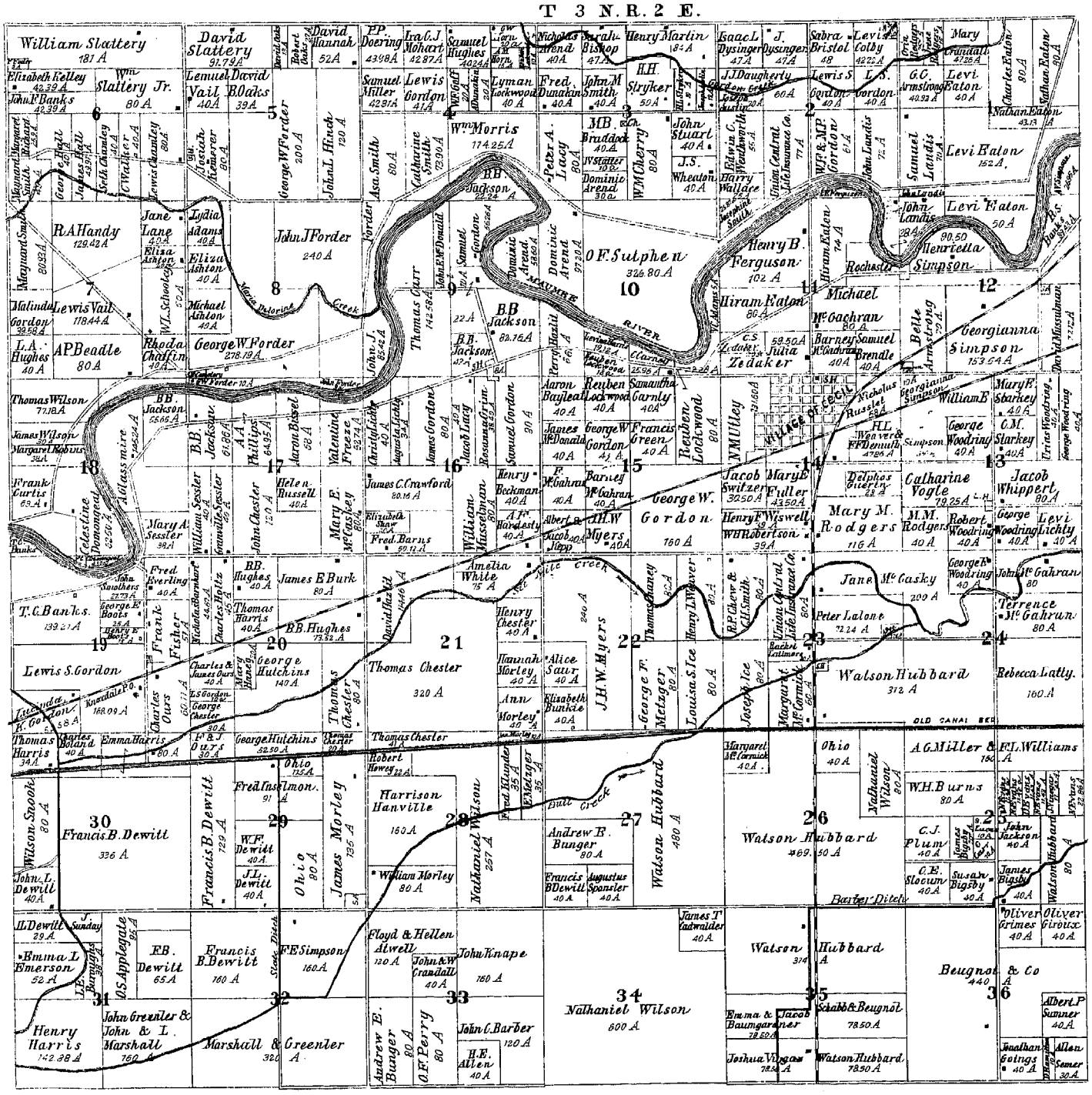

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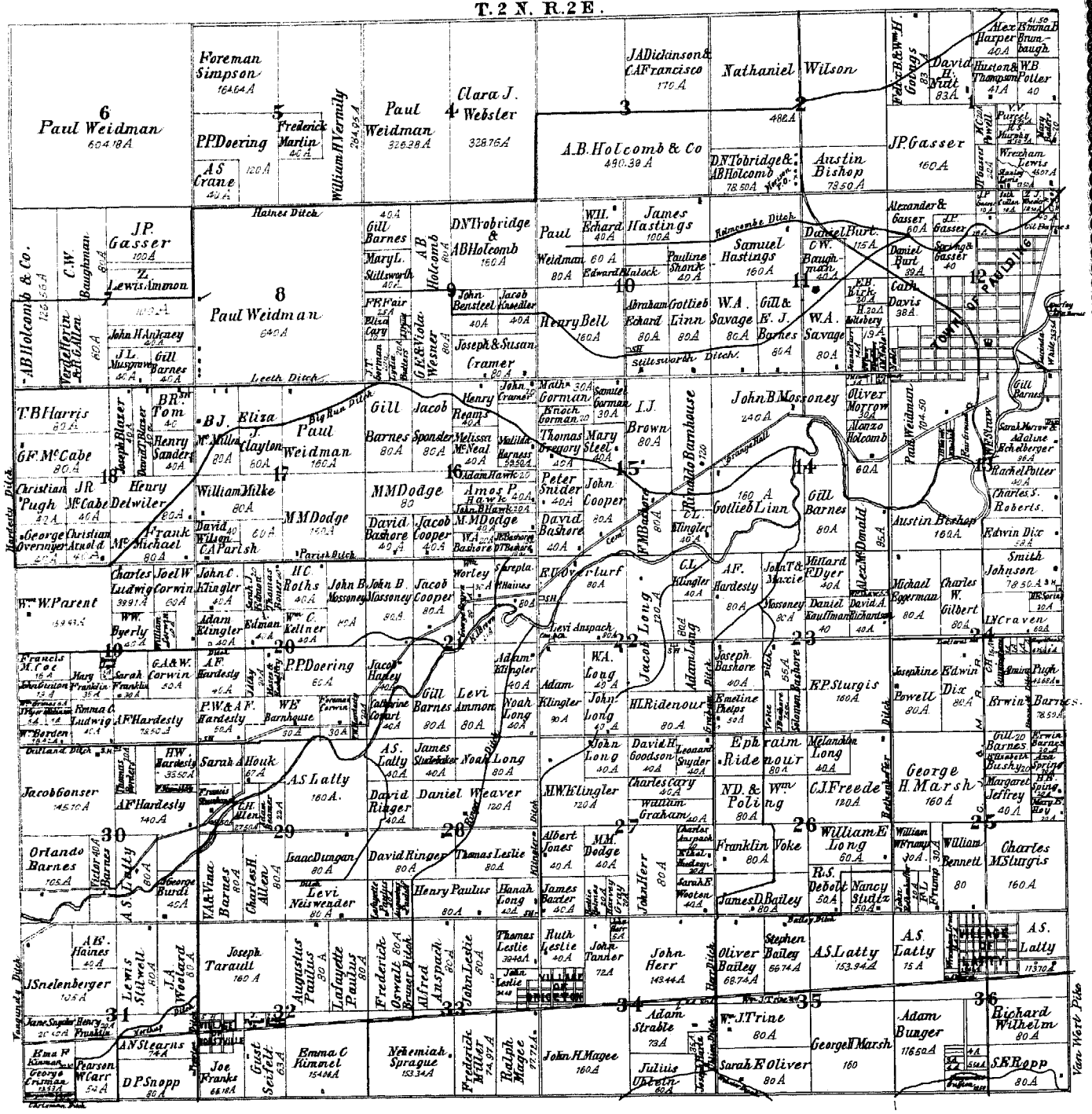

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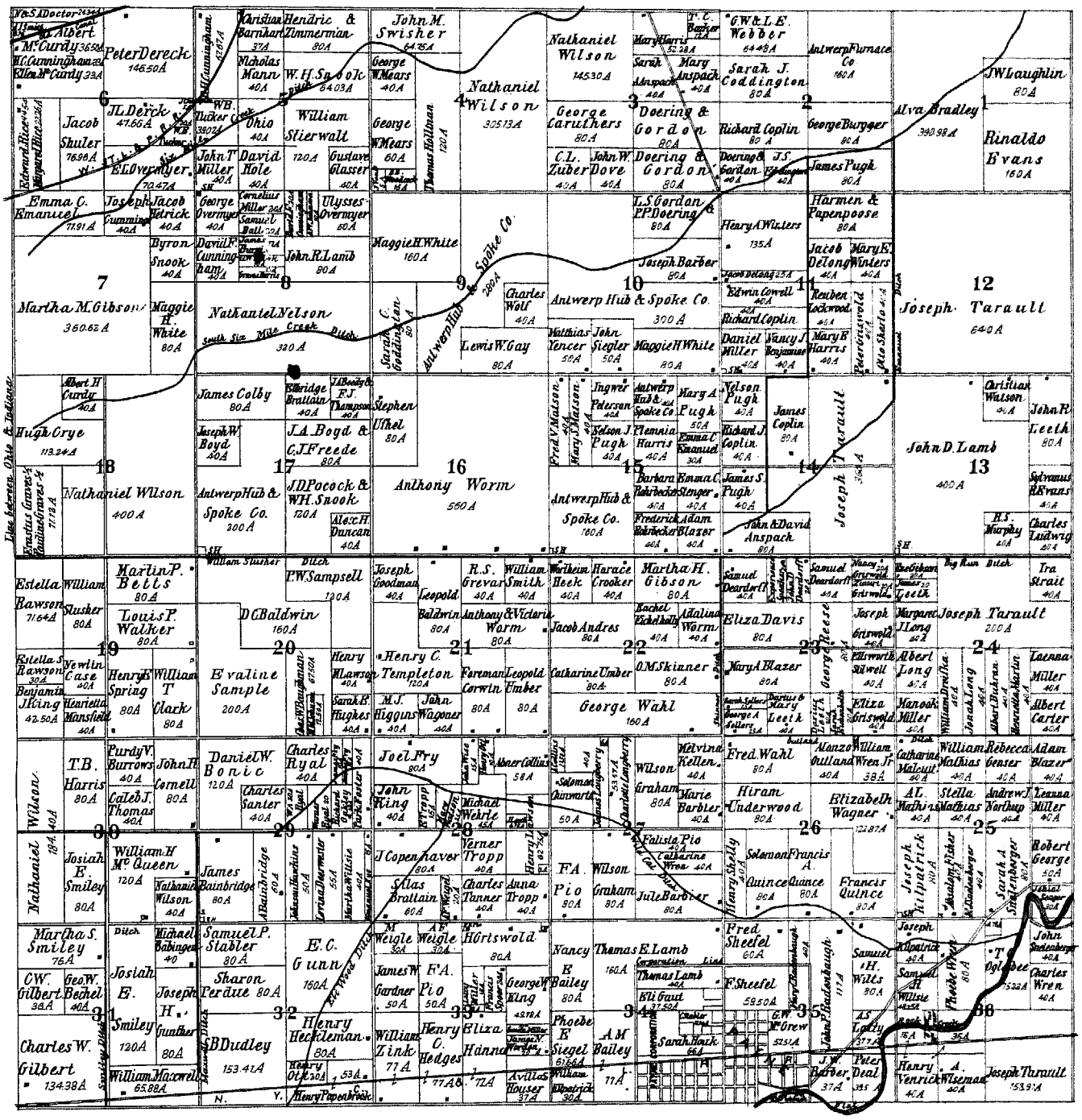
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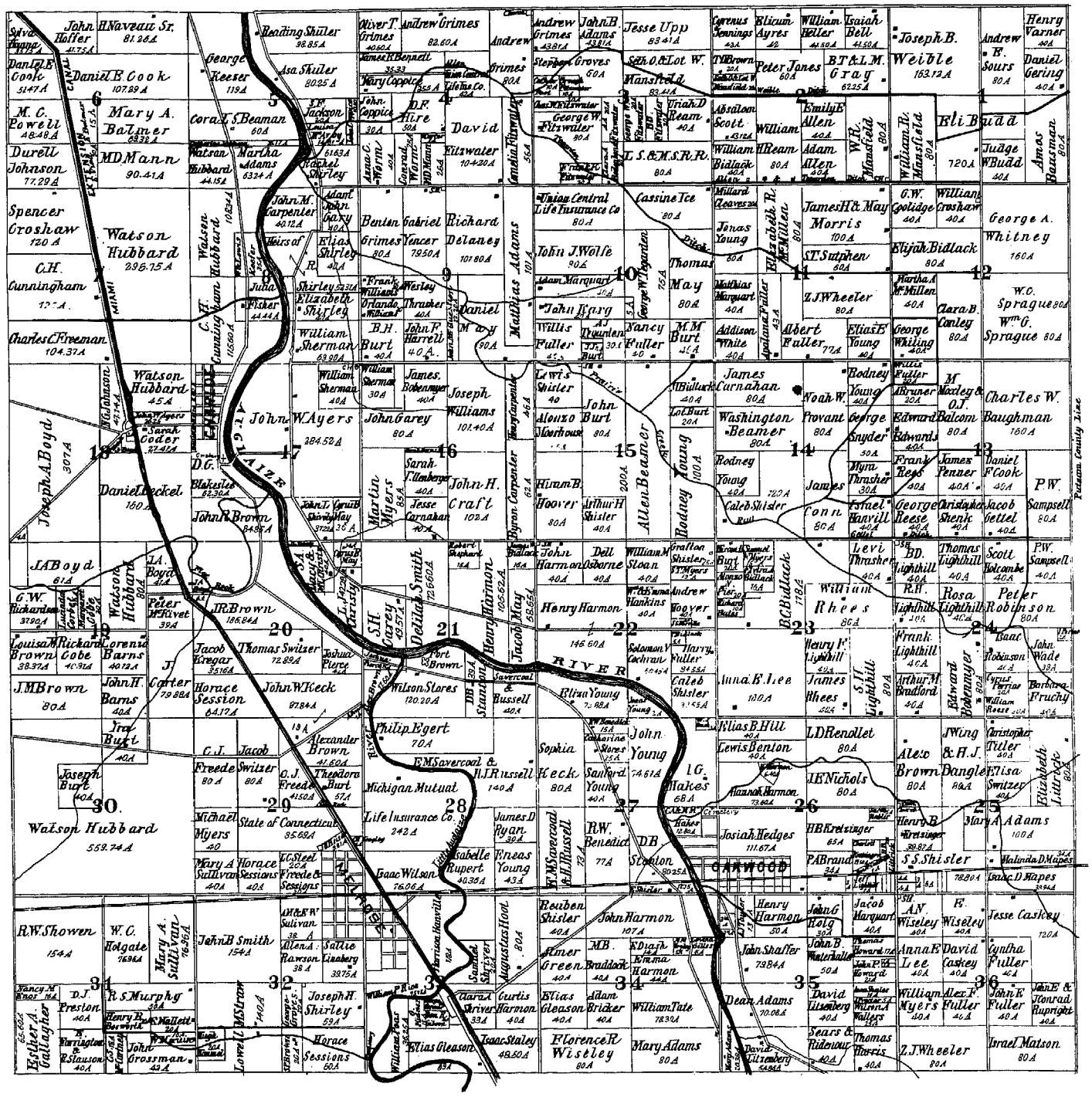
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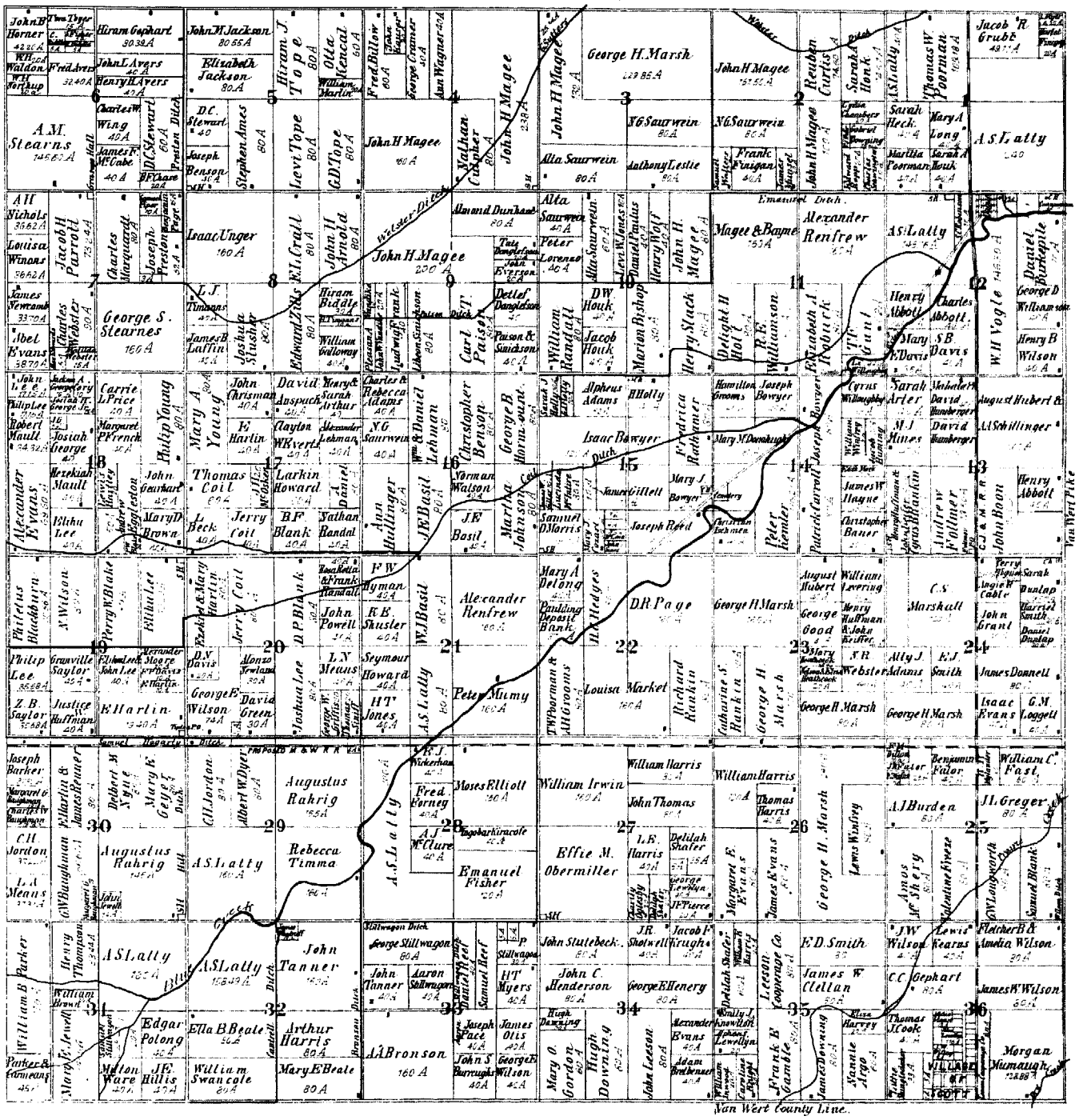

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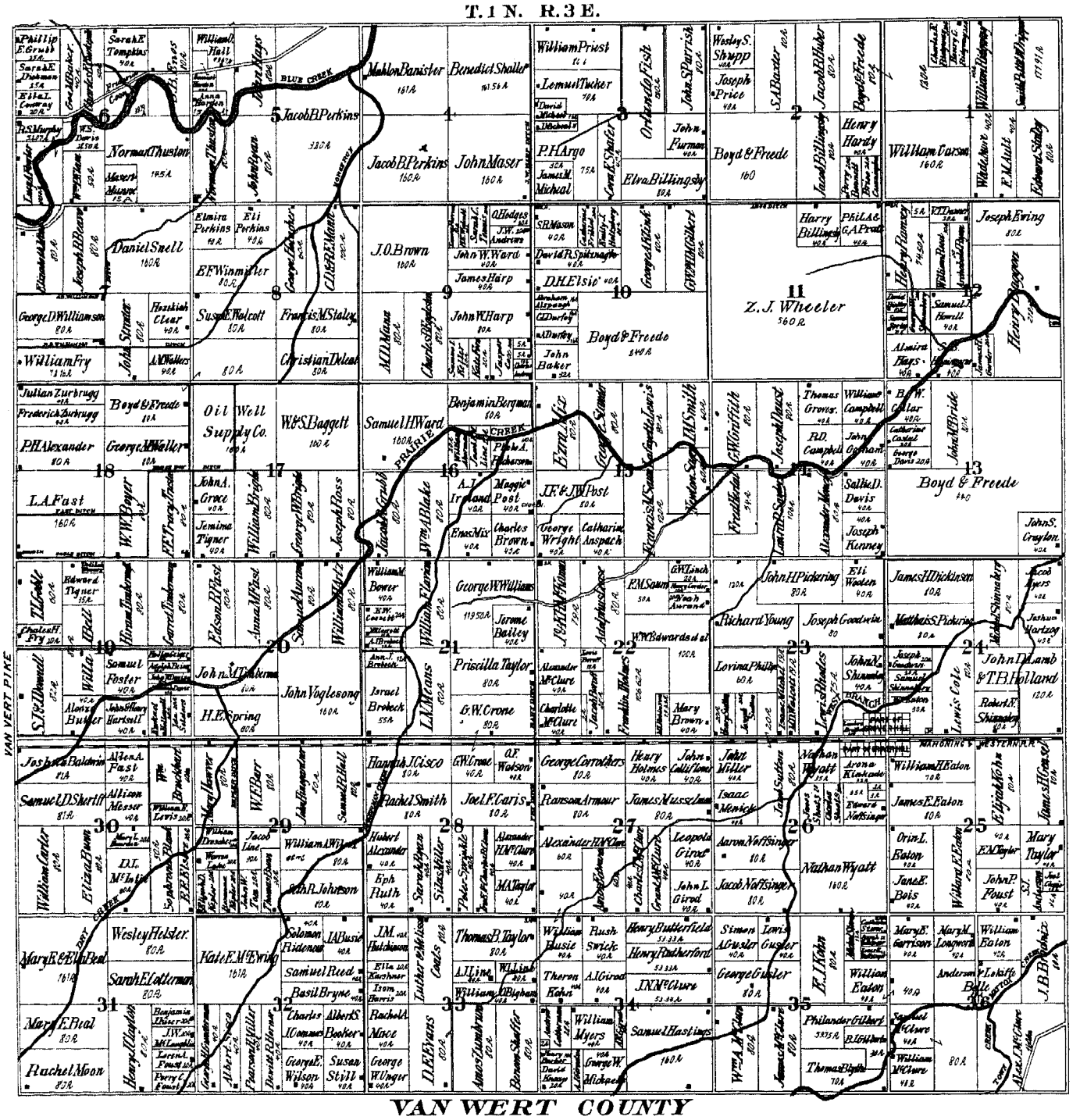

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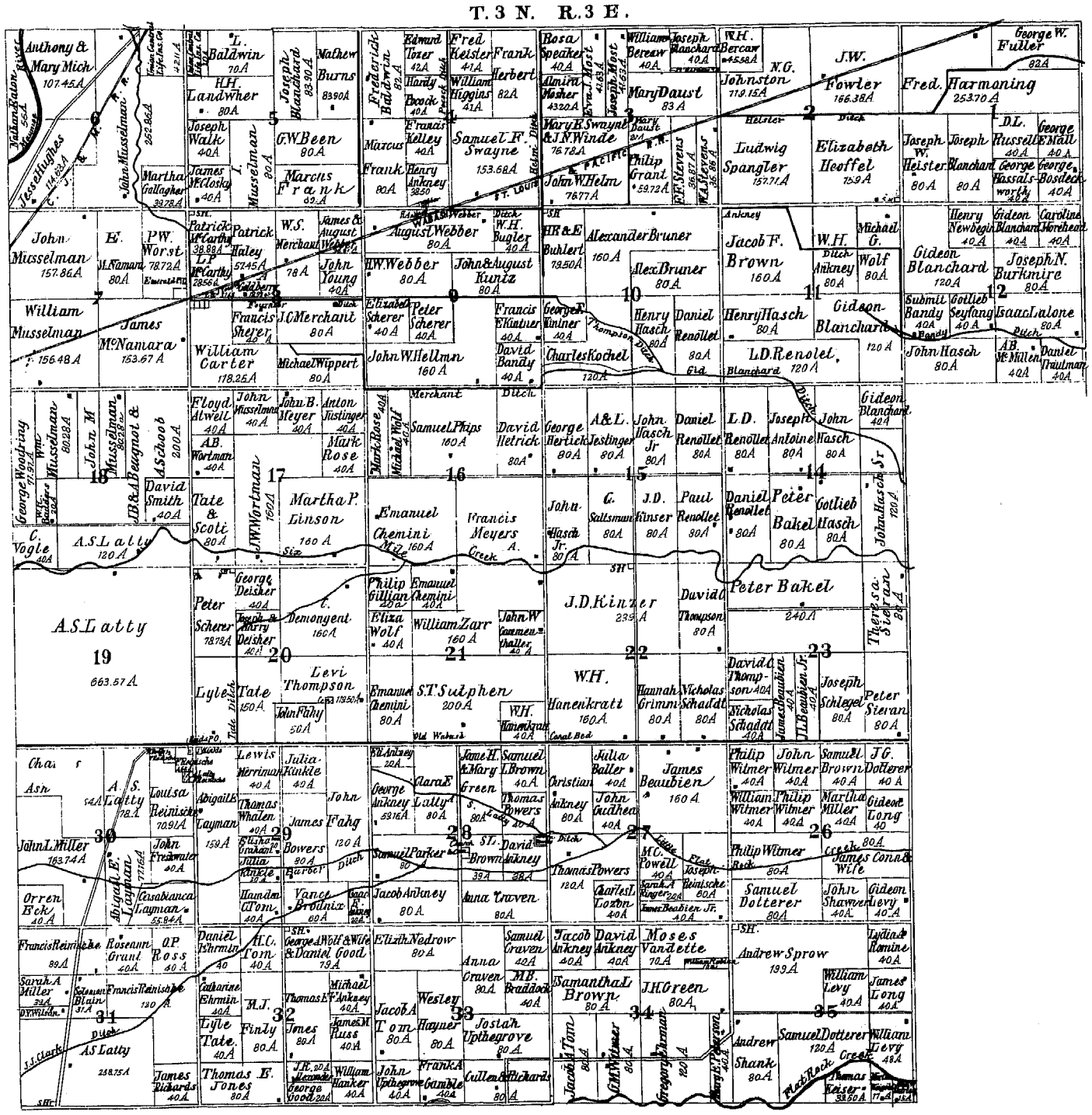

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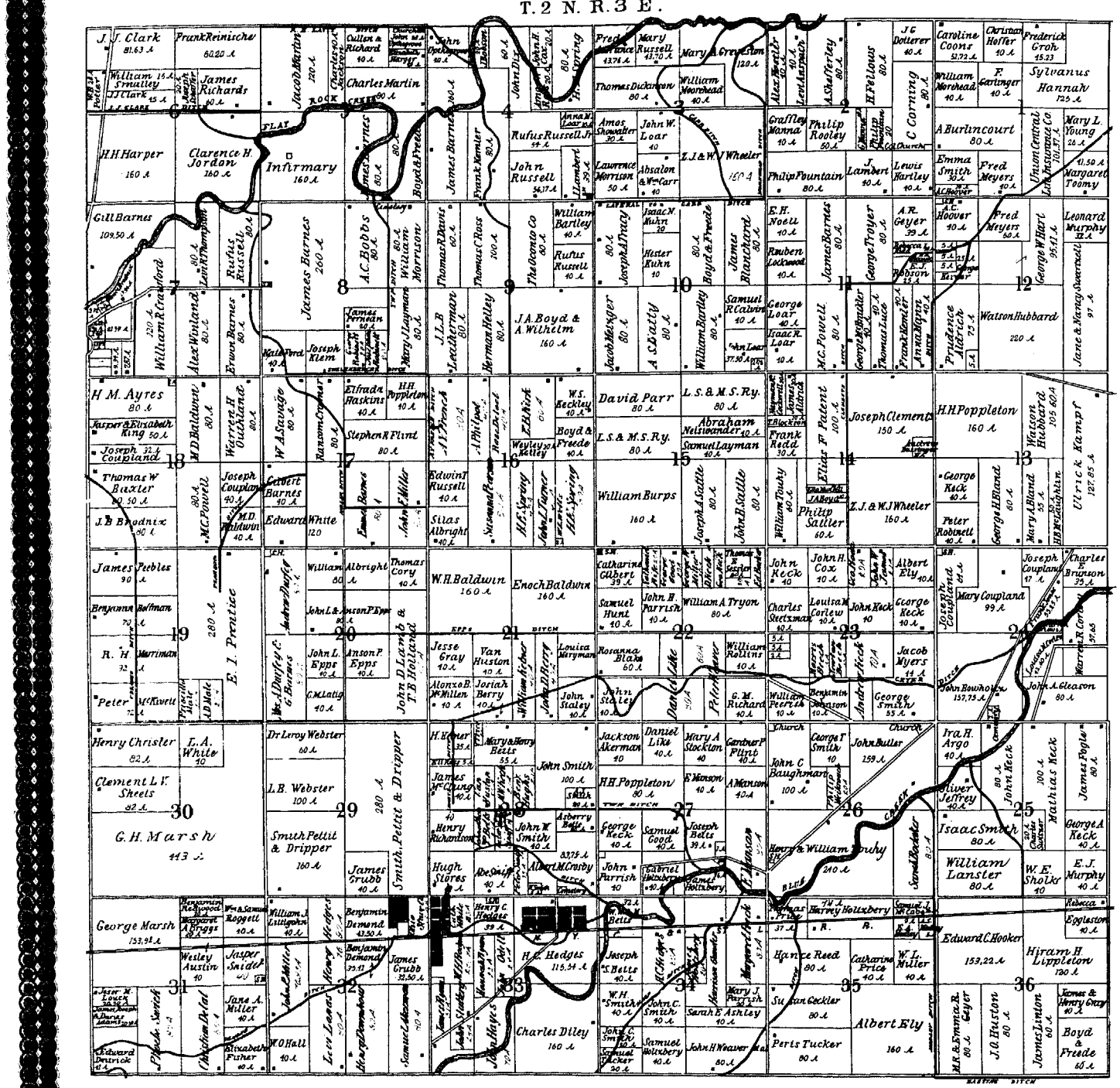
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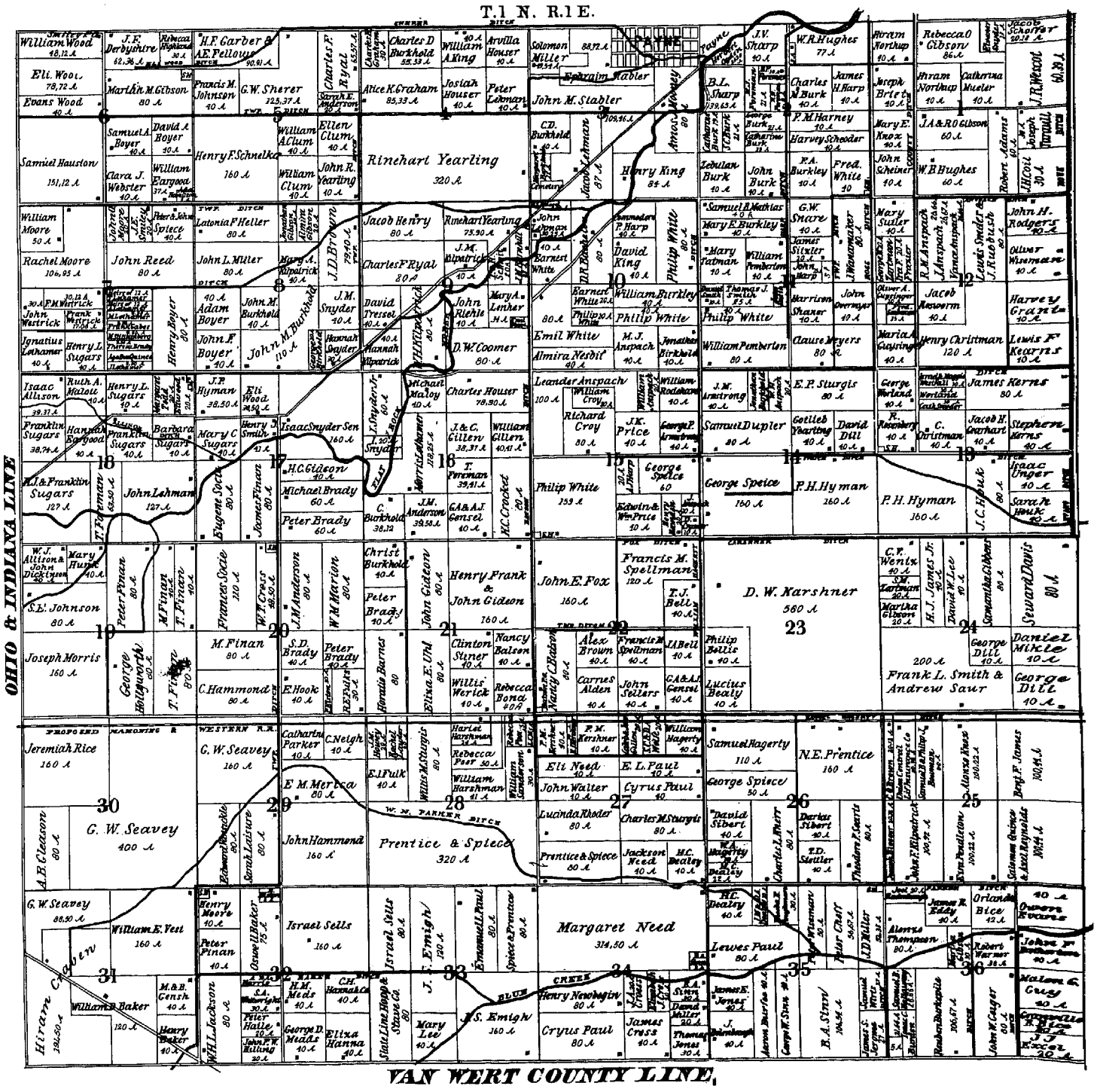
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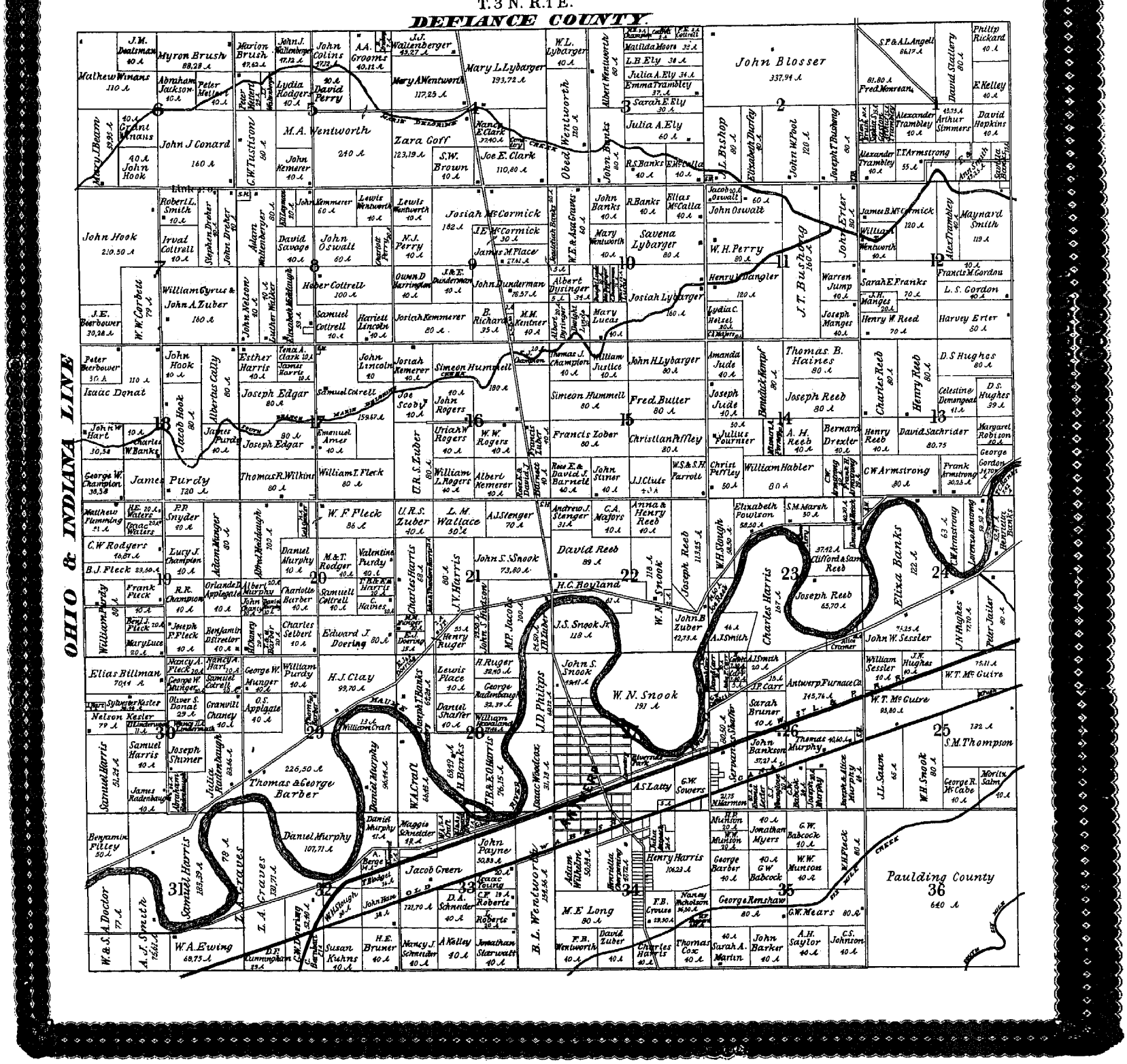
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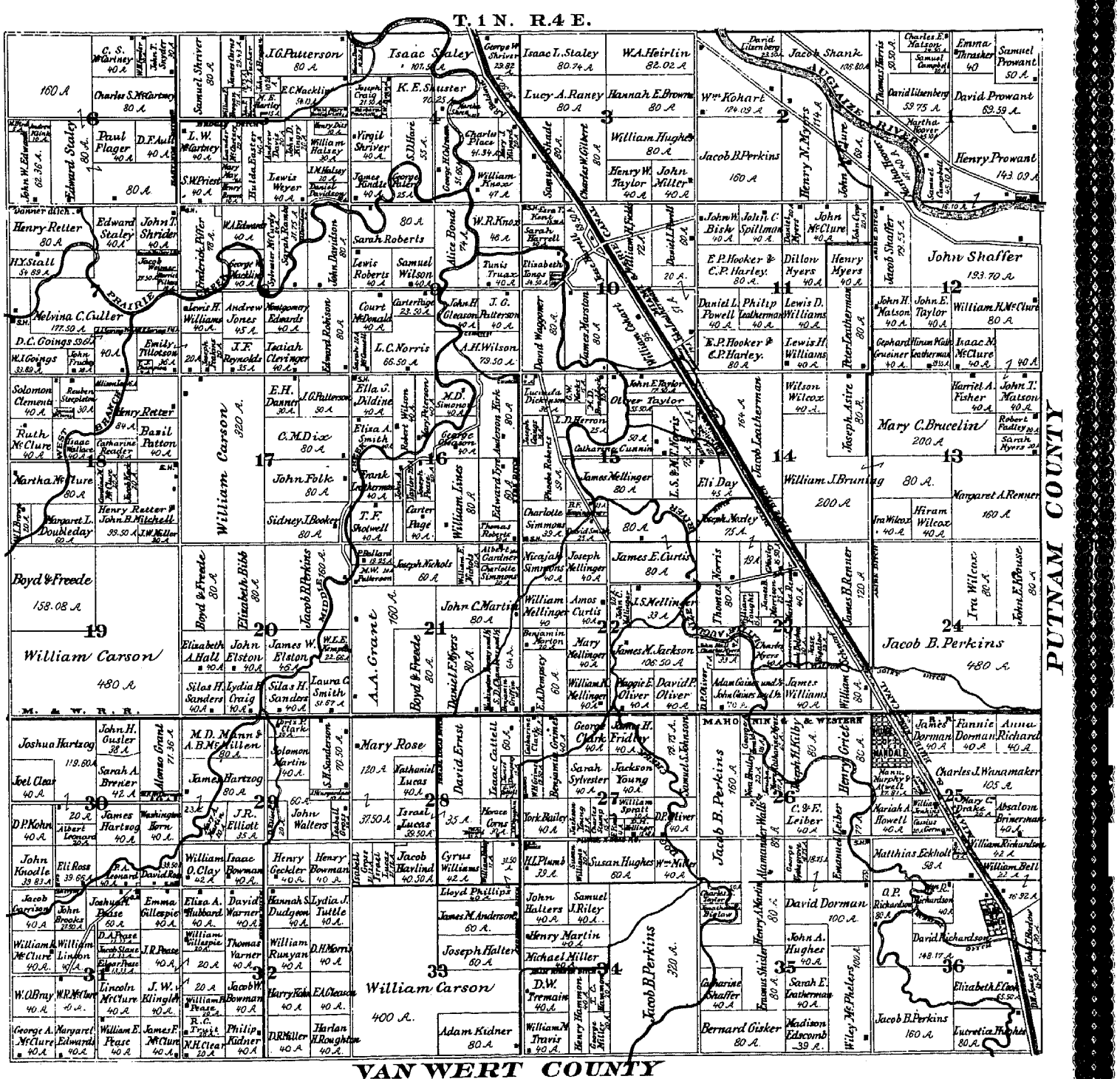
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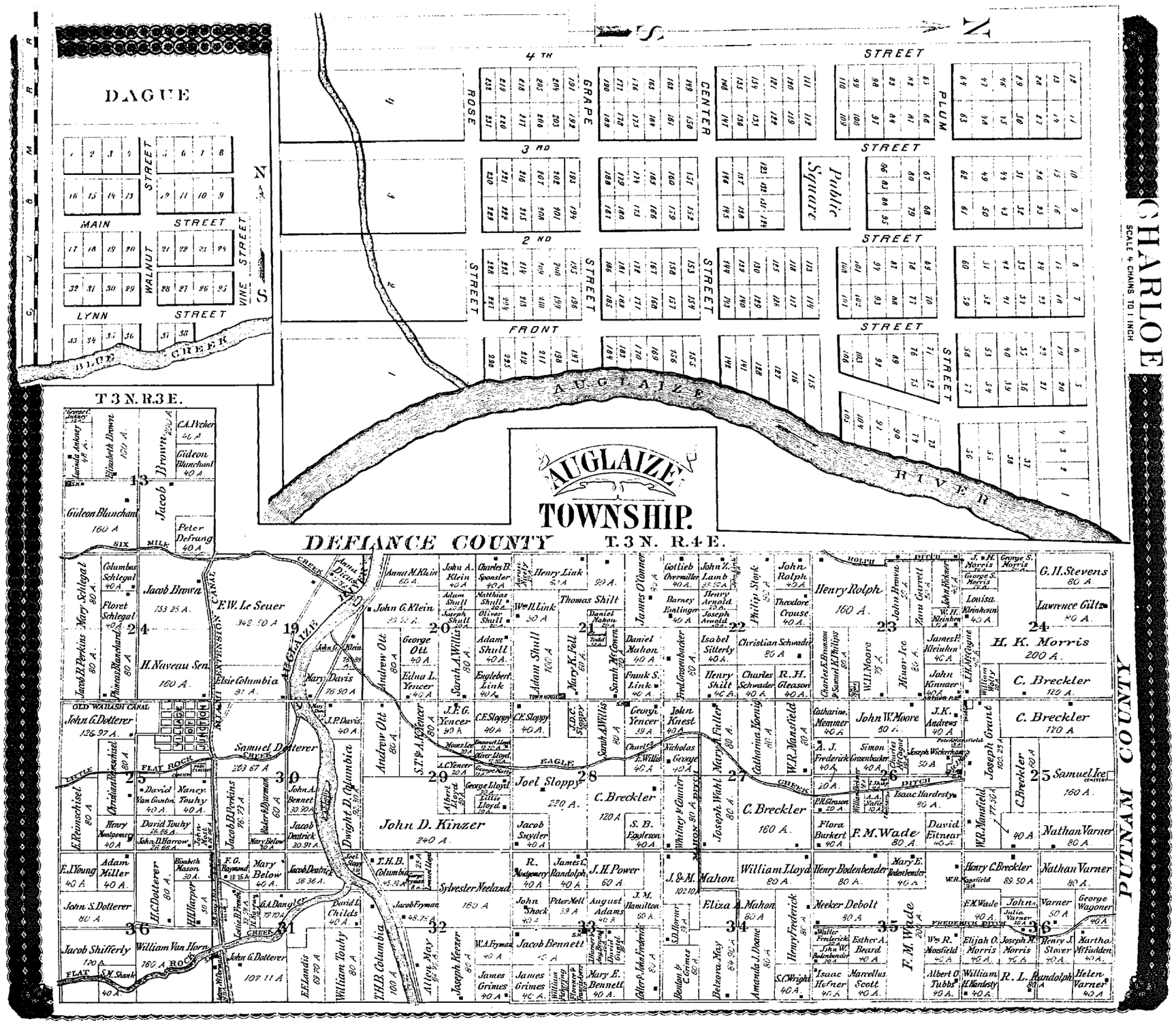

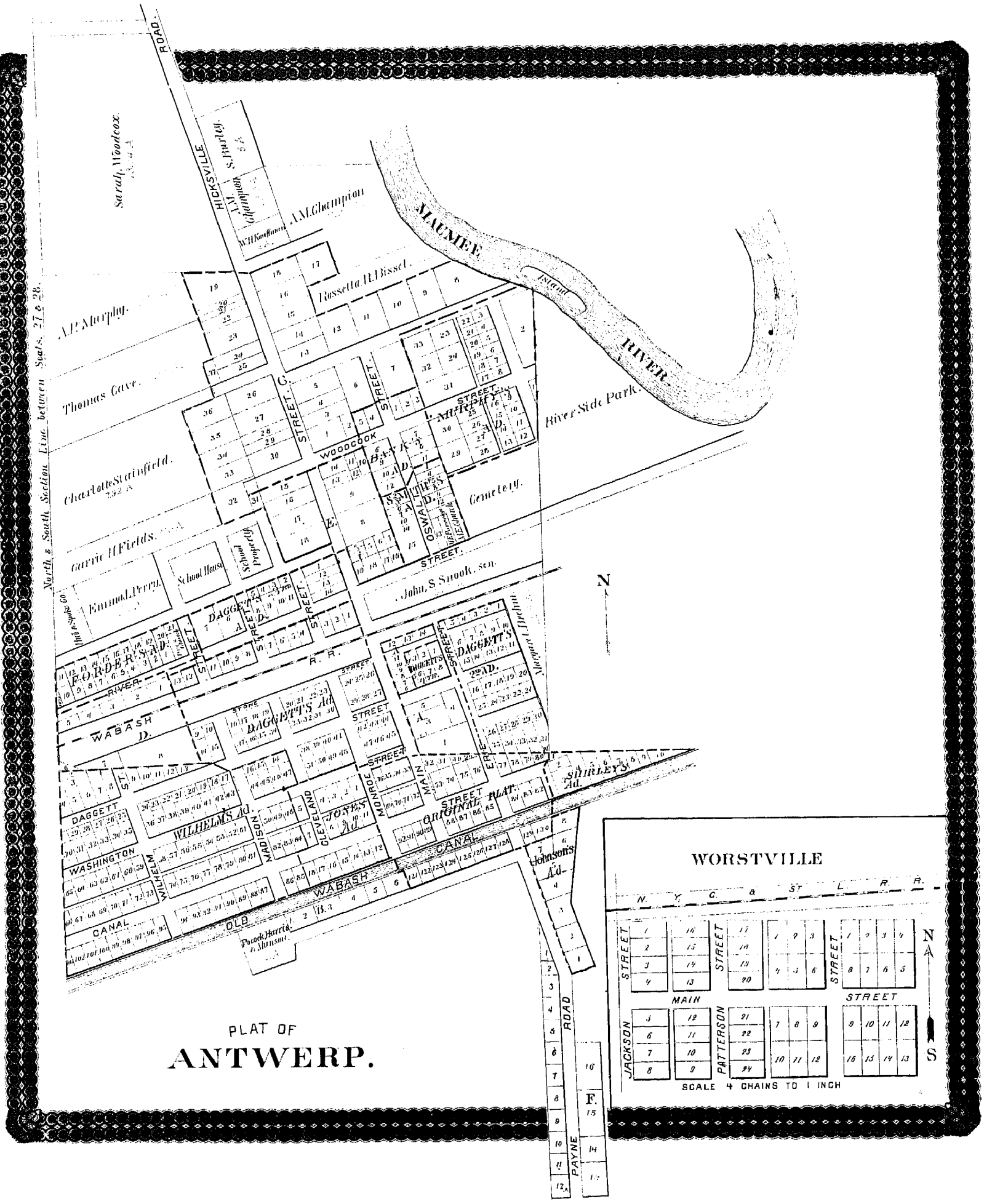

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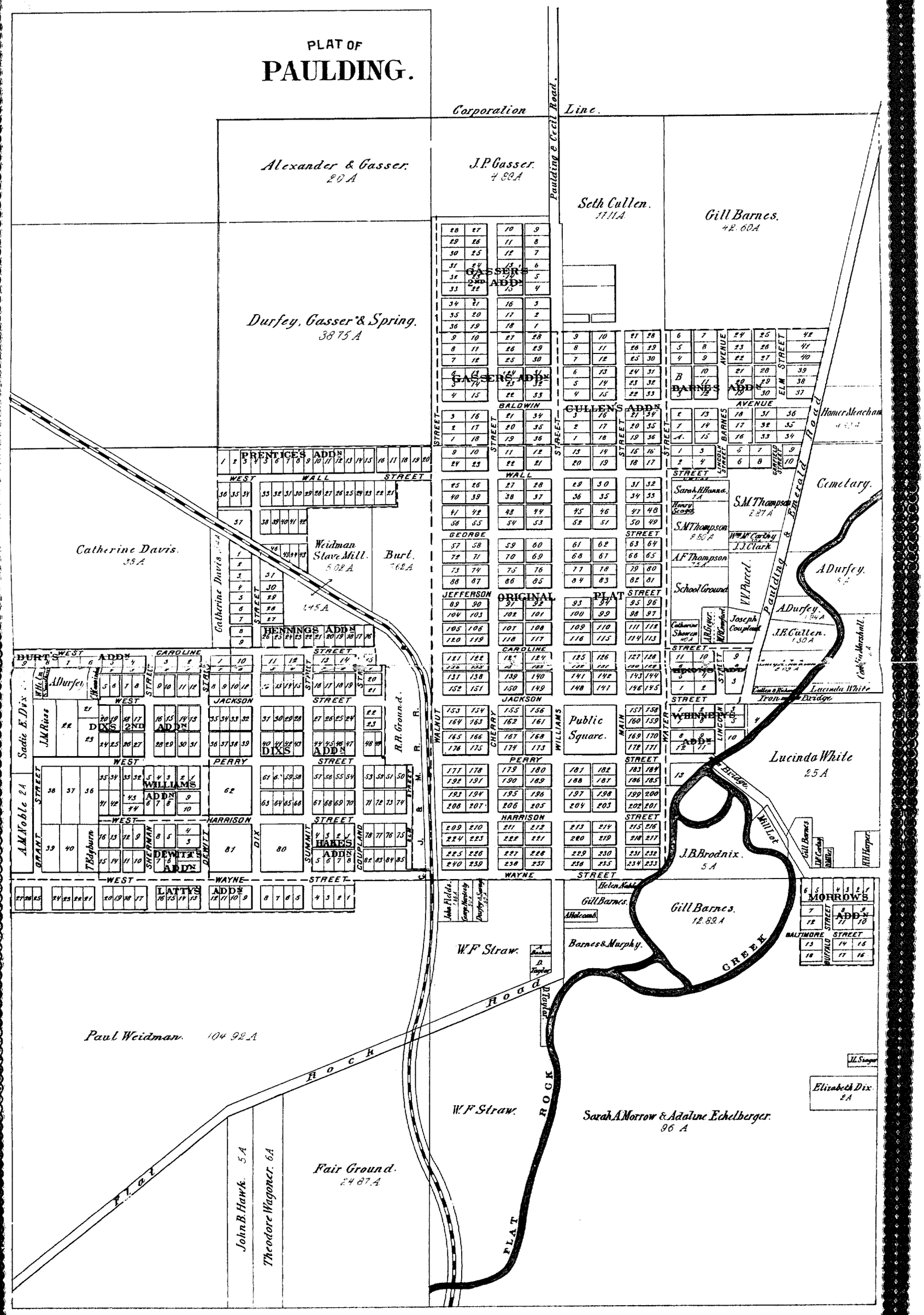

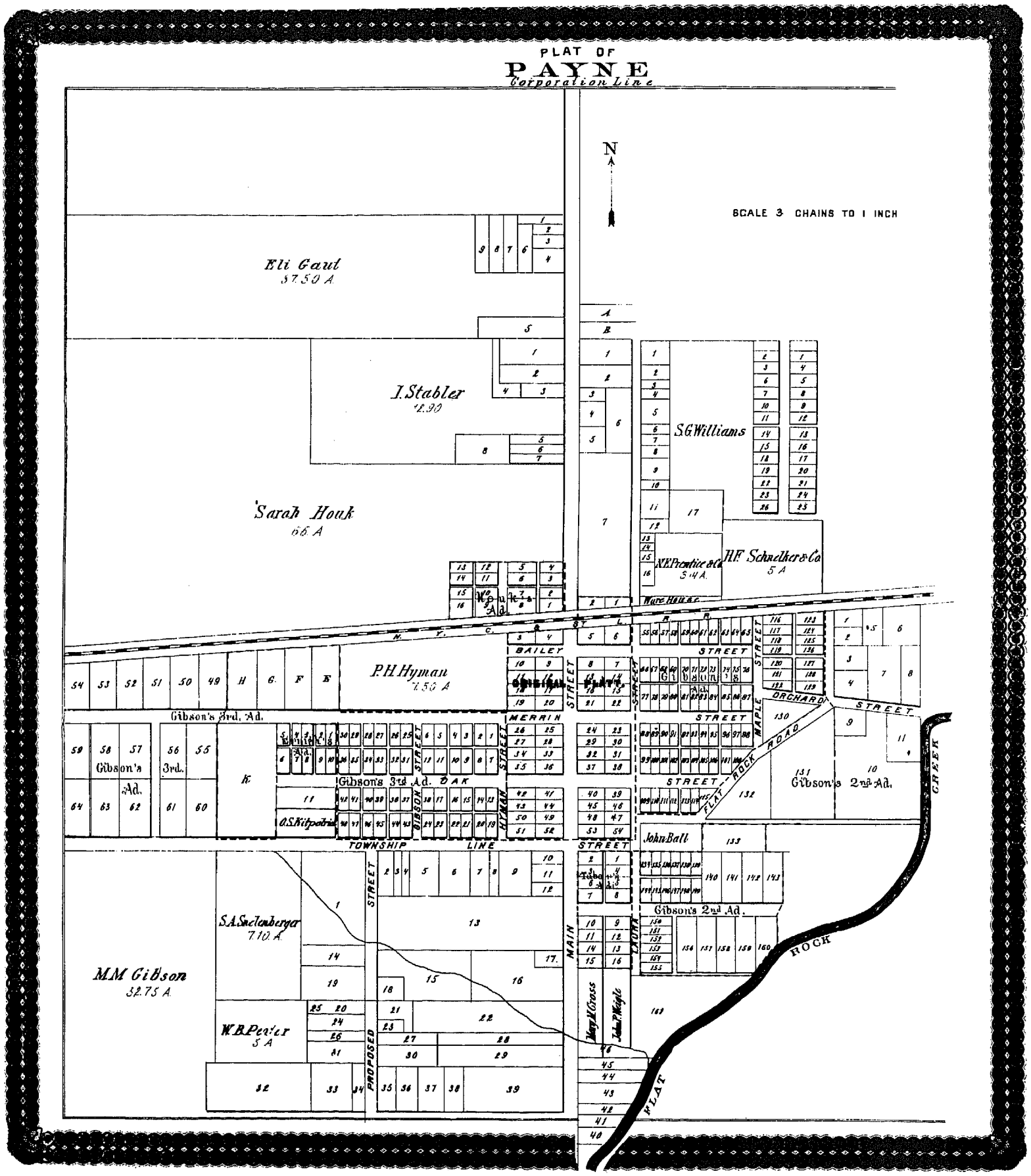
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I. Stabler
12.90
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66 A
S.G. Williams
N.E. Prentice & Co.
3.14 A.
H.F. Schnelker & Co.
5 A
Wure House
N. Y. C. & St. L. R. R.
BAILEY STREET
P.H. Hyman
7.50 A
ORIGINAL PLATT
MERRIN STREET
MAPLE STREET
ORCHARD STREET
Gibson's 3rd. Ad.
Gibson's 3rd. Ad.
Gibson's 3rd Ad.
OAK STREET
GIBSON STREET
HYMAN STREET
FLAT ROCK ROAD
Gibson's 2nd Ad.
O.S. Kilpatrick
TOWNSHIP LINE STREET
John Ball
Gibson's 2nd Ad.
S.A. Snelenberger
7.10 A
M.M. Gibson
32.75 A
W.B. Peter
5 A
PROPOSED STREET
MAIN STREET
LAURA
Mary M. Cross
John P. Weigle
FLAT ROCK CREEK

JUNCTION.

Wabash and Erie Canal.

WATER STREET.

MAIN STREET.

WAYNE STREET.

JEFFERSON STREET. WALL STREET. CANAL STREET.

Nº 11 Nº 10 Nº 12 Nº 13 School Ground. Nº 17 Nº 8 Nº 9 Nº 14 Nº 16 Nº 7 Nº 6 Catholic Church

ME Church

Nº 3 Nº 4 Nº 1 Nº 2 Nº 5

Creek Rock Little Flat

† Cemetery. Citizens Cemetery.

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SCALE 4 CHAINS TO 1 INCH.

HEDGES.

BOYDEN BOWMAN BRAND STREET.

HUMPHREY. HARVARD WILLIAMS HINMAN HARE STREET.

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BRIGETON

SCALE 4 CHAINS TO 1 INCH.

BAYNE STREET. LESLIE STREET.

MAGEE STREET. MAIN STREET.

N. Y. C. R. R. St. L. R. R.

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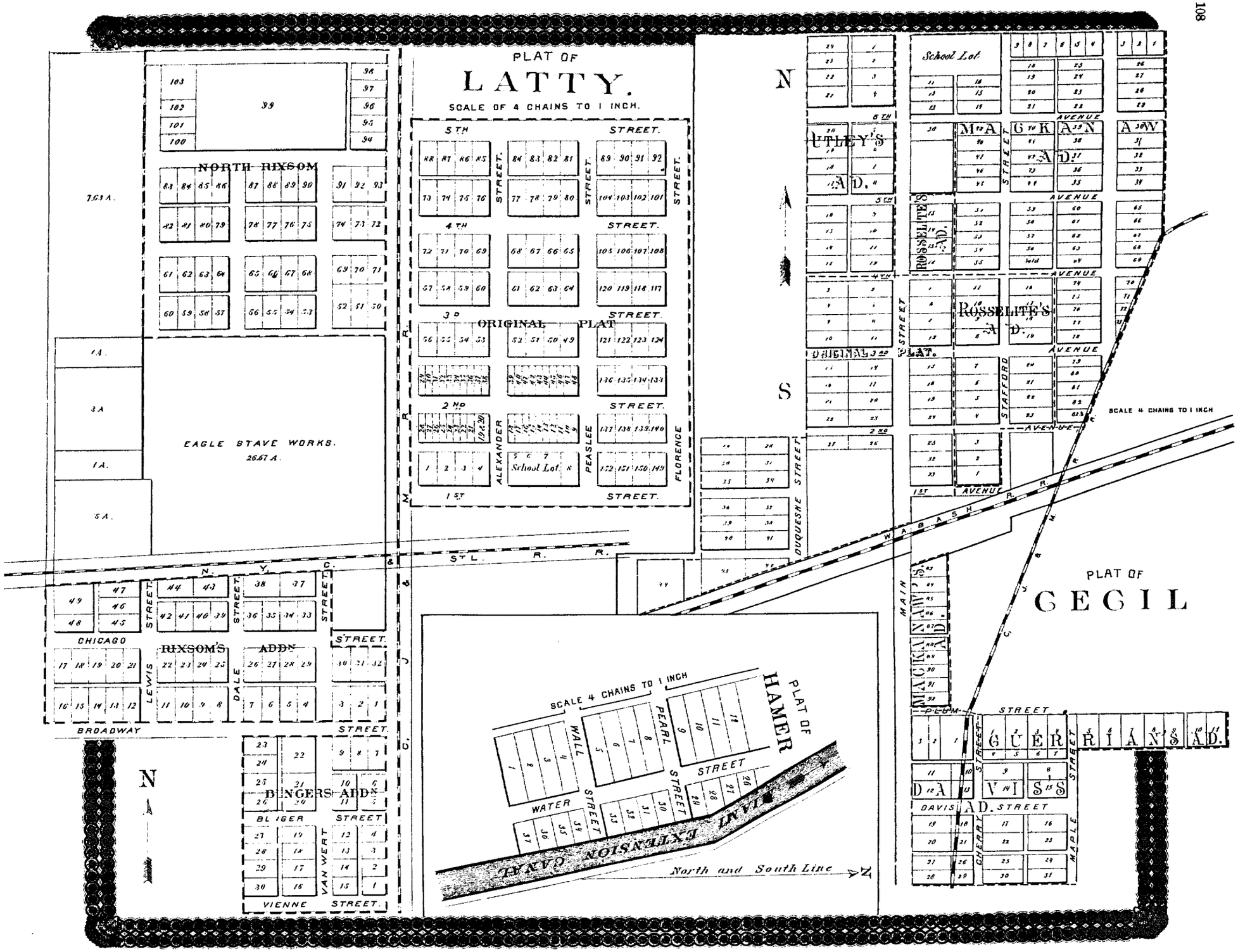
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EAGLE STAVE WORKS.
26.67 A.
ORIGINAL PLAT
School Lot
UTLEY'S AD.
ROSSELITE'S AD.
MACKANAW AD.
PLAT OF
CECIL
SCALE 4 CHAINS TO 1 INCH
PLAT OF
HAMER
RIXSOM'S ADDN
BENGERS ADDN
CHICAGO
BROADWAY
VIENNE STREET
BLIGER STREET
VAN WERT
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STAFFORD
MAIN
PLUM STREET
DAVIS AD.
GUERRIANS AD.
CHERRY
MAPLE
WABASH R. R.
N. Y. C. & ST. L. R. R.
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PEARL STREET
WATER STREET
RIAMI EXTENSION CANAL
North and South Line
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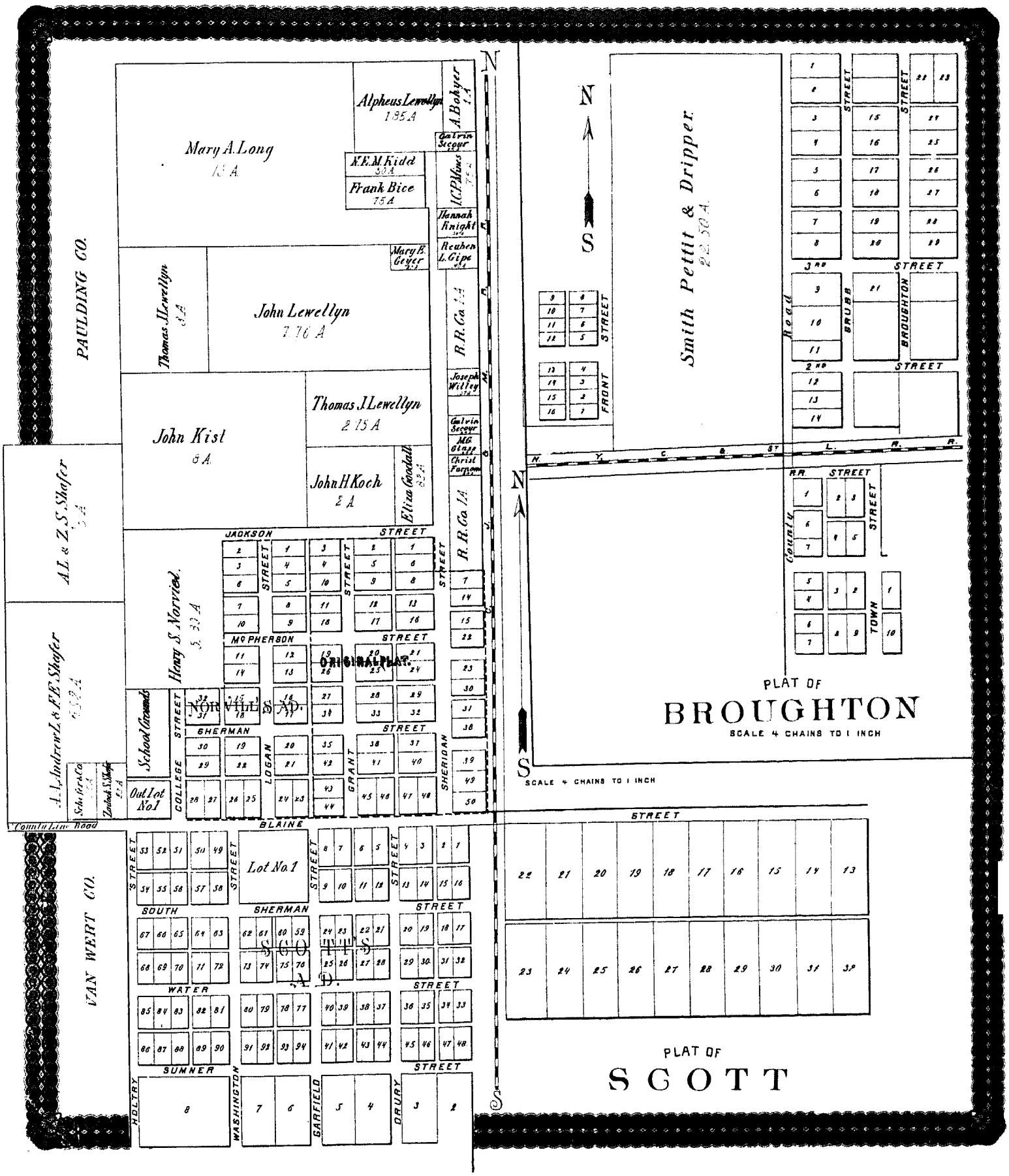
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A. Bokyer 1 A
Calvin Secour
Mary A. Long 13 A
K.E.M. Kidd 50 A
Frank Bice 75 A
J.C.P. Hous 75 A
Hannah Knight
Reuben L. Gipe
Mary E. Geyer
Thomas J. Lewellyn 8 A
John Lewellyn 776 A
R.R. Co. 1 A
Joseph Willey
Thomas J. Lewellyn 215 A
John Kist 6 A
Calvin Secour
M.G. Glaff
Christ Ferguson
John H. Koch 2 A
Elias Goodall 8 A
R.R. Co. 1 A
A.L. & Z.S. Shafer 1 A
JACKSON STREET
McPHERSON STREET
Henry S. Norville 5.30 A
ORIGINAL PLAT.
NORVILLS AD.
SHERMAN STREET
School Grounds
Out Lot No 1
COLLEGE STREET
LOGAN STREET
GRANT STREET
SHERIDAN STREET
BLAINE STREET
County Line Road
VAN WERT CO.
Lot No. 1
SOUTH SHERMAN STREET
WATER STREET
SUMNER STREET
HOLTRY
WASHINGTON
GARFIELD
DRURY
SCOTTS AD.
Smith Pettit & Dripper 92.50 A.
FRONT STREET
3RD STREET
2ND STREET
BRUBB Road
BROUGHTON STREET
RR STREET
COURT STREET
TOWN STREET
N. Y. C. & St. L. R. R.
PLAT OF
BROUGHTON
SCALE 4 CHAINS TO 1 INCH
SCALE 4 CHAINS TO 1 INCH
PLAT OF
SCOTT

PLAT OF

MELROSE

PERRY STREET

CHURCH STREET

STATE STREET

PARK STREET

PUTNAM STREET

PARK

WAYNE STREET

FIRST STREET

SECOND STREET

THIRD STREET

FOURTH STREET

FIFTH STREET

HARRISON STREET

MORTON STREET

CANAL STREET

Lot 2

Lot 3

Lot 4

Lot 5

MIAMI EXTENSION CANAL

MANDALE

SCALE 4 CHAINS TO 1 INCH

N. Y. C. & ST. LOUIS R. R.

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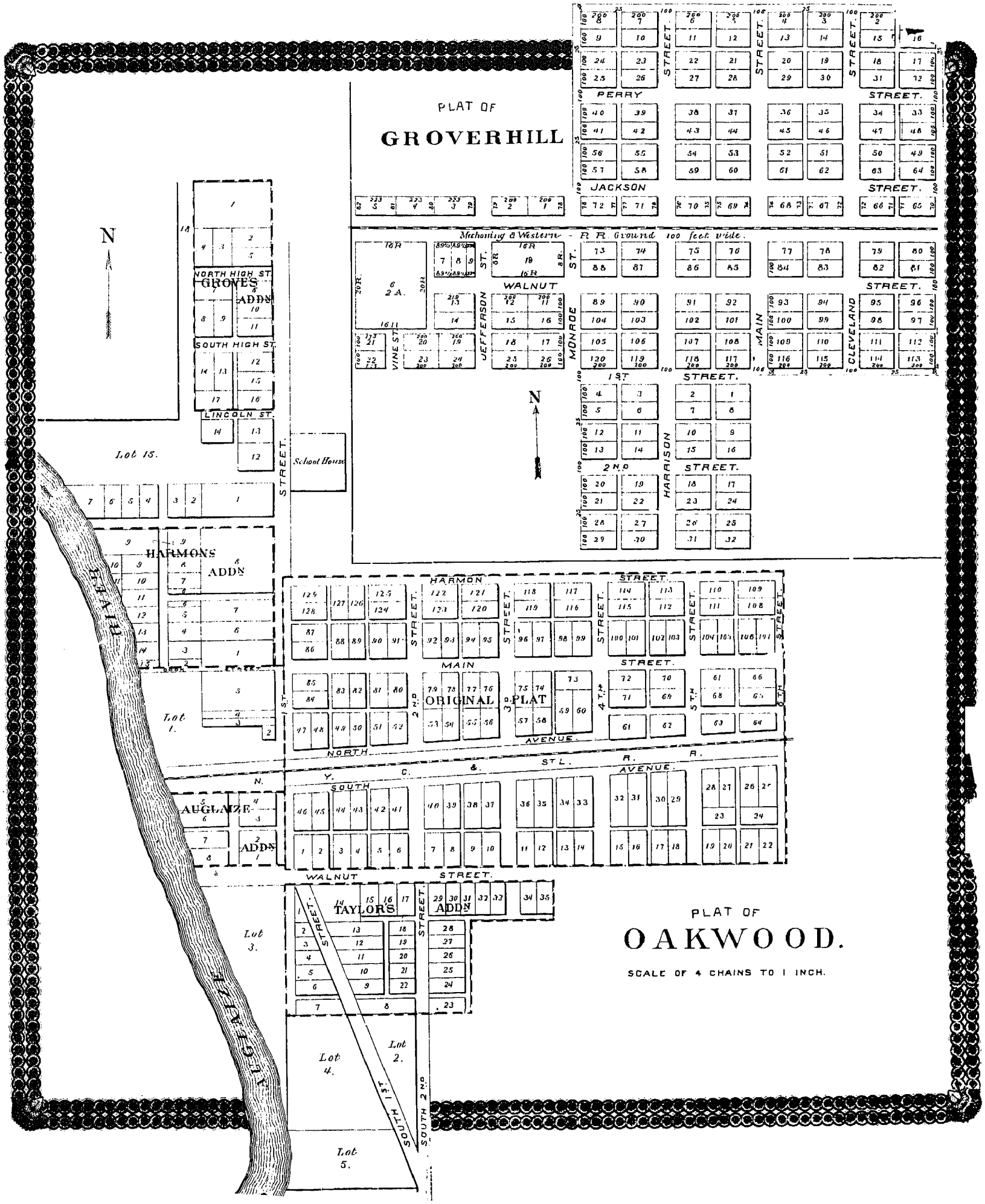
PLAT OF
GROVERHILL
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JACKSON STREET.
Mechanicsburg & Western - R. R. Ground 100 feet wide.
WALNUT STREET.
1ST STREET.
2ND STREET.
HARRISON
MAIN
CLEVELAND
MONROE
JEFFERSON ST.
VINE ST.
NORTH HIGH ST.
GROVES ADDN
SOUTH HIGH ST.
LINCOLN ST.
School House
Lot 15.
HARMONS ADDN
HARMON STREET.
MAIN STREET.
ORIGINAL PLAT
NORTH AVENUE.
N. Y. C. & ST. L. R. R.
SOUTH AVENUE.
AUGLAIZE ADDN
WALNUT STREET.
TAYLOR'S ADDN
Lot 1.
Lot 2.
Lot 3.
Lot 4.
Lot 5.
SOUTH 1ST
SOUTH 2ND
AUGLAIZE
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PLAT OF
OAKWOOD.
SCALE OF 4 CHAINS TO 1 INCH.