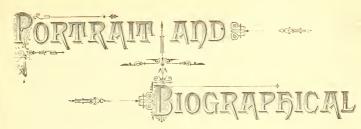




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LENAWEE COUNTY, MICH.,

CONTAINING

Full Page Portraits and Biographical Sketches of Prominent and Representative Citizens of the County,

TOGETHER WITH

PORTRAITS AND BIOGRAPHIES OF ALL THE GOVERNORS OF MICHIGAN, AND
OF THE PRESIDENTS OF THE UNITED STATES.

CHICAGO:

CHAPMAN BROTHERS

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E HAVE completed our labors in writing and compiling the PORTRAIT AND BIO-GRAPHICAL ALBUM of this county, and wish, in presenting it to our patrons, to speak briefly of the importance of local works of this nature. It is certainly the duty of the present to commemorate the past, to perpetuate the names of the pioneers to furnish a record of their early settlement, and to relate the story of their progress. The civilization of our day, the enlightenment of the age, and this solemn duty which men of the present time owe to their ancestors, to themselves and to their posterity.

demand that a record of their lives and deeds should be made. In local history is found a power to instruct man by precedent, to enliven the mental faculties, and to ward down the river of time a safe vessel in which the names and actions of the people who contributed to raise this region from its primitive state may be preserved. Surely and rapidly the noble men, who in their vigor and prime came early to the county and claimed the virgin soil as their heritage, are passing to their graves. The number remaining who can relate the history of the first days of settlement is becoming small indeed, so that an actual necessity exists for the collection and preservation of historical matter without delay, before the settlers of the wilderness are cut down by time. Not only is it of the greatest importance to render history of pioneer times full and accurate, but it is also essen-

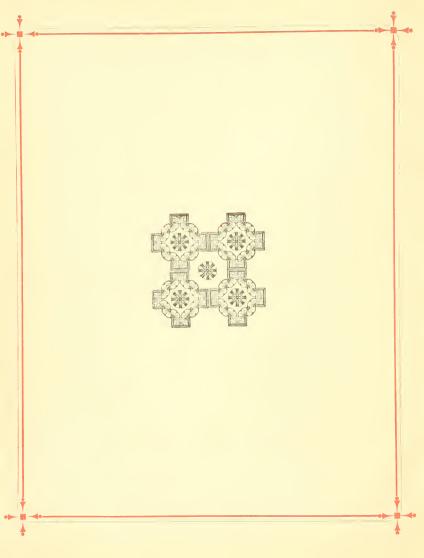
is to the greatest importance to render history of pioneer times full and accurate, but it is asso essential that the history of the county, from its settlement to the present day, should be treated through its various phases, so that a record, complete and impartial, nay be handed down to the future. The present the age of progress, is reviewed, standing out in bold relief over the quiet, unostentatious olden times; it is abrilliant record, which is destined to live in the future; the good works of men, their magnificent enterprises, their lives, whether commercial or military, do not sink into oblivion, but, on the contrary, grow brighter with age, and contribute to build up a record which carries with it precedents and principles that will be advanced and observed when the acts of soulless men will be forgotten and their very names hidden in obscurity.

In the preparation of the personal sketches contained in this volume, unusual care and pains were taken to have them accurate, even in the smallest detail. Indeed, nothing was passed lightly over or treated indifferently; and we flatter ourselves that it is one of the most accurate works of its nature ever published

As one of the most interesting features of this work, we present the portraits of numerous represent ative citizens. It has been our aim to have the prominent men of to-day, as well as the pioneers, represented in this department; and we congratulate ourselves on the uniformly high character of the gentlemen whose portraits we present. They are in the strictest sense representative men, and are selected from all the callings and professions worthy to be given. There are others, it is true, who claim equal prominence with those given; but of course it was impossible for us to give portraits of all the leading men and pioneers of the county. We are under great obligation to many of the noble and generous people of this county for kindly and material assistance in the preparation of this Album.

CHICAGO, April, 1888.

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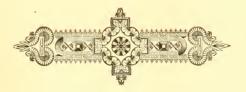
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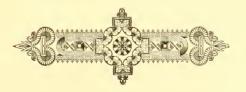
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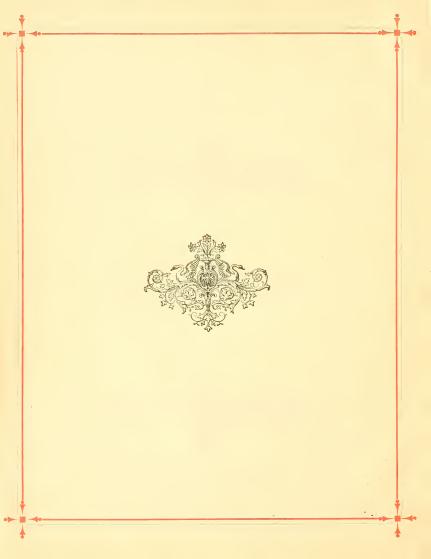
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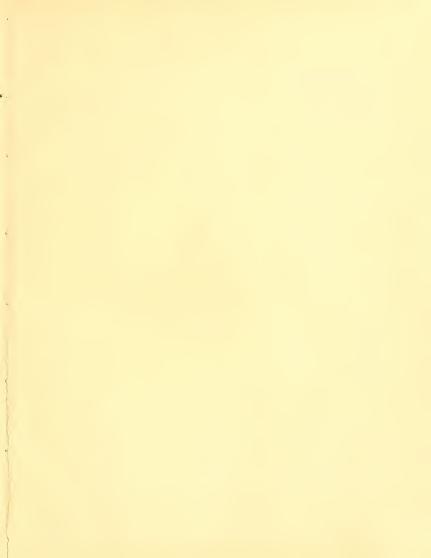


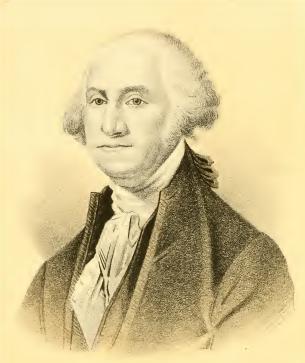


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HE Father of our Country was born in Westmorland Co., Va., eb. 22, 1732. His parents were Augustine and Mary (Ball) Washington. The family to which he belonged has not been satisfactorily traced in England. His great-grandfather, John Washington, emigrated to Virginia about 1657, and became a prosperous planter. He had two sons, Lawrence and John, The former married Mildred Warner and had three children, John, Augustine and Mildred, Augustine, the father of George, first married Jane Butler, who bore him four children, two of whom, Lawrence and Augustine, reached maturity. Of six children by his second marriage, George was the eldest, the others being Betty, Samuel, John Augustine, Charles and Mildred.

Augustine Washington, the father of George, died in 1743, leaving a large landed property. To his eldest son, Lawrence, he bequeathed an estate on the Patomac, afterwards known as Mount Vernon, and to George he left the parental residence. George received only such education as the neighborhood schools afforded, save for a short time after he left school, when he received private instruction in mathematics. His spelling was rather defective.

Remarkable stories are told of his great physical strength and development at an early age. He was an acknowledged leader among his companions, and was early noted for that nobleness of character, fairness and veracity which characterized his whole life. When George was 14 years old he had a desire to go to

sea, and a midshipman's warrant was secured for him, but through the opposition of his mother the idea was abandoned. Two years later he was appointed surveyor to the immense estate of Lord Fairfax. In this business he spent three years in a rough frontier life, gaining experience which afterwards proved very essential to him. In 1751, though only 19 years of age, he was appointed adjutant with the rank of major in the Virginia militia, then being trained for active service against the French and Indians. Soon after this he sailed to the West Indies with his brother Lawrence, who went there to restore his health They soon returned, and in the summer of 1752 Lawrence died, leaving a large fortune to an infant daughter who did not long survive him. On her demise the estate of Mount Vernon was given to George.

Upon the arrival of Robert Dinwiddie, as Lieuenant-Governor of Virginia, in 1752, the militia was reorganized, and the province divided into four military districts, of which the northern was assigned to Washington as adjutant general. Shortly after this a very perilous mission was assigned him and accepted, which others had refused. This was to proceed to the French post near Lake Erie in Northwestern Pennsylvania. The distance to be traversed was between 500 and 600 miles. Winter was at hand, and the journey was to be made without military escort, through a territory occupied by Indians. The

trip was a perilous one, and several times he came near losing his life, yet he returned in safety and furnished a full and useful report of his expedition. A regiment of 300 men was raised in Virginia and put in command of Col. Joshua Fry, and Major Washington was commissioned lieutenant-colonel. Active war was then begun against the French and Indians, in which Washington took a most important part. In the memorable event of July 9, 1755, known as Braddock's defeat, Washington was almost the only officer of distinction who escaped from the calamities of the day with life and honor. The other aids of Braddock were disabled early in the action, and Washington alone was left in that capacity on the field. In a letter to his brother he says: "I had four bullets through my coat, and two horses shot under me, yet I escaped unhurt, though death was leveling my companions on every side." An Indian sharpshooter said he was not born to be killed by a bullet, for he had taken direct aim at him seventeen times, and failed to hit

After having been five years in the military service, and vainly sought promotion in the royal army, he took advantage of the fall of Fort Duquesue and the expulsion of the French from the valley of the Ohio, to resign his commission. Soon after he entered the Legislature, where, although not a leader, he took an active and important part. January 17, 1759, he married Mrs. Martha (Dandridge) Custis, the wealthy widow of John Parke Custis.

When the British Parliament had closed the port of Boston, the cry went up throughout the provinces that "The cause of Boston is the cause of us all." It was then, at the suggestion of Virginia, that a Congress of all the colonies was called to meet at Philadelphia, Sept. 5, 1774, to secure their common liberties, peaceably if possible. To this Congress Col. Washington was sent as a delegate. On May 10, 1775, the Congress re-assembled, when the hostile intentions of England were plainly apparent. The battles of Concord and Lexington had been fought. Among the first acts of this Congress was the election of a commander-in-chief of the colonial forces. This high and responsible office was conferred upon Washington, who was still a member of the Congress. He accepted it on June 19, but upon the express condition that he receive no salary. He would keep an exact account of expenses and expect Congress to pay them and nothing more. It is not the object of this sketch to trace the military acts of Washington, to whom the fortunes and liberties of the people of this country were so long confided. The war was conducted by him under every possible disadvantage, and while his forces often met with reverses, yet he overcame every obstacle, and after seven years of heroic devotion and matchless skill he gained liberty for the greatest nation of earth. On Dec. 23, 1783, Washington, in a parting address of surpassing beauty, resigned his

commission as commander-in-chief of the army to to the Continental Congress sitting at Annapolis. He retired immediately to Mount Vernon and resumed his occupation as a farmer and planter, shunning all connection with public life.

In February, 1789, Washington was unanimously elected President. In his presidential career he was subject to the peculiar titals incidental to a new government; trials from lack of confidence on the part of other governments; trials from want of harmony between the different sections of our own country; trials from the impoverished condition of the country, owing to the war and want of credit; trials from the beginnings of party strife. He was no partisan. His clear judgment could discern the golden mean; and while perhaps this alone kept our government from sinking at the very outset, it left him exposed to attacks from both sides, which were often bitter and very annoying.

At the expiration of his first term he was unanimously re-elected. At the end of this term many were anxious that he be re-elected, but he absolutely refused a third nomination. On the fourth of March, 1797, at the expiraton of his second term as President, he returned to his home, hoping to pass there his few remaining years free from the annoyances of public life. Later in the year, however, his repose seemed likely to be interrupted by war with France. At the prospect of such a war he was again urged to take command of the armies. He chose his subordinate officers and left to them the charge of matters in the field, which he superintended from his home. In accepting the command he made the reservation that he was not to be in the field until it was necessary. In the midst of these preparations his life was suddenly cut off. December 12, he took a severe cold from a ride in the rain, which, settling in his throat, produced inflammation, and terminated fatally on the night of the fourteenth. On the eighteenth his body was borne with military honors to its final resting place, and interred in the family vault at Mount Vernon.

Of the character of Washington it is impossible to speak but in terms of the highest respect and admiration. The more we see of the operations of our government, and the more deeply we feel the difficulty of uniting all opinions in a common interest, the more highly we must estimate the force of his talent and character, which have been able to challenge the reverence of all parties, and principles, and nations, and to win a fame as extended as the limits of the globe, and which we cannot but believe will be as lasting as the existence of man.

The person of Washington was unusally tan, erect and well proportioned. His muscular strength was great. His features were of a beautiful symmetry. He commanded respect without any appearance of haughtiness, and ever serious without being dull.





John Adams



OHN ADAMS, the second President and the first Vice-President of the United States, was born in Braintree (now Quincy), Mass., and about ten miles from Boston, Oct. 19, 1735. His great-grandfather, Henry Adams, emigrated from England about 1640, with a family of eight sons, and settled at Braintree. The parents of John were John and Susannah (Boylston) Adams. His father was a farmer of limited means, to which he added the business of shoemaking. He gave his eldest son, John, a classical education at Harvard College. John

graduated in 1755, and at once took charge of the school in Worcester, Mass. This he found but a "school of affliction," from which he endeavored to gain relief by devoting himself, in addition, to the study of law. For this purpose he placed himself under the tuition of the only lawyer in the town. He had thought seriously of the clerical profession but seems to have been turned from this by what he termed "the frightful engines of ecclesiastical councils, of diabolical malice, and Calvanistic good nature," of the operations of which he had been a witness in his native town. He was well fitted for the legal profession, possessing a clear, sonorous voice, being ready and fluent of speech, and having quick perceptive powers. He gradually gained practice, and in 1764 married Abigail Smith, a daughter of a minister, and a lady of superior intelligence. Shortly after his marriage, (1765), the attempt of Parliamentary taxation turned him from law to p litics. He took initial steps toward holding a town meeting, and the resolu-

tions he offered on the subject became very popular throughout the Province, and were adopted word for word by over forty different towns. He moved to Boston in 1768, and became one of the most courageous and prominent advocates of the popular cause, and was chosen a member of the General Court (the Leglislature) in 1770.

Mr. Adams was chosen one of the first delegates from Massachusetts to the first Continental Congress, which met in 1774. Here he distinguished himself by his capacity for business and for debate, and advocated the movement for independence against the majority of the members. In May, 1776, he moved and carried a resolution in Congress that the Colonies should assume the duties of self-government. He was a prominent member of the committee of five appointed June 11, to prepare a declaration of independence. This article was drawn by Jefferson, but on Adams devolved the task of battling it through Congress in a three days debate.

On the day after the Declaration of Independence was passed, while his soul was yet warm with the glow of excited feeling, he wrote a letter to his wife, which, as we read it now, seems to have been dictated by the spirit of prophecy. "Yesterday," he says, "the greatest question was decided that ever was debated in America; and greater, perhaps, never was or will be decided among men. A resolution was passed without one dissenting colony, 'that these United States are, and of right ought to be, free and independent states.' The day is passed. The fourth of July, 1776, will be a memorable epoch in the history of America. I am apt to believe it will be celebrated by succeeding generations, as the great anniversary festival. It ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance by solemn acts of devotion to Almighty God. It ought to be solemnized with pomp, shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations from one end of the continent to the other, from this time forward for ever. You will think me transported with enthusiasm, but I am not. I am well aware of the toil, and blood and treasure, that it will cost to maintain this declaration, and support and defend these States; yet, through all the gloom, I can see the rays of light and glory. I can see that the end is worth more than all the means; and that posterity will triumph, although you and I may rue, which I hope we shall not."

In November, 1777, Mr. Adams was appointed a delegate to France and to co-operate with Bemjamin Franklin and Arthur Lee, who were then in Paris, in the endeavor to obtain assistance in arms and money from the French Government. This was a severe trial to his patriotism, as it separated him from his home, compelled him to cross the ocean in winter, and exposed him to great peril of capture by the British cruisers, who were seeking him. He left France June 17, 1779. In September of the same year he was again chosen to go to Paris, and there hold himself in readiness to negotiate a treaty of peace and of commerce with Great Britian, as soon as the British Cabinet might be found willing to listen to such proposels. He sailed for France in November, from there he went to Holland, where he negotiated important loans and formed important commercial treaties

Finally a treaty of peace with England was signed Jan. 21, 1783. The re-action from the excitement, toil and anxiety through which Mr. Adams had passed threw him into a fever. After suffering from a continued fever and becoming feeble and emaciated he was advised to go to England to drink the waters of Bath. While in England, still drooping and desponding, he received dispatches from his own government urging the necessity of his going to Amsterdam to negotiate another Joan. It was winter, his health was delicate, yet he immediately set out, and through storm, on sea, on horseback and footh, he made the trip.

February 24, 1785, Congress appointed Mr. Adams envoy to the Court of St. James. Here he met face to face the King of England, who had so long regarded him as a traitor. As England did not condescend to appoint a minister to the United States, and as Mr. Adams felt that he was accomplishing but little, he sought permission to return to his own country, where he arrived in June, 1788.

When Washington was first chosen President, John Adams, rendered illustions by his signal services at home and abroad, was chosen Vice President. Again at the second election of Washington as President, Adams was chosen Vice President. In 1706, Washington retired from public life, and Mr. Adams was elected President, though not without much opposition. Serving in this office four years, he was succeeded by Mr. Jefferson, his opponent in politics.

While Mr. Adams was Vice President the great

French Revolution shook the continent of Europe, and it was upon this point which he was a tissue with the majority of his countrymen led by Mr. Jefferson. Mr. Adams felt no sympathy with the French people in their struggle, for he had no confidence in their power of self-government, and he utterly abhored the class of atheirs philosophers who he claimed caused it. On the other hand Jefferson's sympathies were strongly enlisted in behalf of the French people. Hence originated the alienation between these distinguished men, and two powerful parties were thus soon organized, Adams at the head of the one whose sympathies were with England and Jefferson led the other in sympathy with France.

The world has seldom seen a spectacle of more moral beauty and grandeur, than was presented by the old age of Mr. Adams. The violence of party feeling had died away, and he had begun to receive that just appreciation which, to most men, is not accorded till after death. No one could look upon his venerable form, and think of what he had done and suffered, and how he had given up all the prime and strength of his life to the public good, without the deepest emotion of gratifude and respect. It was his peculiar good fortune to witness the complete success of the institution which he had been so active in creating and supporting. In 1824, his cup of happiness was filled to the brim, by seeing his son elevated to the highest station in the gift of the people.

The fourth of July, 1826, which completed the half century since the signing of the Declaration of Independence, arrived, and there were but three of the signers of that immortal instrument left upon the earth to hail its morning light. And, as it is well known, on that day two of these finished their earthly pilgrimage, a coincidence so remarkable as to seem miraculous. For a few days before Mr. Adams had been rapidly failing, and on the morning of the fourth he found himself too weak to rise from his bed. On being requested to name a toast for the customary celebration of the day, he exclaimed "In-DEPENDENCE FOREVER," When the day was ushered in, by the ringing of bells and the firing of cannons, he was asked by one of his attendants if he knew what day it was? He replied, "O yes; it is the glorious fourth of July-God bless it-God bless you all." In the course of the day he said, "It is a great and glorious day." The last words he uttered were, "Jefferson survives." But he had, at one o'clock, resigned his spirit into the hands of his God.

The personal appearance and manners of Mr. Adams were not particularly prepossessing. His face, as his portrait manifests, was intellectual ard expressive, but his figure was low and ungraceful, and his manners were frequently abrupt and uncourteous. He had neither the lofty dignity of Washington, nor the engaging elegance and gracefulness which marked the manners and address of Jefferson.





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HOMAS IEFFERSON was born April 2, 1743, at Shadwell. Albermarle county, Va. His parents were Peter and Jane (Randolph) Jefferson, the former a native of Wales, and the latter born in London. To them were born six daughters and two sons, of whom Thomas was the elder. When 14 years of age his father died. He received a most liberal education, having been kept diligently at school from the time he was five years of age. In 1760 he entered William

and Mary College. Williamsburg was then the seat of the Colonial Court, and it was the obode of fashion and splendor. Young Jefferson, who was then 17 years old, lived somewhat expensively, keeping fine horses, and much caressed by gay society, yet he was earnestly devoted to his studies, and irreproachaable in his morals. It is strange, however, under such influences, that he was not ruined. In the second year of his college course, moved by some unexplained inward impulse, he discarded his horses, society, and even his favorite violin, to which he had previously given much time. He often devoted fifteen hours a day to hard study, allowing himself for exercise only a run in the evening twilight of a mile out of the city and back again. He thus attained very high intellectual culture, alike excellence in philosophy and the languages. The most difficult Latin and Greek authors he read with facility. A more finished scholar has seldom gone forth from college halls; and there was not to be found, perhaps, in all Virginia, a more pureminded, upright, gentlemanly young man.

Immediately upon leaving college he began the study of law. For the short time he continued in the practice of his profession he rose rapidly and distinguished himself by his energy and accuteness as a lawyer. But the times called for greater action. The policy of England had awakened the spirit of resistance of the American Colonies, and the enlarged views which Jefferson had ever entertained, soon led him into active political life. In 1769 he was chosen a member of the Virginia House of Burgesses. In 1772 he married Mrs. Martha Skelton, a very beautiful, wealthy and highly accomplished young widow.

Upon Mr. Jefferson's large estate at Shadwell, there was a majestic swell of land, called Monticello, which commanded a prospect of wonderful extent and beauty. This spot Mr. Jefferson selected for his new home; and here he reared a mansion of modest yet elegant architecture, which, next to Mount Vernon, became the most distinguished resort in our land.

In 1775 he was sent to the Cclonial Congress, where, though a silent member, his abilities as a writer and a reasoner soon become known, and he was placed upon a number of important committees, and was chairman of the one appointed for the drawing up of a declaration of independence. This committee consisted of Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Roger Sherman and Robert R. Livingston. Jefferson, as chairman, was appointed to draw up the paper. Franklin and Adams suggested a few verbal changes before it was submitted to Congress. On June 28, a few slight changes were made in it by Congress, and it was passed and signed July 4, 1776. What must have been the feelings of that

unan—what the emotions that swelled his breast who was charged with the preparation of that Declaration, which, while it made known the wrongs of America, was also to publish her to the world, free, soverign and independent. It is one of the most remarkable papers ever written; and did no other effort of the mind of its author exist, that alone would be sufficient to stamp his name with immortality.

In 1779 Mr. Jefferson was elected successor to Patrick Henry, as Governor of Virginia. At one time the British officer, Tarleton, sent a secret expedition to Monticello, to capture the Governor. Searcely five minutes elapsed after the hurried escape of Mr. Jefferson and his family, ere his mansion was in possession of the British troops. His wife's health, neververy good, was much injured by this excitement, and in the summer of 1782 she died.

Mr. Jefferson was elected to Congress in 1783. Two years later he was appointed Minister Plenipotentiary to France. Returning to the United States in September, 1789, he became Secretary of State in Washington's calinet. This position he resigned Jan. 1, 1794. In 1797, he was chosen Vice President, and four years later was elected President over Mr. Adams, with Aaron Burr as Vice President. In 1804 he was re-elected with wonderful unanimity, and George Clinton, Vice President.

The early part of Mr. Jefferson's second administration was disturbed by an event which threatened the
tranquility and peace of the Union; this was the conspiracy of Aaron Burr. Defeated in the late election
to the Vice Presidency, and led on by an unprincipled
ambition, this extraordinary man formed the plan of a
military expedition into the Spanish territories on our
southwestern frontier, for the purpose of forming there
a new republic. This has been generally supposed
was a mere pretext; and although it has not been
generally known what his real plans were, there is no
doubt that they were of a far more dangerous
character.

In 1809, at the expiration of the second term for which Mr. Jefferson had been elected, he determined to retire from political life. For a period of nearly forty years, he had been continually before the public, and all that time had been employed in offices of the greatest trust and responsibility. Having thus devoted the best part of his life to the service of his country, he now felt desirous of that rest which his declining years required, and upon theorganization of the new administration, in March, 1809, he bid farewell forever to public life, and retired to Monticelio.

Mr. Jefferson was profuse in his hospitality. Whole families came in their coaches with their horses,—fathers and mothers, boys and girls, babies and nurses,—and remained three and even six nonths. Life at Monticello, for years, resembled that at a fashionable watering-place.

The fourth of July, 1826, being the fiftieth anniver-

sary of the Declaration of American Independence, great preparations were made in every part of the Union for its celebration, as the nation's jubilee, and the citizens of Washington, to add to the solemnity of the occasion, invited Mr. Jefferson, as the framer, and one of the few surviving signers of the Declaration, to participate in their testivities. But a ill-ness, which had been of several weeks duration, and had been continually increasing, compelled him to decline the invitation.

On the second of July, the disease under which he was laboring left him, but in such a reduced state that his medical attendants, entertained no hope of his recovery. From this time he was perfectly sensible that his last hour was at hand. On the next day, which was Monday, he asked of those around him, the day of the month, and on being told it was the third of July, he expressed the earnest wish that he might be permitted to breathe the air of the fiftieth anniversary. His prayer was heard—that day, whose dawn was hailed with such rapture through our land, burst upon his eyes, and then they were closed forever. And what a noble consummation of a noble life! To die on that day,-the birthday of a nation,the day which his own name and his own act had rendered glorious; to die amidst the rejoicings and festivities of a whole nation, who looked up to him, as the author, under God, of their greatest blessings, was all that was wanting to fill up the record his life.

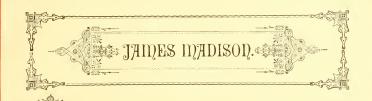
Almost at the same hour of his death, the kindred spirit of the venerable Adams, as if to bear him company, left the scene of his eathly honors. Hand in hand they had stood forth, the champions of freedom; hand in hand, during the dark and desperate struggle of the Revolution, they had cheered and animated their desponding countrymen; for half a century they had labored together for the good of the country; and now hand in hand they depart. In their lives they had been united in the same great cause of liberty, and in their deaths they were not divided.

In person Mr. Jefferson was tall and thin, rather above six feet in height, but well formed; his eyes were light, his hair originally red, in after life became white and silvery; his complexion was fair, his fore head broad, and his whole countenance intelligent and thoughtful. He possessed great fortitude of mind as well as personal courage; and his command of temper was such that his oldest and most intimate friends never recollected to have seen him in a passion. His manners, though dignified, were simple and unaffected, and his hospitality was so unbounded that all found at his house a ready welcome. In conversation he was fluent, eloquent and enthusiastic; and his language was remarkably pure and correct. He was a finished classical scholar, and in his writings is discernable the care with which he formed his style upon the best models of antiquity,





Janu Madion



AMES MADISON, "Father of the Constitution," and fourth a president of the United States, was born March 16, 1757, and died at his home in Virginia, June 28, 1836. The name of James Madison is inseparably connected with most of the important events in that heroic period of our, country during which the foundations of this great republic were laid. He was the last of the founders of the Constitution of the United States to be called to his eternal reward.

The Madison family were among the early emigrants to the New World, landing upon the shores of the Chesapeake but 15 years after the settlement of Jamestown. The father of James Madison was an opulent planter, residing upon a very fine estate called "Montpelier," Orange Co., Va. The mansion was situated in the midst of scenery highly picturesque and romantic, on the west side of South-west Mountain, at the foot of

Blue Ridge. It was but 25 miles from the home of Jefferson at Monticello. The closest personal and political attachment existed between these illustrious men, from their early youth until death.

The early education of Mr. Madison was conducted mostly at home under a private tutor. At the age of 18 he was sent to Princeton College, in New Jersey. Here he applied himself to study with the most imprudent zeal; allowing himself, for months, but three hours' sleep out of the 24. His health thus became so seriously impaired that he never recovered any vigor of constitution. He graduated in 1771, with a feeble body, with a character of utmost purity, and with a mind highly disciplined and richly stored with learning which embellished and gave proficiency to his subsequent career.

Returning to Virginia, he commenced the study of law and a course of extensive and systematic reading. This educational course, the spirit of the times in which he lived, and the society with which he associated, all combined to inspire him with a strong love of liberty, and to train him for his life-work of a statesman. Being naturally of a religious turn of mind, and his frail health leading him to think that his life was not to be long, he directed especial attention to theological studies. Endowed with a mind singularly free from passion and prejudice, and with almost unequalted powers of reasoning, he weighed all the arguments for and against revealed religion, until his faith became so established as never to be shaken.

In the spring of 1776, when 26 years of age, he was elected a member of the Virginia Convention, to frame the constitution of the State. The next year (1777), he was a candidate for the General Assembly. He refused to treat the whisky-loving voters, and consequently lost his election; but those who had witnessed the talent, energy and public spirit of the modest young man, enlisted themselves in his behalf, and he was appointed to the Executive Council.

Both Patrick Henry and Thomas Jefferson were Governors of Virginia while Mr. Madison remained member of the Council; and their appreciation of his intellectual, social and moral worth, contributed not a little to his subsequent eminence. In the year 1780, he was elected a member of the Continental Congress. Here he met the most illustrious men in our land, and he was immediately assigned to one of the most conspicuous positions among them.

For three years Mr. Madison continued in Congress, one of its most active and influential members. In the year 1784, his term having expired, he was elected a member of the Virginia Legislature.

No man felt more deeply than Mr. Madison the utter inefficiency of the old confederacy, with no national government, with no power to form treaties which would be binding, or to enforce law. There was not any State more prominent than Virginia in the declaration, that an efficient national government must be formed. In January, 1786, Mr. Madison carried a resolution through the General Assembly of Virginia, inviting the other States to appoint commissioners to meet in convention at Annapolis to discuss this subject. Five States only were represented. The convention, however, issued another call, drawn up by Mr. Madison, urging all the States to send their delegates to Philadelphia, in May, 1787, to draft a Constitution for the United States, to take the place of that Confederate League. The delegates met at the time appointed. Every State but Rhode Island was represented. George Washington was chosen president of the convention; and the present Constitution of the United States was then and there formed. There was, perhaps, no mind and no pen more active in framing this immortal document than the mind and the pen of James Madison.

The Constitution, adopted by a vote 81 to 79, was to be presented to the several States for acceptance. But grave solicitude was felt. Should it be rejected we should be left but a conglomeration of independent States, with but little power at home and little respect abroad. Mr. Madison was selected by the convention to draw up an address to the people of the United States, expounding the principles of the Constitution, and urging its adoption. There was great opposition to it at first, but it at length triumphed over all, and went into effect in 1780.

Mr. Madison was elected to the House of Representatives in the first Congress, and soon became the avowed leader of the Republican party. While in New York attending Congress, he met Mrs. Todd, a yonng widow of remarkable power of fascination, whom he married. She was in person and character queenly, and probably no lady has thus far occupied so prominent a position in the very peculiar society which has constituted our republican court as Mrs. Madison.

Mr. Madison served as Secretary of State under Jefferson, and at the close of his administration was chosen President. At this time the encroachments of England had brought us to the verge of war.

British orders in council destroyed our commerce, and our flag was exposed to constant insult. Mr. Madison was a man of peace. Scholarly in his taste, retiring in his disposition, war had no charms for him. But the meekest spirit can be roused. It makes one's blood boil, even now, to think of an American ship brought to, upon the ocean, by the guns of an English cruiser. A young lieutenant steps on board and orders the crew to be paraded before him. With great nonchalance he selects any number whom he may please to designate as British subjects; orders them down the ship's side into his boat; and places them on the gundeck of his man-of-war, to fight, by compulsion, the battles of England. This right of search and impressment, no efforts of our Government could induce the British cabinet to relinquish.

On the 18th of June, 1812, President Madison gave his approval to an act of Congress declaring war against Great Britain. Notwithstanding the bitter hostility of the Federal party to the war, the country in general approved; and Mr. Madison, on the 4th of March, 1813, was re-elected by a large majority, and entered upon his second term of office. This is not the place to describe the various adventures of this war on the land and on the water. Our infant naxy then laid the foundations of its renown in grappling with the most formidable power which ever swept the seas. The contest commenced in earnest by the appearance of a British fleet, early in February, 1813, in Chesapeake Bay, declaring nearly the whole coast of the United States under blockade.

The Emperor of Russia offered his services as me ditator. America accepted; England refused. A British force of five thousand men landed on the banks of the Patuxet River, near its entrance into Chesapeake Bay, and marched rapidly, by way of Bladensburg, upon Washington.

The straggling little city of Washington was thrown into consternation. The cannon of the brief conflict at Bladensburg echoed through the streets of the metropolts. The whole population fled from the city. The President, leaving Mrs. Madison in the White House, with her carriage drawn up at the door to await his speedy return, hurried to meet the officers in a council of war. He met our troops utterly routed, and he could not go back without danger of being captured. But few hours elapsed ere the Presidential Mansion, the Capitol, and all the public buildings in Washington were in flames.

The war closed after two years of fighting, and on Feb. 13, 1815, the treaty of peace was signed at Ghent.

On the 4th of March, 1817, his second term of office expired, and he resigned the Presidential chair to his friend, James Monroe. He retired to his Leautiful home at Montpelier, and there passed the remainder of his days. On June 28, 1836, then at the age of 85 years, he fell askep in death. Mrs. Madison died July 12, 1849.







AMES MONROE, the fifth President of The United States, was born in Westmoreland Co., Va., April 28, 1758. His early life was passed at the place of nativity. His ancestors had for many years resided in the province in which he was born. When, at 17 years of age, in the process of completing his education at William and Mary College, the Colouial Congress assembled at Philadelphia to deliberate upon the unjust and manifold oppressions of Great Britian, declared the separation of the Colonies, and promulgated the Declaration of Independence. Had he been born ten years before it is highly

school and enlisted among the patriots.

He joined the army when everything looked hopeless and gloomy. The number of deserters increased from day to day. The invading armies came pouring in; and the tories not only favored the cause of the mother country, but disheartened the new recruits, who were sufficiently tertified at the prospect of contending with an enemy whom they had been taught to deem invincible. To such brave spirits as James Mouroe, who went right onward, undismayed through difficulty and danger, the United States owe their political emancipation. The young cadet joined the ranks, and espoused the cause of his injured country, with a firm determination to live or die with her strife.

probable that he would have been one of the signers of that celebrated instrument. At this time he left for liberty. Firmly yet sadly he shared in the melancholy retreat from Harleam Heights and White Plains, and accompanied the dispirited army as it fled before its foes through New Jersey. In four months after the Declaration of Independence, the patriots had been beaten in seven battles. At the battle of Trenton he led the vanguard, and, in the act of charging upon the enemy he received a wound in the left shoulder.

As a reward for his bravery, Mr. Monroe was promoted a captain of infantry; and, having recovered from his wound, he rejoined the army. He, however, receded from the line of promotion, by becoming an officer in the staff of Lord Sterling. During the campaigns of 1777 and 1778, in the actions of Brandy wine, Germantown and Monmouth, he continued aid-de-camp; but becoming desirous to regain his position in the army, he exerted himself to collect a regiment for the Virginia line. This scheme failed owing to the exhausted condition of the State. Upon this failure he entered the office of Mr. Jefferson, at that period Governor, and pursued, with considerable ardor, the study of common law. He did not, however, entirely lay aside the knapsack for the green bag: but on the invasions of the enemy, served as a volunteer, during the two years of his legal pursuits.

In 1782, he was elected from King George county, a member of the Leglislature of Virginia, and by that body he was elevated to a seat in the Executive Council. He was thus honored with the confidence of his fellow citizens at 23 years of age; and having at this early period displayed some of that ability and aptitude for legislation, which were afterwards employed with unremitting energy for the public good,

he was in the succeeding year chosen a member of the Congress of the United States.

Deeply as Mr. Monroe felt the imperfections of the old Confederacy, he was opposed to the new Constitution, thinking, with many others of the Republican party, that it gave too much power to the Central Government, and not enough to the individual States. Still he retained the esteem of his friends who were its warm supporters, and who, notwithstanding his opposition secured its adoption. In 1789, he became a member of the United States Senate; which office he held for four years. Every month the line of distinction between the two great parties which divided the nation, the Federal and the Republican, was growing more distinct. The two prominent ideas which now separated them were, that the Republican party was in sympathy with France, and also in favor of such a strict construction of the Constitution as to give the Central Government as little power, and the State Governments as much power, as the Constitution would warrant. The Federalists sympathized with England, and were in favor of a liberal construction of the Constitution, which would give as much power to the Central Government as that document could possibly authorize.

The leading Federalists and Republicans were alike noble men, consecrating all their energies to the good of the nation. Two more honest men or more pure patriots than John Adams the Federalist, and James Monroe the Republican, never breathed. In building up this majestic nation, which is destined to eclipse all Grecian and Assyrian greatness, the combination of their antagonism was needed to create the tight equilibrium. And yet each in his day was denounced as almost a demon.

Washington was then President. England had espoused the cause of the Bourbons against the principles of the French Revolution. All Europe was drawn into the conflict. We were feeble and far away. Washington issued a proclamation of neutrality between these contending powers. France had helped us in the struggle for our liberties. All the despotisms of Europe were now combined to prevent the French from escaping from a tyranny a thousand-fold worse than that which we had endured. Col. Monroe, more magnanimous than prudent, was anxious that, at whatever hazard, we should help our old allies in their extremity. It was the impulse of a generous and noble nature. He violently opposed the President's proclamation as ungrateful and wanting in magnanimity.

Washington, who could appreciate such a character, developed his calm, serene, almost divine greatness, by appointing that very James Monroe, who was denouncing the policy of the Government, as the minister of that Government to the Republic of France. Mr. Monroe was welcomed by the National Convention in France with the most enthusiastic demonstrations.

Shortly after his return to this country, Mr. Moneo was elected Governor of Virginia, and held the office for three years. He was again sent to France to co-operate with Chancellor Livingston in obtaining the vast territory then known as the Province of Louisiana, which France had but shortly before obtained from Spain. Their united efforts were successful. For the comparatively small sum of fifteen millions of dollars, the entire territory of Orleans and district of Louisiana were added to the United States. This was probably the largest transfer of real estate which was ever made in all the history of the world.

From France Mr. Monroe went to England to obtain from that country some recognition of our rights as neutrals, and to remonstrate against those odious impressments of our seamen. But England was unrelenting. He again returned to England on the same mission, but could receive no redress. He returned to his home and was again chosen Governor of Virginia. This he soon resigned to accept the position of Secretary of State under Madison. While in this office war with England was declared, the Secretary of War resigned, and during these trying times, the duties of the War Department were also put upon him. He was truly the armorbearer of President Madison, and the most efficient business man in his cabinet. Upon the return of peace he resigned the Department of War, but continued in the office of Secretary of State until the expiration of Mr. Madison's adminstration. At the election held the previous autumn Mr. Monroe himself had been chosen President with but little opposition, and upon March 4, 1817, was inaugurated. Four years later he was elected for a second term.

Among the important measures of his Presidency were the cession of Florida to the United States; the Missouri Compromise, and the "Monroe doctrine."

This famous doctrine, since known as the "Monroe doctrine," was enunciated by him in 1823. At that time the United States had recognized the independence of the South American states, and did not wish to have European powers longer attempting to subdue portions of the American Continent. The doctrine is as follows: "That we should consider any attempt on the part of European powers to extend their system to any portion of this hemisphere as dangerous to our peace and safety," and "that we could not view any interposition for the purpose of oppressing or controlling American governments or provinces in any other light than as a manifestation by European powers of an unfriendly disposition toward the United States," This doctrine immediately affected the course of foreign governments, and has become the approved sentiment of the United States.

At the end of his second term Mr. Monroe retired to his home in Virginia, where he lived until 1830, when he went to New York to live with his son-in-law. In that city he died, on the 4th of July, 1831.





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OHN OUINCY ADAMS, the sixth President of the United States, was born in the rural home of his honored father, John Adams, in Quincy, Mass., on the 11th of July, 1767. His mother, a woman of exalted worth, watched over his childhood during the almost constant absence of his father. When but eight years of age, he stood with his mother on an eminence, listening to the booming of the great battle on Bunker's Hill, and gazing on upon the smoke and flames billowing up from the conflagration of Charlestown.

When but eleven years old he took a tearful adieu of his mother, to sail with his father for Europe,

through a fleet of hostile British cruisers. The bright, animated boy spent a year and a half in Paris, where his father was associated with Franklin and Lee as minister plenipotentiary. His intelligence attracted the notice of these distinguished men, and he received from them flattering marks of attention.

Mr. John Adams had scarcely returned to this country, in 1779, ere he was again sent abroad. Again John Quincy accompanied his father. At Paris he applied himself with great diligence, for six months, to study; then accompanied his father to Holland, where he entered, first a school in Amsterdam, then the University at Leyden. About a year from this time, in 1781, when the manly boy was but fourteen years of age, he was selected by Mr. Dana, our minister to the Russian court, as his private secretary.

In this school of incessant labor and of enobling culture he spent fourteen months, and then returned to Holland through Sweden, Denmark, Hamburg and Bremen. This long journey he took alone, in the winter, when in his sixteenth year. Again he resumed his studies, under a private tutor, at Hague. Thence, in the spring of 1782, he accompanied his father to Paris, traveling leisurely, and forming acquaintance with the most distinguished men on the Continent; examining architectural remains, galleries of paintings, and all renowned works of art. At Paris he again became associated with the most illustrious men of all lands in the contemplations of the loftiest temporal themes which can engross the human mind. a short visit to England he returned to Paris, and consecrated all his energies to study until May, 1785, when he returned to America. To a brilliant young man of eighteen, who had seen much of the world, and who was familiar with the etiquette of courts, a residence with his father in London, under such circumstances, must have been extremely attractive; but with judgment very rare in one of his age, he preferred to return to America to complete his education in an American college. He wished then to study law, that with an honorable profession, he might be able to obtain an independent support.

Upon leaving Harvard College, at the age of twenty, he studied law for three years. In June, 1794, being then but twenty-seven years of age, he was appointed by Washington, resident minister at the Netherlands. Sailing from Boston in July, he reached London in October, where he was immediately admitted to the deliberations of Messrs. Jay and Pinchen, assisting them in negotiating a commercial treaty with Great Britan. After thus spending a fortnight in London, he proceeded to the Hague.

In July, 1797, he left the Hague to go to Fortugal as minister pleinjotentiary. On his way to Fortugal, upon arriving in London, he met with despatches directing him to the court of Berlin, but requesting him to remain in London until he should receive his instructions. While waiting he was married to an American lady to whom he had been previously engaged,—Miss Louisa Catherine Johnson, daughter of Mr. Joshua Johnson, American consal in London; a lady endownd with that beauty and those accomplishment which eminently fitted her to move in the elevated sphere for which she was destined.

He reached Berlin with his wife in November, 1797; where he remained until July, 1799, when, having fulfilled all the purposes of his mission, he solicited his recall

Soon after his return, in 1802, he was chosen to the Senate of Massachusetts, from Boston, and then was elected Senator of the United States for six years, from the 4th of March, 1804. His reputation, his ability and his experience, placed him immediately among the most prominent and influential members of that body. Especially did he sustain the Government in its measures of resistance to the encoachments of England, destroying our commerce and insulting our flag. There was no man in America more familiar with the arrogance of the British court upon these points, and no one more resolved to present a firm resistance.

In 1809, Madison succeeded Jefferson in the Presidential chair, and he immediately nominated John Quincy Adams minister to St. Petersburg. Resigning his professorship in Harvard College, he embarked

at Boston, in August, 1809.

While in Russia, Mr. Adams was an intense student. He devoted his attention to the language and history of Russia; to the Chinese trade; to the European system of weights, measures, and coins; to the climate and astronomical observations; while he kept up a familiar acquaintance with the Greek and Latin classics. In all the universities of Europe, a more accomplished scholar could scarcely be found. All through life the Bible constituted an important part of his studies. It was his rule to read five chapters every day.

On the 4th of March, 1817, Mr. Monroe took the Presidential chair, and immediately appointed Mr. Adams Secretary of State. Taking leave of his numerous friends in public and private life in Europe, he sailed in June, 1819, for the United States. On the 18th of August, he again crossed the threshold of his home in Quincy. During the eight years of Mr. Monroe's administration, Mr. Adams continued Secretary of State.

Some time before the close of Mr. Monroe's second term of office, new candidates began to be presented for the Presidency. The friends of Mr. Adams brought forward his name. It was an exciting campaign. Party spirit was never more bitter. Two bundred and sixty electoral votes were cast. Andrew Jackson received ninety-nine; John Quincy Adams, eighty-four; William H. Crawford, forty-one; Henry Clay, thirty-seven. As there was no choice by the people, the question went to the House of Representatives. Mr. Clay gave the vote of Kentucky to Mr. Adams, and he was elected.

The friends of all the disappointed candidates now combined in a venomous and persistent assault upon Mr. Adams. There is nothing more disgraceful in the past history of our country than the abuse which

was poured in one uninterrupted stream, upon this high-minded upright, patriotic man. There never was an administration more pure in principles, more conscientiously devoted to the best interests of the country, than that of John Quincy Adams; and never, perhaps, was there an administration more unscrupulously and outrageously assailed.

Mf. Adams was, to a very remarkable degree, absentions and temperate in his habits; always rising early, and taking much exercise. When at his homein Quincy, he has been known to walk, before breakfast, seven miles to Boston. In Washington, it was said that he was the first man up in the city, lighting his own fire and applying himself to work in his library

often long before dawn.

On the 4th of March, 1829, Mr. Adams retired from the Presidency, and was succeeded by Andrew Jackson. John C. Calhoun was elected Vice President. The slavery question now began to assume portentous magnitude. Mr. Adams returned to Quincy and to his studies, which he pursued with unabated zeal. But he was not long permitted to remain in retirement. In November, 1830, he was elected representative to Congress. For seventeen years, until his death, he occupied the post as representative, towering above all his peers, ever ready to do brave battle' for freedom, and winning the title of "the old man eloquent." Upon taking his seat in the House, he announced that he should hold himself bound to no party. Probably there never was a member more devoted to his duties. He was usually the first in his place in the morning, and the last to leave his seat in the evening. Not a measure could be brought forward and escape his scrutiny. The battle which Mr. Adams fought, almost singly, against the proslavery party in the Government, was sublime in its moral daring and heroism. For persisting in presenting petitions for the abolition of slavery, he was threatened with indictment by the grand jury, with expulsion from the House, with assassination; but no threats could intimidate him, and his final triumph was complete.

It has been said of President Adams, that when his body was bent and his hair silvered by the lapse of fourscore years, yielding to the simple faith of a little child, he was accustomed to repeat every night, before he slept, the prayer which his mother taught him in his infant years.

On the 21st of February, 1848, he rose on the floor of Congress, with a paper in his hand, to address the speaker. Suddenly he fell, again stricken by paralysis, and was caught in the arms of those around him. For a time he was senseless, as he was conveyed to the sofa in the rotunda. With reviving consciousness, he opened his eyes, looked calmly around and said "This is the end of earth;" then after a moment's pause he added, "I am content." These were the last words of the grand "Old Man Eloquent."









NDREW JACKSON, the seventh President of the United States, was born in Waxhaw settlement, N. C., March 15, 1767, a few days after his father's death. His parents were poor emigrants from Ireland, and took up their abode in Waxhaw settlement, where they lived in deepest poverty.

Andrew, or Andy, as he was universally called, grew up a very rough, rude, turbulent boy. His features were coarse, his form ungainly; and there was but very

little in his character, made visible, which was at-

When only thirteen years old he joined the volunteers of Carolina against the British invasion. In 1781, he and his brother Robert were captured and imprisoned for a time at Canden. A British officer ordered him to brush his mud-spattered boots. "I am a prisoner of war, not your servant," was the reply of the dauntless boy.

The brute drew his sword, and aimed a desperate blow at the head of the helpless young prisoner. Andrew raised his hand, and thus received two fearful gashes,—one on the hand and the other upon the head. The officer then turned to his brother Robert with the same demand. He also refused, and received a blow from the keen-edged sabre, which quite disabled him, and which probably soon after caused his death. They suffered much other ill-treatment, and were finally stricken with the small-pox. Their mother was successful in obtaining their exchange,

and took her sick boys home. After a long illness Andrew recovered, and the death of his mother soon left him entirely friendless.

Andrew supported himself in various ways, such as working at the saddler's trade, teaching school and clerking in a general store, until 1784, when he entered a law office at Salisbury, N. C. He, however, gave more attention to the wild amusements of the times than to his studies. In 1788, he was appointed solicitor for the western district of North Carolina, of which Tennessee was then a part. This involved many long and tedious journeys amid dangers of every kind, but Andrew Jackson never knew fear, and the Indians had no desire to repeat a skirmish with the Sharp Knife.

In 1791, Mr. Jackson was married to a woman who supposed herself divorced from her former husband. Great was the surprise of both parties, two years later, to find that the conditions of the divorce had just been definitely settled by the first husband. The marriage cereniony was performed a second time, but the occurrence was often used by his enemies to bring Mr. Jackson into disfavor.

During these years he worked hard at his profession, and frequently had one or more duels on hand, one of which, when he killed Dickenson, was especially disgraceful.

In January, 1796, the Territory of Tennessee then containing nearly eighty thousand inhabitants, the people met in convention at Knoxville to frame a constitution. Five were sent from each of the eleven counties. Andrew Jackson was one of the delegates. The new State was entitled to but one member in the National House of Representatives. Andrew Jackson was chosen that member. Mounting his horse he rode to Philedelphia, where Congress then held its

sessions,—a distance of about eight hundred miles. Jackson was an earnest advocate of the Democratic party. Jefferson was his idol. He admired Bonaparte, loved France and hated England. As Mr. Jackson took his seat, Gen. Washington, whose second term of office was then expiring, delivered his last speech to Congress. A committee drew up a complimentary address in reply. Andrew Jackson did not approve of the address, and was one of the twelve who voted against it. He was not willing to say that Gen. Washington's adminstration had been "wise, firm and patriotic."

Mr. Jackson was elected to the United States Senate in 1797, but soon resigned and returned home. Soon after he was chosen Judge of the Supreme Court of his State, which position he held for six years.

When the war of 1812 with Great Britian commenced, Madison occupied the Presidential chair. Aaron Barr sent word to the President that there was an unknown man in the West, Andrew Jackson, who would do credit to a commission if one were conferred upon him. Just at that time Gen. Jackson offered his services and those of twenty-five hundred volunteers. His offer was accepted, and the troops were assembled at Nashville.

As the British were hourly expected to make an attack upon New Orleans, where Gen. Wilkinson was in command, he was ordered to descend the river with fifteen hundred troops to aid Wilkinson. The expedition reached Natchez; and after a delay of several weeks there, without accomplishing anything, the men were ordered back to their homes. But the energy Gen. Jackson had displayed, and his entire devotion to the comfort of his soldiers, won him golden opinions; and he became the most popular man in the State. It was in this expedition that his toughness gave him the nickname of "Old Hickory."

Soon after this, while attempting to horsewhip Col. Thomas H. Benton, for a renark that gentleman made about his taking a part as second in a duel, in which a younger brother of Benton's was engaged, he received two severe pistol wounds. While he was ingering upon a bed of suffering news came that the Indians, who had combined under Tecumsch from Florida to the Lakes, to exterminate the white setters, were committing the most awful ravages. Decisive action became necessary. Gen. Jackson, with his fractured bone just beginning to heal, his arm in a sling, and unable to mount his horse without assistance, gave his amazing energies to the raising of an army to rendezvous at Fayettesville, Alabama.

The Creek Indians had established a strong fort on one of the bends of the Tallanoosa River, near the center of Alabama, about fifty miles below Fort Strother. With an army of two thousand men, Gen. Jackson traversed the pathless wilderness in a march of eleven days. He reached their fort, called Tohopeka or Horse-shoe, on the 27th of March. 1814. The bend

of the river enclosed nearly one hundred acres of tangled forest and wild ravine. Across the narrow neck the Indians had constructed a formidable breastwork of logs and brush. Here nine hundred warriors, with an ample suply of arms were assembled.

The fort was storned. The fight was utterly desperate. Not an Indian would accept of quarter. When bleeding and dying, they would fight those who endeavored to spare their lives. From ten in the morning until dark, the battle raged. The carnage was awful and revolting. Some threw themselves into the river; but the unerring bullet struck their heads as they swam. Nearly every one of the nine hundred warrios were killed. A few probably, in the night, swam the river and escaped. This ended the war. The power of the Creeks was broken forever. This bold plunge into the wilderness, with its terriffic slaughter, so appalled the savages, that the haggard remnants of the bands came to the camp, begging for peace.

This closing of the Creek war enabled us to concentrate all our militia upon the British, who were the allies of the Indians No man of less resolute will than Gen. Jackson could have conducted this Indian campaign to so successful an issue Immediately he was appointed major-general.

Late in August, with an army of two thousand men, on a rushing march, Gen. Jackson came to Mobile. A British fleet came from Pensacola, landed a force upon the beach, anchored near the little fort, and from both ship and shore commenced a furious assault The battle was long and doubtful. At length

one of the ships was blown up and the rest retired.

Garrisoning Mobile, where he had taken his little army, he moved his troops to New Orleans, And the battle of New Orleans which soon ensued, was in reality a very arduous campaign. This won for Gen. Jackson an imperishable name. Here his troops, which numbered about four thousand men, won a signal victory over the British army of about nine thousand. His loss was but thirteen, while the loss of the British was two thousand six hundred.

The name of Gen. Jackson soon began to be mentioned in connection with the Presidency, but, in 1824, he was defeated by Mr. Adams. He was, however, successful in the election of 1828, and was re-elected for a second term in 1832. In 1820, just before he assumed the reins of the government, he met with the most terrible affliction of his life in the death of his wife, whom he had loved with a devotion which has perhaps never been surpassed. From the shock of her-death he never recovered.

His administration was one of the most memorable in the annals of our country; applauded by one party, condemned by the other. No man had more bitter enemies or warmer friends. At the expiration of his two terms of office he retired to the Hermitage, where he died June 8, 1845. The last years of Mr. Jackson's life were that of a devoted Christian man,





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INARTIN VAN BUREN.

ARTIN VAN BUREN, the eighth President of the United States, was born at Kinderhook, N. Y., Dec. 5, 1782. He died at the same place, July 24, 1862. His body rests in the cemetery at Kinderhook. Above it is a plain granite shaft fifteen feet high, bearing a simple inscription about hall way up on one face. The lot is unfenced, unbordered

or unbounded by shrub or flower.

There is but little in the life of Martin Van Buren of romantic interest. He fought no battles, engaged in no wild adventures. Though his life was stormy in political and intellectual conflicts, and he gained many signal victories, his days passed uneventful in those incidents which give zest to biography. His ancestors, as his name indicates, were of Dutch origin, and were among the earliest emigrants from Holland to the banks of the Hudson. His father was a farmer, residing in the old town of Kinderhook. His mother, also of Dutch lineage, was a woman of superior intelligence and exemplary piety.

He was decidedly a precocious boy, developing unusual activity, vigor and strength of mind. At the age of fourteen, he had finished his academic studies in his native village, and commenced the study of law. As he had not a collegiate education, seven years of study in a law-office were required of him before he could be admitted to the bar. Inspired with a lofty ambition, and conscious of his powers, he pursued his studies with indefattgable industry. After spending six years in an office in his native village, he went to the city of New York, and prosecuted his studies for the seventh year.

In 1803, Mr. Van Buren, then twenty-one years of age, commenced the practice of law in his native village. The great conflict between the Federal and Republican party was then at its height. Mr. Van Buren was from the beginning a politician. He had, perhaps, inhibled that spirit while listening to the many discussions which had been carried on in his father's hotel. He was in cordial sympathy with Jefferson, and earnestly and eloquently esponsed the cause of State Rights; though at that time the Federal party held the supremacy both in his town and State.

His success and increasing ruputation led him after six years of practice, to remove to Hudson, the county seat of his county. Here he spent seven years, constantly gaining strength by contending in the courts with some of the ablest men who have adorned the bar of his State.

Just before leaving Kinderhook for Hudson, Mr. Van Buren married a lady alike distinguished for beauty and accomplishments. After twelve short years she sank into the grave, the victim of consumption, leaving her husband and four sons to weep over her loss. For twenty-five years, Mr. Van Buren was an earnest, successful, assiduous lawyer. The record of those years is barren in items of public interest. In 1812, when thirty years of age, he was chosen to the State Senate, and gave his strenuous support to Mr. Madison's administration. In 1815, he was appointed Attorney-General, and the next year moved to Albany, the capital of the State.

While he was acknowledged as one of the most prominent leaders of the Democratic party, he had the moral courage to avow that true democracy did not require that "universal suffrage" which admits the vile, the degraded, the ignorant, to the right of governing the State. In true consistency with his democratic principles, he contended that, while the path leading to the privilege of voting should be open to every man without distinction, no one should be invested with that sacred prerogative, unless he were in some degree qualified for it by intelligence, virtue and some property interests in the welfare of the State.

In 1821 he was elected a member of the United States Senate; and in the same year, he took a seat in the convention to revise the constitution of his native State. His course in this convention secured the approval of men of all parties. No one could doubt the singleness of his endeavors to promote the interests of all classes in the community. In the Senate of the United States, he rose at once to a conspicuous position as an active and useful legislator.

In 1827, John Quincy Adams being then in the Presidential chair, Mr. Van Buren was re-elected to the Senate. He had been from the beginning a determined opposer of the Administration, adopting the "State Rights" view in opposition to what was deemed the Federal proclivities of Mr. Adams.

Soon after this, in 1828, he was chosen Governor of the State of New York, and accordingly resigned his seat in the Senate. Probably no one in the United States contributed so much towards ejecting John O. Adams from the Presidential chair, and placing in it Andrew Jackson, as did Martin Van Buren. Whether entitled to the reputation or not, he certainly was regarded throughout the United States as one of the most skillful, sagacious and cunning of politicians, It was supposed that no one knew so well as he how to touch the secret springs of action; how to pull all the wires to put his machinery in motion; and how to organize a political army which would, secretly and stealthily accomplish the most gigantic results. By these powers it is said that he outwitted Mr. Adams, Mr. Clay, Mr. Webster, and secured results which few thought then could be accomplished.

When Andrew Jackson was elected President he appointed Mr. Van Buren Secretary of State. This position he resigned in 1831, and was immediately appointed Minister to England, where he went the same autumn. The Senate, however, when it met, refused to ratify the nomination, and he returned

home, apparently untroubled; was nominated Vice President in the place of Calhoun, at the re-election of President Jackson; and with smiles for all and frowns for none, he took his place at the head of that Senate which had refused to confirm his nomination as ambassador.

His rejection by the Senate roused all the zeal of President Jackson in behalf of his repudiated favorite; and this, probably more than any other cause, secured his elevation to the chair of the Chief Executive. On the zoth of May, 1856, Mr. Van Buren received the Democratic nomination to succeed Gen. Jackson as President of the United States. He was elected by a handsome majority, to the delight of the retiring President, "Leaving New York out of the canvass," says Mr. Parton, "the election of Mr. Van Buren to the Presidency was as much the act of Gen. Jackson as though the Constitution had conferred upon him the power to appoint a successor."

His administration was filled with exciting events. The insurrection in Canada, which threatened to involve this country in war with England, the agitation of the slavery question, and finally the great commercial panic which spread over the country, all were trials to his wisdom. The financial distress was attributed to the management of the Democratic party, and brought the President into such disfavor that he failed of re-election.

With the exception of being nominated for the Presidency by the "Free Soil" Democrats, in 1848, Mr. Van Buren lived quietly upon his estate until his death.

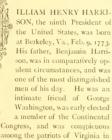
He had ever been a prudent man, of frugal habits, and living within his income, had now fortunately a competence for his declining years. His unblemished character, his commanding abilities, his unquestioned patriotism, and the distinguished positions which he had occupied in the government of our country, secured to him not only the homage of his party, but the respect of the whole community. It was on the 4th of March, 1841, that Mr. Van Buren retired from the presidency. From his fine estate at Lindenwald he still exerted a powerful influence upon the politics of the country. From this time until his death, on the 24th of July, 1862, at the age of eighty years, he resided at Lindenwald, a gentleman of leisure, of culture and of wealth; enjoying in a healthy old age, probably far more happiness than he had before experienced amid the stormy scenes of his active life,





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among the patriots of Virginia in resisting the encroachments of the British crown. In the celebrated Congress of 1775, Benjamin Harrison and John Hancock were both candidates for the office of speaker.

Mr Harrison was subsequently chosen Governor of Virginia, and was twice re-elected. His son, William Henry, of course enjoyed

in childhood all the advantages which wealth and intellectual and cultivated society could give. Having received a thorough common-school education, he entered Hampden Sidney Collegs, where he graduated with honor soon after the death of his father. He then repaired to Philadelphia to study medicine under the instructions of Dr. Rush and the guardianship of Robert Morris, both of whom were, with his father, signers of the Declaration of Independence.

Upon the outbreak of the Indian troubles, and notwithstanding the remonstrances of his friends, he abandoned his medical studies and entered the army, having obtained a commission of Ensign from President Washington. He was then but 19 years old. From that time he passed gradually upward in rank until he became aid to General Wayne, after whose death he resigned his commission. He was then appointed Secretary of the North-western Territory. This Territory was then entitled to but one member in Congress and Capt. Harrison was chosen to fill that position.

In the spring of 1800 the North-western Territory was divided by Congress into two portions. The eastern portion, comprising the region now embraced in the State of Ohio, was called "The Territory north-west of the Ohio." The western portion, which included what is now called Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin, was called the "Indiana Territory." William Henry Harrison, then 27 years of age, was appointed by John Adams, Governor of the Indiana Territory, and immediately after, also Governor of Upper Louisiana. He was thus ruler over almost as extensive a realm as any sovereign upon the globe. He was Superintendent of Indian Affairs, and was invested with powers nearly dictatorial over the now rapidly increasing white population. The ability and fidelity with which he discharged these responsible duties may be inferred from the fact that he was four times appointed to this office-first by John Adams, twice by Thomas Jefferson and afterwards by President Madison

When he began his adminstration there were but three white settlements in that almost boundless region, now crowded with cities and resounding with all the tumult of wealth and traffic. One of these settlements was on the Ohio, nearly opposite Louisville; one at Vincennes, on the Wabash, and the third a French settlement.

The vast wilderness over which Gov. Harrison reigned was filled with many tribes of Indians. About

the year 1806, two extraordinary mer, twin brothers, of the Shawnese tribe, rose among them. One of these was called Tecumseh, or "The Crouching Panther;" the other, Olliwacheca, or "The Prophet." Tecumseh was not only an Indian warrior, but a man of great sagacity, far-reaching foresight and indomitable perseverance in any enterprise in which he might engage. He was inspired with the bighest enthusiasm, and had long regarded with dread and with hatred the encroachment of the whites upon the hunting-grounds of his fathers. His brother, the Prophet, was a orator, who could sway the feelings of the untutored Indian as the gale tossed the tree-tops beneath which they dwelt.

But the Prophet was not merely an orator: he was, in the superstitious minds of the Indians, invested with the superstitions mignity of a medicine-man or a magician. With an enthusiasm unsurpassed by Peter the Hermit rousing Europe to the crusades, he went from tribe to tribe, assuming that he was specially sent by the Great Spirit.

Gov. Harrison made many attempts to conciliate the Indians, but at last the war came, and at Tippe-canoe the Indians were routed with great slaughter. October 28, 1812, his army began its march. When near the Prophet's town three Indians of rank made their appearance and inquired why Gov. Harrison was approaching them in so hostile an attitude. After a short conference, arrangements were made for a meeting the next day, to agree upon terms of peace.

But Gov. Harrison was too well acquainted with the Indian character to be deceived by such protestations. Selecting a favorable spot for his night's encampment, he took every precaution against surprise. His troops were posted in a hollow square, and slept upon their arms.

The troops threw themselves upon the ground for rest; but every man had his accourtrements on, his loaded musket by his side, and his bayonet fixed. The wakeful Governor, between three and four o'clock in the morning, had risen, and was sitting in conversation with his aids by the embers of a waring fire. It was a chill, cloudy morning with a drizzling rain. In the darkness, the Indians had crept as near as possible, and just then, with a savage yell, rushed, with all the desperation which superstition and passion most highly inflamed could give, upon the left flank of the little army. The savages had been amply provided with guns and ammunition by the English. Their war-whoop was accompanied by a shower of bullets.

The camp-fires were instantly extinguished, as the light aided the Indians in their aim. With hidepus yells, the Indian bands rushed on, not doubting a
speedy and an entire victory. But Gen. Harrison's
troops stood as immovable as the rocks around them
until day dawned: they then made a simultaneous
charge with the bayonet, and swept every thing before them, and completely routing the foe.

Gov. Harrison now had all his energies tasked to the utmost. The British descending from the Canadas, were of themselves a very formidable force; but with their savage allies, rushing like wolves from the forest, searching out every remote farm-house, burning, plundering, scalping, torturing, the wide frontier was plunged into a state of consternation which even the most vivid imagination can but faintly conceive, The war-whoop was resounding everywhere in the forest. The horizon was illuminated with the conflagration of the cabins of the settlers. Gen Hull had made the ignominious surrender of his forces at Detroit. Under these despairing circumstances, Gov. Harrison was appointed by President Madison commander-inchief of the North-western army, with orders to retake Detroit, and to protect the frontiers.

It would be difficult to place a man in a situation demanding more energy, sagacity and courage; but General Harrison was found equal to the position, and nobly and triumphantly did he meet all the responsibilities.

He won the love of his soldiers by always sharing with them their fatigue. His whole baggage, while pursuing the foe up the Thames, was carried in a valise; and his bedding consisted of a single blanket lashed over his saddle. Thirty-five British offices, his prisoners of war, supped with him after the battle. The only fare he could give them was beef roasted before the fire, without bread or salt.

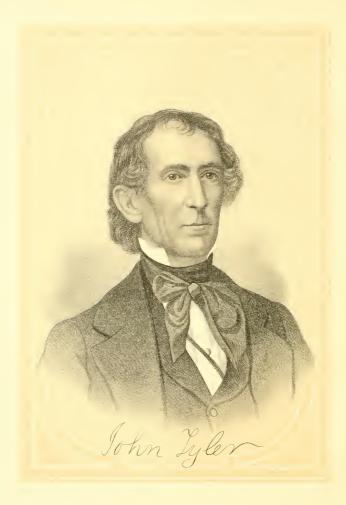
In 1816, Gen. Harrison was chosen a member of the National House of Representatives, to represent the District of Ohio. In Congress he proved an active member; and whenever he spoke, it was with force of reason and power of eloquence, which arrested the attention of all the members.

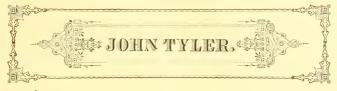
In 1819, Harrison was elected to the Senate of Ohio; and in 1824, as one of the presidential electors of that State, he gave his vote for Henry Clay. The same year he was chosen to the United States Senate.

In 1836, the friends of Gen. Harrison brought him forward as a candidate for the Presidency against Van Buren, but he was defeated. At the close of Mr. Van Buren's term, he was re-nominated by his party, and Mr. Harrison was unanimously nominated by the Whigs, with John Tyler for the Vice Presidency. The contest was very animated. Gen. Jackson gave all his influence to prevent Harrison's election; but his triumph was signal.

The cabinet which he formed, with Daniel Webster at its head as Secretary of State, was one of the most brilliant with which any President had ever been surrounded. Never were the prospects of an administration more flattering, or the hopes of the country more sanguine. In the midst of these bright and joyous prospects, Gen. Harrison was seized by a pleurisy-fever and after a few days of violent sickness, died on the 4th of April; just one month after his inauguration as President of the United States.









OHN TYLER, the tenth He was born in Charles-city Co., Va., March 29, 1790. He was the favored child of affluence and high social position. At the early age of twelve, John entered William and Mary College and graduated with much honor when but seventeen years old. After graduating, he devoted himself with great assiduity to the study of law, partly with his father and partly with Edmund Randolph, one of the most distinguished lawvers of Virginia,

At nineteen years of age, ne commenced the practice of law. His success was rapid and astonishing. It is said that three months had not elapsed ere there was scarcely a case on the docket of the court in which he was an but twenty-one years of age, he

not retained. When but twenty-one years of age, he was almost unanimously elected to a seat in the State Legislature. He connected himself with the Democratic party, and warmly advocated the measures of Jefferson and Madison. For five successive years he was elected to the Legislature, receiving nearly the unanimous vote or his county.

When but twenty-six years of age, he was elected a member of Congress. Here he acted earnestly and ably with the Democratic party, opposing a national bank, internal improvements by the General Government, a protective tariff, and advocating a strict constitution of the Constitution, and the most careful vigilance over State rights. His labors in Congress were so arduous that before the close of his second term he found it necessary to resign and retire to his estate in Charles-city Co., to recruit his health. He, however, soon after consented to take his seat in the State Legislature, where his influence was powerful in promoting public works of great utility. With a reputation thus canstantly increasing, he was chosen by a very large majority of votes, Governor of his native State. His administration was signally a successful one. His popularity secured his re-election.

John Randolph, a brilliant, erratic, half-crazed man, then represented Virginia in the Senate of the United States. A portion of the Democratic party was displeased with Mr. Randolph's wayward course, and brought forward John Tyler as his opponent, considering him the only man in Virginia of sufficient popularity to succeed against the renowned orator of Roanoke. Mr. Tyler was the victor.

In accordance with his professions, upon taking his seat in the Senate, he joined the ranks of the opposition. He opposed the tariff; he spoke against and voted against the bank as unconstitutional; he strenuously opposed all restrictions upon slavery, resisting all projects of internal improvements by the General Government, and avowed his sympathy with Mr. Calhoun's view of nullification; he declared that Gen. Jackson, by his opposition to the nullifiers, had abandoned the principles of the Democratic party. Such was Mr. Tyler's record in Congress,—a record in perfect accordance with the principles which he had always avowed.

Returning to Virginia, he resumed the practice of his profession. There was a aplit in the Democratic

party. His friends still regarded him as a true Jeffersonian, gave him a dinner, and showered compliments upon him. He had now attained the age of forty-six. His career had been very brilliant. In consequence of his devotion to public business, his private affairs had fallen into some disorder; and it was not without satisfaction that he resumed the practice of law, and devoted himself to the culture of his plantation. Soon after this he removed to Williamsburg, for the better education of his children; and he again took his seat in the Legislature of Virginia.

By the Southern Whigs, he was sent to the national convention at Harrisburg to nominate a President in 1839. The majority of votes were given to Gen. Harrison, a genuine Whigs much to the disappointment of the South, who wished for Henry Clay. To conciliate the Southern Whigs and to secure their vote, the convention then nominated John Tyler for Vice President. It was well known that he was not in sympathy with the Whig party in the North: but the Vice President has but very little power in the Government, his main and almost only duty being to preside over the meetings of the Senate. Thus it happened that a Whig President, and, in reality, a Democratic Vice President were chosen.

In 1841, Mr. Tyler was inaugurated Vice President of the United States. In one short month from that time, President Harrison died, and Mr. Tyler thus found himself, to his own surprise and that of the whole Nation, an occupant of the Presidential chair. This was a new test of the stability of our institutions, as it was the first time in the history of our country that such an event had occured. Mr. Tyler was at home in Williamsburg when he received the unexpected tidings of the death of President Harrison. He hastened to Washington, and on the 6th of April was inaugurated to the high and responsible office. He was placed in a position of exceeding delicacy and difficulty. All his long life he had been opposed to the main principles of the party which had brought him into power. He had ever been a consistent, honest man, with an unblemished record. Gen. Harrison had selected a Whig cabinet. Should he retain them, and thus surround himself with counsellors whose views were antagonistic to his own? or, on the other hand, should be turn against the party which had elected him and select a cabinet in harmony with himself, and which would oppose all those views which the Whigs deemed essential to the public welfare? This was his fearful dilemma. He invited the cabinet which President Harrison had selected to retain their seats. He reccommended a day of fasting and prayer, that God would guide and bless us.

The Whigs carried through Congress a bill for the incorporation of a fiscal bank of the United States. The President, after ten days' delay, returned it with his veto. He suggested, however, that he would

approve of a bil drawn up upon such a plan as he proposed. Such a bill was accordingly prepared, and privately submitted to him. He gave it his approval. It was passed without alteration, and he sent it back with his veto. Here commenced the open rupture. It is said that Mr. Tyler was provoked to this measure by a published letter from the Hon. John M. Botts, a distinguished Virginia Whig, who severely touched the pride of the President.

The opposition now exultingly received the President into their arms. The party which elected him denounced him bitterly. All the members of his cabinet, excepting Mr. Webster, resigned. The Whigs of Congress, both the Senate and the House, held a meeting and issued an address to the people of the United States, proclaiming that all political alliance between the Whigs and President Tyler were at an end.

Still the President attempted to conciliate, He appointed a new cabinet of distinguished Whigs and Conservatives, carefully leaving out all strong party men. Mr. Webster soon found it necessary to resign, forced out by the pressure of his Whig friends. Thus the four years of Mr. Tyler's unfortunate administration passed sadly away. No one was satisfied. The land was filled with murmurs and vituperation. Whigs and Democrats alike assailed him. More and more, however, he brought himself into sympathy with his old friends, the Democratic andidate for his successor. Polk, the Democratic andidate for his successor.

On the 4th of March, 1845, he retired from the brarassments of effice, to the regret of neither party, and probably to his own unspeakable relief. His first wife, Miss Lettita Christian, died in Washington, in 1842; and in June, 1844, President Tyler was again married, at New York, to Miss Julia Gardiner, a young lady of many personal and intellectual accomplishments.

The remainder of his days Mr. Tyler passed mainly in retirement at his beautiful home,—Sherwood Forest, Charles-city Co., Va. A polished gentleman in his manners, richly furnished with information from books and experience in the world, and possessing brilliant powers of conversation, his family circle was the scene of unusual attractions. With sufficient mans for the exercise of a generous hospitality, he might have enjoyed a serene old age with the few friends who gathered around him, were it not for the storms of civil war which his own principles and policy had helped to introduce.

When the great Rebellion rose, which the Staterights and nullifying doctrines of Mr. John C. Calhoun had inaugurated, President Tyler renounced his allegiance to the United States, and joined the Confederates. He was chosen a member of their Congress; and while engaged in active measures to destroy, by force of arms, the Government over which he had once presided, he was taken sick and soon died.





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AMES K. POLK, the eleventh President of the United States, was born in Mecklenburg Co., N. C., Nov. 2, 1795. His parents were Samuel and Jane (Knox) Polk, the former a son of Col. Thomas Polk, who located at the above place, as one of the first pioneers, in 1735.

In the year 1806, with his wife and children, and soon after followed by most of the members of the Polk famly, Samuel Polk emigrated some two or three hundred miles farther west, to the rich valley of the Duck River. Here in the midst of the wilderness, in a region which was subsequently called Maury Co., they reared their log buts, and established their homes. In the hard toil of a new farm in the wilderness, James K. Polk spent the early years of his childhood and youth. His father, adding the pursuit of a surveyor to that of a farmer, gradually increased in wealth until

he became one of the leading men of the region. His mother was a superior woman, of strong common sense and earnest piety.

Very early in life, James developed a taste for reading and expressed the strongest desire to obtain a liberal education. His mother's training had made him methodical in his habits, had taught him punctuality and industry, and had inspired him with lofty principles of morality. His health was frail; and his father, fearing that he might not be able to endure a

sedentary life, got a situation for him behind the counter, hoping to fit him for commercial pursuits.

This was to James a bitter disappointment. He had no taste for these duties, and his daily tasks were itksome in the extreme. He remained in this uncongenial occupation but a few weeks, when at his earnest solicitation his father removed him, and made arrangements for him to prosecute his studies. Soon after he sent him to Murfreesboro Academy. With ardor which could scarcely be surpassed, he pressed forward in his studies, and in less than two and a half years, in the autumn of 1815, entered the sophomore class in the University of North Carolina, at Chapel Hill. Here he was one of the most exemplary of scholars, punctual in every exercise, never allowing himself to be absent from a recitation or a religious service.

He graduated in 1818, with the highest honors, being deemed the best scholar of his class, both in mathematics and the classics. He was then twenty-three years of age. Mr. Polk's health was at this time much impaired by the assiduity with which he had prosecuted his studies. After a short season of relaxation he went to Nashville, and entered the office of Felix Grundy, to study law. Here Mr. Polk renewed his acquaintance with Andrew Jackson, who resided on his plantation, the Hermitage, but a few miles from Nashville. They had probably been slightly acquainted before.

Mr. Polk's father was a Jeffersonian Republican, and James K. Polk ever adhered to the same political faith. He was a popular public speaker, and was constantly called upon to address the meetings of his party friends. His skill as a speaker was such that he was popularly called the Napoleon of the stump. He was a man of unblemished morals, genial and

controous in his bearing, and with that sympathetic nature in the joys and griefs of others which ever gave him troops of friends. In 1823, Mr. Polk was elected to the Legislature of Tennessee. Here he gave his strong influence towards the election of his friend, Mr. Jackson, to the Presidency of the United States.

In January, 1824, Mr. Polk married Miss Sarah Childress, of Rutherford Co., Tenn. His bride was altogether worthy of him,—a lady of beauty and culture. In the fall of 1825, Mr. Polk was chosen a member of Congress. The satisfaction which he gave to his constituents may be inferred from the fact, that for fourteen successive years, until 1839, he was continued in that office. He then voluntarily withdrew, only that he might accept the Gubernatorial chair of Tennessee. In Congress he was a laborious member, a frequent and a popular speaker. He was always in his seat, always courteous; and whenever he spoke it was always to the point, and without any ambitious rhetorical display.

During five sessions of Congress, Mr. Polk was Speaker of the House Strong passions were roused, and stormy scenes were witnessed; but Mr. Polk performed his arduous duties to a very general satisfaction, and a unanimous vote of thanks to him was passed by the House as he withdrew on the 4th of March, 1830.

In accordance with Southern usage, Mr. Polk, as a candidate for Governor, canvassed the State. He was elected by a large majority, and on the 14th of October, 1839, took the oath of office at Nashville. In 1841, his term of office expired, and he was again the candidate of the Democratic party, but was defeated.

On the 4th of March, 1845, Mr. Polk was inaugurated President of the United States. The verdict of the country in favor of the annexation of Texas, exerted its influence upon Congress; and the last act of the administration of President Tyler was to affix his signature to a joint resolution of Congress, passed on the 3d of March, approving of the annexation of Texas to the American Union. As Mexico still claimed Texas as one of her provinces, the Mexican inhister, Almonte, immediately demanded his passports and left the country, declaring the act of the annexation to be an act hostile to Mexico.

In his first message, President Polk urged that Texas should immediately, by act of Congress, be received into the Union on the same footing with the other States. In the meantime, Gen. Taylor was sent with an army into Texas to hold the country. He was sent first to Nueces, which the Mexicans said was the western boundary of Texas. Then he was sent nearly two hundred miles further west, to the Rio Grande, where he erected batteries which commanded the Mexican city of Matamoras, which was situated on the western banks.

The anticipated collision soon took place, and war was declared against Mexico by President Polk. The war was pushed forward by Mr. Polk's administration with great vigor. Gen. Taylor, whose army was first called one of "observation," then of "occupation," then of "invasion," was sent forward to Monterey. The feeble Mexicans, in every encounter, were hopelessly and awfully slaughtered. The day of judgement alone can reveal the misery which this war caused. It was by the ingenuity of Mr. Polk's administration that the war was brought on.

'To the victors belong the spoils." Mexico was prostrate before us. Her capital was in our hands. We now consented to peace upon the condition that Mexico should surrender to us, in addition to Texas, all of New Mexico, and all of Upper and Lower California. This new demand embraced, exclusive of Texas, eight hundred thousand square miles. This was an extent of territory equal to nine States of the size of New York. Thus slavery was securing eighteen majestic States to be added to the Union. There were some Americans who thought it all right: there were others who thought it all wrong. In the prosecution of this war, we expended twenty thousand lives and more than a hundred million of dollars. Of this money fifteen millions were paid to Mexico.

On the 3d of March, 1849, Mr. Polk retired from office, having served one term. The next day was Sunday. On the 5th, Gen. Taylor was inaugurated as his successor. Mr. Polk rode to the Capitol in the same carriage with Gen. Taylor; and the same evening, with Mrs. Polk, he commenced his return to Tennessee. He was then but fifty-four years of age, He had ever been strictly temperate in all his habits, and his health was good. With an ample fortune, a choice library, a cultivated mind, and domestic ties of the dearest nature, it seemed as though long years of tranquility and happiness were before him, But the cholera-that fearful scourge-was then sweeping up the Valley of the Mississippi. This he contracted, and died on the 15th of June, 1849, in the fifty-fourth year of his age, greatly mourned by his countrymen.





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ACHARY TAYLOR, twelfth
President of the United States,
Tresd, in Orange Co., Va. His
father, Colonel Taylor, was
a Virginian of note, and a distinguished patriot and soldier of
the Revolution. When Zachary
was an infart, his father with his
wife and two children, emigrated
to Kentucky, where he settled in
the pathless wilderness, a few
miles from Louisville. In this frontier home, away from civilization and
all its refinements, young Zachary

could enjoy but few social and educational advantages. When six years of age he attended a common school, and was then regarded as a bright, active boy, rather remarkable for bluntness and decision of character. He was strong featless and self-reliant, and manifested a strong desire to enter the army to fight the Indians who were ravaging the frontiers. There is little to be recorded of the unventful years of his childhood on his father's large but lonely plantation,

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In 1808, his father succeeded in obtaining for him the commission of lieutenant in the United States army; and he joined the troops which were stationed at New Orleans under Gen. Wilkinson. Soon after this he married Miss Margaret Smith, a young lady from one of the first families of Maryland.

Immediately after the declaration of war with England, in 1812, Capt. Taylor (for he had then been promoted to that rank) was put in command of Fort Harrison, on the Wabash, about fifty miles above Vincennes. This fort had been built in the wilderness by Gen. Harrison.on his march to Tippecanoe. It was one of the first points of attack by the Indians, ied by Tecumseh. Its garrison consisted of a broken

company of infantry numbering fifty men, many of whom were sick.

Early in the autumn of 1812, the Indians, stealthily, and in large numbers, moved upon the fort. Their approach was first indicated by the number of two soldiers just outside of the stockade. Capt. Taylor made every possible preparation to meet the anticipated assault. On the 4th of September, a band of forty painted and plumed savages came to the fort, waving a white flag, and informed Capt. Taylor that in the morning their chief would come to have a talk with him. It was evident that their object was merely to ascertain the state of things at the fort, and Capt. Taylor, well versed in the wiles of the savages, kept them at a distance.

The sun went down; the savages disappeared, the garrison slept upon their arms. One hour before midnight the war whoop burst from a thousand lips in the forest around, followed by the discharge of musketry, and the rush of the foe. Every man, sick and well, sprang to his post. Every man knew that defeat was not merely death, but in the case of capture, death by the most agonizing and prolonged torture. No pen can describe, no immagination can conceive the scenes which ensued. The savages succeeded in setting fire to one of the block-houses-Until six o'clock in the morning, this awful conflict continued. The savages then, baffled at every point, and gnashing their teeth with rage, retired. Capt, Taylor, for this gallant defence, was promoted to the rank of major by brevet.

Until the close of the war, Major Taylor was placed in such situations that he saw but little more of active service. He was sent far away into the depths of the wilderness, to Fort Crawford, on Fox River, which empties into Green Bay. Here there was but little to be done but to wear away the tedious hours as one best could. There were no books, no society, no intellectual stimulus. Thus with him the uneventful years rolled on Gradually he rose to the rank of colonel. In the Black-Hawk war, which resulted in the capture of that renowned chieftain, Col. Taylor took a subordinate but a brave and efficient part.

For twenty-four years Col. Taylor was engaged in the defence of the frontiers, in scenes so remote, and in employments so obscure, that his name was unknown beyond the limits of his own immediate acquaintance. In the year 1836, he was sent to Florida to compel the Seminole Indians to vacate that region and retire beyond the Mississippi, as their chiefs by treaty, had promised they should do. The services rendered here secured for Col. Taylor the high appreciation of the Government; and as a reward, he was elevated to the rank of brigadher-general by brevet; and soon after, in May, 1838, was appointed to the chief command of the United States troops in Florida.

After two years of such wearisome employment amidst the everglades of the peninsula, Gen. Taylor obtained, at his own request, a change of command, and was stationed over the Department of the Southwest. This field embraced Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Georgia. Establishing his headquarters at Fort Jessup, in Louisiana, he removed his family to a plantation which he purchased, near Baton Rogue. Here he remained for five years, buried, as it were, from the world, but faithfully discharging every duty imposed upon him.

In 1846, Gen. Taylor was sent to guard the land between the Nucces and Rio Grande, the latter river being the boundary of Texas, which was then claimed by the United States. Soon the war with Mexico was brought on, and at Palo Alto and Resaca de la Palma, Gen. Taylor won brilliant victories over the Mexicans. The rank of major-general by brever was then conferred upon Gen. Taylor, and his name was received with enthusiasm almost everywhere in the Nation. Then came the battles of Monterey and Buena Vista in which he won signal victories over forces much larger than the commanded.

His careless habits of dress and his unaffected simplicity, secured for Gen. Taylor among his troops, the *sobriquet* of "Old Rough and Ready."

The tidings of the brilliant victory of Buena Vista spread the wildest enthusiasm over the country. The name of Gen. Taylor was on every one's lips. The Whig party decided to take advantage of this wonderful popularity in bringing forward the unpolished, unlettered, honest soldier as their candidate for the Presidency. Gen. Taylor was astonished at the announcement, and for a time would not listen to it; declaring that he was not at all qualified for such an office. So little interest had he taken in politics that, for forty years, he had not cast a vote. It was not without chagfin that several distinguished statesmen who had been long years in the public service found their claims set aside in behalf of one whose name

had never been heard of, save in connection with Palo Aito, Resaca de la Palma, Monterey and Buena Vista. It is said that Daniel Webster, in his haste remarked, "It is a nomination not fit to be made."

Gen. Taylor was not an eloquent speaker nor a fine writer His friends took possession of him, and prepared such few communications as it was needful should be presented to the public. The popularity of the successful warrior swept the land. He was triumphantly elected over two opposing candidates,-Gen. Cass and Ex-President Martin Van Buren. Though he selected an excellent cabinet, the good old man found himself in a very uncongenial position, and was, at times, sorely perplexed and harassed. His mental sufferings were very severe, and probably tended to hasten his death. The pro-slavery party was pushing its claims with tireless energy, expeditions were fitting out to capture Cuba; California was pleading for admission to the Union, while slavery stood at the door to bar her out. Gen. Taylor found the political conflicts in Washington to be far more trying to the nerves than battles with Mexicans or

In the midst of all these troubles, Gen. Taylor, after he had occupied the Presidential chair but little over a year, took cold, and after a brief sickness of but little over five days, died on the 9th of July, 1850. His last words were, "I am not afraid to die. I am ready. I have endeavored to do my duty." He died universally respected and beloved. An honest, unpretending man, he had been steadily growing in the affections of the people; and the Nation bitterly lamented his death.

Gen. Scott, who was thoroughly acquainted with Gen. Taylor, gave the following graphic and truthful description of his character:- "With a good store of common sense, Gen. Taylor's mind had not been enlarged and refreshed by reading, or much converse with the world. Rigidity of ideas was the consequence. The frontiers and small military posts had been his home. Hence he was quite ignorant for his rank, and quite bigoted in his ignorance. His simplicity was child-like, and with innumerable prejudices, amusing and incorrigible, well suited to the tender age. Thus, if a man, however respectable, chanced to wear a coat of an unusual color, or his hat a little on one side of his head; or an officer to leave a corner of his handkerchief dangling from an outside pocket,-in any such case, this critic held the offender to be a coxcomb (perhaps something worse), whom he would not, to use his oft repeated phrase, 'touch with a pair of tongs.'

"Any allusion to literature beyond good old Dilworth's spelling-book, on the part of one wearing a sword, was evidence, with the same judge, of utter unftness for heavy marchings and combats. In short, few men have ever had a more comfortable, laborsaving contempt for learning of every kind."





Millands Riemon





o ing to misfortune, in humble circumstances. Of his mother, the daughter of Dr. Abiathan Xillard, of Pittsfield, Mass., it has been said that she possessed an intellect of very high order, united with much personal loveliness, sweetness of disposition, graceful manners and exquisite sensibilities. She died in 1831; having lived to see her son a young man of distinguished prom-

young man of distinguished promise, though she was not permitted to witness the high dignity which he finally attained.

In consequence of the secluded home and limited means of his father, Millard enjoyed but slender advantages for education in his early years. The common schools, which he occasionally attended were very imperfect institutions; and books were scarce and expensive. There was nothing then in his character to indicate the brilliant career upon which he was about to enter. He was a plain farmer's boy; intelligent, good-looking, kind-hearted. The sacred influences of home had taught him to revere the Bible, and had laid the foundations of an upright character. When fourteen years of age, his father sent him some hundred miles from home, to the then wilds of Livingston County, to learn the trade of a clothier, Near the mill there was a small villiage, where some

enterprising man had commenced the collection of a village library. This proved an inestimable blessing to young Fillmore. His evenings were spent in reading. Soon every leisure moment was occupied with books. His thirst for knowledge became insatiate; and the selections which he made were continually more elevating and instructive. He read history, biography, oratory; and thus gradually there was enkindled in his heart a desire to be something more than a mere worker with his hands; and he was becoming, almost unknown to himself, a well-informed, educated man.

The young clothier had now attained the age of nineteen years, and was of fine personal appearance and of gentlemanly demeanor. It so happened that there was a gentleman in the neighborhood of ample pecuniary means and of benevolence,-Judge Walter Wood,-who was struck with the prepossessing appearance of young Fillmore. He made his acquaintance, and was so much impressed with his ability and attainments that he advised him to abandon his trade and devote himself to the study of the law. The young man replied, that he had no means of his own, no friends to help him and that his previous education had been very imperfect. But Judge Wood had so much confidence in him that he kindly offered to take him into his own office, and to loan him such money as he needed. Most gratefully the generous offer was accepted.

There is in many minds a strange delusion about a collegiate education. A young man is supposed to be liberally educated if he has graduated at some college. But many a boy loiters through university halls and then enters a law office, who is by no means as

well prepared to prosecute his legal studies as was Millard Fillmore when he graduated at the clothingmill at the end of four years of manual labor, during which every leisure moment had been devoted to intense mental culture.

In 1823, when twenty-three years of age, he was admitted to the Court of Common Pleas. He then went to the village of Aurora, and commenced the practice of law. In this secluded, peaceful region, his practice of course was limited, and there was no opportunity for a sudden rise in fortune or in fame, Here, in the year 1826, he married a lady of great moral worth, and one capable of adoming any station she might be called to fill.—Miss Abigail Powers.

His elevation of character, his untiring industry, his legal acquirements, and his skill as an advocate, gradually attracted attention; and he was invited to enter into partnership under highly advantageous circumstances, with an elder member of the bar in Buffalo. Just before removing to Buffalo, in 1829, he took his seat in the House of Assembly, of the State of New York, as a representative from Eric County. Though he had never taken a very active part in politics, his vote and his sympathies were with the Whig party. The State was then Democratic, and he found himself in a helpless minority in the Legislature, still the testimony comes from all parties, that his courtesy, ability and integrity, won, to a very unusual degree the respect of his associates.

In the autumn of 1832, he was elected to a seat in the United States Congress He entered that troubled arena in some of the most tunultuous hours of our national history. The great conflict respecting the national bank and the removal of the deposits, was then raging.

His term of two years closed; and he returned to his profession, which he pursued with increasing reputation and success. After a lapse of two years he again became a candidate for Congress; was reelected, and took his seat in 1837. His past experience as a representative gave him strength and confidence. The first term of service in Congress to any man can be but little more than an introduction. He was now prepared for active duty. All his energies were brought to bear upon the public good. Every measure received his impress.

Mr. Fillmore was now a man of wide repute, and his popularity filled the State, and in the year 1847, he was elected Comptroller of the State. Mr. Fillmore had attained the age of forty-seven years. His labors at the bar, in the Legislature, in Congress and as Comptroller, had given him very considerable fame. The Whigs were casting about to find suitable candidates for President and Vice-President at the approaching election. Far away, on the waters of the Rio Grande, there was a rough old soldier, who had fought one or two successful battles with the Mexicans, which had caused his name to be proclaimed in trumpet-tones all over the land. But it was necessary to associate with him on the same ticket some man of reputation as a statesman.

Under the influence of these considerations, the names of Zachary Taylor and Millard Fillmore became the rallying-cry of the Whigs, as their candidates for President and Vice-Peesident. The Whig ticket was signally triumphant. On the 4th of March, 1849, Gen. Taylor was inaugurated President, and Millard Fillmore Vice-President, of the United States.

On the 9th of July, 1850, President Taylor, but about one year and four months after his inauguration, was suddenly taken sick and died. By the Constitution, Vice-President Fillmore thus became President. He appointed a very able cabinet, of which the illustrious Daniel Webster was Secretary of State.

Mr. Fillmore had very serious difficulties to contend with, since the opposition had a majority in both Houses. He did everything in his power to conciliate the South; but the pro-slavery party in the South felt the inadequacy of all measures of transient conciliation. The population of the free States was so rapidly increasing over that of the slave States that it was inevitable that the power of the Government should soon pass into the hands of the free States. The famous compromise measures were adopted under Mr. Fillmore's administration, and the Japan Expedition was sent out. On the 4th of March, 1853, Mr. Fillmore, having served one term, retired.

In 1856, Mr. Fillmore was nominated for the Presidency by the "Know Nothing" party, but was beaten by Mr. Buchanan. After that Mr. Fillmore lived in retirement. During the terrible conflict of civil war, he was mostly silent. It was generally supposed that his sympathies were rather with those who were endeavoring to overthrow our institutions. President Fillmore kept aloof from the conflict, without any cordial words of cheer to the one party or the other. He was thus forgotten by both. He lived to a ripe old age, and died in Buffalo. N. Y. March 8, 1874.





Arankhin Perce



RANKLIN PIERCE, the fourteenth President of the United States, was born in Hillsborough, N. H., Nov. 23, 1804. His father was a Revolutionary soldier, who, with his own strong arm, hewed out a home in the wilderness. He was a man of inflexible integrity; of strong, though uncultivated mind, and an uncompromis-The mother of ing Democrat. Franklin Pierce was all that a son could desire, -an intelligent, prudent, affectionate, Christian wom-

an. Franklin was the sixth of eight children.

Franklin was a very bright and handsome boy, generous, warm-hearted and brave. He won alike the love of old and young. The boys on the play ground loved him. His teachers loved him. The neighbors looked upon him with pride and affection. He was by instinct a gentleman; always speaking kind words, doing kind deeds, with a peculiar unstudied tact which taught him what was agreeable. Without developing any precocity of genius, or any unnatural devotion to books, he was a good scholar; in body, in mind, in affections, a finely-developed boy.

When sixteen years of age, in the year 1820, he entered Bowdoin College, at Brunswick, Me He was one of the most popular young men in the college. The purity of his moral character, the unvarying courtesy of his demeanor, his rank as a scholar, and

genial nature, rendered him a universal favorite. There was something very peculiarly winning in his address, and it was evidently not in the slightest degree studied: it was the simple outgushing of his own magnanimous and loving nature.

Upon graduating, in the year 1824, Franklin Pierce commenced the study of law in the office of Judge Woodbury, one of the most distinguished lawyers of the State, and a man of great private worth. The eminent social qualities of the young lawyer, his father's prominence as a public man, and the brilliant political career into which Judge Woodbury was entering, all tended to entice Mr. Pierce into the facinating yet perilous path of political life. With all the ardor of his nature he espoused the cause of Gen. Jackson for the Presidency. He commenced the practice of law in Hillsborough, and was soon elected to represent the town in the State Legislature. Here he served for four years. The last two years he was chosen speaker of the house by a very large vote.

In 1833, at the age of twenty-nine, he was elected a member of Congress. Without taking an active part in debates, he was faithful and laborious in duty, and ever rising in the estimation of those with whom he was associated.

In 1837, being then but thirty-three years of age, he was elected to the Senate of the United States; taking his seat just as Mr. Van Buren commenced his administration. He was the youngest memberin the Senate. In the year 1834, he married Miss Jane Means Appleton, a lady of rare beauty and accomplishments, and one admirably fitted to adorn every station with which her husband was honored. Of the

three sons who were born to them, all now sleep with their parents in the grave.

In the year 1838, Mr. Pierce, with growing fame and increasing business as a lawyer, took up his residence in Concord, the capital of New Hampshire. President Polk, upon his accession to office, appointed Mr. Pierce attorney-general of the United States; but the offer was declined, in consequence of numerous professional engagements at home, and the precariuos state of Mrs. Pierce's health. He also, about the same time declined the nomination for governor by the Democratic party. The war with Mexico called Mr. Pierce in the army. Receiving the appointment of brigadier-general, he embarked, with a portion of his troops, at Newport, R. I., on the 27th of May, 1847. He took an important part in this war, proving himself a brave and true soldier.

When Gen. Pierce reached his home in his native State, he was received enthusiastically by the advocates of the Mexican war, and coldly by his opponents. He resumed the practice of his profession, very frequently taking an active part in political questions, giving his cordial support to the pros-lavery wing of the Democratic party. The compromise measures met cordially with his approval; and he strennously advocated the enforcement of the infamous fugitive-slave law, which so shocked the religious sensibilities of the North. He thus became distinguished as a "Northern man with Southern principles." The strong partisans of slavery in the South consequently regarded him as a man whom they could safely trust in office to carry out their plans.

On the 12th of June, 1852, the Democratic convention met in Baltimore to nominate a candidate for the Presidency. For four days they continued in session. and in thirty-five ballotings no one had obtained a two-thirds vote. Not a vote thus far had been thrown for Gen. Pierce. Then the Virginia delegation brought forward his name. There were fourteen more ballotings, during which Gen. Pierce constantly gained strength, until, at the forty-ninth ballot, he received two hundred and eighty-two votes, and all other candidates eleven. Gen. Winfield Scott was the Whig candidate. Gen. Pierce was chosen with great unanimity. Only four States-Vermont, Massachusetts, Kentucky and Tennessee -- cast their electoral votes against him Gen. Franklin Pierce was therefore inaugurated President of the United States on the 4th of March, 1853.

His administration proved one of the most stormy our country had ever experienced. The controversy between slavery and freedom was then approaching its culminating point. It became evident that there was an "irrepressible conflict" between them, and that his Nation could not long exist "half slave and half free." President Pierce, during the whole of his administration, did every thing he could to conciliate the South; but it was all in vain. The conflict every year grew more violent, and threats of the dissolution of the Union were borne to the North on every Southern breeze.

Such was the condition of affairs when President Pierce approached the close of his four-years term of office. The North had become thoroughly alienated from him. The anti-slavery sentiment, goaded by great outrages, had been rapidly increasing; all the intellectual ability and social worth of President Pierce were forgotten in deep reprehension of his administrative acts. The slaveholders of the South, also, unmindful of the fidelity with which he had advocated those measures of Government which they approved, and perhaps, also, feeling that he had rendered himself so unpopular as no longer to be able acceptably to serve them, ungratefully dropped him, and nominated James Buchanan to succeed him.

On the 4th of March, 1857, President Pierce retired to his home in Concord. Of three children, two had died, and his only surviving child had been killed before his eyes by a railroad accident; and his wife, one of the most estimable and accomplished of ladies, was rapidly sinking in consumption. The hour of dreadful gloom soon came, and he was left alone in the world, without wife or child.

When the terrible Rebellion burst forth, which divided our country into two parties, and two only, Mr. Pierce remained steadfast in the principles which he had always cherished, and gave his sympathies to that pro-slavery party with which he had ever been allied. He declined to do anything, either by voice or pen, to strengthen the hand of the National Government. He continued to reside in Concord until the time of his death, which occurred in October, 1869. He was one of the most genial and social of men, an honored communicant of the Episcopal Church, and one of the kindest of neighbors. Generous to a fault, he contributed liberally for the alleviation of suffering and want, and many of his townspeople were often gladened by his material bounty.





Samos Buchaneum



AMES BUCHANAN, the fifteenth President of the United States, was born in a small frontier town, at the foot of the eastern ridge of the Alleghanies, in Franklin Co., Penn., on the 23d of April, 1791. The place where the humble cabin of his father stood was called Stony Batter. It was a wild and romantic spot in a gorge of the mountains, with towering summits rising grandly all around. His father was a native of the north of Ireland: a poor man, who had emigrated in 1783, with little property save his

own strong arms. Five years afterwards he married Elizabeth Spear, the daughter of a respectable farmer, and, with his young bride, plunged into the wilderness, staked his claim, reared his log-hut, opened a clearing with his axe, and settled down there to perform his obscure part in the drama of life. In this secluded home, where James was born, he remained for eight years, enjoying but few social or intellectual advantages. When James was eight years of age, his father removed to the village of Mercersburg, where his son was placed at school, and commenced a course of study in English, Latin and Greek. progress was rapid, and at the age of fourteen, he entered Dickinson College, at Carlisle. Here he developed remarkable talent, and took his stand among the first scholars in the institution. His application to study was intense, and yet his native powers enabled him to master the most abstruse subjects with facility.

In the year 1800, he graduated with the highest honors of his class. He was then eighteen years of age; tall and graceful, vigorous in health, fond of athletic sport, an unerring shot, and enlivened with an exuberant flow of animal spirits. He immediately commenced the study of law in the city of Lancaster, and was admitted to the bar in 1812, when he was but twenty-one years of age. Very rapidly he rose in his profession, and at once took undisputed stand with the ablest lawyers of the State. When but twenty-six years of age, unaided by counsel, he successfully defended before the State Senate one of the judges of the State, who was tried upon articles of impeachment. At the age of thirty it was generally admitted that he stood at the head of the bar; and there was no lawyer in the State who had a more lucrative practice.

In 1820, he reluctantly consented to run as a candidate for Congress. He was elected, and for ten years he remained a member of the Lower House. During the vacations of Congress, he occasionally tried some important case. In 1831, he retired altogether from the toils of his profession, having acquired an ample fortune.

Gen. Jackson, upon his elevation to the Presidency, appointed Mr. Buchanan minister to Russia. The duties of his mission he performed with ability, which gave satisfaction to all parties. Upon his return, in 1833, he was elected to a seat in the United States Senate. He there met, as his associates, Webster, Clay, Wright and Calhoun. He advocated the measures proposed by President Jackson, of making repti-

sals against France, to enforce the payment of our claims against that country; and defended the course of the President in his unprecedented and wholesale removal from office of those who were not the supporters of his administration. Upon this question has administration. Upon this question was brought into direct collision with Henry Clay. He also, with voice and vote, advocated expunging from the journal of the Senate the vote of censure against Gen. Jackson for removing the deposits. Earnestly he opposed the abolition of slavery in the District of Columbia, and urged the prohibition of the circulation of anti-slavery documents by the United States mails.

As to petitions on the subject of slavery, he advocated that they should be respectfully received; and that the reply should be returned, that Congress had no power to legislate upon the subject. "Congress," said he, "night as well undertake to interfere with slavery under a foreign government as in any of the States where it now exists,"

Upon Mr. Polk's accession to the Presidency, Mr. Buchanan became Secretary of State, and as such, took his share of the responsibility in the conduct of the Mexican War. Mr. Polk assumed that crossing the Nueces by the American troops into the disputed territory was not wrong, but for the Mexicans to cross the Rio Grande into that territory was a declaration of war. No candid man can read with pleasure the account of the course our Government pursued in that movement.

Mr. Buchanan identified himself thoroughly with the party devoted to the perpetuation and extension of slavery, and brought all the energies of his mind to bear against the Wilmot Proviso. He gave his cordial approval to the compromise measures of 1650, which included the fugitive-slave law. Mr. Pierce, upon his election to the Presidency, honored Mr. Buchanan with the mission to England.

In the year 1856, a national Democratic convention noninated Mr. Buchanan for the Presidency. The political conflict was one of the most severe in which our country has ever engaged. All the friends of slavery were on one side; all the advocates of its restriction and final abolition, on the other. Mr. Fremont, the candidate of the enemies of slavery, received 114 electoral votes. Mr. Buchanan received 174, and was elected. The popular vote stood 1,340,618, for Fremont, 1,224,750 for Buchanan. On March 4th, 1857, Mr. Buchanan was inaugurated.

Mr. Buchanan was far advanced in life. Only four years were wanting to fill up his threescore years and ten. His own friends, those with whom he had been allied in political principles and action for years, were seeking the destruction of the Government, that they might rear upon the ruins of our free institutions a nation whose corner-stone should be human slavery. In this emergency, Mr. Buchanan was hopelessly behalted. He could not, with his long-avowed principles of the property of the

ciples, consistently oppose the State-rights party in their assumptions. As President of the United States, bound by his oath faithfully to administer the laws, he could not, without perjury of the grossest kind, unite with those endeavoring to overthrow the republic. He therefore did nothing.

The opponents of Mr. Buchanan's administration nominated Abraham Lincoh as their standard beater in the next Presidential canvass. The pro-slavery party declared, that if he were elected, and the control of the Government were thus taken from their hands, they would secede from the Union, taking with them, as they retired, the National Capitol at Washington, and the lion's share of the territory of the United States.

Mr. Buchanan's sympathy with the pro-slavery party was such, that he had been willing to offer them far more than they had ventured to claim. All the South had professed to ask of the North was non-intervention upon the subject of slavery. Mr. Buchanan had been ready to offer them the active cooperation of the Government to defend and extend the institution.

As the storm increased in violence, the slaveholders claiming the right to secede, and Mr. Buchana avowing that Congress had no power to prevent it, one of the most pitiable exhibitions of governmental imbedility was exhibited the world has ever seen. He declared that Congress had no power to enforce its laws in any State which had withdrawn, or which was attempting to withdraw from the Union. This was not the doctrine of Andrew Jackson, when, with his hand upon his sword-hilt, he exclaimed, "The Union must and shall be preserved!"

South Carolina seceded in December, 1866; nearly three months before the inauguration of President Lincoln. Mr. Buchanan looked on in listless despair. The rebel flag was raised in Charleston; Fort Sumpter was besieged; our forts, navy-yards and arsenals were seized; our depots of military stores were plundered; and our custom-houses and post-offices were appropriated by the rebels.

The energy of the rebels, and the imbecility of our Executive, were alike marvelous. The Nation looked on in agony, waiting for the slow weeks to glide away, and close the administration, so terrible in its weakness At length the long-looked-for hour of deliverance came, when Abraham Lincoln was to receive the scepter.

The administration of President Buchanan was certainly the most calamitous our country has experienced. His best friends cannot recall it with pleasure. And still more deplorable it is for his fame, that in that dreadful conflict which rolled its billows of flame and blood over our whole land, no word came from his lips to indicate his wish that our country's banner should triumph over the flag of the rebellion. He died at his Wheatland retreat, June 1, 1868,





Adirola



BRAHAM LINCOLN, the sixteenth President of the United States, was born in Hardin Co., Ky., Feb. 12, 1809. About the year 1780, a man by the name of Abraham Lincoln left Virginia with his family and moved into the then wilds of Kentucky. Only two years after this emigration, still a young man, while working one day in a field, was stealthily approached by an Indian and shot dead. His widow was left in extreme poverty with five little children, three boys and two girls. Thomas, the youngest of the boys, was four years of age at his This Thomas was father's death. the father of Abraham Lincoln, the President of the United States

whose name must henceforth forever be enrolled with the most prominent in the annals of our world.

Of course no record has been kept of the life of one so lowly as Thomas Lincoln. He was among the poorest of the poor. His home was a wretched log-cabin; his food the coarsest and the meanest. Education he had none; he could never either read or write. As soon as he was able to do anything for himself, he was compelled to leave the cabin of his starving mother, and push out into the world, a friendless, wandering boy, seeking work. He hired himself out, and thus spent the whole of his youth as a laborer in the fields of others.

When twenty-eight years of age he built a log-cabin of his own, and married Nancy Hanks, the daughter of another family of poor Kentucky emigrants, who had also come from Virginia. Their second child was Abraham Liucoln, the subject of this sketch. The mother of Abraham was a noble woman, gentle, loving, pensive, created to adorn a palace, doomed to toil and pine, and die in a hovel. "All that I am, or hope to be," exclaims the grateful son "I lowe to my angel-mother."

When he was eight years of age, his father sold his

cabin and small farm, and moved to Indiana. Where two years later his mother died.

Abraham soon became the scribe of the uneducated community around him. He could not have had a better school than this to teach him to put thoughts into words. He also became an eager reader. The books he could obtain were few; but these he read and re-read until they were almost committed to memory.

As the years rolled on, the lot of this lowly family was the usual lot of humanity. There were joys and griefs, weddings and funerals. Abraham's sister Satah, to whom he was tenderly attached, was maried when a child of but fourteen years of age, and soon died. The family was gradually scattered. Mr. Thomas Lincoln sold out his squatter's claim in 1830, and emigrated to Macon Co., Ill.

Abraham Lincoln was then twenty-one years of age. With vigorous hands he aided his father in rearing another log-cabin. Abraham worked diligently at this until he saw the family comfortably settled, and their small lot of enclosed prairie planted with corn, when he announced to his father his intention to leave home, and to go out into the world and seek his fortune. Little did he or his friends imagine how brilliant that fortune was to be. He saw the value of education and was intensely earnest to improve his mind to the utmost of his power. He saw the ruin which ardent spirits were causing, and became strictly temperate; refusing to allow a drop of intoxicating liquor to pass his lips. And he had read in God's word, "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain;" and a profane expression he was never heard to utter. Religion he revered. His morals were pure, and he was uncontaminated by a single vice.

Young Abraham worked for a time as a hired laborer among the farmers. Then he went to Springfield, where he was employed in building a large flat-boat. In this he took a herd of swine, floated them down the Sangamon to the Illinois, and thence by the Mississippi to New Orleans. Whatever Abraham Lincoln undertook, he performed so faithfully as to give great satisfaction to his employers. In this adven-

ture his employers were so well pleased, that upon his return they placed a store and mill under his care.

In 1832, at the outbreak of the Black Hawk war, he enlisted and was chosen captain of a company. He returned to Sangamon County, and although only 23 years of age, was a candidate for the Legislature, but was defeated. He soon after received from Andrew Jackson the appointment of Postmaster of New Salem, His only post-office was his hat. All the letters he received he carried there ready to deliver to those he chanced to meet. He studied surveying, and soon made this his business. In 1834 he again became a candidate for the Legislature, and was elected. Mr. Stuart, of Springfield, advised him to study law. He walked from New Salem to Springfield, borrowed of Mr. Stuart a load of books, carried them back and began his legal studies. When the Legislature assembled he trudged on foot with his pack on his back one hundred miles to Vandalia, then the capital. In 1836 he was re-elected to the Legislature. Here it was he first met Stephen A. Douglas. In 1839 he removed to Springfield and began the practice of law. His success with the jury was so great that he was soon engaged in almost every noted case in the circuit.

In 1854 the great discussion began between Mr. Lincoln and Mr. Douglas, on the slavery question. In the organization of the Republican party in Illinois, in 1856, he took an active part, and at once became one of the leaders in that party. Mr. Lincoln's speeches in opposition to Senator Douglas in the context in 1858 for a seat in the Senate, form a most notable part of his history. The issue was on the slavery question, and he took the broad ground of he Declaration of Independence, that all men are created equal. Mr. Lincoln was defeated in this context, but won a far higher prize.

The great Republican Convention met at Chicago on the 16th of June, 1860. The delegates and strangers who crowded the city amounted to twentyfive thousand. An immense building called "The Wigwam," was reared to accommodate the Convention. There were eleven candidates for whom votes were thrown. William H. Seward, a man whose fame as a statesman had long filled the land, was the most prominent. It was generally supposed he would be the nominee. Abraham Lincoln, however, received the nomination on the third ballot. Little did he then dream of the weary years of toil and care, and the bloody death, to which that nomination doomed him: and as little did he dream that he was to render services to his country, which would fix upon him the eyes of the whole civilized world, and which would give him a place in the affections of his countrymen, second only, if second, to that of Washington.

Election day came and Mr. Lincoln received 180 electoral votes out of 203 cast, and was, therefore, constitutionally elected President of the United States. The tirade of abuse that was poured upon this good

and merciful man, especially by the slaveholders, was greater than upon any other man ever elected to this high position. In February, 1861, Mr. Lincoln started for Washington, stopping in all the large cities on his way making speeches. The whole journey was frought with much danger. Many of the Southern States had already seceded, and several attempts at assassination were afterwards brought to light. A gang in Baltimore had arranged, upon his arrival to "get up a row," and in the confusion to make sure of his death with revolvers and hand-grenades. A detective unravelled the plot. A secret and special train was provided to take him from Harrisburg, through Baltimore, at an unexpected hour of the night. The train started at half-past ten; and to prevent any possible communication on the part of the Secessionists with their Confederate gang in Baltimore, as soon as the train had started the telegraph-wires were cut. Mr. Lincoln reached Washington in safety and was inaugurated, although great anxiety was felt by all loyal people.

In the selection of his cabinet Mr. Lincoln gave to Mr. Seward the Department of State, and to other prominent opponents before the convention he gave important positions.

During no other administration have the duties devolving upon the President been so manifold, and the responsibilities so great, as those which fell to the lot of President Lincoln. Knowing this, and feeling his own weakness and inability to meet, and in his own strength to cope with, the difficulties, he learned early to seek Divine wisdom and guidance in determining his plans, and Divine comfort in all his trials, both personal and national. Contrary to his own estimate of himself, Mr. Lincoln was one of the most courageous of men. He went directly into the rebel capital just as the retreating foe was leaving, with no guard but a few sailors. From the time he had left Springfield, in 1861, however, plans had been made for his assassination, and he at last fell a victim to one of them. April 14, 1865, he, with Gen. Grant, was urgently invited to attend Fords' Theater. It was announced that they would be present. Gen. Grant, however, left the city. President Lincoln, feeling, with his characteristic kindliness of heart, that it would be a disappointment if he should fail them, very reluctantly consented to go. While listening to the play an actor by the name of John Wilkes Booth entered the box where the President and family were seated, and fired a bullet into his brains. He died the next morning at seven o'clock.

Never before, in the history of the world was a nation plunged into such deep grief by the death of its ruler. Strong men met in the streets and wept in speechless anguish. It is not too much to say that a nation was in tears. His was a life which will fitly become a model. His name as the savior of his country will live with that of Washington's, its father; his country men being unable to decide which is the greater.







NDREW JOHNSON, seventeenth President of the United States. The early life of Andrew Johnson contains but the record of poverty, destitution and friendlessness. He was born December 29, 1808, in Raleigh, N. C. His parents, belonging to the class of the "poor whites" of the South, were in such circumstances, that they could not confer even the slightest advantages of education upon their child. When Andrew was five years of age, his father accidentally

lost his life while herorically endeavoring to save a friend from drowning. Until ten years of age, Andrew was a ragged boy about the streets, supported by the labor of his mother, who obtained her living with her own hands.

He then, having never attended a school one day, and being unable either to read or write, was apprenticed to a tailor in his native town. A gentleman was in the habit of going to the tailor's shop occasionally, and reading to the boys at work there. He often read from the speeches of distinguished British statesmen. Andrew, who was endowed with a mind of more than ordinary native ability, became much interested in these speeches; his ambition was roused, and he was inspired with a strong desire to learn to read.

He accordingly applied himself to the alphabet, and with the assistance of some of his fellow-workmen, learned his letters. He then called upon the gentleman to borrow the book of speeches. The owner, pleased with his zeal, not only gave him the book, but assisted him in learning to combine the letters into words. Under such difficulties he pressed onward laboriously, spending usually ten or twelve hours at work in the shop, and then robbing himself of rest and recreation to devote such time as he could to reading.

He went to Tennessee in 1826, and located at Greenville, where he married a young lady who possessed some education. Under her instructions he learned to write and cipher. He became prominent in the village debating society, and a favorite with the students of Greenville College. In 1828, he organized a working man's party, which elected him alderman, and in 1830 elected him mayor, which position he held three years.

He now began to take a lively interest in political affairs; identifying himself with the working-classes, to which he belonged. In 1835, he was elected a member of the House of Representatives of Tennessee. He was then just twenty-seven years of age. He became a very active member of the legislature, gave his adhesion to the Democratic party, and in 1840 "stumped the State," advocating Martin Van Buren's claims to the Presidency, in opposition to those of Gen. Harrison. In this campaign he acquired much readiness as a speaker, and extended and increased his reputation.

In 1841, he was elected State Senator; in 1843, he was elected a member of Congress, and by successive elections, held that important post for ten years. In 1853, he was elected Governor of Tennessee, and was re-elected in 1855. In all these responsible positions, he discharged his duties with distinguished abil-

ity, and proved himself the warm friend of the working classes. In 1857, Mr. Johnson was elected United States Senator.

Vears before, in 1845, he had warmly advocated the annexation of Texas, stating however, as his reason, that he thought this annexation would probably prove "to be the gateway out of which the sable sons of Africa are to pass from bondage to freedom, and become merged in a population congenial to themselves." In 1850, he also supported the compromise measures, the two essential features of which were, that the white people of the Territories should be permitted to decide for themselves whether they would enslave the colored people or not, and that the free States of the North should return to the South persons who attempted to escape from slavery.

Mr. Johnson was never ashamed of his lowly origin: on the contrary, he often took pride in avowing that he owed his distinction to his own exertions. "Sir," said he on the floor of the Senate, "I do not forget that I am a mechanic; neither do I forget that Adam was a tailor and sewed fig-leaves, and that our Savior was the son of a carpenter."

In the Charleston-Baltimore convention of 1860, he was the choice of the Tennessee Democrats for the Presidency. In 1861, when the purpose of the South-2rn Democracy became apparent, he took a decided stand in favor of the Union, and held that "slavery must be held subordinate to the Union at whatever cost." He returned to Tennessee, and repeatedly imperiled his own life to protect the Unionists of Tennesee, Tennessee having seceded from the Union, President Lincoln, on March 4th, 1862, appointed him Military Governor of the State, and he established the most stringent military rule. numerous proclamations attracted wide attention. In 1864, he was elected Vice-President of the United States, and upon the death of Mr. Lincoln, April 15, 1865, became President. In a speech two days later he said, "The American people must be taught, if they do not already feel, that treason is a crime and must be punished; that the Government will not always bear with its enemies; that it is strong not only to protect, but to punish. * * The people must understand that it (treason) is the blackest of crimes, and will surely be punished." Yet his whole administration, the history of which is so well known, was in utter inconsistency with, and the most violent opposition to, the principles laid down in that speech.

In his loose policy of reconstruction and general annesty, he was opposed by Congress; and he characterized Congress as a new rebellion, and Jawlessly defied it, in everything possible, to the utmost. In the beginning of 1868, on account of "high crimes and misdemeanors," the principal of which was the removal of Secretary Stanton, in violation of the Tenure of Office Act, articles of impeachment were preferred against him, and the trial began March 23.

It was very tedious, continuing for nearly three months. A test article of the impeachment was at length submitted to the court for its action. It was certain that as the court voted upon that article so would it vote upon all. Thirty-four voices pronounced the President guilty. As a two-thirds vote was necessary to his condemnation, he was pronounced acquitted, notwithstanding the great majority against him. The change of one vote from the not guilty side would have sustained the impeachment.

The President, for the remainder of his term, was but little regarded. He continued, though impotently, his conflict with Congress. His own party did not think it expedient to renominate him for the Presidency. The Nation rallied, with enthusiasm unparalleled since the days of Washington, around the name of Gen. Grant. Andrew Johnson was forgotten. The bullet of the assassin introduced him to the President's chair. Notwithstanding this, never was there presented to a man a better opportunity to immortalize his name, and to win the gratitude of a nation. He failed utterly. He retired to his home in Greenville, Tenn., taking no very active part in politics until 1875. On Jan. 26, after an exciting struggle, he was chosen by the Legislature of Tennessee, United States Senator in the forty-fourth Congress, and took his seat in that body, at the special session convened by President Grant, on the 5th of March. On the 27th of July, 1875, the ex-President made a visit to his daughter's home, near Carter Station, Tenn. When he started on his journey, he was apparently in his usual vigorous health, but on reaching the residence of his child the following day, was stricken with paralysis, rendering him unconscious. He rallied occasionally, but finally passed away at 2 A. M., July 31, aged sixty-seven years. His funeral was attended at Geenville, on the 3d of August, with every demonstration of respect.







LYSSES S. GRANT, the eighteenth President of the United States, was born on the 29th of April, 1822, of Christian parents, in a humble home, at Point Pleasant, on the banks of the Ohio. Shortly after his father moved to Georgetown, Brown Co., O. In this remote frontier hamlet, Ulysses received a common-school education. At the age of seventeen, in the year 1839, he entered the Military Academy at West Point. Here he was regarded as a

solid, sensible young man of fair abilities, and of sturdy, honest character. He took respectable rank as a scholar. In June, 1843, he graduated, about the middle in his class, and was sent as lieutenant of infantry to one of the distant military posts in the Missouri Territory. Two years he past in these dreary solitudes, watching the vagabond and exasperating Indians.

The war with Mexico came. Lieut. Grant was sent with his regiment to Corpus Christi. His first battle was at Palo Alto. There was no chance here for the eshibition of either skill or heroism, nor at Resaca de la Palma, his second battle. At the battle of Monterey, his third engagement, it is said that he performed a signal service of daring and skillful horsemanship. His brigade had exhausted its ammunition. A messenger must be sent for more, along a route exposed to the bullets of the foe. Lieut. Grant, adopting an expedient learned of the Indians, grasped the mane of his horse, and hanging upon one side of the animal, rant he gauntlet in entire safety.

From Monterey he was sent, with the fourth infantry, to aid Gen. Scott, at the siege of Vera Cruz. In preparation for the march to the city of Mexico, he was appointed quartermaster of his regiment. At the battle of Molino del Rey, he was promoted to a first lieutenancy, and was brevetted captain at Chapultepec.

At the close of the Mexican War, Capt. Grant returned with his regiment to New York, and was again sent to one of the military posts on the frontier. The discovery of gold in California causing an immense tide of emigration to flow to the Pacific shores, Capt. Grant was sent with a battalion to Fort Dallas, in Oregon, for the protection of the interests of the immigrants. Life was wearisome in those wilds. Capt. Grant resigned his commission and returned to the States; and having married, entered upon the cultivation of a small farm near St. Louis, Mo. He had but little skill as a farmer. Finding his toil not remunerative, he turned to mercantile life, entering into the leather business, with a younger brother, at Galena, Ill. This was in the year 1860. As the tidings of the rebels firing on Fort Sumpter reached the ears of Capt. Grant in his counting-room, he said,-"Uncle Sam has educated me for the army; though I have served him through one war, I do not feel that I have yet repaid the debt. I am still ready to discharge my obligations. I shall therefore buckle on my sword and see Uncle Sam through this war too."

He went into the streets, raised a company of volunteers, and led them as their captain to Springfield, the capital of the State, where their services were offered to Gov. Yates. The Governor, impressed by the zeal and straightforward executive ability of Capt. Grant, gave him a desk in his office, to assist in the volunteer organization that was being formed in the State in behalf of the Government. On the 15th of June, 1861, Capt. Grant received a commission as Colonel of the Twenty-first Regiment of Illinois Volunteers. His merits as a West Point graduate, who had served for 15 years in the regular army, were such that he was soon promoted to the rank of Brigadier-General and was placed in command at Cairo. The rebels raised their banner at Paducah, near the mouth of the Tennessee River. Scarcely had its folds appeared in the breeze ere Gen. Grant was there. The rebels fled. Their banner fell, and the star and stripes were unfurled in its stead.

He entered the service with great determination and immediately began active duty. This was the beginning, and until the surrender of Lee at Richmond he was ever pushing the enemy with great vigor and effectiveness. At Belmont, a few days later, he surprised and routed the rebels, then at Fort Henry won another victory. Then came the brilliant fight at Fort Donelson. The nation was electrified by the victory, and the brave leader of the boys in blue was immediately made a Major-General, and the military listrict of Tennessee was assigned to him.

Like all great captains, Gen. Grant knew well how to secure the results of victory. He immediately pushed on to the enemies' lines. Then came the terrible battles of Pittsburg Landing, Corinth, and the siege of Vicksburg, where Gen. Pemberton made an unconditional surrender of the city with over thirty thousand men and one-hundred and seventy-two cannon. The fall of Vicksburg was by far the most severe blow which the rebels had thus far encountered, and opened up the Mississippi from Cairo to the Gulf.

Gen. Grant was next ordered to co-operate with Gen. Banks in a movement upon Texas, and proceeded to New Orleans, where he was thrown from his horse, and received severe injuries, from which he was laid up for months. He then rushed to the aid of Gens, Rosecrans and Thomas at Chattanooga, and by a wonderful series of strategic and technical measures put the Union Army in fighting condition. Then followed the bloody battles at Chattanooga, Lookout Mountain and Missionary Ridge, in which the rebels were routed with great loss. This won for him unbounded praise in the North. On the 4th of February, 1864, Congress revived the grade of lieutenantgeneral, and the rank was conferred on Gen. Grant. He repaired to Washington to receive his credentials and enter upon the duties of his new office.

Gen. Grant decided as soon as he took charge of the army to concentrate the widely-dispersed National troops for an attack upon Richmond, the nominal capital of the Rebellion, and endeavor there to destroy the rebel armies which would be promptly assembled from all quarters for its defence. The whole continent seemed to tremble under the trampof these majestic armies, rushing to the decisive battle field. Steamers were crowded with troops. Railway trains were burdened with closely packed thousands. His plans were comprehensive and involved a series of campaigns, which were executed with remarkable energy and ability, and were consummated at the surrender of Lee, April 9, 1865.

The war was ended. The Union was saved. The almost unanimous voice of the Nation declared Gen. Grant to be the most prominent instrument in its salvation. The eminent services he had thus rendered the country brought him conspicuously forward as the Republican candidate for the Presidential chair.

At the Republican Convention held at Chicago, May 21, 1868, he was unanimously nominated for the Presidency, and at the autumn election received a majority of the popular vote, and 214 out of 294 electoral votes.

The National Convention of the Republican party which met at Philadelphia on the 5th of June, 1872, placed Gen. Grant in nomination for a second term by a unanimous vote. The selection was emphatically indorsed by the people five months later, 292 electoral votes being cast for him.

Soon after the close of his second term, Gen. Grant started upon his famous trip around the world. He visited almost every country of the civilized world, and was everywhere received with such ovations and demonstrations of respect and honor, private as well as public and official, as were never before bestowed upon any citizen of the United States.

He was the most prominent candidate before the Republican National Convention in 1880 for a renomination for President. He went to New York and embarked in the brokerage business under the firm name of Grant & Ward. The latter proved a villain, wrecked Grant's fortune, and for larceny was sent to the penitentiary. The General was attacked with cancer in the throat, but suffered in his stoic-like manner, never complaining. He was re-instated as General of the Army and retired by Congress. The cancer soon finished its deadly work, and July 23, 1885, the nation went in mourning over the death of the illustrious General.





Sincewop P.B. Mayo



UTHERFORD B. HAYES, the nineteenth President of the United States, was born in Delaware, O., Oct. 4, 1822, almost three months after the death of his father, Rutherford Hayes. His ancestry on both the paternal and maternal sides, was of the most honorable character. It can be traced, it is said. as far back as 1280, when Hayes and Rutherford were two Scottish chieftains, fighting side by side with Baliol, William Wallace and Robert Bruce. Both families belonged to the nobility, owned extensive estates, and had a large following. Misfor-

tune overtaking the family, George Hayes left Scotland in 1680, and settled in Windsor, Conn. His son George was born in Windsor, and remained there during his life. Daniel Hayes, son of the latter, married Sarah Lee, and lived from the time of his marriage until his death in Simsbury, Conn. Ezekiel, son of Daniel, was born in 1724, and was a manufacturer of scythes at Bradford, Conn. Rutherford Hayes, was born in New Hayen, in August, 1736. He was a farmer, blacksmith and tavern-keeper. He emigrated to Vermont at an unknown date, settling in Brattleboro, where he established a hotel. Here his son Rutherford Hayes the father of President Hayes, was

born. He was married, in September, 1813, to Sopiia Birchard, of Wilmington, Vt., whose ancestors emigrated thither from Connecticut, they having been among the wealthiest and best families of Norwich. Her ancestry on the male side are traced back to 1035, to John Birchard, one of the principal founders of Norwich. Both of her grandfathers were soldiers in the Revolutionary War.

The father of President Hayes was an industrious, frugal and opened-hearted man. He was of a mechanical turn, and could mend a plow, knit a stocking, or do almost anything else that he choose to undertake. He was a member of the Church, active in all the benevolent enterprises of the town, and conducted his business on Christian principles. After the close of the war of 1812, for reasons inexplicable to his neighbors, he resolved to emigrate to Ohio.

The journey from Vermont to Ohio in that day, when there were no canals, steamers, nor railways, when there were no canals, steamers, nor railways was a very serious affair. A tour of inspection was first made, occupying four months. Mr. Hayes determined to move to Delaware, where the family arrived in 1817. He died July 22, 1822, a victim of malarial fever, less than three months before the birth of the son, of whom we now write. Mrs. Hayes, in her sore be-reavement, found the support she so much needed in her brother Sardis, who had been a member of the household from the day of its departure from Vermont, and in an orphan girl whom she had adopted some time before as an act of charity.

Mrs. Haves at this period was very weak, and the

subject of this sketch was so feeble at birth that he was not expected to live beyond a month or two at most. As the months went by he grew weaker and weaker, so that the neighbors were in the habit of inquiring from time to time "if Mrs. Hayes' baby died last night." On one occasion a neighbor, who was on familiar terms with the family, after alluding to the boy's big head, and the mother's assiduous care of him, said in a bantering way, "That's right! Stick to him. You have got him along so far, and I shouldn't wonder if he would really come to something yet."

"You need not laugh," said Mrs. Hayes, "You war and see. You can't tell but I shall make him President of the United States yet." The boy lived, in spite of the universal predictions of his speedy death; and when, in 1825, his older brother was drowned, he became, if possible, still dearer to his

mother.

The boy was seven years old before he went to school. His education, however, was not neglected. He probably learned as much from his mother and sister as he would have done at school. His sports were almost wholly within doors, his playmates being his sister and her associates. These circumstances tended, no doubt, to foster that gentleness of disposition, and that delicate consideration for the feelings of others, which are marked traits of his character.

His uncle Sardis Birchard took the deepest interest in his education; and as the boy's health had improved, and he was making good progress in his studies, he proposed to send him to college. His preparation commenced with a tutor at home; but he was afterwards sent for one year to a professor in the Wesleyan University, in Middletown, Conn. He entered Kenyon College in 1838, at the age of sixteen, and was graduated at the head of his class in 1842.

Immediately after his graduation he began the study of law in the office of Thomas Sparrow, Esq., in Columbus. Finding his opportunities for study in Columbus somewhat limited, he determined to enter the Law School at Cambridge, Mass., where he remained two years.

In 1845, after graduating at the Law School, he was admitted to the bar at Marietta, Ohio, and shortly afterward went into practice as an attorney-at-law with Ralph P. Buckland, of Fremont. Here he remained three years, acquiring but a limited practice, and apparently unambitious of distinction in his profession.

In 1849 he moved to Cincinnati, where his ambition found a new stimulus. For several years, however, his progress was slow. Two events, occurring at this period, had a powerful influence upon his subsequent life. One of these was his marage with Miss Lucy Ware Webb, daughter of Dr. James Webb, of Chilicothe; the other was his introduction to the Cincinnati Literary Club, a body embracing among its members such men as "chief Iustice Salmon P. Chase,

Gen. John Pope, Gov. Edward F. Noyes, and many others hardly less distinguished in after life. The marriage was a fortunate one in every respect, as everybody knows. Not one of all the wives of our Presidents was more universally admired, reverenced and beloved than was Mrs. Hayes, and no one did more than she to reflect honor upon American womanhood. The Literary Club brought Mr. Hayes into constant association with young men of high character and noble aims, and lured him to display the qualities so long hidden by his bashfulness and modesty.

In 1856 he was nominated to the office of Judge of the Court of Common Pleas; but he declined to accept the nomination. Two years later, the office of city solicitor becoming vacant, the City Council

elected him for the unexpired term.

In 1861, when the Rebellion broke out, he was at the zenith of his professional life. His rank at the bar was among the the first. But the news of the attack on Fort Sumpter found him eager to take up

arms for the defense of his country.

His military record was bright and illustrious. In October, 1861, he was made Lieutenant-Colonel, and in August, 1862, promoted Colonel of the 79th Ohio regiment, but he refused to leave his old comrades and go among strangers. Subsequently, however, he was made Colonel of his old regiment. At the battle of South Mountain he received a wound, and while faint and bleeding displayed courage and fortitude that won admiration from all.

Col. Hayes was detached from his regiment, after his recovery, to act as Brigadier-General, and placed in command of the celebrated Kanawha division, and for gallant and meritorious services in the battles of Winchester, Fisher's Hill and Cedar Creek, he was promoted Brigadier-General. He was also brevetted Major-General, "for gallant and distinguished services during the campaigns of 1864, in West Virginia." In the course of his arduous services, four horses were shot from under him, and he was wounded four times.

In 1864, Gen. Hayes was elected to Congress, from the Second Ohio District, which had long been Democratic. He was not present during the campaign, and after his election was importuned to resign his commission in the army; but he finally declared, "I shall never come to Washington until I can come by the way of Richmond." He was re-elected in 1866.

In 1867, Gen Hayes was elected Governor of Ohio, over Hon. Allen G. Thurman, a popular Democrat. In 1869 was re-elected over George H. Pendleton. He was elected Governor for the third term in 1875.

In 1876 he was the standard bearer of the Republican Party in the Presidential contest, and after a hard long contest was chosen President, and was in angurated Monday, March 5, 1875. He served his full term, not, however, with satisfaction to his party, but his administration was an average one





J.a.Garfield



AMES A. GARFIELD, twentieth President of the United States, was born Nov. 10, 1831, in the woods of Orange, Cuyahoga Co., O His parents were Abram and Eliza (Ballou) Garfield, both of New England ancestry and from families well known in the early history of that section of our country, but had moved to the Western Reserve, in Ohio, early in its settlement.

The house in which James A. was born was not unlike the houses of poor Ohio farmers of that day. It was about 20 x 30 feet, built of logs, with the spaces between the logs filled with clay. His father was a hard working farmer, and he soon had his fields cleared, an orchard planted, and a log barn built. The household comprised the father and mother and their four children-Mehetabel, Thomas, Mary and James. In May, 1823, the father, from a cold contracted in helping to put out a forest fire, died. At this time James was about eighteen months old, and Thomas about ten years old. No one, perhaps, can tell how much James was indebted to his brother's toil and self-sacrifice during the twenty years succeeding his father's death, but undoubtedly very much. He now lives in Michigan, and the two sisters live in Solon, O., near their birthplace.

The early educational advantages young Garfield enjoyed were very limited, yet he made the most of them. He labored at farm work for others, did carpenter work, chopped wood, or did anything that would bring in a few dollars to aid his widowed mother in her strongles to keep the little family to-

gether. Nor was Gen. Garfield ever ashamed of his origin, and he never forgot the friends of his struggling childhood, youth and manhood, neither did they ever forget him. When in the highest seast of honor, the humblest friend of his boyhood was as kindly greeted as ever. The poorest laborer was sure of the sympathy of one who had known all the bitterness of want and the sweetness of bread earned by the sweat of the brow. He was ever the simple, plain, modest gendeman.

The highest ambition of young Garfield until he was about sixteen years old was to be a captain of a vessel on Lake Erie. He was anxious to go aboard a vessel, which his mother strongly opposed. She finally consented to his going to Cleveland, with the understanding, however, that he should try to obtain some other kind of employment. He walked all the way to Cleveland. This was his first visit to the city. After making many applications for work, and trying to get aboard a lake vessel, and not meeting with success, he engaged as a driver for his cousin, Amos Letcher, on the Ohio & Pennsylvania Canal. Heremained at this work but a short time when he went home, and attended the seminary at Chester for about three years, when he entered Hiram and the Eclectic Institute, teaching a few terms of school in the meantime, and doing other work. This school was started by the Disciples of Christ in 1850, of which church he was then a member. He became janitor and bell-ringer in order to help pay his way. He then became both teacher and pupil. He soon "exhausted Hiram" and needed more; hence, in the fall of 1854, he entered Williams College, from which he graduated in 1856, taking one of the highest honors of his class. He afterwards returned to Hiram College as its President. As above stated, he early united with the Christian or Diciples Church at Hiram, and was ever after a devoted, zealous member, often preaching in its pulpit and places where he happened to be. Dr. Noah Porter, President of Yale College, says of him in reference to his religion:

"President Garfield was more than a man of strong moral and religious convictions. His whole history, from boyhood to the last, shows that duty to man and to God, and devotion to Christ and life and faith and spiritual commission were controlling springs of his being, and to a more than usual degree. In my judgment there is no more interesting feature of his character than his loyal allegiance to the body of Christians in which he was trained, and the fervent sympathy which he ever showed in their Christian communion. Not many of the few 'wise and mighty and noble who are called' show a similar loyalty to the less stately and cultured Christian communions in which they have been reared. Too often it is true that as they step upward in social and political significance they step upward from one degree to another in some of the many types of fashionable Christianity. President Garfield adhered to the church of his mother, the church in which he was trained, and in which he served as a pillar and an evangelist, and yet with the largest and most unsectarian charity for all 'who love our Lord in sincerity.

Mr. Garfield was united in marriage with Miss Lucretia Rudolph, Nov. 11, 1858, Mo proved herself worthy as the wife of one whom all the world loved and mourned. To them were born seven children, five of whom are still living, four boys and one girl.

Mr. Garfield made his first political speeches in 1856, in Hiram and the neighboring villages, and three years later he began to speak at county mass-meetings, and became the favorite speaker wherever he was. During this year he was elected to the Ohio Senate. He also began to study law at Cleveland. and in 1861 was admitted to the bar. The great Rebellion broke out in the early part of this year, and Mr. Garfield at once resolved to fight as he had talked, and enlisted to defend the old flag. He received his commission as Lieut.-Colonel of the Fortysecond Regiment of Ohio Volunteer Infantry, Aug. 14, 1861. He was immediately put into active service, and before he had ever seen a gun fired in action. was placed in command of four regiments of infantry and eight companies of cavalry, charged with the work of driving out of his native State the officer (Humphrey Marshall) reputed to be the ablest of those, not educated to war whom Kentucky had given to the Rebellion. This work was bravely and speedily accomplished, although against great odds. President Lincoln, on his success commissioned him Brigadier-General, Jan. 10, 1862; and as "he had been the youngest man in the Ohio Senate two years before, so now he was the youngest General in the army." He was with Gen. Buell's army at Shiloh, in its operations around Corinth and its march through Alabama. He was then detailed as a member of the General Court-Martial for the trial of Gen. Fitz-John Porter. He was then ordered to report to Gen. Rosecrans, and was assigned to the "Chief of Staff."

The military history of Gen. Garfield closed with

his brilliant services at Chickamauga, where he won the stars of the Major-General.

Without an effort on his part Gen. Garfield was elected to Congress in the fall of 1862 from the Nineteenth District of Ohio. This section of Ohio had been represented in Congress for sixty years mainly by two men-Elisha Whittlesey and Joshua R. Giddings. It was not without a struggle that he resigned his place in the army. At the time he entered Congress he was the youngest member in that body. There he remained by successive reelections until he was elected President in 1880. Of his labors in Congress Senator Hoar says: "Since the year 1864 you cannot think of a question which has been debated in Congress, or discussed before a tribunel of the American people, in regard to which you will not find, if you wish instruction, the argument on one side stated, in almost every instance better than by anybody else, in some speech made in the House of Representatives or on the hustings by Mr. Garfield."

Upon Jan. 14, 1880, Gen. Garfield was elected to the U. S. Senate, and on the eighth of June, of the same year, was nominated as the candidate of his party for President at the great Chicago Convention. He was elected in the following November, and on March 4, 1881, was inaugurated. Probably no administration ever opened its existence under brighter auspices than that of President Garfield, and every day it grew in favor with the people, and by the first of July he had completed all the initiatory and preliminary work of his administration and was preparing to leave the city to meet his friends at Williams College. While on his way and at the depot, in company with Secretary Blaine, a man stepped behind him, drew a revolver, and fired directly at his back. The President tottered and fell, and as he did so the assassin fired a second shot, the bullet cutting the left coat sleeve of his victim, but inflicting no further injury. It has been very truthfully said that this was "the shot that was heard round the world " Never before in the history of the Nation had anything occurred which so nearly froze the blood of the people for the moment, as this awful deed. He was smitten on the brightest, gladdest day of all his life, and was at the summit of his power and hope. For eighty days, all during the hot months of July and August, he lingered and suffered. He, however, remained master of himself till the last, and by his magnificent bearing was teaching the country and the world the noblest of human lessons-how to live grandly in the very clutch of death. Great in life, he was surpassingly great in death. He passed serenely away Sept, 19, 1883, at Elberon, N. J., on the very bank of the ocean, where he had been taken shortly previous. The world wept at his death, as it never had done on the death of any other man who had ever lived upon it. The murderer was duly tried, found guilty and executed, in one year after he committed the foul deed.







twenty-first President of the United States was born in the fifthof October, 1830, and is the oldest of a family of two sons and five daughters. His father was the Rev. Dr. William Arthur, a Baptist of Egyman, who emigrated to this country from the county Antim, Ireland, in his 18th year, and died in 1875, in Newtonville, near Albany, after a long and successful ministry.

Voung Arthur was educated at Union College, Schenectady, where he excelled in all his studies. After his graduation he taught school in Vermont for two years, and at the expiration of that time came to New York, with \$500 in his pocket, and entered the office of ex-Judge E. D. Culver as student. After being admitted to the bar he formed

a patnership with his intimate friend and room-mate, Henry D. Gardiner, with the intention of practicing in the West, and for three months they roamed about in the Western States in search of an eligible site, but in the end returned to New York, where they hung out their shingle, and entered upon a successful career almost from the start. General Arthur soon afterward married the daughter of Lieutenant

Herndon, of the United States Navy, who was lost at sea. Congress voted a gold medal to his widow in recognition of the bravery he displayed on that occasion. Mrs. Arthur died shortly before Mr. Arthur's nomination to the Vice Presidency, leaving two children.

Gen. Arthur obtained considerable legal celebrity in his first great case, the famous Lemmon suit, brought to recover possession of eight slaves who had been declared free by Judge Paine, of the Superior Court of New York City. It was in 1852 that Jonathan Lemmon, of Virginia, went to New York with his slaves, intending to ship them to Texas, when they were discovered and freed. The Judge decided that they could not be held by the owner under the Fugitive Slave Law. A howl of rage went up from the South, and the Virginia Legislature authorized the Attorney General of that State to assist in an appeal. Wm. M. Evarts and Chester A. Arthur were employed to represent the People, and they won their case, which then went to the Supreme Court of the United States. Charles O'Conor here espoused the cause of the slave-holders, but he too was beaten by Messrs. Evarts and Arthur, and a long step was taken toward the emancipation of the black race.

Another great service was rendered by General Arthur in the same cause in 1856. Lizzie Jennings, a respectable colored woman, was put off a Fourth Avenue car with violence after she had paid her fare. General Arthur sued on her behalf, and secured a verdict of \$500 damages. The next day the company issued an order to admit colored persons to ride on their cars, and the other car companies quickly

followed their example. Before that the Sixth Avenue Company ran a few special cars for colored persons and the other lines refused to let them ride at all.

General Arthur was a delegate to the Convention at Saratoga that founded the Republican party. Previous to the war he was Judge-Advocate of the Second Brigade of the State of New York, and Governor Morgan, of that State, appointed hun Engineerin-Chief of his staff. In 1861, he was made Inspector General, and soon afterward became Quartermaster-General. In each of these offices he rendered great service to the Government during the war. At the end of Governor Morgan's term he resumed the practice of the law, forming a partnership with Mr. Ransom, and then Mr. Phelps, the District Attorney of New York, was added to the firm. The legal practice of this well-known firm was very large and lucrative, each of the gentlemen composing it were able lawyers, and possessed a splendid local reputation, if not indeed one of national extent.

He always took a leading part in State and city politics. He was appointed Collector of the Port of New York by President Grant, Nov. 21 1872, to succeed Thomas Murphy, and held the office until July, 20, 1878, when he was succeeded by Collector Merritt.

Mr. Arthur was nominated on the Presidential ticket, with Gen. James A. Garfield, at the famous National Republican Convention held at Chicago in June, 1880. This was perhaps the greatest political convention that ever assembled on the continent. It was composed of the leading politicians of the Republican party, all able men, and each stood firm and fought vigorously and with signal tenacity for their respective candidates that were before the convention for the nomination. Finally Gen. Garfield received the nomination for President and Gen. Arthur for Vice-President. The campaign which followed was one of the most animated known in the history of our country. Gen. Hancock, the standard-bearer of the Democratic party, was a popular man, and his party made a valiant fight for his election.

Finally the election came and the country's choice was Garfield and Arthur. They were inaugurated March 4, 1881, as President and Vice-President, A few months only had passed ere the newly chosen President was the victim of the assassin's bullet. Then came terrible weeks of suffering,—those moments of anxious suspense, when the hearts of all civilized na-

tions were throbbing in unison, longing for the recovery of the noble, the good President. The remarkable patience that he manifested during those hours and weeks, and even months, of the most terrible suffering man has often been called upon to endure, was seemingly more than human. It was certainly Godlike. During all this period of deepest anxiety Mr. Arthur's every move was watched, and be it said to his credit that his every action displayed only an earnest desire that the suffering Garfield might recover, to serve the remainder of the term he had so auspiciously begun. Not a selfish feeling was manifested in deed or look of this man, even though the most honored position in the world was at any moment likely to fall to him.

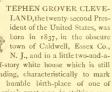
At last God in his mercy relieved President Garfield from further suffering, and the world, as never before in its history over the death of any other man, wept at his bier. Then it became the duty of the Vice President to assume the responsibilities of the high office, and he took the oath in New York, Sept. 20, 1881. The position was an embarrassing one to him, made doubly so from the facts that all eyes were on him, anxious to know what he would do, what policy he would pursue, and who he would select as advisers. The duties of the office had been greatly neglected during the President's long illness, and many important measures were to be immediately decided by him; and still farther to embarrass him he did not fail to realize under what circumstances he became President, and knew the feelings of many on this point. Under these trying circumstances President Arthur took the reins of the Government in his own hands; and, as embarrassing as were the condition of affairs, he happily surprised the nation, acting so wisely that but few criticised his administration. He served the nation well and faithfully, until the close of his administration, March 4, 1885, and was a popular candidate before his party for a second term. His name was ably presented before the convention at Chicago, and was received with great favor, and doubtless but for the personal popularity of one of the opposing candidates, he would have been selected as the standard-bearer of his party for another campaign. He retired to private life carrying with him the best wishes of the American people, whom he had served in a manner satisfactory to them and with credit to himself,





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half-story white house which is still standing, characteristically to mark the humble birth-place of one of America's great men in striking contrast with the Old World, where all men high in office must be high in origin and born in the cradle of wealth. When the subject of this sketch was three years of age, his father, who was a Presbyterian min-

ister, with a large family and a small salary, moved, by way of the Hudson River and Eric Canal, to Fayetteville, in search of an increased income and a larger field of work. Fayetteville was then the most straggling of country villages, about five miles from Pompey Hill, where Governor Seymour was born.

At the last mentioned place young Grover commenced going to school in the "good, old-fashioned way," and presumably distinguished himself after the manner of all village boys, in doing the things he ought not to do. Such is the distinguishing trait of all geniuses and independent thinkers. When he arrived at the age of 14 years, he had outgrown the capacity of the village school and expressed a most emphatic desire to be sent to an academy. To this his father decidedly objected. Academies in those days cost money; besides, his father wanted him to become self-supporting by the quickest possible means, and this at that time in Favetteville seemed to be a position in a country store, where his father and the large family on his hands had considerable influence. Grover was to be paid \$50 for his services the first year, and if he proved trustworthy he was to receive \$100 the second year. Here the lad commenced his career as salesman, and in two years he had earned so good a reputation for trustworthiness that his employers desired to retain him for an indefinite length of time. Otherwise he did not exhibit as yet any particular "flashes of genius" or eccentricities of talent. He was simply a good boy.

But instead of remaining with this firm in Fayette-ville, he went with the family in their removal to Clinton, where he had an opportunity of attending a high school. Here he industriously pursued his studies until the family removed with him to a point on Black River known as the "Holland Patent," a village of 500 or 600 people, 15 miles north of Utica, N. Y. At this place his father died, after preaching but three Sundays. This event broke up the family, and Grover set out for New York City to accept, at a small salary, the position of "under-teacher" in an asylum for the blind. He taught faithfully for two years, and although he obtained a good reputation in this capacity, he concluded that teaching was not his

calling for life, and, reversing the traditional order, he left the city to seek his fortune, instead of going to a city. He first thought of Cleveland, Ohio, as there was some charm in that name for him; but before proceeding to that place he went to Buffalo to ask the advice of his uncle, Lewis F. Allan, a noted stock-breeder of that place. The latter did not speak enthusiastically. "What is it you want to do, my boy?" he asked. "Well, sir, I want to study law," was the reply. "Good gracious!" remarked the old gentleman; "do you, indeed? What ever put that into your head? How much money have you got?" "Well, sir, to tell the truth, I haven't got any."

After a long consultation, his uncle offered him a place temporarily as assistant herd-keeper, at \$50 a year, while he could "look around." One day soon afterward he boldly walked into the office of Rogers. Bowen & Rogers, of Buffalo, and told them what he wanted. A number of young men were already engaged in the office, but Grover's persistency won, and he was finally permitted to come as an office boy and have the use of the law library, for the nominal sum of \$3 or \$4 a week. Out of this he had to pay for his board and washing. The walk to and from his uncle's was a long and rugged one; and, although the first winter was a memorably severe one, his shoes were out of repair and his overcoat-he had none-yet he was nevertheless prompt and regular. On the first day of his service here, his senior employer threw down a copy of Blackstone before him with a bang that made the dust fly, saying "That's where they all begin." A titter ran around the little circle of clerks and students, as they thought that was enough to scare young Grover out of his plans; but in due time he mastered that cumbersome volume. Then, as ever afterward, however, Mr. Cleveland exhibited a talent for executiveness rather than for chasing principles through all their metaphysical possibilities. "Let us quit talking and go and do it," was practically his motto.

The first public office to which Mr. Cleveland was elected was that of Sheriff of Eric Co., N. Y., in which Buffalo is situated; and in such capacity it fell to his duty to inflict capital punishment upon two criminals. In 1831 he was elected Mayor of the City of Buffalo, on the Democratic ticket, with especial reference to the bringing about certain reforms

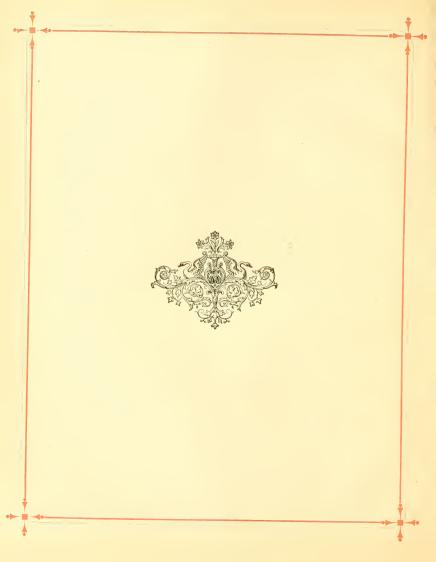
in the administration of the municipal affairs of that city. In this office, as well as that of Sheriff, his performance of duty has generally been considered fair, with possibly a few exceptions which were ferreted out and magnified during the last Presidential campaign. As a specimen of his plain language in a veto message, we quote from one vetoing an iniquitous street-cleaning contract: "This is a time for plain speech, and my objection to your action shall be plainly stated. I regard it as the culmination of a most bare-faced, impudent and shameless scheme to betray the interests of the people and to worse than squander the people's money." The New York Sun afterward very highly commended Mr. Cleveland's administration as Mayor of Buffalo, and thereupon recommended him for Governor of the Empire State. To the latter office he was elected in 1882. and his administration of the affairs of State was generally satisfactory. The mistakes he made, if any, were made very public throughout the nation after he was nominated for President of the United States. For this high office he was nominated July 11, 1884, by the National Democratic Convention at Chicago, when other competitors were Thomas F. Bayard, Roswell P. Flower, Thomas A. Hendricks, Benjamin F. Butler, Allen G. Thurman, etc.; and he was elected by the people, by a majority of about a thousand, over the brilliant and long-tried Republican statesman, James G. Blaine. President Cleveland resigned his office as Governor of New York in January, 1885, in order to prepare for his duties as the Chief Executive of the United States, in which capacity his term commenced at noon on the 4th of March, 1885. For his Cabinet officers he selected the following gentlemen: For Secretary of State, Thomas F. Bayard, of Delaware; Secretary of the Treasury, Daniel Manning, of New York; Secretary of War, William C. Endicott, of Massachusetts; Secretary of the Navy, William C. Whitney, of New York; Secretary of the Interior, L. Q. C. Lamar, of Mississippi; Postmaster-General, William F. Vilas, of Wisconsin; Attorney-General, A. H. Garland, of Arkansas.

The silver question precipitated a controversy between those who were in favor of the continuance of silver coinage and those who were opposed, Mr. Cleveland answering for the latter, even before his inauguration.



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TEPHEN T. MASON, the first Governor of Michigan, was a son of Gen. John T. Mason, of Kentucky, but was born in Virginia, in 1812. At the age of 19 he was appointed Secretary of Michigan Territory, and served in that capacity during the administration of Gov. George B. Porter. Upon the death of Gov. Porter, which occurred on the 6th of July, 1834, Mr. Mason became Acting Governor. In October, 1835, he was elected Governor under the State organization, and immediately entered upon the performance of the duties of the office, although the State was not yet admitted into the Union. After

Mason was re-elected to the position, and served with credit to himself and to the advantage of the State. He died Jan. 4, 1843. The principal event during Governor Mason's official career, was that arising from the disputed southern boundary of the State.

Michigan claimed for her southern boundary a line running east across the peninsula from the extreme southern point of Lake Michigan, extending through Lake Erie, to the Pennsylvania line. This she

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southern point of Lake Michigan, extending through Lake Erie, to the Pennsylvania line. This she claimed as a vested right—a right accruing to her by compact. This compact was the ordinance of 1787, the parties to which were the original 13 States, and the territory northwest of the Ohio; and, by the succession of parties under statutory amendments to the ordinance and laws of Congress—the United States on the one part, and each Territory northwest of the Ohio, as far as affected by their provisions, on the

other. Michigan, therefore, claimed it under the prior grant, or assignation of boundary.

Ohio, on the other hand, claimed that the ordinance had been superseded by the Constitution of the United States, and that Congress had a right to regulate the boundary. It was also claimed that the Constitution of the State of Ohio having described a different line, and Congress having admitted the State under that Constitution, without mentioning the subject of the line in dispute, Congress had thereby given its consent to the line as laid down by the Constitution of Ohio. This claim was urged by Ohio at some periods of the controversy, but at others she appeared to regard the question unsettled, by the fact that she insisted upon Congress taking action in regard to the boundary. Accordingly, we find that, in 1812, Congress authorized the Surveyor-General to survey a line, agreeably to the act, to enable the people of Ohio to form a Constitution and State government, Owing to Indian hostilities, however, the line was not run till 1818. In 1820, the question in dispute underwent a rigid examination by the Committee on Public Lands. The claim of Ohio was strenuously urged by her delegation, and as ably opposed by Mr. Woodbridge, the then delegate from Michigan. The result was that the committee decided unanimously in favor of Michigan; but, in the hurry of business, no action was taken by Congress, and the question remained open till Michigan organized her State government.

The Territory in dispute is about five miles in width at the west end, and about eight miles in width at the east end, and extends along the whole northern line of Ohio, west of Lake Erie. The line claimed by Michigan was known as the "Fulton line," and that claimed by Ohio was known as the "Harris line."

from the names of the surveyors. The territory was valuable for its rich agricultural lands; but the chief value consisted in the fact that the harbor on the Maumee River, where now stands the flourishing city of Toledo, was included within its limits The town originally bore the name of Swan Creek, afterwards Port Lawrence, then Vestula, and then Toledo.

In February, 1835, the Legislature of Ohio passed an act extending the jurisdiction of the State over the territory in question; erected townships and directed them to hold elections in April following. It also directed Governor Lucus to appoint three commissioners to survey and re-mark the Harris line; and named the first of April as the day to commence the survey. Acting Governor Mason, however, anticipated this action on the part of the Ohio Legislature, sent a special message to the Legislative Council, apprising it of Governor Lucas' message, and advised immediate action by that body to anticipate and counteract the proceedings of Ohio. Accordingly, on the 12th of February, the council passed an act making it a criminal offence, punishable by a heavy fine, or imprisonment, for any one to attempt to exercise any official functions, or accept any office within the jurisdiction of Michigan, under or by virture of any authority not derived from the Territory, or the United States. On the 9th of March, Governor Mason wrote General Brown, then in command of the Michigan militia, directing him to hold himself in readiness to meet the enemy in the field in case any attempt was made on the part of Ohio to carry out the provisions of that act of the Legislature. On the 31st of March, Governor Lucus, with his commissioners, arrived at Perrysburgh, on their way to commence re-surveying the Harris line. He was accompanied by General Bell and staff, of the Ohio Militia, who proceeded to muster a volunteer force of about 600 men. This was soon accomplished, and the force fully armed and equipped. The force then went into camp at Fort Miami, to await the Governor's orders.

In the meantime, Governor Mason, with General Brown and staff, had raised a force 800 to 1200 strong, and were in possession of Toledo. General Brown's Staff consisted of Captain Henry Smith, of Monroe, Inspector; Major J. J. Ullman, of Constantine, Quartermaster; William E. Broadman, of Detroit, and Alpheus Felch, of Monroe, Aids-decamp. When Governor Lucas observed the determined bearing of the Michigan braves, and took note

of their number, he found it convenient to content himself for a time with "watching over the border." Several days were passed in this exhilarating employment, and just as Gövernor Lucas had made up his nind to do something rash, two commissioners arrived from Washington on a mission of peace. They remonstrated with Gov. Lucus, and reminded him of the consequences to himself and his State if he persisted in his attempt to gain possession of the disputed territory by force. After several conferences with both governors, the commissioners submitted propositions for their consideration.

Governor Lucas at once accepted the propositions, and disbanded his forces. Governor Mason, on the other hand, refused to accede to the arrangement, and declined to compromise the rights of his people by a surrender of possession and jurisdiction. When Governor Lucus disbanded his forces, however, Governor Mason partially followed suit, but still held himself vin readiness to meet arry emergency that might arise.

Governor Lucus now supposed that his way was clear, and that he could re-mark the Harris line without being molested, and ordered the commissioners to proceed with their work.

In the meantime, Governor Mason kept a watchful eye upon the proceedings. General Brown sent
scouts through the woods to watch their movements,
and report when operations were commenced. When
the surveying party got within the county of Lenawee, the under-sheriff of that county, armed with a
warrant, and accompanied by a posse, suddenly made
his appearance, and succeeded in arresting a portion
of the party. The rest, including the commissioners,
took to their heels, and were soon beyond the disputed territory. They reached Perrysburgh the following day in a highly demoralized condition, and
reported they had been attacked by an overwhelming force of Michigan malitia, under command of
General Brown.

This summary breaking up of the surveying party produced the most tremendous excitement throughout Ohio. Governor Lucas called an extra session of the Legislature. But little remains to be said in reference to the "war." The question continued for some time to agitate the minds of the opposing parties; and the action of Congress was impatiently awaited. Michigan was admitted into the Union on the condition that she give to Ohio the disputed territory, and accept in return the Northern Peninsula, which she did.





Monogory



ILLIAM WOODBRIDGE, second Governor of Michigan, was born at Norwich, Conn., Aug. 20, 1780, and died at Detroit Oct. 20, 1861. He was of a family of three brothers and two sisters. His father, Dudley Woodbridge, removed to Marietta, Ohio, about 1790. The life of Wm. Woodbridge, by Chas. Lauman, from which this sketch is largely compiled, mentions nothing concerning his early education beyond the fact that it was such as was afforded by the average school of the time, except a year with the French colonists at Gallipolis, where he acquired a knowledge of the French language. It should be borne in mind, however, that home education at that time was an indispensable feature in the training of the young. To this and and to a few studies well mastered.

is due that strong mental discipline which has served as a basis for many of the grand intellects that have adorned and helped to make our National history.

Mr. Woodbridge studied law at Marietta, having as a fellow student an intimate personal friend, a young man subsequently distinguished, but known at that time simply as Lewis Cass. He graduated at the law school in Connecticut, after a course there of nearly three years, and began to practice at Marietta in 1806. In June, 1806, he married, at Hartford, Connecticut, Juleanna, daughter of John Trumbell, a distinguished author and judge; and author of the

peom McFingal, which, during a dark period of the Revolution, wrought such a magic change upon the spirits of the colonists. He was happy in his domestic relations until the death of Mrs. W., Feb. 2, 19, 1860.

Our written biographies necessarily speak more fully of men, because of their active participation in public affairs, but human actions are stamped upon the page of time and when the scroll shall be unrolled the influence of good women upon the history of the world will be read side by side with the deeds of men. How much success and renown in life many men owe to their wives is probably little known. Mrs. W. enjoyed the best means of early education that the country afforded, and her intellectual genius enabled her to improve her advantages. During her life, side by side with the highest type of domestic and social graces, she manifested a keen intellectuality that formed the crown of a faultless character. She was a natural poet, and wrote quite a large number of fine verses, some of which are preserved in a printed memorial essay written upon the occasion of her death. In this essay, it is said of her "to contribute even in matters of minor importance, to elevate the reputation and add to the well being of her husband in the various stations he was called upon to fill, gave her the highest satisfaction" She was an invalid during the latter portion of her life, but was patient and cheerful to the end.

In 1807, Mr. W. was chosen a representative to the General Assembly of Ohio, and in 1809 was elected to the Senate, continuing a member by re-election until his removal from the State. He also held, by appointment, during the time the office of Prosecuting Attorney for his county. He took a leading part in the Legislature, and in 1812 drew up a declaration and resolutions, which passed the two houses unaminously

and attracted great attention, endorsing, in strongest and most emphatic terms, the war measures of President Madison. During the period from 1804 to 1814 the two law students, Woodbridge and Cass, had become widely separated. The latter was Governor of the Territory of Michigan under the historic "Governor and Judges" plan, with the indispensable requisite of a Secretary of the Territorry. This latter position was, in 1814, without solicitation on his part, tendered to Mr. W. He accepted the position with some hesitation, and entered upon its duties as soon as he could make the necessary arrangements for leaving Ohio. The office of Secretary involved also the duties of collector of customs at the port of Detroit, and during the frequent absences of the Governor, the discharge of of his duties, also including those of Superintendent of Indian Affairs. Mr. W. officiated as Governor for about two years out of the eight years that he held the office of Secretary Under the administration of "Governor and Judges," which the people of the Territory preferred for economical reasons, to continue some time after their numbers entitled them to a more popular representative system, they were allowed no delegate in Congress. Mr. W., as a sort of informal agent of the people, by correspondence and also by a visit to the National capital, so clearly set forth the demand for representation by a delegate, that an act was passed in Congress in 1819 authorizing one to be chosen. Under this act Mr. W. was elected by the concurrence of all parties. His first action in Congress was to secure the passage of a bill recognizing and confirming the old French land titles in the Territory according to the terms of the treaty of peace with Great Britain at the close of the Revolution; and another for the construction of a Government road through the "black swamps" from the Miami River to Detroit, thus opening a means of land transit between Ohio and Michigan. He was influential in securing the passage of bills for the construction of Government roads from Detroit to Chicago, and Detroit to Fort Gratiot, and for the improvement of La Plaisance Bay. The expedition for the exploration of the country around Lake Superior and in the valley of the Upper Mississippi, projected by Governor Cass, was set on foot by means of representations made to the head of the department by Mr. W. While in Congress he strenuously maintained the right of Michigan to the strip of territory now forming the northern boundary of Ohio, which formed the subject of such grave dispute between Ohio and Michigan at the time of the admission of the latter into the Union. He served but one term as delegate to Congress, declining further service on account of personal and family considerations. Mr. W. continued to discharge the duties of Secretary of the Territory up to the time its Government passed into the "second grade."

In 1824, he was appointed one of a board of commissioners for adjusting private land claims in

the Territory, and was engaged also in the practice of his profession, having the best law library in the Territory. In 1828, upon the recommendation of the Governor, Judges and others, he was appointed by the President, J. Q. Adams, to succeed Hon. James Witherell, who had resigned as a Judge of what is conventionally called the "Supreme Court" of the Territory. This court was apparently a continuation of the Territorial Court, under the "first gade" or "Governor and Judges" system. Although it was supreme in its judicial functions within the Territory, its powers and duties were of a very general character.

In 1832, the term of his appointment as Judge expiring, President Jackson appointed a successor, it is supposed on political grounds, much to the disappointment of the public and the bar of the Territory. The partisan feeling of the time extended into the Territory, and its people began to think of assuming the dignity of a State government. Party lines becoming very sharply drawn, he identified himself with the Whigs and was elected a member of the Convention of 1835, which formed the first State Constitution. In 1837 he was elected a member of the State Senate.

This sketch has purposely dealt somewhat in detail with what may be called Judge W's. earlier career, because it is closely identified with the early history of the State, and the development of its political system. Since the organization of the State Government the history of Michigan is more familiar, and hence no review of Judge W's career as Governor and Senator will be attempted. He was elected Governor in 1839, under a popular impression that the affairs of the State had not been prudently administered by the Democrats. He served as Governor but little more than a year, when he was elected to the Senate of the United States.

His term in the Senate practically closed his political life, although he was strongly urged by many prominent men for the Whig nomination for Vice President in 1848.

Soon after his appointment as Judge in 1828, Governor W. took up his residence on a tract of land which he owned in the township of Spring Wells, a short distance below what was then the corporate limits of Detroit, where he resided during the remainder of his life. Both in his public papers and private communications, Governor W. shows himself a master of language; he is fruitful in simile and illustration, logical in arrangement, happy in the choice and treatment of topics, and terse and vigorous in expression, Judge W, was a Congregationalist, His opinions on all subjects were decided; he was earnest and energetic, courteous and dignified, and at times exhibited a vein of fine humor that was the more attractive because not too often allowed to come to the surface. His letters and addresses show a deep and earnest affection not only for his ancestral home, but the home of his adoption and for friends and family.





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OHN STEWARD BARRY, Governor of Michigan from Jan. 3, 1842, to Jan. 5, 1846, and from Jan. 7, 1850, to Jan. 1, 1852, was born at Amherst, N. H., Jan. 29, 1802. His parents, John and Ellen (Steward) Barry, early removed to Rockingham, Vt., where he remained until he became of age, working on his father's farm, and pursuing his studies at the same time. He married Mary Kidder, of Grafton, Vt., and in 1824 went to Georgia, Vt., where he had charge of an academy for two years, meanwhile studying law. He afterward practiced law in

that State. While he was in Georgia he was for some time a member of the Governor's staff, with the title of Governor's Aid, and at a somewhat earlier period was Captain of a company of State militia. In 1831 he removed to Michigan, and settled at White Pigeon, where he engaged in mercantile business with 1. W. Willard.

Four years after, 1834, Mr. Barry removed to Con-

stantine and continued his mercantile pursuits. He became Justice of the Peace at White Pigeon, Mich., in 1831, and held the office until the year 1835. Mr. Barry's first public office was that of a member of the first constitutional convention, which assembled and framed the constitution upon which Michigan was admitted into the Union. He took an important and prominent part in the proceedings of that body, and showed himself to be a man of far more than ordinary ability.

Upon Michigan being admitted into the Union, Mr. Barry was chosen State Senator, and so favorably were his associates impressed with his abilities at the first session of the Legislature that they looked to him as a party leader, and that he should head the State ticket at the following election. Accordingly he received the nomination for Governor at the hands of his party assembled in convention. He was elected, and so popular was his administration that, in 842, he was again elected. During these years Michigan was embarrassed by great financial difficulties, and it was through his wisdom and sound judgment that the State was finally placed upon a solid financial basis.

During the first year of Gov. Barry's first term, the University at Ann Arbor was opened for the reception of students. The Michigan Central and Michigan Southern railroads were being rapidly constructed, and general progress was everywhere noticeable. In 1842, the number of pupils reported as attending the public schools was nearly fifty-eight thousand. In 1843, a State land office was established at Marshall, which was invested with the charge and disposition of all the lands belonging to the State In 1844, the taxable property of the State was found to be over twenty-eight millions of dollars, the tax being at the rate of two mills on the dollar. The expenses of the State were only seventy thousand dollars, while the income from the railroads was nearly three hundred thousand dollars. At this time the University of Michigan had become so prosperous that its income was ample to pay the interest on the University debt; and the amount of money which the State was able to loan the several progressing railroads was one hundred and twenty thousand dollars. Efforts were made to increase the efficiency of the common schools with good results In 1845, when Gov. Barry's second term expired, the population of the State was more than three hundred thousand.

The constitution of the State forbade more than two consecutive terms, but he was called upon to fill the position again in 1850—the only instance of the kind in the history of the State. He was a member of the Territorial Legislature, of the Constitutional Convention, and afterward of the State House of Representation.

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During Mr. Barry's third term as Governor the Normal School was established at Ypsilanti, which was endowed with lands and placed in charge of a board of education consisting of six persons. A new constitution for the government of the State was also adopted and the "Great Railway Conspiracy Case" was tried. This grew out of a series of lawless acts which had been committed upon the property of the Michigan Central Railroad Company, along the line of their road, and finally the burning of the depot at Detroit, in 1850.

At a setting of the grand jury of Wayne County, April 24, 1851, 37 men of the 50 under arrest for this crime were indicted. May 20, following, the accused parties appeared at the Circuit Court of Wayne, of which Warner Wing was resident judge. The Railroad Company employed ten eminent lawyers, including David Stuart, John Van Arman, James A. Van Dyke, Jacob M. Howard, Alex. D. Fraser, Daniel Goodwin and William Gray. The defendants were represented by six members of the State bar, led by William H. Seward, of New York. The trial occupied four months, during which time the plaintiffs examined 246 witnesses in 27 days, and the defendants 249 in 140 days. Mr. Van Dyke addressed the jury for the prosecution; William H. Seward for the defense.

The great lawyer was convinced of the innocence

of his clients, nor did the verdict of that jury and the sentence of that judge remove his firm belief that his clients were the victims of purchased treachery, rather than so many sacrifices to justice.

The verdict of "guilty" was rendered at 9 o'clock P. M., Sept. 25, 1851. On the 26th the prisoners were put forward to receive sentence, when many of them protested their entire innocence, after which the presiding judge condemned 12 of the number to the following terms of imprisonment, with hard labor, within the State's prison, situate in their county: Annui Filley, ten years; Orlando L. Williams, ten years; Aaron Mount, eight years; Andrew J. Freeland, eight years; Elsen Farnham, eight years; William Corvin, eight years; Richard Price, eight years; Evan Price, eight years; Lyman Champlin, five years; Willard W. Champlin, five years; Erastus Champlin, five years; Frastus Smith, five years;

In 1840, Gov. Barry became deeply interested in the cultivation of the sugar beet, and visited Europe to obtain information in reference to its culture.

He was twice Presidential Elector, and his last public service was that of a delegate to the National Democratic Convention held in Chicago in 1864.

He was a man who, throughout life, maintained a high character for integrity and fidelity to the trusts bestowed upon him, whether of a public or a private nature, and he is acknowledged by all to have been one of the most efficient and popular Governors the State has ever had.

Gov. Barry was a man of incorruptible integrity. His opinions, which he reached by the most thorough investigation, he held tenaciously. His strong convictions and outspoken honesty made it impossible for him to take an undefined position when a principle was involved. His attachments and prejudices were strong, yet he was never accused of favoritism in his administration of public affairs. As a speaker he was not remarkable. Solidity, rather than brilliancy, characterized his oratory, which is described as argumentative and instructive, but cold, hard, and entirely wanting in rhetorical ornament. He was never elequent, seldom humorous or sarcastic, and in manner rather awkward.

Although Mr. Barry's educational advantages were so limited, he was a life-long student. He mastered both ancient and modern languages, and acquired a thorough knowledge of history. No man owed less to political intrigue as a means of gaining position. He was a true statesman, and gained public esteem by his solid worth. His political connections were always with the Democratic party, and his opinions were usually extreme.

Mt. Barry retired to private life after the beginning of the ascendency of the Republican party, and carried on his mercantile business at Constantine. He died Jan. 14, 1870, his wife's death having occurred a year previous, March 30, 1860. They left no children.





Repheus Felch



LPHEUS FELCH, the third Governor of Michigan, was born in Limerick, Maine, September 28, 1806. His grandfather, Abijah Felch, was a soldier in the Revolution; and when a young man, having with others obtained a grant of land between the Great and Little Ossipee Rivers, in Maine, moved to that region when it was yet a wilderness. The father of Mr. Felch embarked in mercantile life at Limetick. He was the first to engage in that business in that section, and continued it until his death. The death of the father, followed within a year by the death of

the mother, left the subject of this sketch, then three years old, to the care of relatives, and he found a home with his paternal grandfather, where he remained until his death. Mr Felch received his early education in the district school and a neighboring academy. In 1821 he became a student at Phillips Exter Academy, and, subsequently, entered Bowdoin College, graduated with the class of 1827. He at once began the study of law and was admitted to practice at Bangor, Me., in 1830.

He began the practice of his profession at Houlton, Me, where he remained until 1833. The severity of the climate impaired his health, never very good, and he found it necessary to seek a change of climate. He disposed of his library and started to seek a new home. His intention was to join his friend, Sargent S. Prentiss, at Vicksburg, Miss., but on his arrival at Cincinnati, Mr. Felch was attacked by cholera, and when he had recovered sufficiently to permit of his traveling, found that the danger of the disease was too great to permit a journey down the river. He therefore determined to come to Michigan. He first began to practice in this State at Monroe, where he continued until 1843, when he removed to Ann Aibor. He was elected to the State Legislature in 1835, and continued a member of that body during the years 1836 and 1837. While he held this office, the general banking law of the State was enacted, and went into operation. After mature deliberation, he became convinced that the proposed system of banking could not prove beneficial to the public interests; and that, instead of relieving the people from the pecuniary difficulties under which they were laboring, it would result in still further embarrassment. He, therefore, opposed the bill, and pointed out to the House the disasters which, in his opinion, were sure to follow its passage. The public mind, however, was so favorably impressed by the measure that no other member, in either branch of the Legislature, raised a dissenting voice, and but two voted with him in opposition to the bill. Early in 1838, he was appointed one of the Bank Commissioners of the State, and held that office for more than a year. During this time, the new banking law had given birth to that numerous progeny known as "wild-cat" banks. Almost every village had its bank. The country was flooded with depressed "wild-cat" money. The examinations of the Bank Commissioners brought to light frauds at every point, which were fearlessly re-

ported to the Legislature, and were followed by criminal prosecutions of the guilty parties, and the closing of many of their institutions. The duties of the office were most laborious, and in 1839 Mr. Felch 1esigned. The chartered right of almost every bank had, in the meantime, been declared forfeited and the law renealed. It was subsequently decided to be constitutional by the Supreme Court of the State. In the year 1842 Governor Felch was appointed to the office of Auditor General of the State; but after holding the office only a few weeks, was commissioned by the Governor as one of the Judges of the Supreme Court, to fill a vacancy caused by the resignation of Judge Fletcher. In January, 1843, he was elected to the United States Senate for an unexpired term. In 1845 he was elected Governor of Michigan, and entered upon his duties at the commencement of the next year. In 1847 he was elected a Senator in Congress for six years; and at once retired from the office of Governor, by resignation, which took effect March 4, 1847, when his Senatorial term commenced. While a member of the Senate he acted on the Committee on Public Lands, and for four years was its Chairman. He filled the honorable position of Senator with becoming dignity, and with great credit to the State of Michigan.

During Governor Felch's administration the two railroads belonging to the State were sold to private corporations,—the Central for \$2,000,000, and the Southern for \$500,000. The exports of the State amounted in 1846 to \$4,647,608. The total capacity of vessels enrolled in the collection district at Detroit was 26,928 tons, the steam vessels having 8,400 and the sailing vessels 18,528 tons, the whole giving employment to 18,000 seamen. In 1847, there were 39 counties in the State, containing 435 townships; and 275 of these townships were supplied with good libraries, containing an aggregate of 37,000 volumes.

At the close of his Senatorial term, in March, 1853, Mr. Felch was appointed, by President Pierce, one of the Commissioners to adjust and settle the Spanish and Mexican land claims in California, under the treaty of Gaudalupe Hidalgo, and an act of Congress passed for that purpose. He went to California in May, 1853, and was made President of the Commission. The duties of this office were of the most important and delicate character. The interest of the new State, and the fortunes of many of its citizens. both the native Mexican population and the recent American immigration; the right of the Pueblos to their common lands, and of the Catholic Church to the lands of the Missions,-the most valuable of the State. - wereinvolved in the adjudications of this Commission. In March, 1856, their labors were brought to a close by the final disposition of all the claims which were presented. The record of their proceedings,-the testimony which was given in each case, and the decision of the Commissioners thereon,consisting of some forty large volumes, was deposited in the Department of the Interior at Washington.

In June of that year, Governor Felch returned to Ann Arbor, where he has since been engaged principally in legal business. Since his return he has been nominated for Governor and also for U. S. Senator, and twice for Judge of the Supreme Court. But the Democratic party, to which he has always been attached, being in the minority, he failed of an election. In 1873 he withdrew from the active practice of law, and, with the exception of a tour in Europe. in 1875 has since led a life of retirement at his home in Ann Arbor. In 1877 the University of Michigan conferred upon him the degree of LL. D. For many years he was one of the Regents of Michigan University, and in the spring of 1879 was appointed Tappan Professor of Law in the same. Mr. Felch is the oldest surviving member of the Legislature from Monroe Co., the oldest and only surviving Bank Commissioner of the State, the oldest surviving Auditor General of the State, the oldest surviving Governor of the State, the oldest surviving Judge of the Supreme Court of Michigan, and the oldest surviving United States Senator from the State of Michigan.





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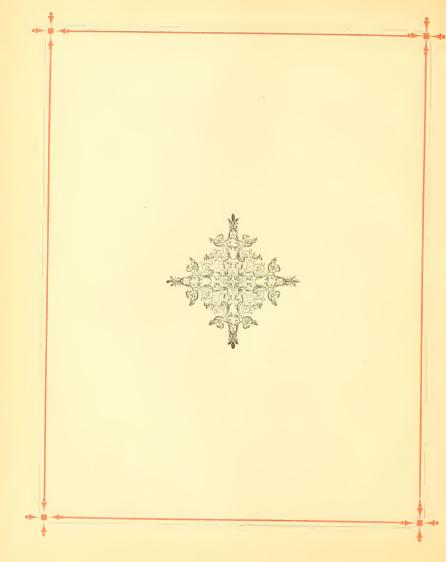
GREENLY. Governor of Michigan for the year 1847, was born at Hamilton, Madison Co., N. Y., Sept. 18, 1813. He graduated at Union College, Schenectady, in 1831, studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1834. In 1836, having removed to Michigan, he settled in Adrian, where he has since resided. The year following his arrival in Michigan he was elected State Senator and served in that capacity until 1839. In 1845 he was elected Lieut. Governor and became acting Governor by the resignation of Gov Felch, who was elected to the United States Senate.

The war with Mexico was brought to a successful termination during Gov. Greenly's administration. We regret to say that there are only few records extant of the action of Michigan troops in the Mexican war. That many went there and fought well are points conceded; but their names and nativity are hidden away in United States archives

and where it is almost impossible to find them.

The soldiers of this State deserve much of the credit of the memorable achievements of Co. K, 3d Dragoons, and Cos. A, E, and G of the U. S. Inf. The two former of these companies, recruited in this State, were reduced to one-third their original number.

In May, 1846, the Governor of Michigan was notified by the War Department of the United States to enroll a regiment of volunteers, to be held in readiness for service whenever demanded. At his summons 13 independent volunteer companies, 11 of infantry and two of cavalry, at once fell into line. Of the infantry four companies were from Detroit, bearing the honored names of Montgomery, Lafayette, Scott and Brady upon their banners. Of the remainder Monroe tendered two, Lenawee County three, St. Clair, Berrien and Hillsdale each one, and Wayne County an additional company. Of these alone the veteran Bradys were accepted and ordered into service. In addition to them ten companies, making the First Regiment of Michigan Volunteers, springing from various parts of the State, but embodying to a great degree the material of which the first volunteers was formed, were not called for until October following. This regiment was soon in readiness and proceeded by orders from Government to the seat of war.







Epophroditus Ranson.



HE HON. EPAPHRODITUS RANSOM, the Seventh Governor of Michigan, was a native of Massachusetts. In that State he received a collegiate education, studied law, and was admitted to the bar. Removing to Michigan about the time of its admission to the Union, he took up his residence at Kalamazoo.

Mr. Ransom served with marked ability for a number of years in the State Legislature, and in 1837 he was appointed Associate Justice of the Supreme Court. In 1843 he was promoted to Chief Justice, which office he retained until 1845, when he resigned.

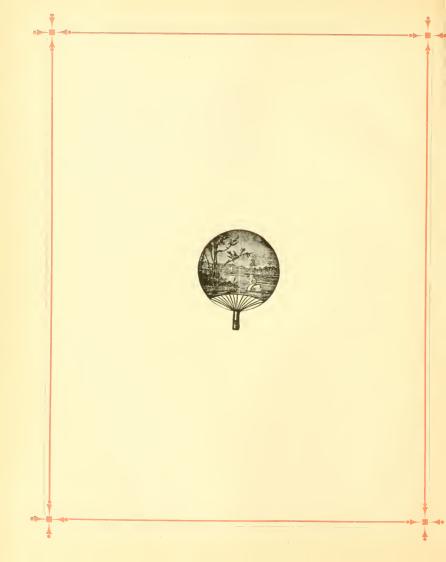
Shortly afterwards he became deeply interested in the building of plank roads in the western portion of the State, and in this business lost the greater portion of the property which he had accumulated by years of toil and industry.

Mr. Ransom became Governor of the State of Michigan in the fall of 1847, and served during one term, performing the duties of the office in a truly statesmanlike manner. He subsequently became President of the Michigan Agricultural Society, in which position he displayed the same ability that

shone forth so prominently in his acts as Governor. He held the office of Regent of the Michigan University several times, and ever advocated a liberal policy in its management.

Subsequently he was appointed receiver of the land office in one of the districts in Kansas, by President Buchanan, to which State he had removed, and where he died before the expiration of his term of office.

We sum up the events and affairs of the State under Gov. Ransom's administration as follows: The Asylum for the Insane was establised, as also the Asylum for the Deaf, Dumb and Blind. Both of these institutes were liberally endowed with lands, and each of them placed in charge of a board of five trustees. The appropriation in 1849 for the deaf and dumb and blind amounted to \$81,500. On the first of March, 1848, the first telegraph line was completed from New York to Detroit, and the first dispatch transmitted on that day. The following figures show the progress in agriculture: The land reported as under cultivation in 1848 was 1,437,460 acres; of wheat there were produced 4,749,300 bushels; other grains, 8,197,767 bushels; wool, 1,645,756 pounds; maple sugar, 1,774,369 pounds; horses, 52,305; cattle, 210,268; swine, 152,541; sheep, 610,534; while the flour mills numbered 228, and the lumber mills amounted to 730. 1847, an act was passed removing the Legislature from Detroit to Lansing, and temporary buildings for the use of the Legislature were immediately erected, at a cost of \$12,450.







Em flellennes



McCLELLAND. Governor of Michigan from an. 1, 1852, to March 8, 1853, was born at Greencastle, Franklin Co., Penn., Aug. 1, 1807. Among his ancestors were several officers of rank in the Revolutionary war, and some of his family connections were distinguished in the war of 1812, and that with Mexico. His father was an eminent physician and surgeon who studied under Dr. Benj. Rush, of Philadelphia, and practiced his profession successfully until six months before his death, at the age of 84 years. Although Mr.

McClelland's family had been in good circumstances, when he was 17 years old he was thrown upon his own resources. After taking the usual preliminary studies, and teaching school to obtain the means, he entered Dickinson College, at Carlisle, Penn., from which he graduated among the first in his class, in 1829. He then resumed teaching, and having completed the course of study for the legal profession, was admitted to the bar at Chambersburg, Penn., in 1831. Soon afterward he removed to the city of Pittsburgh, where he practiced for almost a year.

In 1833, Mr. McClelland removed to Monroe, in

the Territory of Michigan, where, after a severe examination, he became a member of the bar of Michigan, and engaged in practice with bright prospect of success. In 1835, a convention was called to frame a constitution for the proposed State of Michigan, of which Mr. McClelland was elected a member. He took a prominent part in its deliberations and ranked among its ablest debaters. He was appointed the first Bank Commissioner of the State, by Gov. Mason, and received an offer of the Attorney Generalship, but declined both of these offices in order to attend to his professional duties.

In 1838, Mr. McClelland was elected to the State Legislature, in which he soon became distinguished as the head of several important committees, Speaker pro tempore, and as an active, zealous and efficient member. In 1840, Gen. Harrison, as a candidate for the Presidency, swept the country with an overwhelming majority, and at the same time the State of Michigan was carried by the Whigs under the popular cry of "Woodbridge and reform" against the Democratic party. At this time Mr. McClelland stood among the acknowledged leaders of the latter organization; was elected a member of the State House of Representatives, and with others adopted a plan to regain a lost authority and prestige.

This party soon came again into power in the State, and having been returned to the State Legislature Mr., McClelland's leadership was acknowledged by his election as Speaker of the House of Representatives

Down to this time Michigan had constituted one congressional district. The late Hon, Jacob M. Howard had been elected against Hon. Alpheus Felch by a strong majority; but, in 1843, so thoroughly had the Democratic party recovered from its defeat of 1840 that Mr. McClelland, as a candidate for Congress, carried Detroit district by a majority of about 2,500. Mr. McClelland soon took a prominent post tion in Congress among the veterans of that body During his first term he was placed on Committee on Commerce, and organized and carried through what were known as the "Harbor bills." The continued confidence of his constituency was manifested in his election to the 29th Congress. At the opening of this session he had acquired a National reputation, and so favorably was he known as a parlimentarian that his name was mentioned for Speaker of the House of Representatives. He declined the offer in favor of J. W. Davis, of Indiana, who was elected. During this term he became Chairman of Committee on Commerce, in which position his reports and advocacy of important measures at once attracted public attention. The members of this committee, as an evidence of the esteem in which they held his services and of their personal regard for him, presented him with a cane which he retains as a souvenir of the donors, and of his labors in Congress.

In 1847, Mr. McClelland was re-elected to Congress, and at the opening of the 30th Congress became a member of the Committee on Fore gn Relations. While acting in this capacity, what was known as the "French Spoliation Bill" came under his special charge, and his management of the same was such as to command universal approbation. While in Congress, Mr. McClelland was an advocate of the right of petition as maintained by John Q. Adams, when the petition, was clothed in decorous language and presented in the proper manner. This he regarded as the citizens' constitutional right which should not be impaired by any doctrines of temporary expediency. He also voted for the adoption of Mr. Giddings's bill for the abolishing of slavery in the District of Columbia. Mr. McClelland was one of the few Democrats associated with David Wilmot, of Pennsylvania, in bringing forward the celebrated "Wilmot Proviso," with a view to prevent further extension of slavery in new territory which might be acquired by the United States. He and Mr. Wilmot were together at the time in Washington, and on intimate and confidential terms. Mr. McClelland was in several National conventions and in the Baltimore convention, which nominated Gen. Cass for President, in 1848, doing valiant service that year for the election of that distinguished statesman. On teaving Congress, in 1848, Mr. McClelland returned to the practice of his profession at Monroe. In 1850 a convention of the State of Michigan was called to revise the State constitution. He was elected a member and was regarded therein as among the ablest and most experienced leaders. His clear judgment and wise moderation were conspicuous, both in the committee room and on the floor, in debate. In 1850, he was President of the Democratic State-convention which adopted resolutions in support of Henry Clay's famous compromise measures, of which Mr. McClelland was a strong advocate. He was a member of the Democratic National convention in 1852, and in that year, in company with Gen Cass and Governor Felch, he made a thorough canvass of the State. He continued earnestly to advocate the Clay compromise measures, and took an active part in the canvass which resulted in the election of Gen Pierce to the Presidency.

In 1851, the new State constitution took effect and it was necessary that a Governor should be elected for one year in order to prevent an interregnum, and to bring the State Government into operation under the new constitution. Mr McClelland was elected Governor, and in the fall of 1852 was re-elected for a term of two years, from Jan. 1, 1853. His administration was regarded as wise, prudent and conciliatory, and was as popular as could be expected at a time when party spirit ran high. There was really no opposition, and when he resigned, in March, 1853. the State Treasury was well filled, and the State otherwise prosperous. So widely and favorably had Mr. McClelland become known as a statesman that on the organization of the cabinet by President Pierce, in March, 1853, he was made Secretary of the Interior, in which capacity he served most creditably during four years of the Pierce administration. He thoroughly re-organized his department and reduced the expenditures. He adopted a course with the Indians which relieved them from the impositions and annoyances of the traders, and produced harmony and civilization among them. During his administration there was neither complaint from the tribes nor corruption among agents, and he left the department in perfect order and system. In 1867, Michigan again called a convention to revise the State constitution. Mr. McClelland was a member and here again his long experience made him conspicuous as a prudent adviser, a sagacious parliamentary leader. As a lawyer he was terse and pointed in argument, clear, candid and impressive in his addresses to the jury. His sincerity and earnestness, with which was occasionally mingled a pleasant humor, made him an able and effective advocate. In speaking before the people on political subjects he was especially forcible and happy. In 1870 he made the tour of Europe, which, through his extensive personal acquaintance with European diplomates, he was enabled to enjoy much more than most travelers

Mr. McClelland married, in 1837, Miss Sarah E. Sabin, of Williamstown, Mass. They have had six children, two of whom now survive.





A. Parsons



NDREW PARSONS, Governor of Michigan from March 8, 1853 to Jan. 3, 1855, was born in the town of Hoosick, County of Rensselaer, and State of New York, on the 22d day of July, 1817, and died June 6, 1855, at the early age of 38 years. He was the son of John Parsons, born at Newburyport, Mass., Oct. 2, 1782, and who was the son of Andrew Parsons, a Revolutionary soldier, who was the son of Phineas Parsons, the son of Samuel Parsons, a descendant of Walter Parsons, born in Ireland in 1200.

Of this name and family, some one hundred and thirty years ago, Bishop Gilson remarked in his edition of Camden's Britannia: "The honorable family of Parsons have been advanced to the dignity of Viscounts and more lately Earls of Ross."

The following are descendants of these families: Sir John Parsons, born 1481, was Mayor of Hereford; Robert Parsons, born in 1546, lived near Bridgewater, England. He was educated at Ballial College, Oxford, and was a noted writer and defender of the Romish faith. He established an English College at Rome and another at Valladolia. Frances Parsons, born in 1556, was Vicar of Rothwell, in Notingham; Bartholomev Parsons, born in 1618, was another noted member of the family. In 1634, Thomas Parsons was knighted by Charles 1. Joseph and Benjamin, brothers, were born in Great Torrington, England,

and accompanied their father and others to New England about 1630. Samuel Parsons, born at Salisbury, Mass., in 1707, graduated at Harvard College in 1730, ordained at Rye, N. H., Nov. 3, 1736, married Mary Jones, daughter of Samuel Jones, of Boston, Oct. 9, 1739, died Jan. 4, 1789, at the age of 82, in the 53rd year of his ministry. The grandfather of Mary Jones was Capt, John Adams, of Boston, grandson of Henry, of Braintree, who was among the first settlers of Massachusetts, and from whom a numerous race of the name are descended, including two Presidents of the United States. The Parsons have become very numerous and are found throughout New England, and many of the descedants are scattered in all parts of the United States, and especially in the Middle and Western States. Governor Andrew Parsons came to Michigan in 1835, at the age of 17 years, and spent the first summer at Lower Ann Arbor, where for a few months he taught school which he was compelled to abandon from ill health

He was one of the large number of men of sterling worth, who came from the East to Michigan when it was an infant State, or, even prior to its assuming the dignity of a State, and who, by their wisdom, enterprise and energy, have developed its wonderful natural resources, until to-day it ranks with the proudest States of the Union. These brave men came to Michigan with nothing to aid them in the conquest of the wilderness save courageous hearts and strong and willing hands. They gloriously conquered, however, and to them is due all honor for the labors so nobly performed, for the solid and sure foundation which they laid of a great Commonwealth.

In the fall of 1835, he explored the Grand River Valley in a frail canoe, the whole length of the river, from Jackson to Lake Michigan, and spent the following winter as clerk in a store at Prairie Creek, in Ionia, County, and in the spring went to Marshall, where he resided with his brother, the Hon. Luke H. Parsons, also now deceased, until fall, when he went to Shiawasse County, then with Clinton County, and an almost unbroken wilderness and constituting one organized township. In 1837 this territory was organized into a county and, at the age of only 19 years, he (Andrew) was elected County Clerk. In 1840, he was elected Register of Deeds, re-elected in 1842, and also in 1844. In 1846, he was elected to the State Senate, was appointed Prosecuting Attorney in 1848. and elected Regent of the University in 1851, and Lieutenant Governor, and became acting Governor, in 1853, elected again to the Legislature in 1854, and, overcome by debilitated health, hard labor and the responsibilities of his office and cares of his business, retired to his farm, where he died soon after.

He was a fluent and persuasive speaker and well calculated to make friends of his acquantances. He was always true to his trust, and the whole world could not persuade nor drive him to do what he conceived to be wrong. When Governor, a most powerful railroad influence was brought to bear upon him, to induce him to call an extra session of the Legislature. Meetings were held in all parts of the State for that purpose. In some sections the resolutions were of a laudatory nature, intending to make him do their bidding by resort to friendly and flattering words. In other places the resolutions were of a demanding nature, while in others they were threatening beyond measure. Fearing that all these influences might fail to induce him to call the extra session, a large sum of money was sent him, and liberal offers tendered him if he would gratify the railroad interest of the State and call the extra session, but, immovable, he returned the money and refused to receive any favors, whether from any party who would attempt to corrupt him by laudations, liberal offers, or by threats, and in a short letter to the people, after giving overwhelming reasons that no sensible man could dispute, showing the circumstances were not "extraordinary," he refused to call the extra session, This brought down the wrath of various parties upon his head, but they were soon forced to acknowledge the wisdom and the justice of his course. One of his greatest enemies said, after a long acquaintance: "though not always coinciding with his views I never doubted his honesty of purpose. He at all times sought to perform his duties in strict accordance. with the dictates of his conscience, and the behests of his oath." The following eulogium from a political opponent is just in its conception and creditable to its author: "Gov. Parsons was a politician of the Democratic school, a man of pure moral character, fixed and exemplary habits, and entirely blameless in every public and private relation of life. As a politician he was caudid, frank and free from bitterness, as an executive officer firm, constant and reliable." The highest commendations we can pay the deceased is to give his just record,-that of being an honest man.

In the spring of 1854, during the administration of Governor Parsons, the Republican party, at least as a State organization, was first formed in the United States "under the oaks" at Jackson, by anti-slavery men of both the old parties. Great excitement prevailed at this time, occasioned by the settling of Kansas, and the issue thereby brought up, whether slavery should exist there. For the purpose of permitting slavery there, the "Missouri compromise" (which limited slavery to the south of 36° 30') was rerepealed, under the leadership of Stephen A, Douglas. This was repealed by a bill admitting Kansas and Nebraska into the Union, as Territories, and those who were opposed to this repeal measure were in short called "anti-Nebraska" men. The epithets, "Nebraska" and "anti-Nebraska," were temporally employed to designate the slavery and anti-slavery parties, pending the desolution of the old Democratic and Whig parties and the organization of the new Democratic and Republican parties of the present.





Rp. 11 ingham



BINGHAM. Governor of Michigan from 1855 to 1850, and United States Senator, was born in Camillus, Onondaga County, N. Y., Dec. 16, 1808. His father was a farmer, and his own early life was consequently devoted to agricultural pursuits, but notwithstanding the disadvantages related to the acquisition of knowledge in the life of a farmer he managed to secure a good academic education in his native State and studied law in the office of Gen. James R. Lawrence, now of Syracuse, N. Y. In the spring of 1833, he married an estimable lady who had recently arrived from Scotland, and obeying the impulse of a naturally enterprising disposition, he emigrated to Michigan and purchased a new farm in company with his brother-in-law, Mr. Robert

Worden, in Green Oak, Livingston County. Here, on the border of civilization, buried in the primeval forest, our late student commenced the arduous task of preparing a future home, clearing and fencing, putting up buildings, etc., at such a rate that the land chosen was soon reduced to a high state of cultivation.

Becoming deservedly prominent, Mr. Bingham was elected to the office of Justice of the Peace and Postmaster under the Territorial government, and was the first Probate Judge in the county. In the year 1836, when Michigan Lecame a State, he was elected to the first Legislature. He was four times re-elected, and Speaker of the House of Representatives three years. In 1846 he was elected on the Democratic ticket, Representative to Congress, and was the only practical farmer in that body. He was never forgetful of the interest of agriculture, and was in particular opposed to the introduction of "Wood's Patent Cast Iron Plow" which he completely prevented. He was reelected to Congress in 1848, during which time he strongly opposed the extension of slavery in the territory of the United States and was committed to and voted for the Wilmot Proviso.

In 1854, at the first organization of the Republican party, in consequence of his record in Congress as a Free Soil Democrat, Mr. Bingham was nominated and elected Governor of the State, and re-elected in 1856. Still faithful to the memory of his own former occupation, he did not forget the farmers during his administration, and among other profits of his zeal in their behalf, he became mainly instrumental in the establishment of the Agricultural College at Lansing.

In 1859, Governor Bingham was elected Senator in Congress and took an active part in the stormy campaign in the election of Abraham Lincoln. He wit-

nessed the commencement of the civil war while a member of the United States Senate. After a comparatively short life of remarkable promise and public activity he was attacked with appoplexy and died suddenly at his residence, in Green Dak, Oct. 5, 1861.

The most noticable event in Governor Bingham's first term was the completion of the ship canal, at the Falls of St. Mary. In 1852, Angust 26, an act of Congress was approved, granting to the State of Michigan seven hundred and fifty thousand acres of land for the purpose of constructing a ship canal between Lakes Huron and Superior. In 1853, the Legislature accepted the grant, and provided for the appointment of commissioners to select the donated lands, and to arrange for building the canal. A company of enterprising men was formed, and a contract was entered into by which it was arranged that the canal should be finished in two years, and the work was pushed rapidly forward. Every article of consumption, machinery, working implements and materials, timber for the gates, stones for the locks, as well as men and supplies, had to be transported to the site of the canal from Detroit, Cleveland, and other lake ports. rapids which had to be surmounted have a fall of seventeen feet and are about one mile long. The length of the canal is less than one mile, its width one hundred feet, depth twelve feet and it has two locks of solid masonary. In May, 1855, the work was completed, accepted by the commissioners, and formally delivered to the State authorities.

The disbursements on account of the construction of the canal and selecting the lands amounted to one million of dollars; while the lands which were assigned to the company, and selected through the agency at the Sault, as well as certain lands in the Upper and Lower Peninsulas, filled to an acre the Government grant. The opening of the canal was an important event in the history of the improvement of the State. It was a valuable link in the chain of lake commerce, and particularly important to the interests of the Upper Peninsula.

There were several educational, charitable and reformatory institutions inaugurated and opened during Gov. Bingham's administrations. The Michigan Agricultural College owes its establishment to a provision of the State Constitution of 1850. Article 13 says, "The Legislature shall, as soon as practicable, provide for the establishment of an agricultural school.' For the purpose of carying into practice this provision, legislation was commenced in 1855, and the act required that the school should be within ten miles of Lansing, and that not more than \$15 an acre should be paid for the farm and college grounds. The college was opened to students in May, 1857, the first of existing argricultural colleges in the United States. Until the spring of 1861, it was under the control of the State Board of Education; since that time it has been under the management of the State Board of Agriculture, which was created for that purpose. In its essential features, of combining study and labor, and of uniting general and professional studies in its course, the college has remained virtually unchanged from the first. It has a steady growth in number of students, in means of illustration and efficiency of instruction.

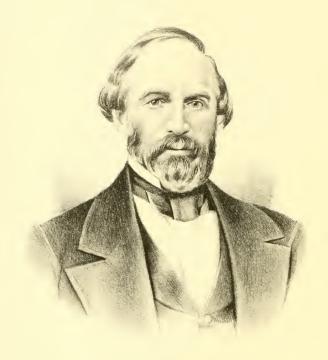
The Ágricultural College is three miles east of Lansing, comprising several fine buildings; and there are also very beautiful, substantial residences for the professors. There are also an extensive, well-filled green-house, a very large and well-equipped chemical laboratory, one of the most scientific apiaries in the United States, a general museum, a meseum of mechanical inventions, another of vegetable products, extensive barns, piggeries, etc., etc., in fine trim for the purposes designed. The farm consists of 676 acres, of which about 300 are under cultivation in a systematic rotation of crops.

Adrian College was established by the Wesleyan Methodists in 1859, now under the control of the Methodist Church. The grounds contain about 20 acres. There are four buildings, capable of accommodating about 225 students. Attendance in 1875 was 179; total number of graduates for previous year, 121; ten professors and teachers are employed. Exclusive of the endowment fund (§80,000), the assets of the institution, including grounds, buildings, furniture, apparatus, musical instruments, outlying lands, etc., amount to more than \$137,000.

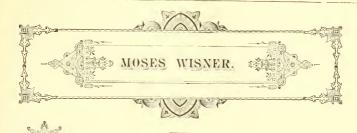
Hillsdale College was established in 1855 by the Free Baptists. The Michigan Central College, at Spring Arbor, was incorporated in 1845. It was kept in operation until it was merged into the present Hillsdale College. The site comprises 25 acres, beautifully situated on an eminence in the western part of the city of Hillsdale. The large and imposing building first erected was nearly destroyed by fire in 1874, and in its place five buildings of a more modern style have been erected. They are of brick, three stories with basement, arranged on three sides of a quadrangle. The size is, respectively, 8 o by 80, 48 by 72, 48 by 72, 80 by 60, 52 by 72, and they contain one-half more room than the original building.

The State Reform School. This was established at Lansing in 1855, in the northeastern portion of the city, as the House of Correction for Juvenile Offenders, having about it many of the features of a prison. In 1859 the name was changed to the State Reform School. The government and dicipline, have undergone many and radical changes, until all the prison features have been removed except those that remain in the walls of the original structure, and which remain only as monuments of instructive history. No bolts, bars or guards are employed. The inmates are necessarily kept under the surveillance of officers, but the attempts at escape are much fewer than under the more rigid regime of former days,





Moses Wisner



OSES WISNER, Governor of Michigan from 1859 to 1861, was born in Springport, Cavuga Co., N Y., June 3, 1815. His early education was only what could be obtained at a common school. Agricultural labor and frugality of his parents gave him a physical constitution of unusual strength and endurance, which was ever preserved by temperate habits. In 1837 he emigrated to Michigan and purchased a farm in Lapeer County It was new land and he at once set to work to clear it and plant crops. He labored diligently at his task for two years, when he gave up

the idea of being a farmer, and removed to Pontiac, Oakland Co. Here he commenced the study of law in the office of his brother, George W. Wisner, and Rufus Hosmer. In 1841 he was admitted to the bar and established himself in his new vocation at the village of Lapeer. While there he was apppointed by Gov. Woodbridge Prosecuting Attorney for that county, in which capacity he acquitted himself well and gave promise of that eminence he afterward attained in the profession. He remained at Lapeer but a short time, removing to Pontiac, where he became a member of a firm and entered fully upon the practice.

In politics he was like his talented brother, a Whig of the Henry Clay stamp, but with a decided antistavery bias. His practice becoming extensive, he took little part in politics until after the election of Mr. Pierce to the Presidency in 1852, when he took an active part against slavery. As a lawyer he was a man of great ability, but relied less upon mere book learning than upon his native good sense. Liberal and courteous, was he yet devoted to the interest of his client, and no facts escaped his attention or his memory which bore upon the case. He was no friend of trickery or artifice in conducting a case As an advocate he had few equals. When fully aroused by the merits of his subject his eloquence was at once graceful and powerful. His fancies supplied the most original, the most pointed illustrations, and his logic became a battling giant under whose heavy blows the adversary shrank and withered. Nature had bestowed upon him rare qualities, and his powers as a popular orator were of a high order.

On the passage of the Kansas-Nebraska Act of 1854, repealing the Missouri compromise and opening the Territories to slavery, he was among the foremost in Michigan to denounce the shamful scheme. He actively participated in organizing and consolidating the elements opposed to it in that State, and was a member of the popular gathering at Jackson, in July, 1854, which was the first formal Republican Convention held in the United States. At this meeting the name "Republican" was adopted as a designation of the new party consisting of Anti-slavery, Whigs, Liberty men, Free Soil Democrats and all others opposed to the extension of slavery and favorable to its expulsion from the Territories and the District of Columbia. At this convention Mr. W. was urged to accept the nomination for Attorney General of the State, but declined. An entire State ticket was nominated and at the annual election in November was elected by an average majority of nearly 10,000. Mr. W. was enthusiastic in the cause and brought to its support all his personal influence and talents. In his views he was bold and radical. He believed from the beginning that the political power of the slaveholders would have to be overthrown before quiet could be secured to the country. In the Presidential canvass of 1856 he supported the Fremont, or Republican, ticket. At the session of the Legislature of 1877 he was a candidate for United States Senator, and as such received a very handsome support.

In 1858, he was nominated for Governor of the State by the Republican convention that met at Detroit, and at the subsequent November election was chosen by a very large majority. Before the day of the election he had addressed the people of almost every county and his majority was greater even than that of his popular predecessor, Hon, K. S. Bingham. He served as Governor two years, from Jan. 1, 1850, to Jan. 1, 1861. His first message to the Legislature was an able and statesman-like production, and was read with usual favor. It showed that he was awake to all the interests of the State and set forth an enlightened State policy, that had its view of the rapid settlement of our uncultivated lands and the development of our immense agricultural and mineral resources. It was a document that reflected the highest credit upon the author.

His term having expired Jan. 1, 1861, he returned to his home in Pontiac, and to the practice of his profession. There were those in the State who counselled the sending of delegates to the peace conference at Washington, but Mr. W. was opposed to all such temporizing expedients. His counsel was to send no delegate, but to prepare to fight.

After Congress had met and passed the necessary legislation he resolved to take part in the war. In the spring and summer of 1862 he set to work to raise a regiment of infantry, chiefly in Oakland County, where he resided. His regiment, the 22d Michigan, was armed and equipped and ready to march in September, a regiment whose solid qualities were afterwards proven on many a bloody field. Col. Ws. commission bore the date of Sept. 8, 1862. Before parting with his family he made his will. His regiment was sent to Kentucky and quartered at

Camp Wallace. He had at the breaking out of the war turned his attention to military studies and became proficient in the ordinary rules and discipline. His entire attention was now devoted to his duties. His treatment of his men was kind, though his discipline was rigid. He possessed in an eminent degree the spirit of command, and had he lived he would no doubt have distinguished himself as a good officer. He was impatient of delay and chafed at being kept in Kentucky where there was so little prospect of getting at the enemy. But life in camp, so different from the one he had been leading, and his incessant labors, coupled with that impatience which was so natural and so general among the volunteers in the early part of the war, soon made their influence felt upon his health. He was seized with typhoid fever and removed to a private house near Lexington. Every care which 'medical skill or the hand of friendship could bestow was rendered him. In the delirious wanderings of his mind he was disciplining his men and urging them to be prepared for an encounter with the enemy, enlarging upon the justice of their cause and the necessity of their crushing the Rebellion. But the source of his most poignant gnet was the prospect of not being able to come to a hand-to-hand encounter with the "chivalry." He was proud of his regiment, and felt that if it could find the enemy it would cover itself with glory,-a distinction it afterward obtained, but not until Col W. was no more. The malady baffled all medical treatment, and on the 5th day of Jan., 1863, he breathed his last. His remains were removed to Michigan and interred in the cemetery at Pontiac, where they rest by the side of the brave Gen. Richardson, who received his mortal wound at the battle of Antietam, Col. W. was no adventurer, although he was doubtless ambitious of military renown and would have striven for it with characteristic energy. He went to the war to defend and uphold the principles he had so much at heart. Few men were more familiar than he with the causes and the underlying principles that led to the contest. He left a wife, who was a daughter of Gen, C. C. Hascall, of Flint, and four children to mourn his loss. Toward them he ever showed the tenderest regard. Next to his duty their love and welfare engrossed his thoughts. He was kind, generous and brave, and like thousands of others he sleeps the sleep of the martyr for his country.





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USTIN BLAIR. Governor of Michigan from Jan. 2, 1861, to Jan. 4, 1865, and kown as the War Governor, is and illustration of the benificent influence of republican institutions, having inherited neither fortune nor fame. He was born in a log cabin at Caroline, Tompkins Co., N. Y., Feb. 8, 1818. His ancestors came from Scotland in the time of George I, and for many generations followed the pursuit of agriculture. His father, George Blair, settled in Tompkins

County in 1809, and felled the trees and erected the first cabin in the county. The last 60 of the fourscore years of his life were spent on that spot. He married Rhoda Beackman, who now sleeps with him in the soil of the old homestead. The first 17 years of Mr. Blair's life were spent there, rendering his father what aid he could upon the farm. He then spent a year and a half in Cazenovia Seminary preparing for college; entered Hamilton College, in Clinton, prosecuted his studies until the mlddle of the junior year, when, attracted by the fame of Dr. Nott, he changed to Union College, from which he graduated in the class of 1839. Upon leaving college Mr. Blair read law two years in the office of Sweet & Davis, Oswego, N. Y., and was admitted to practice in 1841, and the same year moved to Michigan, locating in Jackson. During a temporary residence in Eaton Rapids, in 1842, he was elected Clerk of Eaton County. At the close of the official term he returned to Jackson, and as a Whig, zealously espoused the cause of Henry Clay in the campaign of 1844. He was chosen Representative to the Legislature in 1845, at which session, as a member of the Judiciary Committee, he rendered valuable service in the revision of the general statutes; also made an able support in favor of abolishing the color distinction in relation to the elective franchise, and at the same session was active in securing the abolition of capital punishment. In 1848 Mr. Blair refused longer to affiliate with the Whig party, because of its refusial to endorse in convention any anti-slavery sentiment. He joined the Free-soil movement, and was a delegate to their convention which nominated Van Buren for President that year. Upon the birth of the Republican party at Jackson, in 1854, by the coalition of the Whig and Free-soil elements, Mr. Blair was in full sympathy with the movement, and acted as a member of the Committee on Platform. He was elected Prosecuting Attorney of Jackson County in 1852; was chosen State Senator two years later, taking his seat with the incoming Republican administration of 1855, and holding the position of parliamentary leader in the Senate. He was a delegate to the National Convention which nominated Abraham Lincoln in 1860. Mr. Blair was elected Governor of Michigan in 1860, and reelected in 1862, faithfully and honorably discharging the arduous duties of the office during that most momentous and stormy period of the Nation's life. Gov. Blair possessed a clear comprehension of the perilous situation from the inception of the Rebellion, and his inaugural address foreshadowed the prompt executive policy and the administrative ability which characterized his gubernatorial career.

Never perhaps in the history of a nation has a brighter example been laid down, or a greater sacrifice been made, than that which distinguished Michigan during the civil war. All, from the "War Governor." down to the poorest citizen of the State, were animated with a patriotic ardor at once magnificiently sublime and wisely directed.

Very early in 1861 the coming struggle cast its shadow over the Nation. Governor Blair, in his message to the Legislature in January of that year, dwelt very forcibly upon the sad prospects of civil war; and as forcibly pledged the State to support the principles of the Republic. After a review of the conditions of the State, he passed on to a consideration of the relations between the free and slave States of the Republic, saving: "While we are citizens of the State of Michigan, and as such deeply devoted to her interests and honor, we have a still prouder title. We are also citizeas of the United States of America, By this title we are known among the nations of the earth, In remote quarters of the globe, where the names of the States are unknown, the flag of the great Republic, the banner of the stars and stripes, honor and protect her citizens. In whatever concerns the honor, the prosperity and the perpetuity of this great Government, we are deeply interested. The people of Michigan are loval to that Government-faithful to its constitution and its laws. Under it they have had peace and prosperity; and under it they mean to abide to the end. Feeling a just pride in the glorious history of the past, they will not renounce the equally glorious hopes of the future. But they will rally around the standards of the Nation and defend its integrity and its constitution, with fidelity." The final paragraph being:

"I recommend you at an early day to make mani-

fest to the gentlemen who represent this State in the two Houses of Congress, and to the country, that Michigan is loyal to the Union, the Constitution, and the laws and will defend them to the ultermost; and to proffer to the President of the United States, the whole military power of the State for that purpose. Oh, for the firm, steady hand of a Washington, or a Jackson, to guide the ship of State in this perilous storm! Let us hope that we will find him on the 4th of March. Meantime, let us abide in the faith of our fathers—4 Liberty and Union, one and inseparable, now and forever."

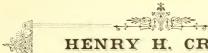
How this stirring appeal was responded to by the people of Michigan will be seen by the statement that the State furnished 88,111 men during the war. Money, men, clothing and food were freely and abundantly supplied by this State during all these years of darkness and blood shed. No State won a brighter record for her devotion to our country than the Peninsula State, and to Gov. Blair, more than to any other individual is due the credit for its untiring zeal and labors in the Nation's behalf, and for the heroism manifested in its defense.

Gov. Blair was elected Representative to the Fortieth Congress, and twice re-elected, to the Fortyfirst and Forty-second Congress, from the Third District of Michigan. While a member of that body he was a strong supporter of reconstruction measures, and sternly opposed every form of repudiation. His speech upon the national finances, delivered on the floor of the House March 21, 1868, was a clear and convincing argument. Since his retirement from Congress, Mr. Blair has been busily occupied with his extensive law practice, Mr. Blair married Sarah L. Ford, of Seneca County N. Y., in February, 1849. Their family consists of 4 sons-George H., a law partner of A. J. Gould; Charles A., a law partner with hir father, and Fred. J. and Austin T. Blair, at home. Governor Blair's religion is of the broad type, and centers in the "Golden Rule." In 1883, Gov. Blair was nominated for Justice of the Supreme Court of the State by the Republican party, but was defeated.





Henry H. Crapo



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context, would then record the definition. Whenever unable otherwise to obtain the signification of a word in which he had become interested he would walk from Dartmouth to New Bedford for that purpose alone, and after referring to the books at the library and satisfying himself thoroughly as to its definition, would walk back, a distance of about seven miles, the same night. This was no unusual circumstance. Under such difficulties and in this manner he compiled quite an extensive dictionary in manuscript which is believed to be still in existence.

Ever in pursuit of knowledge, he obtained possession of a book upon surveying, and applying himself diligently to its study became familiar with this art, which he soon had an opportunity to practice. The services of a land surveyor were wanted, and he was called upon, but had no compass and no money with which to purchase one. A compass, however, he must and would have, and going to a blacksmith shop near at hand, upon the forge, with such tools as he could find in the shop, while the smith was at dinner. he constructed the compass and commenced life as a surveyor. Still continuing his studies, he fitted himself for teaching, and took charge of the village school at Dartmouth. When, in the course of time and under the pressure of law, a high school was to be opened, he passed a successful examination for its principalship and received the appointment. To do this was no small task. The law required a rigid examination in various subjects, which necessitated days and nights of study. One evening, after concluding his day's labor of teaching, he traveled on foot to New Bedford, some seven or eight miles, called upon the preceptor of Friend's Academy and passed

ENRY HOWLAND CRAPO. Governor of Michigan from 1865 to 1869, was born May 24, 1804, at Dartmouth, Bristol Co., Mass., and died at Flint, Mich., July 22, 1869. He was the eldest son of Jesse and Phoebe (Howland) Crapo. His father was of French descent and was very poor, sustaining his family by the cultivation of a farm in Dartmouth township, which yielded nothing beyond a mere livelihood. His early life was consequently one of toil and devoid of advantages for intellectual culture, but his desire for

an education seemed to know no bounds. The incessant toil for a mere subsistence upon a comparatively sterile farm, had no charm for him; and, longing for greater usefulness and better things, he looked for them in an education. His struggles to secure this end necessitated sacrifices and hardships that would have discouraged any but the most courageous and persevering. He became an ardent student and worker from his boyhood, though the means of carrying on his studies were exceedingly limited. He sorely felt the need of a dictionary; and, neither having money wherewith to purchase it, nor being able to procure one in his neighborhood, he set out to compile one for himself. In order to acquire a knowledge of the English language, he copied into a book every word whose meaning he did not comprehend, and upon meeting the same word again in the newspapers and books, which came into his hands, from the

a severe examination. Receiving a certificate that he was qualified, he walked back to his home the same night, highly elated in being possessed of the acquirements and requirements of a master of the high school.

In 1832, at the age of 28 years, he left his native town and went to reside at New Bedford, where he followed the occupation of land surveyor, and occasionally acted as an auctioneer. Soon after becoming a citizen of this place, he was elected Town Clerk, Treasurer, and Collector of taxes, which office he held until the municipal government was changed,-about lifteen years,-when, upon the inauguration of the city government, he was elected Treasurer and Collector of taxes, a position which he held two or three years. He was also Justice of the Peace for many years. He was elected Alderman of New Bedford; was Chairman of Council Committee on Education, and as such prepared a report upon which was based the order for the establishment of the free Public Library of New Bedford. On its organization, Mr. Crapo was chosen a member of the Board of Trustees. This was the first free public library in Massachusetts, if not in the world. The Boston Free Library was established, however, soon afterwards. While a resident in New Bedford, he was much interested in horticulture, and to obtain the land necessary for carrying out his ideas he drained and reclaimed several acres of rocky and swampy land adjoining his garden. Here he started a nursery, which he filled with almost every description of fruit and ornamental trees, shrubs, flowers, etc. In this he was very successful and took great pride. He was a regular contributor to the New England Horticultural Journal, a position he filled as long as he lived in Massachusetts. As an indication of the wide reputation he acquired in that field of labor, it may be mentioned that after his death an affecting eulogy to his memory was pronounced by the President of the National Horticultural Society at its meeting in Philadelphia, in 1869. During his residence in New Bedford, Mr. Crapo was also engaged in the whaling business. A fine barque built at Dartmouth, of which he was part owner, was named the "H. H. Crapo" in compliment to him.

Mr. C. also took part in the State Militia, and for several years held a commission as Colonel of one of the regiments. He was President of the Bristol County Mutual Fire Insurance Co., and Secretary of the Bedford Commercial Insurance Company in New Bedford; and while an officer of the municipal governmenthe compiled and published, between the years 1836 and 1845, five numbers of the New Bedford Directory, the first work of the kind ever published there.

Mr. C. removed to Michigan in 1856, having been induced to do so by investments made principally in pine lands, first in 1837 and subsequently in 1856. He took up his residence in the city of Flint, and en-

gaged largely in the manufacture and sale of lumber at Flint, Fentonville, Holly and Detroit, becoming one of the largest and most successful business men of the State. He was mainly instrumental in the construction of the Flint & Holly R. R., and was President of that corporation until its consolidation with the Flint & Pere Marquette R. R. Company. He was elected Mayor of that city after he had been a resident of the place only five cr six years. In 1862 he was elected State Senator. In the fall of 1864 he received the nomination on the Republican ticket for Governor of the State, and was elected by a large majority. He was re elected in 1866, holding the office two terms, and retiring in January, 1869, having given the greatest satisfaction to all parties.

While serving his last term he was attacked with a disease which terminated his life within one year afterwards. During much of this time he was an intense sufferer, yet often while in great pain gave his attention to public matters. A few weeks previous to his death a successful surgical operation was performed which seemed rapidly to restore him, but he overestimated his strength, and by too much exertion in business matters and State affairs suffered a relapse from which there was no rebound, and he died July 33, 1869.

In the early part of his life, Gov. Crapo affiliated with the Whig party in politics, but became an active member of the Republican party after its organization. He was a member of the Christian (sometimes called the Disciples) Church, and took great interest in its welfare and prosperity.

Mr. C. married, June 9, 1825, Mary A. Slocum, of Dartmouth. His marriage took place soon after he had attained his majority, and before his struggles with fortune had been rewarded with any great measure of success. But his wife was a woman of great strength of character and possessed of courage, hopefulness and devotion, qualities which sustained and encouraged her husband in the various pursuits of his early years. For several years after his marriage he was engaged in teaching school, his wife living with her parents at the time, at whose home his two older children were born. While thus situated he was accustomed to walk home on Saturday to see his family, returning on Sunday in order to be ready for school Monday morning. As the walk for a good part of the time was 20 miles each way, it is evident that at that period of his life no common obstacles deterred him from performing what he regarded as a duty. His wife was none the less conscientious in her sphere, and with added responsibilities and increasing requirements she labored faithfully in the performance of all her duties. They had ten children, one son and nine daughters. His son, Hon, Wm. W. Crapo, of New Bedford, is now an honored Representative to Congress from the First Congressional District of Massachusetts,





Hony O, Baldwin



ENRY P. BALDWIN, Governor of Michigan from Jan. 1, 1869, to Jan. 1, 1873, is a lineal descendant of Nathanalie iel Baldwin, a Puritan, of Buckinghamshire, England, who settled at Milford, Conn., in 1630. His father was John Baldwin, a graduate of Dartmouth College. He died at North Providence, R. I., in 1826. His paternal grandfather was Rev. Moses Baldwin, a graduate of Princeton College, in 1757, and the first who received collegiate hon-

ors at that ancient and honored institution. He died at Parma, Mass., in 1813, where for more than 50 years he had been pastor of the Presbyterian Church. On his mother's side Governor B. is descended from Robert Williams, also a Puritan, who settled in Roxbury, Mass., about 1638. His mother was a daughter of Rev. Nehemiah Williams, a graduate of Harvard College, who died at Brimfield, Mass., in 1706, where for 21 years he was pastor of the Congregationalist Church. The subject of this sketch was born at Coventry, R. I., Feb. 22, 1814. He received a New England common-school education until the age of 12 years, when, both his parents having died, he became a clerk in a mercantile establishment. He remained there, employing his leisure hours in study, until 20 years of age.

At this early period Mr. B. engaged in business on his own account. He made a visit to the West, in 1837, which resulted in his removal to Detroit in the spring of 1838. Here he established a mercantile house which has been successfully conducted until the present time. Although he successfully conducted

a large business, he has ever taken a deep interest in all things affecting the prosperity of the city and State of his adoption. He was for several years a Director and President of the Detroit Young Men's Society, an institution with a large library designed for the benefit of young men and citizens generally. An Episcopalian in religious belief, he has been prominent in home matters connected with that denomination. The large and flourishing parish of St. John, Detroit, originated with Governor Baldwin, who gave the lot on which the parish edifice stands, and also contributed the larger share of the cost of their erection. Governor B. was one of the foremost in the establishment of St. Luke's Hospital, and has always been a liberal contributor to moral and religious enterprises whether connected with his own Church or not. There have been, in fact, but few public and social improvements of Detroit during the past 40 years with which Governor B.'s name is not in some way connected. He was a director in the Michigan State Bank until the expiration of its charter, and has been President of the Second National Bank since its organization.

In 1860, Mr. Baldwin was elected to the State Senate, of Michigan; during the years of 1861-2 he was made Chairman of the Finance Committee, a member of Committee on Banks and Incorporations, Chairman of the Select Joint Committee of the two Houses for the investigation of the Treasury Department and the official acts of the Treasurer, and of the letting of the contract for the improvement of Sault St. Marie Ship Canal. He was first elected Governor in 1868 and was re-elected in 1870, serving from 1869 to 1872, inclusive. It is no undeserved enology to say that Governor B.'s happy faculty of estimating the necessary means to an end—the knowing of how much effort or attention to bestow upon the thing in hand, has been the secret of the uniform

success that has attended his efforts in all relations of life. The same industry and accuracy that distinguished him prior to this term as Governor was manifest in his career as the chief magistrate of the State, and while his influence appears in all things with which he has had to do, it is more noticeable in the most prominent position to which he was called. With rare exceptions the important commendations of Governor B. received the sanction of the Legislat-During his administration marked improvements were made in the charitable, penal and reformatory institutions of the State. The State Public School for dependent children was founded and a permanent commission for the supervision of the several State institutions. The initiatory steps toward building the Eastern Asylum for the Insane, the State House of Correction, and the establishment of the State Board of Health were recommended by Governor B. in his message of 1873. The new State Capitol also owes its origen to him. The appropriation for its erection was made upon his recommendation, and the contract for the entire work let under this administration. Governor B, also appointed the commissioners under whose faithful supervision the building was erected in a manner most satisfactory to the people of the State.

He advised and carnestly urged at different times such amendments of the constitution as would permit a more equitable compensation to State officers and judges. The law of 1869, and prior also, permitting municipalities to vote aid toward the construction of railroads was, in 1870, declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court. Many of the municipalities having in the meantime issued and sold their bonds in good faith, Governor B, felt that the honor and credit of the State were in jeopardy. His sense of justice impelled him to call an extra session of the Legislature to propose the submission to the people a constitutional amendment, authorizing the payment of such bonds as were already in the hands of bonafide holders. In his special message he says: "The credit of no State stands higher than that of Michigan, and the people can not afford, and I trust will not consent, to have her good name tarnished by the repudiation of either legal or moral obligations." A special session was called in March, 1872, principally for the division of the State into congressional districts. A number of other important suggestions were made, however, and as an evidence of the Governor's laborious and thoughtful care for the financial condition of the State, a series of tables was prepared and submitted by him showing in detail, estimates of receipts, expenditures and appropriations for the years 1872 to 1878, inclusive. Memorable of Governor B.'s administration were the devastating fires which swept over many portions of the Northwest in the fall of 1871. A large part of the city of Chicago having been reduced to ashes, Governor B, promptly issued a proclamation calling upon the people of Michigan for liberal aid in behalf of the afflicted city. Scarcely had this been issued when several counties in his State were laid waste by the same destroying element. A second call was made asking assistance for the suffering people of Michigan. The contributions for these objects were prompt and most liberal, more than \$700,000 having been received in money and supplies for the relief of Michigan alone. So ample were these contributions during the short period of about 3 months, that the Governor issued a proclamation expressing in behalf of the people of the State grateful acknowldgment, and announcing that further aid was unnecessary.

Governor B, has traveled extensively in his own country and has also made several visits to Europe and other portions of the Old World. He was a passenger on the Steamer Arill, which was captured and bonded in the Carribean Sea, in December, 1862, by Capt. Semmes, and wrote a full and interesting account of the transaction. The following estimate of Governor B. on his retirement from office, by a leading newspaper, is not overdrawn: "The retiring message of Governor B., will be read with interest. It is a characteristic document and possesses the lucid statement, strong, and clear practical sense, which have been marked features of all preceding documents from the same source. Governor B, retired to private life after four years of unusually successful administration amid plaudits that are universal throughout the State. For many years eminent and capable men have filled the executive chair of this State, but in painstaking vigilance, in stern good sense, in genuine public spirit, in thorough integrity and in practical capacity, Henry P. Baldwin has shown himself to be the peer of any or all of them. The State has been unusually prosperous during his two terms, and the State administration has fully kept pace with the needs of the times. The retiring Governor has fully earned the public gratitude and confidence which he to-day possesses to such remarkable degree."





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OHN JUDSON BAGLEY, Governor of Michigan from 1873 to 1877, was born in Medina, Orleans Co., N. Y., July 24, 1832. His father, John Bagley, was a native of New Hampshire, his mother, Mary M. Bagley, of Connecticut. He attended the district school of Lockport, N. Y., until he was eight years old, at which time his father moved to Constantine, Mich., and he attended the common schools of that village. His early experience was like that of many country boys whose parents removed from Eastern States to the newer portion of the West, His father being in very poor circumstances, Mr. B. was obliged to work as soon as he was able to do so. Leaving school when 13 years of age he entered a country store in Constantine as clerk. His father then removed to Owosso, Mich., and he again

engaged as clerk in a store. From early youth Mr. B. was extravagantly fond of reading and devoted every leisure moment to the perusal of such books, papers and periodicals as came within his reach. In 1847, he removed to Detroit, where he secured employment in a tobacco nfanufactory and remained in this position for about five years.

In 1853, he began business for himself in the manufacturing of tobacco. His establishment has become one of the largest of the kind in the West. Mr. B. has also been greatly interested in other manufacturing enterprises, as well as in mining, banking and insurance corporations. He was President of the Detroit Safe Company for several years. He was one of the organizers of the Michigan Mutual Life Insurance Company of Detroit, and was its President from 1867 to 1872. He was a director of the American National Bank for many years, and a stockholder and director in various other corporations. Mr. B. was a member of the Board of Education two years, and of the Detroit Common Council the same length of time. In 1865 he was appointed by Governor Crapo one of the first commissioners of the Metropolitian police force of the city of Detroit, serving six years. In November, 1872, he was elected Governor of Michigan, and two years later was reelected to the same office, retiring in January, 1877. He was an active worker in the Republican party, and for many years was Chairman of the Republican State Central committee.

Governor Bagley was quite liberal in his religious views and was an attendant of the Unitarian Church. He aimed to be able to hear and consider any new thought, from whatever source it may come, but was not bound by any religious creed or formula. He held in respect all religious opinions, believing that no one can be injured by a firm adherence to a faith or denomination. He was married at Dubuque, lowa, Jan. 16, 1855, 10 Frances E. Newberry, daughter of Rev. Samuel Newberry, a pioneer missionary of Michigan, who took an active part in the early educational maters of the State and in the establishment of its excellent* system of education. It was principally

through his exertions that the State University was founded. Mr. B.'s family consists of seven children.

As Governor his administration was characterized by several important features, chief among which were his efforts to improve and make popular the educational agencies of the State by increasing the faculty of the University for more thorough instruction in technical studies, by strengthening the hold of the Agricultural College upon the public good will and making the general change which has manifested itself in many scattered primary districts. Among others were an almost complete revolution in the management of the penal and charitable institutions of the State; the passage of the liquor-tax law, taking the place of the dead letter of prohibition; the establishing of the system of dealing with juvenile offenders through county agents, which has proved of great good in turning the young back from crime and placing the State in the attitude of a moral agent; in securing for the militia the first time in the history of Michigan a systematized organization upon a serviceable footing. It was upon the suggestion of Gov. B. in the earlier part of his administration that the law creating the State Board of Health, and also the law creating a fish commission in the inland waters of the State, were passed, both of which have proved of great benefit to the State. The successful representation of Michigan at the Centennial Exhibition is also an honorable part of the record of Gov, B,'s administration.

As Governor, he felt that he represented the State -not in a narrow, egotistical way, but in the same sense that a faithful, trusted, confidential agent represents his employer, and as the Executive of the State he was her "attorney in fact," And his intelligent, thoughtful care will long continue the pride of the people he so much loved. He was ambitiousambitious for place and power, as every noble mind is ambitious, because these give opportunity. However strong the mind and powerful the will, if there be no ambition, life is a failure. He was not blind to the fact that the more we have the more is required of us. He accepted it in its fullest meaning. He had great hopes for his State and his country. He had his ideas of what they should be. With a heart as broad as humanity itself; with an intelligent, able and cultured brain, the will and the power to do, he asked his fellow citizen to give him the opportunity to labor for them. Self entered not into the calculation.

His whole life was a battle for others; and he entered the conflict eagerly and hopefully.

His State papers were models of compact, business-like statements, bold, original, and brimful of practical suggestions, and his administrations will long be considered as among the ablest in this or any other State.

His noble, generous nature made his innumerable benefactions a source of continuous pleasure. Literally, to him it was "more blessed to give than to receive."

His greatest enjoyment was in witnessing the comfort and happiness of others. Not a tithe of his chartites were known to his most intimate friends, or even to his family. Many a needy one has been the recipient of aid at an opportune moment, who never knew the hand that gave.

At one time a friend had witnessed his ready response to some charitable request, and said to him: "Governor, you give away a large sum of money; about how much does your charities amount to in a year?" He turned at once and said: "I do not know, sir; I do not allow myself to know. I hope I gave more this year than I did last, and hope I shall give more next year than I have this." This expressed his idea of charity, that the giving should at all times be free and snonlaneous.

During his leasure hours from early life, and especially during the last few years, he devoted much time to becoming acquainted with the best authors. Biography was his delight; the last he read was the "Life and Work of John Adams," in ten volumes.

In all questions of business or public affairs he seemed to have the power of getting at the kernel of the nut in the least possible time. In reading he would spend scarcely more time with a volume than most persons would devote to a chapter. After what seemed a cursory glance, he would have all of value the book contained. Rarely do we see a business man so familiar with the best English authors. He was a generous and intelligent patron of the arts, and his elegant home was a study and a pleasure to his many friends, who always found there a hearty welcome. At Christmas time he would spend days doing the work of Santa Claus, Every Christmas eve he gathered his children about him and, taking the youngest on his lap, told some Christmas story. closing the entertainment with "The Night Before Christmas," or Dickens's "Christmas Carol."





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CHARLES M. CROSWELL.

HARLES M. CROSWELL. Governor of Michigan from Jan. 3, 1877 to Jan. 1, 1881, was born at Newburg, Orange County, N. Y., Oct. 31, 1825. He is the only son of John and Sallie (Hicks) Croswell, His father, who was of Scotch-Irish extraction, was a paper-maker, and carried on business in New York City. His ancestors on his mother's side were of Knickerbocker descent. The Croswell family may be found connected with prominent events, in New York and Connecticut, in the early existence of the Republic, Harry Croswell, during the administration of President Jefferson, published a paper called the Balance, and was prosecuted for libeling the President under the obnoxious Sedition Law. He was defended by the celebrated Alexander Hamilton, and the decis-

iot, of the case establised the important ruling that the truth might be shown in cases of libel. Another member of the family was Edwin Croswell, the famous editor of the Albany Argus; also, Rev. William Croswell, noted as a divine and poet.

When Charles M. Croswell was seven years of age, his father was accidentally drowned in the Hudson River, at Newburg; and, within three months preceding that event, his mother and only sister had died,—thus leaving him the sole surviving member of the family, without fortune or means. Upon the death

of his father he went to live with an uncle, who, in 1837, emigrated with him to Adrain, Michigan. At sixteen years of age, he commenced to learn the carpenter's trade, and worked at it very diligently for four years, maintaining himself, and devoting his spare time to reading and the acquirement of knowledge. In 1846, he began the study of law, and was appointed Deputy Clerk of Lenawee County. The duties of this office he performed four years, when he was elected Register of Deeds, and was re-elected in 1852. In 1854, he took part in the first movements for the formation of the Republican party, and was a member and Secretary of the convetion held at Jackson in that year, which put in the field the first Republican State ticket in Michigan. In 1855, he formed a law partnership with the present Chief-Justice Cooley, which continued until the removal of Judge Cooley to Ann Arbor.

In 1862, Mr. Croswell was appointed City Attorney of Adrian. He was also elected Mayor of the city in the spring of the same year; and in the fall was chosen to represent Lenawee County in the State Senate. He was re-elected to the Senate in 1864, and again in 1866, during each term filling the positions above mentioned. Among various reports made by him, one adverse to the re-establishment of the death penalty, and another against a proposition to pay the salaries of State officers and judges in coin, which then commanded a very large premium, may be mentioned. He also drafted the act ratifying the Thirteenth Amendment to the Federal Constitution, for the abolishment of slavery, it being the first amendment to the instrument ratified by Michigan. In 1863, from his seat in the State Senate, he delivered an elaborate speech in favor of the Proclamation of Emancipation issued by President Lincoln, and of his general policy in the prosecution of the war. This, at the request of his Republican associates, was afterwards pullished. In 1867, he was elected a member of the Constitutional Convention, and chosen its presiding officer. This convention was composed of an able body of men; and though, in the general distrust of constitutional changes which for some years had been taking possession of the people, their labors were not accepted by the popular vote, it was always conceded that the constitution they proposed had been prepared with great care and skill.

In 1868, Mr. Croswell was chosen an Elector on the Republican Presidential ticket: in 1872, was elected a Representative to the State Legislature from Lenawee County, and was chosen Speaker of the House of Representatives. At the close of the session of that body his abilities as a parliamentarian. and the fairness of his rulings were freely and formally acknowledged by his associates; and he was presented with a superb collection of their portraits handsomely framed. He was, also, for several years, Secretary of the State Board for the general supervision of the charitable and penal institutions of Michigan; in which position, his propositions for the amelioration of the condition of the unfortunate, and the reformation of the criminal classes, signalize the benevolence of his nature, and the practical character of his mind.

In 1876, the general voice of the Republicans of the State indicted Mr. Croswell as their choice for Governor; and, at the State Convention of the party in August of the same year, he was put in nomination by acclamation, without the formality of a ballot. At the election in November following, he was chosen to the high position for which he had been nominated, by a very large majority over all opposing candidates. His inaugural message was received with general favor; and his career as Governor was marked with the same qualities of head and heart that have ever distinguished him, both as a citizen and statesman.

Governor Groswell has always prepared his addresses with care; and, as his diction is terse, clear, and strong, without excess of ornament, and his delivery impressive, he is a popular speaker; and many of his speeches have attracted favorable comment in the public prints, and have a permanent value. He has always manifested a deep interest in educational matters, and was foryears a member and Secretary of the Board of Education of Adrain. At the formal opening of the Central School building in that city, on the 24th day of April, 1869, he gave, in a public address, an "Historical Sketch of the Adrian Public Schools."

In his private life, Governor Croswell has been as exemplary as in his public career he has been successful and useful. In February, 1852, he was married to a daughter of Morton Eddy, Lucy M. Eddy, a lady of many amiable and sunny qualities. She suddenly died, March 19, 1868, leaving two daughters and a son. Governor Croswell is not a member of any religious body, but generally attends the Presbyterian Church. He pursues the profession of law. but of late has been occupied mainly in the care of his own interests, and the quiet duties of advice in business difficulties, for which his unfailing prudence and sound judgment eminently fit him. Governor Croswell is truly popular, not only with those of like political faith with himself, but with those who differ from him in this regard.

During Gov. Croswell's administration the public debt was greatly reduced; a policy adopted requiring the State institutions to keep within the limit of appropriations; laws enacted to provide more effectually for the punishment of corruption and bribery in elections; the State House of Correction at Ionia and the Eastern Asylum for the Insane at Pontiac were opened, and the new capital at Lansing was completed and occupied. The first act of his second term was to preside at the dedication of this building. The great riot at Jackson occured during his administration, and it was only by his promptness that great distruction of both life and property was prevented at that time.





David Hanuel



DAVID H. JEROME, Governor of from Jan. 1, 1881, to
Jan. 1, 1883, was born at Detroit, Mich., Nov. 17, 1820.

His parents emigrated to
Michigan from Trumansburg,
Tompkins Co., N. Y., in 1828,
locating at Detroit. His father
died March 30, 1831, leaving
nine children. He had been
twice married, and four of the
children living at the time of his
death were grown up sons, the offspring of his first union. Of the

five children by his second marriage, David H. was the youngest. Shortly after Mr. Jerome's death, his widow moved back to New York and settled in Onondaga County near Syracuse, where they remained until the fall of 1834, the four sons by the first wife continuing their residence in Michigan. In the fall of 1824. Mrs. Jerome came once more to Michigan. locating on a farm in St, Clair County. Here the Governor formed those habits of industry and sterling integrity that have been so characteristic of the man in the active duties of life. He was sent to the district school, and in the acquisition of the fundamental branches of learning he displayed a precocity and an application which won for him the admiration of his teachers, and always placed him at the head of his classes. In the meantime he did chores on the farm, and was always ready with a cheerful heart and willing hand to assist his widowed mother. The heavy labor of the farm was carried on by his two

older brothers, Timothy and George, and when 13 years of age David received his mother's permission to attend school at the St. Clair Academy. While attending there he lived with Marcus H. Miles, now deceased, doing chores for his board, and the following winter performed the same service for James Ogden. also deceased. The next summer Mrs. Jerome moved into the village of St. Clair, for the purpose of continuing her son in school. While attending said academy one of his associate students was Senator Thomas W. Palmer, of Detroit, a rival candidate before the gubernatorial convention in 1880. He completed his education in the fall of his 16th year, and the following winter assisted his brother Timothy in hauling logs in the pine woods. The next summer he rafted logs down the St. Clair River to Algonac.

In 1847, M. H. Miles being Clerk in St. Clair County, and Volney A. Ripley Register of Deeds, David H. Jerome was appointed Deputy to each, remaining as such during 1848-749, and receiving much praise from his employers and the people in general for the ability displayed in the discharge of his duties. He spent his summer vacation at clerical work on board the lake vessels.

In 1849-50, he abandoned office work, and for the proper development of his physical system spent several months hauling logs. In the spring of 1850, his brother "Tiff" and himself chartered the steamer "Chautanqua," and "Young Dave" became her master. A portion of the season the boat was engaged in the passenger and freight traffic between Port Huron and Detroit, but during the latter part was used as a tow boat. At that time there was a serious obstruction to navigation, known as the "St. Clair Flats," between Lakes Huron and Erie, over which

vessels could carry only about 10,000 bushels of grain.
Mr. Jerome conceived the idea of towing vessels from one lake to the other, and put his plan into operation. Through the influence of practical men,—among them the subject of this sketch,—Congress removed the obstruction above referred to, and now vessels can pass them laden with 60,000 or 80,000 bushels of grain.

During the season, the two brothers succeeded in making a neat little sum of money by the sumer's work, but subsequently lost it all on a contract to raise the "Gen. Scott," a vessel that had sunk in Lake St. Clair. David H. came out free from debt, but possessed of hardly a dollar of capital. In the spring of 1851, he was clerk and acting master of the steamers "Franklin Moore" and "Ruby," plying between Detroit and Port Huron and Goderich. The following year he was clerk of the propeller "Princeton," running between Detroit and Buffalo.

In January, 1853, Mr. Jerome went to California, by way of the Isthmus, and enjoyed extraordinary success in selling goods in a new place of his selection, among the mountains near Marysville He remained there during the summer, and located the Live Yankee Tunnel Mine, which has since yielded millions to its owners, and is still a paving investment. He planned and put a tunnel 600 feet into the mine, but when the water supply began to fail with the dry season, sold out his interest. He left in the fall of 1853, and in December sailed from San Francisco for New York, arriving at his home in St. Clair County, about a year after his departure. During his absence his brother "Tiff" had located at Saginaw, and in 1854 Mr. Jerome joined him in his lumber operations in the valley. In 1855 the brothers bought Blackmer & Eaton's hardware and general supply stores, at Saginaw, and David H. assumed the management of the business. From 1855 to 1873 he was also extensively engaged in lumbering operations.

Soon after locating at Saginaw he was nominated for Alderman against Stewart B. Williams, a rising young man, of strong Democratic principles. The ward was largely Democratic, but Mr. Jerome was elected by a handsome majority. When the Republican party was born at Jackson, Mich., David H. Jerome was, though not a delegate to the convention, one of its "charter members." In 1862, he was commissioned by Gov. Austin Blair to raise one of the

six regiments apportioned to the State of Michigan. Mr. Jerome immediately went to work and held meetings at various points. The zeal and enthusiasm displayed by this advocate of the Union awakened a feeling of patriotic interest in the breasts of many brave men, and in a short space of time the 23d Regiment of Michigan Volunteer Infantry was placed in the field, and subsequently gained for itself a brilliant record.

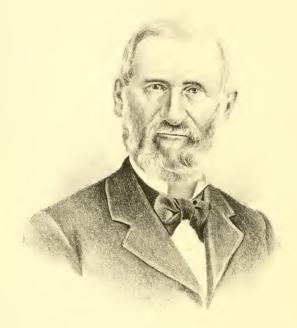
In the fall of 1862, Mr. Jerome was nominated by the Republican party for State Senator from the 26th district, Appleton Stevens, of Bay City, being his opponent. The contest was very exciting, and resulted in the triumphant election of Mr. Jerome. He was twice renominated and elected both times by increased majorities, defeating George Lord, of Bay City, and Dr. Cheseman, of Gratiot County. On taking his seat in the Senate, he was appointed Chairman of the Committee on State Affairs, and was active in raising means and troops to carry on the war. He held the same position during his three terms of service, and introduced the bill creating the Soldiers' Home at Harper Hospital, Detroit.

He was selected by Gov. Crapo as a military aid, and in 1865 was appointed a member of the State Military Board, and served as its President for eight consecutive years. In 1873, he was appointed by Gov. Bagley a member of the convention to prepare a new State Constitution, and was Chairman of the Committee on Finance.

In 1875, Mr. Jerome was appointed a member of the Board of Indian Commissioners. In 1876 he was Chairman of a commission to visit Chief Joseph, the Nez Perce Indian, to arrange an amicable settlement of all existing difficulties. The commission went to Portland, Oregon, thence to the Blue Hills, in Idaho, a distance of 600 miles up the Columbia River.

At the Republican State Convention, convened at Jackson in August, 1880, Mr. Jerome was placed in the field for nomination, and on the 5th day of the month received the highest honor the convention could confer on any one. His opponent was Frederick M. Holloway, of Hillsdale County, who was supported by the Democratic and Greenback parties. The State was thoroughly canvassed by both parties, and when the polls were closed on the evening of election day, it was found that David H. Jerome had been selected by the voters of the Wolverine State to occupy the highest position within their gift.





Josiah W Begole



OSIAH W. BEGOLE, the present (1883), Governor of Michigan was born in Livingston, County, N. Y., Jan. 20, 1815. His ancestors were of French descent, and settled at an early period in the State of Maryland, Hisgrandfather, Capt. Bolles, of that State, was an officer in the American army during the war of the Revolution. About the beginning of the present century both his grandparents, having become dissatisfied with the institution of slavery, although slaveholders themselves, emigrated to Livingston County, N. Y., then a new country, taking with them a number of their former slaves, who volunteered to accompany them. His father was an officer in the American army, and served during the war of 1812.

Mr. B. received his early education in a log schoolhouse, and subsequently attended the Temple Hill Academy, at Genesco, N. V. Being the eldest of a family of ten children, whose parents were in moderate though comfortable circumstances, he was early taught habits of industry, and when 21 years of age, being ambitious to better his condition in life, he resolved to seek his fortune in the far West, as it was then called. In August, 1836, he left the parental roof to seek a home in the Territory of Michigan, then an almost unbroken wilderness. He settled in Genesee County, and aided with his own hands in building some of the early residences in what is now known as the city of Flint. There were but four or five houses where this flourishing city now stands when he selected it as his home.

In the spring of 1830 he married Miss Harriet A. Miles. The marriage proved a most fortunate one, and to the faithful wife of his youth, who lives to enjoy with him the comforts of an honestly earned competence, Mr. Begole ascribes largely his success in life. Immediately after his marriage he commenced work on an unimproved farm, where, by his perseverance and energy, he soon established a good home, and at the end of eighteen years was the owner of a well improved farm of five hundred acres.

Mr. Begole being an anti-slavery man, became a member of the Republican party at its organization. He served his townsmen in various offices, and was, in 1856, elected County Treasurer, which office he held for eight years.

At the breaking out of the Rebellion he did not carry a musket to the front, but his many friends will bear witness that he took an active part in recruiting and furnishing supplies for the army, and in looking after the interests of soldiers' families at home. The death of his eldest son near Atlanta, Ga., by a Confedrate bullet, in 1864, was the greatest sorrow of his life. When a few years Later he was a member in Congress

Gov. Begole voted and worked for the soldiers' bounty equalization bill, an act doing justice to the soldier who bore the burden and heat of the day, and who should fare equally with him who came in at the eleventh hour. That bill was defeated in the House on account of the large appropriation that would be required to pay the same.

In 1870, Gov. Begole was nominated by acclamation for the office of State Senator, and elected by a large majority. In that body he served on the Committees of Finance and Railroads, and was Chairman of the Committee on the Institute for the Deaf and Dumb and Blind. He took a liberal and publicspirited view of the importance of a new capitol building worthy of the State, and was an active member of the Committee that drafted the bill for the same. He was a delegate to the National Republican Convention held at Philadelphia in 1872, and was the chosen member of that delegation to go to Washington and inform Gen. Grant and Senator Wilson of their nominations. It was while at that convention that, by the express wish of his many friends, he was induced to offer himself a candidate for the nomination of member to the 43d Congress, in which he was successful, after competing for the nomination with several of the most worthy, able and experienced men in the Sixth Congressional District, and was elected by a very large majority. In Congress, he was a member of the Committee on Agricultural and Public Expenditures. Being one of the 17 farmers in that Congress, he took an active part in the Committee of Agriculture, and was appointed by that committee to draft the most important report made by that committee, and upon the only subject recommended by the President in his message, which he did and the report was printed in records of Congress; he took an efficient though an unobtrusive part in all its proceedings.

He voted for the currency bill, remonetization of silver, and other financial measures, many of which, though defeated then, have since become the settled policy of the country. Owing to the position which Mr. Begole occupied on these questions, he became a "Greenbacker."

In the Gubernatorial election of 1882, Mr. Begole was the candidate of both the Greenback and Democratic parties, and was elected by a vote of 154,269, the Republican candidate, Hon. David H. Jerome,

receiving 149,697 votes. Mr. Begole, in entering upon his duties as Governor, has manifested a spirit that has already won him many friends, and bids fair to make his administration both successful and popular.

The very best indications of what a man is, is what his own townsmen think of him. We give the following extract from the Flint Globe, the leading Republican paper in Gov. Begole's own county, and it, too, written during the heat of a political campaign, which certainly is a flattering testimonial of his sterling worth:

"So far, however, as Mr. Begole, the head of the ticket, is concerned, there is nothing detrimental to his character that can be alleged against him. He has sometimes changed his mind in politics, but for sincerity of his beliefs and the earnestness of his purpose nobody who knows him entertains a doubt. He is incapable of bearing malice, even against his bitterest political enemies. He has a warm, generous nature, and a larger, kinder heart does not beat in the bosom of any man in Michigan. He is not much given to making speeches, but deeds are more significant of a man's character than words. There are many scores of men in all parts of the State where Mr. Begole is acquainted, who have had practical demonstrations of these facts, and who are liable to step outside of party lines to show that they do not forget his kindness, and who, no doubt, wish that he was a leader in what would not necessarily prove a forlorn hope. But the Republican party in Michigan is too strong to be beaten by a combination of Democrats and Greenbackers, even if it is marshaled by so good a man as Mr. Begole."

This sketch would be imperfect without referring to the action of Mr. B. at the time of the great calamity that in 1881 overtook the people of Northeastern Michigan, in a few hours desolating whole counties by fire and destroying the results and accumulations of such hard work as only falls to the lot of pioneers. While the Port Huron and Detroit committees were quarreling over the distribution of funds, Mr. Begole wrote to an agent in the "burnt district" a letter, from which we make an extract of but a single sentence: "Until the differences between the two committees are adjusted and you receive your regular supplies from them, draw on me. Let no man suffer while I have money." This displays his true character,





Russell AAlger



USSELL A.ALGER, Governor of Michigan for the term commencing Jan. 1, 1885, was born in Lafayette Township, Medina Co., Ohio, Feb. 27, 1836. Having lived a temperate life, he is a comparative

young man in appearance, and possesses those mental faculties that are the distinguishing characteristics of robust, mature and educated manhood. When II years of a gae both his parents died, leaving him with a younger brother and sister to support and without any of the substantial means of existence. Lacking the opportunity of

better employment, he worked on a farm in Richfield, Ohio, for the greater part of each of the succeeding seven years, saving money enough to defray his expenses at Richfield Academy during the winter terms. He obtained a very good English education, and was enabled to teach school for several subsequent winters. In 1857 he commenced the study of law in the offices of Wolcott & Upson at Akron, remaining until March, 1859, when he was admitted to the bar by the Ohio Supreme Court, He then removed to Cleveland, and entered the law office of Otis & Coffinbury, where he remained several months. Here he continued his studies with increased zeal, and did much general reading. Hard study and close confinement to office work, however, began to tell on his constitution, and failing health warned him that he must seek other occupation.

He therefore reluctantly abandoned the law and removed to Grand Rapids, Mich., to engage in the lumber business.

When Michigan was called upon to furnish troops for the war, Mr. Alger enlisted in the Second Mich. Cav. and was mustered into the service of the United States as Captain of Co. C. His record as a cavalry officer was brilliant and honorable to himself and his company. He participated in some of the fiercest contests of the rebellion and was twice wounded. His first injury was received in the battle of Booneville, Miss., July 2, 1862, His conduct in this engagement was so distinguished that he was promoted to the rank of Major. On the same occasion his Colonel, the gallant Phil. Sheridan, was advanced to the rank of Brigadier General. A few months later, on the 16th of October, Major Alger became Lieutenant-Colonel of the Sixth Mich. Cav., and was ordered with his regiment to the Army of the Potomac. After marked service in the early campaign of 1863, he was again advanced, and on June 2 received his commission as Colonel of the Fifth Mich. Cav. His regiment at this time was in Custer's famous Michigan cavalry brigade. On the 6th of July occurred the battle of Booncsboro, Md. In this conflict he was again wounded. His health received a more than temporary impairment, and in October, 1864, he was obliged to retire from the service. His career as a soldier included many of the most celebrated contests of the war. He was an active character in all the battles fought by the Army of the

Potomac, from the time of the invasion of Maryland by Gen. Lee in 1863, up to the date of his retirement, with the exception of those engagements which occurred while he was absent from duty on account of wounds. In all he took part in 66 battles and skirmishes. At the close he was breveted Brigadier General and Major General for "gallant and meritorious services in the field."

Aside from regular duty, Gen. Alger was on private service during the winter of 1863–4, receiving orders personally from President Lincoln and visiting nearly all the armies in the field.

Gen. Alger came to Detroit in 1865, and since that time has been extensively engaged in the pine timber business and in dealing in pine lands. He was a member of the well-known firm of Moore & Alger until its dissolution, when he became head of the firm of R. A. Alger & Co., the most extensive pine timber operators in the West. Gen. Alger is now president of the corporation of Alger, Smith & Co., which succeeded R. A. Alger & Co. He is also president of the Manistique Lumbering Company and president of the Detroit, Bay City & Alpena Railroad Company, besides being a stockholder and director of the Detroit National Bank, the Peninsular Car Company and several other large corporations.

While always an active and influential Republican, Gen. Alger has never sought nor held a salaried office. He was a delegate from the First District to the last Republican National Convention, but aside from this his connection with politics has not extended beyond the duties of every good citizen to his party and his country.

Gen. Alger is now forty-nine years of age, an active, handsome gentleman six feet tall, living the life of a busy man of affairs. His military bearing at once indicates his army life, and although slenderly built, his square shoulders and erect carriage give the casual observer the impression that his weight is fully 180 pounds. He is a firm, yet a most decidedly pleasant-appearing man, with a fine forehead, rather a prominent nose, an irongray moustache and chin whiskers and a full head of black hair sprinkled with gray. He is usually attired in the prevailing style of business suits. His favorite dress has been a high buttoned cutaway

frock coat, with the predominating cut of vest and trousers, made of firm gray suiting. A high collar, small cravat, easy shoes and white plug hat complete his personal apparel. He is very particular as to his appearance, and always wears neat clothes of the best goods, but shuns any display of jewelry or extravagant embellishment. He is one of the most approachable men imaginable. No matter how busy he may be, he always leaves his desk to extend a cordial welcome to every visitor, be he of high or low situation. His affable manners delight his guests, while his pleasing face and bright, dark eyes always animate his hearers.

Gen. Alger is a hard worker. He is always at his office promptly in the morning and stays as long as anything remains that demands his attention. In business matters he is always decided, and is never shaken or disturbed by any reverses. He has the confidence of his associates to a high degree, and all his business relations are tempered with those little kindnesses that relieve the tedium of routine office life. Although deeply engrossed in various business pursuits, Gen. Alger has yet found time for general culture. He owns a large library and his stock of general information is as complete as it is reliable. His collection of paintings has been selected with rare good taste, and contains some of the finest productions of modern artists. His team of bays are perhaps the handsomest that grace the roads of Detroit, and usually lead the other outfits when their owner holds the reins.

Gen. Alger has an interesting family. His wife was Annette II, Henry, the daughter of W. G. Henry, of Grand Rapids, to whom he was married April 2, 1861. She is a slender woman of fair complexion, bright and attractive, and a charming hostess. She is gifted with many accomplishments and appears quite young. There are six children, Fay, a lively brunette, and Caroline A., who is rather tall and resembles her mother, have completed a course at an Eastern seminary, and during the past year traveled in Europe. The remaining members of the family are Frances, aged 13; Russell A., Jr., aged 11; Fred, aged 9, and Allan, aged 3. All are bright and promising children. Gen. Alger makes his home at his handsome and large new residence on Fort street, at the corner of First street, Detroit,





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YRUS GRAY LUCE, the present Governor of Michigan, combines in his character the substantial traits of the New England ancestry of his father, and the chivalrous and hospitable elements

peculiar to the Southerners, which came to him from his mother's side of the house. The New Englanders, active in the cause of American liberty, after this desired result was accomplished, turned their attention to the growth and development of the country which their noble daring had

constituted independent of foreign rule. The privations they endured and the struggles from which they had achieved victory built up in them those qualities which in the very nature of events could not be otherwise than transmitted to their posterity, and this posterity comprises a large number of the men who to-day, like the subject of this history, are making a record of which their descendants will be couldly proud.

Gov. Luce was born in Windsor, Ashtabula Co., Ohio, July 2, 1824. His father was a native of Tolland, Com., served as a soldier in the War of 1812, and soon after its close emigrated from New England and settled on the Western Reserve in Northern Ohio. His mother, who in her girlhood was Miss Mary Gray, was born in Winchester, Va. Her father, tinctured with Abolitionism, found his home in the Old Dominion becoming uncomfortable as an abiding-place at that time, and accordingly, with his wife and family of young children,

he also migrated, in 1815, to the wilds of Northern Ohio. There the parents of our subject, in 1819, were united in marriage, and continued residents of Ashtabula County until 1836. There also were born to them six sons, Cyrus G. of this sketch being the second.

The incidents in the early life of Gov. Luce were not materially different from those of other boys living on the farms in that new country. He was taught to work at anything necessary for him to do and to make himself useful around the pioneer homestead. When twelve years of age his parents removed further West, this time locating in Steuben County, Ind. This section of country was still newer and more thinly settled, and without recounting the particular hardships and privations which the family experienced, it is sufficient to say that but few enjoyed or suffered a greater variety. Markets were distant and difficult of access, the comforts of life scarce, and sickness universal. Young Luce, in common with other boys, attended school winters in the stereotyped log school-house, and in summer assisted in clearing away the forests, fencing the fields and raising crops after the land was improved. He attended three terms an academy located at Outario, Ind., and his habit of reading and observation added essentially to his limited school privileges.

When seventeen years of age the father of our subject erected a cloth-dressing and wool-carding establishment, where Cyrus G, acquired a full knowledge of this business and subsequently had charge of the factory for a period of seven years. In the meantime he had become interested in local politics, in which he displayed rare judgment and sound common sense, and on account of which, in 1848, he was nominated by the Whigs in a district composed of the counties of DeKalb and Steuben for Representative in the State Legislature. He made a vigorous canvass but was defeated by eleven majority. This incident was but a transient buble on the stream of his life, and that same year

Mr. Luce purchased eighty acres of wild land near Gilead, Branch Co., Mich., the improvement of which he at once entered upon, clearing away the trees and otherwise making arrangements for the establishment of a homestead. In August, 1849, he was united in marriage with Miss Julia A. Dickinson, of Gilead, and the young people immediately commenced housekeeping in a modest dwelling on the new farm. Here they resided until the death of the wife, which took place in August, 1882. Mrs. Luce was the daughter of Obed and Experience Dickinson, well-to-do and highly respected residents of Gilead. Of her union with our subject there were born five children, one now deceased.

In November, 1883, Gov. Luce contracted a second marriage, with Mrs. Mary Thompson, of Bronson, this State. He continued on the same farm, which, however, by subsequent purchase had been considerably extended, until after his election to the office of which he is now the incumbent. In the meantime he has had a wide and varied experience in public life. In 1852 he was elected to represent his township in the County Board of Supervisors, and two years later, in 1854, was elected Representative to the first Republican Legislature convened in the State of Michigan. He served his township altogether eleven years as a member of the Board of Supervisors. In 1858 he was elected County Treasurer of Branch County and re-elected in 1860. In 1864 he was given a seat in the State Senate and re-elected in 1866. In the spring of 1867 he was made a member of the Constitutional Convention to revise the Constitution of the State of Michigan, and in all of the positions to which he has been called has evidenced a realization of the sober responsibilities committed to his care. To the duties of each he gave the most conscientious care, and has great reason to feel pride and satisfaction in the fact that during his service in both Houses of the Legislature his name appears upon every roll-call, he never having been absent from his post a day.

In July, 1879, Mr. Luce was appointed State Oil Inspector by Gov. Croswell, and re-appointed by Gov. Jerome in 1881, serving in this capacity three and one-half years. In the management of the duties of this office he is entitled to great credit. The office was not sought by him, but the Governor urged him to accept it, claiming that the office was the most difficult he had to fill, and was one which required first-class executive ability. He organized the State into districts, appointed an adequate force of deputies and no more, secured a reduction of the fees by nearly one-half, and in every way managed the affairs of the office so efficiently and satisfactorily that above all expenses he was enabled to pay into the State Treasury during his management \$32,000.49.

In August of the year 1886 Mr. Luce was nominated by the Republicans in convention assembled at Grand Rapids, for the office of Governor of Michigan by acclamation, and on the 2d of November following was elected by a majority of 7,432 over his chief competitor, George L. Yaple. In 1874 he became an active member of the farmers' organization known as the Grange. Believing as he does that agriculture furnishes the basis of National prosperity, he was anxious to contribute to the education and elevation of the farming community, and thus availed himself of the opportunities offered by this organization to aid in accomplishing this result. For a period of seven years he was Master of the State Grange but resigned the position last November. Fidelity to convictions. close application to business, whether agricultural or affairs of State, coupled with untiring industry, are his chief characteristics. As a farmer, legislator, executive officer, and manager of county as well as State affairs, as a private as well as a public citizen, his career has all along been marked with success, No one can point to a spot reflecting discredit in his public career or private life. He is a man of the people, and self-made in the strictest sense. His whole life has been among the people, in full sympathy with them, and in their special confidence and esteem.

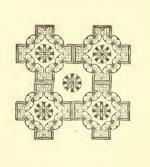
Personally, Gov. Cyrus G. Luce is high-minded, intellectual and affable, the object of many and warm friendships, and a man in all respects above reproach. To the duties of his high position he has brought a fitting dignity, and in all the relations of life that conscientious regard to duty of which we often read but which is too seldom seen, especially among those having within their hands the interests of State and Nation.



Lenawee County,

Michigan.









OME of the fairest and most productive counties of the great Wolverine State are to be found in what is known as Southern Michigan, and the chiefest among these is Lenawee County. Though settlers came into this county as early as 1824, yet the commencement of its rapid growth was not until many years later. It was the railroad that did so much toward the encouragement of sturdy tillers of the soil to come to this fair and fertile region. Since then the county has enjoyed a steady

growth, until to-day it stands among the foremost counties of the great Northwest. In the growth and development of her vast resources, in her agriculture and stock-raising, in all the departments of labor in which busy man is engaged; in her churches and schools, in civilization and culture. Lenawee County has taken a front rank. Well may her people be proud of their product; well may her pioneers turn with pride to their achievements. Within half a century a wilderness has been subdued and converted into beautiful farms and thriving, populous cities, and a community established commanding the admiration of the country.

Adrian College.

DRIAN COLLEGE was organized March 22, 1859. Originally it was under the control of the Wesleyan Methodist denomination, but in February, 1867, it passed into the control of a corporation known as the Collegiate Association of the Methodist Protestant Church. Its affairs are controlled by a Board of Trustees, thirty in number. Of these, six are elected by the Alumni Association of the college, two being chosen annually for a term of three years. The alumni were allowed this representation in the board in 1876.

The college campus contains twenty acres, a portion of it being beautifully laid out and kept. The buildings are four in number, all of brick, and fronting the east. A fifth, or central building, is contemplated in the plan, but has not yet been erected.

North Hall is 85x108 feet, and, if seen at night with its three tiers of gleaming lights, one above the other, presents an imposing picture. Here is the office of the President, the library and the domitories for young men. South Hall is the same size. It also has reception and assembly rooms, the departments of music and painting, and dormitories for young ladies, under the care of a resident preceptress. Between these two extremes are two

two-story buildings, each 60x80 feet. In one are the chapel, large enough to seat 600, and halls for the literary societies; in the other are the museum and chemical and physical laboratories.

The collection in the museum is both interesting and valuable, costing \$20,000; the zoological collection alone, \$5,000. Upon entering one comes face to face with the African lion, which seems something more than a dead and stuffed animal. Just back of him stands an elephant, hardly as large as Barnum's homely specimen, while near at hand are a giraffe, a zebra, an elk from the Rocky Mountains, and various other animals, the whole forming a "menagerie" which proves attractive to thousands of visitors every year. Over a dozen large cases of birds and small animals are also among the zoological collections. The collection of birds includes nearly all that visit Ohio and Michigan. The cases of Arctic and tropical specimens are especially fine. The mineralogical collection includes gold, silver, zinc and other ores, and numerous specimens which are of incalculable benefit to the students in receiving their lessons from nature. He who would study geology may examine many specimens from the various formations all the way from the lower silurian to tertiary. Or he may feast his eyes on a large Ichthyosaur or try to take in the cast of a Plesiosaur made by Dr. John Kost, long curator of the museum. The skeleton of a mastodon, that must have stood nearly twelve feet high, and that was found in Lenawee County, has been mounted and is nearly complete. In the archæological department the Indians and mound builders are well represented by various articles of old-time use, and by specimens of rare work of those early days, For the benefit of the comparative anatomists a collection of skulls has been secured, while a human skeleton permits one to make satisfactory investigation of truths which it discloses. In the physical laboratory students are put through a course of experimental manipulation by which they are brought face to face with Nature's truths. The chemical laboratory is also fitted up for work in this direction.

The institution is divided into six distinct schools which classify and perfect the organization of its work to a beautiful system. These are: 1. The

College of Literature and Arts. 2. The School of Music, 3, The School of Theology, 4. The Normal School, 5. The Preparatory School, 6, The School of Commerce.

With reference to its President and faculty many good things may be said. It is proverbial that our most vigorous institutions are presided over by comparatively young men, and President D. S. Stephens, of Adrian, has not yet reached forty, yet has had time to pursue courses of study in two institutions on this side of the water, at Adrian and Harvard, and one on the other side. Edinburgh University, while his position as President of a leading institution shows the high esteem in which he is held by the Trustees and friends of Adrian College. As for the other men, Dr. G. B. McElroy, of the Department of Mathematics, has had thirty years' experience, and ranks among the leading mathematicians of the West, and his assistant, Prof. J. F. McCulloch, who is an alumnus of the college, has also taken a special course in mathematics at Johns' Hopkins' University, Baltimore. Prof. C. E. Wilbur, of History and English Literature, is an alumnus of the college, and has earned a degree at Yale. Prof. Wilbert Ferguson, Greek, graduated at Ohio Weslevan University, and is well known as one of the popular instructors of the Lake Side Summer School of Languages, Prof. J. H. D. Cornelius, Latin, is a graduate of Michigan University, and a teacher of twenty years' experience. Prof. W. H. Howard, Chemistry and Physics, graduated at Adrian and supplemented this by a laboratory course at Harvard, Mrs. A. B. Dotson, Preceptress, graduated at Ohio Weslevan University, and Prof. W. H. Carrier, of the School of Commerce, at the Bloomington (III.) Commercial College. with other lecturers and instructors, constitute the corps of teachers. But the whole policy and work of the institution have taken shape and coloring from the ideas and purposes of one man more than any other, its President: and it is safe to say that his conception of education and its end-the upbuilding of character-has placed Adrian College on the most advanced ground of any institution in the land. And this is a subject worthy the study of parents and young people.

One of the leading features in the management

of the college is the evident and steadfast purpose to make the formation of right character in its students the supreme end of all effort. The development in the student of a power of self-control. illuminated by a disciplined intellect and a wellinformed mind, is the aim which dominates the methods of instruction, and the whole administration of the institution. It is held by the President that character is established only when the habit of self-regulated activity is developed. Hence he endeavors to so shape all the work of the college that a spirit of manly self-reliance shall be awakened among the students. It is the aim of the discipline of the institution to encourage the growth of selfregulated control among students. It is desired to rely upon the developed love of the good and the awakened sense of justice in students as more potent safeguards to discipline than a multiplication of rules and regulations. The student, whenever it ean be done with safety, is entrusted with activities that will awaken a sense of responsibility. This is seen both in the discipline and government of the students and in the courses and methods of instruction. In the former it is the purpose of the President and Faculty to recognize the students as members of a community, sharing, to some degree. the responsibility of its management.

The system of elective studies, so fully recognized now by Harvard, Michigan University, and other institutions, is here applied under conditions that, it is believed, secure the greatest advantages, without some of the defects that grow out of the system. This institution was among the first to adopt a consistent and conservative application of this idea. While it was conceded that the student should be granted the greatest liberty in the selection and order of studies, consistent with thoroughness, yet it was kept in mind that there was a logical sequence of studies which could not be violated without loss; and also, that while the greatest latitude in the range of studies should be permitted, so that the individual aptitudes and purposes of each student might be met, yet it was recognized that there should be a coherence of studies throughout the course, and a concentration of attention to at least one of the leading departments of knowledge to a degree approaching completeness.

To preserve the first of these requisites, each study of the course requires, as condition for entrance, the completion of "prefining studies," comprising all those branches that logically lead up to, and prepare for success in the study desired. The student thus, while freed from all arbitrary and artificial restrictions in the selection of his studies, is still obliged to observe that natural order of studies which grows out of the logical connection and character of the studies themselves.

In the second place, to secure unity in the courses of study pursued by those graduating and to give approximate significance to the degrees conferred, it is provided that to attain the degree of Bachelor of Arts, 750 hours of college work in the departments of Latin and Greek should be reanired, and enough additional in other departments to make in all 2,200 hours' work. For the degree of Bachelor of Science, 750 hours of work are reonired in the departments of Mathematics and Natural Sciences, with enough additional from other departments to make in all 2,200 hours' work. The degree of Bachelor of Philosophy is given when 750 hours of required work are completed in the department of the Political and Philosophical Sciences, together with a sufficient number of hours from other departments to make 2,200 hours' work in all.

It is now ten years since this important educational reform was introduced in this college, and its successful operation, the desirable results obtained, the adoption of similar plans by other institutions, all go to show that the step taken was in the right direction, and one that the wants of the time demanded.

One other important measure bearing on the formation of character is a course of instruction directly bearing upon the subject of characterbuilding.

Adrian College aims to reproduce, as nearly as possible, on a larger scale, the elements of home life. Hence, with many other institutions, it has dormitories for its students. This does not mean small, unventilated rooms. They are pleasant, well lighted, ventilated and heated. They are cheerful, and some handsomely furnished. The rooms are mostly in suites of a study room and bedroom attached. As cleanliness in surroundings is made easy by the absence of fuel and ashes from the rooms, so cleanliness of person is ministered to by convenient, steam-heated bath rooms.

While all these conveniences are supplied, the expenses are remarkably low. The expense for rooms varies from \$6 to \$8 per term for each student, including the heating of the room. For \$4 or \$5 additional a room may be fitted up in comfortable style. The total expense for a year, including thition, board—everything—varies from \$90 to \$450, according to the manner of living. That these estimates are not too low is proved by the fact that the college actually offers, in cases where parents or students do not care to be troubled about the arrangement of details, to supply everything: board, room, heating, tuition and incidental charges in literary department for \$450 per year, payable in advance in term installments.

The following is an itemized statement of cost: College charges, one year... \$28.50 to \$28.50 Board, one year... 40,00 to 90,00 Room rent and fuel, one year 15,00 to 40,00 Washing and light, one year... 8,00 to 12,00 Books, one year... 4,00 to 12,00

Total......\$95,50 \$182,50

With reference to the special lines of study, there is not a better equipped school of music in the West. Prof. Rupp, who has charge, was for some time at the Conservatory of Music at Stuttgart, Germany; and New York teachers to whom
his graduates have gone have been candid enough
to own they could do little for them, so thorough
had been their training. For turning out music
teachers this school has unusual facilities and a
splendid reputation, as a glance at its alumni record
will show. Students completing either of the
courses—instrumental or vocal—and passing a
satisfactory examination, will receive the degree of
Bachelor of Music. To one expecting to teach
the science, it is money well invested that brings
the facilities for carning such a certificate of thoroneh musical culture.

The Normal School gives a diploma and prepares teachers in the best principles and methods of teaching.

The School of Theology embraces in its course of three years all that is usually taught in theological seminaries, conferring the degree of Bachelor of Divinity upon those who complete the course, having first taken a literary course and graduated in some college.

The School of Commerce educates for business. Bookkeeping, penmanship, stenography with typewriting, are taught by experts, besides the students have the privilege of attending any of the College or Normal School classes, and the benefits of literary societies and the college library and reading-room, without extra charge.



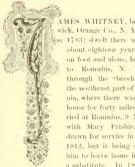




Abel Whitney







AMES WHITNEY, born in Warwick, Orange Co., N. Y., 10 Feb., 1783; dwelt there until he was about eighteen years old, when on foot and alone, he journeyed to Romulus, N. Y., passing through the "beech woods" in the northeast part of Pennsylvania, where there was scarcely a house for forty miles. He married at Romulus, 9 Nov., 1806. with Mary Frisbie. He was drawn for service in the War of 1812, but it being difficult for him to leave home he provided a substitute. In 1813 he pur-

chased 200 acres of land from the Holland Land Company, in Shelby, Orleans Co., N. Y., on which he settled with his family in the spring of 1814. While in Shelby he was Captain of a military company for several years. In the fall of 1827 he went to Michigan to look for a new home, and on the 23d of October, 1827, he bought the south half of section 34, and the east half of the northeast quarter of the same section, all now within the bounds of the city of Adrian, which then contained about half a dozen buildings. In the spring of 1828 he removed his family to Adrian, where he arrived 8 June, 1828, and settled where the Hart

house now stands, on West Manmee street, west of which there was then no road cut. a residence of five years in Adrian, he sold his farm 6 June, 1833, to James Wheeler, and moved to Nottawa, St. Joseph County, and purchased 800 acres of land at Sand Lake, where he dwelt until 1839. then removed to Moulton, Allen Co., Ohio, where he died 11 Aug., 1851. His wife died 28 Aug., 1851. They were buried in the cemetery at Ft. Amanda, Ohio. His journey was noticed on the fiftieth anniversary of his arrival, in the Adrian Times and Expositor of 8 June, 1878, and again in the "History and Biographical Record of Lenawee County," page 86, as follows:

"HALF A CENTURY. In the fall of 1827, Capt. James Whitney, an early settler of Orleans County, N. Y., sold his farm and soon after started for the then far-away and wilderness Territory of Michigan, in search of a new home. After visiting several sections he came to Adrian, before any surveying or platting of lots had been done, and purchased on the west side of the Raisin 400 acres of heavy timbered land, and in May, 1828, started with his family by way of the Erie Canal to Buffalo, and thence by steamer "Niagara," Capt, William L. Pease commander, for Detroit, thence by schooner, commanded by Capt, Luther Harvey, to Monroe, where he purchased teams (having brought wagons with him) and again took up his march for Adrian, which at

that time was as far west as any road had been opened east of the Mississippi, or any settlement made with the exception of military and missionary stations, the whole western country being in possession of the Indians. After a tedious journey through mud, woods and waters, he arrived at his destination, the then embryo city of Adrian, with his wife and eight children, two of whom were Abel and William A. Whitney, who for the first time fifty years ago to-day, saw the place where at this time there are nearly 10,000 inhabitants, and they the two oldest male residents within its corporate limits. So much for time and progress in the space of fifty years."

- Children of James and Mary (Frisbie) Whitney, I. Marian Whitney, b. at Romulus, N. Y., 1 July, 1808; married 18, Nov., 1829, with Asher
- July, 1808; married 18 Nov., 1829, with Asher Stevens, who died 18 Nov., 1847. She died 7 March, 1863. They were buried at Ft. Amanda, Ohio.
- H. Russell Whitney, b. at Romulus, N. Y., 30 Aug., 1810; married 16 Nov., 1831, with Angeline Rogers, and settled in Rome, Mich.
- 111. Abel Whitney, who will be noticed below, 1V. Rebecca Whitney, b. at Shelby, N. Y., 22 July, 1815; married 1 March, 1833, with Edmund Burris Brown. He died 17 Nov., 1850, and she married (2d) with Cornelius Cline, and settled at Nottawa, Mich.
- V. James Whitney, b. at Shelby, N. Y., 30 Jan., 1818, and died in 1850, unmarried.
- VI. William Augustus Whitney, of whom a notice will follow.
- VII. Benjanin Whitney, b. at Shelby, N. Y., 10 Aug., 1822; married 5 Nov., 1845, with Minerva Daniels, who died 17 May, 1856, and he married (2d) 1 March, 1857, with Margaret Josephine Armstrong, and resided at Duchauquet, Ohio. She died. He died 14 April, 1883, and was buried in Shawnee Cemetery, Ohio.
- VIII. Sarah Whitney, b. at Shelby, N. Y., 17 May, 1825; married I May, 1851, with William V. R. M. Layton, and Settled at Wapakoneta, Ohio, where he died in 1879.

Abel Whitney left his birthplace with his parents before he was a year old, and lived in Shelby, Orleans Co., N. Y. In the spring of 1828 he moved with his father's family to Michigan, arriving at their new home 8 June, 1828, This home was on the west side of the Raisin on the site of the present city of Adrian, which then contained five or six buildings, and from that small beginning he has seen the entire development of the city and its business to the present time. He began his business life when only eighteen years old, in the summer of the year 1831, when, in company with Asher Stevens, his brother-in-law, and Richard M. Lewis, he visited Ohio and bought a drove of about 200 cattle. At that time the settlements extended only about three miles south of Adrian. They went in a southwesterly course, striking Bean Creek a few miles above the site of Morenci, followed that stream to the Maumee River, which they crossed at Defiance, and then up the Auglaize River through a wilderness to Wapakoneta, St. Mary's and Greenville. Returning, they swam their stock across the Maumee and other streams on the way. In readiness to "do the next thing," in the fall of 1831 he took a place as elerk in the general country store of Messrs. Finch and Skeels, where he made himself useful until the dissolution of the firm, in 1832, when at the suggestion of one of the partners, Mr. Asahel Finch, he made preparation for opening a grocery store, cutting and hauling to mill the logs for lumber to build his place of business, in the winter of 1832-33, and was ready to commence business in the summer of 1833. This building is now owned by Joseph C. Jones, and is standing nearly opposite the Masonic Temple. The upper story of it was his observatory while viewing the heavenly wonders of the great meteoric shower of 14 Nov., 1833. In 1834 he sold his place and business to Mr. Anson Clark (who came to Adrian from Monroe), and in 1835, in company with Mr. Asahel Finch, erected the building in after years known as the Hance school building, in which they opened the first drug-store in Adrian. His interest in this business he sold to his partner, and began to buy and sell land, and finding some leisure time on his hands, arranged a matrimonial partnership with Miss Sarah Ann Budlong, with whom he married 27 Oct., 1836, and the partnership still happily continues, after more than fifty-one years. A notice of Mrs. Whitney will be given below. In the spring of 1837 he formed a partnership with

his brother-in-law, Alfred W. Budlong, in the drygoods trade, and early in the season, went to New York to buy goods, traveling by stage from Toledo through Cleveland to Beaver, and steamboat to Pittsburgh, thence by canal and short sections of railroad to Philadelphia, and from there by steamboat and stage. Returning, he went to Albany by a Hudson River steamboat, to Schenectady by railroad, to Buffalo by the Erie Canal, thence by stage to Erie, Penn., by steamboat to Toledo, and by the Erie & Kalamazoo Railroad to Adrian, having taken about six weeks in making the trip. His interest in this business he sold to his partner the same year. The project of building the Michigan Southern Railroad opened to his view a broader field of enterprise, and in company with Silas Crane, he made a contract with Gen. Levi S. Humphrey, Commissioner of the Michigan Southern Railroad, "a State enterprise," to furnish the superstructure for two miles of the road, which was the first work done on the road west of the city of Monroe. In the spring of 1838, with the same partner, he contracted with the Commissioner to build the road from Leroy Bridge to Adrian, including the clearing of the ground, building bridges and culverts, and laying the iron. They opened a grocery and provision store in connection with their railroad work, sent men as far as Springfield, Ill., to buy hogs, which were driven to Adrian and killed on what is at present known as Lawrence Park to supply their laborers and the citizens generally with meat, After fulfilling his contract on the railroad he entered into partnership with Mr. Henry Hart, in the dry-goods trade, continuing until 1842, when he sold his interest to Mr. Hart. In 1843 he was appointed Postmaster of Adrian, and held the office until 1849. during which time he formed a partnership with Mr. Hart in the foundry business, which continued several years. In 1849 he was in company with Mr. Hiram Dawes, in the forwarding and commission business on the Michigan Southern Railroad until the company began providing their own warehouses, when he engaged in buying and selling grain, which he continued until the spring of 1857. He was an active and influential member of the Democratic party from 1843 to 1854, during which time he was a delegate in nearly every State, county

and congressional convention, but having no personal political ambition, never presented himself as a candidate for office or favors from his party, and though asked to allow his name to be used as a candidate for the Legislature, Mayor of the city. and Supervisor, has uniformly declined any propositions of that kind, as he had no aspirations for such honors, and preferred to work for the public interest in an individual way. In 1852 he was a member of the Democratic National Convention at Baltimore, which nominated Franklin Pierce for the Presidency, but becoming dissatisfied with the position of his party on the question of slavery, he ceased to be active in its behalf. In 1860 he was in favor of Douglas, and without his previous knowledge, was nominated by the party for the office of Sheriff of Lenawee County, but the Republicans having a large majority in the county, no one on his ticket was elected. He voted for Abraham Lincoln at his second election, in 1864, and since that time has acted with the Republican party. During the war of the Rebellion he worked efficiently with the friends of the Union, aiding largely with his means in filling the several quotas of men for the army, and assisting the aid society in forwarding supplies to the soldiers in the field. He was treasurer of the soldiers' bounty fund for the city, spending his time without compensation, and contributing means to prevent the accessity of a draft. When many seemed almost without hope that the friends of the Government would be able to subdue the rebellion, he loaned to the city of Adrian a large sum of money, advancing \$14,000 at one time, at what was then a low rate of interest, in order that men might be found and paid to fight the enemies of freedom and save the Nation's life, being determined that no resident of the city should be forced from his home by a draft while money could be found to pay those who were willing to serve.

Mr. Whitney's interest in education was always active, and from 1859 to 1868 he was a member of the Board of Trustees of the public schools of Adrian, having been three times elected its President, and aided largely, with his time and experience, in erecting three of the best school buildings in the State, and in systematizing the schools, serving without compensation, and devoting a large share of his time to the work, for the satisfaction of aiding in the successful arrangement and permanent establishment of a school system which should be well calculated to benefit the children of this and future generations, and prepare them for usefulness.

In 1840 the Presbyterian society selected Mr. Whitney to solicit and collect funds, and contract for materials and labor for the erection of the church edifice which they still occupy, which he did. superintending the work as if it had been his own private enterprise. In 1854 the society authorized him to add thirty feet to the length of the church, all of which was done under his personal direction, and promoted by large outlays of his own means. Although he is not a member of the church he has for fifty years contributed liberally to its treasury, and served for many years as an active member of its Board of Trustees. He was, for a long time, one of the Trustees of Adrian College, and contributed largely to its material prosperity, having on two occasions given it as much as \$500 at a time. He was instrumental in obtaining its transfer from the Weslevan to the Protestant Methodist denomination, by which means it was relieved from serious embarrassment, and its prosperity and usefulness greatly enlarged.

In company with Mr. Henry Hart, he originated the movement for providing a suitable restingplace for the dead of the city, which resulted in the purchase by him of twenty-two acres of land, in the winter of 1847-48, of Mr. Addison J. Comstock. Additions have been made to this until Oakwood Cemetery now contains over ninety acres, and is the pride and boast of the citizens of Adrian, as one of the handsomest in the State. He has devoted a large amount of time and thought to enlarging, improving and beautifying the grounds, He has had the supervision of its interests for more than thirty years, and continues in office as Treasurer and Trustee. He has been a stockholder and Director in the Michigan State Insurance Company, the oldest stock company in the State, for twentythree years, and its Vice President.

Mr. Whitney raised the subscription to the stock of the First National Bank in 1872, and is a stockholder, Director and its Vice President. He was a stockholder, Director and President of the Union Hall Association, and was a stockholder, Director and Vice President of the State Savings Bank. He has bought and sold large amounts of real estate in Adrian and other places, and done a considerable amount of building in Adrian, and aided in the general improvement and beautifying of the city,

A lover of progress and good order, a friend to the worthy and unfortunate, an enemy to all schemes of fraud or dishonesty in public officials, or those in positions of trust, individual or otherwise, of any kind or nature, always seeking and working to improve the condition of mankind, he has been as ready to use his means to benefit others as to save for the purpose of adding to his own wealth; and it may safely and properly be said that no man ever lived in Adrian who has contributed more from his time and resources for the general prosperity of the place than has Abel Whitney.

Mrs. Sarah Ann (Budlong) Whitney, wife of Abel Whitney, was born 21 Feb., 1812, at Utica, N. Y., where her father, Daniel Budlong, built the first brick house in the place, which he sold to Gov. Daniel D. Tompkins for a banking house. When she was about three years old her parents moved to Tully, N. Y., where her father had bought a farm of 600 acres, which he soon sold, and moved to Cortland Village, N. Y. In July, 1834, she came to Adrian with her brother, Alfred Wells Budlong, who opened a dry-goods store, and he being then unmarried, she began housekeeping for him in the fall of that year, in the same house where she now lives, which her husband bought a few years after their marriage. When about fourteen years old she joined the Presbyterian Church at Cortland Village, N. Y., and afterward by a letter of dismission, became a member of the Presbyterian Church at Genoa, N. Y., from which she received a letter of dismission, on which she joined the First Presbyterian Church of Adrian, 13 Dec., 1835, and is now the only person remaining in the church who was a member at that time, always active and ready to do a liberal share of church work, and contribute freely from her resources to its support. In 1835, the Synod of Michigan met at Adrian, and a public reception was given its

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Sarah Ketcham, married in Orange County, N. Y.; died at Shelby, N. Y.,

d. 28 Aug., 1851.

PEDIGREE OF MRS. ABEL WHITNEY.

Martha Campbell, b, at Voluntown, Com., 25 April, 1772; married 17 March, 1797; died at Adriau, Mich., 11 Oct., 1849, and was buried in Sarah Dixon, -, came with her husband and children in 1719. She was Agnes Allen, married at Voluntown, Conn., living as lately as Ruth Fisher, m. 2 June, 1664; died at Warwick, died shout Judith --of Groton. 1682, at R. I., before 1685. 19 Nov., 1719. lot granted to him, 1 July, 1639, at Portsmouth, R. L.; was freeman in 1655; will dated 19 Sept., 1655, was proved 5 Oct., Edward Fisher had a house-Moses Campbell, b. at Voluntown, Robert Campbell, b. about 1672, came from Ulster, Ireland, in 1719, bringing letters of dismission from a church there, on which he and his wife were admitted to the church in New London, Conn., in that year. They were among the earliest settlers of Voluntown, Conn., where they were also members of the church; he, at its formation, in John Campbell, b. in the Province of Ulster, Ireland, about 1698, came with his parents in 1719, and in that year settled at Voluntown, Coun., where he was the first physician, and where he was a constituent member of the charch in Oct., 1723. His will was dated 26 June, 1773, and Oct., 1723. He died 14 Feb., 1725, in his fifty-second year. Conn., 14 April, 1737. died in 1694. He married (2d) 7 Jan., 1685, with Sarah Wright, widow of Eleazer Collins, and she died John Potter, b. about 1642; dwelt at Warwick, R. I., and Oakwood Cemetery. about 1700. died in 1643 at Warwick. Compiled by D. William Patterson, Newark Valley, N. 1 he probably died the next winter. Sarah Rhodes, b. 15 March, 1750; m. 27 April, 1770; died 21 Sept., 1841. at Albion, Oswego Co., N. Y., and 630; a freeman 3 Sept., 1631; of Roxbury, Mass., in 1634; of Portsmouth, R. I., in 1638; of Warwick, R. I., 12 Jan., 1643; and died about 1655. His second wife, Sarah, survived him, and m. (2d) Robert Potter was of Lynn, Mass., in Daniel Budlong, b. at Warwick, R. L., 14 Jan., 1771; died at Adrian, Mich., 24 19 Feb., 1657, with John Sanford. 19 March, 1669, and was killed, with her family, of Joseph Howard) m. Rebecca Lippitt (widow was buried there. in Nov., 1675. Isabel Potter, wick, R. I., 17 and died in Oct., 1674; b, at Wardied in 1686. in 1722; died at Oneida, N. Y., 1 Rebecca Davis, b. March, 1802. Jan., 1853, and was buried in Oakwood Cemetery. Daniel Budlong, b. at Warwick, R. I., 6 Oct., 1741; a soldier of the Revolution, died in them to his uncle, Moses Lippitt, who John Budlong, b. at Warwick, R. I., in 672; was captured by the Indians in Nov., 1675, and afterward returned by 22 May, 1669, and probably died not He died in Warwick. I., in 1638, and of Warwick, R. I., 5 June, 1648. He deeded his house-lot and dwelling to his son, Moses Lippitt, long after that. His wife's name is not John Lippitt was of Providence, R. Francis Budlone, of Warwick, R. I., was freeman 30 April, 1672; a juror. 1674; and he with all his family, except his son John, were killed by In-Daniel Budlong, b. about 1710, an Elder of the Baptist Church at Warwick, R. I., died in 1795. the war of camp fever. dians in Nov., 1675. brought him up. 4 Oct., 1744.

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where he d. Dec. 3, 1687. He, with bros. Dan'l pastor of an independent church in London, torical and Genealogical Reg., vol. 38,pp.63-4.) Francklyn, goldsmith (See New England His-London, whose wife, Sibyl, was daugh, of Thos.

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was a deacon from 1733 to his death; Colonel of the militia, Judge, member of Rev. Samuel Russell, b. at Hadley, Abigail Whiting b. at Hartford, Thomas Trowbridge, b. Mary Winston, b. George Hayes, from London, Eng., Abigail Dibble, b. Mass., 4 Nov., 1660 grad, Harv, Co., Comm., in 1666; died 7 May, 14 Feb., 1664; m. 16 24 June, 1667; d. settled as early as 1622 at Windson; Comm. John Russell, b. 24 Jan., 1687; d. 7 July, 1757. Graduated at Yale in 1704; 1681, and was pastor at Branford, Ct. | 1733, aged 66 years. the General Assembly 41 sessions, from 1714 to 1753 continuously. Clerk of Oct., 1685; d. 15 Sept. - 16 Sept., 1742.

that body from 1726 to 1739, and Speaker in 1751.

Rebecca Russell, b. 6 Feb., 1723; m. 26 Dec., 1749; d. 27

26 Nov., 1686; m. 17 Dec., 1707; d. 15 Jan., 1757. Sarah Trowbridge, b. Mass., second wife; m. 4 May, 1721; d. 14 July, 1738. Sarah Lee, of Westfield,

Capt. Ezekiel Hayes, of Branford, Conn., b. 21 Oct. or Nov., 1707, and kept prisoner in Canada till 26 Ap., 1686; was capt. by Indians in Daniel Hayes, b. at Windsor, Conn., 1713; d. at Simsbury, Ct., 3 Sept, 1756.

Captum Abel Frisbie, of Branford, Conn., died 9 Dec., 1827. Rebeeca Hayes, b. 30 Oct., 1750; m. 3 June, 1771; died

1724; d. 17 Oct., 1807.

Mary Frishie, b. at New Haven, Conn., 11 June, 1786; m. 9 Nov., James Whitney.

Pedigree of Mrs. Mary (Frishe) Whitney,



members at her house. Having been a subscriber and constant reader of the New York Erangelist for more than thirty years, she has come to place a high value on its weekly visits.

Augustus Harvey Whitney, the only child of Abel and Sarah Ann (Budlong) Whitney, was born at Adrian 4 Jan., 1841; a youth of rare promise, whose early death doomed many ardent hopes to end in sad regrets. He attended the public schools of Adrian and helped in his father's business until he was thirteen years old, when he was sent to attend a select school for boys at Beardsley's Place, in Monroe, Conn., after which he studied and graduated at Bell's Commercial College, Chicago, Ill. From 1855 to 1857 he was clerk in the banking house of D. K. Underwood & Co., at Adrian, of which his father was a partner. In 1857, he was receiving and paying teller in the banking house of Messrs. Taylor & Kreigh, Chicago, Ill., where he was attacked by typhoid fever, followed by abscesses, and after an illness of fourteen months he died at Adrian, 10 May, 1859, and was buried in Oakwood Cemetery.

In the preparation of the above, reference has been had and free use made of the genealogical records of the Whitney family of Connecticut, and the "History and Biographical Record of Lenawee County."

ILLIAM AUGUSTUS WHITNEY, b, in Shelby, N. Y., 21 April, 1820; moved with his parents to Adrian in June, 1828, and when eighteen years old he went to Attien, N. Y., in the service of Elias T. Stanton and David Scott as a clerk in a dry-goods store. After two and a half years he returned to Adrian, and continued in the same business till the fall of 1847. He married 14 Sept., 1847, with Miss Ellen Maria Bixby, who was born at Albion, N. Y., 6 April, 1825, and came to Adrian in the fall of 1827, with her parents, David and Laura (Foster) Bixby. In December, 1847, he opened the New Franklin Hotel, which he kept about one year, when he disposed of it and returned to the mercantile business, in which he continued most of the time till 1858.

In the spring of 1859, in which year the first stone pavement was laid in Adrian, he was elected City Recorder; was again elected in 1860, and held the office till April, 1861. In the fall of 1862 he was elected Register of Deeds of Lenawec County; again elected two years later, and served till Lan, 1867. He then engaged as a clerk in the office of the Michigan State Insurance Company, where he continued till the spring of 1869, when he was appointed Postmaster of Adrian, which office he held from 17 May, 1869, to 17 May, 1873. He then engaged in the printing business, and founded the Adrian Daily and Weekly Press, which he published for nearly five years, and sold out 5 April, 1878.

As one of the very early inhabitants of Adrian, he always felt an honest pride and manifested a genuine interest in everything that could promote the welfare of the city, as well as that of the whole county of Lenawee. In November, 1867, he wrote, for his paper, the early history of Adrian, from 1825 to 1835; and on the 17th of February, 1875, he wrote the first call for a meeting of the pioneer settlers of Lenawee County, which meeting, held 27 Feb., 1875, organized the Lenawee County Pioneer Society, of which he was chosen the first Secretary.

In 1879, in company with Mr. Richard I. Bonner, he canvassed the county of Lenawee, gathering materials for a series of biographical sketches, which they published in two handsome volumes, under the title, "History and Biographical Record of Lenawee County, Michigan," a very valuable work, which will preserve the memory of its authors in the minds of a grateful people for ages to come.

Mr. Whitney died 23 January, 1884, and was buried in Oakwood Cemetery.

Children of William Augustus and Ellen Maria (Bixby) Whitney:

Dwight Avery Whitney, b. at Adrian, 21 June, 1848; married at Grand Rapids, Miela, 25 Jun, 1870, with Marian Celia Lawrence, who was born at Rochester, N. Y., 15 May, 1848, daughter of Willis Thompson and Marian (Wadsworth) Lawrence. Their daughter, Lena B. Whitney, was born at Adrian, 21 April, 1873.

11. Fanny Lee Whitney, b. at Adrian, 16 July,

1859; married 18 Dec., 1878, with O. F. Berdan, a violinist, composer and music publisher, at the time of their marriage a resident of Adrian, but at this date of Detroit.

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NDREW HOOD. Upon the principle that "a rolling stone gathers no moss," the subject of this biography remains at the home-stead, the land which his father secured from the Government over fifty years ago. William Hood, who was born in Romulus, Seneca Co., X. Y., Dec. 27, 1805, came to Southern Michigan when a young man thirty years of age and selected his location. He then returned to his native State and worked two more years, in order to earn money for the removal of his family.

The father of our subject, with his wife and three children, landed in Adrian the second time on the 20th of September, 1837, and the same day be found his way through the woods to his property on section 26, Rome Township. While being sheltered a few days in the house of Seth Atwood, he put up a shanty without windows or doors, and occupied this with his family about six weeks, until he could put up a good log house. When this structure was completed and the goods moved in, Mrs. Hood was so homesick that she objected to having her goods unpacked, especially her bureau, declaring she was going back to York State, as she "could not stand it here in the woods," The house, however, proved to be very comfortable, and the mother became reconciled, and finally content to regard it as her home. She never returned to her native State.

John Hood, the paternal grandfather of our subject, was born in Sunbury. Northumberland Co., Pa., whence with three brothers he removed into Seneca County, and purchased a large tract of land between the lakes. The brothers continued in that region about eighteen years, cultivating the soil, erecting good buildings, planting orchards, laying off roads, building bridges, etc., and after the labor of all these years found out that their titles were defective, and the man of whom they purchased a swindler. The entire tract was set off by the Government into soldiers' claims, and the Hood brothers

not only lost their purchase money, but eighteen years of hard labor. John Hood fought for his rights, but the United States Court at Albany decided against him; he spent the remainder of his life in Romulus, dying there in 1832. Itis wife, Lucinda (Moody) Hood, was a native of the same town as her husband, and after his death joined her daughter in Michigan, and died at her home in Rome Township in 1862. William Hood never owned a farm until he came to Michigan. The expense of testing the claim of the Hoods to their land completely ruined them financially, and after the death of his father, William turned his eyes toward the western country. His mother, who had suffered so much from hardship and anxiety, lived to see her son the possessor of a good farm free from incumbrance, and with him her old age was passed in ease and plenty.

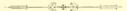
The mother of our subject was in her girlhood Miss Louisa, daughter of Thomas and Catherine B. tlett, of Romulus, N. Y., and was born there April 26, 1812. She became the wife of William Hood on the 1st of December, 1831, and of this union there were born nine children, of whom three were born in Romulus: Hannah B, was born Nov. 8, 1832, and is the wife of E. W. Beers, of Adrian Township: Mary was born July 14, 1834, and married Stephen Beers, of Adrian Township, now of Nebraska: Andrew was born April 20, 1836, and is the third child; Caroline was born after the removal of the family to Michigan, in Rome Township, March 27, 1838, and died Jan. 6, 1851; Lewis was born July 21, 1840, and is a resident of Ithaca, this State; Nancy was born April 29, 1842, and is the wife of Franklin Jerrells, of Grand Traverse: Harriet A. was born Aug. 22, 1848, and died in September, 1868; Emma K, was born Aug. 15, 1852, and is the wife of Osear Smith, of Adrian Township; William H. was born Jan, 19, 1856, and is in Rome Township.

Andrew Hood made his home at the old place until about 1877, working first with his father, then rented the homestead; in 1876 he had purchased a tract of forty-five acres, one-half mile west. At the same time he had his present farm on section 26 under process of cultivation. When twenty-four years of age he was first married, Oct. 16, 1860, to

Miss Melissa, daughter of Edward Halsted, of Rome Township. This lady was born on the 6th of November, 1838, and died a few months after her marriage, on the 6th of February, 1861.

Mr. Hood was married a second time, Sept. 30, 1863, to Miss Harriet, daughter of George D, and Sarrah S, (Taylor) Bascom, natives of Vermont, who were married in Raisin Township, this county, May 1, 1836. Mr. and Mrs. Hood have one son, George L., who was born Sept. 2, 1866, and is now a promising young man, and has a teacher's certificate. Mrs. Andrew Hood attended both the district and a private school in Adrian, and developed into a teacher, which profession she followed nine terms.

Mr. Hood has taken very little interest in politics, but upon occasions of general elections votes the straight Democratic ticket. He is a regular attendant of the Methodist Episcopal Church. His farm operations are carried on after the most approved methods, and the home is in all respects the picture of comfort and plenty.



LBERT SOUTHWORTH was a pioneer of Lenawee County, of the log cabin days, where he resided, an honored and respected citizen, for many years, and departed this life on the 24th of May, 1886. He was born in Edmeston, Otsego Co., N. Y., Jan. 15, 1817, while his father, Joseph Southworth, was born in Mansfield, Tolland Co., Conn., Jan. 30, 1788, but when young removed with his parents, Joseph and Lydia Southworth, to Edmeston, where they died.

Joseph Southworth, Jr., was brought up a farmer, and owned a farm in Otsego County, upon which he resided until 1832. In the spring of 1831 he came to Michigan, and purchased of John Pennington 160 acres of land on section 23, Raisin Township, then, returning to Otsego County, sold his farm there, and moved his family to Michigan, settling on his land in the spring of 1832. There was a log house, and small improvements had been made on the farm. His nearest neighbor on the north was Mr. Derbyshire, who lived over a mile distant, and on the south was Darius Comstock, one and one-half miles distant. That fall he sowed a

few acres of wheat, which yielded a good crop the following summer, and furnished food for the family, which otherwise must have suffered. He cleared up the entire 160 acres, and afterward purchased 160 acres more adjoining, and cleared up, the most of it. This excellent tract of land has been subdivided, and now consists of four good farms. He also owned a farm on section 18, Raisin Township, and was one of the organizers of the township, and was elected one of the first Assessors. For many years he was one of the active men of the township, and performed his share of the work in organizing and establishing schools and churches. He was social and genial, a good neighbor and kind friend, and a man of strong character and strict integrity, sagacious, prompt and ambitious. He was a lifelong Democrat, and assisted in organizing the party in Lenawee County after Michigan was admitted into the Union. On the 18th of October, 1810, Joseph Southworth married Hannah, daughter of Low White, of Sherburne, Chenango Co., N. Y., by whom he had six children, Albert being the second son and third child. Mrs. Hannah Southworth was born in Orwell, Vt., May 23, 1785, and died in Raisin Township, Sept. 13, 1849, while Joseph Southworth died in the same township, Sept. 14,

Albert Southworth came to Michigan with his parents in 1832, and was brought up a farmer, living on the homestead until he was twenty-one years of age, and assisted his father in clearing up the farm. In 1843 he went to Galena, Ill., and operated in the lead mines of that locality for three years, but in 1848 he purchased a part of the old homestead in Raisin Township, upon which he resided until his death.

September 12, 1848, Albert Southworth was married to Antoinette Southworth, who was born in Eric County, Pa., on the 24th of December, 1831. She is a daughter of Harvey and Elsie Southworth, residents of Pittsford, Hillsdale Co., Mich. To Mr. and Mrs. Southworth were born eight children, recorded as follows: Marie Antoinette was born Aug. 11, 1849, and died at the age of one year: Lydia L. was born Oct. 3, 1851, and married William Montague, of Raisin Township: Lunetta C. was born Dec. 11, 1854; Albert J. was

born Dec. 20, 1856, and died at the age of two years; Herhert W. was born Feb. 22, 1859; Kate L., May 1, 1862; Arthur W. Dec. 19, 1863, and Alexander P., April 4, 1869.

Since the death of her husband, Mrs. Southworth has superintended the management of the home place, which consists of 108 aeres of highly improved land. She, as well as her husband, belonged to the Methodist Church, in which they were active and earnest. Mrs. Southworth is a lady of refinement and education, and is highly esteemed by all who know her.

ILLIAM MONTAGUE is a general farmer, and has achieved considerable reputation as a grower of small fruits and vegetables, in which business he has been unusually successful. He is pleasantly located on section 17, Raisin Township, where he owns and cultivates sixty acres of land. Being located so near to the city of Adriau, he finds a ready and profitable market for all his fruits and vegetables.

The father of our subject having died in Union County, Pa., the mother concluded to move to the West, and our subject accompanied her when she came to Michigan. The father was a native of Pennsylvania, and was born Oct. 1, 1808. During his life he engaged in farming and running a boat on the canal. At his death he left a wife and four children, the latter all living, whose names are as follows: John, who is a mechanic in Danville, Pa., and married Amanda Effand; William, our subject, James, now a resident of Tecumseh Township, who married Alice Payne, and Elizabeth, the wife of Daniel H. Chase, a resident of the village of Tecumseh.

The maiden name of the mother of our subject was Christiana Scout, a native of Northumberland Connty, Pa., where she was reared and educated. She came of an old Pennsylvania family, her grandfather, William Scout, having been an officer in the war of the Revolution, in which he saw much active service. During these dangerous times he often came in contact with the enemy, and was at one time driven from his home in the night by

the Tories, and compelled to leave before he could dress himself, and had to lie in the brush and woods during the night. Mrs. Montague now resides with her children in Raisin Township, and though seventy-eight years of age, is in possession of her physical and mental faculties. Mr. Montague, our subject, was reared at home under the care of his mother until he was almost a man in stature and years, working at various occupations and for different persons, in order that he might be able to earn his own livelihood, and not be a tax upon his mother.

On the 22d of December, 1869, in Raisin Township, William Montague married Miss [Lydia L. Southworth, who was a native of this township, and was born on the 3d of October, 1851. She grew to womanhood in this township, and received her education in the district schools, and the Raisin Valley Seminary. Mr. and Mrs. Montague are the parents of two children: Paul A., who was born on the 6th of May, 1872, and J. Herbert, on the 12th of November, 1877. They live at home with their parents, and attend the public schools and the seminary of Raisin Valley.

In 1870 Mr. Montague purchased the farm upon which he resides and where he has erected good buildings, and made other substantial improvements. On this farm they have resided ever since their marriage and have proscented their business with good success. Mr. Montague has been a Democrat all his life and upon all occasions contributes his vote to the success of the party of his choice.

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in Rome Township was purchased by the subject of this biography twelve years ago, and he has since given it his undivided attention, enhancing its beauty and value. He has spent his entire life in this county, having been born in Adrian Township, Ang. 3, 1839. The Hood family became residents of New York State during its early settlement. The parents of our subject, John and Olive Hood, were natives of that State and migrated to Michigan at an early day.

William Hood continued under the parental roof

until reaching manhood and was married, Jan. 7, 1863, to Miss Emily, daughter of Roswell and Cardine Hicks. Her father died in November, 1867, and her mother Sept. 19, 1863. Mrs. Hood was born in Rome Township, Sept. 22, 1844, and is the child of one of the early pioneers of Lewance County. Of this union there were two children: Henry P., who was born May 22, 1868, and Carrie, E., May 27, 1873. The former is assisting his father on the farm, and the latter is attending school.

The Hood family, religiously, have been largely represented in the Baptist Church for generations. Our subject enlisted in the late war and served ten months, until the close; he received no wound but his health was greatly impaired. His property comprises eventy-three aeres of land, with first-class buildings, a choice assortment of live stock, and all the machinery for carrying on agriculture after the most approved methods. Mr. Hond, so-cially and financially, rauks among the most honored men of Rome Township, and is full worthy of representation in this work. In politics he is a stanch Republican.

VOHN M. CARY is a citizen who has great faith in the healthfulness and salubriousness of the climate of Lenawee County. In his earlier life his health became impaired and it was necessary for him to travel. Accompanied by a physician, in search of a more healthful location than the section of country where he was born and reared to manhood, he went to various sections of the East, South and West, first settling near Raeine, Wis., then in Montgomery County, Ohio, but in 1864 finally found that the most agreeable locality for him was Lenawee County, and although he has resided in other places since he settled here originally, he is thoroughly wedded to this county, where he is now located on section 11 of Madison Township.

Mr. Cary was born in Oneida County, N. Y., on the 20th of March, 1810. His mother died when he was thirteen years old, and he was then bound out to his uncle, to remain until he was twenty-one years of age. When he was nineteen years old he became dissatisfied with his home at his uncle's and ran away. Near Auburn, N. Y., he found employment at cutting wood, at twenty-five cents per cord, and for the next four years he was variously engaged, in wood-chopping, working in a meat market, and upon a farm by the month. As he had left his uncle before he became of age, under the law and conditions of his indenture be was bound to pay the latter for the unexpired time, and this would take all the money he had earned during the first two years if his uncle exacted it. But at the age of twenty-one, instead of having \$80, and regretting that he had left his uncle, as the latter had predicted, he had \$170 and a fair start in life; the highest wages he had received was \$10 per month.

When he was twenty-three years of age, Mr. Carv was married, in Cavuga County, N. Y., to Miss Fannie, daughter of Ira Hopkins, who was a wealthy farmer in that locality. Mrs. Cary was one of a family of eight children, and was born in Cavnga County. After their marriage they went to Lysander, Onondaga County, N. Y., and bought a farm of Mrs. Cary's father, consisting of 100 acres, thirty of which had been cleared, and on which was located a log house of but one room. Here Mr. Cary began the struggle of life in earnest, and lived for thirteen years, during which time he made valuable improvements in the way of buildings and fences, and planted a fine orchard. On account of the arduous labor required to accomplish this, his health became impaired, and he was obliged to sell the farm, getting for it \$4,000. In company with Dr. Adams he then started for a trip to Syracuse, N. Y., with a carriage and two horses, and traveled through Pennsylvania and Maryland to Washington, D. C., and thence to Virginia. They visited various sections of that State, but not finding things as they expected, they returned to Washington, from which place they proceeded to Wheeling, W. Va. After remaining there a short time they went to Columbus, Ohio, from there to Toledo, and thence to Adrian, Mich. and on into the western part of the State. Here they left their team, and proceeded by the way of Lake Michigan to Chicago, thence by steamer to

Milwaukee, Wis., and from there they traveled to Racine on foot. Being so much pleased with that country, they made up their minds to settle near Racine, and returned to their homes for their families. It required three weeks to make the trip with their families from Oswego, N. Y., to Racine, Wis., the route being by water, by the way of the Straits of Mackinaw.

At Racine Mr. Cary bought a house and lot, in which he and his family resided for three years, during which time be invested money in lands within a short distance of Racine, and which he sold at a profit. In 1856 he received a sunstroke, and in the fall of that year he took his wife and made a trip to Cincinnati, Ohio, and through Kentucky, returning to Racine with his health considerably improved. He then sold his property and removed to a point twelve miles from Cincinnati, in Montcomery County, where he engaged in the business of nursery and fruit farming, in which he engaged for nine years successfully, then sold out to good advantage and removed to Cobden, forty miles from Cairo, Ill. Finding that section of the country to be unhealthy, he sold his possessions there, and in 1864 came to Lenawee County, and purchased a farm in Madison Township, where he resided eleven years. He rented his farm in Madison Township, and removed to near Rome, Ga., where he purchased a large tract of land, but at the end of about eight years he returned to his old home in Madison Township, where he has since resided. This farm is a small tract of land, consisting of only twenty-four acres, but it is very valuable property.

By Mr. Cary's first marriage there were born two children—Ira and Elizabeth. Ira lives in Nebraska, and Elizabeth is the wife of Benjamin Latham, and resides in Moville, Iowa. His second and present wife is Louisa M., daughter of Philo and Betsy (Hopkins) Baldwin, and by this marriage two children were born, one of whom, Bessie M., survives. When a young man, Mr. Cary united with the Presbyterian Church, of which he has always been a consistent and active member. He is a very strong advocate of the doctrines of Prohibition, and expends quite a sum of money every year in purchasing and distributing temperance literature. He is a man of strong convictions, and on the question

of temperance he is very decided in his views. Mr. Cary began life a poor boy, as indicated in the opening of this sketch, and has been successful, for which he is thankful to a kind Providence. He and his wife have endeared themselves by their many acts of benevolence to all the people by whom they are surrounded. Mr. Cary has led an exemplary, temperate life, never having used any intoxicating drinks or tobacco in any form, and today the result is manifest in the health and vigor that characterize his seventy-eighth year, while his comfortable home is indicative of the financial results of a temperate life.

HARLES E. COLLINS occupies the old homestead left him by his father, Isaac Collins, and of which he came into possession in the spring of 1880. It lies on section 2 in Macon Township and embraces 200 acres of valuable land, mostly under entitivation, eighty acres of which belong exclusively to our subject. Here he was born Sept. 20, 1848, and was reared on the farm, receiving his education in the district school. Here his childhood and youth were spent, and he has no greater ambition than to continue the work which his honored tather began, and which is well worthy the best efforts of any honest man.

Mr. Collins is the fourth child and third son of his parents. His father was a native of Monmouth County, N. J., where he was reared to manhood in accordance with the strict principles of his New England ancestry and the old simple Quaker faith. He came to Michigan when a youth of eighteen years, provided with only moderate means, and taking up a tract of Government land, paid for it in work by the day, being employed by Gabriel Mills, one of the pioneers of Macon Township. Mr. Collins, as soon as he had secured the warranty deed of his land, began to make improvements and also to prepare a home for the maiden whom he had chosen as his future wife. This was Miss Mary A. Allen, a native of Prince Edward Island, who came to the United States with her parents when a young girl, and located in Macon Township, this county. After the death of her husband the mother of our

subject was married to Andrew Wilson, a native of New York State, and now a retired farmer of ample means who makes his home in Tecumseh. The parental household included six children, who are all living and married, and mostly residents of this county.

Charles E. Collins has conducted the farm successfully for the last ten years and is keeping up its reputation in a creditable manner. He and all his brothers, like their father before them, are solid Republicans, politically, and are numbered among the representative men of Lenawee County.

OHN COLVIN, son of one of the earliest pioneers of Lenawee County, was born in Madison Township, April 2, 1834. His parents were Isaac A, and Elizabeth (Crane) Colvin, who emigrated from Palmyra, N. Y., to this county, settling first in Madison Township. Thence they removed to Hillsdale County about 1837, and in 1847 they returned to this county and located on a tract of land in Palmyra Township, where they remained until 1851, engaged in milling. Then, being quite well advanced in years, the father abandoned active labor, and took up his residence in Adrian, where he lived for a time. The mother had died in Hudson. Isaac Colvin was subsequently married to Miss Nancy Tucker, who also died in Hudson, in 1884.

Our subject continued with his father until a youth of eighteen years. The father then left Adrian for the West, and crossing the Mississippi, was never afterward heard from. It was believed that he had been foully dealt with, but the most diligent search failed to discover what had become of him. The family then broke up, and our subject, in company with his brother George, went to Palmyra and put up a steam sawmill, which they operated about five years. In 1860 John Colvin crossed the plains to Pike's Peak, and remained in that region about seven months, when he returned to this county. He then engaged in milling, with Arthur Kellogg. They built a portable sawmill and continued together about three years. Mr. Colvin, in 1874, formed a partnership with George Livesay, and the firm of Livesay & Colvin existed for a period of cleven years. In 1885 Mr. C. purchased the interest of his partner in the business and has since carried it on alone.

Mr. Colvin was married in the city of Adrian, Nov. 17, 1864, to Miss Ellen M. Livesay, the sister of his old partner, and daughter of James Livesay. Mrs. Colvin was born in Fairfield Township, Nov. 23, 1842. Her parents, James and Amelia (Salsbury) Livesay, were natives of New York, and came to this county in the pioneer days. They spent their last years in Fairfield Township, the mother dving in 1860, and the father in 1885. Mr. and Mrs. Colvin have a son and daughter: James H., born Sept. 15, 1866, and Bessie D., May 17, 1873. They are now at home. Mr. Colvin has officiated as Township Clerk, and held the office of Treasurer for a period of four years, Socially, he belongs to Lodge No. 225, F. & A. M., and with his estimable lady is a member of Fairfield Grange. Politically, he votes the straight Republican ticket. He is a gentleman attentive to his business, and holds no unimportant place among the intelligent people of his town,

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EVI HAWLEY is a native of Lenawee County, having been born in Adrian Township, Dec, 30, 1838. He has lived in this county ever since his birth, except what time he passed in the service of the Government during the late Civil War, when he was numbered among the brave and gallant defenders of our National life. He is the son of Henry and Mary A. (Thomas) Hawley, who were among the early pioneers of this region. The father of our subject was a native of the State of New York, whence he came to this State, and followed the business of farming until his death, which occurred in this county in 1870, after he attained the age of sixty-seven years. His estimable wife died in 1873, also in this county.

The subject of this sketch remained at home with his parents, helping to develop the farm, and received his education at the district schools, which even at that early period were instituted in this county. When he had attained his majority he

rented a piece of land in Rome Township and brought it to a high state of cultivation. He remained on this farm until 1863, and then removed to his present home. During the summer of 1864 strong appeals were made by the Government for men to fill up the depleted regiments then in the front. His patriotism being brought to a test in this moment of his country's need, he left his wife and home, and on the 26th of August, 1864, enlisted in Company II, 14th Michigan Cavahy, under the command of Capt. Bowen. He remained in this regiment until the close of hostilities, during which time that gallant body of men was largely employed in Virginia, Tennessee and North Carolina, destroying bridges, railroad tracks, salt works and other public property. He participated with the regiment in the engagements at Henry Court House, Salisbury, High Point, Statesville, Newton and others. After the surrender of Gen. Joseph Johnston, the regiment was ordered to Knoxville, Tenn., at which point he was mustered out and discharged June 16, 1865. A brave member of a gallant regiment, he was always ready to face any danger in the line of his duty. At the termination of his term of service he returned to his home in Rome Township.

Charles Hawley, a brother of the subject of this sketch, a young and gallant hero, suffered a more unfortunate fate. He enlisted in Company F. 4th Michigan Cavalry, in 1861 at the beginning of the war, but after two years of gallant service he was taken prisoner by the rebels at the sanguinary battle of Chickamauga, Sept. 19, 1863, where the tide of battle was so fiercely contested by that noble hero, Gen. George H. Thomas. Young Hawley, in company with many others, was cast into the rebel prison pen at Andersonville. ing the pangs of hunger and enduring all manner of privations, he lived but one year, dying on the 19th of September, 1864, when but twenty-three years of age. A young man with scarcely the bloom of youth bronzed on his check, laying down his life for his country, he had not even the satisfaction of offering it up in the battle's red front, where heroic deeds warm up the blood. Instead of that his life passed away among the horrible scenes of the foulest prison the world has ever seen, a disgrace to the unreteenth century—His fate deserves commiseration, and—all true patriots can sincerely say, "God rest his soul."

Levi Hawley, the subject of this sketch, and Miss Mariam Hood were united in marriage in Rome Township, Oct. 23, 1863. She is a native of that township, where she was born Nov. 24, 1840, and is the daughter of Moses G, and Adelia (Knowles) Hood. Her father is a native of New York, and was born Dec. 6, 1807; her mother was born in Seneca County, N. Y., in 1804.

Mr. Hawley is now in possession of a fine and highly cultivated farm, on which he has a handsome residence and is surrounded by all the comforts of a pleasant home. Here he proposes to pass his declining years, enjoying the fruits of his diligence and industry, and adding to his present possessions. He is a model citizen and justly stands high in the estimation of his friends and neighbors.

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HARLES E. BOWERMAN is a worthy representative of the intelligence, the integrity and the moral worth of the people of Raisin Township. He is widely and favorably known throughout its borders and universally spoken of with respect and esteem. Too much credit cannot be given to the men who have been leaders in the foundation of a new settlement, and have without question figured largely in shaping its destiny. Mr. Bowerman, although exceedingly modest in his demeanor and totally guiltless of assuming any virtue which he does not possess, should derive much satisfaction in contemplation of the part which he has played in life, and which has been one of which his descendants will speak with pride in after years.

The property of our subject includes ninety-four acres of land on section 32, which has been brought to a fine state of cultivation, and upon which stands a neat and tasteful set of farm buildings. The fields are conveniently laid off and inclosed with good fences, and everything about the premises indicates the system and good order which have been one of the ruling characteristics of the proprietor. Mr. Bowerman for several years has given his attention

mostly to the growing of fruit and vegetables, for which he finds a ready market in the city of Adrian, and which yields him annually a handsome income. His success in this department of agriculture has been largely owing to his habit of observation, and the course of reading which he has pursued for many years. He keeps himself well posted in regard to his business and upon all other matters of general interest, so that in conversing either with friends or strangers, he is at home upon the general tonies of the day.

Our subject was born at the old homestead of his parents on section 33, in Raisin Township Aug. 27, 1845. His father, Samuel Bowerman, was a native of Saratoga County, N. Y., where he spent the larger part of his early life, alternately with a residence at times in Niagara County. About 1832 he migrated to Michigan, and not long afterward. becoming a resident of Lenawee County formed the acquaintance of Miss Dorcas, daughter of Jeremiah Westgate, to whom he was married in the spring of 1833. The Westgates were also natives of the Empire State, and after coming to this county the parents spent the remainder of their days in Raisin Township, After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Bowerman located upon a tract of land in Raisin Township where they built up a good home, where their children were born, and where they spent the remainder of their days. The mother preceded her husband to the silent land some years, her death taking place April 11, 1865, when she was but forty-nine years of age. The father survived several years, dying at the age of sixtysix in 1880. In early manhood he had identified himself with the old Whig party, but upon its abandonment cordially endorsed Republican principles. Both parents were members of the Society of Friends, and possessed the correct and gentle characteristies of that peculiar and conscientious people.

Charles E. Bowerman was the eighth of eleven children born to his parents, and with his brothers and sisters pursued his early studies in the primary schools. He took kindly to his books, and when sufficiently advanced entered Valley Seminary at Raisin. Nothing pleased him, however, better than the free and independent life of a farmer, and so

he chose this rather than one of the professions, for. In setting about the establishment of a home and domestic ties of his own one of the first important steps was his marriage, which occurred Oct. 13, 1864, his chosen bride being Miss Frances A. Wilson, a native of Palmyra Township, and born May 23, 1841. Mrs. Bowerman is the daughter of Thomas and Lydia B. (Hoag) Wilson, both now deceased. Thomas Wilson died Dec. 5, 1882, aged seventy-three years, and Lydia B. Wilson died Aug. 31, 1863. Thomas Wilson was of English birth and ancestry, and emigrated to America when a young man, coming directly to Michigan and locating on a tract of land in Raisin Township where, with his excellent wife, he spent the remainder of his days. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson were both members of the Society of Friends, and Mrs. Wilson was a preacher in that faith, and spent much of her time in traveling in the interest of that church, The parental household included two children, and both received the advantages of a good commonschool education. Mrs. Bowerman is a lady respected for amiability and intelligence, and is the faithful encourager of her husband in all his worthy ambitions. Both are public-spirited and hospitable, and make it the rule of their lives to do good as they have opportunity. Their family includes four interesting children, namely: Alma L., born May 3, 1870; Harvey E., Sept. 11, 1872; Harry A., Feb. 7, 1881, and Bessie L., Aug. 19, 1884.



HOMAS J. HARRIS. He who has no regard for the record of the past, and no anxiety to be remembered in the future, is scarcely worthy to be chronicled among the lives of men. Such persons, however, are few, and the facilities for preserving the names and deeds of good men to their posterity have never been so easy as at the present time; neither have men heretofore realized so deeply the importance and wisdom of preserving the family record in a manner which should be easy of access.

The subject of this brief history, a gentleman in the prime of life, passed his early years in this State, and after serving as a soldier in the Union army, took up his residence in this country, since which time he has lived mostly in Adrian Township. He was born March 7, 1839, in Homer, Calhoun County, and is the son of Walter Harris, whose father, Isaac Harris, was a native of England. The latter emigrated to America when quite a youth locating in New York State, and carried on farming there until resting from his earthly labors when well stricken in years.

Walter Harris was born in Shaftsbury, Vt., in 1803, and remained a resident of his native county until a youth of nineteen years. He was soon afterward married to Miss Thankful, daughter of Thomas Look, a whaler of New Bedford, Mass. The mother of our subject was born in 1800, on the island of Martha's Vineyard. The parents continued in Vermont until 1835, then made their way to the Territory of Michigan, locating near Hanover, where the father cultivated the soil and built up a good homestead from land which the mother had taken up from the Government. They subsequently removed to Cleveland, Ohio, of which they were residents five years, then returned to Miehigan and spent their last years in Coldwater, The father died when fifty-seven years of age, while the mother survived several years, and was seventy-four at the time of her death. They were the parents of eight children, seven of whom grew to mature years, but of whom only three are living. George W., during the late war served as a Union soldier in Battery D, and after his discharge from the army settled in Georgia, where he now lives.

Our subject continued under the parental roof until after the outbreak of the late war, and soon after the first call for troops enlisted, April 23, 1861. The troops were soon afterward ordered South, and young Harris saw the smoke of battle first at Rich Mountain, in Virginia, and subsequently participated in the engagements at Elk Water, Greenbrier, Perryville, Bridgeport, Chickamauga, Lookout Mountain and Mission Ridge, besides meeting the enemy in various minor engagements and skirmishes. Toward the close of the war he was detailed for garrison duty at Chattanooga, Tenn., and was severely injured by the discharge of a cannon, which, although not producing any

flesh wound, was the occasion of a terrible shock to his system, and from which he has never entirely recovered. He is assured by those who know that he is thus entitled to a pension from the Government, and will probably receive one in due time.

Aside from this injury Mr. Harris returned comparatively unharmed from the army, receiving his honorable discharge at Jackson, Mich., July 28, 1865. His army experience was one of thrilling interest; upon one occasion, the battery while at Chickamanga was completely demoralized, only one soldier who had engaged there escaping injury, Mr. Harris at this time was Sergeant of No. 3, and while busy leveling his piece at the rebels, paid no attention to what was going on in the rear until he found himself surrounded by the enemy. He determined, however, to have one more good shot at them, and then with three cannoneers he started for the rear. They were too few, however, to succeed; one of the comrades of Mr. Harris fell at his side, but preserved consciousness enough to hand his pocket-book to Sergt, Harris. There was in it \$100 in bills, which had already been sprinkled with the life blood of the dying man. Our subject succeeded in making his escape with the money, which he transferred to the hands of his Lieutenant. and it was finally delivered safely to Mrs. Mary Van Pelt, the widow of the fallen soldier, Mr. Harris, in the meantime, had assisted the horses to pull the guns, and necessarily assumed command, as those who had occupied this post were either killed or disabled from their wounds,

Upon his return from the army Mr. Harris employed himself as a carpenter until the spring of 1867, and then located his future home in Adrian Township. In August of that same year, he was married to Miss Alma, daughter of Levi Fowler, a native of Steuben, Oneida Co., N. Y., who came to Michigan to prospect for land in 1834. Two years later Mr. Fowler brought his family to Adrian Township, before there was a locomotive west of Buffalo. The ears were drawn by horses and were nearly all day in making the trip from Toledo to Adrian. The Fowlers lived in a "shanty" the first winter, and then on account of sickness returned to New York, to wait until Southern Michigan should have become more fully developed.

Mr. Fowler again came to this State in 1846, and spent his last years in Adrian Township, this country, his death taking place Nov. 6, 1886. His wife, who in her girlhood was Miss Sally Ives, lives at the homestead where they first settled over fifty years non.

Mr. and Mrs. Harris, after marriage, at once repaired to the farm which they now occupy, but which then presented a far different appearance from that of the present. Here their five children were born. The eldest, Eugene F., came to the household May 17, 1868, and is now a promising youth completing his studies in Raisin Valley Semiparv. Elmer T. was born Dec. 15, 1869, is also a lad of studions habits, and the companion of his brother at the same institution of learning; George N. was born Feb. 16, 1875, and still attends the district school: Frank J. was born Oct. 8, 1877, upon the anniversary of the battle of Perryville, Ky., which was the scene of one of the first engagements of his father with the enemies of the Union; the "baby" was born April 16, 1886.

Mr. Harris cast his first Presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln, in November, 1860, and since that time has been a stanch supporter of the Republican party. He has always taken a warm interest in political matters, usually being present at the town caucases and the county conventions, and giving much time to his party interests. He is a man whose judgment is usually correct, and one whose opinion is held in the highest respect.

DAM II. ULOTII is one of the most enterprising farmers of Ogden Township. Although he is still a young man he has attained marked success in his chosen calling. He is a native of the great German Empire, as was also his father, George Uloth. The latter had the advantages of an education in the fine public schools of Germany, which he attended until he was fourteen years old, in accordance with the stringent educational laws of that country. He was then apprenticed to learn the carpenter's trade, and after serving his apprenticeship he did journey

work for some years, though he was occasionally employed in farming.

In the year 1856, accompanied by his wife and as a land promising richer returns for his labor. He first located in Lorain County, Ohio, and there commenced his life as a farmer on rented land, being then too poor to purchase a farm. In a few years his farming ventures proved so successful that he had accumulated money enough to buy some land, and as he often had heard of the cheap lands in Southern Michigan he resolved to invest his money here. Accordingly in 1864 he came the price of real estate here within his means, he purchased forty acres of timber land on section 27, of this township. This township is partly within the district formerly known as the Cottonwood Swamp, and though the land was very fertile, yet, owing to its swampy character, it was populated very slowly. Mr. Ploth's first work was to fell the trees to make room for a dwelling. After cutting the trees and drawing them together there came a freshet, and he had to remove the logs to another spot. He finally completed his log cabin sufficiently for the occupancy of his family, who in the meantime had been boarding. He had not the means to improve his land at once, but had to work out by the day to support his family. When not thus employed he worked hard at clearing his land, felling the trees and digging out the stumps, until he had enough cleared to cultivate it profitably without working for others. All his farm work and marketing was done with oxen for some years, but he was very industrious, working early and late to improve his farm, and had succeeded in clearing fifteen acres and had it well improved when his useful career was cut short in the prime of life by his accidental death, Oct. 22, 1871, at the age of forty-eight. His death was caused by a falling

After this sad event the care of the family devolved on the mother, and well did she perform her part; she was a woman of much spirit, and was trained to self-reliant habits. Her maiden name was Magdalena Burk, and she is also a native of Germany and still lives on the homestead with her

two youngest children. She became the mother of nine children, six of whom are still living, all grown to maturity, and recorded as follows: Adam H.; J. Henry (see sketch of J. Henry Uloth), who married Miss Emma Tiffany, and resides in Ogden Township; Lizzie, the wife of Orrin Rugg, residing in Kansas: Minnie, the wife of James Quinly, of Lake County, Mich., and Peter and Conrad, who live on the homestead.

Our subject was the second child born to his parents, the date of his birth being Feb. 2, 1852, and was but four years old when he came with them to America, and twelve years old when they removed to this county. He made his home with his parents until he was seventeen years old, assisting them in the hard labors consequent upon settlement in a new country, and in the year 1869, he started out in the world to begin life for himself, as by that time the younger members of the household were large enough to be of great help, and his assistance was not so much needed. He went to Lorain County, Ohio, where he had lived with his parents when he first eame to America, and soon engaged himself to work on a farm by the year, working thus for some years. He then returned to Ogden Township and remained on the homestead for one year, taking charge of his mother's farm. He next made his first purchase of land, buying forty acres in Ogden Township, and lived on it for a year, when he went to Ohio again, and rented land in Royalton Township for four years. He then returned to this State and bought the farm where he now resides on section 31 of Ogden Township, This farm consists of 120 acres of valuable land. seventy-five of which are cleared. He has erected a fine, commodious frame dwelling with all the modern conveniences, a large barn, and other buildings, including a creamery, which he leases to other parties; these buildings, in point of architecture. convenience and size, rank with the best in the county.

Mr. Uloth has not attained this prosperity unaided; a part of his success is due to the aid and encouragement he has received from his good wife, to whom he was married March 6, 1875. Two children have been born to them—Milton and Floyd.

Mrs. Uloth, whose maiden name was Abbie J.

Santee, was born in Amboy Township, Fulton Co., Ohio, Feb. 25, 1859, and is the daughter of James G. Santee. Her grandparents were George and Calista (Parent) Santce, the former born in Laneaster County, Pa., while his father was a native of one of the Eastern States. Some years after his marriage he went to Ohio and became a pioneer of Amherst Township, Lorain County, where he erected a sawmill in connection with his farm. About 1857 he removed to Royalton Township, Fulton County, in the same State, and bought a tract of land in the timber, upon which he lived until his death a few years afterward. His son, James G. Santee, married in Fulton County and then removed to Wood County, whence he returned in a few years and settled in Ambov Township, where he still resides. His wife was born in Lorain County, Ohio, while her father, Benjamin Parent, was a native of the Eastern States, and removed to Ohio in the early settlement of Lorain County. Thence he removed to Fulton County and was an early settler of Royalton Township, where he improved a farm, and there died. wife, whose maiden name was Betsy Robb, still resides in Royalton at the advanced age of eightytwo years.

Mr. Uloth is a man of much ability, sound judgment and good business principles, as is evinced by his early success in life. It is to such men that we look to sustain the present prosperity of this great State. He is interested in the political affairs of his adopted country, and works with the Republican party.

OHN G. MASON came to this county in 1840 when a child five years of age, and since that time has known no other home. His first recollections are of its pioneer scenes, amid which he spent his early years, and afterward watched its slow but sure development into a section of country which has since been sought by people from all parts of New England and the South. The interests of Lenawee County have been his essentially, and he has taken delight in its prosperity and advancement. He was blessed

with a good constitution, and the labits of industry in which he was trained by his excellent purents have resulted in the accumulation of valuable property, including 200 acres of land, a good set of frame and brick buildings, with all the machinery required for the successful prosecution of agriculture. Mr. Mason makes his home now in the city of Adrian, where he has a fine residence, and is surrounded by all the conveniences and conforts of modern life. He busies himself in superintending the operations of his farm, in which he takes great satisfaction, and which, in addition to its other fine points, is well stocked with Jersey eattle, horses and sheep.

Mr. Misson was born in Richmond, Ontario Co., N. Y., July 9, 1835. He is the son of Gardner and Olive P. Mason, and his paternal grandparents were John and Sally Mason, natives of Massachusetts. The former was born in Swansea, in 1767, and died in Bristol, N. Y., in 1836; his wife, Sally, was born in Dighton, in 1771, and survived her lusband twenty-four years, continuing on the old homestead, where her death took place July 44, 1860. John Mason, during his early manhood, was a seafaring main, and part owner of a trading vessel, which plied between Boston and Newbern, N. C. In 1804 he decided to locate on terra firma, and proceeding to New York State took up a tract of land in the wilderness of Ontario County, where he cleared a farm, and with his estimable wife spent the remaining of his days.

Gardner Mason, the father of our subject, was born at the farm of his parents near Bristol, Ontario Co., N. Y., Ang. 3, 1808, and was the sixth in a family of seven children. He was a wide-awake and energetic youth, and when eighteen years old purchased his time of his father and set out in the world for himself. He was narried at about the time of reaching his majority, and afterward, in 1831, purchased a farm not far from the old homestead. He finally became owner of three farms in Outario County, all of which he bought within a space of five years. He sold his property there after he determined to emigrate to Michigan, and upon his arrival in this county secured a large tract of land in Fairfield Township, which was mostly covered with heavy timber. He cleared

about eightly acres, put up good buildings, and lived upon the place until the winter of 1851-55. The following summer he sold this and purchased an improved farm in Ogden Township, of which he took possession, and where his death occurred eleven years later, Oct. 15, 1865. The name of Gardner Mason is recalled as that of a man possessing many virtues, and one who endenvored in all his dealings with his fellowmen to follow strictly the precepts of the Golden Rule. In appearace he was of portly and commanding figure, and in his young manhood was distinguished as an adhlete of uncommon powers.

The mother of our subject, who before her marriage was Miss Olive P. West, was a native of the same county as her husband, born in Richmond Township, July 9, 1808. Her parents were Nathan and Sally West, ploneers of Ontario County. Mrs. Mason came to the West with her husband and survived him fourteen years, her death taking place in Adrian at the residence of her son, John G., Jan. 3, 1880. The maternal grandparents of our subject were natives of Massachusetts and pioneers of Ontario County, N. Y., where their decease took place at the homostead which they had built up from the wilderness.

John G. Mason was rearred to farm pursuits, and completed his studies in the fall of 1855, in the public schools of Adrian. Afterward, until his marriage, he was engaged in agriculture in Ogden Township, remaining there until 1872. During this interval he filled the offices of Postmaster, School Inspector and Township, Supervisor three years, was Deputy Sheriit six years, and in the fall of 1872 was elected Sheriif, which office he held two years. He was then renominated by acclamation, but defeated by Col. N. B. Edrædge.

Mr. Misson, in January, 1873, took up his residence in Adrian, and two years later engaged in the drug business, which he carried on until the spring of 1883. He then sold out to his son-in-law, Mr. Alfred Johnson, and resumed the more congenial pursuits of farm life. He has been prominently identified with many of the enterpreses tending to elevate the people, and has given particular attention to the management of the public schools, as he is a warm triend or education and is

willing to make sacrifices that the young may have the advantages which are their due as citizens of a free and enlightened republic. He has been a memher of the Board of Trustees of the public schools of the city for several years, five of which he has been President, and still holds that office. Probably no man within the limits of Lenawee County is more widely or more favorably known.

Mr. Mason, on the 3d of February, 1856, several months before reaching his majority, assumed domestic ties by his marriage with Miss Amanda D. Carter, the wedding taking place at the home of the bride in Ogden. Mrs. Mason is the daughter of Norman B. and Mentha M. Carter, natives of New York and now deceased. She was born in Ashford, Cattaraugus Co., N. Y., Oct. 10, 1834, and came to Michigan with her parents when a child two years of age. She grew up amid the wild scenes of life in a new country, and was trained by her excellent mother to all those virtues and employments which constitute the model wife and mother. Mr. and Mrs. Mason became the parents of two children: Glendora E., who was born in Ogden, Aug. 20, 1857, and is now the wife of Alfred Johnson, of Adrian, and Stella D., who was born Sept, 28, 1859, became the wife of George L. Bennett, and now resides in Adrian.

ILLIAM A. TEACHOUT. Among the rising young men of Lenawee County may be numbered the gentleman whose name is given at the head of this sketch. He is a native of this county, having been born in Rome Township, where he now resides, Aug. 27, 1856, and is a son of George W. and Harriet Teachout.

Young Teachout remained at home until he attained the age of fourteen years, since which time he has been largely dependent upon his own exertions for his advancement in life. He received his education in the district schools of his native township, and at the High School at Adrian, where he spent some time. Since taking upon himself the responsibilities of life he has been variously employed. Like many others who depend upon their own exertions, he has not been enabled to chose

that species of employment most congenial to him. Filling the position of a clerk in a store at Adrian, carrying the mail for four years, with a fair share of farming, he has filled up his life to the present moment. On the 8th of February, 1880, he was united in marriage with Miss Mary L. Christman, who was born Dec. 20, 1861, in Rome Township, and is the daughter of Henry C, and Susan E. (Hines) Christman.

Mr. Christman was born in Niagara County, N. Y., Aug. 2, 1830. When he was but five years of age the family removed to Ohio, but after dwelling there three years, in 1838 they removed to Washtenaw County, Mich, In 1868 his father, John Christman, removed to Gratiot County, Mich., where he is still living, having attained the ripe old age of eighty years. Mrs. Jane (DeCow) Christman, the mother of Henry, was a native of Canada, where she was born in 1812, and died in 1886. Henry remained at home until he was eighteen years old, sometimes working on a farm but oftener at his trade, which was that of a carpenter and joiner. About 1849 he was appointed station keeper on the New York & Erie Canal, which position he filled for some time, after which he came to Adrian, Lenawce County, where for several years he was engaged at his trade, and in 1860 removed to Rome Township. While peacefully carrying out his business pursuits, the cloud of war broke over our devoted country, and the Government kept calling for men to but down the unholy rebellion. Fired with a natural patriotism, on the 7th of November, 1863, Henry Christman enlisted in Company M. 1st Regiment of Engineers and Mechanics, under the immediate command of Capt, Edson P. Gifford. After spending a week in camp at Detroit, the company was taken to Bridgeport, Ala., and in that and the surrounding country they passed their time until March, 1865, when they were ordered to join Gen. W. T. Sherman's army, at Goldsboro, N. C. After attaining that point they marched to Raleigh, in the same State, where they remained until after the surrender of Gen. Joseph Johnston, Marching then to Washington with his company, Mr. Christman participated in the grand review which took place in that city; proceeding then to Nashville by way of Louisville,

he there received his discharge, Sept. 22, 1865. He had acted as Sergeant throughout all his time of service, having been promoted to that position at the date of his muster in.

After receiving his discharge Mr. Christman returned to Rome Township, and resuming his trade, has carried it on until the present moment. He was married, Dec. 1, 1852, to Miss Adelina Allen, whose parents were early settlers of this county, Their married life was, however, of short duration, as she died on the 22d of August, 1853. Feeling that it was not well for man to dwell alone, on the 23d of June, 1855, he was again united in marriage, this time with Miss Susan E. Hines. She is a native of Yates County, N. Y., where she was born Feb. 29, 1836, and is the daughter of George and Sophia (Maine) Hines, both of whom were natives of New Jersey. George Hines died in Cambridge Township, this county, at the early age of thirtytwo years, and his wife followed him in death, from the residence of Henry Christman, when sixtyseven years old. Mrs. Christman was one of a family of ten children, five of whom grew to manhood and womanhood, and are married and sur-

Mr. and Mrs. Christman are the parents of three children: Mary L., the wife of William A. Teachout, and two who died in infancy. Mr. Christman is now engaged in operating in general carpentry, having a general repair shop in this township. Mr. and Mrs. William A. Teachout are the happy parents of two interesting children: Zeda L., who was born Jan. 27, 1881, and Clare W., Dec. 11, 1886.

ON. FERNANDO C. BEAMAN was born in Chester County, Vt., June 28, 1811, and departed this life at his home in the city of Adrian, Sept. 27, 1882. He had a long and wearisome struggle with infirm health, and as a man whose public career was well known throughout the Northwest, and whose services had been great, he was universally mourned.

Mr. Beaman was the offspring of parents in modest circumstances, and removed with them from his native State to Franklin County, N. Y., when a child five years of age. He obtained a commonschool education in his youth, and was a classmate of William A. Wheeler, late Vice President of the United States. In 1836 he commenced the study of law in the city of Rochester, and three years later, after having been a resident of Michigan some months, was admitted to the bar. He commenced practice in Washtenaw County, and in 1843 was appointed Prosecuting Attorney of Lenawee a resident of Adrian, where he subsequently made his home. He pursued his law practice continuously, having for his partners some of the most eminent jurists of the State, and in 1856 was elected Probate Judge, serving his term, and in 1871 was appointed to the same office which had been made vacant by the death of his former partner and friend, Hon, Robert R. Beecher. In 1879 he was to succeed Hon, Zachariah Chandler, deceased,

Aside from being generally interested in the affairs of the county and district Mr. Beaman served that time, in 1856, was chosen as one of the Presibirth of the Republican party under the traditional oaks of Jackson. His course had been marked by such rare discretion and good judgment that in licans, the district comprising the counties of Grant, Cass, St. Joseph, Hillsdale, Lenawee and Monroe, Mr. Beaman's majority over his opponent, the Hon, S. C. Cotlin Berry, of St. Joseph, was 6,474. Two years later, after the re-districting of the State, he was once more pitted against a very popular man, the Hon, E. J. Pennington, of Plymouth, Wayne County, but was again elected, and afterward served as Senator until 1872. He now declined to be a candidate for further honors, preferring to resume his law practice in Adrian and

Hon, Fernando C, Beaman served Michigan in Congress during the terrible years of the Civil War, a conflict in which he was vitally interested, not from any selfish motives, but from his inborn pat-

riotism, and the voice of conscience which would only allow him to act in consonance with his views. Under the terrible mental strain his health gave the Congressional arena had there been a day in which he did not suffer from the effects of the labors of those historic years. At that time he was the friend and close associate of Sunner, Stevens, Washburne, Lincoln, Wilson, Chandler, Howard, and the other noble men whose works and words brightened that dark page of the nation's history. In the intelligent position which he took upon the question of reconstruction he was warmly commended by such men as Charles Sumner, Salmon P. Chase, Thaddeus Stevens and other statesmen, and his opinions were sought for and listened to with that serious attention which indicated that they carried conviction with them.

As an attorney and counselor Judge Beaman was admirably equipped, both by nature and training, for the duties involved in a constant succession of intricate questio. s. At the bar he was the peer of any attorney in the State, and had a thorough contempt for the arts of the pettifogger and the professional politician. He was particularly courteous with the younger members of the profession, remembering his own early efforts, and that eminence could only be attained by steady and resolute persistence. He was conscientions in his practice, never taking a case of whose justice he was not fully convinced.

The marriage of Fernando C. Beaman and Miss Mary Goodrich was celebrated in Brockport, N. Y., on the 10th of May, 1841. Mrs. B. is the daughter of Ira and Fear (Potter) Goodrich, natives of New York State, in which both families had been represented for several generations. They were mostly farmers by occupation, but Mr. Goodrich, during the later years of his life, engaged in mercantile pursuits. He died at the age of forty years, at Rochester, N. Y., and his excellent wife spent her last years at Brockport. Mrs. Beaman was well educated, and moved in the best society of her native State, being an own cousin of Senator Platt. Of her union with our subject there were born three children, namely: Mary A., born in this county March 1, 1842, and now the wife of Rienzi Baker; Edward C., born March 12, 1815, in Adrian, died July 5, 1846; Roscoe W., born in Adrian, July 18, 1847, died in Cheago, Aug. 31, 1877.

Mrs. Beaman was well litted, both by nature and training, to be the companion of such a man as her husband. She stood by his side during sunshine and storm, proving his most faithful counselor and sympathizer. She is still living in Adrian in the enjoyment of good health, honored and respected by all who know her.

Fernando C. Beaman was the son of Joshua and Hannah (Olcott) Beaman, natives respectively of Lameaster, Mass., and Windsor County, Vt. Joshua Beaman was a descendant of Gamaliel Beaman, whose parents settled in Dorchester, Mass., when Gamaliel was a lad twelve years of age. The latter was married in early manhood, and became the father of eight children. His grandson, Elijah, married Miss Thankful Nichols, in 1859, and they were the grandparents of Fernando C. Beanan,

Joshia Beaman lived in Lancaster, Mass., until 1787, when he was called out by the Government to assist in quelling Shay's Rebellion; this accomplished he took up his abode in Chester, Vt., whence he removed in 1819 to Chautauqua, N. Y., where he spent the remainder of his life engaged in farming. He married Miss Hannah Olcott in 1791, She was the daughter of Timothy and Hannah (Chandler) Olcott, and of this union there were born fourteen children, of whom Fernando C. was the sixth son and twelfth child.

Mrs. Hannah Beaman was born in 1773, and died at the old homestead in Chautauqua County, N. Y., March 19, 1829.

EORGE LANE was born in what is now Blissfield Township, Lenawee County, on the 27th of March, 1827. Jacob Lane, his father, was born in New Jursey, where he grew to menhood and was reared upon a farm. In that State he learned the trade of blacksmithing, and coming to Michigan as early as 1825, worked at his trade in Monroe County. In 1826 he was married to Louisa, a daughter of Gen. Giles, and

afterward came to Lenawee County, the removal being made with teams, for which he had to cut part of the way through the forest.

which he divided his time with his agricultural labors. After three or four years he removed to Monroe, where he worked at his trade three years, and then returned to Blissfield and began keeping hotel. In 1836 his wife died, and abandoning the hotel business Mr. Lane went to Philadelphia, where he remained three years and learned the trade of a machinist. He then went to Detroit and worked in the railroad shops for two years, after which he returned to Monroe, where he procured the position of foreman in the railroad shops, In 1847 he met his death by accident, being killed George; John, who died in 1833; William, who lives in Ouincy, Ill.: Charles, who served in an Ohio regiment in the late war, and was killed in the battle of Atlanta, in July, 1864; and one

The subject of this sketch was but nine years of age when his mother died, and he went to make his home with his maternal grandparents. During his boyhood he attended the pioneer schools and assisted his grandfather in the work upon the farm. Up to fifteen years of age his life was spent with his grandfather and uncles, but at that age he concluded to care for himself, and engaged in work upon the farm, first receiving \$3 per month, and later \$9. For three years he continued at farm work, and then procured the situation as foreman on the Michigan Southern & Indiana Railway, and remained in the employ of that company for eighteen months, when he went to Ohio and secured employment with the Mad River Railroad Company, where he remained five years and then returned to Lenawee County. During these various employments he had saved sufficient money with which to buy 114 acres of land, forty of which were cleared. Upon his return to Lenawee County he lived upon this farm for four years, when he went back to years, at the end of which time he returned to Blissfield and resumed farming. Soon after this he

purchased his present farm near the village of Blisstield, on which he has creeted a splendid house in which he lives in ease and comfort.

On the 20th of January, 1850, Mr. Lane was married to Sarah A. Elsey, who was born on Staten Island, and is a daughter of William Elsey, a native of England. They are the parents of ten children, as follows: Charles lives in Gentry County, Mo.; Leona is the wife of J. L. Hazard, and lives in Florida; William and George live in Gentry County, Mo.; Many married William R. Edgar, and lives in Lima, Ohio: Clara, wife of Charles E. Bird, lives in Blissfield; Bradford, Anna Belle, John and Jennie age at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Lane are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to which organization they contribute time and means. In his politics Mr. Lane is decidedly partial to the Republican party, with which he has always affiliated. He is the son of one of the first settlers of the State of Michigan, and was himself born before the township in which he now resides was surveyed or named. He has been a participant in all the privations and hardships of pioneer life in Michigan, and is thoroughly a self-made man, having been left without parental care and protection when a mere boy. How well he has fought the battle of life is best evidenced by his present possessions, for he is considered one of the wealthiest men in Blissfield Township.



OHN T. COLEGROVE came to Medina Township when a single man, arriving here on the 1st of October, 1842. He was without eapital, and for three years employed himself as a farm laborer, managing in the meantime to save each year something from his carnings, and in 1843 purchased a tract of land embracing eighty-six acres on section 2. I'pon this there had been very little attempt at improvement, and under great difficulties he commenced clearing the land and preparing the soil for cultivation. There was little to encourage him the first and second sensons, atthough he gained a little headway each year, and in due time began to realize that his labors were not to be in vain. He has now one of the

best appointed homesteads in the township, with a beautiful residence and substantial out-buildings, and has added to his first purchase to the amount of seventy-nine acres, lying on section 1; he has also an interest in eighty acres on section 25. He is known among his neighbors as an honest, upright man of good principles, conscientions in his beliefs, and in all respects a model citizen. He votes the straight Republican ticket, and has represented his township in the County Board of Supervisors four terms, besides serving as Highway Commissioner.

Our subject was born in the township of Norwich, McKean Co., Pa., May 22, 1820, and is the son of Benjamin and Lucy (Garlie) Colegrove, the former born in Plainfield, Windham Co., Conn., and the latter in Lanesboro, Berkshire Co., Mass. They were married about 1814, and soon afterward started for Pennsylvania, where the father had purchased land. They set out with a sleigh and a team of horses, but when they arrived at Norwich, Chenango Co., N. Y., the snow had left the ground, and it not being convenient to procure a wheeled vehicle, the father decided to stay there until he could proceed on his journey, and accordingly rented a farm for the season. In the winter following, when the snow came on, they resumed their lourney, and arrived safely at their destination. They continued in McKean County, Pa., twenty-eight years thereafter, and there became the parents of seven children, of whom six are still living, namely: Avander H., Mary A., Henry G., John T., Alonzo B. and Naomi G. One son, Truman D., enlisted during the late Rebellion in the Bucktail Regiment of Pennsylvania, in 1862. Soon after entering the service he contracted a severe cold which developed into typhoid fever, from which he died at Washington, D. C. The mother died at the homestead in McKean County, in October, 1847.

In 1842 the four eldest sons of Benjamin Colegrove left the Keystone State and came to this county, among them John T., of our sketch. The father six years later followed them with his two remaining children, and continued a resident of Medina Township fifteen years, when he moved to Morenci, where his death took place on the 4th of April, 1875. He was an industrious and hard-working man, and as the result of good habits attained to the advanced age of eighty-eight years.

John T. Colegrove received a common-school education, and has all his life been engaged in farming pursuits. A few years after taking up his residence in Medina Township, and after he had prepared a suitable home for the maiden of his choice, he was married, on the 25th of August, 1846. to Miss S. Hortensa, danghter of Benjamin and Mary C. Holmes, natives respectively of New York State and Massachusetts. Mr. Holmes was born in 1797, and was the son of Benjamin T. Holmes, who was born in Massachusetts, July 20, 1760. The latter served seven years in the Revolutionary War, and was an intimate friend of Washington. Benjamin T. Holmes learned the trade of a shoemaker when a young man, and later engaged in farming. He came to this county with his family in 1836, and established himself on a tract of land in Medina Township, where he continued to live until his death, in March, 1881. His wife had died six years previously, on the 3d of August, 1875. Their four children were named respectively; Albina S., Arthur M., S. Hortensa and James L.

Mrs. Colegrove was born Jan. 19, 1827, in Wayne County, N. Y., and was nine years of age when her parents came to this county. She received her education in the common school, and continued under the careful training of her mother until her mariage. Her union with our subject resulted in the birth of three children—Ottis, Benjamin M., and an infant deceased. Ottis married Miss Rosa E. Barker, and resides on the old homestead; they have two children—Vining B. and Viola H. Benjamin M. married Miss Frances J. Rice, and is farming in Medina Township; they have three children—Clark E., Sylvanus J. and Phillip.



EV. DAVID STUBERT STEPHENS, M. A., President of Adrian College, one of the finest educational institutions in the great West, was born at Springfield, Ohio, May 12, 1847, and is therefore filling his most responsible position at the comparatively youthful age of forty years. For this, however, he is admirably

fitted both by nature and education. He is a gentheman of superior birth and parentage, his father, Oliver Perry Stephens, having been a minister in the Ohio Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, and his mother, Mary Anna (Biddle) Stephens, a hely of literary enture and ability, and a frequent contributor to various periodicals of the day.

After completing his primary course of study in the common school, our subject entered Wittenberg College at Springfield, Ohio, where he spent about three years, and afterward came to the West, entering Adrian College, from which he was graduated under the Presidency of Asa Mahan, D. D. He was remarkably ambitions to excel in learning, and after leaving Adrian College crossed the Atlantic and entered Edinburgh University in Scotland, where he completed the required studies in philosophy for the degree of M. A., obtaining a prize for an English Essay under Prof. Masson, also in Moral Philosophy under Prof. Calderwood, and in Metal Philosophy under Prof. Calderwood, and in Metal Philosophy under Prof. Calderwood,

Upon returning to America Mr. Stephens accepted a position as instructor in Natural sciences in Adrian College. He yet saw before him great possibilities for still further knowledge, and was filled with the laudable ambition to avail himself of every opportunity to secure it. Accordingly, in the fall of 1873, he obtained a leave of absence, and going East entered Harvard College in order to pursue a special line of study, which he mastered the following year and returned to his former position in the College at Adrian, as Professor of Mental Science and Logic.

The course of Prof. Stephens, which had always been steadily onward, in 1882 commended him as a fit incumbent of his present position, to which he was elected and which he has since held in a manner befitting its character and responsibilities. The college was founded and has been conducted under the auspices of the Methodist Protestant Church, and for a number of years Prof. Stephens was editor of the church magazine, while he has been a constant contributor to various other periodicals and the author of several pamphlets. Much of his pulpit work has been incidental to the work of teaching, although he is an ordained minister of teaching, although he is an ordained minister of

the Ohio Conference, which conferred upon him this honor in 1880. He supplied the church at Adrian, in connection with others, for a senson when it was without a regular pastor, and frequently preaches in the churches of other denominations in the city. His style generally inclines toward the metaphysical, while at the same time it is deeply spiritual and always clearly and aptly illustrated. His language is vigorous and forcible, and seldom fails to carry conviction with it. He is broad and liberal in his views, a man of deep sympathies with humanity, and although he might become a leader in ecclesiastical affairs, he seems to be impressed with the idea that he can be more useful as a modern educator and in assisting to form the minds and characters of the vonth around him.

President Stephens since his connection with Adrian College has introduced many new features in its various departments, and possesses the happy medium between sentiment and practicality, which enables him to exert a weighty influence for good and introduce into the usual dull routine of study the elements which tend to make it interesting and attractive. He is progressive in his ideas, and by setting his mark high, forms an example for those with whom he associates in daily life which cannot but result in great benefit to all concerned.

ILLIAM GREGG, well known among the solid people of Macon Township, is the scion of an excellent old Scotch family, whose descendants removed to the North of Ireland, where our subject was born in County Antrin, in 1832. His father carried on farming in a modest way and William was there reared to agricultural pursuits until 1854, when he was married to a maiden of his own locality. Miss Margaret Stewart, who was born in 1835, and was also of Scotch ancestry. Soon afterward the young people located on a small piece of ground in County Antrim, where they lived until 1866, and became the parents of four children.

Our subject labored a good many years upon his native soil, but not being satisfied with his condition or his prospects, now determined to seek the New World. In the spring of 1866 he gathered together his family and personal effects, and embarked on a sailing-vessel from the port of Liverpool. After a favorable voyage of thirteen days they landed in New York, whence they shortly afterward proceeded westward, and Mr. Gregg rented a farm in Macon Township, this county, upon which he continued until purchasing his present homestead. Here he has 160 acres of good land on section 25, of which he took possession in 1873. He has been fairly prosperous in his labors and given considerable attention to stock-raising.

The household circle was completed by the birth six children, of whom one is deceased, namely, Angie, who became the wife of William Nectell, of Canada, and died in 1886, leaving one child, a daughter, who bears her mother's name. Robert J. is at home with his parents; Andrew married Miss Annie Gasten, and assists in the management of the homestead; samuel, Thomas and William also remain under the parental roof. The family all belong to the Presbyterian Church, and Mr. Gregg uniformly votes the Republican ticket, Mrs. Gregg is a charter member of the Presbyterian Church, of Macon Township.

The parents of our subject, Andrew and Nancy (Linton) Gregg, departed this life at their home in County Antrim, the father at the age of sixty years and the mother when seventy-four. The parents of Mrs. Gregg, Samnel and Ellen (Linton) Stewart, spent their entire lives on the farm where they were born. They were Presbyterians in religion, and were descendants of substantial Scotch ancestry.

AMES R. TERPENEY. The natural advantages of Woodstock Township as a stock-raising region, and its settlement by an unusual number of intelligent men, have singled it out for special mention among the affairs of Lenawe County. Its fine horses and cattle are proverbial, and to this industry the subject of this sketch has given a decided impetus, being one of the most noticeable of those engaged in this business. His attention has been chiefly given to the breeding of first-class roadsters and draft horses, for which he finds a ready market and the highest price. In connection with this, Mr. Terpency carries on general farming, and has built up one of

the most complete country homesteads in the northwest portion of Lenawee County.

Our subject, a native of the Empire State, was born in Cayuga County, Feb. 19, 1838, and is the son of Peter S, and Lydia (Hannibal) Terpeney, natives of the same county as their son. They continued there after their marriage until 1843, and then the father of our subject determined to go further west. He came first to Eaton County, this State, but a few days later made his way to the vicinity of Adrian, this county, and for two years thereafter was employed as a farm laborer. Subsequently he worked land on shares, and then rented land in Rollin Township five years. He was a resident successively of Hillsdale County, Woodstock Township, this county, and lastly of Addison, where he spent his last days, his death taking place when he was forty-four years of age. The mother, whose maiden name was Lydia Hannibal, survived her husband until 1884, and passed away on the 1st of May, aged seventy-seven years. They were the parents of ten children, eight of whom are still living. One brother has been in California for the last thirty-five years; three are living in Illinois, and the others in Michigan. Mr. Terpeney, of our sketch, was thrown upon his own resources at an early age, starting out in life for himself when a lad of ten years, and since that time has "paddled his own canoe," against adverse winds often, but usually managing to keep his head above water. He worked the first summer for a bushel of apples a day, for which he usually found sale, and afterward was employed by the month among the people of his neighborhood until after the outbreak of the war. He enlisted, Aug. 19, 1862, in Company I, 1st Michigan Battery Light Artillery, and with his comrades marched to the scene of conflict, and traveled in this manner mostly through the Southern States, meeting the rebels in many engagements and skirmishes, enduring his share of sickness, hardship and privation. Fortunately he escaped wounds and capture, and after visiting the National capital, he received his honorable discharge and was mustered out.

Upon his return from the army Mr. Terpeney sought his old haunts in Woodstock Township, and resumed his former labors. The year following,

Dec. 20, 1866, he was married to Miss Loretta Pelhum, of this township. In 1871 Mr. Terpency secured possession of his present farm. He has always maintained an intelligent interest in township affairs, and been accorded recognition as a valued citizen by election to the various township offices, serving as Treasurer and School Director, and often being called into counsel upon matters affecting the welfare of the people at large.

The wife of our subject was born April 18, 1837, and is the daughter of Richard C, and Abbie (Every) Pelham. To them there have been born four children, two of whom died in infancy. Those surviving are: Maria S, who was born in Woodstock, Jan. 27, 1868, and was educated in the Brooklyn School; and Claude D, who was born near Addison, May 26, 1873, and is now attending school in his own district.

Mr. Terpeney uniformly votes the Democratic ticket and takes an active interest in politics, working for his party as opportunity occurs, and for the furtherance of the principles in which he honestly believes, and in support of which he is always willing to make all needful sacrifices. He is a member of Addison Post No. 277, of which he is Quartermaster.

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ILLIAM DE MOTT is a prominent and enterprising citizen of Lenawee County, and one who has been an unportant factor in building up its business interests. He is a native of New York, having been born in Lodi, Seneca County, in 1832, and was the youngest of the four children born to Abram and Jane (Hogarth) De Mott that attained maturity. Mr. and Mrs. De Mott moved with their family from Seneca County to Lenawee County, Mich., in the spring of 1844, locating in the village of Ridgeway. There Mr. De Mott engaged in the mercantile business, and also became an extensive land-owner. He finally sold out his business and returned to the East.

William De Mott was a boy of twelve years when he came with his parents to this State. He received the rudiments of his education under the tutelage of Prof. Robert Harriot, a noted teacher, formerly of New York. After-attaining manhood he returned

which he maintained a high rank in scholarship. After completing his education, he remained in the John De Mott, of Lodi, N. Y., in the capacity of clerk. He remained with him for some time, but finally returned to Michigan, and became employed with his father on a farm in Franklin Township, where he continued for two years. He next came to Tecumseh, and entered the store of his brotherin-law, with whom he remained for some years, rendering him efficient service. He then entered the drug-store of his brother, Dr. Charles De Mott, brother sold out his establishment. He then resolved to study law, and entered the office of Messrs, Bills & Baxter for that purpose. He read law with them until the year of 1859, when he entered the He continued his studies there until 1861, when the breaking out of the war turned his attention from as he could make arrangement to do so, enlisted in

In the fall of 1861 our subject became a member of Company K, 3d Michigan Cavalry, and went with his regiment to Benton Barracks. St. Louis. In 1862 he entered upon the campaign of the South and West, traveling with the army over the States of Missouri, Georgia and Tennessee. He was at the lattles of New Madrid, Iuka, seige of Corinth, and skirmishes and other important engagements. In 1863 he returned on a veteran's furlough to his regiment at Detroit, Mich. On the expiration of his furlough he reported for service at St. Louis, where his regiment was remounted, and ordered to Devil's Bluffs in the Department of Arkausas, under Gen. Steele. They were for some time engaged in guarding the Memphis & Little Rock Railway at that point.

Mr. De Mott served out his term of enlistment, and was honorably discharged at Booneville, now known as Michigan City. He then returned to Deroit, where he entered the Provost Marshal's office as clerk, under Gon. Mark Flannagan. He retained that position until the surrender of Gen. Lee, He returned to his home in Tecumseh, and took several agencies, and in 1867 established an insurance agency, representing several Eastern companies in connection with the Northwestern Life Insurance Company of Milwankee. In 1886 he sold out that branch of his business relating to fire insurance, still retaining his agency in the life insurance company. On the organization of the Tecumseh Celery Company, Mr. De Mott, as one of the principal originators of that enterprise, was made its Vice President. The company has a tract of seventy-five acres of land situated three miles south of Tecumseh. This is one of the most promising enterprises of Tecumseh. He is also one of the Directors of the Ohio and Michigan Coal Manufacturing Company. in Tecumseh.

Our subject was one of the men who used his influence, and was instrumental in raising the money for the purpose of building the Toledo & Milwankee Railway, now the Cincinnati, Jackson & Mackinaw Railway. He raised in all some \$35,000, This he did for the public good without any compensation whatever.

Mr. De Mott is a member of Tecumseh Lodge No. 69, F. & A. M.; he is also a member of Beers Post No. 140, G. A. R. In politics he is identified with the Republican party. He is a public-spirited citizen, and always gives his hearty sympathy and co-operation to any movement to advance the interests of the county or township in which he lives. His good knowledge of law has been of great benefit to him in his business life. He is widely known in business circles, and wherever known is regarded as a man of ability and undoubted integrity of character. His residence is on Adams street, near the business part of the city.

NDREW J. VAN SICKLE struck the first blow on the land which he now occupies, and which has been transformed from a wilderness into a beautiful and valuable farm. He has wisely clung to his first purchase, from J. H. Cleveland, and labored and watched while it slowly advanced in value until it is now the source of a comfortable income. The farm embraces 1284 acres on sections 21 and 22, in Seneca

Township, and is noticeable for its finely cultivated fields, its good buildings, and the general air of thrift and prosperity which surrounds it.

Our subject was born in Chemung County, N. Y., Jan. 22, 1834, and is the eldest of the three children of Isaac and Jane (Cox) Van Sickle, natives of New Jersey. Their ancestors crossed the water from Holland and Scotland in the Colonial days, and the paternal great-grandfather of our subject served as a soldier in the Revolutionary War, Isaac and his wife soon after their marriage removed to New York State, and from there to Ohio, whence after an eight years' residence they returned to New York. They afterward went back to Ohio, and from there, in 1847, came to this county, where the father purchased a tract of land in Dover Township, which he still owns. He has reached the advanced age of seventy-eight years, and makes his home with his son, Andrew J.; the mother died in Dover Township, in 1878, aged sixty-one years, Their children were all boys, and the other living brother of our subject resides in Seneca Township.

Mr. Van Sickle, of this history, received his education in the common schools of Ohio and Michigan, and upon reaching his majority was married, in 1855, to Miss Matilda, daughter of Daniel and Mercy A. (Amington) Chittenden, natives of New York State. The father was a blacksmith by trade, and died when forty years of age; the mother subsequently came to Michigan, settling near Adrian, and surviving her husband many years, died a widow on the 13th of May, 1887, at the age of seventyfour years.

Mrs. Van Sickle was born in Michigan. April 20, 1836, and continued with her mother until her mariage, receiving her education in the district school and becoming skilled in all household duties. She was the third of seven children—two sons and five daughters—four of whom are now living and residents of Michigan and Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Van Sickle for the last thirty years have been among the most highly respected residents of Seneca Township, where their thrift and industry, their hospitality and kindness of heart, have secured for them a large circle of warm friends. Mr. Van Sickle votes the Democratic ticket politically, although having very little to do with public affairs.





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OSLAII J. PUTNAM, the proprietor of the Lake Park House, a prominent summer resort which he has conducted for the last five years at Sand Lake, this county, was born in Chesterfield, Vt., about forty miles from Boston, on the 20th of December, 1828. The parents of our subject, Silas and Martha (Jordan) Putnam, were married in 1823, and migrated from Vermont to Lenawee County, locating on a farm in the township of Madison, where the father followed the occupation of farming until his demise in 1849, leaving a wife and nine children, four sons and five daughters, who all lived to maturity. Only five are now living.

Mr. Putnam is the third of the family, and was about three years old when his parents removed to this county. He received a common-school education, and remained with his parents until the death of his father, when he engaged in farming on his own account. He afterward bought the old homestead, where he continued to reside until 1876, when he came to Adrian, where he has since resided in winter, while in summer he removes to his pleasant hotel at the lake. He built this fine hotel in 1882, and opened it to the public July 4 of that year. The structure is built upon a good stone foundation, and is three stories in height. Mr. Putnam still retains his farm in Madison Township. consisting at present of 238 acres of land under a good state of cultivation, and containing a good brick dwelling-house and out-buildings, which he rents. His residence in Adrian is a fine brick edifice on Winter street.

Mr. Putnam was united in marriage, in October, 1858, with Miss Catherine, the fifth daughter and seventh child of Garrett and Hannah (Gannon) Tenbrook, the former born in Chemung County, N., Y., in 1803, and the latter in Orange County. The parents were united in marriage about 1826, and removed to this county in 1831, being two months in reaching their destination. Mr. Tenbrook served as Justice of the Peace in Madison Township. He went to Mississippi during the war to aid an adopted son who had enlisted, but was too late to be of any service, while his own system became charged with malaria, and he died in 1868, his wife surviving him but one week. They became the

parents of nine children, three of whom survive, Both were members of the Baptist Church. Mr, and Mrs. Putnam are the parents of one son, Elmer E., who lives at home.

In politics, Mr. Putnam is a Republican, and is fearless in the advocacy of his principles, while he enjoys the esteem and respect of a large circle of friends and acquaintances. The portrait of Mr. Putnam, as being that of a representative citizen of Lenawee County, forms a valuable addition to the collection presented in this volume, and the publishers take pleasure in placing it on an accompanying page.

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ZIAH ASH, the son of a highly respected English farmer who settled in Raisin Township fifty-four years ago, is the proprietor of a small but well-improved tract of land on section 34. Here he is operating after the theory of Horace Greeley, that a moderate area of land carefully cultivated yields better results than a larger extent partially neglected. The property of our subject forms a snug home, and he is in the enjoyment of a comfortable income by which he has been enabled to surround himself and his family with all the comforts of life.

William Ash, the father of our subject, was a native of Yorkshire, England, from which he emigrated to the United States in 1831, landing in New York City on the 3d of May. Thence shortly afterward he proceeded to Buffalo, and on to Toledo, Ohio, from which place he walked over the old Indian trail to Ann Arbor, Mich. After a brief stay at that point, which was then but an embryo village, he came to this county, locating first in Adrian Township, near the site of the present city. It then boasted but a few settlers, and Mr. Ash took up his abode with Urias Comstock, not far away, in Raisin Township, A few weeks later, however, he went back east as far as Lockport, N. Y., and entered the employ of an old Ouaker, Jesse P. Hems by name, with whom he remained for a year, at the end of which he received \$100, out of which he was obliged to pay a moderate sum for his washing. He remained in that vicinity until 1833, and then returned to Michigan and invested his small capital in a tract of Government land on section 34, in Raisin Township. The papers which indicated his ownership of this property bore the signature of Andrew Jackson, who was then President of the United States.

The location which Mr. Ash had chosen proved to be an extremely fortunate one and the soil exceedingly tillable. He retained possession of this, and subsequently extended his landed interests until he became the owner of 220 acres, the most of which he brought to a high state of cultivation. He also erected a good set of farm buildings and surrounded himself and family with all the comforts of life. His death took place on the 13th of July. 1881. He was recognized in the community where he had lived and labored so long as a man of unimpeachable moral character and correct business habits, and he has left to his children a record of which they may well be proud.

William Ash was three times married; first to Miss Esther, daughter of Sylvester Westgate, who is familiarly remembered as one of the earliest settlers of Raisin Township. He came from Royalton Township, Niagara Co., N. Y., about 1832, and brought with him those substantial traits of character which distinguished him as one of the most valued members of a community struggling into life. He is now deceased. Esther Ash, the mother of our subject, was born in Royalton Township, N Y., where she was reared to womanhood and afterward came West with her parents. Of her marriage with William Ash there were born five children, of whom Aziah, our subject, was the eldest. mother passed away while still a young woman, her death taking place at the homestead in Raisin Township, Dec. 14, 1843.

The birth of our subject took place at his father's homestead in Raisin Township on the 12th of March, 1836. He was there reared to manhood, in the meantime acquiring a fair education in the common schools. He remained a member of the parental household until after reaching his twenty-fifth birthday, and was then married in Raisin Township, to Miss Lucinda Kneeland. This lady was a native of Paper-Mill Village, N. H., and when a maiden of eighteen came to Michigan with her parents, Abner and Lucinda (Flanders) Kneeland, who lo-

cated in Raisin Township, but subsequently returned to the Old Granite State, where they are now living. Of this union there were born two children, and the mother died Aug. 10, 1866; the infant daughter, who was named Emma, followed two years before the death of his mother.

For his second wife Mr. Ash married Miss Emeline Johnson, the weldling taking place at the home of the bride in Rollin Township, Aug. 10, 1872. Mrs. Emeline Ash was born in Steuben County, N. Y., Jan. 26, 1839, and is the daughter of Nieholas and Lucy (Moore) Johnson, natives of New York, where the former spent his last years in Allegany County, dying at an advanced age: the mother had died in Steuben County when over seventy years old. They were the parents of nine children, and Emeline, with the others, received a good education, and taught school several years before her marriage, both in New York and this county.

Our subject and his wife became the parents of four children, only two of whom are living, namely: Frank O., born Oct. 3, 1873, and Freddie E., April 15, 1879. Cora died when nine years of age, and Orra I., when ten weeks old. Mr. Ash politically is an uncompromising Democrat, and with his estimable lady, in religious matters, attends the Society of Friends.

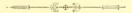
ONRAD HOLMES. The gentleman whose name appears at the head of this sketch is successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits on his pleasant farm on section 4, Dover Township, His parents were Isaac and Mary (Brown) Holmes. natives respectively of Dutchess County, N. Y., and Ireland. After their marriage they settled in Clarkson, Monroe Co., N. Y., where they resided for several years. In the fall of 1834 they followed the tide of emigration, which was then at its height, to Washtenaw County, Mich., locating in Pittsfield, where they remained some time, then removed to Matamoras, Ohio. After a few years' residence they returned to Washtenaw County and thence removed to Ingham, from which they came to Lenawee County, and made their home with their son Conrad, our subject, until their death.

The mother departed this life March 20, 1863, while the father survived her fourteen years, passing away April 15, 1877. They had a family of nine children, of whom Courad was the fourth.

Our subject was born in Clarkson, Monroe Co., N. Y., March 25, 1814, and resided there until 1834, when he preceded his parents to Pittsfield, Mich. He was married in January, 1838, to Miss Julia Dix, a native of Oneida County, N. Y., and daughter of William and Hannah (Deming) Dix, both natives of Connecticut. From that State they moved to New York State, and thence to Washtenaw County, Mich., where they spent the greater part of their remaining years, though they both died at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Holmes, in Dover Township.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Holmes lived in Pittsfield until 1841, when they removed to Dover Township, and, with the exception of one year spent in Washtenaw County, have resided here ever since. Mrs. Holmes died at her home in this township Oct. 28, 1885, aged seventy years, seven months and five days. She lived a conscientious Christian life, and was an esteemed member of the Methodist Church. To Mr. and Mrs. Holmes were born two children: William J, and Charles L. the former of whom died in Dover Township in 1863, at the age of twenty-four years. Charles I. was born in Dover Township, June 12, 1850, and has always lived at the old homestead. In Adrian, Mich., April 10, 1873, he was married to Miss Ida, daughter of Edwin J, and Nancy (DeWitt) Wilcox, Mr. and Mrs. Wilcox lived in Hudson Township, this county, about eight years after their marriage, when they removed to Adrian, where Mrs. Wilcox died in 1866. Mr. Wilcox spent his last days in Calhonn County, Mich., dying there in October, 1886. They were the parents of two children, Ida and Eliza. Eliza is the wife of John Jacobs, of Branch County, Mich.; Ida, Mrs. Holmes, was born in Hudson Township, July 21, 1856. She is the mother of three sons-Willie E., Arthur M. and Freddie E.

Conral Holmes has a fine farm of 105 acres, which is under a good state of cultivation. He has erected substantial and commodious buildings, and has all necessary appliances for carrying on farming satisfactorily. Here, in his comfortable home, he is enjoying his declining years in the companionship of his son, with his wife and their three merry children, who keep alive the spark of youthfulness in the heart of their grandfather. In polities Mr. Holmes is a Republican and faithfully endorses the principles of that party.



HRISTIAN SCHNEIRLA is a prominent and intelligent representative of our German population, living in Clinton Township, where he owns and manages a large farm on section 3. His indomitable energy and ability have brought more than usual success in his calling. His farm comprises 264 acres, forty of which are in Bridgewater Township, Washtenaw County. The most of it is well drained and under a good state of cultivation, He has a fine residence and first-class farm buildings, everything around showing marked evidence of care and thrift.

Mr. Schneirla was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, May 22, 1840, and is the son of Jacob Schneirla, who owned a small farm there, and was a tiller of the soil in his native country nearly all the days of his life. The maiden name of his wife was Barbara Fry, also a native of Germany. Four sons and two daughters were born to them. The father died in the land of his nativity when his son Christian, of this sketch, was about six years of age. Our subject lived with his mother and her second husband, for she had married again, until he was thirteen years of age, when he came to the United States with his aunt, Mrs. Shoemaker. They came to Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, where our subject was variously employed for eight years. He then, in 1861, resolved to try his fortunes in California "The Golden," He was young and full of ambition, and started on the long journey to that distant State with high hopes, and a determination to make some of its vast wealth his own. He journeved by the water route, and after his arrival loeated in San Jose, where he became employed on a railway about a year. During the four succeeding years he worked at different employments, and accumulated a good deal of money. He then left

California and returned to visit the old home of his birth across the water, after which he recrossed the ocean and came once more to Michigan, where at the end of two years he finally bought the land where he has since established his home.

In 1868 Mr. Schneirla was married in Washtenaw County, to Miss Regina Walter, like himself a native of Wurtemberg, where she was born in April, 1842. She came with her parents, in 1861, to the United States, and lived with them in Washtenaw County until her marriage. She has ably seconded her husband in his efforts to acquire wealth, and their marked success in this direction is in no small degree due to her prudence and wise management.

To Mr. and Mrs. Schneirla have been born twelve children, namely: Anna, Jacob. Christian, Pauline, Eddie, Regina, Charles, William. Chun, Walter, Clarence and Emma. To these children their parents are giving every advantage for a good education, besides carefully training them in the practical every-day duties of life.

Although Mr. Schneirla possesses great acquisitive powers, yet he does not hoard his money, or spend it merely for his own gratification, but the poor and needy find in him a benefactor, and he is ever ready to respond with a generous donation to all worthy objects of charity. He is a publicspirited citizen and his prosperity has benefited the township in which he has made his home. In politics our subject is an earnest supporter of the Republican party.

ELLY S. BEALS. The city of Adrian is noted for its enterprising business men, and as a class they have given the city an enviable standing in the commercial world. One of the most prominent, as well as substantial merchants of Adrian, is the subject of our sketch, who is engaged in the grocery and provision business. Mr. Beals is a native of Massachusetts, and was born on a farm on Green Mountain, that State, April 17, 1812.

The father of our subject was Caleb Beals, a New England farmer, who was born in the same State, where he grew to manhood. The maiden name of our subject's mother was Lydia Sherman, a native of Massachusetts, and daughter of Kelly Sherman. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Beals moved to Essex County, N. Y., where they resided sixteen years, when they removed to Western New York, and after a short time spent in that section changed their residence to Lenawee County, in 1835, locating in the village of Adrian, where the father passed most of his days and died in 1851. The mother survived him until 1854. They were the parents of seven children, six of whom lived to the age of maturity. Of the children the subject of our sketch was the eldest, and he was four years of age when the parents removed from Massachusetts to Essex County, N. Y., where he grew to manhood and received his education in the common schools.

On the 21st of April, 1836, Mr. Beals married Miss Adeline M. Hathaway, a native of Massachusetts, who was born on the 26th of November, 1806, and is the daughter of Jeptha and Nancy Hathaway. In the year of his marriage Mr. Beals removed to Adrian, where he found employment in a cabinetshop, and engaged in that occupation four years. He then purchased a piece of timber land, which he at once commenced improving, and erected a house with the intention of adopting the occupation of a farmer. He remained on this farm five years and then returning to Adrian, he formed a partnership with David Wheeler in the manufacture of cabinetware and chairs, in which he continued three years, He then formed a partnership with Reuben Wheeler. for the purpose of carrying on the grocery business, and after being thus engaged successfully for one year, his partner died. The business was continued by Mr. Beals, who has had several partners, but at the present time is conducting the business alone, having purchased the interest owned by his late partner. The location of the store is at No. 14 Main street, where he keeps on hand a full stock of all classes of goods to be found in a completely furnished grocery. In addition to a general line of groceries he makes a specialty of meats and handles a large amount annually.

Mr. Beals is now in his seventy-sixth year, and is active in both mind and body. He devotes his entire time to the prosecution of his business, in which he has been successfully engaged. In early life he was an old-line Whig, but since the extinction of that party, and the organization of the Republican party, he has enthusiastically co-operated with the latter. Mr. and Mrs. Beals have had born to them three children, who died in early life, the eldest, William Henry, living to be five years and five months old.



ARTIN P. STOCKWELL. One of the most beautiful and valuable farms in Lender County is the property of the subject of this history, and is located on section 15. Dover Township. It bears about it all the evidences of thrift and prosperity, forming one of the attractive features of the landscape of that section. The residence is commodious and substantial, the barns and out-buildings are in first-class condition, and the proprietor is one of the most prominent men in that section of country, to which he came when a youth of seventeen years with a cash capital of six cents in his pocket.

The history of Mr. Stockwell is one of absorbing interest, and illustrates the remarkable energy and resolution with which nature endowed him. Early in life he had been made acquainted with toil and privation, and as soon as he began to think he determined that whenever the opportunity offered he would escape from the thraddom which there beset him, and become a man among men, with a home and property of his own. In order to more fully understand the circumstances of his childhood days it will be proper to mention those from whom he derives his origin.

Mr. Stockwell was born in Cato, Cayuga Co., N. Y., Feb. 11, 1818, and is the son of Eliathal Stockwell, a native of Whitehall, N. Y., where he was born May 19, 1791. The father remained a resident of his native town until eighteen years of age, and then removed with his parents to Cato. Dec. 8, 1814, he was married in Ira, N. Y., to Miss Esther, daughter of Christopher and Hannah Perkins, and after a residence of several years in Ira and vicinity, he removed to Java, Wyoming County, and in 1837 came with his family to Michigan, settling near the center of Adrian Township; from there, in

1849, they removed to Dover Township, Mrs. Esther Stockwell was born in Saratoga, N. Y., July 8, 1799, and died in Dover, this county, May 18, 1856, The father survived his wife several years, his death occurring Feb. 23, 1867. They were the parents of nine children, Martin P. being the second child and eldest son. The eldest daughter, Betsey C., was born Nov. 1, 1815, became the wife of Peleg Varnold, and died in Fulton County, Ill.: Catherine E. was born March 1, 1821, and is the wife of Aaron M. Phillips, a well-to-do farmer of Dover Township: Levi L. was born July 18, 1823, and is farming in Medina Township: Ezilda was born Oct. 23, 1825. and is the wife of D. S. Galloway, of Dundee, this State: Hannah A., Mrs. William Wildman, was born April 5, 1828, and is a resident of Coldwater; Christopher P, was born Jan. 20, 1831, and is farming on the other side of the Mississippi; Benjamin F. was born April 9, 1833, and died in New York State when a child, July 1, 1835; Henrietta L. was born Nov. 13, 1835, married Stillwell Palmer, and died in Dover Township, June 12, 1861.

Mr. Stockwell spent his boyhood in his native county, receiving no school advantages whatever, and by his labor assisted his parents, who were people of exceedingly modest means. About 1835, when seventeen years old, he determined to visit the western country, of which he had heard so much, and gained the reluctant consent of his father. His outfit had necessarily to be of the cheapest description, and the total amount of money which he could raise to start with was \$3,50. At his request his mother had made him a knapsack and prepared some provisions with which to fill it, and after a very brief preparation, he began his journey in the month of May, on foot and alone, for the wilds of Michigan Territory. The first day he reached Buffalo, a distance of thirty-three miles. He stepped upon the wharf about sundown, and there he met a man who was engaged as a "runner" for a boat, and engaged deck passage to Detroit for \$2.50. After the fares were collected the surly captain came around a second time and obliged young. Stockwell to pay another half dollar, which left him but fifty cents in his purse. It is probable that something in the boy's demeanor attracted the attention of the captain, as after the young man had breakfasted from his knapsack, he again came around, and beginning to interview him, accused him of running away from home. To this charge young Stockwell made such an energetic reply that the man was convinced he was telling him the truth and became quite friendly. He advised him to get off at Toledo instead of going to Detroit, as it would save him a good many miles in his journey to Adrian. Our traveler, taking his advice, about midnight found himself in that rising young town, which bore little resemblance to its present condition. He engaged lodging at a "tavern," sleeping on the floor, with the luxury of a carpet under him, in company with about twenty men. After paying for his lodging next morning he had just twenty-five cents left. His host cheerfully assured him that he could not get to Adrian on account of the swamps, but young Stockwell replied that "he should get there." One said "You can't," and the other said "I can and I will." The man, turning to bystanders, remarked "He is a gritty little cuss, isn't he?" and with this remark to cheer him on, the traveler started out in the midst of a furious rainstorm for Adrian.

The knapsack and provisions which the careful mother of our hero had prepared with many tears and misgivings, were soaked with rain, and after marching about eight miles he then threw the food away, as it had become offensive; had she then known the condition of her boy, her grief would have been tenfold. The son, however, trudged on, happy in the thought that his mother was spared this knowledge, and in due time encountered the swamp of which his friend at the "tavern" had warned him. He waded in, however, up to his waist in many places, but always managed to keep his head above water, and at sunset of that day proudly marched into the hamlet of Adrian.

Mr. Stockwell here found a public place of entertainment, conducted by the well-known Isaac French, where he remained over night, paying twelve cents for his lodging; his supper consisted of crackers and dried venison, for which he paid six cents, In the morning, bright and early, he started for the home of his uncle. Moses Perkins, who lived upon the place which now belongs to the estate of Nathan Meyer, and which, it is needless to say, has undergone many changes since that time. He made his home with his uncle that summer, and worked out by the day. He had promised his parents that he would return to New York State inside of three months, and bring with him his earnings. He faithfully kept his promise, and proudly presented his father with the \$48 he had left after paying his expenses.

The remainder of that year and a part of the next Mr. Stockwell spent in his native State, still working and handing over his wages to his father, so that he could pay his debts and they might all take up their future abode in Michigan. In the spring of 1837 Martin returned to this county and purchased forty agrees of land for his father in Adrian Township, working out, as before, to pay for it, In the winter of 1838-39 he attended school, and in the spring following, being twenty years old, he engaged to work seven months for \$100. Of this he paid \$25 to his father for his time until he should become of age, and when that auspicious day dawned upon him he had \$100 of his own besides. He continued to work out by the month at whatever he could find to do for three more years. and was then married, and purchased a quarter section of land in Dover Township, which formed the nucleus of his present farm. His career from this time was one of uniform prosperity, and the day soon came when he felt rightly rewarded for his toil and sacrifices.

The Stockwell residence is considered one of the finest in Dover Township. It is hardly necessary to say that the youth who had exhibited such determination and perseverance was recognized as a valuable addition to the community, and he was soon called upon to serve in the various local offices. He was Justice of the Peace eight years, repersented his township in the County Board of Supervisors two terms, was Overseer of the Poor for a period of eight years, and in 1867 was a member of the Constitutional Convention. Politically, he has always been an active Republican, and in religion is, with his excellent wife, a Free-Will Bantist.

Probably one of the most interesting and important events in the life of Mr. Stockwell was his marriage, which occurred Aug. 11, 1841, his bride being Miss Louisa, daughter of Joseph and Olive (Burgess) Baley. Mrs. Stockwell was born in Romulus, Seneca Co., N. Y., Oct. 31, 1823, and came to Michigan with her father in 1837. The latter was born in Pennsylvania in 1793, and died in Dover, this county, Nov. 4, 1844. The mother was born in Newburg, Orange Co., N. Y., in June, 1795, and died in Romulus, that State, Feb. 10, 1836, before the removal of the family to Michi-Mr. and Mrs. Stockwell began life together in a little log house on the new farm, and in due time became the parents of eleven children. Their eldest daughter, Olive, was born July 11, 1842, and became the wife of Byron L. Shaw, of Adrian; Cinderella was born Feb. 15, 1844, married I. R. Gale, of Barnerville, N. Y., and died in Dover Township, April 15, 1884; Agnes L. was born Feb. 26, 1846, and married Aaron VanOstrand, of Dover: Joseph B, was born June 5, 1848, and is now one of the most successful farmers of Dover Township; Zarefa was born Sept. 20, 1850, and is the wife of Robert F. Pouley, of Florida; Anna P. was born Oct, 12, 1852, is finely educated, and is engaged in teaching in the city of Cleveland, Ohio; Alice M. was born Nov. 7, 1854, and died Feb. 8, 1864; Esther M. was born Dec. 14, 1858, and died March 26, 1864; Elmer E. was born Oct. 20, 1860, and died Oct. 5, 1863; Minnie E, was born July 14, 1864, and M. Louise, July 26, 1866; these two are at home with their parents.

The home farm includes 290 acres of land under a high state of cultivation, and on which is a beautiful residence, erected in 1856. In 1869 Mr. Stockwell established on his farm the Dover Center Cheese Factory, which he operated until about 1883, and in which he still has a controlling interest.

In the life of Mr. Stockwell we find an excellent example for young men embarking in the field of active life, and who are necessarily dependent upon their own resources. There must be infinite satisfaction in the reflection that he is indebted to no man for his position socially and financially, except that his fellow-citizens have generously acknowledged his worthy ambition to succeed, and encouraged him by their esteem and confidence, which is unquestionably ample reward for his exertions and self-denial. Not only has Mr. Stockwell been successful in the sense of accumulating wealth, but he has proved to be an important factor in the business and agricultural interests of Lenawe County. He has strictly observed that most important element in the public or business life of any man, namely, honesty, being careful and conscientions in his dealings, and his record open at all time to inspection. He has esteemed himself happy in being able to give to his children those advantages of which he himself was deprived in his youth, and in having been able to smooth the pathway of his honored parents as they journeyed down the sunset hill of life. The dutiful son could scarcely have become otherwise than the worthy member of a community, and as such Mr. Stockwell stands second to no man in this county.

EORGE CONGER. The name that heads this article is one representing character and business standing of an enviable order. A native of New York, with its best ideas of character, integrity, probity and honor, deeply implanted in his organism, the principles that go to make up the successful man find their exponent in George Conger, of Clinton Township.

Mr. Conger resides on his farm of 138 acres on section 7, lying one mile from Clinton. The improvements are good, as one might expect when it is remembered that Mr. Conger settled here in 1861. Erie County, N. Y., was a home for his parents after they left Rutland County, that State, taking their son George along with them at ten years of age. The birthplace of George was in Vermont. where his father, David, was also born, and married Rachel Wilber, who too was a native of the Green Mountain State, and like her husband, descended from New England parents of English ancestry, After the birth of the eight children at their home in Vermont, Eric County, N. Y., became their home, Although the country was then poorly improved, it was conducive to the development of a thrifty and enterprising spirit in its inhabitants, by the conflict they had with nature to secure subsistence. The father and mother died on the Eric County farm, where the former passed away in 1823, at the age of forty-live. His wife followed in 1855, living to a ripe old age. They were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the father was a Whig in his political affiliations. After the death of his father, George continued to live with his mother until his marriage.

Mr. Conger was united in marriage with Miss Eliza Hoag, who was born in York State, and lived to accompany her husband to his home in Michigan, where she died in 1863, at the age of forty-five years. She was the mother of one child, named Stephen, who married and died in Tecumseh. His wife was Mary E. Miser, of Franklin Township, now the wife of Norman Mattison, a farmer of Tecumseh Township. Four children were born to Stephen—George S., Frank H., Ada E. and Noel E. George S. married Anna Staiger, of Clinton, and lives with his grandfather, the subject of our sketch. The other three live with their mother. While in New York State Mr. Conger kept a dairy for twenty-five years.

Mr. Conger's second marriage took place in 1861 in Clinton Township, to Mrs. Frances Mallard, whose maiden name was Richardson. She was born in New York in 1820; her father was an Englishman, her mother a French lady. They both died when Frances was a small child, and it was her misfortune in consequence to be reared by strangers, until her first marriage, by which she had no offspring. She is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Conger gives his support to the Democratic party.

HOMAS B. EDDY, a farmer residing on section 3, Dover Township, is a native of the State of New York, and is the son of George and Temperance (Cooke) Eddy, the former a Pennsylvanian by burth and the latter a native of the

State of New York.

After their marriage the parents of Mr. Eddy settled in Utica, N. Y., whence they subsequently removed to Perrinton Township, Monroe County, where Mr. Eddy cleared a farm and lived on it for several years. He finally disposed of his property in Perrinton, and removing to Pittsford in the same county, he purchased another farm, on which he lived four or five years. At the expiration

of that time Mr. Eddy concluded to sell out again and take up his residence in Ohio; he accordingly did so, and removed with his family to Milan, Erie County, where he and his wife made their home till death. Mrs. Eddy passed away in 1863, and Mr. Eddy survived his estimable wife six years. They were the parents of six children, four of whom lived to maturity, as follows: George C, was a farmer and died in Milan, Ohio, of a disease contracted during the late war while serving as a Corporal in the 184th Ohio Infantry: Samuel M., an attorney in Cleveland, Ohio, enlisted in the war of the Rebellion under Capt. Hitchcock, who was President of Hndson College; William II. was a Sergeant in Company F, 184th Ohio Regiment, and also gave up his life for his country, dying at Arlington Heights in 1865, of measles and typhoid fever.

Thomas B, Eddy was the third child of his parents, and his birth occurred in Perrinton, Monroe Co., N. Y., July 21, 1839. The years of his boyhood were passed on a farm, where he learned many a lesson that has been of practical benefit to him in his contact with the world since he left his parental home. He was educated not only in the common schools, but received an excellent mental training from a thorough course of instruction obtained at a Normal School. He was thirteen years old when he accompanied his parents to Milan, Ohio, where he continued to reside with them until he became a man. At the age of twenty-one he rented a farm in Milan, and continued to reside there for several years, a part of the time engaged in agricultural pursuits, and for two years engaged as contractor on the Nickel Plate Railway, which was then known as the New York, Chicago & St. Louis Railway,

During his residence in Milan Mr. Eddy was married to Miss Elizabeth Hathaway, their wedding occurring on the 27th of December, 1859. She is the daughter of Peter and Prudence D. (Craw) Hathaway, the former a native of Philadelphia, Pa., and the latter of Vermont. After marriage they settled in Milan, Ohio, where Mr. Hathaway died; his widow now lives in Dover Township with our subject. They were the parents of four children, three of whom died in infancy; Edward, Joseph and one unnamed. Mrs. Eddy was born in Milan, Ohio, Feb. 15, 1838, and receiving a good education.

tion, engaged very successfully in teaching before her marriage. To Mr. and Mrs. Eddy have been born eight children: Walter H., Frances E., Deckie M., Clara E., Alice S., Anna L., Elsie E. and Thomas H. Thomas H. and Frances E. are deceased: Walter married Alice C. Bartow, and lives in Rome Township, while Deckie is a teacher in Lenawee County.

In 1883 Mr. Eddy came to Michigan with his family, and was engaged as Superintendent of the Raisin Valley Seminary, a position for which he was eminently qualified by his rare mental endowments, At the expiration of two years he resigned that office to turn his attention once more to agricultural pursuits. He bought 140 acres in Dover Township, and since that time has given his entire attention to the cultivation of his land. He brings a clear and well-cultivated intellect to bear on all questions of the day, and is a valuable addition to the intelligent agricultural population of this community. He and his good wife are members of the Baptist Church, and do much to uphold the cause of religion and morality wherever they may be. In politics Mr. Eddy is a stanch Prohibitionist.



EORGE L. HOXSIE, proprietor of the Holloway Foundry, is one of the wide-awake and enterprising business men of Lenawee County, prominently identifying his interests with those of the young town of Holloway since its inception, and, although a young man, has already obtained high rank among the inventors of this State.

Mr. Hoxsie is a native of this State, where he was born in Palmyra Township May 26, 1855, and is the son of Ezra Hoxsie, who first came to Palmyra Township from his native State, New York, in 1833, He afterward left Palmyra to learn the trade of a machinist, in Adrian and Tecumseh, and after he had/mastered every detail, he did business in various towns in this county, a part of the time in partnership with his son George. In 1886 he retired to his native State, where he now resides in Mapleton, Cayuga County. Some time after his coming to Michigan, he was wedded to Miss Susan Kelley, who came with her parents to Michigan when quite young from her native State, New York, and died at her home in Holloway, Oct. 30, 1885, at the age of sixty-four years. Mr. and Mrs. Hoxsic were the parents of five children, as follows: Albert, Ellen, Elizabeth (deceased), George L. and Vernon.

Our subject early displayed that genius for mechanies which has resulted in the present business enterprise. When a lad of fourteen he began to learn the machinist's trade under the tutelage of his father, and after he had acquired a thorough knowledge of the business, he and his father established a foundry at Acme, Mich., whence after ten years they removed to Blissfield, where they remained in business for three years. In the year 1882 they came from Blissfield to Holloway, and Mr. Hoxsie bought his father's share in the business, which he has since conducted alone. He has recently enlarged his establishment to twice its former capacity by the creetion of a building 50x70 feet in dimensions, and is now enabled to east pieces weighing four tons if desired. His shops are well equipped and he employs a working force of fifteen men most of the time.

During these few busy years Mr. Hoxsie's inventive talent has not lain dormant, and, as the result of careful study, combined with a thorough knowledge of the principles governing mechanics, he has placed before the world a number of useful inventions upon which he has secured patents, noticeable among which is a miniature sawmill, which he now manufactures, used extensively in the manufacture of pickets, laths, etc. He also has an active interest in other inventions besides his own.

Mr. Hoxsie was married in Blissfield, Aug. 31, 1882, to Miss Alma Barrett, a native of Michigan, where she was born in Blissfield, Oct. 17, 1853, She is the daughter of Benjamin and Caroline (Watson) Barrett, natives of New York, who came to this State when young, and were married in Adrian July 14, 1851. They were the parents of six children, three of whom are deceased, namely: Herbert, Seymour and Anna; those living are Alma, Seymour (2d) and Laura. The father was instantly killed in Ohio, while in the discharge of his duties as a railway engineer, by the falling of a tree across the engine while it was in motion. After his death

Mrs. Hoxsie was carefully trained by her mother and educated under her supervision; the mother now makes her home with Mrs. H. To Mr. and Mrs. Hoxsie has been born one child, Glenn, who died at the age of ten months.

Mr. Hoxsie's busy life does not allow him to take an active part in public affairs, yet his influence as a man of talent and great business ability can not but be felt in the place he has chosen as his home and the scat of his work; his prosperity means the prosperity of the town. In politics the Republican party finds in him an ardent advocate by voice and vote.

TEPHEN GALLAWAY is a gentleman who has been, at the time of the writing of this sketch, a resident of the State of Michigan for half a century, lacking only one yearand is one of the men who can personally testify to the progress made by the section of Michigan in which he resides. During his long residence he has borne an active part in the work of opening and developing the country, and in establishing the institutions which have supplied facilities for religious and moral training. His first settlement in Raisin Township was in 1839, since which time he has been one of the successful general farmers of the township. He is now holding the position of Postmaster at Raisin Centre, and has been an incumbent of the office since its establishment in 1868, His farm consists of eighty acres of excellent land, all of which is under good cultivation.

Mr. Gallaway was born in Washington County, N. Y., April 8, 1827, and is the son of William Gallaway, a native of Rensselaer County, N. Y., where he was born on the 8th of April, 1775. He was the son of Thomas Gallaway, a native of Ireland, a man of considerable education and a teacher by profession, who came to the United States after his marriage and settled in Washington County, N. Y., where he died at an advanced age. William Gallaway, the father of our subject, was reared chiefly in Washington County, N. Y., and was there married three times. His first wife was Elizabeth Haxton, and his second was Martha MacCom-

ber; they both died in Washington County. The third wife was Jemina Bowerman, and by the three marriages there were fourteen children born, three by the first, nine by the second and two by the last. Our subject was the youngest child, and after the death of his father in Washington County, N. Y., when Stephen was but fifteen months old, his mother came to Michigan, and spent the remainder of her life, dying at the home of our subject in January, 1856, at the age of sixty-seven years. When Stephen grew to manhood he came to Michigan and settled on the eighty acres of land that had been taken up by his mother in 1833.

On the 26th of December, 1846, Mr. Gallaway was married to Miss Maria Hoag, who was born on the 17th of December, 1821, and is the daughter of Abner I. and Lucinda (Barrager) Hoag, who came from New York and settled in Lenawee County in 1844, where they spent the remainder of their lives. Mr. and Mrs. Gallaway are the parents of six children, three of whom are deceased. Mrs. Gallaway is a member of the Society of Friends, in which she stands very high. Mr. Gallaway is a Prohibitionist in politics, and upon all proper occasions manifests his deep interest in the welfare of that party. He is an estimable citizen, and thoroughly committed to all movements calculated to further the best interests of the people.

Abuer Gallaway, one of the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Gallaway, is one of the successful general farmers of Raisin Township. His farm, consisting of ninety-five acres, is located on section 33, and is under a good state of cultivation, while the improvements are all first class. He is a native of Raisin Township, where he was born on the 29th of December, 1848. He spent his early life on a farm and received a liberal education in the district schools of his township. On the 9th of February. 1870, Mr. Gallaway was married to Miss Emeline, a daughter of William Ash, who was a native of Lincolnshire, England, and one of the early settlers of Lenawee County. He was married in the county to Miss Harriet Houghtby; both are now deceased. Mrs. Gallaway was born on the 15th of January, 1850, in Raisin Township, and was reared to womanhood on the old Ash homestead, receiving a good education in the common schools. Mr. and Mrs. Abner Gallaway are the parents of two children: Mattie, who was born Oct. 12, 1875, and Harvey, June 4, 1886.

Like his father, Mr. Gallaway is a Prohibitionist in politics, and takes a lively interest in political affairs, generally participating with much enthusiasm in the campaigns when the interests of his party are at stake. He is a young man of much energy and enterprise, and whatever he engages in is prosecuted with enthusiasm and determination. He is one of the coming men of Lenawee County, and the future evidently has much in store for him.



ATHEW H. KERR. This gentleman has been an important factor in bringing about the prosperity of Lenawec Courty. He has a beautiful home and a fine farm on section 4, Dover Township, which have become his by sheer pluck, persistent industry and good judgment.

Mr. Kerr's parents were Robert and Many (Henry) Kerr, natives of County Antrim, Ireland, where the former was engaged as a farmer and a store-keeper during many years of his life. They remained life-long residents of their native place and became the parents of seven children, namely; John. Mathew H., Robert, David, William J., Nancy and Mary.

Our subject was the second child born to his parents, and first saw the light in County Antrim. Ireland, Nov. 18, 1830. He lived in his native county until he was twenty years of age and then came to this land, which has been the Mecca of his compatriots for so many years. He landed in New York City, and thence made his way to Cincinnati, and on down the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers to New Orleans, where he obtained employment in a commission warehouse. At the end of about five months he returned to Cincinnati, whence he came to Lenawee County in November, 1850, He worked on a farm about two months after his arrival, and then going back to Cincinnati, he remained a short time, and in the spring of 1851 returned to Lenawee County, where he obtained work at whatever his hands found to do. He was very energetic and capable, and had but little difficulty in obtaining employment; he was engaged most of the time in Adrian at the carpenter's trade. Mr. Kerr in 1863 took ninety-five men South, and had charge of them in the interest of the Government, building bridges, laying railroad tracks, and doing other carpenter work such as would come before them.

On the 14th of March, 1852, Mr. Kerr was married in Adrian to Miss Susan Lang, who was born in County Fermanagh, Ireland, March 25, 1826. In 1849 she came to America with her parents, John and Mary (Liscoe) Lang, who located in Canada, and there died. In the year of his marriage Mr. Kerr bought a farm about two miles from the village of Palmyra, of which he cleared about twenty acres and then disposed of it at an advance. He then bought 120 acres of wild land in Dover Township, which has since been his residence, and he has paid exclusive attention to farming in its various branches. He has cleared 100 acres of his land, and from time to time has increased the extent of his farm, until at one time he owned a tract of 360 acres in Lenawee County. He has since disposed of some of his land, but he still owns 240 acres, which may be considered a model farm. In 1883 he built a fine brick house on this place, and has erected

Mr. and Mrs. Kerr are the parents of six children, namely: William J., John R., David, George, Mathew and Mary E. William married Miss Tillic VanSyckle and resides in Hillsdale County. Mich.: John married Miss Eveline Clemensen, and lives in Dover Township, as also does David, who married Miss Addic Furnan: George died near Jack Fish Bay, in British America, while Mathew and Mary live at home.

In politics Mr. Kerr well maintains the interests of the Democratic party in this township. He has held the office of Highway Commissioner for many years, and has also done good service as a member of the School Board in furthering the educational advantages of the town. He is a member of Adrian Lodge No. 19, A. F. & A. M., and in his religious faith is a Presbyterian. Mrs. Kerr is a Methodist and is a woman of great worth, while she makes their home pleasant to her family, and to the large circle of friends who are often welcomed to their hospitable board. Though Mr. Kerr has become a prosperous citizen of the United States, he still has a warm spot in his heart for the land of his birth, and in 1881, accompanied by his brother John, he returned to the Emerald Isle to revisit the scenes of his youth.



LIVER ALLEN is a well-to-do farmer and stock-raiser, widely known in Lenawee County as a shrewd man of business, whose industry, wise economy, and undoubted integrity of character, have placed him in the front ranks of those men who have won wealth by attention to agriculture in its various branches. Mr. Allen is at present living in retirement from the active labors of life in his home, which he shares with his sister in Clinton Township. He located on this farm in 1857, which at that time was mostly unimproved, and he now has a fine tract of 111 acres, nearly all of which is under tillage. He has also been very successful financially, and his success in life is due entirely to his own unaided efforts, directed by good judgment.

Our subject was born in Bethany Township, Genesee Co., N. Y., Aug. 17, 1817, and is the son of Israel Allen, who was born and reared in Connecticut, He was a farmer and cooper by trade, and when a young man went to Massachusetts and there married Miss Margaret Barker, a native of that State. They lived in Connecticut for some years after marriage, and then left their New England home and went to Pennsylvania, where Mr. Allen bought a farm which he partially improved. After the War of 1812 he disposed of his property in Pennsylvania and removed with his family to Genesee County. N. Y., where he pursued his trade for some time, In 1857 he came with his wife and son Oliver to Michigan, and they located on the farm which belongs to our subject, and here ended their days, at the ages, respectively, of eighty-seven and seventy-five years. They were people who led honorable and useful lives, and were held in high respect by all. They were for many years faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and Mr. Allen was in politics a stanch adherent to the Republican party.

Oliver Allen, of this sketch, was the fifth child of

the family of eight children born to his parents. He grew to manhood in his native State and continued to live there until 1857, when, as before stated, he became a citizen of this State, and has ever-since lived on the farm on which he then located with his parents. He has never married, but lives with his sister Anorilla, who, like himself, has preferred a life of single blessedness. She was born in Litchfield, Conn., and has been an enterprising, energetic, hard-working woman, possessing sound common sense, and has amassed much wealth. Their only surviving brother, Reuben Allen, married Elizabeth Leet, and is a farmer living in Allegan County, this State.

Mr. Allen of this sketch is Republican in politics, and does much to promote the interests of that party in his township. He is valued as a good citizen, with an honorable record of fair dealings with his fellowmen, and is held in respect by all in the community with whose interests his own have been identified for many years.

HARLES M. TOBIAS is actively engaged in farming and stock-raising in Dover Township. Mr. Tobias is a native of New York, as were also his parents, Moses and Jane (Manning) Tobias, the former born in Ulster County and the latter in Dutchess County. After marriage they first settled in Tompkins County, whence they removed to Outtario County, and in the spring of 1851 they left their native State and came to Michigan, settling in Branch County. Afto there to by Joseph County, where they finally settled in White Pigeon, and there these good people closed their earthly pilgrimage. Of their union seven children had been born, two sons and five daughters.

Charles M. Tobias of this sketch was the eldest child of his parents, and was born in Tompkins County, N. Y., July 5, 1827. He was seven years old when his parents moved to Ontario County, and there he grew to manhood on the farm, and received an education in the common schools of that State. In 1851 he came with his parents to Michigan, and soon after commenced a long course of employment in different capacities as a railroad man. He was thus employed in several States for nearly twenty years. In 1867 he purchased 103 acres of land in Dover Township, but he still continued in the employ of a railroad company nearly two years longer. Since that time he has devoted his attention entirely to the care of his farm. He now owns 133 acres of valuable land, on which he has erected a substantial set of farm buildings, and has every convenience for the successful prosecution of his work. He engages in mixed husbandry, giving much attention to the raising of stock as well as to other branches of agriculture.

In all these years of labor Mr. Tobias has the assistance of a prudent, caretaking wife, to whom he was married Feb. 9, 1859. Her maiden name was Angelina McLouth, and she is a native of Dover Township. To them have been born four children, namely: Arthur W., Ernest E., Burton E. and Ella F. Mr. and Mrs. Tobias have given their children all the advantages to be obtained from a good education. The sons have been engaged with a Boston firm as a commercial traveler. Mr. Tobias is a prominent Democrat in his township.

YLVANU'S KINNEY looked upon the face of the country in Michigan at a time when the development of her resources had scarcely begun. Coming here in the strength of his youth and energy intent upon carving out his fortune, he was prepared for whatever might arise amid the difficulties of settlement in a wild and new region, from which Indians had not long departed and where wild game was still abundant. He is a native of Livingston County, N. Y., where his birth took place at the homestead of his parents, Joel and Betsey (Holmes) Kinney, on the 20th of June, 1809.

Joel Kinney, a native of Connecticut, learned the trade of a shoemaker early in life, and after his marriage migrated with his bride to Livingston County, N. Y., where the latter became a mother, and died when her son Sylvanus was but two years of age; Mrs. Kinney was native of Vermout and came of excellent family. After the death of his mother our subject was taken into the home of his mother our subject was taken into the home of his cousin, at Richmond, Ontario County, where he remained probably eight years. He was then bound out to a neighboring farmer, with whom he remained until twenty-one years of age, working hard and receiving little pay and less kindness. Upon reaching his majority, however, he received \$100, and started out for himself as a farm laborer, which occupation he followed singly until 1835. He still continued a resident of Richmond, and in the spring of the year mentioned he married one of his childhood friends, Miss Hannah Crane, who was born in Massachusetts but came to New York with her parents when a young child.

Young Kinney, not being satisfied with his condition or his prospects in the Empire State, joined the carayan moving toward the Territory of Michioan, and upon reaching this county took up his abode on a tract of 160 acres in Cambridge Township, where he settled down in the woods on section 35, and at once commenced its improvement. This land he occupied for a period of thirty-one years, and in the meantime had transformed a portion of the wilderness into a valuable and productive farm. In the course of time he erected good buildings, and viewed with satisfaction the spectacle of the land around him being gradually developed and occupied by a class of thrifty and intelligent people. Here he was content to live until advancing years admonished him it would be wise to retire from active labor, and accordingly, selling his farm he moved to the city of Adrian, in 1866, where he has since remained. The wife of his youth died in April, 1849, leaving six children, all sons, namely: John C., now a resident of Cambridge; William C., a real-estate dealer of Chicago; Joel F., a Government claim agent at Cincinnati, Ohio; Joshua P., a farmer of Polk County, Mo.; Julius, who died in Franklin, Tenn., when twenty-one years of age, and S. H., who is engaged in the insurance business at Kansas City. Mr. Kinney for his second wife married Miss Sarah Crain, and two and one-half years later she also passed to her long home; of this nnion there were no children.

Mr. Kinney was married the third time, to Miss Abigail Briggs, a native of Massachusetts, who became the mother of three children, namely: Vernon, who is engaged in dairying in Milwaukee County, Wis.: DeWitt, a resident of North Springfield, Mo., and Chara E., a teacher, who makes her home with her father. The mother of these children died at the family residence in the city of Adrian, Aug. 1, 1867. The present wife of our subject, to whom he was married in 1867, was formerly Mrs. Abbie (Foote) Moore, a native of Cayuga County, N. Y., and who for her first husband married Alonzo Moore, of New York. Her father was Milton Foote, a native of Connecticut, who spent his last years in Rome, Mich. Of this marriage there were no children. Her mother, whose maiden name was Lois Bisco, spent her last years in Adrian and died in the ninety-first year of her age. Three of the sons of Mr. Kinney served as soldiers in the late war, and Joel F. at the battle of Chickamauga received a wound in the right shoulder,

Mr. Kinney is a man who has always been interested in State and National affairs, and in early life identified himself with the Democratic party. Later he wheeled over into the Republican ranks, but is now an active Prohibitionist. A history of the scenes he has witnessed, the trials he has passed through, and the labors involved in the establishment of a homestead and the successful cultivation of the primitive soil, would form an interesting volume and prove the correctness of the adage "truth is stranger than fiction." He is looked upon in his community with the peculiar veneration and respect accorded the old pioneers, while the personal character of the man has been such as to secure him the unalloyed respect of his neighbors and acquaintances.

EORGE L. WAITE. son of one of the early pioneers of Palmyra Township, occupies his father's old homestead on section 6, where his birth took place Sept. 17, 1852. It will thus be seen that he is comparatively a young man. He comes of a good family, has received a fair education, and thus far in life has deported himself as a conscientious and useful citizen, an industrious and skillful farmer, and is already established in the good-will and confidence of the people who have watched

him from his earliest youth, and predicted that he would worthily bear the mantle of his honored sire.

Henry Waite, the father of our subject, was a native of Rochester, N. Y., near where he was reared upon a farm, and afterward learned the trade of a carriage and house painter. He removed from the Empire State to this county while a young man, and during the early settlement of Palmyra Township. He first purchased property near the young city of Adrian, where he followed his trade a number of years, and then invested his surplus capital in a tract of timber land on section 6, where in due time he established a permanent home, which became the abiding-place of his family, and where his son George L. at present resides. Mr. Waite. after the purchase of this land, still continued at his trade, hiring men to fell the trees and prepare the soil for cultivation, and for several years thereafter to sow and harvest the crops. About 1852, having erected a good residence, he took up his abode with his family on the farm, where he spent his last years, and departed this life Dec. 10, 1877. The mother of our subject had passed to her long rest twenty years before, and Henry Waite had married the second time.

The mother of Mr. Waite of our sketch was in her girlhood Miss Adeline Lusk. She was born in Monroe County, N. Y., and became the wife of Henry Waite about 1850, while they were residents of their native 8 tate. She is remembered as an affectionate wife and mother, but passed away while still a young woman. Of her children, four in number, the eldest died in infancy; William A. is occupied in farming in Eaton County, Mich.; George L., of our sketch, was next to the youngest; Jerome B. is farming in Palmyra Township.

Our subject passed his youth mostly on the farm, pursuing his early studies in the district school, and afterward attending a graded school at Adrian. He then turned his attention solely to farming, it being understood that he would retain the homestead. To this he brought a bride in the early part of 1882, having been married, January 4 of that year, to Miss Ida J. Kayner. This lady was born in Hillsdale, Mich., and is the daughter of Charles and Phebe (Haviland) Kayner. Of her union with our subject there are two children: Charles, who was

born April 26, 1883, and Corinne, June 9, 1884. Mr. Waite votes the straight Republican ticket, and takes a genuine interest in the moral and educational welfare of the people of his locality.

Charles Kayner, the father of Mrs. Waite, a native of Niagara County, N. Y., where he was born Ang. 27, 1873, was one of the pioneers of Raisin Township, and now owns a good farm on section 29, comprising seventy acres of fertile land. supplied with good buildings and all the other appurtenances of a modern homestead, Ilis father, Dr. George Kayner, a practicing physician of Niagara County, died when his son Charles was but eighteen months old. The mother, whose maiden name was Dorcas Bowman, was subsequently married to Jeremiah Westgate, of New York, and they afterward came to this county and settled in Raisin Township, where they secured a comfortable home. The mother died about 1851, and Mr. Westgate more than twenty years later, in 1873. They were estimable citizens and conscientious members of the Society of Friends. Of the first marriage there were born but two children, Charles, and Elizabeth, now Mrs. Haviland, who resides with her husband on a farm in Raisin Township,

Mr. Kayner remained with his mother and was reared mainly in Raisin Township, where he received a fair education, and became familiar with farm pursuits. Upon reaching manhood he was united in marriage with Miss Phebe A. Haviland, who was born in New York State, and came to this county with her parents in her youth. She became the mother of four children, namely: Chester, now a farmer of Raisin Township; Ida J.; Edwin. who is farming in Medina Township; and Bertha M., who remains at home. The mother of these children died at her home in Raisin Township, July 21, 1880. Mr. Kayner exercised much care in the training and education of his children, and they now occupy a good position among the intelligent members of their community.

The present wife of Mr. Kayner was formerly Mrs. Ann M. (Brittain) Kent, who was born in Adrian Dec. 12, 1843, where she was reared and educated in the public schools. Her parents were A. W. and Harriet (Crane) Brittain, early settlers of this county, who died several years ago. Mr. Brittain was engaged in farming, and accumulated a good property. The children of the second marriage of Mr. Kayner were named Jessic and Nellie, Mr. K. has been quite prominent in the affairs of his township, serving as Justice of the Peace three terms, and officiating as Township Treasurer and Commissioner of Highways. He is independent in polities.

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OHN W. DAVIS, the well-known florist and horticulturist of Adrian, is a native of the State of New York, where he was born at Amsterdam, Montgomery County, Sept. 5, 1843. He is the second son and third child of Ramus and Harriet (Wemple) Davis, both of whom were natives of New York; the father, John Parson Davis, having been born on Long Island; the father was of Welsh, and the mother of Holland descent. After marriage Ramus Davis moved to Indiana, locating at Mishawaka, near South Bend, where he remained for two years. He then returned to Amsterdam, N. Y., where he remained for ten years, and then moved to Onondaga County, in the same State. In June, 1863, he removed to Lenawee County and settled in the town of Palmyra, where he died in 1876. The mother is still living, enjoying fair health for one of her age; there are three of the children vet living.

John W. Davis was educated in his native county. where he attended the common schools first, and afterward received an academical education. After he removed to Lenawee County he remained with his parents until he reached the age of twentytwo years. He volunteered his services in maintenance of the Fnion, but was rejected; toward the close of the war, however, he was drafted into the army, and this time was accepted and went to the front, serving only ten days previous to the surrender of Gen. Lee. After that event he was sent home, and was finally discharged. He then returned to Palmyra, and engaged in work on the farm for a time, after which he formed a partnership with his brother, R. B. Davis, and engaged in sawing lumber in Adrian. At the end of two years his sawmill burned down, and he rebuilt on the same lot, but afterward removed the mill to Riga Township, and, after operating it for two years, he sold his interest to his brother, and for several years thereafter he was variously engaged in business.

In 1875 Mr. Davis removed to his present home, in the northern part of Adrian, and began the business of florist and horticulturist, which he has successfully conducted for the past nine years. Upon the little farm he has erected with his own hands all the principal buildings, and has otherwise improved and beautified his place. During the summer months the greater part of his time is spent at Sand Lake, a health resort, where he has a neat cottage, for the benefit of his wife's health.

On the 27th of October, 1868, Mr. Davis was married to Miss Emma F. Brouwer, of New York City, daughter of Jacob Brouwer, President of the LEtna Insurance Company, of New York. She is the youngest child of her parents' family. Mr. and Mrs. Davis have had two children, both of whom are deceased. He and his wife are members in good standing of the Presbyterian Church, and take an active interest in all church matters.



LPHEUS F. HAAS, Superintendent of the Adrian Water-Works, is one of the most skillful civil engineers of the West, possessing a thorough understanding of machinery, and entinently fitted for the duties of his responsible position. He is a native of this State, having been born in what is now the village of Brooklyn, Jackson County, on the 21st of October, 1845. His father, John Haas, was a native of Germany, and the mother, formerly Miss Sarah Croman, was born in Pennsylvania. Both parents came to Michigan early in life, and were married in Washtenaw County, where they settled and resided about ten years. Thence they removed to Jackson County, of which they were residents six years.

In 1851 the parents of our subject came to Lenawee County, and located near the city of Hudson, where the father engaged in mercantile business, and the mother departed this life in the following year. After the death of his wife John Dass crossed the Mississippi and located at Fremont, Neb., in 1869, where he continued until his death in the spring of 1883. The parental household ineluded six children, three sons and three daughters, all of whom are living.

The subject of this history was the fourth child of his parents, and received his early education at Hudson, Lenawee County, where he remained until reaching manhood. In the meantime he had spent three years on the farm, and one year he was employed at the carpenter trade. The Civil War had now been in progress some time, and as there seemed little prospect of an immediate cessation of hostilities, young Haas, in November, 1864, entered the Union army as a member of Company G, 30th Michigan Infantry, and with his comrades was assigned to the military department of the Mustering and Disbursing District of the Lakes, where he officiated as clerk in the Paymaster's office until the close of the war. After being mustered out he returned to Hudson and engaged as clerk in his father's store for a period of three years. In the early part of 1871 he engaged as a workman in a sash and blind factory in Hudson, and later in that year migrated to Adrian and was given a position in the car works, which he retained until the shop were closed.

Mr. Haas, in 1880, being now experienced in machinery, returned to Adrian and assumed charge of the wood-working machine department of the Peninsula Car Works, which position he held until the removal of the shops to Detroit. The year following he was variously occupied, and in 1885 was appointed to his present position. The duties and responsibilities of this he has discharged with credit, and has distinguished himself as being the right man in the right place.

While a resident of Hudson, Mr. Haas was united in marriage with Miss Mary Tolchard, the wedding taking place at the home of the bride. Oct. 15, 1868. Mrs. Haas is of English ancestry, and is a native of New York State, where she was born in the town of Geneva, in 1848. Of her union with our subject there is one child only, a son, Louis T., who was born in Adrian in 1873, and is now at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Haas took up their residence in Hudson, and settled permanently in Adrian in 1880. Our subject has since been largely identified with local affairs, and served the First Ward of the city of Adrian in the County Board of Supervisors three terms. Socially he belongs to Adrian Lodge, F. & A. M., and is also connected with the G. A. R., being a member of Woodbury Post No. 45. He has a fair amount of good property, and is numbered among the representative men of the community.



II. SCHREDER. Prominent among the worthy and intelligent citizens of Clinton Township is the gentleman whose name is at the head of this sketch. His farm, consisting of 160 acres on section 10, and forty acres on section 11, is one of the finest in the county, and here Mr. Schreder has been successfully engaged many years. In April, 1887, he lost his large and valuable barn by an incendiary fire, the loss sustained being about 83,000, but he has since replaced it by a fine building, very commodions and conveniently arranged. The house and the barn are situated on an elevation, commanding a beautiful view of the surrounding country, and in turn presenting a fine appearance as seen from some distant point.

Mr. schreder settled here in 1856, purchasing first eighty acres of mostly unbroken timber land, and making his home in a small shell of a house. He afterward added 120 acres of partially improved land, and now has it all well improved and in a highly productive state. Our subject was born in the township of Moreland, Montgomery Co., Pa., Dec. 5, 1819, and was the second child and oldest son of his parents. His early life was passed in attendance at school and in the labors of the farm, which were not then lightened by the machinery used by the modern farmer.

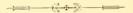
John F. Schreder, the father of our subject, was born in Orange County, N. Y. He was in early life a miller, and when a young man he went to Pennsylvania and was there married to Susan Wambold, who was of Dutch parentage. After the birth of four children they came across the country with teams to Michigan, where Mr. Schreder entered Government land in Ridgeway Township in June, 1831. He then resumed his employment of miller, in which he engaged for some time in Tecumseh, managing the first mill that was ever built in the county, on the banks of the Raisin River. He are the commenced the improvement of his land, and made his home on it until four years before his death, which time he spent with his daughter, Mrs. Arner, at Ridgeway. His useful life was prolonged much beyond the usual number of years that generally fall to man, his death occurring Nov. 26, 1882, at the age of nearly ninety-five years. In his day he was a strong Democrat. His wife died May 24, 1842, on the farm in Ridgeway Township.

I. H. Schreder was first married in Tecumseh to Ansah Florence, who was a native of the State of New York, and came to the State of Michigan when a small child. She died at their home in Raisin Township two years after her marriage; she was a kind, true-hearted woman, and left a pleasant memory in the hearts of her friends. Mr. Schreder's second marriage, which took place in what is now Clinton Township on the 4th of July, 1841, was with Miss Margaret Gillespie, a native of Sparta, Livingston Co., N. Y., where her birth occurred March 22, 1820. She is the eldest of the six children born to her parents, Richard B, and Clarinda (Roberts) Gillespie, (See sketch of R. B. Gillespie). Her father came to the United States from the North of Ireland with his parents when he was a small child, and grew to manhood in the township of Sparta, N. Y. Here he married for his second wife Clarinda Roberts, and after the birth of two children they came to Michigan and took up land in the woods on section 15, in what is now Clinton Township. They built a log cabin with a stick chimney and remained in this home until death, Like all pioneers they used the ox-team to break their land, and to convey them to church and all social gatherings. They were well known and loved for their kind hearts and genial hospitality.

Mrs. Schreder, of this sketch, received a commonschool education, and is a sensible, capable woman, who has been of great assistance to her husband in his hard labors to build up and beautify their home. Seven children have been born to them, of whom the following is the record: Eliza M. died in infancy; Mary C. is the wife of Casper Cook, a farmer of Milan Township, Monroe County: John F. married Jennie Stephenson, and manages a large farm in Clinton Township, Ann is the wife of Dwight A.

Goodrich, of Mendon, St. Joseph County, where he is employed as a carpenter: Willis G. married Melvina Patterson, and lives on a farm in Clinton Township; Emma J. is the wife of Lewis M. Waldron; R. Grant, the youngest child, is still at home with his parents. The last two children and Mr. and Mrs. Schreder are members of the Presbyterian Church at Tecumseh.

Mr. Schreder is a Royal Arch Mason. He has been Highway Commissioner for his township, and has rendered valuable service to the public in that capacity. He is a prominent member of the Demoeratic party.



ON. MINER T. COLE, who is widely and favorably known in this section of country as a fine representative of its intelligence and energy, and who is numbered among its self-made men, forms the subject of an interesting history which in its main points is as follows. He was born in Spencer Township, Lucas Co., Ohio, July 3, 1839, and comes of an excellent family, His father was Aaron H. Cole, a native of the town of Covert, Seneca Co., N. Y., where his birth took place Feb. 26, 1813.

The grandfather of our subject, Daniel Cole by name, was a native of Connecticut and one of the pioneers of Seneca County, N. Y., where he cleared a farm and spent the remainder of his days. His life companion was in her girlhood Miss Sarah Hopkins, who bravely endured the vicissitudes of life in a new country and passed away on the old homestead some years after the death of her husband. Their son, Aaron H., continued a resident of his native county, and early in life developed a love for book learning, which he turned to such good account that he commenced teaching while quite young. He made a trip to the West before his marriage, and taught school in Ohio and Indiana, At the close of his last term in the latter State he purchased a horse upon which he rode back to New York, to fulfill a pledge which he had made to a young lady there before journeying to the West, This pleasant task accomplished he, a few months later, in June, 1835, in company with his bride, started for Ohio and settled in what is now Speneer Township. He entered a tract of Government land, where he put up a log cabin which remained the home of the family several years and in which our subject was born.

Aaron Cole, after years of persistent industry, found himself the possessor of a fine farm of 200 acres, which he had cleared from the wilderness, and upon which he had put up the first frame barn in ths township and the third frame house; the lumber for these was sawed by hand with a whip-saw. The father of our subject occupied this property until 1849, when he rented his land and removed to Maumee City, where his children could receive better educational advantages. This object being accomplished he returned to the farm, where he lived until 1856, and then renting it again he came to Genesce County, this State, where he remained three years, after which he returned to the old homestead. In 1866 he once more abandoned country life, and removing to Adrian, engaged in the manufacture of the wedge trace buckle, of which he was the inventor. There he remained the balance of his life, his death taking place Oct. 27, 1867. The mother of our subject before her marriage was Miss Lydia Rappleye. She was born in Covert, Seneca Co., N. Y., Feb. 18, 1817, and was the daughter of William and Barbara (Swick) Rappleye, natives of New Jersey, where they spent their youth and childhood, and where their marriage took place, Thence they removed to Seneca County, N. Y., during its early settlement, where Mr. R. cleared a farm and both parents spent the remainder of their days, The parental household included six sons and one daughter: Harriet C, married Rev. II, B. Taft, and died at Salem, Washtenaw County, in 1868; William R. is a resident of Dallas, Tex.; Miner T., of our sketch, was the third child; Adoniram J. died in Fulton County, Ohio, when seventeen years of age; Frank M. and Ralph T. are residents of Mobeetie, Tex., while George I. is engaged in a telegraph office at Toledo, Ohio.

Our subject was the second son and third child of his parents, and spent his childhood and youth amid the quiet scenes of farm life, attending the district school. After the removal of the family to Mannee City, he pursued his studies there and subsequently at Kalamazoo College. He remained with his parents until 1861, and after the outbreak of the late Rebellion enlisted on the 26th of August of that year in Company F, 14th Ohio Infantry, under the command of Gen. Steadman. He served as a Union soldier four years and three months, and was in many of the important battles of the war, including Chickamauga, Mission Ridge and Jonesboro, and was in the streets of Atlanta while the city was burning. After it was taken possession of by the Union troops he was placed in charge of a squad of foragers and started on the memorable camusing from Atlanta to the sea.

Mr. Cole marched with Sherman's command through South Carolina to Goldsboro, where he was commissioned as Second Lieutenant of Company D. 22d U. S. C. T., joining his command at Petersburg. He participated with his regiment in the memorial services after the death of President Lincoln, and they were afterward detailed to go to Maryland in search of the assassin Booth. Subsequently, the war being now practically ended, they set out for Washington, where they were present at the grand review. They were then ordered to Texas where they remained until October, and then returned East as far as Philadelphia, where they were mustered out in November, 1865. Lieut. Cole returned home and the following spring engaged in business with his father at Adrian and continued two years. He then purchased thirty-seven and one-half acres of timber land on section 17. Palmyra Township, which he settled upon in April, and commenced the pleasant routine of farm life, He subsequently added to his first purchase until now he has a farm of 140 acres, the most of which has been cleared and brought to a good state of cultivation. This has been no light task, as in order to thoroughly drain the land, it has been underlaid with 2,000 rods of tiling. Mr. Cole has added improvements as time pased and his means justified, and now the passing traveler views with admiring eye the handsome frame buildings which are both shapely and substantial. There is a goodly assortment of live stock and the machinery is after the most approved pattern.

Mr. Cole, after serving in various prominent positions in his township, was elected to represent his county in the State Legislature in the fall of 1886, with which body he is still connected. He votes the straight Republican ticket and uniformly gives his support to the principles of his party. His influence in the General Assembly is sensibly felt, and he gives his conscientions support to those measures which he believes will tend to the best interests of the people of his State. He is quiet and unobtrusive in his public career, as well as at home among his friends, but keeps close to the undercurrent of uprightness and morality, the influence of which, although perhaps not largely apparent at the time, cannot fall to be of weight in the social and political circles which are largely made up of the intelligence of the present day.

The lady who has been the faithful friend and companion of our subject for the last twenty years, was formerly Miss Mary J. Taylor, and became his wife on the 30th of May, 1867. Of this union there have been born four children, all living, namely: Hattie, Harley L., Florence and Mary. Mrs. Cole is an amiable and intelligent hady and a devoted member of the Baptist Church at Adrian. The parents of Mrs. Cole were William and Mary (Corson) Taylor. Her father was a native of Lycoming County, Pa., and the son of Robert Taylor, a native of New Jersey and of Scotch ancestry. He was one of the pioneers of Lycoming County, where he improved a farm and spent the remainder of his days.

William Taylor was reared to manhood in his native county, where he married, and removed to Ohio in 1835, locating near Spencer, Lucas County. The entire journey from Pennsylvania was made overland with a horse and wagon. The country was then thinly settled and there was not even a common highway laid out, so that they were guided on a part of their journey merely by an Indian trail, Upon their arrival in Spencer Township, they found but two families. Mr. Taylor purchased a tract of Government land and put up a log cabin, which he furnished with home-made chairs, bedstead and table. In this humble dwelling with its lowly surroundings Mrs. Cole was born, Sept. 14, 1842, and she still remembers the rigid economy her parents practiced and the industry with which they labored to build up a home for their children. Their efforts

in this direction met with success. Mr. Taylor succeeded in clearing a large farm, upon which he erected good buildings, and lived to see the country around him settled up with an intelligent and enterprising people. There he passed his last days in ease and comfort, his death taking place on the 18th of November, 1884, in the city of Toledo; the mother had died Dec. 29, 1882.



EORGE W. ALLEN, a general farmer whose home is on section 14. Franklin Township, was born on his father's homestead in that township, Nov. 20, 1840. Here he remained until he reached his majority, when he set out on his own account a little later and purchased forty acres of improved land, which he has made his home ever since. He now owns 170 acres of well-improved land on sections 14 and 15 of this township.

December 23, 1870. Mr. Allen was united in marriage with Miss Cynthia McClure, who was born in London, Canada, July 6, 1854. When a small child her parents came to the United States, locating for some time in Gratiot County, this State, where the mother, whose maiden name was Fannie Canburr, died. After spending some time there the father and children came to Branch County. The father was a shoemaker by trade, but gave up his occupation for that of a farmer, and died at the age of sixty-three years. From childhood Mrs. Allen earned her own livelihood principally. She is the mother of four children—Irena F., Leon R., Nina A. and Earle R.. Since marriage Mr. and Mrs, Allen have always lived at their present home.

The father of our subject, also George W. Allen, was born in Massachusetts and came to Michigan when a young man, in 1832. He afterward purchased forty acres of Government land on section 14, which he improved and made his home until his decease in 1882, at the age of seventy-six years. In 1834 he was married in this township to Miss Irena Whelan, who was born in 1811 in Monroe County, N. Y., and came here with her people in the early part of the thirties. Her death occurred at the age of fifty-six, in 1867. Mr. Whelan was Republican

in politics. Mr. and Mrs. Allen are intelligent and estimable people, and their united efforts in life have been crowned with a large measure of success.



*HERON L. BURR located upon his present farm in Adrian Township twenty-two years ago, and has effected most of the improvements which are seen there to-day. He is a gentleman still in his prime, having been born Feb. 11, 1840, and is a native of Palmyra Township, this county. The family is of English descent, and our subject is the son of Allen Burr, whose father, Linden, was a native of Rhode Island. The first representatives of the family in this country were three brothers, who came over from England during the Colonial days and settled in Rhode Island, where they followed farming. The paternal grandfather of our subject was a teamster in early life. but died upon a farm in Wayne County, N. Y., at the advanced age of eighty years. He had married a Miss Allen, who was a distant relative of the famous Gen. Ethan Allen, Grandmother Burr died in Wayne County several years before the decease of her husband.

The father of our subject was born in Brownsville, Oneida Co., N. Y., Feb. 22, 1810, and lived there until reaching his majority. He was crippled by an accident while a boy, and learned the harness trade and also studied medicine. He preferred farm life, however, and when twenty-one years old came to Michigan and purchased a tract of land, upon which he located in the fall of 1832. Then returning to his native State he was married, and at once set out with his bride for their new home in the West. They located on his land in Palmyra Township, but their plans in life were suddenly cut short by the death of Mr. Burr, who was fatally injured by a sawlog rolling on him. He lived only twenty-four hours after the accident, breathing his last on the 17th of February, 1850. He was an old-line Whig politically, and a man of much force of character, who would have made bis mark in life had he been permitted to live.

The first wife of Allen Burr was Miss Phena Atwell, of Wayne County, N. Y., and she died two years after coming to Michigan in 1834, leaving one child, a son, Caleb, who survived his mother only two years, dying in September, 1836. Mr. Burr subsequently married Miss Eliza C., daughter of William Parker, of Rhode Island. Of this union there were six children, of whom Theron L., our subject, was the second son and second child; Benjamin F. died Feb. 18, 1841, when not quite three years old; Charles A, is carrying on the dairy business in Missouri; Rena E, is also a resident of Missouri, and the wife of Marvin Saxton; Orlando, during the late war, enlisted in the 20th Michigan Infantry, and after being in a number of hardfought battles was captured by the rebels and confined in Libby Prison; after being paroled a year later he died on his way home. Charles served in the 26th Michigan Infantry three years, being mostly assigned to guard duty. He is now in Neosho, Mo.; Betsy is the wife of a prosperous farmer of Newton County, Mo.

With the exception of five years spent upon the farm with his uncle our subject remained with his parents until his marriage. This most important and interesting event in his life took place on the 11th of February, 1864, his chosen bride being Miss Harriet, daughter of Cornelius Wilson, of New York State. Mrs. Burr was born Feb. 13, 1839, and came West with her uncle when twenty-two years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Burr became the parents of seven children: Allen A. V. was born in February, 1865, and is now clerking in Nebraska: Mattie L. was born May 11, 1866, and is teaching in Hudson, Mich.; Anna E. was born Sept. 6, 1868; Homer O., Oct. 3, 1869; Charles E., Oct. 12, 1872; Delphine, Oct. 11, 1875, and Ada A., May 13, 1879; these five are at home with their parents. Mr. Burr is a Republican politically, but has little to do with public affairs, preferring to give his attention to his farming interests. Mr. and Mrs. Burr are members of the Congregational Church,

OHN MORTON, over whose head have passed the snows of eighty-five winters, has for the last fifty years been a familiar figure among the honored pioneers of this county. He has done his part in life as an industrious man and

a good citizen, and is passing his declining years in case and comfort at a pleasant home in Adrian. The essential points in a history more than usually interesting are as follows:

Mr. Morton was born in Oswego County, N. Y., Nov. 29, 1802. His father, also John Morton, was a native of Vermont, where he was born April 7, 1777, and removed from the Green Mountain State to New York, putting up the first saw and grist mills in Oswego County. He also became an extensive land-owner in that section, where he lived for a period of thirty years; then, in 1832, disposing of all his property in the Empire State he came to Michigan, and purchased a tract of wild land in Cambridge Township, this county. He was the first to cultivate the soil of his new purchase, upon which there was only a small shanty for the shelter of his family. He was a man of determination and perseverance, however, and in due time built up a comfortable home, and died there when sixty-seven years of age, leaving a wife and seven children. He had married in early manhood, and while a resident of his native State, Miss Eunice Aldrich, whose parents removed from Canada to New York State and there spent their last years. Mrs. Morton came to the West with her husband and survived him several years, dying at the old homestead at the age of seventy-nine years. Of the parental family two are now living, residents of Adrian, and Pittsford, Hillsdale County.

John Morton, Jr., continued under the home roof until twenty-three years of age, assisting his father in the labors of the farm. He came with the family to this State and located upon a tract of land near his father, which he sold a year later at a profit of \$1,000. He possessed in a marked degree the energy and enterprise of his sire, and put up the first sawmill in Adrian Township. He operated his farm and the mill a few years, then sold out and took up his residence at the homestead, which he assisted his father in managing until the death of the latter. In the meantime father and son had purchased together a large tract of land, and our subject bought out the heirs and located upon the farm of 160 acres, which he occupied nearly thirty years. About 1874 he sold off everything, determined to retire from active labor, and secured possession of his present home in Adrian. He knows all about the hardships and difficulties of pioneer life, and in common with the men about him, who settled in the wilderness fifty years ago, has watched with pride and satisfaction the growth of his adopted State.

The lady who for a period of over sixty years has been the faithful and affectionate companion of our subject, was in her girlhood Miss Polly C. Davis, and was married to John Morton July 28, 1824. Mrs. Morton is the daughter of Asa and Polly Davis, natives of Massachusetts, whence they removed to New York State in 1802. The father took up a tract of land which he cultivated, and also carried on blacksmithing, and here with his estimable wife he spent the remainder of his days, Mrs. Morton is a year younger than her husband, having been born Oct. 18, 1803. She stood bravely by her husband during the pioneer days, and bore with him uncomplainingly the hardships and trials of fifty years ago when, in their lonely cabin on the prairie, they labored and hoped for better days.

Mr. and Mrs. M. have no children of their own, but have performed the part of parents to several others who are now married and settled in comfortable homes of their own. Their adopted daughter, Mrs. Hester Fitch, will receive the property of her kind foster-parents when they shall have been taken to "the house not made with hands."

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ENRY NICHOLS is a veteran farmer of Dover Township, who, by well-directed industry and enterprise, has become the possessor of a fine farm on sections 9 and 10. His parents were Russel and Margaret (Fraver) Nichols, the former a native of Vermont, and the latter of Otego County, N. Y. After their marriage they settled in Western New York, and remained in that State for some years. In 1836 Mr. Nichols came to Oakland County, Mich., and taking up a tract of Government land, he removed with his family to that county in 1845, and made it their home till death. They had six children—Palmer, Mary, Henry, Nauey, Eliza and William.

Our subject was bred on a farm, and received the good common-sense training of a farmer's son, early acquiring habits of activity and usefulness. Though such a life may have been a hard school. yet we question if, after all, a better substitute has been found for training a hardy, healthy lad to a practical, energetic manhood. In those days school privileges were exceedingly limited, but our subject made the best of those that fell to his share. At twenty years of age he left his home to make his own way in the world, and continued in the employ of others in his native State until the fall of 1840, when he came to Michigan, Ile worked about three months in Washtenaw County, and then came to Lenawee County, where he obtained employment of the late Stephen Allen, of Madison Township, remaining with him for over a year. In the meantime he bought eighty acres of land in Ingham County, also purchasing eighty agres on seetion 9, Dover Township, this county. He settled on his land in this township in 1843, and has ever since made it his home. His farm now comprises 130 acres of land, ninety of which is on section 9 and forty on section 10. Nearly all of it is under cultivation, and upon it he has made many substantial improvements, carefully draining, and otherwise adding to its fertility, and erecting good farm buildings.

Mr. Nichols has been twice married. His first marriage took place in Washtenaw County, April 7, 1842, with Miss Rebecca Wilson, who bore him two children—Orrin and Edwin. Orrin died at the age of six years, while Edwin married Harriet Demming and resides in Pahnyra. Mr. Nichols' estimable wife departed this life in Dover Township, Oct. 28, 1851, at the age of thirty-three years eight months and three days.

Mr. Niehols' second marriage occurred in Dover Township on the 22d of February, 1852, with Miss Caroline, daughter of Gardner and Catherine (Ter-williger) Robb, natives of New York. After their marriage they lived for some years in Ontario, Wayne County, that State, and in 1832 they came to Michigan and settled in Dover Township. Mr. Robb afterward sold his farm there and removed to Clayton, where his death occurred May 12. 1879; his wife is still spared to her children. They were the parents of seven children, namely: Mary S., Caroline M., James W., Catherine A., Polly A.,

Julia G, and Jane. Caroline was born in Ontario, Wayne Co., N. Y., Aug. 11, 1830, and engaging in teaching when only fifteen years of age, she successfully proseented that vocation until her marriage. Her aptitude for teaching seems to have descended to her children, three of whom, Estelle, William and Ida, have been engaged in that profession.

The following is the record of the children born to Mr. and Mrs. Nichols: Estelle is the wife of Charles Dutcher, and lives in Dover Township, as also does William H., who married Frances Bodine; Ida P. is the wife of Charles Keeber, and lives in Palmyra; Clarence and John live at home.

Mr. Nichols, having so many teachers in his own family, is naturally interested in educational matters, and he has held the different official positions of the School Board of this township very acceptably to his fellow-townsmen. In politics he is a Republican, and there is not a more carnest and consistent member of that party in the State, while Mrs. Nichols and her sons are Democrats.

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ILLIAM P. SILVERS. The name of this late highly esteemed resident of Clinton Township is familiar among the early settlers of this county as one who came here in the strength of his young manhood, and cast his lot with those who had left their childhood's home to seek their fortunes in the great West. Like a large majority of those who located on the northern line of the county, Mr. Silvers was an emanation of the Empire State, where he was born, in Seneca County, Nov. 3, 1832. He performed his part creditably in line as a man and a citizen, and passed peacefully away at his home on the 12th of August, 1887.

Mr. silvers came to this section of country while Michigan was yet a Territory, and early in life was trained to habits of industry and economy, making himself useful about the homestead, and receiving a practical education in the pioneer school. While still a youth he started out for himself, and at an early period engaged in farming on his own account, having in view the establishment of a home and domestic ties. He married Miss Charlotte C. Vandemark, who was a native of Phelps Township,

Ontario Co., N. Y., and born April 7, 1835. Mrs. Silvers is the only living daughter of Orson and Jane G. (Brooks) Vandemark, who came to Michigan in 1845, and located on a farm in Clinton Township. The father died in 1872, and the mother in 1848. Mr. Vandemark was a skillful farmer, a worthy man in all respects, and a member of the Congregational Church.

sites, Silvers, in common with her brethers and siters, received a practical education, and was engaged in teaching before her marriage. Her union with our subject resulted in the birth of four children, of whom one, Marcia J., died at the age of six years, Jan. 27, 1864. Altie E. is the wife of Ny. D. Van Tuyle, who is connected with the Exchange Bank at Clinton; William O. carries on the home farm, and Charles L. assists the last-named brother. Mr. Silvers was a liberal-minded and brotheristic gentleman, warmly interested in the affairs of his township, and a life-long member of the Democratic party. He had held most of the local offices, and for three years before his decease was a partner in the Exchange Bank at Clinton.

John P. Silvers, the father of our subject, was born in Sussex, N. J., April 14, 1803, and was the son of Benjamin Silvers, a native of the same place, who removed thence in 1806, to Fayette, Scneca Co., N. Y., where he purchased a tract of land. One day in the winter of 1818, being in the woods with his team and his horses floundering in the deep snow, he went to their heads to lead them through, when he was caught between the end of the tongue and a tree, and instantly killed. His wife, Johanna, died in Tyre, N. Y., in 1829. Their son John P. worked the old farm in Seneca County until the spring of 1833, when he sold out and started for the Territory of Michigan with his team, driving the entire distance to this county, and purchased 264 acres of land in Clinton Township. The greater part of this was heavy timber, about 100 acres being "openings." That same spring he set out fifty apple trees, most of which are now alive and in good bearing condition. He was remarkably active and industrious, and it was a favorite remark of his, that his farm had "produced everything but a mortgage." He had married, in March, 1823, Miss Jeanette Hooper, a maiden of his own county in New York, and of the eight children born to them, William P. of our sketch was the youngest. Mrs. Jeanette Silvers died in Clinton Township, this county, in 1839, and Mr. S. was subsequently married to Miss Marcia Hurlburt, of Saline, Washtenaw County. They became the parents of seven children, and this lady died in Clinton, in 1856, John P. Silvers married for his third wife Mrs. Sophia Burroughs, who was the mother of four sons by her first husband. She also was a native of Seneca County, N. Y., and the daughter of Peter and Nellie Huff.

FILLIAM E. DOTY came to this county with his parents when a child four years of age, and since that time has been a continuons resident. He developed into manhood with the growing country, and has been an interested witness of the changes passing before his eyes like a panorama, and which, as he looks back over a period of fifty years, seem very much like a dream of the night. These years, however, have by no means been spent in dreaming, as he has been one of the most industrious laborers in the building up of a homestead for himself and in assisting to develop the resources of Southeastern Michigan. The present homestead of Mr. Doty, of which the father took possession in 1835, lies on section 26, Raisin Township. The substantial points in his family history are as follows:

Alvan Doty, the father of our subject, was a native of Saybrook, Conn., and came of old New England stock, strongly tinctured with Puritanism, and one generation after another belonging to the Presbyterian Church. The parents of our subject were married in Durham, Greene Co., N. Y., to which place Alvan Doty had moved with his parents when eleven years old. The mother was in her girlhood, Miss Malinda Vergil, a native of Delaware County, and after their marriage, Nov. 11, 1807, they settled among the rocks of the Catskill Mountains, where he accumulated a good property. The father followed farming under many difficulties, and after the birth of nine children, resolving upon a change of location, he set out with his fam-

ily in 1835 for the Territory of Michigan. They made the journey via the Eric Canal and Lake, to Detroit, thence overland by teams to this county, locating on section 26 in Raisin Township, Upon this place there was only a log cabin, of which the family took possession and made themselves as comfortable as possible. The father lived to build up a good homestead and to note the development of the country around him, rejoicing in its prosperity. He became the owner of 100 acres of land. which he brought to a fine state of cultivation, and departed from the scenes of his earthly labors Dec. 3, 1866, at the age of seventy-eight years. The wife and mother survived her husband about fourteen years, her death taking place at the old homestead July 20, 1880, when she was nearly ninetytwo years old. They were members of the Presbyterian Church, in which the father had officiated as Deacon for many years. He was a Republican, politically, and was quite prominent in township affairs, serving as Treasurer three years, and Overseer of the Poor for a long period, when the office was abolished.

The paternal grandfather of our subject was Benjamin Doty, and the maternal grandfather, Asel Vergil. Both served as soldiers in the Revolutionary War, and the latter was seriously wounded in the battle at Columbia Heights, N. Y.; he was a clothier by trade, and died in New England. Grandfather Doty removed to Greene County, N. Y., where his death took place in Durham Township; both were well stricken in years.

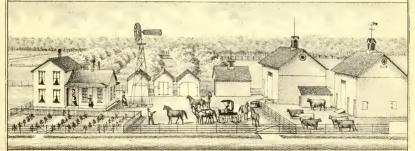
William E. Doty was born in Greene County, N. Y., Dec. 17, 1830, and accompanying his parents to this State, pursued his first studies in the pioneer schools of Raisin Township. He remained at the homestead until the decease of his parents, and then succeeded to the property. This comprises 146 acres of choice and well-improved land, on which are commodious and substantial buildings, well suited to the purposes of the modern agriculturist.

Mr. Doty upon reaching manhood, was married to one of the maidens of Raisin Township, Miss Caroline M. Raymond, who was born in Steuben County, N. Y., April 29, 1829, and came to Michigan with her parents when a child four years of age. They settled in Raisin Township, labored



RESIDENCE OF DAVID E. PALMER, SEC. 10. MADISON TOWNSHIP.





RESIDENCE OF JNO HUGO SMITH, SEC. 36. RAISIN TOWNSHIP.



after the manner of pioneers, and spent their last days upon the homestead which they had built up by years of toil and frugality. Mrs. Boty was reared to habits of industry, and educated in the common schools, where she made such progress, that at the age of fifteen she engaged in teaching, which she continued until she was twenty-six years old. Of her union with our subject there were born seven children, three of whom are now deceased, namely: Henry, Willie R. and Linnie S. Of the others, Hattie is the wife of George G. Haskell, who operates a planing-mill in Ludington; Carrie is a teacher in the district schools, and makes her home with her parents, while Stanley E. and Eva, the youngest, are also at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Doty soon after their marriage settled upon the old homestead, and have been uniformly prosperons in their labors. They are active members of the Presbyterian Church, in which Mr. Doty is serving as Elder, and occupy a good position in their community. Mr. Doty has always been a cheerful and liberal giver to religious and educational institutions, and is a singer of no mean talents, having led the choir in his church for a period of twenty years.

ON. BRACKLEY SHAW. Among the men of note in Lenawee County, no name is more highly honored than that of the Hon, Brackley Shaw. He comes of good English ancestry, who, at some early period in the Colonial history of this country, settled in Massachusetts. His parents were Brackley and Lydia (Pool) Shaw, natives of Abington, Plymouth Co., Mass., where the birth of the father occurred in April, 1790, and that of the mother April 20, 1791. They closed their earthly lives in Dover Township. Mr. Shaw died on the 2d of May, 1869, and in his death Lenawee County lost a valuable and venerated citizen. Mrs. Shaw survived the death of her husband, and died at the advanced age of ninety years on the 23d of May, 1881.

The parental family of our subject included eight children, namely: Lydia L., Brackley, Harriet A., Horatio W., Fidelia A., Mary M., Charles I., and Betsy Ann who died in infancy. Lydia was the

wife of Orlin Phelps, to whom she was married in Cayuga County, N. Y.; they came to Lenawee County in the fall of 1834, and settled in Dover Township; she died in Toledo, Ohio. Harriet is the widow of Russell Skeels, and resides in Rome Township; Horatio W, is a Congregational minister, of Binghamton, N. Y.; he was graduated from the university at Ann Arbor, and afterward from the theological department of Princeton College, He then went to India, and took charge of the college at Allahabad, where he remained six years, and then returned to America. Fidelia is the wife of W. J. Wilber, of Dover Township; Mary is the wife of S. P. Perkins, of the same place: Charles is a farmer, and has lately moved to Louisiana from Iowa.

Brackley Shaw, Sr., was Lieutenant of a company in the War of 1812, and had charge of a battery of an island near Boston in defense of that city, After the close of the war, he settled in Plainfield. Mass., and in 1825 moved with his family to Ira, Cayuga Co., N. Y., and in 1835 they migrated to Michigan, and became pioneers of Lenawee County. They came to Michigan by way of Lake Eric, disembarking at Port Lawrence (now Toledo), Ohio, On making the dock, the owners thereof proposed to charge what Mr. Shaw, Sr., considered an exorbitant price for the storage of his goods over night, and he determined not to submit to their unjust charges, but to let the goods remain on the dock. He said to his son Brackley, as he handed him a rifle which he had taken from a pile of goods, "You stand here and watch these goods to-night." During the night a terrible thunderstorm arose; the heavens were rent by continual flashes of lightning, and lond peals of thunder constantly reverberated through the air. Notwithstanding that fearful nocturnal spectacle, and the pelting rain which accompanied it, the youth stood his ground a faithful sentinel until morning, when he was released from his charge, and the goods were loaded onto wagons drawn by oxen. Their trip, which consumed two days, through swamps and dense forests to Adrian, was anything but pleasant.

These early pioneers had but few pleasures to lighten their pathway in life, which was one of toil and hardship, patiently and courageously endured. They had to hew out homes for their families by the work of their hands, settlements were made in lonely places, and their cars were often assailed at night by the howling of the wolverines, which, as some one has facetiously said, was their chief music. But it is owing to the faithful labors of these pioneers in subduing the forest, that the generation of to-day can proudly boast that Lenawee County stands second to none in the State. And after all, their life had some compensations; those early settlers led a life of freedom and independence near to Nature's heart, and what they possessed was theirs by the divine right of labor.

"Off did the harvest to their sickle yield.
Their furrow off the stubborn globe has broke.
How jocund did they drive their team afield!
How bowed the woods beneath their sturdy stroke!
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"Far from the madding crowd's ignoble strife, Their sober wishes never learned to stray; Along the cool, sequestered vale of life They kept the noiseless tenor of their way,"

Though the above lines were descriptive of far other scenes in the early home of Mr. Shaw's English ancestry, yet they are, in a degree at least, appropriate as describing the life of their descendants in this new western world. Mr. Shaw says that he looks back upon those early days as a bright spot in his lifetime, and surely the remembrance of them must enhance his enjoyment of the luxuries and comforts with which he is now surrounded.

The subject of our sketch was born in Plainfield, Hampshire Co., Mass., May 21, 1818, and is a selfmade and a self-educated man. He was a studious lad, applying himself diligently at the district school, and in the long winter evenings, by the light of the fire in the old fireplace, he read such books as he could obtain, and gleaned the knowledge and wisdom from them and from those with whom he associated that has made him prominent in the councils of his adopted State. We have already spoken of his early settlement in this county; his energy and business capacity have made him one of the most successful farmers in this community. He has a fine farm of 145 acres, on which he has built one of the most beautiful residences in the county; he at one time owned 400 acres in this township.

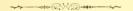
The marriage of Mr. Shaw with Miss Elvira M. Graves, was solemnized in Dover Township, July 7, 1842, and she has been to him an efficient helpmeet, nobly assisting and encouraging him in his life work. She was born in Harrington, Conn., Oct, 18, 1821, and is the daughter of S. Wells and Rhoda (Clark) Graves, natives of Litchfield County. Conn., where the former was born in Harrington in 1791, and the latter in Burlington in 1793. At some time of their married life they lived in Cavuga County, N. Y., and in the summer of 1835 came from there to Michigan, and settled in what is now Clayton. It was then a dense forest, and they were among the first settlers in that part of the county. Soon after their arrival Mrs. Graves died. her death occurring Feb. 28, 1837, in Dover Township; it was probably hastened by exposure and other hardships incidental to a pioneer life. Mr. Graves died in Dover Township, Aug. 2, 1854; he was much celebrated for his musical abilities, and while living in New York long held the position of drum major. He was quite noted as a skillful hunter and trapper during his residence in Michigan. They were the parents of three children-Lucinda, Lorenzo and Elvira M. Lucinda was the wife of George W. Merrick, and died in Adrian, Mich., in May, 1882; Lorenzo was a farmer and died in Clayton, Mich., Jan. 9, 1849.

Mrs. Shaw was but thirteen when she came with her parents to Lenawee County. Her union with Mr. Shaw has been blessed by the birth of two sons—Byron L. and Horatio W. Byron L. married Miss Olive Stockwell, of Dover Township; they reside in Adrian, where he is engaged in the drug business, being a member of the firm of Hart & Shaw. Horatio married Miss Susic V. Shaw; they reside in Dover. He is an artist by profession, having much natural talent.

Mr. Shaw has taken an active part in State and county affairs; although he has never sought office, yet he has often commanded the suffrage of his fellow-citizens on account of his well-known talent and ability. In 1868 he was elected to the Michigan Legislature, and served two years. In 1880 he was chosen State Senator for the Sixth District; in 1882 he was re-elected to the same office, serving in all four years. He was President of the Farmer's Association of Lenawee and Hillsdale Counties for two years.

Mr. and Mrs. Shaw are active and induential in the affairs of the Presbyterian Church, of which they have been worthy communicants for many years. Mr. Shaw has been an Elder in that denomination for nearly forty years; he has also been Superintendent of the Sunday-school for over thirty years. He was chosen as a delegate by the Presbytery to represent it at the General Assemblies held at different times in St. Louis, Mo., and in Pittsburgh, Pa.

In their pleasant home Mr. and Mrs. Shaw are tranquilly and peacefully awaiting the end of life on earth, which means to them the beginning of a more glorious life hereafter. Mr. Shaw was a Whig until the organization of the Republican party, since which time he has supported that party.



LEAZER HOLDRIDGE was born in Onon-daga County, N. Y., Sept. 14, 1814. He was the son of Felix and Deborah (Slocum) Holdridge, who were farmers of Onondaga County. Eleazer lived with his parents until he was married, and was reared a farmer. Considering the advantages offered in those days, he received a very fair education, to which he added by study after leaving school, thus fitting himself for teaching, which occupation he followed during several winters. The greater portion of his life, prior to marriage, was spent [in Royalton, Niagara County, whither his parents had removed when he was six years of age.

In the fall of 1837 Mr. Holdridge came to Michigan, and settled in Raisin Township. Lenawee County, where he and his father, who came with him, purchased 200 acres of land on sections 22 and 23. This entire tract he cleared up, built a large brick house and barn, and planted an orchard. The first purchase was added to until he at one time owned 340 acres of valuable land. Immediately after his settlement in Raisin he became active and energetic in all public matters. He was largely interested in the growth and progress of the county and lent every energy to its development. Being a man of good intelligence and education he soon held a prominent position in society, and during the first year of his settlement was made School In-

spector. He always took an active part in public meetings, and discussed questions with terseness and intelligence. He was quite a politician, and his actions were swayed solely by conviction. He was elected Justice of the Peace, and served several years, while he was the candidate of his party many times for other and more important offices. He resided in Raisin Township, on his original purchase. until 1867, when he removed to the city of Adrian, purchasing a good home, where he resided until his death, which occurred on the 4th of May, 1873. Mrs. Mehitable Holdridge survived her husband several years, dving in Adrian in 1884, aged seventytwo years. She had been a resident of Lenawee County forty-eight years, never having returned to her old home in New York after her marriage. Her wedding tour consisted of a two weeks' journey, in a wagon through the woods and mud, from New York to Michigan.

On the 18th of September, 1836, Mr. Holdridge married Mehitable, daughter of Isaiah and Mercy Stone, of Royalton, Niagara Co., N. Y., and the result of this union was eight children, all born on the old farm in Raisin Township, who are recorded as follows: Warren J. was born Aug. 1, 1838, is a farmer and resides on the old homestead: Horace was born Aug. 28, 1840, and is a farmer in Raisin Township; Eliza E, was born Dec. 14, 1842, and is the wife of Harmon Camburn, a resident of Adrian: Thomas J. was born Aug. 13, 1844, and is a miller of Anthony, Kan.; Hannah E. was born May 2, 1846, and is the wife of Amos Graves, a farmer of Williamstown, Ingham Co., Mich.; Spencer was born Feb. 2, 1849, and died the same year; Mary M. was born Aug. 4, 1850, and is the wife of G. Olin Green, of Adrian; Eleazer S. was born Sept. 11, 1854, and resides at Adrian, this county.

Mrs. Mehitable Holdridge was born in Bradford, Orange Co., Vt., Nov. 8, 1812. Her father, a native of Massachusetts, went to Vermont in his boyhood, where he lived until 1818, and then removed to Royalton, Niagara Co., N. Y., and purchased a farm, where he resided until 1835. He then removed to Knox County, Ohio, and purchased a farm in Liberty Township, where he died Dec. 2, 1843, aged fifty-eight. He married Mercy Sawyer, who was born in Bradford, Vt., and they had eleven

children, of whom Mrs. Holdridge was the second daughter and fourth child. Mrs. Mercy Stone died in Marion, Linn Co., Iowa, March 14, 1860, aged seventy-seven years.

Felix and Deborah Holdridge, parents of the subject of this sketch, came to Michigan in 1837, as above stated. Felix was a sturdy man of the New England type, honest, industrious and worthy. He was a pioueer in every sense, and did his utmost in the early days of its settlement to develop the country. One of the saddest catastrophes in the settlement of Lenawee County occurred in his family: one day in October, 1839, his wife went into the woods to gather rushes, and was never seen again alive. It was soon discovered that she was lost, the alarm was given, and a general and systematic search was made by all the inhabitants far and near, which was continued for two weeks, and finally abandoned by all except Mr. Holdridge, who still persisted, and, at the end of about six weeks her body was discovered in an Indian hut in the township of Dundee, Monroe County, and about seven miles from her home. Felix Holdridge died in Raisin Township in about 1855. Elizabeth Holdridge, sister of Eleazer, was born in Onondaga County, N. Y., Aug. 13, 1803, and came to Michigan with the family. She married first Uriel Spencer, of Maumee City, Ohio, who died in Raisin Township, and her second husband was Lewis Horton, of Royalton, N. Y., where he owned a farm and where she died in 1872.

ENRY H. OSGOOD. Among the enterprising business men of Holloway, not one is more favorably known than the subject of this sketch, Mr. H. H. Osgood, who is the leading general merchant in that place.

Mr. Osgood was born in Seneca Township, this county, Oct. 23, 1840, and is the son of Cornelius Osgood, a native of Seneca County, N. Y., where he was born in 1813, and there grew to manhood. In 1834 he came to Michigau, and settling in Canandaigua, a part of Seneca Township, he plied his trade of a tailor, and met and married Miss Pheche A. Tayer, who was born In 1820, and was the daughter

of one of the pioneers of Lenawee County. They became the parents of four children-Henry H., Perry, Tunis C. and Eliza Jane. Some years after his marriage he turned his attention to farming, and in 1861 he went to Colorado, where he mined for some time in Central City, with varying success, and finally returned to Michigan. In the year 1866 he went again to the Rocky Mountains, and engaged in mining in Caribou, Boulder Co., Col., and was there deprived of his life in August, 1868. by one of those accidents so common in the mines, As he was employed in sinking a shaft, a bank of earth fell on him, killing him instantly. He was much respected for his many good qualities, and in his death the Republican party of this community lost a faithful supporter. His wife survives him. living on the old homestead near the city of Adrian,

Our subject was well educated in the public schools, where he ranked well as a scholar, excelling particularly in penmanship. He remained with his parents until he obtained employment from the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railway Company, and beginning with the lowest position, that of water boy on the trains, he rose rapidly to positions of responsibility. His intelligence and capabilities attracted the attention of the railway officials, and he was promoted to a place of trust in the supply office, having headquarters at Adrian. This post he retained nine years, fulfilling the duties of his office with such fidelity and efficiency as to gain the full confidence of his employers. At the end of that time they promoted him to the clerkship of the civil engineer's department, which position he retained for fourteen years, and then retired from the employ of the company, after a service of twentyfive years; his retirement was much regretted by the officials. He established himself in his present business in 1884, succeeding Kelley, Hoxsie & Co. He carries a fine class of goods for country trade, and by close application and skillful management, has succeeded in firmly establishing his business on a paying basis.

Mr. Osgood was married in the township of Macon, Nov. 23, 1868, to Miss Sarah L., daughter of Lewis and Sarah (Huff) Miller. She was born in Hillsdale County, Mich., Nov. 8, 1847, and is the youngest of her mother's five children—Dan B., Jane A., Tunis H., Ellen E. and Sarah L. Her parents were natives of Seneca County, N. Y., and her mother died in Jonesville, Hillsdale Co., Mich., when this daughter was eighteen months old. The father married again, taking as his wife Mrs. Elizabeth Vanduzen nee Schofield, and they now live near Ridgeway, engaged in agricultural pursuits. After the death of her mother, Mrs. Osgood went to reside in Seneca County, N. Y., under the charge of her aunt, Mrs. T. C. Osgood, and remained in New York till eighteen years of age, receiving a good education. She then returned to her old home as a teacher, which vocation she followed successfully for three years prior to her marriage, Her union with her husband has been blessed by the birth of two children-Manson P, and Harry C.

Mr. Osgood's genial manners and ready tact make him quite popular. Politically he is a Republican, and takes an active interest in town affairs; he was elected Township Clerk. Mrs. Osgood is an active member of the Methodist Church.

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ENRY N. SKEELS, a native of Vermont, has been for the last twenty-five years one of the most prominent citizens of Adrian Township, taking an active part in its various interests, and is a man generally respected by the community. He was born Nov. 27, 1822, and is the son of Russell and Mary (Felton) Skeels, of New England birth and parentage, though the father was of Welsh descent.

The first representatives of the Skeels family in America were three brothers who crossed the Atlantie in the Colonial days and located in Connecticut, where they carried on farming and rounded up good and honest lives as citizens and business men, The paternal grandfather of our subject died in that State at an advanced age. His son, Russell, was born near the town of Woodbury and reared to farming pursuits. His education was extremely limited, being confined to three months' schooling, but he was intelligent and fond of reading, and gained by his own efforts a useful fund of information. Early in life he was made acquainted with

its toils and struggles, working away from home at very small wages and living in the most frugal manner.

Russell Skeels was born Aug. 6, 1782, and when twenty years of age removed from Connecticut to Vermont, where he located 100 acres of wild land in what was afterward Rutland County. Upon the theory that "a rolling stone gathers no moss," he remained in possession of this purchase the balance of his life, embracing a period of fifty-five years, His death took place Nov. 24, 1857, when he was over seventy-four years of age. He built up a comfortable homestead and reared his children after the strict principles of the Puritans. He had married, in early manhood, Miss Mary Pollard, a native of his own county, and to them were born six children. After the death of his first wife, Russell Skeels was a second time married, to Miss Mary Fulton, a native of Vermont, and the daughter of William Fulton, a well-to-do Massachusetts farmer. Grandfather Fulton possessed all the qualities of an honest man and lived to an advanced age. His daughter Mary, the mother of our subject, was born March 9, 1779, and died in Vermont, Sept. 30, 1849. The parental household included eight children, of whom Henry N. was the seventh son. There was one daughter only, and of this family but two are living, our subject, and his brother Samuel who resides in Hampton, N. Y., about eighteen miles from the place of his birth.

Henry N. Skeels visited the West when quite young, and in 1862 purchased a tract of land in Palmyra Township, which he sold in 1867, and commenced speculating in blooded stock. In connection with others he dealt mostly in sheep and horses, and being the pioneers of the business in this section they were enabled to realize handsome profits by fair dealing and good management.

In 1873 Mr. Skeels purchased his present homestead and erected thereon the residence which they now occupy. The land originally comprised the old Wheeler farm, which was opened up by Carcy Rogers, one of the pioneers of this county, and was subsequently the property of a man named Hagerman, which name the farm takes.

Mr. Skeels, in 1846, while a resident of Vermont, was united in marriage with Miss Marie,

daughter of Everett P. and Charlotte Parmlee, natives of Vermont, who spent their entire lives upon their native soil and died there at a good old age. Three children were born of this marriage, namely: Ella M., who died in 1850; Evelyn, who passed away in 1865, when an interesting girl of twelve years, and one who died in infancy. The mother departed this life Nov. 19, 1861, at her home in Brandon. Vt.

The present wife of our subject, formerly Mrs. Diana F. (Russ) Crego, was born in Pultuey, Steuben Co., N. Y., Sept. 23, 1829, and was the widow of Solomon G. Crego, who died Sept. 23, 1866. Mr. Crego was born in Eric County, N. Y., July 10, 1826, and was the son of Richard J. and Martha (Gallop) Crego, natives of New York, who were married June 6, 1813. They remained in New York until Solomon was ten years old and then came to Michigan, where they purchased Government land on which they lived and died. Solomon Crego combined farming with the nursery business in Jackson County, Mich.

There were born to Mr. and Mrs. Crego five children, all of whom are dead: Levi II. was born Sept. 3, 1850, and died when a babe of three months; Frances A. was born Oct. 17, 1852, and died July 13, 1868; Cora A. was born Aug. 16, 1855, and died Nov. 7, 1879; Clara A. was born March 7, 1859, and died Dec. 16, 1876, and H. C. was born Feb. 7, 1864, and died Sept. 12, 1866.

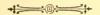
The father of Mrs. Skeels, Nathaniel Russ, a millwright by trade, was born in New Hampshire. while his wife, Miss Clarissa Tomer, was a native of New Jersey. Mr. Russ, in addition to millwrighting also followed cabinet-making, and was a natural mechanic of much skill. He only lived to be middle aged, his death taking place when his daughter Diana was about ten years old. Mrs. Skeels on her mother's side is of English ancestry, her paternal grandfather having crossed the Atlantic in the Colonial days. He reared a large family of children, and with his excellent wife, lived to an advanced age. The parents of Mrs. Skeels left New England and came to the West about 1837, during the early settlement of Lenawee County. They made their final location at Cambridge, and the father employed himself mostly at his trades and spent his last days at Plymouth, his decease occurring in 1839; they were the parents of nine children. The mother was born March 17, 1801, and died at her home in Cambridge, July 14, 1866; she was a second time married to a Mr. Rogers.

OBERT GILLILAND is the senior proprietor of the Gilliland Electric Company, in the city of Adrian, which was established in \$1882. He first established this business in the city of Hudson, this county, in the fall of 1871, upon a small scale, and enlarged his facilities as the demand required. The articles which are manufactured by this company are telegraph insulators, pins and brackets, and while at Hudson the entire products of his factory were sold on contracts to the Western Union Telegraph Company. The business was continued nine years in that city, and then he removed his works to Mishawaka, Ind., where he remained for two years.

In 1882 Mr. Gilliland came to Adrian and estab lished his present works, manufacturing himself the machinery with which the establishment was supplied. He made valuable additions from time to time, until 1887, when he added new machinery for the manufacture of telegraph and electric light supplies. Much of this valuable machinery was invented and perfected by Mr. Gilliland, and the amount of labor saved can be realized, when it is known that a single machine will perform the work which formerly required ten men. He has recently invented a machine for the manufacture of telegraph pins, which makes, when it is run to its fullest capacity, 5,200 pins per day, and the products of the establishment are still taken by the Western Union Telegraph Company, The company was at one time behind its orders 337,000 pins, while in the months of July and August there were shipped 560,-000. When he first commenced the business, the annual output was 200,000, while in 1887 it ran to 2,000,000 pins. The establishment is located on three acres of ground, and consists of four separate buildings, besides five dry houses. The main building is of brick, and is two stories in height. Steam power is used, 50-horse power engines being employed. The present company, formed in the spring of 1887, is composed of Robert Gilliland and his two sons, E. T. and J. F. Gilliland, and is incorporated under the laws of the State.

E. T. Gilliland is in company with Thomas A. Edison, the famous electric light man, in the mannfacture of electrical apparatus, at Orange, N. J., but Mr. Gilliland resides in the city of New York. The Adrian Company's works are located near the Wabash Depot, on Dean street, near Maumee, where they are afforded the best of shipping facilities.

Robert Gilliland was born in Ontario County, N. Y., Aug. 1, 1822. He came to Michigan in the fall of 1863, and located at Hudson, this county.



HARLES D. HALL, wholesale dealer in poultry, eggs and other provisions of the kind, is the successor of Hall & Adams, who established the business here in the spring of 1880. They built up an extensive trade, and continued until the spring of 1885, when our subject purchased the interest of his partner, and has continued alone since that time. He is a gentleman of good business qualifications, industrious and enterprising, straightforward in his transactions, and in short has the elements of character essential to success in life.

Our subject is in his prime, having been born Nov. 3, 1851, and is a native of the Buckeye State, where his birth took place in Lorain County at the modest homestead of his parents, Matthias and Sophia (Hopkins) Hall, whose household included eight children, of whom our subject was the youngest. Matthias Hall and his estimable wife were natives of the Empire State, where they were reared and married, and whence they removed to Ohio several years later. The mother died at the homestead in Lorain County about 1857. The father subsequently came to Michigan and died at Lansing in 1875, when about seventy-eight years of age. Of their five sons and three daughters, seven are still living, all married and settled in comfortable homes.

Charles D. Hall received his education in the district schools of Lorain County, Ohio, and during the last terms of his attendance worked night and morning for his board, making his home with Abram Fuller. His first experience in the business at which he is now engaged, commenced in his native county, through which he traveled as a purchaser of eggs and butter, which he shipped to Cleveland, and met with such success at the commencement that he continued his labors in this direction for a period of six years. He then determined upon a change of location, being desirous of seeing something beyond the confines of the Buckeye State.

In the fall of 1873 Mr. Hall made his way to Southeastern Michigan, and pitching his tent within the city limits of Adrian, engaged as clerk with the firm of McLouth & Hall. After two years he was admitted to partnership, and upon the retirement of Mr. McLouth continued the business in company with his brother for about three years. He then purchased the interest of the latter, and adding groceries to the stock of merchandise, continued alone until 1880. In the spring of that year he formed a partnership with John Q. Adams, and the firm of Hall & Adams dealt principally in groceries for about twelve months, when the business was closed out. Messrs. Hall & Adams then engaged in the general produce business, the partnership being limited to five years, after which Mr. Adams retired, and Mr. Hall has since continued alone. The business is located on Railroad street, west of the court house, in a building that was at one time occupied by a canning company, and is well adapted to its present purpose. In 1886 Mr. Hall shipped 110 tons of poultry, and a large amount of eggs: the report for 1887, when made up, will probably double this amount. This is an admirable illustration of the results of good judgment in purchasing and fair dealing in selling.

In 1875, while a resident of Adrian, our subject was united in marriage with Miss Alice A., second daughter of Lewis and Mary L. McLouth, of Adrian, the wedding taking place at the home of the bride, and being the occasion upon which met together a goodly number of friends of both parties, who celebrated in a suitable manner the important event. Mr. and Mrs. Hall are now the parents of three bright children, namely: Loisia Belle, who was born May 13, 1880; Charles Arthur, Feb. 21, 1882, and Edwin M., Oct. 29, 1885. The residence is pleas-

antly located on Main street, and our subject and his wife are the center of a large circle of friends and acquaintances. Mr. Hall, politically, votes the Republican ticket, but gives little attention to politics, preferring to devote his time mostly to his business and domestic interests.

AMES HALLADAY, a representative farmer and stock-raiser, is located on section 5 Clinton Township, where he owns an excellent farm of eighty acres, a part of which is within the village limits. He purchased this farm upon his arrival in Lenawe County in 1873, where he has been a resident ever since.

The subject of this biography was born in Manchester Township, Ontario Co., N. Y., on the 22d of Jannary, 1832. His father, James Halladay, was also a native of Ontario County, where he grew up, and was married in Manchester Township, to Pamelia Biglow, who is still living on the farm in Bridgewater Township, Washtenaw County. She is eighty-three years of age and vigorous in mind and body. Her husband was a farmer and died in Bridgewater Township, Dec. 28, 1880, at the age of eighty-two years. He was successful as a farmer and in politics was a Republican, while they were both members of the Congregational Church.

Our subject was reared in the township of his nativity, and came to Michigan after he had grown to manhood. He purchased a farm and then took an important step toward housekeeping. On the 19th of February, 1873, he was united in marriage in Clinton Township with Miss Sarah Richmond, born in this township, Feb. 7, 1852, and daughter of Levi C. and Sarah (Warner) Richmond. the former of whom died Jan. 7, 1887, at his home in Clinton Township, at the age of seventy-seven. He was born in Herkimer County, N. Y., and reared and educated there till be had reached his majority, when he came to Michigan, and after living in Pontiac one year, removed to Bridgewater. Twelve years later he came to Clinton Township, where he resided until his death. On his arrival here he obtained Government land, on which he labored energetically, and brought it under a high state of cultivation. He was a conscientions, straightforward man, and a member for many years of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he held office almost constantly during his connection with that denomination. He was known among the people for more than half a century, and held a high place in the affections of his community, with which he was so closely connected as a pioneer. In politics he was a Democrat. His wife was also connected with the Methodist Episcopal Church for even a longer term of years, and is yet living on the old homestead, which consists of 121 acres of land of a very superior quality, and well supplied with good farm buildings.

Mrs. Halladay was the fifth in a family of five sons and two daughters, and was reared at home, receiving her education in Clinton. She is the mother of two children—Alice and Ralph A. Mr. and Mrs. Halladay are very energetic, progressive people, and take an active interest in all measures calculated to promote the best interests of the community in which they live. They are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which Mr. II. is a Trustee. Mr. Halladay identifies himself with the Republican party.

W. LUCE is one of the thrifty and successful farmers of this county, owning ninetysix acres of highly improved land on section 25, Franklin Township, where he made his home in 1879. Mr. Luce was born in Manchester Township, Washtenaw County, Aug. 21, 1846. His father, Henry T. Luce, was an early settler of Manchester Township, where he lived until 1858, and then removed to Napoleon Township, Jackson County, where he purchased a farm and lived for some time, when he finally removed to Tecumseh, where his death occurred June 25, 1886. He was born in Pennsylvania Jan. 6, 1811, where he was reared to manhood, and was married in Clermont, N. Y., to Lucia O. Fisher, who was born and reared in New Hampshire, and is now, at the age of seventy-four years, living in Tecumseh. The father was a stanch Republican, and he and his wife were Methodists.

The subject of our notice is the youngest of six children, three sons and three daughters, all of





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whom are living, and three sons and one daughter are married. Mr. Luce lived at home until his marriage, in Napoleon Township, Jackson County. Feb. 2, 1870, to Miss Kate E. EuEarl, who was born in Raisin Township, Lenawee County, June 9, 1850, and is the daughter of James L. and Almot J. (Comstock) EnEarl, natives of York State. They were married in the township of Franklin, removing thence to Raisin Township, where the father followed the trade of a carpenter for some years, and where the mother died when her daughter, Mrs, Luce, was only three years of age. Thence the father removed to Franklin Township, next to Albion, and finally to Jackson City, where he is engaged at his trade; he is now the husband of his third wife.

After the death of her mother Mrs. Luce lived with her father until her marriage. She is the mother of five children—Irving C., Alma J., Henry D., James L. and Howard. After their marriage Mr, and Mrs. Luce located in Napoleon Township, Jackson County, on a farm of fifty-six acres, and lived there until he came to his present home in 1879. They belong to the Methodist Church. Mr. L. is a Republican, and is acting in the capacity of Highway Commissioner.

EMMON COWEN. The beautiful farm of eighty acres which occupies a part of section 12 in Ridgeway Township, has been brought to its present condition mainly by the industry of the gentleman whose name stands at the head of this sketch. He commenced in life comparatively without means, and has worked his way up to a good position socially and financially. His early labors and struggles are things of the past, which he mostly keeps within the recesses of his own breast. Suffice it to say that they were of a character which would have dismayed many men and caused them to sink with discouragement. Our subject, however, rose nobly above them all, and presents an illustration of the self-made man, whose career may well be imitated by the rising generation.

Mr. Cowen was born near St. Thomas, Upper

Canada, March 13, 1838, and is the son of Moses-Cowen, who was a native of the same locality, and died there when his son Demmon was an infant. The mother was formerly Miss Jane Rice, and after the death of her first Intsland she was married to Mr. John Barnett, and in the year 1851 the family all came to Michigan and located in Dundee Township, Monroe County. Mr. Barnett only lived a few years afterward. The mother continued with her children on the land which her husband had purchased, and where she still makes her home.

Our subject spent his early years with his mother, but after coming to Michigan commenced earning his own living by employing himself at whatever be could find to do. At the outbreak of the late Rebellion he was among the first to respond to the eall for troops, and enlisted in Company K, 11th Michigan Infantry, going soon afterward with his regiment to Louisville, Ky., being assigned to the Army of the West. He met the enemy in various engagements and skirmishes, but escaped serious injury, and at the close of his term of enlistment. three years later, received his honorable discharge Sept. 30, 1864. After being mustered out he returned to Dundee Township, where he remained for a time, and in August, 1865, was married to Miss Mary Friedt, a native of Pennsylvania and of German parentage. Mrs. Cowen came to Michigan with her parents when a young child, and was reared to womanhood in Monroe County. Of her marriage with our subject there have been born three children, namely; Caroline, the wife of William Frayor, a prosperous farmer of Ridgeway Township; Susan and John II, are with their parents.

Mr. Cowen left Monroe County in 1857, and purchased the land which he has built up into the present valuable farm. It had been then but indifferently cultivated, and the now fertile soil has been made so only by the most tireless industry and the exercise of excellent judgment. Much of it was low and damp, but by a thorough process of drainage and other wise treatment it now yields in abundance the finest crops of this section. Mr. Cowen still owns twenty acres of woodland in Dundee Township, which he purchased in 1876. He has had little to do with political or public affairs, preferring to give his attention to his farm and the

comfort of his family. He keeps himself informed, however, upon matters of general interest, and votes the straight Republican ticket.

We are pleased to present on an adjoining page of this ALBUW a portrait of Mr. Cowen, although neither "storied urn nor animated bust" is necessary to keep his memory green in the hearts of his friends.

EACON NORMAN H. THURBER, a retired farmer, residing on section 25, Dover Township, is of Welsh extraction. His grandfather, Samuel W. Thurber, was born in Wales, and with his wife, whose maiden name was Chase, he came to this country and settled in New Hampshire. His son Samuel II., the youngest of his five children, and father of Norman, was born and reared in New Hampshire, and there married Miss Sally, daughter of John Gage. They first made their home in Unity, Cheshire Co., N. II., and in 1820 they migrated from there to Canandaigua, Ontario Co., N. Y., where they spent their last years. Mrs. Thurber died Sept. 5, 1821, and Mr. Thurber March 5, 1837. They had nine children-Jefferson G., Almira, Robert G., Horace C., Mary G., Joshua W., Norman H., Betsey G. and Sarah D. Norman Thurber was born in Unity, N. II., on the 22d of February, 1816, and was four years old when his parents removed to New York. He grew to manhood in Ontario County, receiving a common-school education, and a good training as a farmer. He had the sad misfortune to lose his mother when he was but five years old, but he was a manly lad, and from the time he was twelve years of age he has supported himself. Oct. 5, 1834, he left Ontario County, and turning his face westward, came to Michigan. During the first five years of his residence in this State, he lived principally in Fairfield Township, but in 1839 he went to Seneca Township, and bought 160 acres of land on sections 28 and 24.

The next important event in Deacon Thurber's life was his marriage with Eunice N. Carpenter, in Fairfield Township, April 6, 1843. The paternal grandfather of Mrs. Thurber was Joshua Carpenter. and the maiden name of his wife was Sarah Bert, Her maternal grandparents were Moses and Phebe (Perkins) Cook, the former a Revolutionary soldier. Mrs. Thurber's parents, John H. and Elizabeth (Cook) Carpenter, after their marriage established their home in New York, where the city of Elmira now stands. Thence they came to Michigan in the month of May, 1831, where they located in Lenawce County, on the present site of Madison Township. They finally removed to Fairfield Township, where they died. Mrs. Carpenter's death occurring in June, 1866, and Mr. Carpenter's on the 3d of July, 1874. They had eight children—Rasset, Phebe. Ennice N., Charles H., Daniel B., Aaron W., Elsie A. and Martha W. Eunice N., Mrs. Thurber, was the third child of her parents, and was born on the present site of Elmira, N. Y., May 13, 1822; she was nine years old when she came with her parents to Michigan.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Thurber made their home in Seneca Township until 1853, when they sold their land, which they had partially improved, and returned to Fairfield, where they bought a farm, on which they resided three years, employed in improving it. In 1853 Mr. Thurber disposed of that property very advantageously, and removed with his family to Dover Township, where he bought a farm on section 25, and has ever since been a resident of this township. The Deacon has been a powerful man in his day, and still possesses much vigor and energy. By untiring industry he has cleared and greatly improved his land. He has felled the trees from over 160 acres of land, and has extensively engaged in logging.

Mr. and Mrs. Thurber have one child, Sarah D., who was horn in Seneca Township, March 8, 1844. She was married in Medina, Mich., Jan. 1, 1862, to Ezra Abbott, son of Ezra and Emily (Tuttle) Abbott. They made their home in Dover Township, where he died Dec. 20, 1886. Mrs. Abbott became the mother of three children by that marriage, namely: Dora L., Norman D. and Lora B. Dora and Norman died when quite young of lung fever. Their death occurred just seven days apart.

Deacon Thurber, his wife and daughter are members of the Free-Will Baptist Church, where Mr. Thurber has filled the office of Deacon for many

years. He has always been exceedingly active in the establishment of religious edifices in Lenawee County, and in other ways has done much to advance the moral interests of the county. He has assisted in organizing and building up five different churches in Fairfield and Dover Townships, and considers that "religion and education are inseparable." His example as a conscientions, upright man, walking in the paths of virtue and peace, is worth much to the community. In this age of litigation, it is his pride that he has never such a man, or been such himself; he has never wilfully wronged anyone.



AMES UPDIKE, Jr. The finely appointed little farm of eighty acres which occupies a portion of section 13, Franklin Township, became the property of the subject of this sketch in 1875, and he has since bent his energies to its improvement and cultivation, with most admirable results. The proprietor is a gentleman of more than ordinary intelligence and good taste, and while having a proper respect for the wherewithal to make life comfortable, has embellished his homestead with the various features which render it one of the most attractive spots in the township. The buildings are of modern style, the fields are fenced in a neat and substantial manner, and everything about the premises is kept in first-class order, nothing allowed to go to waste or become an offense to the eye, Around the residence are fruit and shade trees with a fine orchard in the rear, while the live stock and machinery give evidence of the care and thoughtfulness of the proprietor.

Our subject, the son of one of the earliest pioneers of this county, first opened his eyes to the light in the primitive log cabin, which was the first dwelling of his parents in Tecumseh Township, and which was located upon land which had been but slightly cultivated before his father took possession of it. The latter, also James Updike, a native of New York State, was reared to manhood in his native county, and married. Miss Belinda Hause, whose birthplace was not far from the early home of her husband. They continued in the Empire State until after the birth of three children, when they came to

Michigan and located upon the land which they occupied until retiring from active labor.

The parents of our subject came to this county prepared to meet hardships and difficulties, and proved themselves equal to the emergency. They succeeded in building up a comfortable home, occupying the log cabin but a few years and then removing into a good frame dwelling. The father was a man of excellent judgment, kind and generous as a neighbor and friend, and became known as one of the most thorough and successful farmers of Tecumseh Township. He is still living, and makes his home with his son Martin G., a resident of Tecumseh Township. He is now over eighty-four years of age, having been born Oct, 1, 1803. During his residence of over forty years in this county he has made many warm friends, and has abundant reason to feel that his life and labors have not been in vain. The wife and mother departed this life at the homestead Nov. 30, 1873, when about sixty-five years old. Both parents were devoted members of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the days of their youth and strength, and the father is still identified with the old society,

James Updike, Jr., was the eighth in a family of ten children, four sons and six daughters. Of these, three sons and two daughters are living and residents of this county. James, in common with his brothers and sisters, remained under the home roof and availed himself of the instruction afforded at the district school. Upon reaching manhood he was married, April 2, 1873, at the home of the bride in Tecumseh Township, to Miss Atlanta A., daughter of John T, and Caroline Ht. (Thompson) Bates. Mr. and Mrs. Bates were natives of New York State and were married in Cortland County, where their three children were born, the wife of our subject being the youngest of the family. Her birth took place Nov. 5, 1853, and she was fifteen years of age when her father came to Michigan and located on a farm in Tecumseh Township. The mother had died in Cortland County, N. Y., in 1863, at the age of thirty-seven years. Mr. Bates subsequently married Miss Salina Coyle, who accompanied him to the West and remained here until after the death of Mr. Bates, which took place in the village of Tecumseh, July 31, 1877, when he was sixty-three years of age; Mrs. B. then returned to New York and is now a resident of Homer, that State. Mr.Bates was a man of much force of character, and became quite prominent in the politics of the county. He affiliated with the Republican party and with his estimable wife, was a member in good standing of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

The wife of our subject continued with her father until her marriage, in the meantime receiving a good education and developing those elements of character which have constituted her a true wife and mother. Of her union with Mr. Updike there have been born two sons—Earl B., Dec. 7, 1876, and Lucius C., Dec. 29, 1878. Mr. Updike, politically, uniformly votes the Republican ticket. By good management and industry he has accumulated a competence and has something laid by for a rainy day.

OBERT B. SUTTON, a farmer, residing on section 16, Dover Township, is the son of Pharis and Hannah Sutton, of that town-Sahip (see sketch of Pharis Sutton for parental history), and is a native of this State, where he was born in Hilbsdale County, Sept. 22, 1841. When he was scarcely two years old, his parents came to Rome Township in this county, where his boyhood was passed on a farm, and in the public schools, where he received a good education, which was supplemented by two terms of instruction in the excellent college at Adrian. In 1858 he came with his parents to Dover Township, which since that time has been his home.

When Mr. Sutton grew to manhood he preferred the healthful, free life of a farmer to the rontine and confinement of office work, and he has ever since paid close attention to tilling the soil. Bringing to his work an intelligent and practical knowledge of the principles that govern agriculture, he has been particularly successful in their application. His farm comprises 138 acres of land, most of which is well improved and very productive.

Mr. Sutton has a pleasant home, over which his wife presides with grace and hospitality. Her maiden name was Alice C. Pontius, and she is the daughter of David and Cordelia (Bryant) Pontius, (See sketch of D. Pontius). She was born in Seneca County, N. Y., Dec. 2, 1851, and was united in marriage with our subject March 29, 1871. This union has resulted in the birth of two children— Maggie A, and Florence A.

Both Mr, and Mrs. Sutton are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and in their daily life they show that theirs is not a meaningless creed. They are active in whatever promotes the best interests, socially or morally, of the township in which they reside.

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HARIS SITTON, a veteran farmer of Dover Township, is one of the few men still living in our midst, who, in days long gone by, were among the brave and hardy pioneers who opened up Lenawee County for settlement. His parents were John and Sarah (Blaine) Sutton, natives of New Jersey where after their marriage, they first settled Thence they removed to New York, where they spent the most of their wedded life, living in the following counties, at different times: Onondaga, Wayne and Seneca, in the latter of which they died. They were worthy people, of frugal, honest habits, and they trained their children, six sons and four daughters, to follow in their footstens.

Our subject was the seventh child in the parental family, and was born in Onondaga County, N, Y, Oct. 18, 1800. In the days of his youth no idle hands were allowed in the household, and our subject was early initiated in the best ways of making himself useful in farm labors. When sixteen years of age he was apprenticed to learn the carpenter's trade, and after he had mastered its details, he went to Chautanqua County, where he put it in practice for some years.

On the 9th of October, 1828, Mr. Sutton married in that courty, Miss Hannah M., daughter of Milton and Lois (Briscoe) Foote, natives of Connecticut. In 1830 Mrs. Sutton's parents left their home in New York and came to Lenawee County, in this State, settling on a farm now owned and occupied by J. A. Townsend in Madison Township, where they lived until 1835. They then disposed of that property, and removed to Hillsdale County, where

Mr. Foote died in 1843. Mrs. Foote survived the death of her husband forty years, dying in Adrian Township in the year 1883, at the advanced age of ninety years. They had ten children, five sons and five daughters, of whom Mrs. Sutton was the eldest; she was born in Newtown, Conn., Dec. 18, 1809.

In 1830 Mr. Sutton came to Michigan with his wife and one child, performing the entire journey with horses and wagons, and occupying sixteen days to reach his destination. They settled in what is now the city of Adrian, where Mr. Sutton bought (40 acres of land. The roundhouse of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad is now located on land that once formed a part of his farm. Mr. Sutton remained in Adrian engaged in carpentering, and established quite a flourishing business. He erected a number of buildings not only in the city of Adrian, but he also built nearly all the houses between that city and Deerfield that were erected prior to the year 1833. In 1837 he removed to Hillsdale, where he lived until 1843, farming, and also engaging at his trade. His next move was to Rome Township, this county, where he remained until 1858, continuing in his former occupations. In March, 1858, he came to Dover Township and bought about 100 acres of land on sections 9 and 16, where he has since made his home. Mr. Sutton has made many valuable improvements on his farm; he has erected commodious and comfortable buildings, and his fertile, well-tilled acres show evidences of thrift, industry, and intelligent judgment on the part of the owner,

Six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Sutton, two of whom, Sarah A. and Julia A., dued in infancy. The following is the record of those living: Lois B. is the wife of H. M. Hoxter, and Deborah, of Jacob Gambee; Milton F. married Charlotte E. Barkley, and lives in Hillsdale County, while Robert B. married Miss Alice C. Pontius, and lives in Dover Township.

Mr. and Mrs. Sutton have long since passed the golden mile-stone which marked the half century of their wedded life. This unusually long period of wedlock has been productive of much good and pleasure; and the cares and troubles of life, from which no mortal is free, have but served to strengthen the tie that binds them together. Their advanced age is attributable to the active, temperate lives that they have led. They have always earnestly striven by practice and precept to uphold the cause of religion; and for upward of sixty years they have been members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In politics Mr. Sutton has formerly voted the Democratic ticket, but hopes to east his next vote for Prohibition.



EORGE II. CURTIS came to Michigan in 1851, and engaged in farming near the city of Adrian in the fall of 1885. He served in the Union army as First Lieutenant, and for four years was connected with the United States Express Company route from Toledo to Chicago. Thence he removed to a farm in Rome Township, which he operated until locating in his present home.

Mr. Curtis was born at Saratoga Springs, N. Y., March 23, 1835, while his father, Elijah, Jr., and his orandfather, Elijah Curtis, Sr., were natives of Connecticut; the family is of English descent. The paternal grandfather of our subject was born near Bridgeport, Conn., in 1760, and at the age of fifteen years, he enlisted as a soldier among the troops raised by Benedict Arnold, and was at the siege of Boston after the battle of Bunker Hill. Upon the reorganization of the army, he was detailed in the Col. John Morgan Riflemen, and was with them until the close of the war. He participated in the series of battles at Stillwater, Bemis Heights, and other places resulting in the capture of Burgoyne's army. After this he was transferred to the Southern States, and was in the battle of Cowpens, S. C. At the close of the war the Government granted every soldier a section of land, and he located his in the town of Galway, Saratoga Co., N. Y. He spent his last years at Saratoga Springs, dying at the age of seventy-five years. He was a farmer by occupation, and acquired a comfortable property.

Our subject's maternal grandfather was Capt, Ichabod Chamberlain, of Revolutionary memory. Elijah W. Curtis, the father of our subject, migrated from New York to Michigan in 1854, and located in Adrian, where his death took place a few months later. After the death of his father, George II, continued with his mother until he was sixteen years old, and was afterward employed in railroading until sixty-one. After the outbreak of the late war, he entered the Quartermaster's Department of the army, and near the close enlisted in Company B, 2d New Jersey Infantry, as First Lieutenant. He went to Richmond with his company, and at the termination of the war, eight months afterward, was honorably discharged.

Mr. Curtis, while a resident of Adrian, was married, Feb. 13, 1866, to Miss Harriet E., daughter of William Dutton, a native of Lyndeboro, Hillsboro Co., N. H., who emigrated to Michigan during the early settlement of Adrian Township, and accumulating a large fortune, died Nov. 30, 1884. The mother of Mrs. Curtis was formerly Miss Harriet Thomas, and passed away July 12, 1843, at her home in Adrian. Mrs. Curtis was born June 15, 1843, in Adrian, and of her union with our subject have been born seven children, all living-Fanny L., Mamie, William Wheeler, George Oscar, James E., Eva and Ethel. The three eldest of them have been in attendance at St. Mary's and Notre Dame Colleges, South Bend, Ind., whilst the others attend the public schools of Adrian.

Besides his handsome residence near town, a dwelling finely finished and furnished, and an ornament to the county, Mr. Curtis retains possession of his farm, which is operated by a tenant. He is a man of prominence in his community, one of its solid business men, and a most reliable citizen. He commenced in life with comparatively little means, but was blessed with good judgment, and the resolution and perseverance which are always necessary to success,

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W. LOVE. Few persons remain long in Franklin Township without hearing something of this gentleman, who has been Supervisor for the last seven years. He carries on farming and stock-raising quite extensively on section 9, dealing principally in high-grade animals, embracing Merino sheep, thoroughbred Poland-China hogs, with good horses and cattle. The farm comprises ninety acres of land under fine cultivation, with modern buildings, first-class ma-

chinery, and all the other adjuncts of the skillful agriculturist.

Mr. Love came to this farm in the spring of 1862, and has effected most of the improvements upon it, as it had been but indifferently cultivated and there were upon it no buildings. He is a native of this county, and was born Oct. 22, 1836, at the homestead of his father, Austin Love, who came to Michigan from New York in 1834. The latter was born in what was then Barry County, N. Y., and was the youngest son of William Love, whose parents were natives of Scotland. They emigrated to America, and were among the pioneers of Barry County, where Grandfather Love carried on farming and spent his last days. William Love passed his entire life in his native county, and like his father before him engaged in agricultural pursuits. The mother of our subject was in her girlhood Miss Clara A., daughter of William Bradley, who was married in his native county, and came to Michigan in 1834, locating in Franklin Township. Mr. and Mrs. Bradley here spent the remainder of their lives, dying within a few months of each other, and both being eighty-two years old. They were excellent people, highly respected, and devoted members of the Presbyterian Church. William Bradley was formerly a Democrat, but after the organization of the Republican party, he identified himself with that organization.

Austin Love continued a resident of his native county until after his marriage and the birth of three children. In the spring of 1834 he disposed of his interests in the Empire State, and made his way, via lake and canal, to the Territory of Michioan. The latter part of their journey was effected by means of teams, and they located first in Monroe County. From there shortly afterward they moved into Franklin Township, this county, and the elder Love secured a tract of heavily timbered land, located on sections 21 and 27, near what is now the old turnpike. His first residence was built of logs and covered with swamp-elm bark. Under this humble roof D. W. of our sketch was born. A few years later he put up a hotel, where he resided with his family and dispensed hospitality to travelers. He conducted his house strictly upon the temperance plan and it became a great success financially,

and popular with the people. About 1840 he started the town of Franklin Center, and erected a residence there, where his death took place about 1872. The parents were devoted members of the Presbyterian Church. The mother survived her husband nearly two years, dying on the 10th of June, 1874, when sixty-six years of age.

D. W. Love was the third son and fourth child of his parents, and received a good education in the common schools. He also became familiar with the various employments of the farm, upon which he labored in summer, and when becoming of suitable age employed himself as a teacher in the winter. He was married, Sept. 22, 1858, to a maiden of his own township, Miss Delia A. Fisher, who was born in Otsego County, N. Y., April 15, 1834. She remained the companion of her husband only eight short years, dving Nov. 1, 1866, at the homestead in Franklin Township. Her father, Pliny Fisher, Esq., a native of Massachusetts, married Miss Lovisa Gates, of Pennsylvania. Soon afterward they came to Michigan, and located in Franklin Township. where they spent the remainder of their lives, being quite aged at the time of their decease. Mrs. Love continued with her parents until her marriage, and by her union with our subject became the mother of one child. Addie L., who is now the wife of Fremont Leonard, a successful farmer of Rome Township; they have three children-Delia E., Bertha L. and Hiram W.

Mr. Love was again married, Dec. 22, 1868, to Mrs. Mary E. (Smith) Edwards, daughter of Robert and Emeline (Langdon) Smith, and widow of Charles Edwards. Mr. Smith was a native of Yorkshire, England, where he was reared and married, and whence in early manhood he emigrated to America, settling in this State. His first wife died a few years later, and he was then married to Miss Langdon, the mother of Mrs. Love. They are now living on a farm in Franklin Township, and by their sterling worth of character, kindness and hospitality, have gathered around them a large circle of friends.

Mrs. Mary E. Love was born in Franklin Township, this county, sept. 24, 1839, and in 1857 was married to Charles Edwards, by whom she became the mother of two children: Archie, born July 6,

1858, and Libby, Nov. 19, 1860; Mr. Edwards died Jan. 16, 1863. Mr. and Mrs. Love have four children—Flora Mr. Leon A., Lulu E. and Norah J., all at home with their parents. Mr. Love, politically, affiliates with the Republican party, and his estimable lady is a member in good standing of the Congregational Church. He has officiated as Highway Commissioner three years, and occupied the various other local offices, being a gentleman in whom the people have entire coundence, and possessing the good judgment which enables him to discharge the duties of his office in a manner creditable to himself and satisfactory to the people.



PHRAIM HALL. In 1836 what is now Deerfield was called "Kedzie's Grove," L One evening, upon agreement, three of the five heads of families who made up the most important portion of the population, met at the postoffice for the purpose of changing the name of the hamlet. On account of the abundance of deer during its first settlement, Ephraim Hall suggested that the future name be Deerfield, and it was accordingly changed to the name by which it has since been known. Mr. Hall came to this county in 1836, and first engaged in the lumber business, becoming junior member of the mill firm of Clark & Hall. He built and owned the first dam and sawmill at Deerfield, which subsequently became the property of Jason Hemenway. Three years after embarking in this venture he concluded to take up farming, and purchased a part of the Kedzie farm on the west side of the river, where he afterward built his home. Another reason for his preference for the name of Deerfield was, that it reminded him of the home of relatives in Massachusetts to whom he was much attached.

Ephraim Hall was born in Sudbury, Rutland Co., Vt., Jan. 20, 1810. His father, Abner Hall, a mative of Dedham, Mass, was born about 1755, and served first as a soldier in the Revolutionary War and subsequently as Captain in the Vermont Militia. He owned a farm in Sudbury, where his death took place in 1844. The mother of our subject, formerly Miss Mary Jackson, of Newton, Misss., became the wife of Capt. Hall in 1775, and their family included seven sons and five daughters. Ephraim being the eleventh child and sixth son. He is the only one now living. Mrs. Mary Hall died at the homestead in Sudbury several years before the death of her husband.

Ephraim Hall continued in the Green Mountain State until a young man twenty-three years of age then made his way to the Territory of Michigan, landing in Detroit in May, 1833. He erected the first trame house in the village of Deerfield, and was foremost in many of the enterprises which helped to place the struggling hamlet upon its feet and encourage within its limits the settlement of an enterprising and intelligent class of people.

On the 12th of September, 1837, Ephrain Hall took to wife Miss Mary A. Smith, one of the playmates of his childhood, and who was also born in Sudbury, Vt., Dec. 30, 1848. The wedding was celebrated at the home of the bride in Middleport, N. Y., and the young people shortly afterward set out for their new home in this county. Mrs. Itall was the daughter of Daniel and Sarah Smith, natives respectively of Sudbury, Vt., and Troy, N. Y. After marriage they removed to Royalton, in the latter State, where the death of Daniel Smith took place in 1871. His wife, Sarah, died in 1886, aged ninety-three years.

Mr. and Mrs. Hall commenced life in the pioneer fashion, laboring industriously to build up the home, and became the parents of six children. Their eldest, Mary E., was born Dec. 27, 1838, and died in infancy; Walter G., born Aug. 9, 1840, also died in early childhood; Helen J. was born Sept. 16, 1841, and married A. B. Burnham, of Louisville, Ky., who died July 24, 1887; his family are now residing in Denver, Col. Ada A. was born Oct. 27, 1845, became the wife of Neal McQuarie, of Deerfield, and died Dec. 12, 1879; Hervey G. was born Dec. 27, 1854, and is a resident of Louisville. Ky.; Florence A. was born Aug. 19, 1858, and is at home with her father. Mrs. Mary A. Hall died on the 30th of August, 1881, in Denver, Col., to which place she had journeyed a few weeks previously in the hope of regaining her health. She was a lady of many estimable qualities and held in the highest esteem by all who knew her,

Mr. and Mrs. Hall became members of the Presbyterian Church in Blissfield about 1858, and subsequently transferred their membership to Deerfield. In politics Mr. Hall is a Democrat.

ENRY II. TABOR, a retired farmer and stock-raiser of Lenawee County, by years of patient labor, coupled with shrewd business management, has accumulated sufficient means to enable him to spend his declining years in the enjoyment of well-earned leisure. Mr. Tabor was born in Herkimer County, N. Y., March 29, 1815. His parents, Benjamin and Elizabeth (Humphrey) Tabor, were natives of New England, and after their marriage settled in Herkimer County, N. Y., on a farm, although Mr. Tabor was a cooper by trade. They resided in Herkimer for several years, then removed to a farm in Wayne County, the same State, and there made their home for some years, There also the mother's death took place. In 1844 the father removed to Hillsdale County, Mich., and settled on a farm with his youngest son, Benjamin F. Tabor, Jr., with whom he remained until his death, May 11, 1857, aged eighty-two years, one month and twenty-five days. He was the father of eight children, five daughters and three sons, six of whom grew to maturity; they were named as follows: Pamelia, Sarah A., Gaylord G., Calistia, Henry H., Elizabeth, Harriet and Benjamin, Jr. Our subject is the only surviving member of the family.

The youth of Henry II. Tabor was passed in his native State in attendance at the common schools. He was early trained to those habits of industry and fragality which helped him to attain prosperity in later life. At the age of sixteen he went to Pittsford, and served an apprenticeship of three years to the tinner's trade. He then returned home and actively engaged in assisting his father on the farm for some years.

On the 25th of April, 1839, Mr. Tabor was married to Miss Lucy B. Upton, the daughter of David and Mary (Marsh) I pton. She was born Oct. 28, 1816, in Victor, Ontario Co., N. Y. She was care-

fully trained in home duties, and received a good education, which enabled her to teach school. After marriage Mr. and Mrs. Tabor settled on a farm in Wayne County, where they lived three years, or until the spring of 1842, when they came to Michigan and settled in Washtenaw County, remaining six months. They then removed to Hillsdale County and settled on a farm in Wheatland, where they lived until 1865. In that year Mr. Tabor bought 200 acres of choice land on sections 26 and 27, in Adrian Township, Lenawee County, which they moved upon and made their bome, and with indomitable energy and perseverance Mr. Tabor at once set to work to make this a model farm. Besides attending to the cultivation of the soil, he paid great attention to the rearing of choice blooded stock. In this venture he met with marked success, and secured a number of first-class premiums for his fine cattle at State fairs. In the year 1887 Mr. Tabor retired from active labor, and now makes his home in the city of Adrian. After retirement he sold a part of his farm, and rents the remaining 113 acres to his son.

To Mr, and Mrs. Tabor have been born the following children: Norman B.; Mary E., who died when eighteen months old; Adelbert, who married Ella Gunsolus, and is now deceased, leaving one daughter. Lena M.; Henry H., Jr., residing on the farm. For forty-nine years Mr. and Mrs. Tabor have shared life's joys and sorrows together. They enjoy the full confidence and esteem of their neighbors and friends. Mr. Tabor's busy life has not permitted him to mingle much in public affairs, yet he takes an interest in them, and in polities is a Republican.

OHN A. HAWKS, in former years a well-known and highly respected citizen of Adrian Township, rested from his earthly labors on the 31st of March, 1865. He was born in Franklin County, Mass., in July, 1809, and came to the West in 1833. On the 2d of May of that year, he was united in marriage with Miss Lavina Smead, one of the playmates of his childhood, and born in the same county, May 21, 1812. Mrs.

Hawks is the daughter of Rufus Smead, of Massachusetts, who emigrated from the Bay State to Michigan in 1834, and located with his family near the present home of his daughter, where he lived and labored many years, and passed away at the advanced age of eighty-four. The mother survived her husband several years, dying when ninety-four years of age.

The subject of this sketch was the son of Aaron Hawks, who with his wife, came to this section of country in 1837, and died in Adrian Township when sixty years of age. His wife was married a second time, and lived to be seventy-two years old. Their son, John A., had preceded them to Michigan in 1833, and took up eighty acres of land in Adrian Township, where he put up a log house and remained for a period of twenty-three years, when he secured possession of the farm which his widow now occupies. He was a man greatly respected by his neighbors, kind and hospitable, and one who had scarcely an enemy in the world. He performed his duties as a husband, father and member of the community in a most praiseworthy manner, and at his death was universally mourned.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Hawks, five in number, are recorded as follows: Erastus Sheldon, Electa F., Frederick A., Alvin A., and one who died in infancy. Erastus 8, was born March 9, 1836; he during the progress of the late war, enlisted in August, 1862, in Company F, 4th Michigan Cavalry, under command of Capt. Robbins. In the battle at Lovejoy's Station he received a serious wound, which was the occasion of his discharge in March. 1865. Previous to this, however, he had been quite ill, and was confined in the hospitals at Nashville and Louisville eight months. Upon returning home, he resumed his labors on the home farm until his death, which occurred June 22, 1887. He was first married to Miss Hawley, of Rome Township, who bore him two children-John H. and Estella M.—and died in 1876. Sept. 30, 1883 he married his second wife, Miss Jane J., daughter of John Fleming, of New York State, who came to this county in the pioneer days, and is now, with his estimable wife, deceased, at the ages of seventysix and seventy-one years respectively. Electa F.

Hawks was born April 30, 1838, and died Nov. 1, 1863; Frederick A. was born March 27, 1841, and died May 27, 1884; he also served in the Union army, being in the same company with his brother, and mostly in the transportation service; he escaped unharmed, and died at home surrounded by his wife had died eight years previous to the death of her husband. Alvin A. was born April 19, 1847, and for the last sixteen years has been a resident of Wyoming Territory.

Mr. and Mrs. Hawks early in life identified themselves with the Congregational Church, of which the latter, with her son's wife, still continues a member. During the lifetime of her husband, Mrs. II. proved a worthy helpmeet land [companion, and since his decease, has endeavored to train her children to emulate his virtues as a man and a citizen. Both the brothers, Erastus and Frederick, were faithful and earnest members of the G. A. R.

RIDGEMAN J. WELLS. This name is familiar to all the old and many of the younger residents of Franklin Township, being that of a man who came to this section of country during its earliest settlement, and who proved one of its most efficient and praiseworthy citizens. For a period of fifty-two years he has gone in and out among the people of this county, and presented before them an example worthy of imitation. As the result of a temperate life and correct habits, he is of remarkably strong and vigorous constitution, and always ready to put his shoulder to the wheel whenever assistance is needed in building up the various interests of the county, to which he gave his attention and his affections as being his abiding-place for over half a century,

The early home of Mr, Wells was in the township of Richmond, Ontario Co., N. Y., where his birth took place June 16, 1829. His father, James B. Wells, was the son of Cyrus Wells, who was born and rearred in Vermont and was of New England ancestry. His parents were among the earliest settlers of the Green Mountain State, where the father met his death at the hands of an Indian, who shot him. Cyrus Wells married a lady of Rutland County, and followed his trade of carpenter in his native State until after the birth of several children, of whom James B. was the second. The family then removed to Ontario County, N. Y., locating in Richmond Township when but a small portion of the soil had been disturbed by the plowshare. Here Cyrus Wells continued to make his home until his death, which occurred after he had arrived at an advanced age. The mother subsequently came to this 'state, and died at the home of her son James B., in Franklin Township, being also quite aged.

James B. Wells was born in Rutland County, Vt., Sept. 21, 1798, and when a young man removed with his father's family to Ontario County, N. Y. He was married, Jan. 24, 1822, in Richmond Township, that county, to Miss Sally Harmon, Rev. Warren Day, of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, officiating. Mrs. Wells was born in Richmond Township, on the 6th of July, 1799, and was there reared and educated. She remained with her parents until her marriage and the young people located in Richmond Township, where they remained until after the birth of eight children. These were named respectively: L. C., Emily G., Mehitabel D., Loamis, Bridgeman J., Elizabeth L., Nathaniel H., and Cyrus, who died when an infant, After the arrival of the family in this county five more children were added to the household, namely: Cyrus W., Julia H., James B., Amelia B, and Samuel P.; eight of the thirteen children are vet living, and residents mostly of this State.

The father of our subject landed with his family in this county in the spring of 1835, and took up a tract mostly of wild land in Franklin Township. They all labored after the fashion of the people of those days, putting forth their most stremous effects in order to cultivate the soil and build up a comfortable homestead. James B. Wells, Sr., was a man of excellent judgment and forethought, and was greatly prospered in his labors. As time passed on he invested his surplus capital in land until he became the owner of 600 acres lying in one body in Franklin and Tecumsch Townships. Here be continued until resting from his earthly labors,

Dec. 16, 1864. The wife and mother, who had been in all respects the suitable companion of her husband, survived him seven years, her death taking place at the homestead Sept. 8, 1871. The parents were reared in the faith of the old-school Presbyterian Church, but some years before their death had identified themselves with the Congregationalists. The stern and sturdy traits of their New England ancestry had been transmitted to them in a marked degree, and they reared their children in a manner strongly similar to the stern precepts of the old Puritans. They adhered strictly to temperance principles, and ever advocated that high morality which is the basis of all true citizenship, and without which the fabric of a community is liable at any time to degenerate into something more unworthy. James B. Wells, politically, was in early life a Whig, but upon the abandonment of the old party allied himself with the Republicans, whose principles he advocated and supported with all the strength of his convictions. He took considerable interest in local politics and was a man whose opinion was generally respected. During the last thirty years of his life he had suffered much from asthma. He officiated as Deacon in his church and was numbered among its most cheerful and liberal supporters.

L. C. Wells, the eldest brother of our subject, married Miss Clara R. Allen, and is farming in Franklin Township, Emily G. became the wife of Joseph Estarbrook, and died Oct. 13, 1859, at Ypsilanti, Mich.; Mr. E. is now President of Albion College and State Superintendent of Schools, Mehitabel is the wife of Robert C. McCollum, a wellto-do farmer of Franklin Township; Nathaniel H. married Miss Sarah Hemphill, and is connected with the management of a college at Manchester; Loomis married Miss Emily C. Gregg and died Jan. 12, 1860; his widow is a resident of Ypsilanti. Amelia B, is the wife of C. E. Reed, who is farming in Richmond Township, Ontario Co., N. Y., and a man of considerable property, while James B., Jr., married Miss Addie M. Vandemark, and is a resident of Los Angeles, Cal., largely interested in real estate: Cyrus W. married Miss Mattie C. Howard, of Kewance, Ill., and is a successful dealer in real estate at Minneapolis, Minn, Besides Cyrus (1st) who died in infancy. Elizabeth died at the home of her parents, Aug. 5, 1850, when an interesting young lady of nineteen years. Samuel P. married Grace A. E. Marshall, in Lawrence, Kan., Jan. 11, 1872; he is also engaged in the real-estate business in Los Angeles, Cal.

Our subject spent his time after the wanner of most sons of pioneer farmers, receiving a limited education and making himself useful about the homestead until reaching his majority. He married, in Tecumseh Township, April 16, 1856, Miss Elizaboth M. Owen, a native of Clinton, this county, where she was born May 23, 1837. The wedding took place at the home of the bride in Clinton Township, Rev. J. S. Estarbrook officiating. She is the daughter of Henry and Mary A. (King) Owen, of Herkimer County, N. Y., and Hartford, Conn., respectively, who came to Michigan when young, and were married in Clinton, in July, 1836, Their first home was in a log cabin on an unbroken tract of land, and they took up the battle of life with the same courage that actuated the people around them, and after the lapse of a few years found themselves in possession of a comfortable home. The household circle was completed by the birth of two children, of whom Mrs. Wells was the elder; her brother, Henry C., is farming in Clinton Township. The parents continued upon the farm which the father had built up from the wilderness until his death, which took place Aug. 1, 1880, when he was seventy-six years of age, he having been born March 17, 1804. The mother, who was over a year, her death occurring Aug. 17, 1881. They, like the Wells family, were Congregationalists at the time of their death, and the father, forthe Republican party.

The wife of our subject was carefully reared, received a good education, and employed herself as a teacher some time before her marriage. Some afterward they located upon their present homestead, and in due time became the parents of a daughter, Ella K., who is the only child. Mr. and Mrs. W., like their respective parents, are prominently connected with the Congregational Church, attending services at Clinton, where our subject has been a leader of

the choir for a period of thirty-five years. Politically, as may be supposed, he is a stanch Republican. The farm of Mr. Wells includes eighty-five acres of choice land with a neat and substantial residence and other good buildings.

REDERICK W. WICKWIRE. The mention of this name invariably recalls among the old settlers of Lenawee County many thrilling incidents of the days that are past and gone. The subject of this sketch was then a young man, and had made a long journey with his newly wedded and courageous wife from Litchfield, Conn., to the wilds of Michigan Territory. Here he acted well his part in reclaiming from the "forest primeval" those homesteads which have become the pride of their owners and the admiration of the passer-by. On the 23d of December, 1887, he sank under his burden of fourscore years, and was laid to his final rest.

On their journey to this State, Mr. and Mrs. Wickwire made the first 100 miles by team from their home to the city of Albany, and from there by canal to Buffalo, thence by the old boat "William Penn" to Detroit, at which they arrived in the night. The wife was then worn out with illness and fatigue, and they tarried six days for her to recuperate, and upon again setting out she took a stage to Teeumseh. Mr. W. purchased a voke of oxen in Toledo, by which means their personal effects, packed in two casks, were conveyed in a small wagon which they had shipped from their home in New York. They finally landed in Raisin Township, where Mr. Wickwire purchased forty acres of wild land in the woods, and they there began the establishment of the home which they occupied for a period of fifty-six years.

Mr. Wickwire, upon leaving Connecticut, had a capital of 8300 and of this, after they had completed their journey and made their investment in land, there was but very little left. The wife of our subject, although comparatively young in years, had already given evidence of being a most remarkable woman. She possessed great force of character, a resolute will and a splendid constitution, and in all the undertakings of her husband was his mainstay and wise counselor. She encouraged him in the midst of difficulties that would have dismayed the most stout-hearted, and held up his hands in his efforts at clearing the wilderness and preparing the soil for cultivation. When Mr. and Mrs. Wickwire came to this county, the settlers were few and far between, and each man was dependent upon his own resources. There was no dwelling ready for their reception, not even the rudest cabin of those times, and Mr. W. was compelled to put up their first shelter in the best manner possible, with indifferent tools, and in the erection of which his wife proved, as usual, an able assistant. This, as may be supposed, was a very rude structure, being simply a hut with a mud and stick chimney. Mrs. Wickwire the first year did her cooking by the side of a stump and afterward by a fireplace for more than fifteen years.

Although there was great difficulty in obtaining bread-stuffs when they first came to this county, our subject and his wife were always supplied with rare wild meats in the shape of deer, turkeys and other choice game, which roamed unrestrained through the forest. Mr. W. was fairly prospered in his first efforts at tilling the soil, and in 1833 purchased eighty acres additional on section 34, adjoining his first possessions, and which was of the same quality of land, being an unbroken forest. In 1838, having made still further headway, he added to his possessions until he became the owner of 154 acres, 100 of which is under a good state of cultivation.

The Wickwires advanced steadily, financially, until the breaking up of the "wild-eat" banks, which practically left them stranded and distressed like scores of their neighbors. The pioneers, however, were always ready for an emergency, and our subject, like his neighbors, did not allow this calaunity to discourage him, but in due time was on the old footing. The scenes and incidents which transpired during the first twenty years of their residence in this county, as related by Mrs. W. in her quaint and interesting style, would make a good-sized volume. This lady possesses a remarkable memory and is gifted by nature with fine conversational

powers, being enabled to paint in the most vivid colors the experiences of herself and her family during those trying times.

Frederick W. Wickwire was born in Litchfield, Conn. March 7, 1807, and is the son of Grant-Wickwire, who was born in Colchester, that State. The latter settled in Litchfield County in 1788, where he became possessor of a fine farm and was one of the prominent men of that section. He served as a soldier all through the Revolutionary War, engaging in most of the important battles of that great struggle, and for his services received a pension from the Government. He married, in 1789, Miss Sarah Throop, and became the father of thirteen children, ten of whom lived to be men and women. He died in Connecticut in 1847, and his wife, the mother of our subject, had died twentysix years before, in 1821.

The subject of this sketch received a commonschool education and remained a member of the parental household until reaching his majority. He then worked his father's farm on shares until the spring of 1832, soon afterward starting for the West. In the meantime, on the 4th of April, 1830, he was married to Miss Susan A., daughter of David C. and Rebecca (Reynolds) King, of Litchtield, Conn. Their eldest child, Charlotte M., was born in Litchfield, Jan. 2, 1831, and is now the wife of Edwin S. Mudgett, a lawyer of Vallejo, Cal. After coming to this county the little household was increased by the birth of four more children: Henry G, was born in Raisin Township, Sept. 25, 1832, and is now farming near Duvall's Bluff, Ark.; Mary E. was born March 5, 1835, and is the wife of Homer E. Wilson, a prosperous farmer of Raisin Township: William K. was born June 14, 1838, and is farming in Hudson Township; Susan J. was born Feb. 11, 1847, and is the wife of John W. Niles, a merchant of Brooklyn, N. Y.

Mrs. Susan A. Wickwire was born in Bethlehem, Litchfield Co., Conn., which was also the birthplace of her parents. David C. King, her father, was a soldier in the War of 1812, and died soon after its close: the mother survived several years, her death taking place in 1821. The King family was widely and favorably known throughout New England as one combining all the essential qualities of good citizenship. They were uniformly people of means and standing, well educated, public-spirited, and in all respects reputable citizens. The family is of English ancestry, and the first representatives came to this country in the Colonial days. Mrs. Wickwire has inherited largely the qualities of her family, and her name is familiar in a large proportion of the households of Lemwee County, where she is known for her kindly deeds during a long and active life. Although now quite well advanced in years, her days of usefulness are by no means over, and her counsels are still sought among her friends as those of a woman of rich experience, who has made good use of her opportunities and learned well the lesson of life.



AMES FARRAR, who the greater part of his life has been engaged in mercantile and manufacturing pursuits, is now the owner of valuable property, and is living in a pleasant home at Adrian. His childhood and youth were spent among the New Hampshire hills, where his birth took place in Troy, Cheshire County, on the 29th of June, 1820. His father, Daniel Farrar by name, was also a native of the Old Granite State, and was born in November, 1783. He married in early manhood Miss Sena Mellen, of Fitzwilliam, N. H., and the daughter of Daniel Mellen, who was of English birth and parentage. After their marriage they journeyed to the vicinity of Troy, Cheshire Co., N. H., and located upon a farm, upon which they brought about excellent improvements and which remained their home the balance of their days. Here their children, seven in number, were born and reared, and included three sons and four daughters, of whom six lived to mature years.

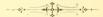
James Farrar was the sixth child of his parents and received his early education in the common schools, which he attended during the winter season until eighteen years of age. Then, like many other young people brought up in the country, he became auxious to make the experiment of life in the town, and accordingly engaged as a clerk in a dry-goods store in Boston. He found, however, that "there

is no place like home," and a few months found him on the old stamping grounds. His next venture was nearer home, where he entered a store at Fitzwilliam, but a year later he repaired once more to Massachusetts and became clerk for a firm at Royalston. After two or three more changes he purchased the interest of a firm by which he had been employed, and in company with a partner, Mr. Damon, carried on general merchandising, and had a large trade, especially in woodenware. At the end of two years they sold out, and coming to Michigan in 1853, they located in Adrian, and opening up a stock of dry-goods, and a branch boot and shoe store conducted by a brother of Mr. Damon. operated together five more years. In 1855 Mr. Farrar erected a nice residence on the corner of Main and Merrit streets, which he occupied as a home for thirteen years. Mr. Damon continued the drygoods business and Mr. Farrar, in 1860, purchased part of the hardware business of H. J. Buck, in which trade he continued ten years.

In 1868-69 Mr. Farrar and Mr. Damon erected a fine double residence on Maumee street, and in 1870 Mr. Farrar sold out his interest with Mr. Buck and purchased what was known as the Loomis machine-shops on South Winter street, and in partnership with John Dodge engaged in the manufactare of blacksmith and foundry supplies, giving employment sometimes to forty-five men. The buildings include a general machine-shop and a pattern and molding room. This work was carried on for a period of ten years, when Mr, Farrar purchased the interest of his partner, a part of which he transferred to Messrs, McKenzie and Knapp, and the three continued in business together several years, in the meantime adding to their operations the manufacture of brick tile, machine and clay crushers. In 1883 the works were destroyed by fire, and the firm then purchased a piece of ground and put up the buildings now occupied by McKinsey, Knapp & Co. Mr. Farrar the year following, considering that he had been in the harness long enough, sold out his interest to William Humphrey, and since that time has lived retired from active business. In 1884 he invested a portion of his surplus capital in what is known as the Armory Block, which occupies the old site of their factory. This building is 60x75 feet in area, constructed of brick, and three stories in height, besides a basement. It is employed by various business firms and yields to its owner a handsome income in rentals.

Mr. Farrar was united in marriage with Miss Clara Brown on New Year's Day, 1852. Mrs. Farrar is a native of Warwick, Mass., and the daughter of Russell and Clara Brown, who were also born in the Bay State. The father spent his last years in Warwick, and the mother is now living with the subject of this sketch. Mr. and Mrs. Farrar after their marriage located in a modest home at Fitzwilliam, N. H., and always made it a point to live within their income. They became the parents of three daughters, of whom two died in infancy. Their only living child, Ida R., is the wife of T. M. McFarland, who is engaged in the milling business at Cambridge, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Farrar occupy a handsome and comfortable dwelling on Maumee street, and are held in the highest respect by the friends who have known them so long and well.



ETER B. SUTFIN is a native-born citizen of Clinton Township, this county, his birth occurring here Sept. 18, 1845. Here the years of his boyhood were passed, and here, since he grew to manhood, he has followed the vocation of a farmer, and has by diligence, energy and shrewd management, prosecuted it to a successful issue. His farm of 172 acres is in fine condition, yielding abundant harvests, and is supplied with first-class buildings.

The father of the subject of this sketch, William Sutfin, was horn and reared in the State of New York, and there married Almira Bennett, also a native of that State. They came to Michigan about the year 1832, and located in an unsettled part of this county, where there were no roads but the trails of Indians. Mr. Sutfin, with the aid of his good wife, accomplished the hard task of improving a farm in the wilderness. They were good, intelligent and energetic citizens, occupying a warm

place in the hearts of the early pioneers, whom they were ever ready to help in time of trouble. The mother died in this township, and the father in California

Our subject is the youngest but two of the nine children born to his parents, three of whom are yet living. He was reared in the pioneer home of his parents, receiving from them the thorough training in the labors of the farm which has since made him successful in life. In 1872 he established a home for himself, after his marriage to Miss Mary Service on the 23d of June. His wife is, like himself, a native of Clinton Township, where she was born Aug. 20, 1852. She is the youngest child of David and Margaret (Gamble) Service, natives of Groveland Township, Livingston Co., N. Y., where they were reared and married. They afterward came to Michigan in 1832, and located on Government land on section 2, Clinton Township, which was then Tecumsel. Mr. Service improved a large farm embracing nearly a section of land, and made it his home until his death, June 20, 1867, at the age of fifty-nine. He was an energetic, thrifty man, and his efforts to build up a home in the forest of Michigan met with success. His good wife, now seventy-five years of age, is living with her daughter, Ann Gragg, on the old homestead in Clinton Township. Mrs. Sutfin was trained to habits of industry and economy by her good parents, and is a woman of much force of character and capability. She is a wise manager, and looks well to the ways of her household, and to her valuable assistance Mr. Sutfin is greatly indebted in his efforts to establish a pleasant and comfortable home; she owns ninety-two acres of land in her own right.

Since their marriage Mr, and Mrs. Sutfin have lived on the farm which they now occupy, and have become the parents of three children—Bertha M., Ina M. and Iva M. Mr. Sutfin is a leading Demoerat of this place, and takes a great interest in public and political affairs.

RANKLIN OSBORN, a representative of the well-known family of that name in this county, for many years carried on farming successfully in Franklin Township, and was num-

bered among its most reliable and substantial ettizens. He was a native of Ovid, Seneca Co., N. Y., where his birth took place Ang. 16, 1820. His father, James Osborn, a native of Colerain, Mass., was of New England parentage, and in his youth emigrated to the Empire State, where he was married to Miss Betsey Longeore, the wedding taking place at the home of the bride in Seneca County, Mrs. Osborn was a native of New Jersey, as were also her parents, but when she was only an infant they removed to New York and settled in Seneca County, where they remained until after her marriage, then, with their newly made son-in-law, they came to Michigan and located in Franklin Township, this county.

Mr. and Mrs. Osborn, the paternal grandparents of our subject, only lived about ten years after coming to this State, the death of both taking place in Franklin Township, when they were quite well advanced in years. Our subject had been reared to farming pursuits, and remained a resident of his native State until after his marriage. This interesting change in his life occurred on the 1st of January, 1845, his bride being Miss Alice D., daughter of William and Isabelle (Clayton) Grove, who were born, reared and married in New Jersey. They remained in their native State until after the birth of their children, then became residents of Ovid. Seneca Co., N. Y. There the wife of our subject was born March 24, 1820. The parents remained residents of New York until their decease, the mother dying in 1863, and the father ten years later.

Franklin Osborn and his wife migrated to Michigan in the spring of 1845, taking up their residence in Franklin Township about the middle of April. Here he carried on farming, and lived until the winter of 1876, when in the month of December he set out on a journey to New York, and was one of the victims in the terrible railroad disaster near Ashtabula, Ohio, where a train of eleven cars went through a bridge, and a large number of people were either killed outright or met their death by burning. The body of Richard Osborn, a brother, was never recovered, and is supposed to have been entirely destroyed. Franklin Osborn was with him, and just escaped with his life, being terribly man-

gled, and receiving such a shock to his system that he never fully recovered, and died Feb. 6, 1881. The wife still resides on the old home. The family consists of five children, of whom only one daughter remains at home.

OHN VAN VLEET. The Van Vleet family came originally from Holland and settled in New Jersey, where in time there grew up a large number of representatives who were uniformly noted for their excellent qualities as citizens and business men. One generation after another came into existence and passed away, occupying homesteads mostly in the State of New Jersey until the early development of the great West attracted the attention of the New Englanders, and sent many abroad to discover for themselves what lay beyond in the new country. Among these was Peter Van Vleet, the father of our subject, who came to Macon Township, this county, in the spring of 1832.

Peter Van Vleet, like the majority of the adventurous emigrants of those days, had started out with little means, trusting to his strong hands and resolute disposition to carve his fortune from the undeveloped soil, and for a period of eighteen months was obliged to content himself with the occupation of a farm laborer. At the end of this time he took up a tract of land on section 31, in Ridgeway Township, and from that humble beginning in the wilderness of Lenawe County there sprang the foundations of the present valuable and comfortable homestead now occupied by his son John, our subject.

The parents of Peter Van Vleet, in the early years of their married life, left their native State of New Jersey, and settled in the wilds of Seneca County, N. Y. There they reared a large family of children, of whom Peter P. was the fifth child and son, there being nine sons and three daughters, all of whom lived to become men and women. Peter was reared to manhood in Seneca County, and was there married to Miss Lois Swarthout, who was born

and reared not far from the home of her husband. Eight children were born to them before their immigration to this part of the country. They made the ionrney in a slowand tedious manner, via canal and take to Detroit and from there overland by horse or ox teams. The father first took up 320 acres of land in Macon Township, and thence removed to Ridgeway Township, in 1834. The location of his land in this township pleased him much better than that of the first, and he was content to remain, and give his best efforts to the building up of a homestead. He was permitted to realize his hopes and here spent his declining years in ease and comfort, passing away on the 31st of June, 1879. The mother followed her husband a few days later, her death taking place in July of the same year. They were members in good standing of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and Peter Van Vleet had been quite prominent in township affairs, serving as the first Road Commissioner and discharging creditably the duties of the various other local offices. He laid out the old Ridge road, and was prominently identified with most of the early institutions of the kind.

The parental household of our subject included thirteen children, seven sons and six daughters, of whom John was next to the youngest. With the exception of one son, they are all living and numbered among the most reputable citizens of Lenawee County. John, in common with his brothers and sisters, was educated in the district school, and at an early age began to make himself useful about the homestead. Upon reaching manhood he fully understood the art of successfully managing a farm. and continued in single blessedness until Dec. 12, 1867, when he was married, in Rome Township, to Miss Sarah I. Luce, who was born in that township, Feb. 9, 1843. Her parents, Samuel II, and Eliza (Peebles) Luce, were natives of New York State, and married in Onondaga County. After the birth of one child they came, in 1837, to Michigan and located in the wilderness of Rome Township, Their efforts at building up a home were crowned with success, and after years of persevering industry they were enabled to pass their last days in ease and comfort. The mother departed this life in September, 1862, and the father survived until the

1st of May, 1886. He was a Universalist, religiously, and during his later life a stanch member of the Republican party.

The wife of our subject was reared to womanhood in Rome Township, and made the most of her advantages in the district schools, developing into an intelligent young lady of sound, practical common sense, and one destined for much usefulness, She is the mother of one child only, a son, Jared, who, when not attending school in Tecumsel assists in the labors on the farm. Our subject, besides the property which he occupies, owns sixty acres of land in Ridgeway Township, and forty-five in Macon Township. The family residence is a shapely and convenient structure and the other buildings fulfill all the requirements of the modern agriculturist. Mr. Van V, has for some years officiated as School Director, and politically, is a solid Democrat.

The paternal grandfather of our subject, Peter Van Vleet, Jr., who was born and reared in New Jersey, during his early manhood served as a Revolutionary soldier, and after the Colonists had established their independence, he left his native State for Seneca County, N. Y., where he spent the balance of his life engaged in farming pursuits. He had married Miss Mary Blue, who was also born in New Jersey, and who died in Seneca County, N. Y., at an advanced age.



OL. HARRISON II, JEFFORDS was born in Monroe County, N. Y., Aug. 21, 1834, and came with his father to Michigan when a youth of seventeen years of age. Upon the outbreak of the Rebellion he enlisted in the Union army, and at the battle of Gettysburg, in a hand-to-hand encounter with a company of rebel infantry, was overpowered by superior numbers, and received injuries which terminated fatally on the following day, July 3, 1863.

The father of our subject, Solomon Jeffords, was also a native of Monroe County, N. Y., whence he emigrated as before stated to the Territory of Michigan, and located with his family in Washtenaw County. The son, Harrison H., after a brief time spent in the common branches of study, entered the Union School of his native town, and in the meantime lived at the homestead in Monroe County.
After the removal of the family to this State he entered the law department of Michigan University
at Ann Arbor, which was then under the supervistion of Judge Cooley. He was graduated with
honors in 1861, and on the 24th of March following
opened a law office at Dexter, Washtenaw County,
and had just inaugurated a successful practice when
the attack upon Ft. Suntrer coupelled a call to
arms. Young Jeffords was one of the first to respond, enlisting upon the 4th of May in the 4th
Michigan Infantry, and being a member of Company K, which he assisted to organize.

Before the company moved to the front, our subject was elected First Lieutenant, and was mustered under command of Capt, John Randolph on the 25th of June following. The regiment was ordered to Washington, and the young Lieutenant assisted his Captain in leading the company in the engagements at Bull Run, Gainesville and Harrison's Landing. On account of his brayery in these charges he was promoted Captain of Company D, in the same regiment, and subsequently received the commission of Colonel. He was afterward present at Antiètam, Shepherdstown, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, and finally at Gettysburg, where he received his death wounds. In this encounter he had made a desperate effort to maintain the eolors, while his comrades were falling around him. The remains of the flag in which he wrapped himself when shot are preserved as a sacred relic of the past. His remains were brought home and laid to rest with military honors, amid the tears and sorrow of a large concourse of people—the friends who had known him long and intimately, and those who, at a distance, had watched his career, and had become acquainted with the manner in which he performed his duties as a soldier and patriot.

Solomon Jeffords was united in marriage with Miss Pheebe Houghtaling, the wedding being solemnized at the home of the bride in Henricita, N. Y. Mrs. J. was the daughter of Peter Houghtaling, and of her union with Mr. Jeffords' there were born six children, the eldest being Col. Harrison H.; Carrie C., Mrs. F. Werner, lives in Chicago; Helen M. is the wife of H. C. Cooper, of Adrian; J. Etta married Edwin M. Lawn, of Chicago, and Rose N. is the wife of J. F. Steck, of Kingman, Kan.; 1da M. died in infancy.

Mrs. Jeffords died April 8, 1873, at her home in Leslie, Ingham Co., Mich., and was buried with the remains of her son in Dexter. Washtenaw Co., Mich.

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ARON NORCROSS is a veteran of Franklin Township, having settled there in 1855. He now lives on section 27, where he owns a farm of 130 acres, mostly well improved, where he has lived many years. His grandfather was John Norcross, by birth a native of New Jersey, and by trade a hatter. He enlisted, and was an active participant in the Revolutionary War. At the battle of Bunker Hill he was shot through the shoulder and neck by the British, but he recovered and remained in the army through the struggle. In the early settlement of Pennsylvania he experienced all the perils and vicissitudes incident to those times, and was frequently obliged to conceal his wife and children from the scalping knife of the Indian while he was away in search of the British and Indians.

After the war John Noreross went to Geneseo, Livingston Co., N. Y., where he lived until his death at the age of seventy-seven years. He had married Mary Solomon, by whom he had one child, Aaron, the father of our subject, who was born in Livingston County, among the first of its native population. Aaron there grew to manhood, learning the trade of his father. He married Mary Kelly, the daughter of a Revolutionary soldier, Daniel Kelly, who fought as a private through the war, and came out without a scar. During these troublous times his family were in constant peril from the depredations of the Indians. Mr. Kelly was a native of the North of Ireland, of the old Presbyterian stock, and died in Livingston County, N. Y., at the great age of ninety-seven years. He was for forty years Deacon in the Presbyterian

The parents of our subject settled on a farm in the township of Grover, Livingston County, and in 1832, after the birth of their family of six children, of whom our subject is the third, came to Michigan and located at Sulphur Springs in Monroe County. At the end of one year they came to Tecumsel Township, where they purchased a large tract of land, most of which was obtained from the Government. On this the father resided until his death, which occurred in January, 1840, at the age of sixty-six years. He had lost his wife shortly after his removal to Monroe County.

The subject of our notice was born April 23, 1812. At twenty years of age he came to Michigan with his parents, where he was afterward married in Tecumseh to Miss Helen Allen, a native of Vermont, and a lineal descendant of Ethan Allen. She came to Michigan with her parents. Ethan and Cynthia (Blanden) Allen, who located on a farm in Tecumseli Township, where they died at about the same time. Mrs. Norcross was gifted by nature with a retentive memory and remarkable intelligence. She was the mother of two children-Eugene and Frank, Eugene was educated in Tecumsels and at Ann Arbor University, and now lives on a farm in Franklin Township; he married Miss Alice Lacy, of Wisconsin. Frank married Miss Lettic Bradley, and they also live in Franklin Township. In the midst of her usefulness Mrs. Norcross died at her home in Franklin Township, July 22, 1876, aged fifty years. She belonged to the Presbyterian Church.

In politics Mr. Norcross is a Jackson Democrat of a strong type. He comes of fine Puritanical blood, as did also his wife, and is proud of his ancestry and their war record during the Revolution. He is a man of great good humor, and his large fund of incidents in the early history of Lenawee County makes him very entertaining. Although seventy-five years of age he is hale and vigorous, and bids fair to see a ripe old age.

ESSE II. WARREN. Among the influential farmers of Dover Township the subject of this notice occupies an honorable position. His father, Sanuel Warren, was a native of New Jersey, and a descendant of that brave patriot, German Joseph Warren, who nobly surrendered his life for his country at the battle of Bunker Hill in

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the very early part of the Revolution. Samuel Warren married Lucinda Dewey, a native of Massachusetts, of Scotch descent. After their marriage they settled in Farmington, Ontario Co., N. Y. ide was engaged in agricultural pursuits there until 1834, when he decided to emigrate to the Territory of Michigan. On May 23 of that year, he and his family arrived in Dover Township and located on section 24. Liking the country, he purchased 400 acres of land on sections 24 and 25, and this they made their permanent home, Mr. Warren dving there in January, 1858, and Mrs. Warren May 11, 1880. They had a family of seven children-Isaac, Matilda, Ira, Minerva, Jesse H., Allen and Austin A. Isaac died in Dover Township, Feb. 11, 1883; Matilda was drowned in Demings Lake in the latter township, April 23, 1835; Ira-died in Dover Township many years ago; Minerva resides in Medina Township; Allen in St. Louis, Mich., and Austin A. in Madison Township.

The subject of this sketch was born in Farmington, N. Y., May 5, 1822, and was twelve years old when he came to Dover Township with his parents. He remained at home, and prepared himself for the position of a teacher, the duties of which position he assumed when eighteen years of age. This profession he successfully followed the ensuing eight years. On the 6th of May, 1848, his marriage with Miss Lucinda Hutchinson was celebrated in Madison Township. Mr. and Mrs. Warren commenced their wedded life in Dover Township, where they settled on section 24 in the home which they now occupy, The years intervening between 1867 and 1886 were, however, spent in Adrian, Mich., where Mr. Warren owns considerable property. His fine farm in Dover Township embraces 122 acres of well-tilled land. Mrs. Warren was born in New York State, July 26, 1826. Her parents were Chester and Rachel (Childs) Hutchinson, both natives of the same State, who lived in Genesee County until 1831, when they came to Michigan and settled in Madison Township, where Mr. Hutchinson died in 1844. Mrs. Hutchinson died in Dover Township in 1862.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren have one child only, Evelyn G., who married Robert Carpenter, of Dove Township, and is now the mother of two children— Grace and Merta. Mr Warren is actively identified

with the interests of his township, and in the general affairs of the county. He is a thorough business man, honest and upright in all his transactions, and of excellent judgment. These qualities have made him a desirable eandidate for town and county offices, many of which he has filled with credit and honor, During 1863 and 1864 Mr. Warren was Supervisor and Justice of the Peace of Dover Township. He was Drain Commissioner for four or five years, when he resigned. He has also held the various school offices in the township. While in Adrian he was Supervisor of the Fourth Ward for six years. He was also a member of the committee of three appointed by the Board of Supervisors of Lenawee County to examine the valuations of all the land in the county. This was an important office, and he performed his part to the satisfaction of the citizens of the county. Oct. 2, 1879, when the grand stand fell at Adrian, Mr. Warren was one of the victims of the disaster, his right leg being broken, which crippled him for life. In politics Mr. Warren uniformly casts his vote with the Repub-

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YLVESTER KEMP was one of the successful agriculturists and stock-raisers of this county, located on section 33. Franklin Township, where he owned at the time of high state of cultivation. Mr. Kemp was a native of New York State, where his birth took place Jan. 25, 1826. He was the eldest son of Elias J. Kemp, and came with him, at the age of nine years, to Michigan, where the father located on section 33, Franklin Township, in 1833. Here our subject grew to manhood, and was first married to Elizabeth Morfelt, who died a few years after marriage.

Mr. Kenp was a second time married, in Ridgeway Township, this county, Dec. 14, 1867, to Mrs. Julia (Morsman) DeLapp, who was born on the 27th of April, 1831, and daughter of Herman and Mary A. (Zibble) Morsman, who afterward came with their family to Michigan. Mrs. Kemp was first married to Richard DeLapp, who also came to Michigan at the same time, locating in Tecumseh. at which place Mr. Morsman engaged at his trade of wagon-making. Mr. Morsman afterward removed to Ridgeway where he established a shop, and later went to Janesville, Hillsdale Co., Mich., at which place he now lives at the advanced age of eighty-two years; his wife is about the same age, Mrs. Kemp is the second daughter of her parents' family. She and her first husband, Mr. DeLapp, after their arrival here, lived in Blissfield for some time, and here Mr. DeLapp died, leaving one son, Irving T. a telegraph operator now living at Anburn, Ind.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Kemp located on their farm on section 33 of Franklin Township, where his death occurred as before stated. He was a worthy and progressive citizen, and an upright man; in polities he was a Republican. Since their bereavement Mrs. K. and her sons have managed the farm, which is well located, and supplied with first-class buildings. She has by her last marriage three children—Charles, Delia and Minnie, Charles took to wife Josephine M. Butrick, of Franklin Township, and they live there on a farm; Delia, Mrs. Charles Pentecost, lives near Napoleon, Jackson County, while Minnie is at home; they are worthy and intelligent children. Charles Kemp, like his father before him, is a Republican in politics.

ONRAD ICKLER is a native born citizen of Riga Township, and an intelligent representative of the young men of Lenawee County who are coming to the front to take their share in maintaining the agricultural interests of the county. He possesses in a large measure those admirable traits of character which distinguished his ancestors, and has the promise of a bright future.

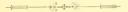
J. Conrad Tekler, father of our subject, was born in Hesse-Cassel, Germany. He attended school quite regularly during his youth, and after completing his education learned the tailor's trade, which he followed for some years in his native land. In 1851 he came with his bride to make their home in this country, and located in Vermillion, Ohio.

where he was employed at the iron furnaces for the following two years. He then decided to turn his attention to farming, and coming to this county, he bought a tract of timbered land on section 15, Riga Township. He then set resolutely to work to clear and drain his land, which was in the Cottonwood Swamp district, and by his energy and perseverance he not only cleared his farm, but earned enough from it to buy more adjoining, and at the time of his death, Sept. 8, 1881, had a fine farm of eighty acres, sixty-five of which were well improved. The maiden name of the mother of our subject was Barbara Smith; she was born in Hesse-Cassel, and died in the home in this county which she had aided her husband to build up. Six sons were born to her, five of whom are still living-Adam, John, David, Henry and Conrad.

Conrad Ickler was the third child of his parents. and was born Nov. 20, 1860, in the humble log cabin in which they first made their home when they came to Riga Township, in the days when that part of Riga was a swampy wilderness. In that home he learned from his good parents many a lesson of thrift, honesty and industry, which has since guided him to success. He attended the distriet school and acquired quite a good education as he was a bright scholar. At an early age he was deprived of the care and counsel of his mother, and he remained with his father until the death of the latter, assisting him in the clearing of his land and the cultivation of the soil. He then found employment in other places for three years, and at the expiration of that time bought the farm where he has since resided, and here by strict attention to business, shrewd management, and a good knowledge of the laws governing agriculture, he is fast acquiring success in his chosen calling.

Mr. Ickler married, April 28, 1885, Miss Ella Dings, like himself a native of Riga Township, where her birth occurred July 5, 1856. Her grandfather, Peter Dings, was, it is thought, a native of the State of New York, where he passed the most of his life, with the exception of a few years spent in Lenawee County. The father of Mrs. Ickler, John Dings, grew to manhood and married in New York, his native State. He came to this township about the year 1850, and located on section 33, on a tract of timber land, which by persistent toil he converted into a fine furm, which remained his home until his death, April 17, 1884. The maiden name of Mrs, lekler's mother was Elizabeth Rockafeller; she was born in Columbia, N. Y., and was the daughter of Teal Rockafeller, a native of the same State; he spent the last years of his life with his daughter in Riga Township.

Mr, and Mrs, lekker enjoy the confidence and esteem of those around them. Mr, lekker is a wellread man, and is thoroughly conversant with all topics of general interest.



EORGE GRISWOLD is a farmer of Tecumsech Township, and a representative of one to the earliest pioneer families of Leanwee County. He is not only the son of a pioneer, but is also the grandson of a pioneer of another and older State, his grandfather, David Griswold, being among the early settlers of Southport, Cheming Co., N. Y., where he went in 1778 from his native State, Connecticut. He was a soldier in the Revolutionary War.

Thomas Griswold, the father of our subject, was born Feb. 22, 1790, on his father's homestead in Southport. Like his father, he did good service for his country as a soldier, taking part in the War of 1812. He married Betsy, daughter of John Wier, Esq., and born in Southport in 1798. After their marriage they settled in their native town, where Mr. Griswold followed the occupations of farmer and miller for some years. In July, 1825, concluding to seek a new home in the forests of Michigan, they came to Lenawee County and procured a tract of 160 acres of land in Tecumseli Township, on section 21. They were among the very earliest settlers in this part of Lenawee County, as only two families had preceded them. Mr. Griswold's land was heavily timbered, with no improvements except a rude mill which had been built by a Mr. Brown and a Mr. Evans. The mill, however, was not in running order, as the miller who had been sent for to complete the arrangements for grinding wheat and corn, became sick and could not come. It was quite important to get it in working order as soon as possible, and Mr. Griswold volunteering to prepare the stone, the owner very gladly availed hinself of his skill. He soon had everything in readiness, and from the first grist ground fine wheat cakes were made to celebrate the Fourth of July in the year 1826.

Thomas Griswold immediately after he was fairly and built the first frame house that was ever erected in this county, into which he and his family removed in November, 1825, the autumn following their arrival. He soon became a prominent figure in the early annals of this county, doing much toward opening it up for settlement, while he gave much valuable assistance to new settlers as they came in, and gave them such information in regard to the land and resources of the country as would be beneficial to them in their selection of a home In 1829 he was appointed Commissioner of Lenawee County, by the Territorial Governor, Gen. Cass, and in the discharge of the duties of that office, did very efficient service for the Governthe county lost a public benefactor, and his neighbors a kind friend, who was ever ready to help of the hardy, self-reliant pioneer women of the early days of this country, energetically took up the burden of supporting their children, which her husband's lamented death had left wholly under her care, and nobly did she discharge her duties as a up, and no longer needed her care and protection, She was the mother of four sons and three daughters, all of whom grew to maturity, though only four of them survived her; her death occurred in

George Griswold was the third child of his parents, and was born on his grandfather's homestead, in the same house where his father was born, in Southport, Cheming Co., N. Y., Oct. 31, 1822. He was not three years of age when brought by his parents to this county, and when he became old enough he was sent to the pioneer school of Tecumseh, which had then been recently established. After the death of his father, he assisted his mother in carrying on the farm, and remained with her. affording her great assistance, until his marriage, which occurred in his twenty-seventh year, to Miss Helen M., daughter of Thomas FitzSimmons, Esq. After his marriage Mr. Griswold settled near the old homestead, and began farming for himself, and after the division of his parents' estate, he settled on the property that had fallen to his share. From time to time he has added to the acreage of his farm, until he now owns ninety-eight acres of choice land in a high state of cultivation, on which he has erected a good dwelling-house, two good barns and other convenient farm buildings. Mr. Griswold has conducted mixed husbandry, deeming it more profitable and reliable than to depend entirely on one branch of agriculture; he has some well-graded stock.

Mr. and Mrs. Griswold became the parents of three daughters, namely: Hattie Estelle, who died at the age of four years; Isabel, the wife of William Waldron, a farmer, and Alice E., who is at home. All the family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in the affairs of which Mr. Griswold is very prominent, having held the offices of Trustee and Steward for many years.

In politics, our subject is rather conservative, voting independently in matters of local interest. In his upright character and in his honorable dealings with his fellowmen, he shows himself a worthy descendant of his honored parents. For several years the state of Mr. Griswold's health did not permit him to transact much business, or to take a very active part in affairs in general; he was constantly under the care of a physician, but his health is now greatly improved.

RS. HARRIET (WEMPLE) DAVIS. a resident of Palmyra Township, was born in Florida Township, Montgomery Co., N. Y., on the 15th of September, 1807, and is now in her eighty-first year, but still hale and hearty. She inherited a strong constitution, has always been of a lively disposition, not given to borrowing trouble, and is now better preserved, both mentally and physically, than many people twenty years younger. Her father, John Wemple, was born

in Florida Township, when that part of the State of New York was known as Tyrone County. His father, Ephraim Wemple, had a patent to a tract of 900 acres of land in Florida Township, and engaged in farming there until his death. The father of Mrs. Davis was also a farmer, and spent his entire life in his native township. His wife's maiden name was Jane Anthony, and she was born on Manhattan Island. Her father, the grandfather of Mrs. Davis, was an early settler of Manhattan Island, and once owned a large tract of land upon which a portion of the city of New York is now built.

The subject of this sketch was married to Ramus Davis on the 27th of December, 1837. He was born in that part of Fulton County now known as Montgomery County, N. Y., on the 1st of January, 1807. His father, John P. Davis, was born on Long Island, and his father was a commissioned officer in the Revolutionary War, and while in a British prison was poisoned. John P. Davis was a farmer, and removed to Montgomery County in the days of its early settlement, where he cleared a farm, on which he lived until his death. Ramus Davis grew to manhood in the latter-named county, and was reared upon the farm. His father gave him thirty acres of land in Amsterdam Township, and he added thirty more acres to it by purchase. In 1838, accompanied by his wife, he went to Indiana, going by way of the Erie Canal through Utica, the railroad to Buffalo, the Lakes to Detroit, and then by railroad to Ypsilanti, where he employed men with teams to take them to Calhonn County, Mich., where Mrs. Davis stopped with friends, and Mr. Davis, with his team, proceeded to Indiana and bought a farm near Mishawaka. He then hired a team and returned to Michigan for his wife, whom he brought to the farm in Indiana. Here his health failed two years later, and he returned to New York and settled on the land which his father had given him, where he resided until 1850, when he moved to Onondaga County, and bought land in Eldridge Township. He lived there until 1863, when he sold out and came to Lenawee County, and bought the place on which Mrs. Davis now resides. There were but a few acres of this land cleared, the balance being timber and stump land. He devoted all his energies to the clearing of his land, and succeeded in making of it a most excellent farm, where he resided until his death, which occurred on the 21st of July, 1877.

Mrs. Davis became the mother of four children-Susie J., Ramus B., John W. and Theophilus A. Susie J., the only daughter, died in 1871, at the age of thirty-three years; Ramus B., the oldest son, enlisted in 1862 in Company G, 122d New York Infantry, and served until the close of the war; he then came to Michigan and settled at Adrian. where he engaged in the lumber business for a few years, and then moved to Riga Township, where he engaged in the same business; he now operates a flour and grist mill at Dundee, Monroe County. John W, entered the army in 1861 as a member of the Michigan Volunteers, and served until the close of the war, since which time he has been a resident of Adrian: Theophilus A, now manages the homestead; he was born in Montgomery County, N. Y., Feb. 7, 1849, and was married to Clara Tooker, Feb. 8, 1874; she was born in Palmyra Township, and is the daughter of Ira Tooker; they have four children -Minnie A., Ramus T., Ella M. and Theophilus.

Mrs. Davis is a very clear-minded old lady, and of remarkable memory. During her lifetime the most remarkable events in the history of this country have occurred, and she retains in memory the details of most of them, and readily recalls the stirring events connected with the early settlement of Michigan and Indiana. She is blessed with excellent health, and is not the victim of those afflictions which generally befull those who reach her age. She is universally esteemed and respected, and is living happily and contentedly.

DWARD F. UNDERWOOD. Everywhere in Lenawee County are evidences of thrift, wisdom and enterprise, and on section 18. Palmyra Township, is comfortably located the farm where the subject of this sketch is prosecuting his chosen calling with success. He has been a resident of the township since his birth, and lives on a part of the old homestead, which is a farm of finely entityated land, with a tasteful and substantial dwelling, a good barn, and all the accessories of

the intelligent and progressive farmer. Here he spends his time as an industrions and law-abiding citizen, enjoying the respect of his neighbors, and fulfilling the obligations incident to his station as a substantial member of the community.

Our subject was born in Palmyra Township on the 2d of November, 1851, and is the son of Thomas Underwood, who was born in Wayne County, N. Y. His grandfather was Edward Underwood, who was a native of Dutchess County, N. Y., and moved from there to Wayne County, where he bought a farm, and made his home there until 1836. In that year he sold out, and accompanied by his family of wife and four children, started for the State of Michigan, coming by way of the Erie Canal and the Lakes to Toledo. At the latter place they started with teams and came overland to Lenawee County, where they settled in Palmyra Township, and bought land on section 19. A large proportion of this land was heavily timbered, but Mr. Underwood went to work at once clearing away the timber, and in the course of a few years had most of it under cultivation. During his occupancy of the farm he built a brick dwelling-house. The father of our subject was but a boy when he came to this county with his parents. Here he grew to manhood and married Mary Comstock, who was a native of New York. He bought a farm on section 18, which he occupied for many years, but now resides on a part of the old homestead.

The subject of this sketch has lived nearly all his life in Palmyra Township, where he grew to manhood and in whose schools he secured his first education. He took a short course in Adrian College, and at the age of eighteen began teaching school, following that occupation during the winter months and working upon the farm the remainder of the year. Afterward he was engaged in Evans' Commercial College in Adrian, Subsequently he rented his uncle's farm in Raisin Township, which he managed for one year, and then located on the old homestead, of which he bought a portion after his grandfather's death.

In 1875 Mr. Underwood was married to Miss Alice Wade, who was born in Litchfield, Hillsdale Co., Mich. This union has been blessed with three children—Annie C., Hattie and Metta, Mr. and Mrs, Underwood are both highly esteemed members of society. In politics Mr. Underwood acts with the Republican party, and has held the office of Justice of the Peace in the township in which he resides. He is not what might be called an active politician, but he endeavors on all occasions to discharge the duties which devolve upon good citizens.



EV, JOSEPH ATKINSON THOMPSON is an Englishman by birth, and a descendant of an old Lincolnshire family. His greating grandfather, Joseph Thompson, was a landholder in Lincolnshire, England. The grandfather of our subject, Job Thompson, was born in Lincolnshire, inherited his father's estates, and spent his entire life in the place of his nativity.

The father of our subject, Joseph Thompson, was born and reared in that ancestral home, and maried in his native shire, Betsy Akkinson. He was an itinerant preacher in the Primitive Methodist Church, and was considered quite a power in that denomination. He preached in Lincolnshire, Yorkshire, Leciestershire, Shropshire and in Wales, During his sojourn in Lincolnshire as a preacher, his wife died and left a family of six children. In 1838 he came to America unaccompanied by any of his children, and preached in several places in New York State, finally identifying himself with the Baptists and becoming a minister in that denomination; he spent the last years of his life in Pleasant Valley, N. Y.

The Rev. Joseph Thompson was born in Halifax, Yorkshire, Enghand, March 16, 1829. He attended school quite regularly during his youth, and acquired a very good education. In 1853 he came to America, and is the only one of his father's children who ever came to this country. He located in Herkimer Country, N. Y., and there practiced the profession of a veterinary surgeon for a few years. Then he traveled in the South and West for a period of twelve years, practicing his profession in the most important places. He subsequently located in Genuga County, Ohio, for a time, afterward removing thence to Lucas County. In 1873 he left Ohio and came to this State, where

he bought a farm on section 3 of the fractional part of this township. Since then he has made four or five changes, settling on his present farm in 1885. He has forty acres of land, twenty acres of which are under good tillage, and has substantial buildings.

While Mr. Thompson has paid the necessary attention to his worldy interests, he has also been engaged for many years, in the various communities of which he has been a member, in earnest work for the spiritual and moral welfare of the people. He commenced to preach when quite young, and was ordained as a preacher in the Church of God while a resident of Lucas County, Ohio. He has been quite successful in his chosen work, and is an influence for good in the community.

Mr. Thompson has been twice married, the first time to Helen Ironside, who was born near Aberdeen's Scotland, and was the daughter of Alexander Ironside, who passed his entire life in that country. His daughter came to America when she was twenty-two years old, and her death took place April 11, 1883. She was a faithful wife, and a true mother to the three children born to our subject and recorded as follows: Caroline is the wife of Peter Gillette, of Riga Township; Joseph is living in Cloud County, Kan., and Ellen is the wife of Albert sanderson, of Lucas County, Ohio.

Mr. Thompson's second marriage occurred Jan. 7, 1886, at which time he was united to Miss Nora Jones. She was born in Anderson Township, Hamilton Co., Ohio, and is the daughter of John Jones, who was born in Rowan County, N. C. His father, Robert Jones, was a native of Maryland, who when a young man went to North Carolina and married there. After residing in that State a few years, he removed with his family to Ohio, and was among the early settlers of Clermont County, where he afterward died. The father of Mrs. Thompson was reared in Rowan County, his native place, and there married Eleanor M. Austin, also a native of that county, and a daughter of Samuel and Lydia (Railsback) Austin. In 1828 Mr., and Mrs. Jones moved with the family of the former to Ohio, where they lived a few years in Clermont County, and then removed to Hamilton County, Mr. Jones was a blacksmith by trade, and bought a



RESIDENCE OF THOS. A. LIDDLE, SEC. G. MACON TOWNSHIP.



RESIDENCE OF ELI E. MUNN, SEC. 26, ADRIAN TOWNSHIP.



home in Anderson Township, and pursued his calling there until his death in 1859. His widow lived in Anderson until 1870, when she removed to Kenton County, Ky., and resided there until her death, Sept. 6, 1882. Mrs. Thompson lived with her mother until the death of the latter.

Mr. Thompson is, as every good citizen should be, much interested in the affairs of the nation, and believing that the principles promulgated by the Republican party are for the best interests of the country, he loyally supports that party. Mrs. Thompson is a valued member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

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ROWELL EDDY, a wealthy and prominent farmer of Franklin Township, is the owner of 200 acres of finely improved land, which he has acquired by the exercise of his own industry and perseverance. He commenced in life for himself comparatively without means, and became a resident of this county in 1845, soon afterward making his first purchase of eighty acres of land on section 12, to which he afterward added as his means permitted. The family residence is a substantial stone building, and considered one of the best of its kind in this part of the State. It consists of two stories and a basement, finely arranged, combining both beauty and convenience. The barns and out-buildings are neat and substantial, and the farm stock and machinery are in keeping with the general air of thrift and prosperity which is apparent upon all sides. No man perhaps in Lenawee County is better entitled to representation in a work of this kind than the subject of this sketch.

Mr. Eddy has made a science of farming and stock-raising, dealing largely in Durham cattle and Merino sheep, and has obtained an enviable reputation in this section of country on account of his skill and knowledge in this department of agriculture: He migrated from far New England to establish his permanent home, having been born in Morristown, N. J., April 6, 1811. His father, John Eddy, Esq., also a native of New Jersey, was of New England parentage and English descent. He married a lady of his own State, Miss Catherine Crain, who was of Scotch descent, and they resided near Morristown, N. J., until after the birth of six children, when they removed to schuyler County, N. Y. The father took up a tract of land in Reading Township during its early settlement, and opened up a fine farm of 150 acres, which in dutine became very valuable.

John Eddy was a thorough and skillful agriculturist, and availed himself of the progressive methods by which only success could be obtained. He ler County as one of its most prominent and wellto-do citizens. He took a lively interest in the welfare of his community, and was among the first to encourage the various enterprises tending to the development of a new country. He retained possession of his first purchase until his decease, which occurred when he was lifty-eight years of age. After their removal to New York, five more children were added to the household circle, which now included seven sons and four daughters. All of them with one exception are now living, and the brother deceased had attained the advanced age of seventy-eight years; the eldest surviving is eightyfour years of age, and the youngest is sixty. The years, and died at the homestead in Schuyler County when eighty years of age. She was a good mother in every sense that the word implies, and a devoted member of the Presbyterian Church, John Eddy, politically, was an old-line Whig, and maintained his principles with all the earnestness of

Our subject remained under the parental roof until about twenty-one years of age, and then served an apprenticeship at the carpenter's trade in his native county. Upon leaving New York he migrated to Eric County, Ohio, and for nine years following pursued his trade in Milan Township, Meantime he was married, June 3, 1836, to Miss Mary A. Spears, the daughter of a well-to-do farmer who had emigrated from Penfield, N. Y., to Ohio in the pioneer days. Mr. and Mrs. Spears were most excellent people and enjoyed the confidence and esteem of all who knew them. They were of New England birth and parentage, and were

residents of Eric County probably thirty years, where they labored to build up a good home, and spent their last days in peace and comfort, departing this life at an advanced age.

The wife of our subject was born in Monroe County, N. Y., Feb. 3, 1817, and spent her childhood and youth under the home roof, receiving a common-school education, and being trained in those employments which have so much to do with the happiness of a home. Of her union with our subject there were born ten children, of whom two are deceased. Charles died at the age of twentytwo, at Jefferson Barracks, Mo., while on his way home from the army; at the outbreak of the war he enlisted in the 18th Michigan Infantry, and at Athens, Ga., was captured by the rebels, who held him some time in confinement. The other child died March 6, 1857, at the age of eight years, Five of the eight living children are married and settled in comfortable homes of their own, and four of the sons-Henry H., George W., Horace G. and James C.-are in business at Vinton, Iowa, conducting a large dry-goods house; John J. is farming near Akron, Col.; Edwin A. is a successful farmer in Manchester Township, Washtenaw County; the two daughters, Libbie S. and Catherine. continue at home with their father. Mrs. Eddy departed this life at her home in Franklin Township. in March, 1885, when sixty-eight years of age. She was a lady held in high esteem by the people of her neighborhood, energetic, intelligent and of kindly disposition, and a devoted member of the Congregational Church. Mr. Eddy, religiously, is a Universalist. Politically, he affiliates with the Republican party, and has served his township as Road Commissioner and Treasurer for some years, and also as Justice of the Peace.



ILLIAM E. WINNER first opened his eyes to the light on the farm in Franklin Township where he still makes his home. He received a good education, and being naturally bright and ambitious made the most of his opportunities. He engaged in teaching before reaching his majority, spending his time thus during the

winter and in the summer employing himself on the farm. We can scarcely conceive of a more pleasant life or one from which more thorough enjoyment can be extracted. The emancipation from the close housing of the winter season to the broad fields of the country in spring, must be one of the most grateful changes that can be imagined. Amid these quiet scenes our subject has spent the greater part of his life, and with the pure country air imbibed those principles which have constituted him a man among men, well-bred, and filling his niche in life in an unostentatious, but thoroughly worthy and useful namer.

Our subject was born Jan, 14, 1839, and is the son of Abraham Wisner, a native of Phelps, Ontario Co., N. Y. The latter was born in 1799, of ancestry who came originally from Holland, and was the son of Rev. Jehiel Wisner, also a native of the Empire State, who was reared to farming pursuits. but in early years distinguished himself as of a deeply pious temperament, and when but a youth began preaching the Baptist faith, whose doctrines he upheld in this manner for a period of forty years. Subsequently he left New York State and joined his son Abraham, in this county, at whose home his death took place in the fall of 1839. He had married in early manhood Miss Luanna Chandler, a near relative of the well-known Zach Chandler of this State. Grandmother Wisner accompanied her husband to Michigan, and died at the home of their son in Franklin Township.

Abraham Wisner was reared on the farm and while a resident of Niagara County, N. Y., was married to Miss Sarah Wisner, a distant relative. They continued in the Empire State until after the birth of six children, and in the spring of 1833 set out for the Territory of Michigan, via the Canada route, making the journey overland with teams, camping and cooking by the wayside, and landing in the woods of Franklin Township several weeks later. The land in that locality was still owned mostly by the Government, and Abraham Wisner purchased from "Uncle Sam" 240 acres on section 11, Franklin Township. Standing upon his new purchase Abraham Wisner could searcely discern at either point of the compass the cabin of a settler. The Indians had searcely left this locality and wild ani-

mals roamed in unrestrained freedom through the forests and over the unbroken country. There lay a great task before the pioneer and his family, but one for which they were amply prepared. As soon as he could put up a shelter for themselves and their household goods he commenced cultivating the soil around him, and after years of steady industry began to reaphis reward. In due time there appeared substantial fences to mark the outline of his possessions, and one building after another grew up on the homestead, so that before his death the father of our subject had ample time to survey his possessions and relax the fatiguing labors to which he had first been necessarily devoted. The wife and mother, who had shared with her husband his trials and successes, passed to her long home in the spring of 1866, and Mr. Wisner followed in the fall of 1867.

The parents of our subject possessed all the qualities of the early pioneers who made of their venture a complete success. Abraham Wisner interested himself in the development of his adopted county and contributed as far as able toward its progress and prosperity. He was instrumental in the organization of the Baptist Church at Clinton, in which he officiated as Deacon many years, and in which his devoted wife stood by his side also as a worthy and consistent member. The parental household included twelve children, of whom William E. was the ninth in order of birth.

William Wisner, during his boyhood and youth assisted in building up the homestead and made the most of his advantages, first in the subscription and later in the district schools. When twenty-one years of age he began teaching in Wayne County, where he made his reputation as an instructor, and subsequently taught in Franklin County until about 1882. He was married, Jan. 1, 1862, to Miss Emeline, daughter of William and Emily (Joslin) Whelan, natives of New York State, who came to the Territory of Michigan in 1833. The father entered a tract of Government land on section 15, Franklin Township, where the parents have continued to reside for the long period of fifty-four years. They also labored industriously to improve their farm and establish a comfortable home, and enjoyed the confidence and esteem of a large circle of friends and acquaintances, both among the old and young. Father Whelan and father Wisner both belonged originally to the old Whig party, and upon its abandonment cordially endorsed Republican principles, taking a warm interest in National and State affairs.

Mrs. Wisner was born in Franklin Township, March 19, 1842, and like her husband obtained her clucation in the common schools. She was trained by her excellent mother in all those domestic duties which have such an influence upon the happines of a household, and remained with her parents until her marriage. Of her union with our subject there have been born nine children, one of whom, Mande, died at the age of ten months. Those surviving are Ernest, a prosperous farmer of Logan County, Neb.; Owen, who makes his home and works with his brother in Nebruska; Graec, a teacher and living with her parents; Minnie, also a teacher; Stella, Dewey, Emily and Scott.

Mr. and Mrs. Wisner after their marriage began life together at the Wisner homestead, where their children were horn, and where they purpose to remain. Our subject keeps up the reputation of the estate in the most praiseworthy manner, and from year to year adds the embellishments in favor with the modern agriculturist. He has held the various township offices, and like his father before him, is a solid Republican. His amiable and excellent wife stands by his side in all his worthy labors and ambitions, and the family is considered indispensable to the social circles of their community.



OSEPH II. BLAIN. Alderman of the Second Ward, Adrian, and book-keeper for the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad Company, is a gentleman of good business ability, worthily filling a responsible position and numbered among the reliable citizens who go to make up the bone and sinew of a community. His early home was in the city of Liverpool, England, where his birth took place on the 26th of February, 1824. He emigrated to America when a mere boy with his parents, Joseph and Agnes (McIntyre) Blain, who settled in Montreal, Canada, in 1832. The father

died there of cholera the same year; the mother survived her husband until 1872, spending her last years in the city of Toronto.

Mr. Blain received his education in the city of Montreal, and when of suitable age entered a drygoods store there as elerk, being in the employ of one firm several years. He then began railroading, and in the course of time was given the position of Paymaster on the Vermont Central Railroad, which he held three years. During the ten years following he was employed mostly upon the Great Western Railway, running from the suspension bridge at Niagara Falls to Windsor, Canada.

In the fall of 1862, Mr. Blain made his way to Michigan as the employe of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad, and with the exception of two years in which he was engaged in railroad construction, has held continuously his present position. While a resident of St. Catherines he was married, in 1857, to Miss Catherine VanEvery, who was a resident of Lincoln County, near Niagara Falls. Their first modest home was at Toronto, where two of their children were born. Of the six children who completed the household circle, four are still living: Joseph M. is operating in the vicinity of Puget Sound as the employe of the Northern Pacific Railroad; Abraham L. is Trackmaster on the Ft. Wayne Division of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern; Agnes M. and Katie L. are at home with their parents.

Mr. Blain politically is Democratic. He was elected Alderman of the Second Ward in the spring of 1886, and is nearing the close of his first term. He is a gentleman of excellent judgment and frequently presides at the meetings of the City Conncil in the absence of the Mayor, having been elected President pro tem of the council.

ESSIAII WESTERMAN is one of the solid, reliable citizens of Riga Township, where he carries on his occupation of a farmer. In connection with this brief sketch of the life of Mr. Westerman we are pleased to give a brief account of his father, James Westerman, who was a man of much ability and wide experience. The

grandfather of our subject, also James Westerman, was a native of England, where he married, and reared a family. He finally left the land of his nativity and came with his family to America, where he spent the closing years of his life in Butler County, Pa.

James Westerman, father of our subject, was born in Manchester, England, where he grew to manhood and became a skillful coppersmith. When he was twenty-one years of age he came to America and first lived in Baltimore, pursuing his trade of a coppersmith. He there met Elizabeth Wilson, a native of Maryland, who afterward became his wife. From Baltimore he went to Lowell, Mass., and there plied his calling until his removal to After a few years' residence in Pennsylvania. Pittsburgh and Allegheny City he removed in 1840 to Butler County, in the same State, where he bought a farm and became actively engaged in agricultural pursuits. In 1852 he left Pennsylvania and came to Michigan, where he bought a farm of 224 acres in Riga Township, this county, forty acres of which were cleared, and included a frame house and a log barn. Two years after he bought the place the dwelling-house was burned with all its contents. Mr. Westerman then built a comfortable log house, in which he and his family lived till after the war. He then sold his farm in Riga Township, where he had been much prospered, and removing to Adrian he lived in retirement.

Not long after the completion of the Central Pacific Railway James Westerman took a trip to California, and soon after his return from that journey he sold his property in Adrian, and moved to Blissfield; he subsequently spent a winter in Florida. During the many years of his long life spent in the United States he visted many parts of it, and became well acquainted with the many and varied resources of this magnificent country. After his return from Florida Mr. Westerman had the misfortune to lose his sight, and during the last years of his life he made his home with his children, dying at the home of a daughter in Detroit, in 1882. He had long been a member of the L. O. O. F., and at the time of his death was the oldest representative of that order in Michigan. His wife did not long survive him, as she died the following year at

the home of a daughter in Toledo, Ohio. They were the parents of ten children, six of whom grew to maturity.

Jessiah Westerman, of whom we write, was born in Allegheny City, Pa., Aug. 8, 1837. He was fifteen years old when his parents removed to Michigan, and he can remember well when deer and other wild animals roamed through the forests of Lenawee County at will, He attended the pioneer schools of Riga Township, and when school was not in session, he had to perform his share of work on the farm. While he was at home assisting in the labors of the farm the war broke out, and on the 1st of September, 1861, he was enrolled as a member of Company F, 14th Ohio Infantry, which regiment soon went to the front and did good service as a part of the Army of the Cumberland. Mr. Westerman took part in the battles of Wild Cat Mountain and Chickamauga, and in December, 1863, he was assigned to duty as Gen. Palmer's bodyguard, and efficiently served in that capacity until the latter was superseded by Gen. Jefferson C. Davis, whom he served in the same capacity. He was in Sherman's campaign from Chattanooga, under Gen. Palmer, and with Gen. Davis at Jonesboro. He was detained in service at Atlanta three months after his term of enlistment expired, and then received an honorable discharge and returned home.

The spring following his return from the seat of war Mr. Westerman was married to Miss Bettie M. Grover, the date of their marriage being April 23, 1865 She was born in Richfield Township, Lucas Co., Ohio, and is the daughter of Leonard Grover, who was a native of Vermont. After he grew to manhood he went to New York to live and there married. He afterward removed to Lorain County, Ohio, and thence, in 1837, to Lucas County, and became one of the early settlers of Richfield Township, where he bought timber land, and built a log house for the residence of his family, and in that house Mrs. Westerman was born. He had a well-improved farm at the time of his death, May 15, 1861. His widow married again, and now resides in Riga Township.

After his marriage our subject bought the northeast forty acres of land on section 33 of Riga

Township. There were then ten acres cleared, and he built a small frame house and lived there seven years, clearing twenty acres of land in the meantime. He then sold that farm, and moved to the place he now owns and occupies. This farm is much larger than his first, containing 120 acres of land, eighty of which are well improved, with comfortable, commodious buildings. On another page of this work is shown a view of Mr. Westerman's residence with its surroundings. Mr. Westerman is a systematic, practical farmer, and has been blessed with a good wife, who has done much to further their united interests. Their home has been made pleasant by the birth of four children: Alberta, wife of George L. Bell, of Riga Township; Allie Dell, Maud and May.

The same patriotism which caused Mr. Westerman to calist in his country's defense twenty-six years ago makes him a good elitzen to-day. In politics he is a stanch supporter of the Democratic party of this State. He is a member of the Brint and McBride Post No. 225, G. A. R.

HLLIAM J. ANDREWS, whose early home was on the other side of the Atlantic, was born in Leicestershire, England, June 12, 1827, and came to America in 1850, when a young man twenty three years of age. Soon afterward he sought a home among the pioneers of Ridgeway Township and has since been one of its most honored and valued citizens. Like many of his brethren when landing upon American soil, he possessed little means and was obliged to commence at the foot of the ladder in his efforts to build up a home and secure a competence. The voyage across the water had been long and tedious, occupying seven weeks, during which time Mr. Andrews nearly expired from sea sickness; but he had a remarkably strong constitution and survived this and his later troubles, eventually finding himself on the road to prosperity.

The father of Mr. Andrews died in England in early life, and the mother when quite aged; their household included six children. William J., having parted from his mother early in life, did not realize the importance and pleasure it would be to him in later years to obtain and preserve their family record, and consequently can only trace his history from his childhood days. These were spent after the manner of children whose parents posessed but modest means, and he was in early life required to make himself useful in assisting his parents to provide for their family. He thus acquired the habit of self-sacrifice and persistence, which has served him so well in his later years.

Mr. Andrews after coming to this county employed himself at whatever he could find to do and lived in the most frugal manner. In this way he managed to save something from his earnings, and the prospect of a home in the future lent a stimulus to his exertions. He had formed the acquaintance of a most attractive young woman in Ridgeway Township, namely, Miss Elizabeth Pilbeam, who was also of English birth and parentage, and they were united in marriage Oct. 24, 1835. Mrs. Andrews was the daughter of excellent parents, who upon their arrival in this country came to Michigan and located in Ridgeway Township during its early settlement; they are now dead.

Mrs. Andrews only lived four years after her marriage, and proved herself a most worthy wife and helpmeet, who assisted her husband during his early struggles and was always the same cheerful companion and kindly counselor, endearing herself to him in a thousand ways. The tie between them was strengthened by the birth of two children, one of whom. Amanda M., died when an interesting maiden of sixteen years; the other daughter, Mary A., is the wife of Andrew Jackson, a prosperous farmer of Wilmington, Will Co., Ill., and the mother of three children—William S., Charles and a babe unnamed.

The present wife of our subject, to whom he was married March 19, 1860, was formerly Miss Elizabeth, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Horton) Burnett, natives of Yorkshire, England, where they were reared and married. There also Mrs. Elizabeth Andrews was born, in September, 1822. Her parents came to the United States about 1850, and Mrs. A. Johned them here five years later, after a brief stay in Canada with her brother. Both the Horton and the Burnett families were people of prominence

in their native county and well-to-do financially. Most of them were agriculturists and the proprietors of extensive tracts of land in Yorkshire. Upon coming to this county the parents of Mrs. A. located in Macon Township where their decease took place some years ago.

By this later marriage Mr. Andrews became the father of two children—Orin P., who died when three months old, and William J., an intelligent and industrious young man who assists in the management of his father's farm and possesses the same energy and industry which have made our subject so successful in life. Soon after his marriage Mr. Andrews located upon his present farm, which comprises sixty-eight acres under a fine state of cultivation, and lies on section 5. In addition to this he owns 174 acres in another part of the township and considerable village property. He has been, in all respects, the architect of his own fortune, and does not regret the experience which called out the strongest points in his character.

Our subject and his estimable wife are members in good standing of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Ridgeway Township. Upon becoming a naturalized citizen Mr. Andrews cast his first Presidential vote for Pierce, but is usually independent in politics, preferring to support the candidate whom he considers most worthy to serve the interests of the people.

wee County and a gentleman now in the prime of life, was born near Hudson, this county, on the 23d of November, 1848. He has since been a resident of this section, and the people among whom he has lived so long and before whom acquitted himself so creditably, have learned to respect him for his excellent traits of character, which combine uprightness and integrity with good business capacities. He was elected to his present office in 1886, and is discharging its duties in an efficient and praise worthy manner.

Michael Moran, the father of our subject, was a native of Ireland, where he was born in 1813. Staplestown Parish, county of Kildare, was the place of his nativity, and from there he immigrated to this country when a young man nineteen years of age. He first located in New York where he remained until 1835, when he cast his lot with the pioneers of Michigan, locating upon the tract of land where he continued to live until called hence. His death occurred on the 9th of May, 1881, when sixty-eight years of age.

The father of our subject was a man who had traveled extensively, and had been keenly observant of what he had seen during his wanderings, He visited California in 1850, remaining upon the Pacific Coast two years, and upon his return traveled over many of the new States and Territories of the West, As a father, husband and citizen, he was held in the highest regard, and found to be uniformly upright and straightforward in his business affairs. He was a great sufferer during his last brief illness, having typhoid-pneumonia, but bore his affliction with great patience and retained full consciousness until quietly breathing his last, His death was the occasion of universal regret in the community which had known him so long and learned to respect him for his personal worth.

The mother of our subject, formerly Miss Lucy Andrews, was married to Michael Morau, in Toledo, Ohio, in 1844. She accompanied her husband to this county, sharing with him the trials and difficulties of life in a pioneer settlement. They became the parents of six children, of whom William C., our subject, was the cldest son; Matthew C. is a resident of Warsaw, Ind.; Julia E., the cldest daughter and child, married B. F. Richardson; Mary F. and Addison B., all reside in Warsaw, Ind. The mother of our subject is now a resident of Hudson, and has reached the age of sixty years.

The subject of this biography received his education in the common schools of his native township, which was supplemented upon his approaching manhood, by attendance at Oak Grove Seminary. He then returned to the farm and continued actiively engaged in agricultural pursuits. In the meantime his warm interest in public affairs and a more than ordinary intelligence, had attracted the attention of his fellow-citizens and commended him to them as one worthy of preferment. He was accordingly elected County Treasurer, and assumed the duties of his office on the 1st of January, 1887. As the conservator of important interests he is looked upon with confidence and esteem, and is proving himself worthy of these in a marked degree.

Mr. Moran, March 18, 1874, was united in marriage with Miss Rachel McCarty, one of his child-hood associates, and who was born in his own town, Feb. 26, 1850. She was also reared to woman-hood there and remained with her parents, H. X. and Regina (Unangst) McCarty, until becoming the wife of our subject. Mr. and Mrs. McCarty were natives of Pennsylvania. Our subject and his wife became the parents of six children, four sons and two daughters, namely: Gertie C., Bertha E., Charles Frederick, Jerome N., William M. and Benjamin R.

During his residence on the farm Mr. Moran served five years as Commissioner of Drainage, Politically he has always voted the straight Republican ticket. Socially, he belongs to the Masonic fraternity, being a member of Clayton Lodge No. 278. He is genial in his manner and popular as a ettizen and occupies a snug home in Adrian, which is the resort of the cultivated people of his acquaintance.

Prominent among the well-known and highly respected citizens of Lenawee County, who enjoys the confidence of its best citizens, stands Mr. Moran, and as such we gladly present his portrait in this volume.

OHN H. VAN PELT, a prosperous farmer living in Riga Township, was born in Highland County. Ohio, July 20, 1837, and is of German-English origin. His great-grand-parents on the Van Pelt side of the house were natives of Germany, and were there rearred and married. After they had been married for several years, they came, sometime away back in the eightenth centary, with their children to this country, and made their new home in the wilds of the State of Pennsylvania. There their son, the grandfather of our subject, who was born in Germany, married, and made his home in that State the rest of his life.

The father of our subject grew to manhood and

was married in his native State to Elizabeth Taylor, a native of Pennsylvania, of English descent. In the year 1828 they left the State of their nativity, and removed to Highland County, Ohio, Mr. Van Pelt was a shoemaker by trade, and followed his calling here, in the village of New Petersburg, where he bought land and built a home. In the year 1850 he sold his property in New Petersburg, and accompanied by his family, pushed on further West, having resolved to engage in agriculture in the State of Iowa. There were then no railways beyond Chicago, and they made the entire journey with teams, walking a part of the time, and camping by the way at night for needed rest, and to prepare food; they located in Mt. Pleasant. They scemed to have chosen a particularly unfortunate year for their new venture, as the summer of 1851 was a very wet season, and there were frequent freshets in the rivers. At one time the father and one of his sons went to Keokuk. While they were away it rained, and the river which they had to cross near their home rose during their absence very rapidly, so that on their return to its banks it was almost unfordable; but they pushed boldly into the stream. The son was riding one of the oxen, when the wagon uncoupled and floated down the stream with the father in it. The son arrived at the opposite bank all right, and then succeeded in getting the wagon ashore and rescuing his father from his perilous position. Their fare while in that country was very much restricted, as no wheat was procurable, nor many of the other things which are today considered indispensable articles of diet. The settlers were so far from a mill that often they could not get their corn ground, so they used to boil it and make hominy, which was their chief food. Their prospects in Iowa were so discouraging that the family returned to Ohio. They located near Sylvania, Lucas County, where Mr. Van Pelt bought a farm, on which he and his wife spent their remaining days. They were the parents of six children, who grew to maturity. The family record is as follows: Isaac died in 1887; Sarah Jane is the wife of Aaron Cleveland, of Clermont County, Ohio; Lewis, George and Thomas are residents of Ohio, and John II, is the subject of this sketch,

Our subject was thirteen years old when the family

removed to lowa, and remembers well the exciting incidents of their journey to and from there, and the experiences of their settlement in that place. As a boy his days of labor on the farm were varied by attendance at the district school in his native place, and after his return from Iowa, in a district school in Sylvania. He was sixteen when his father's death occurred, and he continued to reside at home, assisting his mother, until he was twenty years of age, when he commenced to learn the trade of carpenter and joiner.

In 1860 Mr. Van Pelt married Celestia Mersereau, a native of Owego, Tioga Co. N. Y., where she was born March 10, 1843. Her grandfather, Daniel Mersereau, was a farmer, and spent his last years in the State of New York. The story is told of his wife, who was born while Pennsylvania was yet an English colony, and was ten years old when the Revolutionary War broke out, that she narrowly escaped capture during an Indian raid, in which her father's house was burned. Fortunately the house was near a fort, and the family managed to escape to it and were saved.

Mrs. Van Pelt's father, Cornelius Merserean, was a woolen manufacturer, and when he was a young man he came West and located in Lucas County, Ohio, taking up a tract of land now included in To-He married there Sarah Phillips, of German antecedents, though born in America. Shortly after his marriage, Mr. Mersereau sold his property in Ohio, and returned with his wife to New York, the entire journey being made with a horse and sleigh. He engaged in the manufacture of woolen goods in Owego until 1847. In that year he returned to Ohio, and settled in Sylvania, where he improved a farm. He is still living in Lucas County with one of his sons, at the advanced age of eightyfive years. The death of his wife occurred some vears ago in Sylvania.

After his marriage Mr. Van Pelt continued to work at his trade of a carpenter till 1866, when he turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, to which he had been bred. He came to this county and bought the farm on which he is still living, consisting of eighty acres of timber land. His first work was to build a log house for the home of himself and family, and he then set diligently to work

to clear his land. He now has forty-five acres cleared and well tilled, and he has exchanged the log house for a more commodions and convenient frame dwelling, while he has a good set of farm buildings. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Van Pelt has been blessed by the birth of eight children, namely: Alice, who married Henry Gull, of Riga Township; Louis, living in Lima, Ohio; and George, Arthur, Ernest, John, Charles, and a babe unnamed, deceased.

Mr. and Mrs. Van Pelt are well regarded by the people in this community for their sterling worth, and they are devoted members of the Church of God. Mr. Van Pelt is a man of earnest convictions. For many years he was a stanch Republican, but, although still believing in the principles of that party, being much interested in the cause of temperance, he has now become an earnest advocate of the Prohibition movement.



SHOMAS S. WETER, one of the oldest residents and most successful agriculturists of Palmyra Township, was born in Floyd, Oneida Co., N. Y., on the 3d of March, 1821, and is the son of Josephus Weter, who was born in the same State and was a farmer of Oncida County. The grandfather of our subject, it is believed, was a native of Germany, and spent the last years of his life in Oneida County, where he died at the age of ninety-five years. The father of our subject was a farmer, and also a boatman on the Erie Canal, and engaged extensively in the transportation business. He followed the canal from 1820 to 1840, after which he devoted the greater portion of his time to agricultural pursuits. He remained in Oneida County until 1849, in which year he removed to Lenawee County and purchased a small tract of land in Blissfield Township, upon which he lived until his death, which occurred about 1877, when he was in his eighty-third year. About the year 1815 Josephus Weter, the father of our subject, married Miss Annie Buckley, a daughter of John Buckley. who came from England in 1777 and settled in the eastern portion of New York. Josephus and Annie Weter had seven children, five sons and two daughters, our subject being the second son and third child. Only one of the family is now living, Thomas S.

Our subject attended the common schools during his youth, and lived with his parents until eleven years of age, when he went out to work in order to earn his own living. The first two years he received in the way of compensation simply his board and clothes, at the end of which time he commanded \$11 per month, which in those days was considered good wages. He continued on a farm, working by the month, until he was seventeen years of age, at which time he undertook to learn the trade of wagonmaker. At the age of twenty, in 1841, he went to Ross County, Ohio, and leased a farm for four years, paying his rent with a portion of the grain raised. In 1845 he removed from Ohio to Michigan, and purchased forty acres of wild land on section 3, in Palmyra Township, for which he paid \$7.50 per acre. He immediately began clearing the timber off this land and making permanent improvements, and at the same time rented an improved farm adjoining, which he farmed for a couple of vears.

In 1852 Mr. Weter went to California by way of New York and the Isthmus, landing in San Francisco in thirty-one days from the time he started, After arriving in California he procured work at \$4 per day, at which he continued for sixteen days, when the rainy season set in and stopped his work. He then engaged at mining at \$6 per day, until the water supply gave out, and that was discontinued. For two months he devoted his time to prospecting with varied success, during which time he spent the greater portion of his earnings. At this time he engaged to build a flume on the American River, and when the flume was completed he, with two others, purchased the claim, and worked it for eighteen weeks with good success. Our subject then sold his interest in the claim and went to San Franeisco, and from there to his home in Michigan. It was his intention to return to California, but soon after arriving in Lenawce County he was prostrated by severe sickness which prevented it. He then purchased twenty more acres at \$7.50 per acre, and five years later paid for the farm he now occupies, containing 160 acres of fine land, which has good buildings and other first-class improvements. In 1873 Mr. Weter was attacked with scintic rheunatism, and in the fall of 1875, with the hope that, his-health might be benefited, he went to California, and remained there until the following spring Since that time he has visited nearly all the celebrated springs in the country, including the Arkansas Hot springs and the different magnetic springs in Michigan, none of which, however, have afforded him permanent relief.

On the 5th of November, 1843, Mr. Weter was married to Mary Pooley, daughter of Edward Pooley, of Marion, Wayne Co., N. Y., where Mrs. Weter was also born, July 17, 1824. Of this union there were born two children-Ann Maria, born in Jackson County, Ohio, Jan. 5, 1845, now the wife of Wayne Roberts, of Palmyra, and Edward, born in Palmyra, Aug. 29, 1849, and who died in August, 1851. Mrs. Mary Weter died in Palmyra in August. 1851. On the 27th of March, 1853, Mr. Weter married Mrs. Mary Ann Wood, daughter of David and Mary Upton, of Roland, Lenawee County, by whom he has had six children, all born in Palmyra, as follows: Shepherd, born Jan. 4, 1854, is married and resides in Pennsylvania; Arabell, born July 16, 1855, married Harrop Freeman, of Ridgeway, Macomb Co., Mich., and after his death married Thomas Fanning, of the same county; James E., born April 9, 1858, lives in Macomb County; Nelson C., born April 1, 1861, was graduated from the Adrian College and is now practicing law in Antrim County, Mich.; David E. was born Nov. 16, 1863; Cora M., born March 4, 1865, married George Isley, and they live on the old homestead. Mrs. Mary Ann Weter was born in Ontario, Wayne Co., N. Y., March 27, 1825, and came to Michigan with her parents in 1846, settling in Wheatland, Hillsdale County. She was married to Nelson Wood in September, 1847, by whom she had one child, who died in infancy. Mr. Wood died Sept. 16, 1849. David Upton, her father, was born in Charlemont, Mass., and died in Rollin, this county, in 1859. He married Mary Marsh, by whom he had ten children, three sons and seven daughters, Mrs. Weter being the eighth child and fifth daughter. David Upton came from Puritan stock and represented the sixth generation.

Mr. Weter has been a successful farmer during his residence in Lenawee County, and has established for himself and family a home which is comfortable in all its surroundings. As a citizen of the county and township he stands high and enjoys the esteem of all who know him.

LONZO MITCHELL. The preservation of facts making up the lives of prominent and useful men is not only a great source of gratification to personal friends, but serves as an incentive to those who would achieve fortune or distinction in something a little above the ordinary walks of life. Upon sketching the biography of a man who has been successful and earned the respect of his fellowmen, it is but natural to revert to the beginning of his career, and note in what manner be commenced in life and what were the difficulties with which he had to contend. The early pioneers of the West were noted for their correct moral principles and their wonderful energy, They endured hardships which are unknown to their children, and persevered through difficulties that would dismay the spirits of the present day who have been aided by the light of an advanced civilization. The least that posterity can do for them is to preserve the history of their lives, and imbue their children with the principles which guided those lives and which have rendered this age what it is to-day. As one of the important factors who assisted in bringing about the era of piety and intelligence in the Northwest, we strive to give as near as possible the main points in the history of the gentleman whose name stands at the head of this sketch.

Mr. Mitchell is a native of the Bay State, and was born in Cunmington, Hampshire County, March 28, 1807. His father, William Mitchell, was a native of the same town, and born Dec. 10, 1782. His paternal grandfather was a native of Bridgewater, Mass., where he farmed during his early life and removed thence to Hampshire County. The country was then but a wilderness, and he took his station in the forest, where he felled the trees around him and in due time had cleared a farm and built up a

comfortable homestead, which he occupied the remainder of his life. His children, twelve in number, all grew to mature years, were married and reared families of their own.

William Mitchell, the father of our subject, not quite content with farm life, learned the trade of tanner, and locating at Cummington, followed his trade there until 1833. He then sold out his business, and migrating to Michigan, located in Palmyra Township on section 19, where he crected a frame house and afterward put up a tannery, where he carried on business until resting from his earthly labors, his death taking place July 17, 1856. He had married in his native State Miss Clarissa Bisbee, who was born in Plainfield, Mass., June 6, 1788. She came to the West with her husband, endured cheerfully the inconveniences and hardships of life in a new country, and passed away just one month previous to the death of her husband, her death taking place June 17, 1856. The parental household included twelve children, seven sons and live daughters, eleven of whom grew to mature years, but only three are now living.

Alonzo Mitchell was the second child of his parents, and in common with his brothers and sisters commenced going to school at an early age, and continued his studies until lifteen years old, Afterward his services were utilized in the tannery, in the details of which he became thoroughly posted, and remained a member of his father's household until 1820. He then proceeded to New York City, where he worked a few months as a carpenter, but returned to Massachusetts and engaged in a tannery at Cummington for two years following. He was not satisfied with his condition or his prospects in the East, and accordingly, in the month of April, 1831, accompanied by John Bryant, brother of the poet, William Cullen Bryant, started for the great West, They proceeded by wagon to Troy, N. Y., where they took passage on a canal boat to Buffalo, thence by the lake to Monroc, Mich., and from there on foot to Adrian, about forty-live miles distant. They landed in what was then but the beginning of a town on the 4th of May, after sixteen days' travel. The post-office at Adrian was then in a log house and the country around was but thinly settled. Mr. Mitchell entered a tract of Government land on section 22, in Palmyra Township, and a part of which is now included in the village. Having a good opportunity to sell he parted with this soon afterward and entered another tract on the same section. Having now taken the first steptoward the establishment of a future home he returned to Massachusetts to fulfill a pledge made to a young lady there, was married, and two weeks later started with his bride again for the West, Their journey was made in much the same manner as had been that of Mr. Mitchell before, and upon arriving in Palmyra Township he rented a small house adjacent to his land, which the young people occupied a little more than a year, then went into the new log dwelling on their own land.

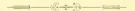
In the embryo town of Adrian there was fortunately a saw and grist mill, which proved a great convenience to the early settlers. The country around, however, abounded with all kinds of animals, including deer, wolves, bears, wild turkeys and wild-cats. Mr. Mitchell was a good marksman and kept the family supplied with choice meats. The howling of the wolves was a seremade they would willingly have dispensed with, but it gave way in time as the country became settled and the rifles of the pioneers caused these animals, with the others, to disappear.

Mr. Mitchell from his early training and natural gifts was at once recognized as a man of more than ordinary ability, and destined to become a useful member of the community. He was foremost in those enterprises calculated to develop the resources of the country and improve the condition of the people. He encouraged the establishment and maintenance of schools and was one of the seven original members who organized the Presbyterian Church at Adrian. Later he assisted in the building of the church edifice at Palmyra, and was one of the most liberal and cheerful contributors to the support of the society there. He labored early and late, both on his farm and in behalf of the interests outside, and was prominent in local and political, as well as religious affairs. He assisted in the organization of the Republican party in this section, and has since been one of its most faithful adherents. He served as Assessor and Highway Commissioner and in his district as School Director and Trustee.

He and his estimable wife are still connected with the Presbyterian Church, at Palmyra, of which he has been a Trustee for many years. Mrs. Mitchell became identified with the Congregationalists in her native State when a young girl.

Notwithstanding his incessant and arduous labors and the toil and care involved in building up the comfortable homestead he now enjoys, Mr. Mitchell, rather than failing in bodily health, has seemed to derive strength from what he has accomplished, and preserves his physical and mental powers in a remarkable degree, considering the fact that he is now over eighty years of age. He converses with all the vigor and intelligence of his youth, of which he can relate many interesting incidents, and has learned to look with a philosophical eve upon the changeful life which it has been his to witness. It is hardly necessary to say that he is regarded with the utmost reverence and respect by all who know him. His life has been worthy of imitation. During the Black Hawk War of 1831-32, Mr. Mitchell campaigned seventeen days.

Mrs. Mitchell was before her marriage Miss Lyanda Shaw. She was born in Worthington, Hampshire Co., Mass., in March, 1813, and is the daughter of John and Polly Shaw, natives of Massachusetts, and who passed to their long home in their native State many years ago. She became the wife of Alonzo Mitchell Ang. 16, 1831, the wedding taking place at the home of her uncle in Cummington. She has since remained his faithful and affectionate helpmeet, and enjoys with him the esteem and confidence of a large circle of friends.



J. BARTHOLOMEW, who has been successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits on his present farm in Riga Township since 1880, is a native of Madison County, Y. Y., his birth occurring June 22, 1840. His father, Albert J. Bartholomew, was also a native of that county, was there reared to manhood, and there married Miss Nancy Smith, of Hartford, Conn. They continued to reside in Madison County for some years after marriage, and in 1854 removed to Jefferson County, Wis., where Mr. Bartholomew

bought a farm, and was there engaged in agricultural pursuits with much success until his death in 1868. His widow died Jan. 24, 1888, in Whitewater, Wis. They were eminently worthy of the respect of the people among whom they settled.

The subject of this sketch received a practical education in the district schools of his native place and of Jefferson County, and was also well trained in the duties pertaining to farm life. He remained with his parents until the fall of 1862, when he enlisted in Company II, 21st Wisconsin Infantry, and went with his regiment to Kentucky. He was afterward taken sick, and at the end of five months' service discharged on account of disability, and returned to his home in Wisconsin to recruit his health. In 1864 he enlisted a second time, and became a member of Company II. 1st Wisconsin Heavy Artillery. He did good service in the Army of the Potomae, and was honorably discharged in June, 1865, when he returned home and resumed the occupation he had left to go forth in the interests of his country.

Mr. Bartholomew was married, July 6, 1870, to Miss Emily Morrison, a native of Oneida County, N. Y., her birth occurring there Aug. 6, 1844. She is a lady of much intelligence and ability. She was well educated, and commenced teaching at the early age of sixteen. After her mother's death she went to Wisconsin and taught school there. Her father, Orrin Morrison, was a native of Colerain, Mass., but when a boy went from there to Oneida County, N. Y., and there grew to manhood and married Miss Laura Barrett, a native of Connecticut. Her father, Gains Barrett, was also a native of the latter State, and was one of the early settlers of Stillwater, Oneida Co., N. Y., where he died aged over ninety years. Mr. and Mrs. Morrison continued to make their home in Oneida County until their death, his occurring in 1861, and hers in 1863,

In the year 1873 our subject and his family went to Iowa to try farming in that State. He bought a tract of wild prairie land in Pottwattamic County, and there improved a farm, on which he resided till 1880, when he sold his property in Iowa and returned to this part of the country. He spent the winter in Blissfield, this county, and then bought a farm, where he and his family have since made their

home. He has fifty-four acres of land, the greater part of which is cleared, under good improvement, and capable of producing rich harvests; he also has good, convenient buildings, and is very pleasantly situated.

To Mr. and Mrs. Bartholomew have been born two children—John C. and Lonisa W. Mr. Bartholomew is a member of Brint and McBride Post No. 225, G. A. R. He is a good citizen and a man of upright character, and though he has been a resident of this community but a few years, he has already gained the respect of its best people.

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W. GOHEEN is of Welsh descent, and is the eldest son of John Gohcen, whose father, Edward Goheen, was a native of Wales, but came with his parents to America when he was a young child, about the time of the American Revolution. They located in Penusylvania or New York, where Edward grew to manhood, and married Christiana Roup, who was of German descent, and some of whose ancestors were early settlers in New York State. They spent the first few years of their married life in Northumberland County, Pa., where Mr. Golieen followed the trade of hand weaver. They afterward removed to Groveland Township, Livingston Co., N. Y., where he conthe age of thirty-six. His widow survived him many years, and lived to come to Michigan with her son, and died here in 1845.

John Goheen, father of our subject and the eldest of eight children in the parental family, was born in Northamberland County, Pa., in the year 1796, In his boyhood he went to Groveland Township, N. Y., with his parents, and there met and afterward married Elizabeth Headly, who was born in 1797, and was reared by the Roup family. After marriage he engaged in farming in Groveland Township, and there continued to live until after the birth of four children, when he and his family came to Michigan. They first went to Detroit by the way of Lake Eric and the Detroit River, and thence came across the country to this county, occupying four days in coming from Detroit, a discountry four four days in coming from Detroit, a dis-

tance of sixty miles. He took up a tract of 160 acres of Government land in the northwest quarter of section 13 of what is now Clinton Township. It lay in an unbroken wilderness; the Indians still made their home in that primeval forest, where their fathers had dwelt from time immemorial; wild game abounded, and our subject, who was a small boy, has a vivid remembrance of hearing the settlements. John Goheen and his wife lived to see the land which they obtained from "Uncle Sam" when it was in a wild and uncultivated condition developed into a good farm. His death occurred in 1866, and his wife survived him until 1881; they were both stanch members of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Goheen was a Whig, and later, on the formation of the Republican party joined that organization. They were good, honest and industrious people, and they have left a pleasant memory behind them of many acts of kindness toward their neighbors and others less fortunate than themselves. Their old homestead was transferred to one of their sons and is still in the family.

E. W. Goheen, of this sketch was born in Groveland, Livingston Co., N. Y., Nov. 16, 1822. He was reared in his native State, and being an intelligent lad, eagerly took advantage of his chances for attending school. When he was nineteen years old he spent one winter in school, where he made rapid progress in his studies and was fitted for teaching, which vocation he pursued for awhile before his marriage. That important event in his life occurred in Saline, Washtenaw County, on the 13th of March, 1859, when he was united to Miss Charlotte, daughter of John and Hannah (Harrison) Nibback, natives of Pennsylvania,

Mr. and Mrs. Niblack were married in Sparta, Livingston Co., N. Y., where they lived for many years, and had born to them ten children, Mrs. Goheen, of this notice, being the youngest. She was horn Ang. 16, 1826, and was a child when her parents came with their family to Michigan in the year 1833, and located in the township of Saline, Washtenaw County, on a tract of Government land, which they made their home the rest of their active lives. The mother died on the old homestead in 1859, and after her death the father retired to Tecumseh Village, where he died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Arvilla Davis, in 1862, having reached the Scriptural limit of human life, "threescore years and ten." Mrs. Goheen remained in the home of her parents until her marriage. She became the mother of six children, one of whom died in infancy. The following is the record of those living: Frank is an engineer and mechanic, and lives in the West; Fremont married Sophia Talbot, and lives on a farm in Ingham County, while Patience, Lillie and Fred live at home.

After marriage Mr. Goheen established his home on the farm on section 14, Clinton Township, where he still lives. It then contained seventy-three acres, to which he has added forty acres more by purchase, and it is all under a good state of entitivation. Mr. and Mrs. Goheen are people whose daily lives are guided by principles of truth and honesty in all their dealings, and they are held in high esteem by their neighbors and numerous other friends. They are attendants at the Baptist Church. In politics Mr. Goheen is a Republican of long standing.

AMES R. CAIRNS, one of the well-to-do and influential men of Raisin Township, as well as one of the successful farmers and stock-misers, has occupied a prominent place in the history of Lenawee County since 1838, in which year he first located in the township of Tecumsch, coming here with his father when he was but six years of age.

The father of our subject, William Cairns, was a farmer by occupation, and a native of the State of New York. He was the second son and third child of Robert Cairns, who was married to Elizabeth Wood, May 11, 1786. Robert Cairns was a native of Scotland, who probably came to this country when quite a young man, and died in Seneca County, N. Y., about 1797. He was a very successful man, and enjoyed an enviable reputation. His wife, Elizabeth, died in Seneca County, N. Y., Feb. 8, 1812; they were both members of the Presbytterian Church. Their children were seven in

number, all of whom married and are now deceased. John was born in 1787; Nellie, in 1789; William, the father of our subject, in 1791; Mary W., in 1793; Jennette, in 1796, and Robert in 1798, Nellie, Robert and William died in Michigan; John was killed in Pennsylvania by falling from a tree. William was reared in Seneca County, N. Y., where he was united in marriage with Abigail Wilson, on the 26th of January, 1815. She was born near Trenton, N. J., June 1, 1795. After the birth of eleven children, three of whom died in Seneca County, William Cairns and his family came to Michigan in the year 1836, and took up eighty acres of land in Monroe County. He finally came to Lenawee County, and located in Tecumseh Township in 1838, where he died in 1840, before he had been able to accomplish much in the way of improvements. The mother of our subject remained unmarried after she lost her husband, and devoted her time to rearing her family. She died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Mary E. Seekell, at White Pigeon, Mich., Jan. 29, 1878, at the age of eighty-three years. Four of her children are yet living.

Our subject was born on the 28th of August, 1832, at Seneca Falls, N. Y., and after the death of his father remained with his mother and brother until 1846, when he set out to learn the trade of carpenter and joiner, which he soon succeeded in mastering, and followed as his occupation until the breaking out of the war. On the 3d of November, 1862, he entered the army as First Lieutenant of Company B, 9th Michigan Cavalry, which was under the command of Col, James I, David, The company was raised in Lenawee County, and was assigned to the Army of the Ohio, where it was engaged in resisting the raid of John Morgan through Kentucky, Indiana and Ohio, and came in contact with that command at Buffington Island, where the 9th Cavalry assisted in capturing most of Morgan's men. The regiment then joined Burnside, and went to the siege of Knoxville, and later was at the capture of Gen. Fraser and men at Cumberland Gap. He was in other minor engagements, and remained doing good and faithful service, until he was taken sick and sent to the Fairmount Hospital. at Cincinnati, Ohio, at which place he received his

honorable discharge on account of disability. Returning home, he turned his attention to farming, locating in the township of Franklin, where he owned a good property. In 1876 he was elected Sheriff of the county, and held the office two terms of Iwo years, which was the limit allowed by the law of Michigan. After quitting the Sheriff's office, he resumed farming in Franklin Township, where he held the office of Township Clerk for seven years. In 1882 he sold his property in that township, and bought 120 acres of land on section 3, Raisin Township, which he has transformed into a pleasant home, by making considerable improvements, including a good and substantial brick residence.

Mr. Cairns was married, in Jackson County, Mich., on the 19th of August, 1855, to Miss Emily A. Greenleaf, who was born in Cambridge Township, this county, on the 24th of March, 1838. She is the youngest daughter of John and Susan (Averill) Greenleaf, natives of New York and Connecticut respectively. Her parents were married in Paris, N. Y., and came West in 1836, seeking a location in Cambridge Township, this county, where they made for themselves a good home, and resided until their death. The father died in May, 1872, and the mother Feb. 14, 1857; they were industrious and economical people, and succeeded in their undertaking in Lenawee County. They were both earnest and devoted members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and for many years preceding their death evinced much interest in religious

Mr. and Mrs. Cairns became the parents of eight children, who are recorded as follows: Jennie is the wife of R. S. Wilson, Station Agent at Flowerfield, Mich.; Ellsworth W. is the representative of the Gail Agricultural Manufacturing Company, of Albion, Mich.; Dora B. and Nora D. (twins), reside with their parents, and are highly educated and intelligent young ladies; Sadie U. is also at home attending school. The deceased were Arthur, Floricace H. and an infant. Mr. Cairns with his family attends the Presbyterian Church, while politically, he is a Republican in all that the name implies. Previous to his election to the office of Sheriff, the had served eight years as Deputy Sheriff. He is a man who takes a lively interest in public affairs, and has done much to give the county the standing it enjoys among the counties of Michigan.



ILLIAM II. McDOWELL is numbered among the most comfortable homesteaders in Palmyra Township, and is situated on section 19. He became the possessor of the farm on which he resides in 1864. The family residence, which is eligibly located, is a neat and comfortable one, and the barns and other farm buildings are commodious and substantial structures, calculated alike for beauty and utility. The fences and farm machinery are kept in good repair, and the stock and other accessories of the estate testify in a silent but forcible manner to the intelligent industry and enterprise of the proprietor, who possesses all the go-ahead characteristics of the natives of New York, a class of men who have been largely instrumental in developing the great West, and utilizing its vast resources of soil and mine.

Mr. McDowell was born in Cohocton, Steuben Co., N. Y., on the 26th of April, 1838. His father, Charles J. McDowell, was born in Broome County. N. Y., where he was reared and educated for the profession of law, and was admitted to the bar at Rochester, and later practiced at Cohocton; he continued in that profession during his life. The subject of this sketch was reared in his native town. where he was afforded facilities for obtaining a good education, which he availed himself of to the best advantage. Just about the time he was entering manhood, the troubles between the North and South culminated in the secession of the South from the Union, and a declaration of war on the part of the Government. Following his patriotic impulses, he tendered his services to the Government in May, 1861, and was accepted as a member of Company F, 35th New York Infantry, the term of enlistment being for two years, and he served the whole term and a few days over. Among a few of the more important engagements in which he participated were Cedar Mountain, Antietam, Second Bull Run, first and second battles of Fredericksburg, first battle of the Wilderness, and many

smaller engagements. Soon after his return from the army he came to Lenawee County, and settled on the farm which he now occupies.

Mr. McDowell was married, on the 9th of Angust, 1867, to Catherine W. Moore, who was born in Cohocton, Steuben Co., N. Y., and they have had one child—Fred C. McDowell. Mr. and Mrs. McDowell are very comfortably situated, and are highly esteemed members of the society in which they move.



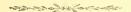
AMUEL E. HART has been a citizen of Lenawee County for forty years, and has been longer engaged continuously in the drug business than any other man in the county. He has always enjoyed a large trade, and has an excellent standing as a citizen and as a business man, always paying 100 cents on the dollar.

Mr. Hart was born in Albion, Orleans Co., N. Y., Aug. 13, 1823, and is the son of Deacon Joseph Hart, who was born in Berlin, Conn., Nov. 20, 1773, and remained there until 1779, when he aceompanied his parents upon their removal to Durham, Greene Co., N. Y. He lived in that county until 1812, when he removed to Orleans County, and erected a log cabin in the wilderness, where now stands the village of Albion. He located 364 acres of land from the Government, at \$1.25 per acre, a portion of which has since been sold at \$800 per acre. His son and grandson still own and occupy a large portion of the purchase. He was a Deacon in the Presbyterian Church, and was the founder and promoter of the first church of that denomination established in Albion, the first meeting being held in his barn, at which time and place an organization was effected. During his long life he was a worthy, honorable, prominent man, and enjoyed the respect and confidence of all the people who knew or came in contact with him. He died at his old homestead in Albion, July 22, 1853. On May 3, 1798, Deacon Hart married Miss Lucy Kirtland, of Saybrook, Conn., and they had ten children, of whom our subject was the youngest. Mrs. Lucy (Kirtland) Hart was born in Saybrook, Conn., Nov. 11, 1778, and died at Adrian, Mich., at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Luey H. Berry, Jan. 4, 1867.

Samuel E. Hart, our subject, remained with his parents on the farm until he was nearly seventeen years of age, and then, through the solicitation of his brother-in-law, L. G. Berry, he came to Adrian, Mich., in May, 1840. For three years after his arrival he acted in the capacity of clerk in Mr. Berry's dry-goods store. During these three years he was the only clerk in the store, and for two years kept the books, but all this time was entirely ignorant of what his salary was to be. Finally, when his time expired, he was informed that he was to have no pay for the first year. \$5 per month for the second, and \$10 per month for the third year. After becoming possessed of this money he returned to Albion, N. Y., on a visit to his parents, where he remained for a short time, recuperating from the three years' work. He then went to Alton, Ill., and secured employment as a clerk in the drug-store of his brother, Dr. B. K. Hart, and remained with him a little over two years, when owing to impaired health he was obliged to make a journey to the South and East. During this trip he took occasion to again visit his parents, with whom he spent some time. On his return to Alton he stopped at Adrian, to visit his sisters, Mrs. O. M. Roode, Mrs. L. H. Berry and Mrs. L. G. Berry, and was persuaded to go into business with the Berry Brothers, employing a small capital which had been presented him by his father. He remained with them for a period of one year, at a profit of \$500, which he gave to the Berry's for permitting him to retire from the business, and immediately purchased Dr. D. K. Underwood's interest in the drug firm of Raymond & Underwood, where he remained two and one-half years. In 1848 he disposed of his interest in the business to Caleb Woodbury, and having disposed of all his interests in Adrian, returned to Alton, Ill., for the purpose of joining his brother in going to Chicago, where it was intended to purchase property and locate permanently; but owing to some difference of opinion in regard to the value of Chicago real estate at that time Samuel E., after about six weeks, returned to Adrian, and purchased the store he now occupies, and in which he has remained in the drug business ever since.

October 7, 1852, at Astoria, L. I., Mr. Hart was married to Miss Annie D., daughter of E. A. Crissey, and to them two children were born: Otho S., Jan. 9, 1856, and Kate Elizabeth, Aug. 21, 1861, both born in Adrian. Mr. Hart was a second time married, at Palmyra, N. Y., to Mrs. Harriet G. King, March 11, 1872. She was born in Palmyra, N. Y., May 20, 1841, and was the daughter of Thomas and Aruba Galloway. By the second marriage one child, Charles G., was born in Adrian, June 6, 1873.

Since Mr. Hart's return to Adrian in 1848, for permanent residence, he has been one of the city's most honored and prosperous business men, and has added as much to its reputation as an honest business center as any man in the city. There is not a blemish against him as a business man, being an honest, fair dealer, prompt in paying bills and meeting all obligations, and his guarantee is sufficient in all matters of business with any man in Lenawee County. He has served the city as a member of the Common Council, and was Treasurer of Lenawee County Agricultural Society for several years. He assisted in creeting the Presbyterian Church, of which he has been a member since 1845, and has filled all the offices of the church. He has been prominent in all enterprises for the upbuilding of his city and county, and particularly distinguished himself in the interest he took in the location, erection and construction of the State Reform School for girls, and the Detroit & Butler Railroad.



L. LOWE, Supervisor of Ridgeway Township, owns a fine tract of land within its limits, comprising 300 acres on sections 5, 7 and 8. The residence is located on section 7, and is a substantial and commodions building, flanked by a good barn and all the other structures required for the shelter of stock and the storing of grain. The land is finely located, lying partly on the ridge, near the old Ridge road, and was purchased from the Government by John Palmer about fifty-five years ago. Mr. Lowe purchased

the property in 1870, and removed here from Ridgeway Township where he had settled on section 36 soon after his marriage.

Mr. Lowe has spent his entire life in Michigan, having been born June 25, 1838, in Raisin Township, a little over a year after the Territory had become a State. Of his father, Justus Lowe, a sketch is given elsewhere in this Anaru. He received a better education than most boys of that day, being the pupil of Prof. Esterbrook, at Ypsilanti, for some time. His tastes, however, confined him to farming pursuits, and upon returning home from school, he settled down contentedly, and prepared to follow in the footsteps of his homored father.

While a student at Ypsilanti, young Love had made the acquaintance of Miss Emma Smith, to whom he was married Oct. 29, 1859, at that city, Prof. Esterbrook officiating at the ceremony. Mrs. Lowe is a native of England, having been born near the city of Leeds, Feb. 26, 1839. Her parents, Charles II. and Mary (Clayton) Smith, were also of English birth and parentage, the father a tailor by trade, who followed his occupation in his native town until coming to the United States, in 1842. Soon after his arrival upon American soil, he sought the western country, and located at the little town of Ridgeway, in this county, where he followed his trade a few years. Farming, however, loring, and Mr. Smith finally purchased a tract of timber land on section 4. Ridgeway Township, of which he took possession, felled the trees and cultivated a portion of the soil, and there, with his excellent wife, spent the remainder of his days. His ing about one year and a half, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Lowe.

The wife of our subject was the clotest of five children comprising the household of her parents, four daughters and one son. One daughter died at the age of two years. The other children are all married and settled in comfortable homes of their own. They all received a fair clucation in the district school, and remained mostly under the home roof until taking their fire partners. Mr. and Mrs. Love became the parents of two children: Jessic, the wife of William Birdsell, a well-to-do farmer, who is at present assisting in the management of the Lowe homestead, and Charles C., who remains at home. Mr. and Mrs. Lowe are Free Methodists, religiously. Mr. Lowe has represented Ridgeway Township in the County Board of Supervisors for a period of twelve years, been Justice of the Peace sixteen years, and Road Commissioner nine years. Politically, he is Democratic.



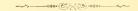
OHN M. PAYNE is a respected and worthy

farmer of Dover Township, whose home is pleasantly situated on section 17. Mr. Payne is of honorable lineage and is the son of Deacon John Payne, who was born in Greenbush, Rensselaer Co., N. Y. After marriage he settled in Schodack, N. Y., and there lived till his death, Aug. 28, 1838. He was a man of high moral character, who wielded great influence for good. We quote the following words from the obituary notice, which was published at the time of his death, as illustrative of the high estimation in which he was held: "The deceased was an energetic man, a consistent Christian, a determined enemy of vice, and a uniform advocate and promoter of religion." His wife, who survived him many years, came to Lenawee County in 1862, and died in Dover Township, Oct. 9, 1872. Her maiden name was Jane Van Buren, and she came of a long line of ancestry who, as the name indicates, were of Dutch origin, and were among the earliest emigrants from Holland to the banks of the Hudson. Notable among the descendants of that family, and one destined to make the name illustrious in America, was Martin Van Buren, the eighth President of the United States. To Deacon and Mrs. Payne were born six children-Harmon Van Buren, Nathaniel, James H., John M., Catherine S. and Chauncey S.

John M, was the third child of his parents; he was born in Schodack, N, Y., Aug. 3, 1829, and reared in that atmosphere of rectitude and honesty which so characterized his parents. His education was conducted in the common schools, and he lived at home about eight years after he had attained his majority, engaged in farming. In December, 1858, he left his native town and came to Lenawe County, having come to the conclusion that he could pursue his chosen occupation more advantageously and profitably in Michigan than in New York. He bought seventy acres of land on sections 16 and 17, and locating on the latter section, has ever since made it his home. His land is quite productive and under the best cultivation, his farm buildings are neat and well kept, and everything about his farm shows evidences of his thrift and care.

Mr. Payne was married in East Schodack, N. Y., April 6, 1850, to Miss Clarissa, daughter of James and Christina (Ham) Winters, both natives of Rensselaer County, N. Y., where they also began their married life; they afterward removed to Schenectady County, which they have since made their home. They are the parents of nine children-Ann, Daniel, Clarissa, Seneca, William, Sarah, Judson, Theodocia and Abby. Mrs. Payne was born in Schenectady County, N. Y., Aug. 11, 1831, and her marriage with Mr. Payne has been blessed by the birth of three children-Spencer, John N. and Ida. Spencer married Ellen Dutcher, and they live in Dover Township; John married Augusta Lawrence, and they live in Chicago, Ill., while Ida is the wife of William Sanborn, of Toledo, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Payne are attendants of the Methodist Church, and enjoy the respect and esteem of all who know them. Mr. Payne worthily bears the mantle of his father, and is faithful in the discharge of his duties as a citizen and a man. He casts his vote with the Democratic party, and works for the interests of that organization.



HARLES II. ADAM, of Adrian, is proprietor of a livery and hack line, and occupies a fair position among the business men of the city. He is the scion of an excellent family, being the son of John J. Adam, an old resident and one of the prominent men of Lenawee County. The latter was a resident of Detroit for a number of years, and in that city Charles II. was born, on the 31st of October, 1844, and was the only son.

John J. Adam, the father of our subject, was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, whence he emigrated

early in life to the United States, and took up his residence first in Philadelphia, Pa. He married Miss Armenia Bradley, a native of New York State, and the daughter of William Bradley, who emigrated to Lenawee County when his daughter was a little girl. Mr. Adam came here in 1827, when its development was just begun, and is one of those who have looked upon the building up of a rich section of country with the pride and satisfaction which every true citizen experiences. He purchased a tract of land in Franklin Township, upon which he labored for a number of years, effecting good improvements, and brought the soil to a high state of cultivation. He is now in Tecumsch.

The subject of our sketch was about ten years of age when his parents removed from Franklin to Tecumseh, where he was reared to manhood and educated in the common schools. I'pon setting out for himself he first engaged in the livery business at Tecumseh, and afterward for a time engaged in the hotel business at Clinton. Later be repaired to Sand Lake, where he put up what was subsequently known as the "Sand Lake Hotel," and where he operated as " mine host" successfully for a period of fourteen years. This property he finally exchanged for the livery barn and stock which he now controls, and which was the Col. Eldridge property. The business in which Mr. Adam has since operated is located at No. 17 South Main street, where he keeps a fine assortment of horses and vehicles, and his establishment is patronized by the leading residents of the city,

Mr. Adam was married, in 1871, to Miss Mary E., daughter of Asil Reddield, of Adriam. She wasborn Aug. 29, 1844, in Albany, N. Y., and their mion has resulted in the birth of two children— John H. and Minnie. The wife and mother departed this life in September, 1885, and the son and daughter remain with their father, occupying a comfortable home.

UDSON W. CONKLING is a member of the firm of H. Brewer & Co., manufacturers of brick and tile machinery, and conductors of a general machinery business and foundry at Tecumseh, Mich, Mr. Conkling is a native of

Middletown, Orange Co., N. Y., where he was born Dec. 24, 1821, and is the son of Samuel Conkling, also a native of New York, born April 11, 1797.

The father of our subject married Julia A. Corvin, who was born in 1800, and was reared by an uncle, her parents having died when she was quite young. After their marriage they settled in Orange County, where he carried on his vocation of a farmer. In 1833 he came with his family to Michigan and located on section 11, in Raisin Township, where he passed most of his days after coming to Michigan. Quite late in life he removed to Tecumsch, where he died Dec. 9, 1883. His wife's death occurred some years prior to his own, in the year 1876. They were worthy people, of industrious, frugal habits, and became the parents of twelve children, five sons and seven daughters, of the latter of whom four died in infancy; only five of the family are now living, four brothers and one sister.

Hudson W. Conkling, the subject of this sketch, was the eldest of the family, and was in his twelfth year when he came with his parents to Michigan. He attended school in the old log school-house in Raisin Township, and remained in the home of his parents until he was nineteen years of age. He then learned the carpenter and joiner's trade of Alonzo Murray, of Tecumseli, and afterward followed that occupation until he became a journeyman in the shop of Anderson & Brewer, continuing in their employ until he became a member of the firm, in the fall of 1871, no change being made in the style of the firm; his work was to oversee the shops. The firm does a large business, which is increasing every year, manufacturing principally brick and tile machinery, and sending it to all parts of the country, indeed their machinery is sent to every State in the Union.

Mr. Conkling was married, in December, 1842, to Miss Caroline, daughter of Hagh and Mary (Sinclair) Gray. She is a woman of much character, whose kindly influence is felt by all about her. Her union with Mr. Conkling has been blessed by the birth of four children, two of whom are living, namely: Frances E., the wife of L. C. Blood, of Lansing, Mich., and Sarah J., Mrs. Joseph B. Van Ness,

Mr. and Mrs. Conkling are members of the Presbyterian Church. Wherever he is known Mr. Conkling is regarded as a man of marked ability, and one who is strictly honorable in all business transactions. In politics he is a stanch Republican.

ELOS M. BAKER, prominent in the lumber and coal business in the city of Adrian, is a native of the Empire State, having been born in Buffalo, May 26, 1838. His father, Albert M. Baker, was a prominent attorney of this State and was born in the town of Eden. He was reared and educated in his native town, and came to the West in the fall of 1838, arriving in Adrian on the 27th of November. He at once commenced the practice of law, in which he actively engaged until life's labors for him were over. His death took place July 20, 1860.

Albert M. Baker, the father of our subject, was thrown upon his own resources early in life and developed a manhood of more than ordinary ability. Not long after coming to this State he was engaged as the attorney of what is now the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern R. R. Co., in whose employ he continued until the time of his death. He took an active interest in political affairs, although never ambitious of office, and devoted his efforts to the election of his friends. He had been a member of the Republican party since its organization. Before coming to Michigan he was united in marriage with Miss Sarah Keeler, of Buffalo, N. Y., in August, 1837.

The subject of this sketen was the elder of his father's family of two children, and received his education in the schools of Adrian. His mercantile experience began as a clerk in the hardware store of W. S. Wilcox, in whose employ he remained for a period of four years. Upon severing his connection with this house, he started in business on his own account, becoming a partner in the firm of Bury & Baker, dealers in lumber, and continued with them seven years, until 1873. The firm was then dissolved by mutual consent, Mr. Bury retring and Mr. Baker continuing alone.

In the fall of 1883 our subject became a member of the banking firm of T. J. Tobey & Co., continuing however only until the following year, when he withdrew his interests from this concern and devoted his entire time and attention to the lumber trade. In 1877 he added the coal trade to his other transactions, and now commands an extensive patronage from the leading men of the city, operating two lumber-yards and bandling probably 600 carloads of coal in a season.

Mr. Baker was first married, Jan. 27, 1863, to Miss Julia E. Blount, of Milwaukee; she died at her home in Adrian in 1881, leaving no children. The present wife of our subject, to whom he was married Nov. 18, 1885, was formerly Miss Mary K. Goodman, of Glens Falls, N. Y., and the daughter of Eleazer and Mahala Goodman, natives of that State. Of this union there has been born one child, a son, Albert G. Mr. and Mrs. Baker are members in good standing of the Presbyterian Church at Adrian, in which Mr. Baker officiates as Trustee and is one of its chief pillars. He is a gentleman of fine business capacities, held in high esteem among his associates, and a valued factor in the business community.

Mrs. Sarah K. Baker, the aged mother of our subject is still living, and makes her home with her son, being now seventy-one years of age. She retains in a remarkable manner her old-time health and activity, and can relate many interesting incidents of life in the early days.



ACOB C. WINNE, one of the most prominent and promising young lawyers practicing at the Adrian bar, is a native of the State of New York, where he was born at Cherry Valley, Otsego County, on the 28th of January, 1855. His father, John W. Winne, was born in the same county and was a farmer by occupation. He was an extensive grower of hops, and was among the first to engage in that industry in New York, an industry which has since grown to such large proportions on account of the vast increase in the brewing interests of the country.

Our subject's father married Miss Barbara

Crounse, whose great-grandfather was a Polish nobleman. She was the daughter of Jacob and Henrietta (VanValkenburg) Crounse, the former of whom came into possession of large property and was one of the leading citizens of Schoharie County, N. Y. She was one of a large family of children, of whom four brothers became eminent physicians. The father, after marriage, settled in Otsego Connty, N. Y., where he remained upon his farm until his removal with his family to Lenawee County in 1870, where he settled upon a farm three miles west of the city of Adrian. On this farm he again engaged in the cultivation of hops, shipping his produets to the city of New York, which at that time was the best market the country afforded. In this business he continued until his death, which occurred on the 22d of August, 1887. The wife and five children, two boys and three girls, survived him. The names of the children are as follows: Addie, the wife of G. B. Hibbard, residing in Detroit: Hattie, who is at home; David, Jacob C, and

Jacob C. Winne passed his early boyhood in his native county, where he attended the common schools until he was old enough to take a more advanced course, and then went two years to the Ames Academy in Montgomery County, N. Y. He then came to Lenawee County, Mich., with his parents, and entered the Adrian school, pursuing his studies for a time, and then began teaching school, in which he engaged for three winters. Concluding to adopt the law as the profession of his life, he then entered the office of Stacey & Underwood, of Adrian, in the spring of 1877, for the purpose of pursuing the preliminary studies, and afterward attended the law department of the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor, for one year. Upon his return from the University he in June, 1879, passed a rigid examination and was admitted to the bar and began practice. For a young man he has grown rapidly into a good practice and is fast pushing to the front ranks in his profession.

On the 28th of October, 1885, Mr. Winne was married to Miss Gertrude Talman, a native of Fairport, Mouroe Co., N. Y. To Mr. and Mrs. Winne has been born one daughter, named Beatrice, whose birth occurred on the 14th of February, 1887. Mr. and Mrs. Winne occupy a pleasant position in the society of Adrian, and engage heartily in all projects that have a tendency to elevate and improve the society of the place.

ORENZO TABOR, late one of the most promainent attorneys of Adrian, was born in Bradford, Vt., Feb. 23, 1815, and died at his home in this city on the 28th of April, 1882. From early life he had taken an active part in politics, and was a stanch Union Democrat at a time when it was prudent in some portions of the country for a man to be chary in expressing his opinions. He supported Mr. Lincoln during his candidacy for the Presidency and no man rejoiced more when the cra of peace dawned upon the nation. He supported the Republicans until after the second term of Gen. Grant and then returned to his old party.

The subject of our sketch was the son of Thomas and Abigail (Drew) Tabor, who were both of New England birth and parentage. They left the Green Mountain State in 1838, and coming to Southern Michigan, settled in Adrian Township, where the father carried on farming many years. Subsequently the family removed to Hudson where the parents spent their last years; their remains were taken to Adrian for burial.

Lorenzo Tabor was reared and educated in his native town, where he studied law and was admitted to the bar, commencing practice among the people who had known him during his boyhood and youth. A year later, in 1839, in common with scores of other young men of that region, he decided to cast his lot with the proneers of the West, and coming to Southern Michigan entered into partnership with W. L. Greeley, at Adrian. Six years later the firm of Greeley & Tabor was dissolved by mutual consent, and Mr. Tabor then associated himself with Josiah L. Ward, with whom he continued until the removal of the latter to California. Not long afterward Mr. Tabor was elected Alderman of the city, the duties of which office he discharged in a suitable manner, and later began dealing largely in real estate in connection with his practice. He acquired a handsome property, and at his death left a wife and one daughter. The latter, Miss Maria S. Tabor, is a highly accomplished young lady and an efficient teacher in the city schools.

The marriage of Lorenzo Tabor and Miss Maria Ormsby took place at Springfield, Vt., May 13, 1839. The result of this union was the birth of three sons and one daughter, recorded as follows: Thomas W. died when three years old; Lorenzo O. at the age of eleven years, and Clarence L. at six; Maria S. resides with her mother.

AMUEL BRYAN is the scion of an old Connecticut family, and was himself born near the town of Waterbury, that State, Aug. 3, 1815. A year later his parents removed to Pennsylvania, locating near the town of Tioga on the Susquehanna River, and thence, two years later, went into Tompkins County, N. Y. After a residence there of twelve years, in the month of August, 1830, they came to the southeastern part of Michigan Territory, locating on a tract of wild land, which for a long time was known as the Gilmore farm and was situated on the north line of Raisin Township. The father subsequently established the first crockery store in the young town of Adrian, but in the meantime retained possession of his farm where his family remained. He carried on a store until failing health compelled him to retire, and he died in the city of Adrian in the summer of 1860.

Gideon Bryan, the father of our subject, was born and reared near the town of Waterbury, Conn., and in early manhood learned the trade of carpenter and joiner, and married Miss Malinda Warner, a native of the same State. They became the parents of eleven children, seven sons and four daughters, one of whom died in early childhood and ten were living at the time of the father's death. Of these the record is as follows: Samuel of our sketch was the eldest born: Mary became the wife of Elroy Sisson, of Raisin Township, and died when a young woman, leaving a family of children: Warner died when about forty-five years

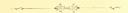
of age; Nelson and Gilbert are residents of Neosho and Brown Counties, Kan.; Tillottson is a resident of Hillsdale, Mich.; Almira became the wife of Cyrus Briggs, of Michigan, and died several years ago; Clarissa is the wife of David Slayton, a wellknown farmer of Franklin Township; Edwin died when forty years of age, and George is a well-to-do farmer of Macon Township.

Our subject was a youth of lifteen years when he came to Lenawee County, and after the ordinary course of study in the common schools began to lay his plans for the future, his intention being to have a farm of his own just as soon as possible. Upon reaching his majority he set out on his own account and purchased 200 acres of land. This he sold not long afterward and purchased his father's old homestead, which he occupied six years, and then sold it back to its original possessor. He subsequently became the employe of Judge Stacy, and in the meantime had been married, in 1844, to Miss Laura, daughter of Moses and Voletta Smith, of Tecumseh Township. The young people not long afterward removed to the farm of Mr. Smith, who was the proprietor of 200 acres of good land, and subsequently purchased this property,

Mr. and Mrs. Bryan became the parents of five children, and the mother departed this life at the homestead where she had spent her childhood years, in the spring of 1856. Their eldest son, Newton, is now a resident of Raisin; Oscar is in Kansas; Delilah is the wife of O. V. Finch, of Raisin Township; Wallace is farming in Kansas, and Laura is the wife of William Schoffeld. Mr. Bryan was a second time married, in the spring of 1858, to Miss Maria Scout, who was then a resident of Raisin Township, but a native of Columbia County, Pa. She was the third daughter of William and Mary (Stine) Scout, who removed from the Keystone State to Michigan in 1856, and are now deceased.

The present farm of Mr. Bryan comprises 120 acres of valuable land with a neat and commodious residence and other good buildings; he also has eighty acres adjacent to the town limits of Raisin. He commenced in life with modest means and has been remarkably fortunate in his investments, Upon first becoming a voter he identified himself with the Democratic party, but his warm interest

in the temperance movement has now constrained him to support the Prohibitionists. His estimable lady is a member and regular attendant of the Baptist Church.



HILIP KEHOE is a very successful farmer and breeder of thoroughbred cattle, and is well located on section 24. Clinton Township. He owns 490 acres of land, part of which is in Clinton Township and the remainder in Tecunsch Township; the most of it is in a high state of cultivation. He has paid special attention to the breeding of Short-horn cattle, and has met with marked success in that line. The head of his herd is "Garfield," a fine, well proportioned animal, very well known to stock-breeders in this locality,

Mr. Kehoe was born in County Wexford, Ireland, May 4, 1833. His father, Patrick Kehoe. came of pure Celtic blood, and was a farmer and stonemason, which latter occupation he followed some time after coming to this country. He married Ann Marah, who was born and reared in Wexfordshire, and came of good stock, being of the family of M. P. Marah, who, for his eloquent and skillful defense of his country and countrymen, was expelled from England. The father of Patrick Kehoe, Philip Kehoe, was a large land-owner and farmer, and lived and died in County Wexford, Ireland. He married an Irish lady of good family, who also died at their home in Ireland; they both lived to be very old. After the birth of his nine children, two of whom died in infancy, Patrick Kehoe, father of our subject, came alone to the United States to make a home for his family in this country, and located in Howard County, Md. A year later he sent for his eldest son, Philip, and the following year, 1851, he sent for the rest of his family. They continued to make their home in Howard County for some time.

In 1855 Philip Kehoe, of whom we write, came to Muchigan, and after working for two years by the month in the employ of others, he bought eighty acres of timber land, which forms part of his present farm. In 1856 his parents and the other six children came to Michigan, and our subject gave his father and mother ten acres of land near his own home, where they were kindly cared for by their son. The father died Nov. 11, 1881, at the age of eighty-one, while the mother is living at the age of eighty-five, and still retains to a remarkable degree the ability and activity which characterized her in her younger days.

Mr. Kehoe was seventeen years of age when he landed in this country, and had received a good, practical education, which well fitted him for the duties of life. He was first married, in Virginia, to Miss Mary Malone, who was born in the North of Ireland, where her father, Henry Malone, a devout Catholic, died when she was a small child; her mother died some years after in her native Ireland, Mary Malone was reared by an uncle, a Catholic priest, with whom she came to America when she was twenty years of age. She died at her home in Clinton Township in 1861, at the age of twentyeight, leaving two children: Elizabeth A., who was well educated, and is a seamstress in Adrian, and Mary, who received a good education, and is a sister and a teacher in the convent at Monroe,

Mr. Kehoe was a second time married, in 1864, in Macon Township, to Miss Mary McGovern. She was born in New York State. March 3, 1835, and in 1840 came to Michigan with her parents, who are now deceased, having died in Macon Township, where they located on their arrival. By this marriage Mr. and Mrs. Kehoe have become the parents of eight children—Agnes A., Catherine, Frances M., Martha T., Andrew D., Patrick L., Margaret C. and Ellen, all living in the home of their parents, Mr. Kehoe and the family are all Catholics.

Our subject is a man of much intelligence and shrewd business tact, which make him a valuable citizen as well as a successful man, and this has been demonstrated by his filling several of the minor offices of the township to the satisfaction of the people whom he has served. In politics he is a stalwart Democrat.

ICHARD KENT has been a citizen of Lenawee County for over fifty years, during which time he has been engaged in agricult—

graphy ural pursuits and surveying. He now resides in the city of Adrian, partially retired from

business, his large farm being cultivated by hired help. During his long residence in the county he has established for himself the reputation of one of its most solid and substantial citizens. He is a native of the State of New Hampshire, and was born in Derry, Rockingham County, on the 3d of August, 1825. He continued to reside in that county with his parents, who were farmers by occupation, until the fall of 1835, in which year they came to Michigan, and settled in Logan, now Adrian Township, on section 33, about two miles west of the center of the city of Adrian. The land was originally located by a man named Woodruff, in 1829, who sold it to Alfred Budlong, who in 1835 sold it to Richard Kent, Sr. Richard, Jr., assisted his father in clearing up the farm, which has always been his home. At the death of his father he purchased the interests of the other heirs in the homestead and still owns it. In 1864 he purchased a house and lot on West Manmee street, in Adrian, where for many years he passed his winters in order to be the better able to educate his children.

When our subject was about twenty years of age he commenced teaching school, and during seven years he taught in Woodstock, Dover, Madison and Adrian. He had also studied civil engineering, and had considerable experience in assisting his father, who was an engineer. He has followed surveying more or less ever since. He has been a candidate several times on the Democratic ticket for Comty Surveyor, but was beaten by his brother Burton, who was a Republican, and that party was largely in the majority in the county. In the spring of 1868 he was elected Supervisor of Adrian Township, and was re-elected the following spring. He also held the office of School Inspector for about ten years.

On the 24th of February, 1859, Richard Kent married Miss Ellen M. Reynolds, daughter of Stephen and Sallie Reynolds, of Derry, N. II., by whom he had two children, both born in Adrian and Riving at home—Lucy M., born July 5, 1861, and Louise S., Jan. 2, 1864. Mrs. Ellen M. Kent was born in Derry, N. II., July 15, 1828. Her father was born in Derry, in 1767, and died there on his farm in 1848. He was the son of Gen. Daniel Reynolds, who was also a native of Derry, and

served as a commanding officer through the Revolutionary War. Stephen Reynolds married Sallie Ela, daughter of Samuel F. Ela, of Derry, N. H., by whom he had eight children, Mrs. Ellen M. Kent being the youngest. Mrs. Sallie Reynolds was born in Derry, June 2, 1786, and died there in September, 1861.

Our subject's father, Hon. Richard Kent, was born in Newburyport, Mass., Oct. 30, 1786, and was the son of Mariner and Sarah Kent, of Newburyport, Mass. The former was the son of Richard Kent, Jr., and grandson of Richard Kent, Sr., of England. Mariner Kent was born Aug. 14, 1757, and in 1798 moved to Londonderry, N. H., where he died Dec. 7, 1843. His wife, Sarah Kent, died there the same year. Richard Kent, Jr., was born in 1710, and married Miss Hannah Norton, of Boston, in 1734, and died in Newburyport, Mass., in 1794. His wife died in 1790.

Hon. Richard Kent was brought up a farmer, but received a good education, being a graduate of the Londonderry Academy. He taught a school for several years, and practiced surveying at times. He owned a farm about two miles east of the village of Londonderry, where he brought up his family. Richard Kent lived on his farm in Adrian Township until his death, in August, 1867. He was a man of prominence in his township, and represented Lenawee County in the State Senate about the years 1852–53. He was twice elected Supervisor of his township, and for several years Township School Inspector.

About the year 1809 Richard Kent married Miss Lois Ela, daughter of David and Naney Ela, of Londonderry, by whom he had five sons and one daughter, our subject being the fifth child. Mrs. Lois Kent was born in Londonderry, April 1, 1788, and died in Adrian, Mich., Jan. 7, 1876. Her father, David Ela, was a native of the same place. Her mother, Mrs. Nancy Ela, was the daughter of Deacon Samuel Fisher, who came to this country in 1740, in the nineteenth year of his age. He was born in the North of Ireland, but of Scottish descent. The ship in which he came to this country was usually spoken of as the "Starved Ship." The vessel was so scantily supplied with provisions that long before the voyage was completed one pint of

oatmeal for each individual on board, and a proportionate allowance of water, was all that remained. Mr. Fisher once went to the mate with a tablespoon to obtain some water, which was refused him, there being but two-thirds of a junk bottle full on board, Mr. Fisher's custom was to take a tablespoonful of meal daily, and having moistened it with salt water. to eat it raw. The passengers and crew having subsisted in this manner for fourteen days, were at length reduced to the necessity of eating the bodies of those who died. Even this resource failed them, and at length Mr. Fisher was selected to give up his life to preserve the lives of the rest. Providentially, however, a vessel hove in sight, and their signals of distress being observed, they obtained relief and were saved. So deep an impression did the horrors of that passage make upon the mind of Mr. Fisher, that in after life he could never see without pain the least morsel of food wasted, or a pail of water carelessly thrown upon the ground.

Mr. Kent has arrived at that period of life at which men retire from the active cares of business, and devote their remaining days to ease and comfort. During his prime and vigorous manhood, by industry and good management, he so-situated himself that he is enabled now to enjoy the fruits of his labors. In his business intercourse through life he made and maintained a record for the strictest integrity, and now enjoys the full confidence of all who know him.

M. CAMBURN. Town Clerk, and a successful farmer and stock raiser, is now pleasantly located on section 21, Franklin Township, where he owns sixty-four acres of land, part of the homestead of 160 acres obtained from the Government by his father. Mr. Camburn was born on the farm where he now lives Sept. 6, 1835, and is the son of William Camburn, a native of New Jersey, who was born not far from Barnegat Bay, and was the eldest child of Levi Camburn, a native of New Jersey, and of Scotch ancestry.

Levi Camburn married a New Jersey lady, and during the boyhood of their son William went to New York and located at Lockport, where the father,

a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was engaged in ministerial services for some years. He afterward came to Michigan, where he died in Hillsdale County in 1842, at eighty years of age. His wife had departed this life some time before in New York State, William Camburn, father of our subject, was reared in Lockport, N. Y., and there married Miss Sobrina Hill, also of Lockbort, Niagara County, whose parents were also York State people. William Camburn was a soldier in the War of 1812, and did service as a private, and was also on guard duty on the frontier at Niagara, He came to Michigan by the Lake route in 1831, then obtaining an ox-team at Detroit, he drove across the country to Tecumseli, where he located near the village, but not liking the situation, he sold and came into Franklin Township, where he purchased the southwest quarter of section 21. This was on the line of the old Chicago turnpike, which was then being laid out and built, and on this road, which passed diagonally through his farm, almost all the travel of the State was conducted. Here he built a double-log cabin, and conducted a tayern or public house for some years,

William Camburn came here before the township was organized, and was elected one of the first Justices of the Peace, and was made Postmaster of Tipton, which office he held for about thirty-six years. He also held the office of Justice of the Peace till his death, April 7, 1872, at seventy-nine years of age. His wife had died about 1849, at the age of fifty-two. The father had been a Republican from the beginning of the party in 1856. He was a successful man and practical farmer, and was prominent in the affairs of his community. They were the parents of sixteen children. Of this family there were two births of twins and one of triplets; one pair of twins and the triplets are all married and have families.

The subject of our sketch is one of the youngest members of the family, and was educated in the schools of Franklin Township. He has a taste for reading and study, and keeps well abreast of this progressive age. He takes an active partin Republican politics, and was elected Supervisor in 1871, which office he held seven years. Two years after he was elected Town Clerk, and has held the office

ever since. Mr. Camburn was married in the township of Franklin, April 3, 1860, to Miss Elizabeth
B. Mills, who was born in Franklin, this county.
She was the daughter of E. G. and Ann (Breers)
Mills, the former of whom is now deceased, while
the latter is living in Franklin, aged seventy-six
years. They were natives of York State and England, respectively, and were married in Franklin
Township, where they followed agricultural pursuits.
By his first marriage Mr. Camburn has two children—William E. and Elma S. William E. took
to wife Nancy Crane, and resides on a farm in
Franklin; Elma S. is at home. The mother of these
children (ied April 5, 1875).

Mr. Camburn was a second time married in Franklin Township, Sept. 28, 1876, to Miss Jennie Mills, a sister of his first wife, and a native of Franklin Township, where she was born Dec. 25, 1845, and was reared and educated. Mr. and Mrs. Camburn and daughter are members of the Congregational Church, of which Mr. C. is Treasurer.

OHN W. BENEDICT is one of the many citizens of Lenawee County who are profitably engaged in farming, and is a much respected resident of Tecunsch Township, where he owns and occupies a good farm on section 24. Mr. Benedict was born in Warwick, Orange Co., N. Y., Jan. 26, 1822, and is the son of John and Phebe (Taylor) Benedict, the former of whom was born Dec. 7, 1787, in the township of Warwick, Orange Co., N. Y., near where the birth of his son John also occurred. The mother was born in New Jersey, Oct. 23, 1792. They became the parents of nine children, eight sons and one daughter, of whom

John Benedict, of this sketch, was the fourth child born to his parents, and was about seventeen years of age when they removed from their home in Orange County to Steuben County, where they resided for nearly eighteen years. He engaged in farming, and was married in that county on the 14th of April, 1847, to Miss Laurinda Wolcott, a native of that county, where she was born Jan. 27, 1825. She is the daughter of Kalep and Rhoda

(Hedges) Wolcott, formerly of Long Island, but who finally settled in Steuben County. After his marriage, Mr. Benedict still continued to reside with his parents for some years.

In the fall of 1852 the subject of this biography came to Lenawee County, Mich., to find a suitable place to locate, and his father came two years later, having determined to become residents of this State, and receive the benefits of its superior agricultural Our subject obtained some land in Raisin Township, where the father also located, and in the following year the rest of the family came, In 1862 the father, a man of much worth, died and was buried in Raisin Township; the mother's death occurred in October, 1875. Our subject actively took up the work of improving his farm in connection with earpenter work, in which he was skillful, and continued thus employed in Raisin Township ten years. In 1864 he sold his property there and removed to his present home in Tecumseh Township. This farm is the one formerly owned by his father, but after the death of the latter, Mr. Benedict bought out the other heirs, and obtained possession of the whole, amounting to 130 acres. It had been partly improved during his father's ownership, and some buildings had been erected, but Mr. Benedict has brought it to a good state of cultivation, and has replaced or remodeled the old buildings so that now they are among the best in the township. During the last twenty years he has confined his attention to agricultural pursuits, and has also paid much attention to sheep-raising, which has resulted very profitably to him; he has a fine flock of well-graded animals.

To Mr. and Mrs. Benedict have been born four children, as follows: George J. was born Nov. 4, 1851, and lives in Harper, Kan.; Charles M. was born Sept. 23, 1854, and lives in Tecumseh Township; Frank H. was born June 26, 1858, and also resides in Harper, Kan.; Rhoda M. was born Oct. 14, 1867, and lives at home. Mr. and Mrs. Benedict often extend the hospitalities of their pleasant home to numerous friends, among whom they are held in deservedly high repute for their many good qualities. Mr. Benedict is now serving his second term as Justice of the Peace, and was Highway Commissioner for several years. He is a promi-

nent member of the Democratic party, sturdily advocating the various measures of that organization by voice and vote. Mr. and Mrs. Benedict have long been earnest and devoted members of the Baptist Church, of which organization Mr. Benedict has been a Trustee for twenty-five years.

HOMAS BOYD. Erin's Green Isle has given to the United States some of her worthiest and most energetic citizens. They have been mostly men who commenced in life at the very foot of the ladder, and by a course of energy and perseverance worked their way up to the top-most round. To these scarcely credit enough can be given, as none but themselves can realize what difficulties and discouragements they encountered, overcoming the peculiarities of a new and strange country, a foreign tongue, and at times, the indifference of a people who did not realize the strength that lay within them.

The subject of this sketch, a native of the North of Ireland, was born in County Antrim about the year 1830, and continued on his native soil until a vouth of eighteen years. He received a limited education, his parents, William and Jane (Preston) Boyd, having been people of very modest means, whose chief concern had necessarily been the providing their children with the mere creature comforts. Young Thomas had always been a bright and ambitious lad, thoughtful beyond his years, and at an early age he made up his mind to escape from the beaten path which his father before him had trodden so wearily and with such unsatisfactory results. At the age mentioned he bade adieu to his childhood friends and early associations, and boarding a sailing-vessel at Liverpool, found himself six weeks later on the soil of the Dominion of Canada and in the city of Quebec. Thence he crossed into the State of Vermont, and not long afterward made his way to Livingston County, N. Y., where he engaged as a farm laborer for a period of four years. In the fall of 1851 he joined the caravan migrating to the young State of Michigan, and for a period of six years thereafter was an employe on the farm of Pearley Bills, Afterward he worked one year for Peter Adams, and had now saved up a little sum of money which he invested in eighty acres of land in that township, and proudly commenced farming on his own account.

Mr. Boyd, however, four weeks after commencing work on this land, not satisfied with the outlook, traded it for 160 acres in Raisin Township, This he occupied six years, and then sold out for the sum of \$5,000, feeling well repaid for his labor and the improvements which he had put upon it. His next purchase was a farm three miles west of the village of Tecumseh, for which he paid \$7,280, and which he operated five years; this he still owns. He subsequently purchased ninety-two acres which was familiarly known as the Fuller farm, and which he now occupies, and has brought to a high state of cultivation. He has remodeled the residence and added a good barn and other outhouses. Mr. Boyd has been an apt scholar in the school of experience, He landed in America with a cash capital of \$1, a stranger in a strange land, and the fact that he is now numbered among the wealthy and representative farmers of Lenawee County, is indicative in no small measure of the resolution and energy which have marked his footsteps.

After he had laid the foundations for a future home and a competence, Mr. Boyd, when about twenty-five years of age, took to himself a wife and helpmeet, Miss Margaret Calhoun, one of his own countrywomen, but who at the time of their marriage, Nov. 22, 1855, was a resident of Tecumseh Village. Mrs. Boyd is the daughter of Robert and Esther Calhoun, the former of whom died when she was but a little girl. The mother subsequently came to the United States, where she died at the home of Mrs. Boyd in November, 1874. Mrs. Boyd became a resident of this county about 1848, and was considered one of the most estimable young ladies of her township. Of her union with our subject there have been born four daughters and one son. The eldest child, Esther A., is the wife of Wallace Tilden, and resides in Tecumseh Township; Fanny married Chester A. Haynes, of Tecumseh Village; Maggie is at home with her parents; Hattie, Mrs, Arthur Dibble, lives in Adrian, while Wallace Layern continues under the home roof.

Mr. Boyd, upon becoming a naturalized American

citizen, identified himself with the Democratic party, of which he has since been a warm supporter. Personally he is a fine representative of his warmhearted Irish ancestry, liberal and public-spirited, always willing to put his shoulder to the wheel in earrying forward the enterprises calculated for the general good of mankind.

s. DEPUY is a worthy and honored citizen of the township of Clinton, where he has owned and occupied a farm since the year 1854. It comprises 105 acres on section 12, and eighty on section 13. He has highly improved it, and greatly increased its value since it came into his possession. That part of it lying on section 12 he purchased when he first came to this State in 1854, and in 1862 he bought the remaining eighty acres on section 13. He is a careful manager, endowed with much energy and sound judgment, and tills his land to the best advantage, receiving in return abundant harvests.

Mr. Depuy is a native of the State of New York, where he was born in Owasco Township, Cayuga County, Nov. 21, 1817. His father, Philip Depuy, was a native of the same State, his birth occurring April 24, 1774. He was bred to the life of a farmer, and married, in Orange County, Sally Comfort, who was born Aug. 2, 1778, and reared in the county in which she was wedded. After marriage they settled in Owasco Township, Cayuga County, and were among its pioneers. Mr. Depuy bought and improved a farm in the timber, on which they continued to reside till after the birth of their four sons and six daughters, of whom our subject was the youngest but one, while he and his sister, Mrs. Eleanor Smith, of York State, are the sole survivors. In 1831 Philip Depuy moved with his wife and children to Mt. Morris Township, Livingston Co., N. Y., where he bought a farm, on which he and his wife continued to make their residence till death. The latter's occurred Oct, 5, 1837, while the former died two years later, on the 8th of October, 1839. They were both members of the Presbyterian Church. In politics Mr. Depuy was a Democrat.

Our subject was educated in the common schools of his native State. . He was first married Dec. 31, 1837, in Mt. Morris, to Miss Sarah J. Smith, a native of Cayuga County, N. Y. She went to Livingston County to live when a young woman, where she was wedded and passed her married life at Mt. Morris. She died June 29, 1844, and left two children, both of whom are now deceased. Eliza was the wife of William Butler, and died in Mason, Ingham County, after the birth of five children; Harrison at a very youthful age enlisted in the service of his country. as a member of Company D, 3d Michigan Cavalry, under Capt. Kellogg, and after taking part in several engagements, died of an illness contracted on Southern battle-fields, his death occurring in Louisville, Ky., June 13, 1862, at the age of eighteen.

Mr. Depny's second marriage took place in Nunda, Livingston Co., N. Y., Feb. 26, 1845, to Milancey Chandler, a distant relative of Senator Zach Chandler. She was born in Coventry Township. Chenango Co., N. Y., Jan. 29, 1820, and is the daughter of Henry and Sally (Munger) Chandler. The father died in New York State in 1869, and the mother afterward came to Michigan and died at the home of her daughter, in 1875, aged eighty years. They were members of the Baptist Church, and occupied a high social position in the town in which they lived. He was a man of much ability, and a successful farmer. Mrs. Depuy received a publicschool education, and remained in the home of her parents until her marriage.

After marriage Mr. and Mrs. Depuy lived in Mt. Morris until they removed to their present home. To them have been born six children, of whom the following is the record: Josephine is the wife of John Hendershott, of Tecumseh Township; Favette married Miss Carrie Updike, of Franklin Township; Wellington married Miss Ella Reynolds, of Eagle, Eaton County, and they now live in Allegan County; he is a minister of the Baptist Church. Cora is at home; the youngest living is Rose, wife of Thomas Taber, of Madison, Wis.; Emma was the wife of Ozen Keith, and is now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Depuy have given their children the advantages of a good education. Wellington, Cora, Rose and Emma, were educated principally in Hillsdale College, and hold or have held high rank as teachers.

Mr. and Mrs. Depuy are prominent members of the Free-Will Baptist Church, and are much honored and esteemed as useful members of society, who have assisted in promoting the moral elevation of the community where they have long been residents. In politics Mr. Depuy is a strong Democrat.

OSEPH F. BAKER, one of the most active and enterprising men of Lenawee County, came to Southeastern Michigan with his father when a lad fourteen years of age, and is now the proprietor of a valuable farm of 192 acres of land in Adrian Township. He in former years dealt quite largely in stock, but finally became convinced that mixed farming in this section of country was the most profitable, and this he has accordingly followed. He has been prominent in public affairs, although never an office-seeker, and aside from serving as Justice of the Peace and Road Commissioner of his township, has preferred that others should bear the responsibilities of more weighty positions. He is a stanch Democrat, politically, and has often been sent as a delegate to the county and State conventions,

Mr. Baker was born in Manchester, Ontario Co., N. Y., June 18, 1819, and is the son of Joseph M. Baker, who in turn was the son of Joseph Baker, which name has been given to a son of each family for several generations. They trace their genealogy back to Joseph Baker, of Narragansett Bay, 1680. He was drowned in the bay near his home. and left two sons, David and Joseph, who married sisters by the name of Chase. The paternal greatgrandfather of our subject was a shoemaker by trade, although fond of rural life, and owned a small farm in Rutland County, Vt. He married Miss Experience Martin, who was a native of the Bay State, as were also his father and great-grandfather. Grandfather Baker died in Rutland County. Vt., when nearly sixty years of age. He had been twice married, and the father of our subject was a son by the first wife.

Joseph M. Baker was born in North Adams, Berkshire Co., Mass., Feb. 19, 1780. He remained

at home until nineteen years of age, and then taking his worldly possessions, which consisted of a small package of clothing, he walked to Palmyra, N. Y., where he worked by the day or month for three years following. On the 27th of December, 1801, he was married to Miss Sallie, daughter of John and Betsey Cruthers, of Phelps, Ontario County, and they located upon a farm there, where they continued until the spring of 1833. In the meantime, Mr. Baker, not satisfied with the result of his labors, had decided to look over the Western country, and coming to Monroe County, this State, located 240 acres in what was afterward Bedford Township. Returning to New York he gathered together his household goods, and brought them to the new home which he had selected, and where they arrived on the 5th of July, 1833. The journey was a tedious one, the facilities for travel at that day bearing little comparison with those of the

Besides the children of the father of our subject, they were accompanied by several grandchildren, making altogether a family of fourteen. No house in that vicinity would accommodate them, and they accordingly moved into a barn until better quarters could be provided. Mr. Baker finally decided to locate in Rome Township, and on the 7th of August, 1833, they moved into a log house there, which was without doors or windows, and only a portion of which was provided with a floor. They made themselves reasonably comfortable, however, and occupied that dwelling five years. Mr. Baker then put up a frame house, which he occupied until 1863, and in that year moved into the second new frame house which he built and where he spent his last years, his life terminating at the advanced age of ninety-three, in the spring of 1873. He was a man of excellent qualities, who never had any trouble with his neighbors, and was never involved in a lawsuit; the mother died in 1851. The parents, religiously, were Universalists, and politically, Joseph M. Baker was a Democrat,

The subject of this biography received his early education in the subscription schools, pursuing his studies mostly during the winter season, and in the summer making himself useful around the new farm. His school days ended when he was less than fourteen years old, but he remained under the parental roof, and finally came into possession of the homestead, living there until about 1865. He then purchased a farm about two and a half miles west of the city of Adrian, where he now lives, and upon which he has effected fine improvements.

The wife of our subject, to whom he was married Oct. 17, 1845, was Miss Cyuthia M., daughter of Col, Edmond B, and Sarah (Cooper) Dewey, of Manchester, N. Y. She was born Jan. 29, 1828. and died in Rome, this county, Oct. 15, 1857. To them were born three children, one of whom, Edmond, is living on the homestead with his father, Mr. Baker, on the 17th of October, 1858, was married to Mrs. Anna D. Teachout, the sister of his first wife, and they became the parents of one daughter, Cynthia JoAnna, who was born in Adrian, Jan. 10, 1866, and died Feb. 17, 1875. Mrs. Anna D. Baker was formerly the widow of Alonzo Teachout, and was born Dec. 19, 1822. Of her first marriage, there were born three children: Oscar L., a resident of Denison, Tex.; Sarah A., the wife of Samuel B. Gambee, of Rome, and who died Nov. 21, 1870, and Frank D., who is farming in Rome Township. A son of Mrs. Baker served in the late Civil War, in the 28th New York Infantry, two years,

Alonzo Teachout was born in Ontario County, N. Y., May 19, 1819, and was the son of Jacob and Rachel (Curtis) Teachout, a descendant of May Wiley, of Revolutionary fame. To Jacob and Rachel Teachout were born twelve children, of whom Alonzo was the fourth in order of birth. He married the eldest daughter of Col. E. B. Dewey, in 1840. In 1855, he died in Manchester, Ontario Co., N. Y. Of his brothers, one, O. L. Teachout, served in the late Civil War, and for the last five years has been Postal Clerk at Denison, Tex.

BENEZER G. PRICE. The sons of the pioneers are largely taking up the mantles of their fathers before them, and carrying on the agricultural pursuits in which their elders engaged, although under vastly different circumstances. The latter were obliged to contend with the difficulties of which their sons have comparatively

little knowledge. Many of the early settlers located upon tracts of timber land, from which the forests must be cleared before the ground could be cultivated, and thus experienced, in addition to laboring upon a new soil, the added toil of removing and destroying these trees and their roots. We can imagine the fields filled with the blue smoke of the burning stump-fires, and how perhaps this labor would consume a whole season, and the pioneer must wait another year before he could put in his crop.

The subject of this sketch is the son of one of these men who came to Michigan over thirty years ago, and located upon land in Tecumseh Township. Here he remained until 1877, laboring diligently to secure a home and a competency, and his efforts were fairly rewarded. He is still living to tell the tale of his labors and hopes, and in a comfortable home at Tecumseh is spending his last days enjoying the rest to which he is so amply entitled.

George Price, the father of our subject, was born and reared in Wales, where he remained engaged in farming until thirty years of age. He married, not far from his birthplace, one of his own countrywomen, Miss Mary Walker, and after the birth of five children, being anxious to better their condition on account of their little family, they determined to cross the Atlantic. They took passage at Liverpool on a sailing-vessel, and after a tedious voyage of sixteen weeks, set foot upon American soil and proceeded directly to this State. Mr. Price employed himself at whatever he could find to do, being without capital-in fact \$30 in debt-and at first it required all his efforts for the maintenance of his family. In time, however, he obtained a foothold and was enabled to save something from his limited earnings. His first purchase of land was the half of section 2, in Ridgeway Township, which is now owned and occupied by his son, our subject. He was blessed with a sensible and industrious wife, and while she managed their domestic affairs in a judicious manner, Mr. Price carried on his farming operations and soon found himself on the high road to prosperity. His straightforward honesty drew around him scores of friends, and no man is more highly respected in Lenawee County than George Price.

The subject of this history was born in Tecum-

seh Township, Feb. 10, 1855, but was reared in Ridgeway and remained under the home roof until beginning in life for himself. When his father left the farm Ebenezer took possession of it, and has since operated it in the old-time successful manner with which it has been managed since it became known as a possession of the Prices. On the 21st of March, 1878, he was married to Miss Emma Dubois, and soon afterward brought to his home the lady who still presides over his household affairs. Mrs. Price is the daughter of John Dubois, a sketch of whom will be found elsewhere in this Almur. She was born in 1860, in Ridgeway Township, but early in life was deprived of the care of the devoted mother, and was then reared by her father.

Mr. and Mrs. P. have two children, only—Lydia. born Jan. 17, 1881, and George W., Jan. 7, 1883, Our subject politically affiliates with the Democratic party, and religiously, with his estimable lady, is a member of the First Christian Church at Ridgeway. In addition to general farming he raises thoroughbred horses and Short-horn cattle,



ENRY J. WILDER, of Adrian Township, occupies the old well-known Marshall homestead, of which he took possession in the fall of 1880, soon after the death of the worthy pioneer who had built it up from the wilderness, and whose daughter had just become the bride of our subject. Since that time Mr. W. has looked after the property and cultivated the soil in a judicious and profitable manner. He is comparatively a young man and is numbered among the responsible and reliable citizens of his township.

Our subject was born in Bristol, Ontario Co., N. Y., Feb. 7, 1844, and is the son of Ephraim Wilder, a native of the same locality. The paternal grandfather, John O. Wilder, a farmer by occupation, and a native of New York, was born in 1798, and with his excellent wife spent his last years in the town of Bristol, passing away at the age of sixty-three years. Grandmother Wilder survived her husband some years. Their son Ephraim, the father of our subject, was born in September, 1814, and died at Adrian, in 1869. He was married when

about twenty-two years old to Miss Catharine Case, also a native of the Empire State, and the daughter of a well-to-do farmer of Ontario County. Of this marriage there were born four children: Martha, the eldest, wife of T. J. Batterson, of Buffalo, N. Y.; Henry J. of our sketch was the second born. The others were Erastus M. and Ozro, the latter of whom is deceased.

Mr. Wilder continued a resident of his native county until reaching his majority, in the meantime being variously employed. He came to Michigan in 1863, locating first in Lenawee County, where he lived until his marriage, which occurred Aug. 24, 1880. The lady of his choice was Miss Josephine P. Marshall, who was born in this county. Feb. 18, 1847, She is the mother of two children: Mary L., born July 15, 1882, and a child unnamed, born Oct. 14, 1887.

Charles M. Marshall, the father of Mrs. Wilder, and a gentleman well known throughout this section, was born in Connecticut, May 10, 1806, and departed this life at his home in Adrian Township, Sept. 5, 1880. He was first married, Oct. 14, 1833, to Miss Harriet Osborn, and they became the parents of two children, one of whom died in infancy. The other, Jane M., was born Aug. 4, 1834, and became the wife of Theodore Nash, who is now deceased; they had four children, two of whom are living. Mrs, Harriet Marshall died at the homestead Dec. 19, 1838, and Mr. Marshall was a second time married, to Miss Mary Pruden, May 19, 1840. This lady is the daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth Pruden, of Morris Township, N. J., and her union with Mr. Marshall resulted in the birth of five children, as follows: Frederick D, was born June 4, 1841, is married, and is now a successful practicing physician of Chicago; he attended the Michigan University at Ann Arbor and was subsequently graduated from a medical college in New York City. Mary E. was born May 15, 1843, and married Jefferson Scoonover, who was graduated from the same college as his brother-in-law, and is practicing medicine in Texas. Both these gentlemen served as soldiers in the Union army during the late war, being members of Michigan regiments; Frederick Marshall served three years and made a fine record, Caroline A. Marshall was born March 10,

1845, and died at her home in Adrian Township on the 24th of June, 1859; Josephine, the wife of our subject, was the fourth child; Charles H. was born Aug. 1, 1850, and died Dec. 12, 1858. Charles M. Marshall was a man of much force of character and was quite prominent in the political affairs of Republican principles, and while no office-seeker, contributed largely to the popularity of his party in this district, and was frequently entrusted with important matters connected therewith. His wife, the mother of Mrs. Wilder, was a very excellent lady and a devoted member of the Congregational Church, of which her grandfather was Deacon for a period of forty years.

Mr. Wilder is keeping up the homestead after its old-time reputation and votes the straight Republican ticket. He belongs to the Methodist Church, while his wife in religion is a Congregationalist.

YSANDER ORMSBY, Notary Public and conveyancer, has for many years been active in that line of business which, properly carried on, contributes largely to the prosperity of growing cities and towns, and the country in general. Mr. Ormsby is eligibly located on Carey street in the ambitious little town of Deerfield, and from an ample experience in his line of business he has done some excellent work, has built up a good business and enjoys a confortable income.

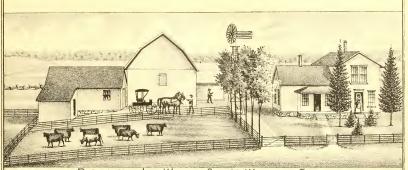
The birthplace of our subject was in the town of Westhampton. Hampshire Co., Mass., and the date thereof July 5, 1815. The family is an old one in New England, the grandfather of our subject, Nathaniel Ormsby, having crossed the Atlantic from England to America in the Colonial days. Grandfather Ormsby settled in Norwich, Conn., where he was married to Miss Elizabeth Perkins, and they owned a home at that place. They resided there until 1776, when they removed to what was then called the "Far West" and was the part of Hampshire County which is now included in the town of Huntington. Here they were among the earliest pioneers,

and the year after their arrival the young husband was called upon to volunteer in the Continental Army and assist the Colonists in their fight for independence. Upon this errand he went most cheerfully, but was only permitted to serve a short time, his death taking place that same year at Albany while in the service.

Among the children of Nathaniel and Elizabeth Ormsby was Samuel, who was born in Norwich, Conn., in 1775, and who became the father of our subject. He was but an infant when his parents removed to Massachusetts, and after the death of his father, his mother was married to Deacon Miller, a farmer of Norwich, where she spent the remainder of her life. Samuel, when quite young, went to Springfield to learn the trade of a saddler, which he followed thereafter in Westhampton and Chester, and died in the latter place on the 10th of September, 1853. His wife, the mother of our subject, was Miss Rachel Day, and was born in Chester, April 1, 1785, and died near there Oct. 15, 1830. The parental family included twelve children, of whom eleven grew to mature years, our subject being the seventh in order of birth.

Young Ormsby received a good schooling, completing his studies in an advanced class at Westhampton. He resided in his native State until in April, 1837, when, resolving to see something of the great West, he started out, making his way by team to Albany, the nearest point to the Erie Canal, and thence by canal to Buffalo. At this point he was obliged to wait two weeks for the ice to break up, and then hiring a team to Dunkirk, he there took a steamer for Toledo, which was then a small village. Thence he made his way to Blissfield, this county, via the Erie & Kalamazoo Railroad, which had just been completed to Adrian; the cars were drawn by horses over wooden rails.

Mr. Ormsby spent the summer following in Blissfield and then removed to Somerfield Township in Monroe County, one and one-half miles from Deerfield, where he purchased thirty-five acres of timber land and put up a log house. He had in the meantime been married, and under this humble root he and his young wife commenced life together and labored to build up a home. In due time a large proportion of the soil was under a good state of cultivation



RESIDENCE OF JERE WILSEY, SEC. 26 . WOODSTOCK TOWNSHIP.



RESIDENCE OF WM. WHELAN, SEC. 15. FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP.



STOCK BARN , PROPERTY OF WE WILSEY, SEC. 26 . WOODSTOCK TOWNSHIP.



and a substantial frame—dwelling took the place of the log cabin. Fifteen years later they removed to Deerfield, giving up farming, and here Mr. Ormsby has since resided. While residing in Monroe County, he was School Inspector nine consecutive years and also taught school one term; he was also Assessor and Highway Commissioner of his township.

Our subject upon leaving his little farm, engaged as a clerk in the general store of Jason Hamenway two years, and then set up in business on his own account. In connection with his merchandising, in which he was occupied many years, he bought a stave mill in company with Fordyce Hunter, which they operated a few years, and then Mr. O. purchased the interest of his partner, and subsequently took his brother, E. D. Ormsby, into business with him. A few years later they sold out, and Mr. Ormsby erected a building and opened a grocery store, which he operated a few years by himself and then associated with him Charles F, Bliven as part-This firm dissolved about 1877, and Mr. Ormsby thereafter devoted his time and attention to the duties of his office. He had been appointed Notary Public in 1855, and received the appointment each four years after that until the present time. He served as Postmaster of Deerfield for a period of ten years and has been Village Attorney since 1880. No man has been more actively interested in the growing town since its establishment than Mr. Ormsby.

The wife of our subject, to whom he was married Feb. 27, 1840, was in her girlhood Miss Olive C. Burnham, a native of Montague, Franklin Co., Mass., and born Dec. 29, 1821. Mrs. O. is the daughter of Calvin and Lucinda (Bliss) Burnham, and her urion with our subject resulted i the bi:th of six children, recorded as fo lows: Eliza C. died when twenty-four years of age; Edwin S, is a resident of Emmetsburg, lowa; he is Vice President and Eastern agent of the American Investment Company, with headquarters at Emmetsburg. Alvin C. res.des in New York City; Hat ie A. ched when a child of six years; Lilly C. married Charles F. Bliven, now of Emmetsburg, Iowa, and Treasurer of the county; Etta B, was the wife of William Federman, and died at her home in Deerfield, in March, 1884. Mrs.

Olive C. Ormsby departed this life at her home in Deerfield, July 28, 1884.

Mr. Ormsby, on the 24th of February, 1887, was married to Miss Mary E. Masters, who was born in Monroe County, N. Y., and is the daughter of William Masters, a native of the same county. Nationical Ormsby, the grandfather of our subject, was accompanied to America by his two brothers, Amos and Ephraim. One of these settled in New Hampshire, and the other was soon lost sight of, his whereabouts being afterward unknown to his relatives.

Mr. Ormsby cast his first Presidential vote for Martin Van Buren, and supported the Democratic party until the repeal of the Missouri Compromise, when he became a Republican, which he has since remained. Religiously he is a believer in Spiritualism.



EORGE L. OLIVER. One of the finest farms in Ridgeway Township consists of 120 acres pleasantly located on section 36, and came into possession of the subject of this biography in the spring of 1861. Here he has since made his home and devoted his time to its improvement and embediishment. In addition to general farming he has made a specialty of sheep-raising, a department of agriculture which receives comparatively little attention in the Prairie State, but of which Mr. Oliver has made a success.

Besides being a thorough and skillful farmer, Mr. Oliver possesses excellent business capacities and is quite prominent in the affairs of his township. As one of the pillars of the Christian Church he officiates as Deacon and Superintendent of the Sabbathschool, and is one of the most liberal supporters of the church in this place. He is a decided Democrat, politically, has represented the township in the County Board of Supervisors, and served as Road Commissioner and Treasurer. Briefly stated, he is one of those men who cannot be very well spared in his community.

George L. Oliver is a native of Tompkins County, N. Y., and was born April 9, 1832. His father, Simon Oliver, was born and reared in the same county as his son and lived there until reaching manhood. He then took up his residence in Albany County, and was subsequently married to Miss Mary Wright, who was born and reared in the latter county and whose first child was George L., the subject of our sketch, whose birth took place after their removal to Tompkins County. When the latter was a lad about thirteen years of age and there had been born to the parents six more children, all set out for the young State of Michigan, where the father hoped to better his financial condition. The journey was made overland with teams, and as was customary with the travelers of those days, they carried with them their household goods and provisions, camping and cooking by the wayside. The journey occupied twenty-six days, and although in some respects it was tedious, upon the whole they rather enjoyed the experience.

Upon leaving New York the father of our subject had determined to locate in Lenawee County, and they landed in Rome Township July 6, 1844. where he purchased eighty acres of land and at once commenced its cultivation. Upon it stood a rude frame dwelling, which was put in as good repair as possible, and which the family occupied until they could do better. Four years later Mr. Oliver disposed of this property and secured land in Tecumseh Township, which he operated on shares six years. At the expiration of this time he purchased eighty acres in Ridgeway Township on section 35, which became their permanent homestead and where they now live. They are quite aged, the father having passed his eighty-first birthday and the mother her seventy-seventh. They are spending their last years in the enjoyment of the comforts which they so amply deserve, and are surrounded by scores of friends who long ago learned to value them for their kindly Christian character and their sterling worth. They were the parents of thirteen children, of whom twelve are now living, and four are residents of this county, while the others reside in Colorado, Kansas and Mexico, Simon Oliver upon coming to this county at once identified himself with its various interests, rejoicing in its growth and prosperity, and aiding, as he had opportunity, the enterprises set on foot for the general welfare of the people. He is a stanch Democrat politically, conscientious in his views and temperate in the expression of them.

George L. Oliver remembers many of the interesting events connected with the journey from his native State to Michigan. He assisted his father in building up the homestead, and remained a member of the parental household until reaching his majority. He then started out for himself, employing his hands at whatever he could find to do, and on the 3d of January, 1856, took unto himself a wife and helpmeet, Miss Mary Wyrill, their wedding taking place at the home of the bride in the city of Adrian. Mrs. Oliver was born in Yorkshire, England, Dec. 5, 1833, and at an early age was deprived of a mother's care by death. She remained with her father until reaching womanhood and came with him to the United States. Proceeding westward immediately upon their arrival, they located in Tecumseh Township. Soon after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Oliver settled at their present homestead and became the parents of seven children, of whom but three are living, namely: Olive E., who was born Nov. 19, 1865; Cora B., Jan. 14, 1868, and Ernest II., Jan. 7, 1870; these are at home with their parents. The deceased were Anna, Naney M., George W., and a babe who died unnamed.

Our subject and his wife are members in good standing of the First Christian Church, in which Mr. Oliver is Deacon and Superintendent of the Sunday-school. He has served as Supervisor, Road Commissioner and Township Treasurer.



UGUSTUS W. BRADISH. The honored name of the subject of this sketch will be remembered long after he and those who are personally acquainted with him have passed away. He is one of the pioneers of Lenawee County, a man of great energy and force of character. His parents were Calvin and Nancy (Post) Bradish, natives of Massachusetts and Long Island, N. Y., respectively, and supposed to have been of English extraction. After marriage they first settled in Wayne County, N. Y. and lived there quite a number of years. In June, 1831, they moved with their family to Lenawee County,

Mich., and settled in Madison Township on sec-

Three years prior to this time Mr. Bradish had bought a tract of 240 acres of land from the Government, and afterward became possessor of 1,600 acres in Lenawee and Hillsdale Counties. He became actively engaged in farming, and also took a prominent part in aiding the future growth and prosperity of the town and county. Realizing that railways form one of the most important factors in the building up of new countries, and are most potential in the advancement of our civilization, he ardently advocated the building of the Erie & Kalamazoo Railway, and contributed \$1,000 to further the enterprise; it now forms a part of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway. In 1834 he erected substantial farm buildings, which are now in a good state of preservation. Here he and his good wife passed their declining years, her death occurring in 1839, and his, Sept. 17, 1851. They left behind them an honorable record of good deeds, and their admirable traits of character still endure in their posterity. Mr. Bradish was Justice of the Peace in Madison Township for several years. They were the parents of twelve children, namely: Mentha M., Curran, Nelson, Sarah, Luther, Calvin, John, Hannah, Augustus W., Amanda G., Myron W. and Norman F. Of these only three survive: Augustus W.; Amanda, wife of Melvin T. Nickerson, and Norman F., all residents of Madison Township.

Our subject was the ninth child of this family, and was born in Macedon, Wayne Co., N. Y., Jan. 24, 1815. He was a youth of fifteen years when he came with the family to Lenawee County, and has been a resident of Madison Township ever since. He was reared on a farm and has always been actively engaged in agricultural pursuits. He now owns 300 acres of land in Lenawee County, and in improving his farm he has spared no expense, cultivating it with intelligent judgment, while he has largely utilized the experience of others. Some years after the death of his mother he married, and took possession of the old homestead, his father living with him the remainder of his life.

The marriage of A. W. Bradish with Elsie M. Appleby was solemnized in Madison Township, April 13, 1847. She is the daughter of Jacob and Mary (Peck) Appleby, natives of New Jersey and Massachusetts respectively, and both supposed to be of English ancestry. After their marriage they settled in Eric County, Pa., where they made their permanent home. They became the parents of six children, namely: Elsie M., Rosetta. Nancy, William, John and Julius. Nancy is deceased; Elsie M. was born in Erie County, Pa., Dec. 18, 1825. To Mr. and Mrs. Bradish eight children have been born, namely: Caroline A., Clarence M., Herbert H., Carroll E., William R., Josephine E., Frank A. and Mary E. Herbert married Ella Appleby, and resides in Fairfield Township; Carroll married Addie Spaulding, and resides in Madison Township; William and Josephine are living at home; Frank A. married Miss Alice Harwood, and resides on the homestead with his parents; Caroline, Clarence and Mary are dead.

Mr. Bradish is prominently identified with the interests of the town, county and State. His large experience, progressive mind and energetic spirit have had a salutary influence on the community. He has been Superintendent of the Poor two years, Township Treasurer one term, Town Clerk twenty years, and has been one of the Supervisors of Madison Township six terms. He is now serving his tenth term as Justice of the Peace, which will make forty consecutive years of service in this office. For fifteen years he has been a Director of the Lenawee County Mutual Fire Insurance Company. In politics he is a Republican. Mrs. Bradish is a valned member of the Baptist Church, and socially. she and Mr. B. are held in high esteem by a large circle of friends among their contemporaries and the rising generation.

V. HORTON is a gentleman prominent in the public affairs of Clinton Township, and a practical general farmer, pleasantly located on section 15, where he owns 160 acres of well-improved land. He first purchased eighty acres of it in 1864, but did not make his home on it until the next year. He bought the other eighty

acres in 1881 and 1882, buying forty acres each year. Since settling here he has made steady and rapid progress in attaining a competency in his chosen calling. He has been a resident of Lenawee County since he came here in 1831, in the early days of its settlement, when he was himself but a few years old, as he was born in Orange County, in the township of Middletown, N. Y., Feb. 14, 1826.

Richard S. Horton, father of our subject, was a wagon-maker, and a very skillful worker at his trade. He was born and reared in Orange County, N. Y., and there he married the maiden of his choice, Miss Keziah Valentine, of German ancestry. In 1830 Mr. Horton came to Michigan to purchase some Government land for himself, and was also entrusted with money to make a like purchase for two neighbors. He bought 160 acres for himself on section 13, Raisin Township, and two tracts of the same number of acres for his neighbors in the same township. He then went back to New York, and in 1831 returned to Michigan with his wife and their five children, two daughters and three sons, who had been born to them in their old home They came via the Eric Canal and Lake to Detroit. where Mr. Horton purchased an ox-team, and with a wagon laden with their household goods proceeded toward their destination. After the first day's journey the oxen were stolen, and more had to be procured before they could complete their journey to Tecumseh, whence they went soon after to locate on their land in Raisin Township, The father many years afterward closed a long and useful life on his farm in that township, where he had built a home in the wilderness, his death occurring in January, 1863, at the age of seventy-three years. He was passionately fond of the chase, and had killed as many bears, wolves and deer as any of the settlers who were not professional hunters. He supplied his own table with game, and many a deer and wild fowl that had been brought down by his unerring aim found its way to his neighbor's larders. He was very popular among his fellow-citizens, and was known far and wide as "Uncle Dick," and respected wherever known as an honest man. His good wife, who was held in like estimation, died in 1867 at the age of seventy-one years,

Our subject was the fourth child born to his par-

ents, and was but five years of age when he came with them to this State. Here he was bred on a farm to the occupation which he has followed since attaining manhood. He was married in Eaton Rapids, Mich., May 14, 1850, to Miss Cornelia S. Long, who was born in Alabama Township, Genesee Co., N. Y., March 30, 1825. She was the second daughter of the family of eleven children born to Appolos and Sarah (Green) Long, who were natives of Massachusetts, and of New England parentage. Immediately after marriage they went to Livingston County, N. Y., and settled on a new farm in Caledonia Township, where they encountered the trials incidental to pioneer life. They later went to Genesee County, but afterward returned to Livingston County, where the father died in 1845, at the age of fifty-five years. Soon after the death of the father the mother and children came to Michigan and made their home in Raisin Township. A few years later the mother and a part of her family removed to Eaton Rapids, where her death occurred at the home of one of her sons in 1863, at the age of seventy years.

Mrs. Horton was well trained to the practical duties of life, and received a good education, which enabled her to successfully follow the vocation of teacher before her marriage. After marriage Mr. Horton owned and managed a sawmill in Raisin Township, which after two years he exchanged for a farm in Tecumseh. He afterward sold his property in that township, and removing to Lagrange, Ind., he purchased a tract of land, and lived there four years; he then disposed of his property there, came to Clinton Township, and settled on his present farm. To him and his wife have been born two sons, Frederick A. and Henry L , both of whom live at home with their parents, Frederick married Miss Hattle I. Long, of Eaton County, where she was born and grew to woman-

Mr. Horton and his sons are Democrats, and Mr. Horton has ably filled the otlices of Township Treasurer and Justice of the Peace for some years. Mrs. Horton is a much esteemed member of the Baptist Church of Tecumseh, and the family stand deservedly high in the community on account of their inherent worth and ability.

ILLIAM R. WILSON, one of the representative men and successful agriculturists of the township of Ridgeway, has lived in this township a longer time than any other man living here. He was born in Genesee County, N. Y., and is the son of Robert Wilson, a native of New York, who was reared partly in Wayne County, and was united in marriage in Genesee County with Miss Pheebe Robertson, a native also of the Empire State. Mr. Wilson came of German ancestry, his wife of Scotch and Irish. After marriage Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wilson lived in Genesee County for a few years, and during this time their only child, the subject of our sketch, was born.

When Robert Wilson left New York for the purpose of establishing for himself a home in Southern Michigan, he started with a team and wagon and \$300 in money. He went by the canal to Buffalo, thence by Lake to Detroit, where he loaded all his earthly possessions on the wagon, and followed the trail to Lenawee County, stopping at Tecumseh, where he remained one year. He then came to Ridgeway Township, and invested \$200 of his money for 160 acres of land, where he settled and on which our subject now lives. He obtained his land of Uncle Sam, and the purchase papers were signed by President Jackson. On this place, on section 32 of what was then called Macon Township (now Ridgeway), he built his primitive cabin, a pleasant little log house, which became his home for some time. In course of time this gave place to a larger and finer residence, one of the best then in the township, and now the home of the only child. The father lived to see almost all the farm well improved, and owned at the time of his death nearly 200 acres. Mr. Wilson lost his first wife, the mother of William R., in 1855. She was a member of the German Reformed Church, and an esteemed member of society. He married his second wife, Hannah E. Van Nostrand, and died Oct. 8, 1866; the widow is now living in Clinton Township. He was an old-line Whig, casting one of the first four Whig votes cast in the township, and later a solid Republican. He was an active, energetic man, and accomplished a great deal in the development of this township and county.

The subject of our sketch was educated at Te-

cumsel, and has always lived on the homestead which he inherited from his father. On the 5th of May, 1852, he was united in marriage in Raisin Township with Miss Mary A. Kelley, who was born in the township of Sidney, Kennebec Co., Me., March 26, 1831. She is the daughter of Wayne and Anne (Varner) Kelley, natives of Maine, where they were reared and married. The father for some years followed the trade of a blacksmith in connection with the cultivation of a farm in Maine till 1839, when the family came via canal and Lakes to Toledo, Ohio, and thence to Tecumseh by the "horse-car railroad," where they located in Raisin Township, securing a farm which they made their home until their death, the father dying Feb. 19. 1854, the mother Dec. 1, 1886. They belonged to the Society of Friends, and in politics the father was a Whig.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson are the parents of three children: Julia E., who was born Dec. 12, 1862, and died Aug. 30, 1864; Henry C., who took to wife Agnes Willett, of Blissfield, Mich., and lives at Constantine, 81, Joseph Co., Mich., a teacher by profession, a graduate from the schools at Tecumsch and Ypsilanti, Mich., and Superintendent and Principal of the High School at Constantine; and Eugene A., who married Miss Kittie E. Fessenden, and lives in Petoskey, Emmet Co., Mich. Both are teachers, and Mr. W. is a graduate from the schools at Tecumsch and Ypsilanti, and is Principal of the High School where he lives.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson and their children are members of the Methodist Church at Ridgeway, Mr. W. is a Republican, and has been Township Clerk.

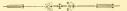
ORACE BREWER. During the year 1837, when the young township of Tecumseh was struggling to assert itself, foremost among the energetic and enterprising spirits who pitched their tents in the wilderness was the subject of this sketch. He was then in the strength and vigor of early manihood, eager to put his shoulder to the wheel, and was soon acknowledged as a leading spirit among the various interests which resulted in the growth and progress of the com-

munity. As years passed by, he was amply blessed in the result of his labors, and until the close of a long and useful life occupied an enviable position among his fellow-citizens.

Mr. Brewer, a native of Hartford, Conn., was born Aug. 13, 1816, and closed his eyes upon earthly scenes at his home in Tecumseh, Dec. 11, 1881. He was reared in his native State, and before reaching his majority became an expert carpenter and joiner, in which he engaged some time after coming to the West. His first work in Lenawee County was on the Presbyterian Church, and he here met with an accident which came very near putting an end to a useful and successful career. While upon the roof with a bundle of shingles, he missed his footing and fell to the ground, receiving injuries which it was supposed at the time could not be otherwise than fatal. His excellent constitution, however, survived the shock, while his extraordinary will-power assisted greatly in his recovery. The following morning he got up from his bed and rode with Judge Stacy to Adrian.

Mr. Brewer continued at his trade some years, and among other important buildings put up the first steam sawmill in the county, located in Ridgeway Township. This was his own enterprise, and he operated it successfully for a number of years, when he subsequently engaged in the same business at Toledo, Ohio. In 1848 he purchased an interest in the Tecumseh Foundry and Machine-Shops, of which in time he became sole proprietor, and operated alone until his son Albert had grown to years of discretion, when he and Mr. H. W. Conkling were taken into partnership, the firm name becoming II. Brewer & Co. From a very small beginning this enterprise grew to a large and lucrative business. Mr. Brewer was a natural mechanic, possessing an ingenious hand and a correct eye, and whatever enterprise he undertook he insisted upon having it carried out in the best manner. He was a man attentive to his business, straightforward in his transactions, honored and beloved by all. The universal testimony summed up was that "Every man with whom he came in contact, whether in the business or social circle, was his friend." A large concourse of people attended his funeral, and among the most sincere mourners were his force of employes, to whom he had ever been a kind and considerate friend and benefactor.

Mr. Brewer was married, Nov. 4, 1841, in Tecumsch Township, to Miss Maria, daughter of Isaac Ketcham. To Mr. and Mrs. Brewer there were born three sons and one daughter, of whom Albert L. is the only survivor. Mrs. Maria Brewer died at the family residence in Tecumsch, June 25, 1884, at the age of sixty-six years. She was a native of New York, and born March 18, 1817. Both she and her husband were devoted members of the Presbyterian Cluurch.



OHN DUBOIS. The old adage, "His word is as good as his bond," is sometimes used in connection with the names of men of well-known honesty, but never in reference to a man who enters into an obligation without seriously contemplating its discharge when the time mentioned arrives. Lenawee County is generally peopled with admirable citizens, whose good qualities are known far and wide, and of those who live in Ridgeway Township the subject of this sketch stands prominent. He is a good citizen and successful farmer, whose home is located on section 34, of the fractional part of the township. He first settled on this farm about the year 1845, and has since made his home here.

Mr. Dubois was born in County Antrim, Ireland, in 1820, and is the son of Alexander Dubois, a native of the same county, and Susan Grier, who was also a native of Ireland. After the birth of six children, of whom our subject was the youngest, the parents came to America, landing at Quebec, and afterward came to the United States, where they began life on forty acres of wild land seven miles south of Ogdensburg, N. Y., where they remained until their death at a ripe old age; the farm is still owned by one of the children. The parents were of the Presbyterian faith of the North of Ireland people. Our subject was only one year old when his parents landed in this country, and he lived at home with them until seventeen years of age, when he began to earn his own living. From New York he came to Michigan, where he learned the

trade of a carpenter, but that business not suiting his taste, he only followed it for a few years, when he changed his occupation for that of a farmer. He purchased the land he now owns, and soon afterward married, in Ridgeway, Miss Mary Osterhout, who was born in Seneca County, N. Y., and came to Michigan with her parents, John and Sallie (Bailey) Osterhout, when she was very young. Mrs. Osterhout was the mother of four children: Elizabeth Mrs. G. W. Smith; Eva, wife of Joseph Cone, now of Cone's Station, Monroe County; Emma, wife of E. Price, who lives on a farm in this township, and Mary, wife of our subject; Elizabeth is now deceased.

Mr. Dubois was again married, in Mooreville. Washtenaw County, to Mrs. Johanna Denison, who came from Westport, N. Y., when a young woman, marrying David Denison in Monroe County. He died, leaving her two children-Jane, now deceased, and Carrie E. This wife died at her home in this township, in 1875, at the age of thirty-seven years. She bore Mr. Dubois two children-Ollie and Fred. Ollie married Oliver Curry, and they now reside on a farm in Milan Township, Monroe County. Mr. Dubois' third wife was Miss Maria McFall, who was born in Monroe County, Mich., on the 23d of November, 1841. She was the daughter of Cornelius and Catherine (Denison) McFall, both of whom are now deceased, and was reared in Monroe County. She is the mother of one child, Floyd by name.

Mr. and Mrs. Dubois both belong to the Methodist Church, and are active participants in all its undertakings. In politics Mr. Dubois is an adherent of the Democratic party, in which he is an active and effective worker. They both occupy a creditable position in the neighborhood in which they reside, and are universally esteemed and respected.

LARK W. DECKER. The building interests of Adrian, as may naturally be supposed, have formed one of its most important features, and the general aspect of the town denotes with what skill and good judgment these have been conducted. Among the builders and contractors who have been kept busy for a long

period of years and whose works have been the best exponent of their ability, the subject of this sketch occupies an enviable position.

Mr. Decker has spent his entire life amid the seenes of his present labors, having been born in Adrian Township on the 17th of May, 1838. His parents were Uriah and Experience (Baker) Decker, natives respectively of Columbia and Ontario Counties, N. Y. (the former was born Oct. 24, 1805. The mother, whose early home was near the town of Manchester, was born about 1808. They were married in the Empire State and came to the Territory of Michigan in the summer of 1833, locating on section 7, in Adrian Township, where the father opened up a good farm, cultivating the soil and creeting a substantial set of frame buildings. Here he spent the remainder of his life and rested from his earthly labors in December, 1885.

The parental family included four sons and four daughters, all living, married and settled in comfortable homes of their own; the mother occupies the old homestead. Our subject was the third son and lifth child and remained on the farm until a youth of sixteen years, when he chose a sailor's life, which he followed on the Lakes two years thereafter, making trips principally from Chicago to Buffalo, employed by parties dealing in grain, When taking up his abode upon terra firma again, in the spring of 1855, he commenced learning the earpenter's trade in Adrian. That fall he repaired to South Haven, where he spent the following winter working at his trade, and in the spring engaged with a party of surveyors bound for Minneapolis, Minn. He was employed thereafter in assisting to make the Government survey, at which business he continued until the severe winter weather compelled them to abandon their labors.

Mr. Decker, in the spring of 1856, returned to Adrian and was idle for some time on account of an attack of measles. Upon his recovery he resumed work at his trade in the town of Rome and other points throughout the county, following carpentering until the spring of 1861. The outbreak of the Rebellion broke in upon his plans as upon the plans of thousands of other men, and he, in common with them, considered it his duty to assist in the preservation of the Union. He accordingly

enlisted, soon after the first call for troops, in Company K, 1st Michigan three-months men, and took part in the first battle of Bull Run. In August following, his time having expired, he returned to Adrian and commenced work at his trade, under the supposition with many others, that the Rebellion was a comparatively slight disturbance which would soon be quelled. In the winter of 1862, however, finding that the conflict seemed no nearer its close, he turned his attention again to his country's need and assisted in raising Company H. 11th Michigan Cavalry, of which he was at once commissioned Second Lieutenant. He marched to the front with his regiment, and in December they found themselves in Kentucky under command of Gens. Stoneman, Burbridge and Schoffeld, and took part in all the skirmishes and more serious engagements with the enemy in that region.

In January, 1864, Mr. Decker was promoted to First Lieutenant, with which rank he was mustered out in October, 1865. Upon his return to Adrian he was married to the maiden who had been watching the results of the war with extreme anxiety, and in common with others had nerved herself to meet the worst, if necessary. This was Miss Emma Halsted, of Rome Township, and the wedding was celebrated Oct. 14, 1865. After marriage the young people took up their abode in a modest home in the town of Rome, where they resided two years during which Lieut. Decker followed his trade. At the expiration of this time he traded his property there for a house and lot in Adrian, to which they removed in June, 1868. This has been their home since that time, and one to which they have given much time and thought in embellishing it and contributing to its value, so that it has become one of the most desirable homes in the city.

Lient. Decker branched out as a builder and contractor soon after his marriage, in which he has since been engaged with the exception of three years, during which time he was foreman of the Adrian Car Manufacturing Company. He is a first-class workman, possessing much natural genius, and has been concerned in the erection of some of the best buildings in the city, including the Rowley & Farrar block, besides various stores and some of the best residences.

Mr. and Mrs. Decker are the parents of two
children only, Zoe L. and Leon E. The father of
our subject served as Justice of the Peace in Adrian
Township continuously for a period of sixteen
years, during which time among other duties he
joined in marriage a large number of the young
people of that locality. Clark W. takes an active
interest in polities and is conservative in his ideas,
reserving the right to support the candidate whom
he considers the best qualified for office. Socially
he belongs to Adrian Lodge No. 8, 1, O. O. F.,
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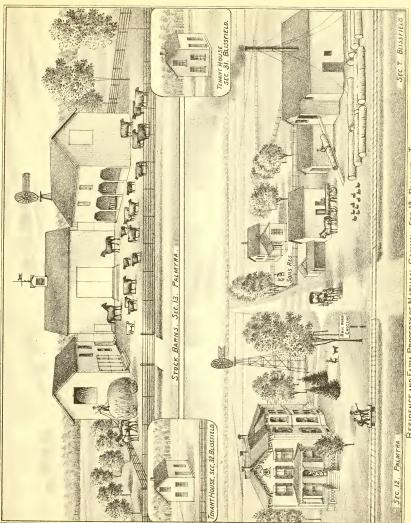
LBERT G. BURTON. The subject of this sketch belongs to that large class of cultured, intelligent and enterprising people who came into Michigan from the Empire State during its pioneer period, and became such important factors in developing the resources with which nature has so generously provided it. This element of Michigan's population has not only contributed vastly to the cultivation of a naturally rich soil and establishing its reputation as one of the first grain-producing sections of the Northwest, but has stood as a champion of enlarged educational facilities and the encouragement of those genial, social qualities without which no community can attain to its highest degree of perfection.

These thoughts naturally spring to the surface in reflecting upon the character of such a man as Mr. Burton, the nature of which the biographer has gathered from the involuntary expressions of those who have known him for a long period of years. His early home was in the township of Vernon, Oneida Co., N. Y., where his birth took place on the 9th of May, 1824. His father, George Burton, a native of Norwich, Vt., was born near the town of Hanover, and when a single man, in the year 1812, made his way to New York State, settling first in Madison County. Thence he removed to Oneida County, where, under the instruction of his brother Minor, who had located in Clinton, N. Y., he learned the blacksmith's trade and married Miss Charlotte Lockwood, who had been born and reared in Madison County. Soon after his marriage George Burton put into operation a mill for grinding

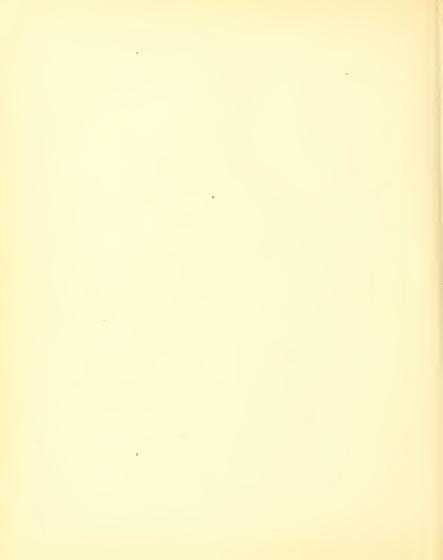


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RESIDENCE AND FARM PROPERTY OF NATHAN GANUN, SEC. 12. PALMYRA TOWNSHIP.



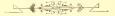
plaster, but after a time it wasswept away by a flood, and he then removed to Clinton and established a shop where he carried on general blacksmithing and carriage-making. He also built at Vernon the first elliptic spring buggy in Oncida County, and which for a long time was used to convey the l'nited States mail between important points.

In 1835 George Burton sold out his interests in the Empire State, and gathering together his personal effects started for the Territory of Michigan, accompanied by his wife and four children. They made the journey via canal to Buffalo and thence by steamer to Detroit, where they hired teams, and completed the journey to the northern part of this county over a cordurey road, arriving in Clinton Township on the 22d of June, where Mr. Burton at once engaged at his trade of blacksmith with a Mr. Foreman. Later, in company with John Nicholas, he established a foundry which they operated together three years. During the financial crisis of 1857, which resulted in the breaking up of the "wildcat" banks, Mr. Burton was financially ruined and obliged to suspend business. Subsequently, with the assistance of his son, our subject, he liquidated his indebtedness and spent his last years amid the comforts of a good home. George Burton was born in 1797, and departed this life in Clinton Village in the spring of 1873. His wife survived him until 1883, dving after summing up her fourscore years. Both were devoted members of the Baptist Church. in which the father officiated as Deacon for a long period.

Our subject was the second child of his parents, whose family consisted of four sons and four daughters. Of these, Albert G, and three sisters are yet living. Mr. Burton learned blacksmithing and carriage-making in the shop of his father, with whom he commenced regular work in 1839, and continued with him until reaching his majority. Upon the failure of his father the son succeeded to the business, and much of the time has given employment to as many as ten men. Of late years, however, he has reduced this number considerably, but still carries on an extensive business.

Mr. Burton was first married in Clinton, in 1852, to Miss Harriet Seymour, who became the mother of one child and died about three years after becoming a bride. This child, George, is married and makes his home in Chicago, being employed as an engineer on the Michigan Central Railroad. The second wife of our subject, to whom he was married in 1857, was formerly Miss Jane E. Rohard, and they became the parents of two children—Hattic and Katie, both now married. Mrs Jane E. Burton died in 1863. She was a remarkably intelligent lady, and fulfilled her duties as wife and mother in a most praiseworthy manner.

The third wife of our subject, to whom he was married in 1864, was Miss Margaret C. Smith, a native of New York State, who came to this county when a young lady and died at her home in Clinton, Feb. 22, 1884. She had become the mother of four children, three of whom live to bless her memory. The eldest, Carlton S., is a teacher of instrumental music and a resident of Chicago, Ill.; Julia died in 1884 when seventeen years of age; Christine and William are at home with their father, Mr. Burton, politically, is a straight Republican.



prising and successful citizens of Palmyra Township, where for several years he has been actively engaged in the manufacture of lum-County, N. Y., where his birth occurred Sept. 15, 1836. His father, Lewis Ganun, was also a native Gamm, was engaged in farming, and is supposed to have passed his entire life there. The father of our subject was reared in his native county, and there married Mary Z. Kniffin, likewise a native of Putnam County. Her father, Sylvanus Kniffin, was a native of the adjoining county of Westchester, and was a farmer. Shortly after his marriage Lewis Ganun bought a farm one-half mile distant from his father's homestead, and four miles from the town of Carmel. He lived there for a few years when he sold his property and crossed the border County he bought a farm, where he and his wife

spent the remainder of their lives. They were the parents of four children, namely: Belinda and Emilinda (twins). Nathan and Newman, Emilinda married Newman Worden, and lives on her father's old homestead in Connecticut; Belinda and Newman are deceased.

Nathan Ganun, of whom we write, grew to manhood in the place of his birth, and in assisting his father in the labors of the farm gained the knowledge of how to work to the best advantage and how to make himself useful in whatever position he might be placed. This schooling has been of inestimable value in shaping his fortunes since thrown on his own resources. At the age of sixteen he commenced to learn the trade of carpenter, and devoted three years to obtaining a thorough mastery of the business in all its details. The first year he received \$25 for his services, the second year \$50, and the third year \$75. By careful economy he managed to save \$25 out of the sum of his three years' wages. He worked at his trade as a journeyman until 1863.

Mr Ganun was married in Westchester County, N. Y., Dec, 23, 1857, to Jane A. Reynolds, daughter of Jared and Jane (Worden) Reynolds. The Reynolds were old residents of Westchester County, as also were the Wordens. They were farmers and highly respected. Mrs. Ganun's mother died when she was nine years of age and her father when she was only fourteen; thus it will be seen she was left an orphan at an early age. She was born Feb. 16, 1837

Mr. Ganun removed to Berea, Ohio, and lived there until 1866, then came to this State and bought five acres of land on section 12, Palmyra Township and section 7 of Blissfield Township. He removed a steam sawnill from Ohio to this county and commenced the manufacture of lumber. He was very successful in this venture, to which he confined himself entirely until 1878. He then branched out in other directions, investing in land to a considerable extent, and adding farming to his previous occupation. In this undertaking he has also been greatly prospered. He now owns 285 acres of land, on which he has erected a substantial set of farm buildings, admirably suited to the requirements of a large farm, and his commodious

dwelling is one of the finest in the township. A fine picture of his residence and its beautiful surroundings will be found on an adjoining page of this work.

Mr. and Mrs. Ganun have had born to them four children, all of whom are living, viz: Francis L., who was born Nov. 13, 1858, married Carrie S. Dean, and they have four children—Mabel L., Lillie M., Oliver D. and Elsie. Addison, the second child, was born March 3, 1861, married Clara Bancroft, and they have three children—William L. Ethel and Eleazer H. Newman J. was born March 7, 1863, and married Ella Jones; Malvina A. was born July 7, 1865. The two elder sons live in Blissfield Township and the youngest in Palmyra Township, and all close to the old homestcad. Mr. Ganun gave his sons the benefits of a good common-school education, while their daughter was graduated by the college at Adrian.

Mr. Ganun's life since he left the home of his parents has been a busy one. The practical lessons that he learned in his Eastern home have been of much use to him since he became a citizen of this part of the country, and to them, together with his business ability and persistent labor, he owes his present prosperity. In the prosecution of his varied business interests Mr. Ganun has promoted the interests of this town. In politics he is a Republican,

It is with much pleasure that we present to their many friends fine lithographic portraits of Mr. Ganun and his wife in connection with this brief sketch.



OSES BOWERMAN, a pioneer settler of Lenawee County, established himself in Raisin Township in the fall of 1832. He was one of the first to brave the dangers and difficulties of life in a new settlement, and bears the distinction of being one of the most useful members of a community to which he came when it was just stringling into existence. Anid the viciositudes of a long and changeful life he has acquitted himself in a most creditable manner, having been enterprising industrious, liberal-minded, and in all respects an honest man and a good citizen. He contributed his full quota toward

the development of the resources of Raisin Township, and enjoys the universal esteem of a large circle of friends and acquaintunces. In his somewhat lengthy journey of life he has been accompanied by one of the most excellent of women, who has proved to him a faithful wife and helpment, been his wise counselor in times of toil and difficulty, and is now the honored sharer of his latter successes and the comfortable home which they have jointly built up from the wilderness.

Our subject was born in Providence Township, Saratoga Co., N. Y., Nov. 27, 1814. His father, also Moses, was a native of Massachusetts, and was twice married, his second wife being Miss Eunice Dexter, who became the mother of our subject. The latter was four years of age when his parents migrated from Saratoga to Wayne County and located in Ontario Township, where the death of the father took place eight years later. The mother with her children then took up her residence in Niagara County, where they remained until 1832, and where om subject developed into manhood. Soon after reaching his nineteenth birthday he was married, and accompanied by his wife and a number of families, mainly his relatives, started for the Territory of Michigan. They all took up their abode upon a portion of the uncultivated land in Raisin Township, and Mr. Bowerman was the pioneer of the timber tract, taking the lead in exploring its wilds and entering eighty acres from the Government. Their first dwelling consisted of a shanty with a shake roof, and here the young couple commenced life together. Wild game was plentiful, and their larder contained some of the choicest meats to be found then or now. It is probable that they were far more contented and happy than many of the households established to-day with more luxurious surroundings; they had more labor and more real, substantial comfort. They can remember at least how glad they were to find a resting-place, as the journey from New York had been accomplished laboriously, first by canal to Buffalo, thence by Lake to Detroit, and from there with ox-teams.

When Mr. Bowerman started out with his young wife to seek his fortune in the West he possessed a capital of \$170. After he had purchased his land and a cow, he had nothing left, and began to work for his neighbors by the day or month as he could secure employment. The people about him respected him for his determination and industry. The pioneers made it a rule to help those who had a disposition to help themselves, and though many of them were in the same condition as our subject, where there was a will there was a way, and if they could not give money they frequently bestowed its equivalent, and with a mutual interest all worked together, usually with the happiest results.

Young Bowerman pursued the even tenor of his way, undismayed by hardships and difficulties, and in due time began to realize the reward of his labors. He felled the trees around his pioneer dwelling, and as time passed by gradually brought the land to a good state of cultivation. Not many years later the wilderness was transformed into smiling fields with growing grain, and the shanty on section 33 was superseded by a substantial brick dwelling on section 26. Adjacent to this there soon appeared a good barn and various other out-buildings, and the homestead is now one of the most desirable in Raisin Township. The property includes 120 acres of land, and Mr. and Mrs. Bowerman in their declining years are enjoying the fruits of their industry, blessed with the confidence and esteem of a host of friends. There is a snug bank account and plenty to supply them with every comfort as long

Mr. Bowerman was reared by his excellent parcuts in the Quaker faith, to which the grandparents on the father's side had rigidly adhered. These latter possessed the simple and honest attributes of that peculiar people, and were widely known and greatly respected in the Empire State. Moses Bowerman, Jr., was one of the organizers of the Friends in Raisin Township, and has been one of the most faithful representatives of the faith in this section, giving liberally of his time and means to establish and maintain it.

The wife of our subject, to whom he was united in marriage in Royalton Township, Nagara Co, N. Y., Feb. 9, 1831, was in her girlhood Miss Zilpha Haviland, a native of that county, and born in Providence Township, Jan. 9, 1812. Her father, Charles Haviland, was also a native of the Empire State, where he carried on farming and also officiated as a minister of the Quaker Church. He married in early manhood, Miss Esther Mosher, also a mative of New York State, and a bright light in the Society of Friends, in which she was also a talented speaker. Mr. Haviland and his wife came to Michigan in the spring of 1833, and located in Raisin Township, where they spent the remainder of their lives. The mother passed away on the 10th of January, 1840, and the father, surviving seventeen years, died Dec. 17, 1856. Their household included twelve children, of whom Zilpha was the tenth.

Mrs. Bowerman was carefully trained in all housewifely duties by her excellent mother and remained under the home roof until her marriage. Of her union with our subject there have been born thirteen children, of whom seven are deceased, namely: Eunice, who died in infancy; Martha, when twenty-two years old; Eunice, (2d), at the age of two years; Daniel when one year old; Cordelia Ann at the age of three years; Rosalinda at forty-five years, and Mary at forty-three years. Esther, the eldest daughter living, is the wife of Solomon Dye, a farmer of Nebraska; Moses is married and engaged in the lumber business in Summit City, this State; Nancy, who married James Kennedy, is living at home with her parents; Louisa is the wife of James Starm, and a resident of Raisin Township; Sarah married Charles Widney, and is a resident of Louisiana, while Ellen J. married Orlando Westgate, and lives in Raisin Township.

The picture of this excellent old couple, passing their last years together in the home built up by so many years of labor and patience, and which is now replete with comfort, is one eminently pleasing to contemplate. They have lived long and worthily, and their names will be held in kindly remembrance years after the places that now know them shall know them no more.

ETER KISHPAUGH. This gentleman represents the grain and farm produce trade in Clinton Township, with whose business and agricultural interests he has been associated for many years. Upon first coming to this section of country he located in Franklin Township.

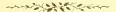
and going over the line subsequently secured a tract of land on section 35, in Manchester Township, Washtenaw County. A large portion of his life has been spent in agricultural pursuits, but his home is now in the village of Clinton, where he took up his residence in September, 1882. He possesses excellent business qualifications and has secured a competence for his old age.

Our subject was born in Sussex County, N. J., June 3, 1833, and is the son of Jonas Kishpaugh, who was born and reared in Warren County, N. J. The family was originally from Germany and has been largely engaged in agricultural pursuits for generations. Jonas Kishpaugh removed to Sussex County when a young man, and was there married to Miss Rachel Onsted, a New Jersey lady, also reared in Sussex County. After the birth of six children, one of whom died in infancy, the parents left their home on the New England coast and sought the wilds of Southeastern Michigan. They landed in Adrian Township, this county, in 1849, but later removed to Tecumseh Township, where the father purchased a tract of land, on which both parents continued the remainder of their days. The father of our subject became an extensive landowner, having at one time a clear title to 500 acres. The mother departed this life about 1869, and Jonas Kishpaugh followed his faithful and affectionate companion four years later, his death oceurring in February, 1873, when he was seventyseven years of age. The parents had for many years been devoted members of the Baptist Church, and the father, politically, was independent.

Peter Kishpaught continued under the home roof until his marriage, which took place in Dundee Township, Monroe Co., Mich., the bride being Miss Ann E. Lambert, who was born in Palmyra, this county, Sept. 18, 1840. Her parents, Ansel C. and Sarah (Dillinghum) Lambert, were natives of New York State, where they were reared and married. They came to Michigan in 1833, while it was still a Territory, and located on a tract of wild land in Palmyra Township. The father subsequently removed to Lambert Village, in Monroe County, and thence to a farm in Dundee Township, where he was engaged in agricultural pursuits for several years. Upon retiring from active labor he took up

his residence in the village of Dundee, where his death took place Oct. 5, 1882, when he was seventythree years old. He had been a member of the Republican party since its organization and was a man of standing in his community, holding most of the township offices. The mother is yet living, making her home with her children, and is seventyfour years of age.

Mrs. Kishpaugh received her education in the district schools of her native township, and at home became familiar with all housewifely duties. Of her marriage with our subject there have been born seven children, of whom one daughter died when nine years of age, John L. married Miss Carrie Brown, and is operating his father's farm in Manchester Township, Washtenaw County: George W., a graduate of the Medical Department of Michigan State University, is a practicing physician; Sarah is the wife of W. H. Dorr, a well-to-do farmer of Franklin Township, this county; Mary E, is a teacher by profession and makes her home with her parents; Ansel J. is the assistant of his father in the extensive business affairs of the latter; Albert F, continues under the home roof. Mr, Kishpaugh, politically, is a decided Democrat, and both he and his most estimable lady are regular attendants of the Episcopal Church at Clinton.

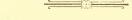


on the Ridge road, on section 28. Macon Township, which he purchased in the fall of 1861. The land, under a good process of entitivation, yields in abundance the choicest crops of this section of country, and the present proprietor has effected the improvements, which are viewed by the passing traveler with unmixed admiration.

Mr. Beckley was born in New York City, Oct. 25, 1825, and is the son of Christopher and Elizabeth (Bigle) Beckley, who were of German parentage and born and reared in the Fatherland. They were married not far from the place of their birth, in Baden, where they remained until after the birth of three children, and then emigrated to the United States, where the elder Beckley pursued his occupation as a gardener some years. Our subject conpation as a gardener some years.

timed with his parents in the Empire State until twenty-six years of age, when he came to this county, and was subsequently joined by them, and they made their home with him until their decease. The mother passed away in 1865, at the age of seventy-five years, while the father survived his wife three years, and died at almost eighty-nine years of age. They are remembered as people of sterling worth and integrity, and were members in good standing of the Methodist Episcopal Church. They possessed in a marked degree the reliable and substantial traits of their excellent German ancestors, which they transmitted to their children, whom they trained to habits of industry and principles of honer.

Mr. Beckley, before leaving the metropolis, was married, July 15, 1851, to Miss Margaret Schrever, who was also of German birth and parentage, her childhood home being in the little Kingdom of Bavaria, where she was born March 24, 1833. She eame to the United States with her parents, Frederick J. and Kunigunda (Martin) Schrever, when a child eight years of age. They located in New York City, where the father engaged in general merchandising and also carried on the manufacture of matches for a good many years. In 1862 they joined their children in this county, locating on a farm in Macon Township, where the father died Oct. 9, 1871. The mother subsequently made her home with her daughter, Mrs. Beckley, where her death took place in April, 1879, after she had passed her eightieth birthday. Mr. Beckley, like his father before him, is a stanch Democrat, politically, and although taking an interest in the general welfare of his township, is no office-seeker, preferring to give his time and attention to his private interests.



COVEL C. STACY is a Lenawee County
man, and proprietor of the Tecumseh Herald, with which he has been connected since
November, 1874. He was born in Tecumsch Village, Aug. 2, 1844, and has continued a resident of his native town his entire lrfc. His boyhood was spent in school and on his father's farm,
and at the age of nineteen years he had completed

a full course of study in the Tecumsch High School. In September, 1866, he entered the State University at Ann Arbor, took the regular classical course, and was graduated in June, 1864, prepared for the more serious business of life.

Upon his return from college, young Stacy began the study of law in the office of his father, acting at the same time as clerk, until October, 1867. He then returned to his Alma Mater, and took a six months' course in the law department of the university. During his first attendance there, he ranked well in his class, excelling in the languages and rhetorical studies. In his senior year he was considered one of the best debators in the college. He was a member of the "Delta Kappa Epsilon Secret Society," and in his senior year he joined "The Owls," Upon entering the law department he at once took an advanced position, became a prominent member of the Webster Society, and ranked as one of the most fluent speakers in that department. Mr. Stacy was admitted to practice in the courts of Lenawee County, May 29, 1868. and to the United States Circuit Court of Detroit. on the 25th of March, 1870. While yet a student in his father's office, he had begun trying eases in Justice's Courts, and acted as attorney in over thirty such trials, before his admission to the bar.

Mr. Stacy commenced his regular practice in partnership with his honored father, the firm being C. A. & S. C. Stacy, and continued until November, 1874. He had been considerably interested in newspaper work for some time, and now purchased the Tecumsch Herald, for a consideration of \$1,200, At this date, November, 1887, the office represents an investment of \$9,000, and from a circulation of 700, the present proprietor has brought the subscription list up to 1.500. In August, 1885, Mr. Stacy purchased the plant of the Addison Courier, and in October, 1887, added the outfit of the Britton Eagle. He still continues the proprietorship and publication of both, employing Mr. A. J. Kempton as local manager of the Courier, while Mr. M. S. Hendershott holds the same position in connection with the Eagle.

Mr. Stacy has been quite prominent in local politics, and uniformly works with the Democratic party, of which his paternal ancestors have been adherents since Jefferson's time. At the town meeting in April, 1866, he was elected Justice of the Peace for the township of Tecumseh, his term beginning on the following 1th of July and continuing four years. During the ensuing ten years, he ran twice for member of the Lower Honse in the Legislature, and twice for Prosecuting Attorney of Lenawee County, on the Democratic ticket, and was handsomely beaten in all four contests. It is hardly necessary to state that he was on the minority side, but upon each occasion he polled more votes than the straight party ticket.

In September, 1869, Mr. Stacy was chosen a School Trustee in the Union District, comprising the village of Tecumseh, and was elected Director, in which position he served until resigning to enter upon his law practice at Adrian. He returned to Tecumsel in the spring of 1871, and in September. 1872, was again chosen School Trustee, and filled the position of Director of the Board for twelve successive years, retiring in 1884, when he declined a re-election. The present reputation of the Tecumsel Union School is largely due to the labors and zeal of Mr. Stacy during these years. In April, 1871, Mr. Stacy was elected Supervisor of Tecumsch Township, on the Democratic ticket, although the township gave a normal Republican majority of nearly 100, and discharged his duties so satisfactorily that he was re-elected in the spring of 1872. In April, 1873, he was defeated for the same office by Alfred D. Hall, Republican, by a majority of two, and was afterward twice defeated by the same gentleman. He goes, however, upon the principle that all is fair in a war of this kind, and takes his defeat in the best manner possible. After the Democratic administration came into power, and the term of Frederick Rosecrans, the Republican Postmaster at Tecumseh, was about to expire, S. C. Stacy was one of the prominent candidates for that office. but his father, Judge Stacy, carried off the prize.

Mr. Stacy has been for many years connected with the Universalist Church of Tecumsch. He was Superintendent of the Sunday-school for twenty years, and served as a member of the parish Trustees for about the same length of time, most of the time acting as Clerk of the board. Mr. Stacy suffers somewhat from the infirmity of partial deafness, and it was on account of this that he retired from his law practice and entered upon the profession of journalism. With the exception of T. S. Applegate, of the Adrian *Times*, he is now the oldest editor in continuous service in Lenawee County. He wields a ready pen, is an enthusiastic lover of his profession, and is recognized by his brethren of the craft as one of the leading journalists of Southern Michigan.

ROF. L. S. BROWN, Principal and proprietor of Brown's Business University, one of the well-known institutions of Adrian, has contributed largely to the educational facilities of the city in having established one of the best colleges of its kind in the State. It comprises a thorough and complete course of practical education, which cannot fail to be of use to men in all departments of trade, and is fully of as much advantage to the artisan, mechanic and farmer, who often labor at a disadvantage because of their limited knowledge of the rules which govern general business transactions, as to those confined principally to commercial transactions.

Mr. Brown has the advantage of being well known in this section of the country, where he has passed the greater part of his life. He is the son of a well-to-do farmer of Raisin Township, and was born at the homestead, north of the city, on the 26th of October, 1860. His parents, Samuel and Rhoda (Knapp) Brown, were natives of Rochester, N. Y., and came to Michigan with their parents early in life. The Knapp family settled in Adrian Township, and the young people after their marriage began life together on a farm in Raisin Township. They are now numbered among the most highly respected residents of this township, where they occupy a comfortable homestead and are spending their later years in peace and comfort.

Prof. Brown pursued his first studies in the common schools, and completed his literary course in Raisin Valley Seminary. For a more practical education he entered the Detroit Business University, where he took a full course, and soon afterward put his acquirements to the test by engaging as book-

keeper for the firm of O. B. Cook & Co., of Detroit. His next change of residence was a return to Adrian, where he assumed duties more congenial to his tastes, becoming Principal of the Commercial Department of the High School, which position he held three years. For some time he had had in view the establishment of an institution which should vary in some particulars from anything of the kind heretofore projected, and he commenced operations on the third floor of the Wheeler Block. at the corner of Maumee and Winter streets. From that modest beginning has grown the university which is now attracting favorable attention from both educators and students. The course includes double and single entry book-keeping, actual business practice and correspondence, banking, commercial law, penmanship, political economy, business arithmetic and spelling. The pupil who masters these in this institution will be indeed finely equipped for the ordinary business of life in commercial circles.

The university started in December, 1884, with a class of five students, and in December, 1887, there was a regular attendance of over 100. Further comment is scarcely necessary, and another year will probably report a still more generous appreciation of one of the most landable undertakings in the city.

EMUEL McCORMICK, a prosperous farmer of Riga Township, may well be considered a pioneer of this county, as the farm which he now owns was covered with the primeval forest when it came into his possession, and he had to undergo all the toils and privations of the early pioneers in clearing it and rendering it fit for cultivation. This part of the county was settled more slowly than some other portions, owing, doubtless, to the swampy character of some of the land, though when it was cleared and drained it was found to be rich and productive.

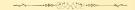
Mr. McCormick was born in Butler County, Pa., March 21, 1832, and is the son of William and Margaret McCormick. (For their parental history see the sketch of M. McCormick). His early training was such as to make him manly,

self-reliant and industrious, much beyond his years. After an attendance of a few years at a public school he was sent out to work to assist in the support of the family, and rendered this service to his parents until he attained his majority, when the younger members of the family were old enough to work, and the parents' burdens were lightened. He then started out into the world beyond his native State to make a home for himself, and came directly to Riga Township. Here he procured work at farming, receiving \$10 per month for his services. He carefully saved his earnings until he had enough to buy a yoke of oxen, and then he rented land, doing the most of his farm work and the greater part of his marketing for several years with cattle. In the year 1854 Mr. McCormick's parents and their family came to Riga and settled in the southern part of the township. The father contracted for a tract of land, but died before his plans were matured for the removal of his family,

When our subject first settled on the place be now owns it was heavily timbered, and for some years after he continued to rent land until he had enough of his own cleared for profitable cultivation. He now owns 100 acres of land, sixty-five of which are cleared and under good tillage, while he has erected good frame buildings, well adapted to farming purposes.

Mr. McCormick was united in marriage, July 1, 1877, with Miss Sarah Hamilton, a native of Butter County, Pa., and daughter of John and Mary Hamilton. Her father was born in Ireland and came to America when a young man, locating in Pennsylvania, where he met and married Mary Gibson, also a native of Ireland. After their marriage they made their home in Butler County, Pa., and there the father died Jan. 29, 1852. Some years later the mother removed to Riga Township, where she spent her last years, dying Nov. 16, 1881. Mr. and Mrs. McCormick's marriage has been blessed by the birth of one son, George E., Nov. 10, 1878.

The hard years of toil have early brought their reward to Mr. McCormick, who is scarcely past the prime of life. Thirty-three years have passed since he left his Pennsylvania home, with little if any capital, except youthful energy and a determination to make his own way in the world, to make a place and a home for himself. He is now a citizen of a community to whose prosperity he has contributed much, and is the owner of a good farm and a pleasant home, where, with the attendant blessings of a good wife and child, he may pass the years in comfort and enjoyment before old age comes. Mr. McCormick is an active and hearty supporter of the Republican party.



OLOMON BROWN is at present representing several insurance companies, among which are the Hartford, Phenix, Connecticut, of Hartford, Conn., and the U.S. Mutual Accident Association, besides some others, Mr. Brown is an attorney and has been Justice of the Peace for some time; he has also a collecting agency. He came to Clinton more than fifty years ago, and has transacted business here for twenty years, and been Justice of the Peace for four years.

The subject of this notice was born in Monroe County, N. Y., on the 22d of July, 1824, and is the son of K. N. Brown, who was also a native of Monroe County, where he operated a distillery and conducted a hotel. He was there united in marriage with Miss Margaret Smith of that county, and remained until after the birth of seven children. They then came to Michigan and settled in Bridgewater Township, Washtenaw County, where Mr. Brown resided until his death, which occurred in 1874, at the age of seventy-four; his wife died in 1883, at the age of eighty years.

Our subject was the eldest son and second child of the parental family. He came to this State with his parents, and lived at home until his marriage, in Fayette County, Ind., with Miss Sarah McIlwain, a native of that State. Early in life her parents came from South Carolina, and settled on a farm in Fayette County, where they resided most of their lives. Mrs. Brown was reared under the parental roof and died at her home in Clinton in 1879, leaving five children—Culista, Francis E., Lou A. Ida and Carrie. Calista was formerly a teacher and lives at home; Francis E. is engaged in the hardware trade in Clinton; Lou A. is a teacher

and resides at home, as does also her sister Ida; Carrie is the wife of John L. Kishbaugh, and has one child, Ralph; Mr. Kishbaugh is a farmer.

Our subject was a second time married, in Clinton, to Miss dane A. Liddell, a native of New York State. Mr. Brown was engaged in the hardware business here six years, and operated the Bridge-water mill near Clinton for six years. Mr. and Mrs. B are members of the Congregational Church, In politics he is a Democrat, and has been President of the Village Council for some time.

AMUEL UNDERWOOD. Among the well-known families of Lenawee County that of the Underwoods occupies a prominent and honorable place. John Underwood, the father of our subject, was one of the early settlers, became a well-known and highly respected citizen, and was a most excellent man. He was one of the hardy and industrious pioneers of this section of the West, and during his life chopped and logged more than 200 acres of heavily timbered land thus helping to prepare a rich and pleasant heritage for the younger generation who should come after him. He died at his home in Ridgeway Township of paralysis, Nov. 13, 1886, at a ripe old age.

Our subject was the seventh child of his parents, and first saw the light of day on his father's farm in Ridgeway Township, Sept. 2, 1845. He was reared at home and remained under the parental roof until a year before his marriage, when he went to Ontario, Canada, where he purchased a piece of wild land. He was not satisfied with the ontlook there, however, and sold out and returned to the county of his birth on foot. Soon afterward, May 30, 1868, in Clinton, Mich., he was united in marriage with Miss Mary Millson, who was also a native of Michigan, where she was born at Bridgewater, Washtenaw County, and was the daughter of John and Ann (Guiett) Millson, both now deceased. They were natives of England, the father being of Yorkshire and the mother of Leicestershire. They came to this country and were married in Detroit, and settled in the then unbroken forest, in Bridgewater Township, Washtenaw County, being among the entliest settlers of that section. Here, by indefatigable industry, they eliminated from the wilderness a good farm, which continued to be their home until their death. The mother died at the age of fifty two and the father at the age of seventy-seven years. They were honest, hard-working people, and exemplary in all their habits.

The wife of our subject was the eldest of six children born to her mother by her marriage with John Millson, who was her second husband. She had formerly been married to a Mr. Pierce, by whom she had two children, both of whom died young. Mrs. Underwood, of this sketch, was rearred at the parental home in Bridgewater Township, where she received a common-school education By her marriage with our subject she became the mother of two children—Webster 8, and Warren II.

About the time of his marrage our subject purchased the farm which he now owns, and upon which he has continued to live ever since. He now has a fine body of 140 acres of well-improved land, which is drained by more than seven miles of underground tile drainage, making it well suited to the production of all kinds of cereals and other farm produced as high as 100 bushes of cats to the acre, and other crops in proportion. There is a good set of farm buildings and all other appliances necessary to the modern agriculturist. Mr. Underwood is a stauch Democrat in politics, and has been Township Treasurer two years. Socially he is a member of Blue Lodge No. 69, in Tecumseh, of which he is Junior Warden, and belongs to the Chapter in Council No. 25, in Clinton, and to Adrian Commandery No. 4, and is the first Knight Templar ever made in Ridgeway.

DWARD P. ALLIS. The people of to-day who are enjoying all the comforts of civilized life in the West, seldom pause to consider how the present state of affairs has been brought about. If they give a glance backward to the pioneer days, the past seems more like a dream

than a reality, whose scenes and incidents can by no means be appreciated by the present generation, and which, even to those who participated in the events of that time, seem more like a fable of another sphere than anything connected even remotely with the present. A large majority of the men who came to this section in the forties, arrived here forewarned and forearmed, not with gold or implements of agriculture, but with strong hands and brave hearts. Necessity made them fertile in expedient and prepared them for every emergency. They did not expect lives of ease, or conches of down, but bravely camped out under a tent or in their wagons, if necessary, until they could prepare a more suitable habitation.

The subject of this biography was in nowise behind those of his compeers who were willing to make sacrifiees and endure hardships for the sake of their posterity. He emigrated from a comfortable and well-appointed home in New England, where he spent his early life and where his birth took place in Franklin County, Mass., Feb. 9, 1819. He was reared on the farm of his father, and in 1844 set out for the great West. Although intending to eventually become a tiller of the soil he could not at once enter upon a career which he had marked out for himself, but wisely chose that which appeared most expedient, and first engaged in running a sawmill. He was thus occupied for two or three years. until he had enough dollars in his pocket to secure for himself a tract of land. He located first in Rome Township, where he lived for a period of twenty years, and whence he removed, in 1864, to Madison Township, locating on section 8, where he built up a good homestead and has since remained. His property embraces seventy-two and one-half acres of land, which by his perseverance and industry is now valuable, and he has a snug dwelling, tasteful within and without, a good barn, and other improvements necessary to the comfort of the modern farmer.

Our subject was married in Hudson Township, April 2, 1851, to Miss Hannah Jennings, who has now been the partner of his joys and sorrows for a period of thirty-seven years. Their union has been blessed by the birth of three children, the eldest of whom, Elliott W., still remains with his parents under the home roof: Lucius F. married Miss Samantha Gander, and is farming in Madison Township; he was born in Rome Township, July 11, 1857, and his wife April 26, 1859; they have two children—Edward D. and Arthur L. Miss Mary Allis, the only daughter of our subject, remains at home with her parents. Mrs. Allis was born in New York State, Aug. 6, 1821, and is the daughter of Zera and Polly (Whaley) Jennings, natives respectively of Massachusetts and New York, They spent the latter part of their lives in the Empire State, where their remains are buried.

The parents of our subject, Solomon and Anna B. (Dickinson) Allis, were natives of Franklin County, Mass., where they spent their entire lives, the mother dying about 1863, and the father about 1823. Mr. and Mrs. A. are regular attendants of the Presbyterian Church, to which they give their support and influence, and our subject, in politics, affiliates with the Republican party. He has held some of the minor offices of the township, and is distinguished as a law-abiding and order-loving eitizen, who is always willing to make sacrifices for the good of those around him. He has innerited in a large degree the substantial traits of his New England ancestry, who were of Scotch and English descent, and early settlers of Massachusetts. His paternal grandfather, Lucius Allis, located in Franklin County in 1764, where he became a wealthy and prominent man, serving as Selectman of the town of Conway, while he was also Captain of the militia, and later, represented his county in the Legislature of the Bay State,

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EORGE EXELBY. Under the modern method of conducting business the volume of travel in all sections of the country is much inereased. The time was when the merchant went once or twice a year to the market, but now the market, through its thousands of representatives, visits the merchants half a dozen times a year, and thus there is a constant stream of travel up and down the land. Like begets like, it is said, and

this going and coming of business men has had its effect upon the general public, and they travel more than they did before the means of transportation was so ample. This migratory habit of the people has called into existence in every cityvillage, town and hamlet in the country, houses of public entertainment, and the lusiness of a hotelkeeper has grown to be one of the most important in the country, for his relations with the public are very intimate.

Mr. Exelby, who was formerly one of the wellknown general farmers of Ridgeway Township, where his home was on section 9, is now the proprietor of the Exelby House in the town of Britton. Besides 120 aeres of land on section 9 he owns 160 acres on section 14, and 80 on section 15, and 180 acres of the various tracts are under a good state of cultivation, Mr. Exelby was born on the 8th of March, 1836, at the old homestead on section 9, and is the son of George Exelby, who came from England in 1831. and immediately located on a new and unbroken farm on section 3, in Ridgeway Township. Afterward he removed to section 9, and purchased what is now known as the old homestead, where he resided until his death, April 18, 1861, which was occasioned by being thrown from a wagon by a runaway. The mother of our subject was Mary Thackray, who was born and reared to womanhood in Yorkshire, England. She died at the home of our subject in 1880. The parents were both active members of the Methodist Church, and during his life the father held nearly all the local offices of the township in which be lived.

The early life of the subject of this sketch was spent at home with his parents, where he engaged at work upon the farm during summer and attended the district schools during the winter months. In the fall of 1862 Mr. Exelby was married in Ridgeway Township to Miss Ann, daughter of Fenner Pahmer, an old and respected citizen of Lenawee County. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Exelby settled on a part of the old homestead, where they made their home until October, 1887, when they came to Britton and took possession of the hotel which now bears their name. On account of his genial and sociable nature there is no doubt that Mr. Exelby will prove to be an excellent landlord.

while his wife is equally good as a landlady, because of the methodical manner in which she manages the affairs of the household.

Mr. and Mrs. Exclby are the parents of three children, recorded as follows: Walter married Jane Gibson, and they reside in the hotel with their parents, and have one child, named Allen; Edgar married Phenic Underwood, and they live on the old Exelby homestead, while Ella lives at home with her parents. Mrs. Exelby was born on the old Palmer homestead on the 4th of August, 1841. She was educated at Ridgeway and resided at home with her parents until she became the wife of the subject of this sketch. In politics Mr. Exclby is a stanch Democrat, and labors for the success of his party upon all proper occasions. He has filled the office of Township Treasurer, the duties of which he discharged to the satisfaction of the people. In his new calling Mr. Exelby will receive the enthe time is not very far distant when his house will become very popular with the traveling public,

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ICHARD CADMUS. Among the intelligent men of Macon Township, who have been largely identified with its business and agricultural interests, none occupy a more honorable position than the subject of this biography. He is a gentleman by birth and breeding, high minded and honorable, and one who in the many years he has spent among the people of Lenawee County, has never deviated from the path of rectinde or been led to perpetrate a mean action. To the best of his ability he has dealt justly with his fellowmen, and enjoys the esteem and confidence of all who know him

Mr. Cadmus came to Lenawec County more than fifty years ago, arriving here in the fall of 1833, when a lad ten years of age, with his father, Abraham Cadmus, who had made the removal from Lodi Township, Seneca Co., N. Y. There our subject was born Aug. 27, 1823, and his first recollections are of farm life and his early pursuit of knowledge in the district school. Abraham Cadmus was a native of New Jersey, and was the son of Richard Cadmus, Sr., who was also born and married in that State. The first representatives of the family in this country emigrated from Holland during the Colonial days, and most of them were tillers of the soil

Richard Cadmus and his wife became the parents of four children, three sons and one daughter, of whom Abraham, the father of our subject, was the second child. They left New Jersey and located in Seneca County, N. Y., the children all being reared in Lodi Township. Abraham Cadmus was there married to Miss Johanna VanVleet, who was of the same ancestry as her husband, but a native of New York State, it is believed. They took up their abode at the old homestead and in due time became the parents of four children: Mary A., who married J. M. Miller, and died in Clinton County, Mich., in 1886, leaving two children; Peter, who died when a young man in Macon Township; Richard, of our sketch, and John, who is married and one of the well-to-do farmers of Raisin Township.

In 1833, Abraham Cadmus, accompanied by his family, started for the Territory of Michigan, in the hopes that in due time he would improve his condition financially. They made the journey via canal and lake to Detroit and thence by ox-team to Macon Township, this county. They traveled laboriously over a rough road, in many places searcely marked out of the heavy timber. The people of the present day who journey in their palace cars have but a faint idea of the discomforts to which the early emigrants were subjected, and the heroic courage required in their undertakings. We read, however, of few who turned back discouraged at the prospect, for they were men and women of undaunted resolution and admitted no such word as "fail."

The Cadmus family located on section 32, upon a tract of land which had scarcely been visited by white men, and upon which there was not even a path from the main thoroughfare, which for want of a more suitable name the settlers dignified as a "road." The father secured eighty acres from the Government, and moved his family into the log house which had been erected for their accommodation. They made themselves as comfortable as possible and formed their plans for the future, which

were destined, however, to grievous disappointment by the death of the father a few months later, which occurred under the most distressing circumstances. He had occasion to visit Tecunseh, and during his absence the weather turned extremely cold. Upon his return he became so chilled and benumbed that he was unable to reach home, and froze to death within a half mile of those who, had they known his condition, could quickly have rescued him.

The widowed mother, after this calamity, kept her children together and provided for them as well as possible under the circumstances, and they in turn assisted her in supplying their common wants. She was subsequently married to Simeon Davidson, whom she survived a few years, and spent her last days with her daughter in Clinton County, her death occurring after she was seventy years of age. A few years after the arrival of Abraham Cadmus, with his wife, also journeyed to Michigan, where they spent the last years of their lives in Macon Township, dying at a ripe old age.

Our subject remained with his mother until reaching his majority, and then received as his portion of the estate forty acres of the old homestead, upon which he put up a house and began to make other improvements necessary to a complete home. He subsequently added to his landed area, and has now 156 acres under good cultivation and with suitable buildings. He was married in Ridgeway Township, Aug. 12, 1845, to Miss Elizabeth, daughter of Asa and Lydia Russell, who came to this county in 1834. The father spent his last years in Raisin Township; the mother is still living, being now eighty-six years of age, and makes her home with her son Asa, of Macon Township.

Mrs. Elizabeth Cadmus was born in Plainfield, N. H., Aug. 15, 1824, and came with her father to Michigan when a child ten years of age. She was the eldest of the family and the offspring of Christian parents who rearred their sons and daughters to those principles which rendered them desirable and valued members of society. Mrs. C. continued under the home roof until her marriage with our subject, and by this union became the mother of three children, two now living. The mother died on the 26th of March, 1875, at her home in Macon Township. The eldest son, Wallace P., is operating the homestead; he married Miss Mary Haight, a native of Canisteo, Steuben Co., N. Y., who came with her parents to Michigan, where they located in Ridgeway Township. The mother, whose maiden name was Polly Green, died in Cass County; the father, Stephen P. Haight, a shoemaker by trade, is still living and a resident of Ridgeway Township, Wallace P. and, his wife Mary are the parents of one child, a son, Herbert R., and are living in Macon Township. The deceased daughter, Hannah A. Cadmus, became the wife of G. P. Waring, a sketch of whom will be found elsewhere in this volume; Mr. Waring subsequently married Helen A. Cadmus.

Our subject and wife were active members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which Mr. Cadmus is Class-Leader and Trustee. Politically, he and his son vote the straight Democratic ticket. The homestead is one of the most valuable and well appointed in the township, and indicates on all sides the hand of taste and the exercise of good judgment in its operations. Mr. Cadmus is one of the representative men of his township, and his opinions are held in universal respect.



OHN CAIN is one of the leading farmers of Fairfield Township, who has won prosperity solely by the exercise of an indomitable energy and perseverance. He was born April 2, 1819, in Genesee County, N. Y., and is the son of Patrick and Mary Cain. Our subject was a lad of more than usual pluck and energy, and at the early age of eighteen spiritedly determined to go out into the world to see life for himself, and seek his fortune in the great West. Accordingly he turned toward the Territory of Michigan, though he had only money enough to pay his fare half of the way. He was obliged to perform the rest of his journey on foot, working his way along, and a whole year was thus consumed in this eventful journey. At length, weary and footsore, with his pack on his back, he entered the town of Adrian, which must have been a small struggling village with but few inhabitants, presenting a very different appearance from the thriving city of to-day of over 8,000 inhabitants, with its large business blocks, numerous manufacturing interests, institutions of learning, and the multitudinous things that go to make up a prosperous and busy city. The night of his arrival in that town he spent in French's tavern, and after paying his bill in the morning he had but fifteen cents left. With this small sum in his pocket, he sturdily trudged on to Rollin, a distance of eighteen miles, and was obliged to go without his dinner as he had not money enough to pay for it. That night he staid at the house of Orson Green. He soon procured work in Rollin, and at the end of the year he had enough money saved to enable him to take up a tract of eighty acres of good land. But he continued to work out three years longer, and then settled on his own land in the midst of a dense forest, which then covered so large a portion of the county.

Then commenced for Mr. Cain those years of unremitting toil which only the early settlers of a country can know, who have forests to fell, stumps to uproot, and sometimes swamps to drain, before the soil is even fit for the plow, and he must be possessed of splendid courage, great power of endurance, and must not be lacking in patience, who would accomplish this herculean task. Our subject lacked none of these essentials of success. He afterward traded the land he had taken up for another eighty acres on section 16 of the same township. After living in Rollinten years, he exchanged his land there, twenty acres of which he had cleared, for eighty acres on section 19 of Fairfield Township, which forms a part of his present farm. This he cleared with his own hands, and prepared it for enline. He has since added fifty acres, and now owns a fine farm of 430 acres, 100 of which is highly improved, and on which he has erected a fine lot of buildings, which are convenient and commodious. He may well think with pride of the success he has achieved since starting out a mere boy to make his own way in the world, his only capital consisting of a stout heart, strong hands and a steady brain. His success in life shows what courage, perseverance, and honest purpose will accomplish, and his is an example worthy to be followed by the youth of the present generation.

Mr. Cain has been married three times, his first marriage taking place in Rollin Township, with Sophia Marlott, in November, 1842. She was born in 1823, in Seneca County, N. Y., and was the daughter of John Marlott. She bore Mr. Cain two children, one of whom died in infancy; Charles, the surviving child, was born in Fairfield Township, and still resides here, where he has married Margaret Stuck, and has one son, John. Mrs. Cain died in Fairfield Township, about 1857, aged thirty-four years. Mr. Cain's second marriage occurred in 1858, in Fairfield Township, with Miss Ann Scoville, who bore him one child, who died in infancy; the mother died in 1859. Mr. Cain was again married in Fairfield Township, to Miss Patience Sprague, June 17, 1860. She was born in Schuyler County, N. Y., July 4, 1844, and is the daughter of Amasa and Mary Sprague. She came to Jackson County, Mich., in 1847, and in 1860 came to Lenawee County, where she was married to our subject.

Mr. Cain takes an active interest in all that pertains to the advancement of the town, and in his administration of several minor offices to which he has been elected by his fellow-townsmen, he has done all in his power to further the cause of good government, and to insure the prosperity of the town.

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BENEZER FISK. The name of this gentletleman is widely and favorably known throughout this county, as he was one of its early settlers, and has been largely instrumental in assisting to bring it to its present importance. He was endowed by nature with those qualities of mind and heart which naturally inclined him to liberality and benevolence, and has never been backward in contributing of his time and means to the projects set on foot for the development of the resources of this section of country. He was brought up a Congregationalist, and rendered material assistance in erecting the church of this denomination in West Adrian, and since that time has been active in keeping the society together, and raising the necessary means to sustain it. In politics he is a stanch Republican, and in business has been uniformly successful.

Mr. Fisk is a New Englander by birth, having first opened his eyes to the light in Franklin County, Mass., Aug. 28, 1815. His father and his grandfather were both named Ebenezer, and both were natives of the same county as our subject. The latter has had in his possession since a lad of thirteen years, a cane which was then 300 years old, and which, as may be supposed, is held as a priceless relic of the past. Ebenezer, the third, like his father and grandsire, was bred to farm pursuits. Both his father and grandfather learned the cooper's trade, and his grandfather spent his last years in Franklin County, where his death took place at the age of ninety-one years. He had survived his excellent wife a quarter of a century. The latter, before her marriage, was a Miss Barnard, also a native of Franklin County, Mass. The great missionary laborer, Miss Fidelia Fisk, was a cousin of our subject, and pursued her pious labors until her death, July 26, 1864, when she was forty-eight years of age.

The father of our subject married, at the age of twenty-five, Miss Hannah Terrell, who was born in Abington, Mass., and was of New England parent-They settled upon a farm near the old Fisk homestead in Franklin County, where they remained until 1822. Mr. Fisk then purchased 200 acres of land in the same county, and there spent the remainder of his days, dying in 1847, at the age of sixty-two years, and leaving a large property for those days, The mother continued at the homestead, remaining a widow until her death, and living to be eightytwo years of age. The parental household included nine children, seven sons and two daughters. Of these four are living besides our subject, and recorded as follows: Daniel, the eldest, is a minister of the Congregational Church at Newburyport, Mass.: Isaac lives on the homestead; Frank, Mrs. Mather, lives in Painesville, Ohio; Charlotte, Mrs. Slate, in Massachusetts.

Our subject continued at home until twenty-three years of age, receiving a limited education, and working on the farm and in a sawmill until the fall of 1838. Then, determining to come to the West and grow up with the country, he made the journey mostly overland, after leaving the Lakes, and after reaching Michigan, only remained twenty-four hours, going back the next day to Toledo. In the fall of 1839, he returned and located on property which his brother had secured two years previously, but after a year's residence here returned to Massaclusetts and remained until 1841. He had not, however, given up his western speculation, and returning, again purchased the property which he had before occupied, upon which was only a log house. Upon his marriage, Nov. 18, 1841, he and his bride took possession of their humble residence, and proceeded to establish a home. In 1842 Mr. Fisk erected a modest frame building, which sufficed until 1870, when the present modern and comfortable dwelling was erected.

The wife of our subject was formerly Miss Elizabeth Smead, daughter of Rufus and Anna Smead, who came to this county in 1834 while Michigan was a Territory, making the long journey from their birthplace, Shelburne, Mass. Mr. Smead came of a family of farmers, and in common with his brother pioneers vigorously engaged in the cultivation of the soil. He and his estimable wife, as the result of temperate habits and good morals, lived to an advanced age, Mr. Smead dying at the age of eightyseven, and his wife when ninety-four years old, They were the parents of a large family of children, of whom Elizabeth, the wife of our subject, was born in January, 1817. She was married at the age of twenty-five and became the mother of five children: The eldest son, Rufus IL, was born Aug. 17, 1844, married Miss Eliza Cordelia Harder, of New York, and has three children; he is carrying on farming in Adrian Township. Ebenezer was born in 1846, and died in 1849; Edward P. was born Nov. 15, 1848, married Miss Frances P., daughter of Abraham Poucher, of Sencea, and they have one daughter, Anna Laura, now three years of age; this son remains on the homestead, Herman S, was born Aug. 3, 1853, and is a carpenter and joiner; Anna E. was born Sept. 19, 1856, and is the wife of Clarence Frost, of Adrian.

The father of our subject was a man of deep piety, and was particularly active in church and Sunday-school work. Indeed this seems to have been a

characteristic of the Fisk family. Rev. Pliny Fisk, an uncle of our subject, was a missionary to Smyrna, and a brother has been in the ministry for the last forty years. He has attempted to withdraw, but his congregation would not accept his resignation.



S. APPLEGATE, editor and proprietor of the daily and weekly Times and Expositor, of Adrian, was born in England, June 8, 1838, and came to this country with his parents when he was eleven years old. They landed in New York, Jan. 2, 1849, and in the summer of that year moved to Utiea, N. Y., where our subject attended the public schools. When the School Trustees of Utien organized a free academy he was one of the first dark for scholars selected. Soon afterward his parents removed to Rome, N. Y., and that ended his attendance at school. Since then he has pursued his studies in that broader field, the printing-office.

In June, 1855, young Applegate entered the office of the Rome Daily Sentinel, and served a four years' apprenticeship, at the expiration of which he went to New York, and worked at the case, doing an occasional job at reporting. He cast his first vote for President for Abraham Lincoln in 1860. The work on which he was engaged in New York was interrupted by the riots of 1863, and he went to his home in Rome. While there, learning that the Adrian Watch Tower was for sale, he visited the city, purchased an interest in the paper, and took editorial charge of it in the last week in October, 1863. In September, 1865. Gen, Humphrey having purchased an interest in the Watch Tower, that paper was superseded by the Times, the first mimber of which made its appearance Sept. 11, 1865, A consolidation was effected Jan. 1, 1867, with the Expositor, and the publication has since been carried on under the name of the Times and Expositor, and the Watch Tower suspended publication, Mr. Applegate has continued his editorial connection since he first assumed it.

Mr. Applegate has never aspired to the holding of any public office. He was elected a member of the Republican State Central Committee, when Zachariah [Chandler was Chairman, and was appointed by him a member of the Executive Committee of that body. When James McMillan was chosen Chairman of that committee, Mr. Applegate was also a member, and was again appointed a member of the Executive Committee, which position he holds at this writing (November, 1887). He was appointed by Gov. Croswell, a member of the Board of Commissioners to locate and establish a State school for the blind. When that board had concluded its labors, he was appointed by Gov. Alger, a Trustee of the instit tion for a term of six years, which position he now holds. On the 1st of July, 1886, Mr. Applegate purchased his partner's interest in the Times and Expositor, and has since been its sole proprietor.

This paper occupies an enviable position in the annals of Michigan journalism, and as an exponent of political thought and policy, stands among the foremost of the Republican papers in the State. Its pages are clean and its arguments dignified and convincing, while it wields an influence within the region of its circulation second to none. Mr. Applegate, its proprietor, deserves credit for the eminent position in which he has placed the paper.

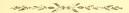


TEPHEN ALLEN. This gentleman, late a resident of Madison Township, was born not far from the Atlantic coast, in Morristown, N. J., where he spent his early life up to the age of eighteen years. He was born Dec. 21, 1795, and in 1836 set out for the young State of Michigan, during its early settlement and but a short time after Lenawee County had been explored. He was accompanied by his wire and eight children, and his outfit consisted of two covered wagons drawn by horses, and containing the household goods and provisions. They traveled after the manner of the enigrants of those days, camping and cooking by the wayside and sleeping in the public houses along the road, furnishing their own bed.

The winter of 1836 was begun at Lodi. Washtenaw County, and in the meantime Mr. Allen had purchased a tract of land in Dover Township, this county, where there was a log house and small barn, and taking possession later, he lived there with his family from February until June. Then finding a more desirable location in Madison Township, on sections 4 and 9, he secured possession and at once began the building up of a homestead, which he occupied until called from his earthly labors, on the 9th of March, 1880. The first purchase of Mr. Allen in Madison Township was 320 acres, for which he was to pay \$15 per acre. He cleared the entire tract, and erected a brick house and other substantial buildings. His farming operations were conducted with uniform good judgment, and the estate in due time was regarded as one of the most valuable in the township.

Mr. Allen was married, while a resident of Seneca County, N. Y., to Miss Deborah Sutton, who was born Oct. 27, 1796, and was the daughter of Benjamin and Mary Sutton, of Scotch-Irish descent and natives of New Jersey, whence they removed, after their marriage, to Seneca County, during its early settlement. The nine children born to Stephen and Deborah Allen are recorded as follows: Benjamin S is married, and farming in Madison Township; Mary is the wife of Elihu B. Pond, of Ann Arbor, Mich.; Esther was first married to C. D. Y. Alexander, who died in Madison Township in 1860, and she is now the wife of James A. Bayless, of Kansas City, Mo.; Silas L. is farming in Hudson Township; John W. is farming on section 9, in Madison Township; Gilbert T, died July 20, 1858, when twenty-seven years of age; Louisa C. married James Bayless, and crossed the Mississippi into Missouri, where she resided a few years and where her death took place in 1874; Lewis T. died in infancy in Seneca County, N. Y.; Phoebe M. died at the parental homestead in Madison Township in February, 1854, when an interesting maiden of seventeen years. The wife and mother departed this life at the homestead, April 6, 1877. She was a true type of a pioneer matron, and was in all respects the suitable companion of her husband, enduring bravely with him the early struggles and the toils incident to building up a home in

Mr. Allen served as Justice of the Peace for a number of years and for several years was County Superintendent of the Poor. He possessed those peculiar ideas of human liberty which set him in bitter opposition to the institution of slavery, which he fought with his voice and his influence as long as there was any necessity for battling against this monstrous wrong. He was a delegate to the State Convention that assisted in the organization of the Republican party in Jackson County, in 1856, and is credited with the honor of having given the name to the organization. He was liberal and publicspirited, and often contributed to the wants of the poor and needy from his own private purse. It was often remarked that the unfortunate were never turned empty-handed from his door. Of such a record as this his children may well be proud. His descendants years hence, when they peruse this imperfect record of his life, will point with pride to one whose name is held in affectionate remembrance throughout Lenawee County.



SAAC N. PILBEAM is one of the presperous and well-known farmers of Ridgeway Township, residing on section 17, where he purchased a farm in 1867, which he has since owned and cultivated. He has eighty acres of fine land under a high state of cultivation, well stocked with good farm animals, and supplied with a comfortable residence and commodious out-buildings.

The father of our subject was Joseph Pilbeam, who was born in Kent County, England, and came alone to the United States when eighteen years of age. He landed in New York, and after living in that State for a short time emigrated to Michigan, locating in Tecumseh. He did not remain there long, however, but removed to Ridgeway Township, and after living for a year with a Mr. Lambertson, who was the first settler in the township, entered a tract of timber land on section 9, where he proceeded to laboriously clear a farm, and where he made his home until his death, which occorred in 1862. He was twice married, his first wife being Sarah Bolton, who became the mother of six children, and then departed this life. Afterward Mr. Pilbeam married Mrs. Mary A. Bodkin, formerly Frampton, who was a native of England, whence she came to the United States alone when a young woman. She is still living with her daughter, Mrs. Margaret Caswell, of Milan Township, Monroe Co., Mich., at a good old age. By her union with Mr. Pilbeam she became the mother of five children, of whom our subject was the eldest.

Isaac N. Pilbeam was born Feb. 3, 1846, and spent his early life under the home roof, assisting in the labors of the farm and attending the neighboring school as opportunity offered. Sept. 1, 1864, he enlisted as a landsman in the United States Navy on the Mississippi River, and Joined the forces at Cairo, Ill. He went to the front and was engaged in guard duty at various ports along the river. The only injury he received in the service was the impairment of his health by the various hardships and exposures of army life. At the close of the war he received an honorable discharge, and upon returning home began farming on his own account.

Feeling now settled in life Mr. Pilbeam deemed it time to select a partner, and was accordingly married in Clinton County, Mich., in 1867, to Miss Arletta Holden, who is a native of New York State, and came when a young woman with her parents to Michigan. Her father, Samuel Holden, still lives in Tecumseh; her mother died in Blissfield, Mich. Our subject's household contains five children— Chester, Lavinia, Gertrude, Irene and Sylva. In polities Mr. Pilbeam is a Republican. He is regarded as one of the reliable men of the township, and is a progressive and successful agriculturist.

OSEPH'S, KHES, prominently connected with the Clinton Woolen Mills, is one of the oldest settlers of the township, and is at present representing this industry in the various states adjacent, a position for which he is eminently qualified by his general knowledge of men and things, and his naturally fine business capacities. He has been a resident of this county since the spring of 1829, when his parents made the long journey from Caynga County, N. Y., to seek their fortunes in the western country.

Our subject was born July 13, 1820, in Cayuga

County, and accompanied his parents to this State. The journey was made via canal from Buffalo, and thence they started by the lake steamer "William Penn" to Detroit. This boat was commanded by Capt. Hoyt, an old friend of Alpheus Kies, the father of our subject, and after they had been out two days it became disabled and they were obliged to put in at Dunkirk. From there they took the steamer "Enterprise," and arriving in Detroit six days later secured a team, and loading their effects npon a lumber wagon they and the goods were by this means conveyed to their destination. Their route was scarcely marked by a wagon track, and in some places almost impassable. Upon their arrival within the limits of Clinton Township they found there one building, a "shanty," near the site of the present town and standing in the woods between what is now Clinton and Saline. Alpheus Kies took up a tract of Government land, 240 acres in extent, lying on sections 4 and 5, Clinton Township, and embracing the greater part of the present corporation of Clinton Village. Mr. Kies donated from this a lot of one acre each to a carpenter and a blacksmith, to encourage them in establishing their business. This was in keeping with the character of the man all the way through; he took a heart-felt interest in the progress and development of his adopted county, and employed the best means in his power to assist in bringing about this result.

The place upon which the village of Clinton now stands was then known as Oak Plains. Here the elder Kies put up the first house, and there was but one building within forty miles on what is now the Chicago Turnpike. The log house which Mr. K, put up for the use of his family in time became the stopping-place for many a traveler through that section. As time passed on he began dealing in real estate, and was permitted to behold the transformation of the wilderness into smiling farms and valuable homesteads. Mr. Kies named the town of Clinton in honor of DeWitt Clinton, an early Governor of New York State, and at one time a candidate for Vice President on the Democratic ticket, which Mr. Kies uniformly voted. The death of this early pioncer and thoroughly good man took place at the homestead of his son Joseph, after many years' labor, in October, 1864.

The subject of our sketch spent his early years under the home roof, and after starting out for himself engaged in farming for a time, and also carried on a nursery for some years. He early gave evidence that he had inherited the capabilities of his honored father, was wide-awake, ambitious, and never idle. He became the owner of considerable real estate and was foremost in the organization of the industry with which he is at present connected. This enterprise was inaugurated under many difficulties and discouragements, and had it not been for the determined man at its head, would soon have succumbed to the pressure. The buildings were put up in 1867, and the following year Mr. Kies was made President of the company, and had the general supervision of its affairs until 1886. The Clinton Woolen Mills are now one of the most flourishing manufactories of the kind in Michigan, averaging now 1,300 yards per day, and have been kept in operation since the wheels were first put in motion. This can be said of only one other institution of the kind in the State, and speaks well for him who has been the moving spirit and kept them going when many a man would have been dismayed at the prospect and given up in discouragement. The machinery of the Clinton Mills is of the most modern and improved pattern. The building is a substantial brick structure with four stories and basement, besides its office adjacent. Their product is shipped to many of the Eastern and Western States, and the company gives employment to nearly 100 hands. A fire on the 11th of December, 1887, did great damage, entailing a loss of several thousand dollars,

Mr. Kies, besides his responsible duties in connection with these mills, has been quite prominent in local affairs, serving as Supervisor and Justice of the Peace, besides filling various other offices in the township. Like his father before him, he is a stanch Democrat, politically, and with his estimable wife, is a member in good standing of the Episcopal Church. Socially, he belongs to Blue Lodge No. 175, A. F. & A. M. His residence is one of the attractive features of the town, and he numbers his friends by the score on the northern line of Lenawee County.

Mr. Kies was married in Clinton Township, Sept.

28, 1846, to Miss Frances E., daughter of James and Lucretia Parks, natives respectively of Salisbury and Middletown, Conn., and early pioneers of this county. James Parks died in Clinton in 1859, and his widow survived him until Nov. 9, 1883. To Mr. and Mrs. Kies there were born five children, namely: James A., who died in 1863; Mary Ida, the wife of Dr. Samuel Chandler, of Washtenaw County: George A., of Elkhart, Ind.; Kate, the wife of Fred Field, editor of the Tecunseh Novs., of Manchester, and Willie J., of Elkhart, Ind. Mrs. Kieswas born in Meadville, Pa., Oct. 19, 1823, and came to Michigan with her parents when a child of seven years.

The mother of our subject was in her girlhood Miss Elizabeth, daughter of Calvin and Elizabeth Lazell, of the old town of Sempronius, Cayuga Co., N. Y., who were the parents of six children. She was born in Ashfield, N. H., Oct. 16, 1790, and died in Clinton, Dec. 20, 1877. The father of our subject had two brothers who were in the French and Indian War, in which the elder was killed; another died of smallpox. Joseph P., Sr., also enlisted, subsequently serving under Gen. Montgomery, and was at the siege of Onebec. One of the brothers had a very nice powder horn which has been preserved now nearly 100 years, and is in possession of our subject, being prized by him as a memento of the old Colonial days, and the great struggle for liberty and nationality in which his ancestors took part.

ELCOME V. FISK, a pioneer farmer now residing in quiet retirement at his palatial home in Clinton, where he has lived for nearly sixty years, came here with his father May 24, 1830. He was born in York Township, Livingston Co., N. Y., on the 29th of June, 1823.

The parents of our subject were Benjamin B. and Lydia (Aldrich) Fisk, natives of Connecticut and of New England parentage. Benjamin Fisk was reared in his native county and there learned the trade of a blacksmith. They were united in marriage in 1816, and after the birth of two children, Cyrus B. and Leander, they removed to the township of York, Livingston Co., N. Y., where the

father followed his trade for some time, during which three more children were born to them, namely: Welcome V., Horace and Gen, Clinton B. In 1830 the family came across the Lake in the "Peacock," which had a very stormy voyage, landing in Detroit at the end of eight days. When the family arrived in what is now the village of Clinton, the father had about \$1.50, and in order to secure a lot on which to erect a shop, the first in the place, he had to trade some cloth and bedding, and had only got a fair start in life in this new country when death called him to his final reward, his demise occurring from typhoid fever Sept. 28, 1832. He was an honest and upright man, a Universalist in religion, and in politics his sympathies were with the Democratic party. He was the first of the early settlers buried in this place.

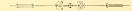
The mother of our subject was born on the 1st of April, 1796. After the death of Mr. Fisk she was a second time married, in 1841, to Deacon William Smith, of Jackson County, Mich., who died in 1844. In 1846 she became the wife of Rev. Robert Powell, with whom she lived for about thirty years, and survived him four years, making her home with her son, Horace A. Fisk, whose family made her declining years quiet and peaceful. She was laid to rest at the ripe age of eighty-three years. She was one of the pioneers of this section, nobly discharging the onerous duties that fell to the lot of those who braved the hardships of this country at an early day. She was a consistent Christian, quiet in her deportment and yet strong in the hour of affliction. The community honored her and Christians reverence her name, while she has left to her descendants an example worthy of their emulation. Mrs. Fisk became the mother of one child after her arrival in Clinton, Benjamin W., who died young in 1840. The eldest son, Cyrus B., died in 1846, three years after his marriage; his wife and child had died before. Leander took to wife Mrs. Fannie (Ellis) Wilson, and is a merchant in Oakland, Cal. He was for years connected with the Fargo Express Company. Horace A. married Jane Brown, and owns a good farm in Bridgewater Township, Washtenaw County. Gen. Clinton B. Fisk, now in Sea Bright, N. J., is a wellknown temperance advocate and a prospective candidate for the Presidency. He was married Feb. 13, 1850, in Coldwater, Mich., to Jenetta C. Crippin.

Our subject lost his father early in life and had only limited opportunities, earning his own living since ten years of age. When a boy he learned the trade of a mason, though he never followed it much, as his inclinations led in other directions, While in Detroit on their way to this county, he had an experience which nearly proved fatal. While crossing the stream near the landing to see a bear show, he accidentally fell in, and remained for some time before he could be rescued. He was removed to the hotel, and with proper treatment was with difficulty resuscitated. He remembers to-day as distinctly as if it occurred vesterday, the feeling experienced by a drowning man, This adventure has been a constant reminder to Mr. F. that life is uncertain. He was on another occasion since coming to Clinton nearly drowned while bathing, since which he has learned the art of swimming, and thinks it a duty of parents to teach their children to swim. Mr. Fisk was actively engaged in business for forty years in Clinton. During twelve years he was connected with E. G. Cook, who is now doing business in Tecumseh, and during this time they bought largely of wool and all articles of farm produce. Prior to this he had been engaged with his brother, Gen. Clinton B., for several years, conducting a general store. He is now, in company with an extensive firm of stock-raisers, carrying a ranch of 1,600 acres of land in what is known as North Park. Col. They have a fine herd of nearly 2,000 head of cattle.

On the 13th of March, 1850, Mr. Fisk was married in Clinton to Miss Amanda M. Yaughn, a native of Varysburg, N. Y., who came to Michigan with her mother when fifteen years of age. She received a good education and followed the profession of a teacher for some years; her death took place March 13, 1866. She became the mother of four children, two of whom are living, Frank and Grace. Frank married Nellie Meyer, of Newton, Iowa, where he makes his home, and travels for a Chicago house; Grace is the wife of Porter C. Smith, who conducts the meat market in Clinton, and they have three children—Eva B., Leander V.

and Willie P. The name of Mr. Fisk's deceased children were, Leander D., the first born, who digd at the age of sixteen months, and a second son of that name who died in April, 1884. He had married, in San Francisco, Cal., Miss Almeda Ross, who is vet living in that State.

Mr. Fisk was a second time married, in Clinton, toward the end of 1866, to Mrs. Mary C. (Felton) Yaughn. She was born Jan. 2, 1830, and came from Clarence Hollow, near Buffalo, York State. She died at her home in Clinton, this county, June 18, 1887. By her former marriage she had two daughters—Mary E, and Eva C. The former married Willis G, Mann, and resides in Newton, Iowa, where he owns a wagon factory. The latter married Charles M, Hinsdale, also of Newton, Iowa, Mr. Hinsdale travels for a Chicago furnishing house. Mr. Fisk is a member of the Episcopal Church at Clinton, as was also his last wife; he is a life-long Democrat.



ILLIAM TAYLOR, one of the good citizens, excellent men, and successful farmers of Ridgeway Township, is the subject
of this sketch, whose land lies on sections 10 and 11,
where he owns seventy-one acres, nearly all of
which is well improved. He is a native of Yorkshire, England, where he was born in 1820, and
was the son of John Taylor, a farm laborer, who
spent his entire life in that county, where he died
at the ripe old age of ninety-six years. He married Ann Harrison, also a native of Yorkshire,
where she died at the age of fifty. They were of
pure English descent, and were members of the
Primitive Methodist Church. They were exemplary, religious people, and led moral and upright
lives

Our subject spent his boyhood days in his native country, where he was reared to manhood as a farmer's son. When the proper time came for him to choose a wife and begin the work of establishing a home of his own, he was joined in wedlock to Mary Todd, also an English woman, who was born and reared in Yorkshire. In due time they became the parents of three children, all born in England. Our

subject then becoming dissatisfied with his prospects at home, concluded to try his fortune in the New World, to which so many people from his country were then emigrating. He accordingly came to this country with his wife and children, landing in New York, and soon afterward migrated to the State of Michigan, where they located in Ridgeway Township, Lenawee County, where, three years later, he bought the property on which he now resides. When he bought this land it was nearly all in its primitive condition of unbroken prairie, but he at once set about preparing it for cultivation, and by his untiring industry in the course of years has made of it an excellent farm, He has also erected good farm buildings, canipped it with agricultural machinery, and stocked it with an excellent class of cattle and other farm animals,

Mr. and Mrs. Taylor are the parents of six children, four of whom are now living: Robert married Elizabeth Lister, and Faith is the wife of Thomas Loebster; they reside in Ridgeway Township, engaged in farming. Francis chose for his wife Helen Wilson, and they are also residing on a farm not far from the homestead; John is now in Florida. While they lived in the old country Mr, and Mrs. Taylor were members of the Primitive Methodist Church, as their parents were before them, while in politics Mr. Taylor is a stalwart Democrat.



EN. WILLIAM HUMPHREY, one of the most prominent citizens of Lenawee County, and whose history will be perused with interest by a large proportion of its old residents and intelligent people, was born June 12, 1828, in Canandaigua, N. Y. His father, John Humphrey, Esq., was a native of Hopewell, Hunterdon Co., N. J., and born in May, 1798. John Humphrey left home when a youth of seventeen, and going to Geneva, N. Y., commenced, Sept. 20, 1815, to learn the blacksmith's trade of Moses Hall.

In 1825 Mr. Humphrey married Miss Jame, a daughter of Moses Hall, and in the winter of 1828 he went to Canandaigua, N. Y., where he established a foundry and machine-shop, which he conducted

about ten years. Then selling out he, in the summer of 1838, migrated to Michigan, which had lately been admitted to the Union as a State. He located in Hillsdale County, where he had previously taken up a claim of 160 acres of timber land, and upon this he now located, bringing with him his family, Upon this land was a rudely constructed shanty, built of split logs, and exactly one rod square, which, with the five acres that had been broken, constituted the improvements. John Humphrey put the shanty in repair and made it as comfortable as possible for his family, and they occupied it three or four years. He then put up a large log cabin, which at that time was considered quite a pretentious structure, and in which the father dwelt the remainder of his life. He passed away on the 16th of October, 1870, being over seventy-two years

acter, and became prominent in township and county affairs. He kept himself well posted upon matters of general interest, and besides holding various local offices, was in 1845 a member of the State Legislature. The maternal great-grandfather of our subject was John Hall, the tenth and youngest child of Richard Hall, who was the second child of John Hall, Sr., the first settler of Basking Ridge, N. J., in the valley of the Passaic. The Hall family was of English descent, and these records are the earliest of its history in America. Mrs. Jane (Hall) Humphrey was born April 25, 1809, and is now deceased. Her son William, our subject, passed his childhood and youth after the manner of most about the homestead, and attending the district school until 1848. He subsequently spent two winters at school at Geneva, N. Y., the learning he received only stimulating him to desire more, and he afterward attended the Commercial College at Cleveland, Ohio. In the fall of 1854 he returned to Michigan and became clerk in a store at Adrian, holding the position until the outbreak of the late Rebellion.

On the first call for troops Mr. Humphrey enlisted in Company D. 2d Michigan Infantry, being mustered in as Captain at Ft. Wayne, on the 25th of May, 1861. He spent the winter with his regiment at Washington and in the following spring, being assigned to the Army of the Potomac, they marched to the front, and took part in the Peninsular campaign. Capt. Humphrey was in the battles of the 2d Infantry, the history of which it is hardly necessary to recall, as they are familiar to all readers of the history of the Rebellion. In 1863 he received the rank of Colonel, and the year following was made a Brigadier General by brevet, and had command of a brigade until the close of the war. He was faithful to his duties as soldier and commander, and is content that his record should remain practically unwritten, like that of hundreds of other brave officers and men, who did their whole duty and expected no other reward than the approval of their own consciences.

Upon his retirement from the army Gen, Humphrey purchased an interest in the Adrian Watch Tower, a Democratic paper, which he changed to a Republican, and became one of its editors. In 1866 he was elected Auditor General of the State, and the duties of that office compelled him to abandon his journalistic career. He filled this position four successive terms, and in 1875 was appointed Warden of the penitentiary at Jackson, occupying this position also four terms, and giving general satisfaction. Gen, Humphrey, in 1883, invested a part of his surplus capital in the Adrian Brick and Tile Machine Company, an enterprise which has been highly appreciated by the people of this section, and accordingly yielding handsome proceeds.

The marriage of Gen. William Humphrey and Miss Mary E. Sinclair was celebrated at the home of the bride in Adrian on the 9th of October, 1867. Mrs. Humphrey is the daughter of an old and wellknown resident of this county, Daniel D. Sinclair, a sketch of whom will be found elsewhere in this Au-BUM. The home of our subject and his wife is located on Winter street, and in all its appointments indicates the exercise of cultivated tastes and ample means. There is but one child in the household, Kate, who was born in Lansing, Mich., Dec. 31, 1872, and is now an interesting young lady of fifteen years. She is now being trained and educated in accordance with her destined position in society. and it is hardly necessary to say is the joy of her parents' hearts.

R. A. F. TUTTLE, late of Clinton, this county, was one of the most prominent and successful physicians of the county. He was a native of Niagara Falls, N. Y., where he was born Aug. 9, 1827, of New England parentage, and died at his home in Clinton or the 8th of January, 1884. His father, William J. Tuttle, was a blacksmith by trade, and at the same time an educated man. The mother's marden name was Mary A. Cleveland.

William J. Tuttle came with his family to Michigu. and settled in Ann Arbor, where he was well and favorably known, and occupied many positions of trust, being a man of ability and integrity. He and his wife were active workers in the Episcopal Church in that place, and also in Clinton after their removal here. In advanced life they came to Clinton and made their home with their son, our subject, for the last ten years before their death, which occurred at the ages of seventy-six and sixty respectively.

Dr. A. F. Tuttle was the second child in the parental family. His elder brother, Dr. Henry D. C. Tuttle, was for some years connected with the regular army as Assistant Surgeon, and in the Rebellion as First Surgeon; he died at Silver Lake, Kan., in 1883. Our subject came with his parents to Ann Arbor in his childhood, and was there reared and educated in the public schools. When fifteen years of age, he was requested by his father to select a profession, and he chose the practice of medicine. He at once connected himself with Drs. Sager, Douglas and Gunn, and was with them three years before the college of Ann Arbor was organized. He was graduated at Geneva, N. Y., which then contained one of the principal medical schools of the country, and also took a course of lectures at Cleveland, Ohio.

After graduating at the age of twenty-three, our subject located in Clinton in 1850. He began the practice of medicine when there were but few advantages for a physician. The country was sparsely settled and many of the people were in debt, while he himself was in poor circumstances. He was not easily discouraged, however, and he proved to be very successful in his practice. Soon after his arrival in Clinton, Dr. Tuttle was united in marriage

with Miss Laury L. Clark, who had come here some time before. For some years before the Doctor's death they were members of the Episcopal Church, while in politics he was a Democrat.



HANCY R. FULLER, after a long and active life spent mostly in agricultural pursuits, is now living comparatively retired in the village of Clinton, where he took up his residence in 1885. He owns forty acres of valuable land, which is supplied with first-class buildings, and has been a resident of Lenawee County since the spring of 1861.

Mr. Fuller when first pitching his tent within the confines of Clinton Township, engaged first as an agent for the Singer sewing-machine, and subsequently operated a planing-mill for several years. He then repaired to the city of Detroit and for fourteen months resumed work for the Singer. He still retained a fancy for this part of the State, and accordingly, returning here purchased forty acres of land in Clinton Township, upon which he settled and which he occupied until his removal to the village. Whatever he has attempted has been well done, and his home and its surroundings display good taste and industry, while he has always been a peaceable and law-abiding citizen and a valued member of the community.

The native place of our subject was Springfield, Erie Co., Pa., where he was born Nov. 15, 1834. He is the eldest child of Alvah and Susan (Drury) Fuller, natives of Herkimer County, N. Y., where they were reared to mature years and whence they both removed to Eric County, Pa., before their marriage. In the latter place their lives and fortunes were united, and they settled contentedly down upon the farm. The father only lived to be middle-aged, his death occurring about 1855; the mother is still living and a resident of Edinboro, She is seventy-six years of age, and for a long period has been a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Our subject was reared in his native county, and upon reaching manhood was united in marriage, July 3, 1855, with Miss Mary C., daughter of Andrew and Betsey (Deck) Fabrique, of French and German ancestry, Mrs. Fabrique died in 1839; Mr. Fabrique was subsequently married and is a resident of Clinton, being seventy-seven years of age. Mrs. Fuller was born in Herkimer County, N. Y., Sept. 13, 1836, and was the only child of her mother, at whose death she was but three years of age. Mr. Fabrique was a carpenter by trade, which he carried on in both New York and Pennsylvania during his early manhood. Mrs. Fuller was out a child when the family removed from the Empire State, and was reared and educated in Edinboro, Pa. Of her union with our subject there has been born one child only, a daughter, Clara A., who resides at home with her parents,

Mr. and Mrs. Fuller came to the West a few years after their marriage, and with the exception of two years have since been residents of this county. Mr. Fuller is quiet and unobtrusive, dealing little with public affairs, but votes the straight Republican ticket.

ATHIAS L. DAVIS. The subject of this sketch is a farmer, residing on section 30, in Dover Township. His parents were Phineas and Elizabeth (Lane) Davis, natives respectively of Vermont and New Jersey. The paternal grandfather of our subject, John Davis, was a soldier in the Revolutionary War, and took part in the battle of Valley Forge and other important engagements. His maternal grandfather, Mathias Lane, also served in the Revolution, being an officer in the drugoous.

After their marriage, the parents of our subject settled in New York, and during the War of 1812 the father served as a soldier. They remained in New York until 1829, when they emigrated to Medina County, Ohio, where the father died in June, 1843. Mrs. Davis remained in Ohio until 1856, at which time she moved to Morenei, Mich., spending her remaining years with her son Mathias L. Mr, and Mrs. Davis were the parents of ten children, nine girls and one boy.

Mathias L., whose name stands at the head of

this sketch, was born in Spencer, Medina Co., Ohio, May 19, 1833. His education was obtained in the district school, and during his youthful years he remained at home assisting on the farm out of school hours. At the age of seventeen he learned the shoemaker's trade in his native town, and followed that occupation there for a few years. In 1854 he removed to Williams County, Ohio, and pursued the same occupation until 1855, when in February of that year he came to Lenawee County and settled in Morenci, where he carried on his trade with considerable profit.

Mr. Davis was married in Morenci, March 23, 1856, to Jane Hause, who was born in Greenville, Mercer Co., Pa., Sept. 28, 1835, and is the daughter of Peter and Anna (Trexler) Hause. Her parents removed from Greenville, Pa., to Seneca Township, Lenawee Co., Mich., in 1852, where Mr. Hause died in 1873; Mrs. Hause is still living.

On the 3d of September, 1864, Mr. Davis, following in the footsteps of his father and grandfathers, became a soldier in the service of his country. He enlisted in Company F, 4th Michigan Infantry, and served as Sergeant of his company until the close of the war. At Murfreesboro he was stricken down with the typhoid fever, which seriously impaired his health, but he remained with his regiment until it was mustered out of service at Houston, Tex., which place it had reached on its way to drive Maximilian out of Mexico. The execution of the Austrian rendered further effort unnecessary, and Mr. Davis returned to Morenci, and resumed his former occupation of shoemaking, engaging in the boot and shoe trade until 1869, when he sold out. He took this step partly on account of ill-health, and partly on account of the duties attendant on his position as Deputy Sheriff, to which office he had been previously appointed, He continued to live in Morenci until the fall of 1875, when he removed to Dover Township, and settled on eighty acres of land on section 30, which he had received in exchange for property in Morenci, and where he has ever since made his home,

The union of Mr, and Mrs, Davis has been blessed by the birth of six children, of whom the record is as follows: Alonzo died at the age of three years and four months; Frank married Amanda Deline, and resides in Gratiot County, Mich.; Cora died in 1865, at the age of three years; Preston S., Ulysses S. and Cary A. Mr. and Mrs. Davis are valued residents, not only of Dover Township, but of Lenawee County, where they are much esteemed for their sterling traits of character. They are both conscientions members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, where Mr. Davis has performed the duties of Steward for many years.

Politically, Mr. Davis is an active member of the Republican party, with which he intelligently casts his vote. He held the office of Deputy Sheriff for several years, while for three years he was Marshal of Morenci, and has been Constable besides filling other minor offices. Socially he is a member of Rowley Post No. 258, G. A. R.; he also belongs to Masonic Lodge No. 95, of Morenci, and is likewise a member of Lodge No. 73, 1, O. O. F., and of the Camp.

OHN FORBES, a prosperous farmer residing on his confortable homestead on section 6, Dover Township, was born near Palatine Church, N. Y., March 1, 1808. His father, Alexander Forbes, was born in Herkimer County, N. Y., and in that county spent his entire life. The maiden name of his wife was Betsy Kessler, also a native of New York, whose last days were spent in Cayuga County, that State. They were the parents of ten children, five sous and five daughters.

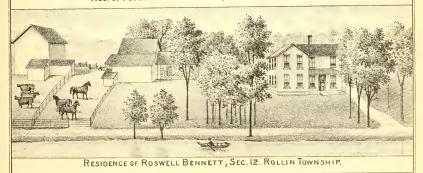
Our subject was the second child of his parents in order of birth, and grew to manhood and married in his native county. After marriage he continued to reside in the same county until the spring of 1835, when he removed to Michigan, and took up a tract of land comprising 145 acres, on section 7, bover Township. The clearing of this tract of wild land seemed a formidable attempt, but he set to work with a brave heart and willing hands; his courage overcame all obstacles, and he succeeded in clearing a farm, on which he erected good buildings, and made other substantial improvements. He resided on this farm until 1882, when, having an opportunity to sell at a pecuniary profit, he did so,



RESIDENCE OF STEPHEN C. LOMBARD, SEC. 4. ROLLIN TOWNSHIP.



RES. OF JESSIAH WESTERMAN, SEC. 33. RIGA TOWNSHIP.





and afterward bought 120 acres of land on section 6, which he now occupies.

Mr. Forbes has been three times married. His first marriage took place in the State of New York. where he was united to Angeline Crim. She bore him ten children, of whom the record is as follows: Elizabeth is the wife of Richard McKenzie, of Hudson Township; Timothy married Mary E. Jones, and resides in Clayton; Daniel married Martha Brown, and lives in Dundee, Mich.; Alvira is the wife of William W. Herron, of Ohio; Polly is the wife of Eugene Terwilliger, of Wexford, Mich .: Angeline died when about twenty years of age; Mary J. was the wife of Henry Ruloff, and died in Hudson Township; William J. was a member of the 11th Heavy Artillery of Michigan, and died of typhoid fever at Vicksburg; John W. died when about six years old; John E. married Celia Darby. and resides in Hudson, Mich. The mother of these children died in Dover Township, July 16, 1867. Mr. Forbes' second wife was Mrs. Mary Perkins. widow of John T. Perkins, and she died in iJudson Township. Mr. F. again married, in Dover Township, Mrs. Elizabeth Cerrow, a native of New Rochelle, N. Y. She is the daughter of Hiram and Deborah (Ireland) Lefferts, and widow of Ransom Cerrow, who died in 1866.

During his residence here of over half a century Mr. Forbes has witnessed the wonderful growth of this township from a mere settlement in the wilderness to its present condition. He should be held in the highest respect and veneration as one of the very few brave pioneers of the township in its infancy still left among us. He is a valued member of the Baptist Church, while in politics he is a stanch Republican.

ENRY P. DOWNS is a prominent and respected resident of Clinton, this county, where he has resided since May, 1831, with the exception of one or two years spent at Pike's Peak, Col., about thirty years ago. Coming thus early to this part of the country he has witnessed, and after he reached a suitable age, assisted in bringing about those improvements which place

Lenawee County among the foremost of the State.

Mr. Downs was born on the Holland Purchase, in Ripley Township, Chautanqua Co., N. Y., Nov. 1, 1829. His father, Reuben, was a native of Dutchess County, that State, and there grew up to boyhood, when he was deprived by death of the care of an indulgent father, and was fostered by a man in Oneida County. The treatment be here received from his foster-father was such that the township authorities had him removed from his tyrannical master. He then learned the trade of a shoemaker, and when twenty-one years of age was married in the township of Augusta, Oneida County, to Miss Sophronia Wakely, a native of Bennington County, Vt., who went to Oneida County when a child. After their marriage, the parents of our subject went to Lockport, N. Y., and then to the Holland Purchase, where Mr. Downs engaged for some time in an unsuccessful attempt at agriculture. He soon sold out, and in June, 1831, came to Michigan and secured a tract of Government land in Bridgewater Township, Washtenaw County, of which county he soon after became Deputy Sheriff, and held the office until his death, four years later. It was he who organized the Baptist Church at Clintians, and meeting in a log tayern in what is now Clinton. He was not only a charter member, but also first Clerk and Deacon of the church. He them, his warm friend, old Elder Powell. Mr. was evinced by his faith and resignation on his death bed. The widow of Mr. Downs was again married, to a Mr. Ward, and later she became the wife of Charles Morgan, and died in Macon Township at the age of sixty-five years.

Our subject was the youngest member of a family of four children, two of whom are now deceased, Many E, became the wife of Samuel St, John, and is now a widow living in Jackson County, this State, at the age of sixty years. Our subject lost his father when he was six years old. At ten years of age he went to live with his father's old friend, Rev. Robert Powell, where he remained four years, and then lived with his step-father, Jacob Ward, two years, after which he learned the trade of a

shoemaker, under the instruction of Mr. Anson Roff, of Clinton, and also worked at the spinning trade five years in this town.

Mr. Downs was first married, in Macon Township, to Miss Calista M., daughter of Deacon Charles Morgan, and born in Genesee County, N. Y. She came to Michigan with her parents when a child, and was reared in Macon Township. She died at her home in Clinton, Dec. 1, 1881. Mr. and Mrs. Downs became the parents of five children, only one of whom is now living, Frank E., who is engaged as a weaver in the woolen-mills at Clinton, The deceased were Flora S., Jennie M., Willie H. and Harry M; all died young. Our subject was a second time married, to Mrs. Frances M. (Shaw) Witham, who was born and reared in Lynn, Mass., where she married her first husband, who died in Boston. She afterward came to Michigan, where she married Mr. Downs. By her first marriage she has one child, Emmie, the wife of Frank Prebble, of Lynn, Mass.

Mr. Downs owns a comfortable home in Clinton. He has been Deacon of the Baptist Church twentyfour years and has held other official positions. He is also President of the Board of Trustees, while he and Mrs. Downs are active members of the church. In politics Mr D. is a Republican and an advocate of temperance principles.

W. ELLIS. The subject of this history was one of the earliest pioneers of Southeastern Michigan, and came to this country when the land was mostly the property of "Uncle Sam." He is a native of Benton Center, Yates Co., X. Y., where his birth took place Nov. 7, 1821, and is the son of Charles Ellis, a native of the same State, and of Scotch-Irish ancestry, who all his life followed farming pursuits. The paternal grandfather, William Ellis, a native of Ireland, spent his last years at Benton Center, where his remains were laid to rest. He was married to Miss Jemina Fenton, of Scotch descent, and they reared a family of sons and daughters.

Charles Ellis, the father of our subject, upon reaching manhood was married to Miss Charlotte Coleburn, who was born and reared in New York State, and traced her descendants back to Holland. After the birth of eight children, they started for the young State of Michigan in the spring of 1840, and after a tedious journey made by way of canal, lake, and overland by means of ox-teams, located in what is now Clinton Township. Here the father took up an unbroken tract of land, upon which he effected some improvements and resided for a period of sixteen years. The death of the wife and mother then broke up the household, and the elder Ellis took up his abode with his son, our subject, in Macon Township, where his death occurred in the spring of 1865. Charles Ellis was a stanch Democrat, politically, and both were members of the Baptist Church.

A. W. Ellis spent his childhood and youth in his native State, and after the family came to Michigan made himself useful in assisting to build up the primitive homestead which subsequently became his property. In January, 1844, having formed his plans for the future, he secured a wife and helpmeet in the person of Miss Margaret Aten, whom he married at the home of the bride in Tecumseh Township, Mrs. Ellis is the daughter of Garrett and Elizabeth (Hendershott) Aten, natives of Pennsylvania, where they were reared and married, being at the time of this interesting event residents of the town of Jersey. Not long afterward they removed to New York State, settling on a farm in Groveland Township, Livingston County, which became the birthplace of their eight children. These included five sons and three daughters, of whom Mrs. Ellis was the sixth child and third daughter. When she was eight years of age Mr. Aten resolved to change his location and seek a home among the wilds of Michigan. There was little at that time to attract the emigrant, but from the location and the quality of the soil it was predicted that in time, by the exercise of industry and enterprise, there would grow up a State rich in resources and well worthy the efforts of men of resolution and energy. The journey to Southern Michigan was effected laboriously via the canal and lakes, and overland by ox-teams, and at nearly every season of the year there might be seen scores of emigrants, with their families, plodding their

way to the untried territory. The father of Mrs. Ellis in nowise lacked the qualities required to make this venture a success. He pitched his tent amid the forest of what was afterward Macon Township, first put up a log cabin, then felled the trees around it, and after the lapse of years had brought eighty acres to a good state of cultivation. He lived to rejoice in the advance of civilization and to see the opening up of valuable farms around him, and finally closed his eyes upon the scenes of earth at the advanced age of ninety years.

Mrs, Ellis was reared among the pioneer scenes of Southern Michigan, and became familiar with the housewifely duties in which the maidens of those days were wisely and thoroughly trained. She remained under the home roof until her marriage, and by her union with our subject became the mother of eight children, of whom two, Huldah and Carrie, died when quite young. The eldest son, Clayton, married Miss Elizabeth Lightfall, and is numbered among the prosperous farmers in the vicinity of Pennington Corners; Almeda, the wife of John Sones, is living with her husband on a farm in Macon Township; Libby, who married William Esterbrook, resides on a farm in Franklin Township; Charles married Miss Mary Ebbitt, and they occupy a home with his parents; Garrett D. married Miss Elfa Thomas, and is operating the homestead; Martha became the wife of C. Hendershott, of Clinton Township, and is now deceased. Mr. Ellis and his sons vote the straight Democratic ticket, and with his excellent wife he is a member in good standing of the Baptist Church at Macon Corners.



DGAR R. WELLS, who is familiarly known throughout Ridgeway Township as one of its most successful farmers and reliable business men, was thrown upon his own resources early in life, and has played his part bravely and manfully in the midst of many obstacles. He is now the possessor of a good property, and will be able to pass his declining years in case and comfort and without anxiety as to the means of his maintenance, His present residence is near Britton Statton, to which he came in 1884, after retring from the act-

ive labors of the farm, which still remains in his possession and is now operated by a tenant. His village residence is probably one of the finest in the place, and he is there surrounded by all the comforts of life, while the friendship of the men who have known him so long and so well cannot be otherwise than a pleasure and a satisfaction.

Mr. Wells, in 1863, soon after his marriage, came cated on a tract of unbroken timber land on section 17. They faced the task before them with bravery and resolution, expecting nothing for a few years but hard labor and many privations. They were fortunately blessed with good health and strength, and in due time began to realize that they were not laboring in vain. The soil under a faithful process of cultivation began to yield bountifully, and one improvement after another appeared upon the homestead. The first rude dwelling was superseded by a more modern residence and the rude sleds gave way to convenient barns and other buildings. Mr. Wells was fully appreciated by his fellow-townsmen, and at an early day was invited to serve as Clerk and Highway Commissioner, the duties of which offices he discharged in a faithful and efficient

Mr. Wells is a native of Petersburg, Monroe County, this State, and was born Jan. 28, 1840. His father, Russell Wells, was a native of New York State, and when a young man came to Michigan, where not long afterward he was married, in Ridgeway Township, to Miss Delilah Linn, a native also of the Empire State, who came west with her parents after reaching womanhood. She only lived a few years after her marriage, her death taking place when her son, Edgar R., was a child two years of age. Mr. Wells survived his wife until 1851; both died at their home in the city of Adrian.

Our subject was the only child of his parents, and being left an orphan when a little over ten years of age, was taken into the home of his uncle. John Linn, of Ridgeway Township, with whom he remained until reaching his majority. Not long afterward he was married in Ridgeway Township, on the 12th of August, 1863, to Miss Sanah Exclly, a native of this township and born Jan, 4, 1844. Mrs. Wells continued under the home roof until her marriage, receiving a good education at the common schools and being trained in all the housewifely duties. She is a lady of many excellent qualities and has proved in all respects the worthy helpmeet of her husband.

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HESTER J. CORBETT, late a resident of Palmyra Township, was born July 16, 1833, and closed his eyes upon earthly scenes at his home on section 20, May 9, 1883. His father, Clark E. Corbett, a farmer by occupation, was one of the earliest pioneers of Lenawee County. He took up a tract of Government land in Palmyra Township, and spent many years in its improvement and cultivation, building up a good home where he spent the last years of his life in ease and comfort.

The subject of this sketch was but a child when he came to this county with his parents, where he spent his boyhood and youth. He was a bright and intelligent lad, and during the gold excitement of California was one of the first from this section to join the caravan on a tour of exploration among the mining regions of the Golden State. The entire journey was made overland with teams, and upon his arrival there young Corbett engaged for a time in mining. A few months of this occupation sufficed him and he retraced his steps homeward, taking up his abode in Palmyra Township. Here he was married, April 16, 1861, to Miss Almena J. Bird, and the young people took up their residence on a 56-acre tract of land on section 16, and began the building up of a home. Their plans, however, were interrupted by the outbreak of the Rebellion, Mr. Corbett considering it his duty to assist in preserving the Union. In 1862, he enlisted in the 18th Michigan Infantry, and fulfilled all the duties of a soldier until the close of the war, when he received his honorable discharge and returned home.

Mr. Corbett now resumed his farming operations on his first purchase, which he subsequently added to and in the course of time built up a fine farm, provided with a handsome and substantial house and barn, besides the various other structures required for the convenience of the progressive agriculturist. Mr. and Mrs. Corbett became the parents of one child only, a son, Clark W., who was born Sept. 8, 1873, and is now at home.

Since the death of her husband, Mrs. Corbett has superintended the management of the farm, and is keeping up its old-time reputation as one of the most valuable estates in Palmyra Township. She is a lady of much intelligence and well fitted for her responsible duties. Her parents, William and Lucretia (Stanton) Bird, were natives of New York State, whence they emigrated to the Territory of Michigan at a time when they had to cut a part of their way through the heavy timber. Mr. Bird took up a tract of land on section 22, in Palmyra Township, and for a number of years carried on farming and earpentering. He finally opened a grocery store in Palmyra, which he conducted until no longer able to look after it by reason of the serious illness which terminated in his death, Feb. 9, 1846.

Mrs. Lucretia Bird survived her husband many years, her death taking place in July, 1875. She was a native of New York and born July 29, 1802. Of her marriage with William Bird there were born six children, four of whom lived to mature years and whom the mother nobly kept together and educated after the death of her husband. Mr. and Mrs. Corbett united with the Methodist Episcopal Church early in life, of which the former remained a member until his death and with which the latter is still connected. The family rank among the first in Palmyra Township, and are noted for their high moral and religious principles and more than ordinary intelligence.

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EV. LEVI C. CHASE has been one of the familiar figures of Raisin Township and vicinity for the last forty-four years. He is recognized as a gentleman highly gifted by nature, and one who has made good use of his opportunities of reading and study, so that he is numbered among the best biblical scholars and most intelligent men of Lenawee County. The larger part of his life has been devoted to the Christian ministry, in which he has labored as a faithful steward, exerting a good influence, and setting an ex-

ample worthy of imitation. The main points in a history of unusual interest are substantially as follows:

Our subject is the son of Rev. Levi II. Chase, who was born in the township of Providence, Saratoga Co., N. Y., in 1806. He was reared to manhood in the Empire State, and although trained and educated amid the manifold employments of farm life, acquired a large fund of useful information, while he was of that thoughtful and studious nature which enabled him to reflect deeply, and to retain what he had learned. His ancestors for many generations were Americans, but the family originated in England, and were distinguished as remarkable in both strength of body and mind. Their temperate and correct habits had served to build up the physical frame, while by this means their mental capacities were beyond the average.

The father of our subject, after reaching manhood and forming his plans for the future, was united in marriage with one of the most accomplished and worthy young women of his neighborhood, namely. Miss Anna Haviland, who had been one of the childhood associates of her husband. She also was of American parentage and English ancestry, but unlike her husband, was slight in stature. She was great, however, in kindness of heart, and all those virtues which cast such lustre upon the character of a wife and mother. The marriage of this talented and worthy pair was celebrated in Niagara County, Oct, 24, 1826. Soon afterward they located on a farm in that county, where they continued seven years, and then concluded to east their lot with the pioneers of Lenawee County, Mich.

Mr. and Mrs. Chase arrived in this county in September, 1833, making the journey by lake and teams, and settled in Raisin Township, where the father secured a large tract of land on sections 28 and 33. It was then an unbroken wilderness, and no neighbors nearer than two or three miles. Mr. and Mrs. Chase, however, were young and strong in hope and prepared for every emergency. They set to work with a will to establish a home in the wilderness, and succeeded beyond their expectations. This was only brought about by the strictest economy and the most incessant industry, but notwithstanding the outlay of manual labor required, Mr.

Chase kept steadily in view the fact that the cultivation of the mind was fully as important as the tilling of the soil. He had brought with him a goodly number of books, and added to his store as time and opportunity afforded, and he employed his leisure hours and the long winter evenings in acouiring a fund of useful knowledge, in which hardsble ambition he was ably seconded by his excellent wife. He made the Bible one of his text books and obtained a wonderful knowledge of the Scriptures. His memory was something remarkable; he could repeat passage after passage, and was seldom at fault in his theories or statements. He had been reared in the Quaker faith, but finally joined the Free-Will Baptists, and on account of his singular ability, was soon afterward chosen and ordained a minister in that church.

Mr. Chase, however, would not be bound by any creed, but became in effect a reformer, and taught the Scriptures after the simplest manner, and as near as he understood them in their literal sense. He was careful and conscientious in all his ways. and found many who sympathized with him in his peculiar ideas. They banded together and established what they denominated the Christian Church, whose doctrinal points were based as nearly as they understood upon the Scriptures. Mr. Chase was an earnest follower of the precepts taught by the Apostles, and believed in baptism by immersion for the remission of sins. He believed also that the world was to be purified by fire, and eternal life and the presence of Christ were only to be known to the faithful followers of the Messiah. The sincerity of Mr. Chase in his beliefs was never for a moment questioned. In these he closely trained his children, and his son, our subject, was one of his most cheerful and affectionate pupils. Rev. Levi II. Chase departed this life at his home in Raisin Township, Oct. 5, 1877, at the age of seventy-one years and six months. His excellent wife still survives, and makes her home with her son, Franklin N., who is farming on a part of the original homestead in Raisin Township. The aged and revered mother has now passed her eightieth year, but is still active and in good health, and bids fair to live another decade.

The subject of this history first opened his eyes

to the light at the homestead of his parents in Raisin Township, July 17, 1843. At an early age it was discovered that he had inherited largely of the talents of his father and the virtues of his mother. He was of a serious and deeply religious turn of mind, and in early youth was recognized as a fit subject to bear the mantle of his sire in future years. To this end both parents and son labored, and the result has been one which the father before his death viewed with satisfaction, and in which the living mother now rejoices. After completing his primary studies, he took a course at Raisin Institute. and subsequently was called to the ministry and took charge of the church of his father in Raisin Township. The Christian Church at this point embraces eighty-three members, and besides conducting weekly services, Mr. Chase labors elsewhere in the State and beyond its borders. He is a fluent speaker, and possesses a knowledge of the Scriptures which enables him to use those unanswerable arguments which serve to convince the most skeptical, He was reared amid the quiet pursuits of farm life, which he has always loved, and which now serve as a recreation from his more toilsome and responsible duties.

The wife of our subject is a most intelligent and accomplished lady. She was formerly Miss Sarah A., daughter of John and Anna (Demund) Coddington, and assumed the name of Chase on the 13th of March, 1864. The wedding was celebrated at the home of the bride in Adrian Township, and was an event over which the principals received the congratulations of friends, both far and near, as it was the establishment of a household founded upon the highest moral character and more than ordinary intellect. The young people commenced life in Seneca Township, where they lived two years, and then removed to Adrian Township, where they spent seven years, and from there to their present home. They enjoy the esteem and confidence of the people who have known them so long and well, and who bespeak for them a continuation of their happy and prosperous life.

The parents of Mrs. Chase were born and reared in New York State, whence they emigrated to the young State of Michigan the year after its admission into the Union. The father entered a tract of land in Lenawce County, where he built up a good homestead, including 136 acres, and where his death took place in 1852. The property is now in possession of their only son, Peter Coddington, The aged and revered mother is vet living, making her home with her children, and is in the eighty-first year of her age. Mrs, Chase was the only daughter of the parental household, and was born in Seneca Township, this county, Feb. 26, 1844, She received a thorough education, and for some time before her marriage was employed as a teacher. The only son of our subject and his wife, Elbert J. by name, was born May 26, 1871, and is a bright and promising youth now pursuing his studies in Raisin Valley Seminary, Rev. and Mrs. Chase, as may be supposed, have taken a warm interest in the success of the temperance movement, and are avowed Pro-



DWIN COOK. One of the representative men of the township of Franklin, as well as one of the thrifty and successful farmers and stock-raisers, is Mr. Cook, who came to the county in May, 1851, and first purchased land on section 3. Franklin Township. After making considerable improvements he sold this farm, and purchased sixty-five acres in the same township, and ten acres near by on the same section. He now lives on section 19, where he owns a good property.

Mr. Cook is by birth a native of Hadley, Mass, where he was born Nov. 30, 1812, and is the son of Job Cook, who also was born in Massachusetts, and reared in Hadley. He was a blacksmith by trade, and married a lady by the name of Hannah Campbell, who came of Scottish ancestry. For some years after marriage Mr. and Mrs. Job Cook were engaged in Hadley, Mass, where they were among the active society people. The father died of consumption at Hadley, at the age of forty years; his wife survived him some years, and died at the home of her daughter. Mrs. Martha D. Turner, of Franklin Township, where she was visiting, at the age of about sixty years.

At the death of his father the subject of this biography was but eight years old, but he then began to earn his own living, working for Sylvanus

Dickinson, of Hadley, Mass., until he was twentyone years of age, during this time learning the shoemaker's trade. On the 4th of February, 1834, Mr. Cook was united in marriage, in Hadley, Mass., with Miss Lovica C. Seymour, who was born and reared in Hadley, and was the daughter of Horace C. and Mary (Standish) Seymour, who sprang from prominent families, of which old Capt. Miles Standish, of Puritan fame, was a grandsire. Mr. Seymonr was a farmer, and lived and died in Hadley, Mass., where his wife also died, both ripe in years. Mrs. Cook was the eldest of a family of two sons and four daughters, and was born at Hadley, Jan. 6, 1814. She was a member of the Congregational Church, and died at her home in Franklin Township, Oct. 10, 1875.

After Mr. Cook's marriage, he removed to West Avon Township, Livingston Co., N. Y., and there engaged in business as a manufacturer of boots and shoes. At the end of thirteen years spent in this place, he traded his property for a farm in Kendall Township, Orleans Co., N. Y., and there began to farm on his own account. Some time after he sold this farm, and purchased a warehouse at Holley, N. Y., where he engaged in buying and selling grain, etc., for two years. He then sold out and came to this township, which he has made his home ever since. Mr. Cook was a second time married, Nov. 12, 1879, in Franklin Township, to Mrs. Charlotte. widow of Richard Osborn, who was born in Ovid Township, Seneca Co., N. Y., June 18, 1816, where he was reared, and in December, 1842, was married to Miss Charlotte Tillyar, also born in Ovid, Seneca-County, Aug. 24, 1819, and daughter of William and Mary (Gray) Tillyar. Her parents were married in New York, and afterward settled in Seneca County, where they lived the remainder of their days on a farm in Ovid Township, at which place they were active citizens. The father was born Oct. 13, 1779, and died Aug. 11, 1833; the mother was born Nov. 22, 1782, and died Jan. 17, 1836.

After Mr. and Mrs. Osborn had been some time engaged in Seneca County, they came to Findlay, Hancock Co., Ohio, and thence, in 1863, to Michigan, where they purchased land in the township of Tecumseh, which he sold some years later, and coming to Franklin Township, purchased ninety-three acres on section 19, where he was engaged until his death. In connection with his brother Frank he had been engaged in the poultry trade, and in December had gone with a large lot of dressed ponftry to New York City. On his return trip he was killed in the most disastrous railway accident of the age, the terrible Ashtabula (Ohio) disaster. His body was never recovered from the burning wreck. Mr. Cook had by his first marriage four children, one now living, Edwin Clarence, who took to wife Effie L. Pawsen, of Franklin Township; they now occupy the farm belonging to Mr. Cook. The dewin W. Turner, now deceased, and afterward of J. F. Smith, now of Franklin; she was born March 16, 1837, and died. Nov. 1, 1868; one child survives. Susan R., who was born May 3, 1839, and died April 2, 1857; Henry D., who was born Nov. 13, 1842, and died May 22, 1844, and Clarence, who was born March 19, 1855. Mr. and Mrs. Cook are members of the Congregational Church, Mr. Cook is Justice of the Peace, and in politics is a Republiean.

RANCIS II. WHITING, widely and favorably known throughout Macon Township, is one of its most skillful and successful farmers, and has been a resident of this county for over a quarter of a century. His fine farm of 167 acres is pleasantly located on section 12, near the old Ridge road, where it attracts general attention from the passerby as indicating the homestead of a well-to-do citizen and a man of good standing in the community.

Mr. Whiting is a native of this State, having been born in Monroe, Ang. 27, 1837. His father, George Whiting, was one of the pioneer settlers of Monroe County, locating there at a time when the cabins of white men were few and far between. He was born in Penn Yan, Yates Co., N. Y., where he spent his childhood and youth, and was married to Miss Elizabeth spalding. The mother of our subject was a Vermont lady of excellent old New England stock, from which sprang many eminent man and lovely women. George Whiting, upon leaving his native State, proceeded directly westward to

Monroe County, Mich., where he engaged first as a dry-goods clerk, and later in merchandising on his own account. He had built up a profitable trade and was very prosperons until the breaking up of the "wild-cat" banks, at which time many business men were financially ruined.

In 1849, George Whiting crossed the plains to the Pacific Slope, and until 1852 engaged in mining in California. In the fall of that year he returned, via the Isthmus, to his old home in Michigan, and soon afterward settled in Washtenaw County, and engaged in farming in York Township. He built up a comfortable home onee more, and there his death took place, in 1873, when he was sixty-three years of age. He had suffered considerably from ill-health some time before his death, and his financial troubles, it is believed, hastened this sad event, Politically, he was a firm adherent of the Democratic party, and took an interest in all the leading questions of the day. The mother is yet living, and makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. Fidelia Burham, of Milan Township, Monroe County, and is now aged about seventy years.

Our subject was the eldest of the parental family, and remained under the home roof during his childhood and youth, receiving a common-school education. After passing his twenty-second birthday, he started out for himself, and coming to this county, located in Macon Township. Here he met and married Miss Viana Berdan, the wedding taking place in Tecumseb, Dec. 29, 1859. Mrs. Whiting was born upon the farm which is now owned by her husband, June 11, 1833. Her father, David Berdan, a native of New York State, came to Michigan after his marriage, and took up a tract of Government land on section 12, in Macon Township, where he established a comfortable home, and where his death took place Oct. 3, 1881, when he was seventy-four years old. His wife, the mother of Mrs. W., was in her girlhood Miss Harriet Cannon; she preceded her husband to the silent land in 1874. They came to this section of country in the pioneer days, and endured in common with the early settlers the hardships and privations of life in the undeveloped West. They were known as hard-working, honest people, who had a thorough contempt for a mean action, and trained their children to habits of industry and

those moral principles which would enable them to take their place among good and worthy people.

Mrs. Whiting was reared and educated in Macon Township, and remained under the home roof until her marriage. Of her union with our subject there were born three children: William W., now a resident of Pratt, Kan., and Ella and Roy J., who are living at home. Our subject and his wife located first at Saline, whence they removed to Tecumseh, and from there came to the farm of which our subject now has the management. Mr. Whiting, politically, is a National Greenbacker, and while a resident of Washtenaw County served as Deputy Sheriff two terms.

IRAM B. ABBOTT. Being a representative citizen of Lenawee County, as well as one of the prosperous farmers and large landowners of Franklin Township, we take pleasure in presenting to his friends this brief review of the life of Hiram B. Abbott, together with the accompanying portrait. Coming to this State when in the vigor of early manhood, scarcely twenty-one years of age, Mr. Abbott, though barely past the prime of life, may well take pride in what he has accomplished in his adopted State.

Our subject was born in Niles, Cayuga Co., N. Y., Dec. 27, 1830, and here he grew to manhood. He was fairly well educated in the common schools, but in the great school of experience he gained that practical knowledge by which he has achieved his successes. His early life was spent on a farm, where he imbibed a taste for agricultural pursuits. and so chose farming for his life work. His parents were Daniel C. and Catherine (Burch) Abbott, who were born in the same place as our subject. After marriage they made their home in their native county until their removal to Fairfield Township, this county, where they spent their declining years, the mother dying Oct. 8, 1868, and the father in October, 1880. They had seven children. three of whom are now living: Lovina, the wife of Philander Savage, residing in Adrian Township; H. B., and Orrin L., who resides near Addison, this county.

In the fall of 1851, attracted by the glowing reports of the wonderful agricultural resources of



H.B. Abbott



Michigan, our subject, with his parents and one brother, left their home in Caynga County, and came to Lenawee County, settling in Fairfield Township. With the exception of two years spent in Dover Township, Mr. Abbott has since resided here. With untiring industry, backed by sound common sense and good judgment, he has become the owner of one of the largest farms in the township, embracing nearly 330 acres of well-tilled soil, on which he has erected a neat dwelling and good farm buildings.

In the accumulation of this property, Mr. Abbott has not lacked the assistance of a good wife, as early in manhood he wedded Miss Juliette Wood, the marriage taking place in Royalton, Ohio, Dec. 14, 1854. She was also a native of New York State, and is the daughter of David and Eliza (Briggs) Wood, natives respectively of New York and New England. Some years after marriage, her parents removed to Ohio, settling first in Lake County, whence they afterward removed to Fulton County, where the mother died, June 26, 1882; the father is still living. They had seven children, namely: Juliette; Eliza, the wife of Perry Hamlin, residing in Morenci: Minerya A., deceased: John B., who resides in Ohio; Susan A., the wife of S. Clarke, residing in Ohio; George, deceased, and Jerome, who resides in Ohio.

Mr, and Mrs, Abbott have had two children— Sellick G, and Dorliska S.—Sellick G, was born Sept. 27, 1855, and lives with his parents.—With the joys of parentage, Mr, and Mrs. Abbott have also suffered its sorrows in the death of their beloved daughter, Dorliska S., wife of Franklin Fox, of Fairfield Township, Sept. 13, 1884, aged twenty-live years.—Mr. Abbott is a prominent member of the Masonic fraternity.—Though not aspiring to office, he takes an interest in public affairs, and votes with the Republican party.

TEPHEN CARPENTER. The gentleman whose name stands at the head of this sketch came to Lenawee County fifty years ago when a boy ten years of age, and since that time has resided within its limits. He is of

means of securing the friendship of most men with whom he has had to deal, and was a worthy member of the little colony that first ventured into the Western wilds, and set about the establishment of bomes for themselves and their children. Mr. Carpenter has labored industriously, always willing to put his shoulder to the wheel, and has been wisely content with the share of this world's goods which Providence allotted him. His acres, though not so broad in extent, perhaps, as some of his neighbors possess, are highly cultivated, and are undoubtedly fully as valuable. He owns the northwest quarter of section 28, Madison Township, has good farm buildings, a fair assortment of live stock, and the implements required for carrying on his operations successfully and profitably.

Mr. Carpenter was born in Starksboro, Addison Co., Vt., April 7, 1827. Eight years later his parents removed to Eric County, N. Y., and from there in 1837, to this State. They located upon a tract of land in Raisin Township, which the father of our subject transformed into a good farm, and where Stephen resided with his parents until the spring of 1875. He then removed to his present homestead in Madison Township. He has all his satisfied his sensible ambition, as he is quiet and unostentations in his habits, preferring the society of his family and content with the esteem and confidence of his neighbors. He has filled the various minor offices of his townsh.p, and during the early days, when the counsels of sensible men were most needed, he was quite prominent in matters pertaining to the general welfare,

A few months before the twenty-fifth year of his age Mr. Carpenter was married in Adrian, Jan. 28. 1852, to Miss Helen E. Bradish, who was born in Madis in Township, this county, Sept. 22, 1830, and was the first female child born in the township. Her parents, Curren and Rhody S. (Comstock) Bradish, were natives of Wayne County, N. Y., and came to Lenawee county soon after it was opened for settlement. They located in what is now Madison Township, probably before its organization, and became familiar with all the hardships and difficulties of pioneer life. There was not

a cabin in sight of the place where they pitched their tent, and they lived to watch the settling up of the country arou d them, and to rejoice in its prosperity. Upon retiring from active labor they moved to the city of Adrian, where the death of the father took place in 1869, and that of the mother in 1870.

Mrs. Carpenter was the eldest child of her parents, whose household included four sons and four daughters. She and Mr. Carpenter became the parents of nine children, of whom but four are iving. The five deceased died when young. The son, Stephen E., died at the age of six years. Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter are members of the Society of Friends, and in politics, Mr. C. is a Republican and a Prohibitionist. His parents, Elihu and Anna (Varney) Carpenter, like himself, were natives of the Green Mountain State, and Stephen was their youngest child.



OSEPH C. NEWELL, of Deerfield Township, is comfortably located on section 36, township 7 south, range 5, where he owns sixty acres of good land, fifty acres of which is cleared and contains a good set of frame buildings. Of this he took possession in the spring of 1866, when there had been but little attempt at improvement. He has made a little headway each year, and has surrounded himself and his family with everything necessary for their well-being and comfort.

A large number of the early settlers of Lenawee County claim their birthplace in the Empire State. Among them is our subject, who first opened his eyes to the light in Edinburg, Saratoga County, July 14, 1823. This also was the birthplace of his father, Lowry Newell, where he was reared to manhood and married. In the spring of 1846 he removed to Jefferson County, and from there to a point near the town of Pamelia, where he carried on agriculture in a moderate manner a few years, and then removed to Alexandria where he spent the last days of his life. He married, in early manhood, Miss Hannah Chapman, who was also a native of Saratoga County, and who died in Alexandria some years before the decease of her husband.

Eleven of the twelve children born to Lowry and Hannah Newell lived to mature years. Joseph C., in common with his brothers and sisters, attended school when a boy during the summer season, and as soon as old enough to be of some assistance on the farm, was introduced to its various employments, in which he was engaged until reaching his seventeenth year. He then went to Watertown to learn the trade of a cabinet-maker, but five or six months later was taken ill, and returned home. Upon his recovery he went to Sackett's Harbor, where he commenced learning the carpenter's trade, and followed this calling in that vicinity several years. From there he removed to Dexter, and established a door and sash factory, which he carried on until 1854.

Mr. Newell, in the summer of the year mentioned, resolved upon a change of location, and coming to Michigan purchased eighty acres of timber land in Somerfield Township, Monroe County. He put up a log house, which he occupied with his family until the year following, and then removed to the town of Monroe, and took up his old business as a manufacturer of sash, doors and blinds. He continued at this three and one-half years, when he returned to his land, and began in earnest its improvement and cultivation. He sold out in 1861, and during the following five years was engaged as before in his old factory. In 1867 he purchased his present property, and settled here in May of that year.

Mr. Newell while a resident of Jefferson County, N. Y., was married on the 8th of November, 1847, to Miss Susan Marsh, who was born in Hounsfield, Jefferson Co., N. Y., June 16, 1822. Her father, Moses Marsh, was a native of Vermont, and among the earliest pioneers of Jefferson County. He purchased a tract of timber land, where he felled the trees and opened up a good farm, upon which he remained until after the death of his wife. Then he removed to St. Lawrence County, but before his death returned to Jefferson County, and spent his last years in the town of Hounsfield. The mother of Mrs. Newell was, before her marriage, Miss Sarah Butterfield, a native of St. Lawrence County, N. Y.: she died at her home in February, 1834. Mr. and Mrs. Newell are the parents of two children: Edwin, who married Miss Mary Carpenter, of Deerfield Township, and resides at the homestead, and Mary, the wife of Gersham Hull, a well-to-do farmer of Howell County, Mo.

Mr. Newell east his first Presidential vote for John P. Hale in 1852, and joined the Republican party, with whom he remained until 1886, since which time he has voted independently. He has served as Highway Commissioner two terms and as School Director in his district for the past six years.

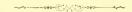


ILLIAM C. FISHER, M. D. This late eminent physician and surgeon of Tecumsch was one of the most prominent and active members of the profession, and a citizen held in the highest esteem. His infant years were spent on the other side of the Atlantic, he having been born in England, Jan. 7, 1830. When a child four years of age, his parents, William and Sarah (Higges) Fisher, emigrated to the United States, and not long after setting foot upon American soil made their way to Michigan, taking up their abode in the city of Tecumsch in the spring of 1840. They remained residents there until their decease, dying within a month of each other, the father first, in 1875.

The primary education of Dr. Fisher was conducted in the schools of Tecumseh, and after going through the High School he entered the office of Dr. Hamilton, under whose instruction he read medicine for several months and then entered the State University at Ann Arbor, from the medical department of which he was graduated. Soon afterward he commenced the practice of his profession in Tecumseh, in which he continued actively engaged until his fatal illness; his death occurred on the 10th of May, 1879. In addition to his extensive practice he held a half interest in the drug business of Fisher & Hendryx, and later, with his brother-in-law, Dr. H. Baker. The firm of Fisher & Baker was a very flourishing one at the time of the death of Dr. Fisher.

The marriage of Dr. William C. Fisher and Miss Abbie Murray was celebrated at the home of the bride, in Tecumseh, Jan. 1, 1860. Mrs. Fisher is a lady of great culture and refinement, and the daughter of A. Murray, a native of Vermont, where he lived until after the birth of his daughter Abbie, which occurred Sept. 14, 1838; her parents are now deceased. Doctor and Mrs. Fisher had no children of their own, but adopted a little girl, who still remains with Mrs. F. The family residence, a handsome and commodious brick structure, is pleasantly located on Chicago street, and considered one of the most attractive features of the town.

Dr. Fisher took a genuine interest in the building up of Tecumseh and the prosperity of its people, and left a large estate. He was one of the most prominent and influential members of the Baptist Church, of which he was a Trustee for many years and a leader of the choir; he also officiated as Superintendent of the Sunday-school. He served on the School Board as Moderator and Director for a number of years, and was particularly interested in educational institutions, aiding by his means and influence the establishment of schools and the other means adopted for the general welfare of the people both young and old. Politically, he was inclined to be conservative, but usually voted the Republican ticket.



ANIEL KETCHUM, conductor on the Detroit division of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad, is one of the veterans of the train service in the West, beginning his career as a railroad man over forty-five years ago. In reward for his long term of faithful service he enjoys the reputation of being one of the most skillful and reliable men engaged in that calling, and not only numbers a host of warm friends among the men of his calling, but as a long-time resident of the city of Adrian, enjoys the esteem and confidence of its best citizens.

Our subject was born in Schenectady, N. Y., Oct. 19, 1828, and is the eldest son of Daniel and Eleanor (Barlydt) Ketchum, natives respectively of Winsted, Coum, and Schenectady, N. Y. The maternal grandfather, Jerome Barhydt, was a descendant of an excellent old family, which emigrated from Holland to America in the Colonial days,

while the Ketchums were of English descent. Daniel Ketchum and his wife, soon after their marriage, settled in a modest home in the city of Schenectady, where the father engaged in railroading, and where both parents spent the remainder of their lives.

Our subject acquired his early education in the public schools of his native city, and began his career as a railroad man with the Schenectady & Saratoga Railroad Company, where he was employed in switching cars. His first promotion was to the position of fireman, in which he was employed during the summer season, as the company suspended operations in the winter. From there he went into the employ of the Troy & Schenectady Railroad Company, entering the office at Schenectady, which he kept in order and did what little writing there was to be done. His next step upward was to the position of baggage-master, receiving a salary of \$25, and boarded himself. Mr. Ketchum next engaged as fireman on the Troy & Saratoga Railroad, and subsequently entered the shops in Troy. where he became an expert machinist, and before reaching his twenty-first year was running the night engine on the Troy & Schenectady line. His next removal was to Taunton, Mass., where for a year he was similarly engaged, and he then entered the employ of the Buffalo & Erie Railroad Company, with which he was engaged until making up his mind to come West,

Mr. Ketchum, soon after his arrival in Adrian, in the spring of 1855, entered the employ of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Raifroad as engineer of a passenger train running between Adrian and White Pigeon, but some months later he was obliged to abandon the work on account of failing health, and then engaged in the grocery and drug business at Adrian. His old tastes, however, would not permit him to be content with this mode of life, and a year later found him back at his old business, but a step higher up, as he had been promoted to passenger conductor, which position he has held now for a period of twenty-two years.

Mr. Ketchum, while a resident of Schenectady, was united in marriage with Miss Martha E. Richards, the wedding taking place at the home of the bride on the 5th of March, 1853. Mrs. Ketchum is the daughter of Ellis and Emelline Richards, natives of Ashland, Mass, Mrs. Ketchum was born in Northboro, that State, March 30, 1834, and her amion with our subject resulted in the birth of six children, four of whom found early graves. Those surviving are Mrs. W. H. Crane and Fannic C.



ON, CONSIDER A, STACY, This aged and honored citizen of Tecumseh came to Lenawee County the year before the Territory of Michigan was admitted into the Union as a State, and continued the pursuit of his law studies, which he completed the following year. In April, 1837, he was admitted to practice, and since that time has been a bright and shining light in the legal profession of Southeastern Michigan, He is the offspring of an old and honorable family, which settled in New England during the Colonial days and became widely and favorably known, especially throughout the State of Massachusetts. His father, Dr. Consider H. Stacy, was a native of New Salem, and was born and reared on the farm which had been in possession of his ancestors for several generations. In 1814, when a young man, he migrated to Hamilton, N. Y., where he taught school several years and in the meantime pursued the study of medicine with the noted Dr. Havens,

The father of our subject began the practice of his profession in Hamilton, N. Y., and followed it successfully until his death, in 1840. The year succeeding his arrival in Madison County, he was married, Aug. 21, 1815, to a most estimable lady, Miss Polly, daughter of 8eth and Polly Bass, of Hamilton, by whom he became the father of nine children, of whom Consider A., our subject, was the eldest. Mrs. Polly Stacy was born in Pittsfield, Mass., in 1795, and departed this life at her home in Tecumsel, in 1876.

The first representative of the Stacy family in this country crossed the Atlantic from Lincolushire, England, making a settlement on Cape Ann, Mass, The male members of the family were largely engaged as sailors and farmers, and the eldest son for generations was named Consider, after the custom of the old Puritans from whom they sprang. The Stacys and the sons and brothers of the Bass family served as soldiers in the Revolutionary army, Grandfather Rufus Stacy lighting directly under Gen. Stark at the battle of Bennington. He was stationed for several months at Ft. Stamwix, in the wilderness, where the city of Rome, N. Y., is now located. The great-grandfather, Jonathan Bass, served with the Massachusetts minute men at Lexington and Bunker Hill, and subsequently as a regular in the Continental army. He was one of the "forlorn hope" under Col. Alexander Hamilton, who storned one of the British redoubts at Yorktown, and was thus instrumental in forcing the surrender of Lord Cornwallis, closing his services in the war with the rank of Captain.

The subject of this sketch was born in Hamilton. Madison Co., N. Y., Jan. 6, 1817, and had only meager opportunities for obtaining an education, but those few opportunities were improved to the utnost. He attended the ordinary district school until he was eleven years old and was then admitted to Hamilton Academy, where he continued four years. During these years he spent his spare moments mixing pills in his father's drug-store and attending the post-office. Dr. Stacy being at that time Postmaster under Gen, Jackson, was known as a "buck-tail" Democrat.

Young Stacy, in March, 1834, when seventeen years of age, commenced the study of law with Peter Morey, who then lived at Eaton, N. Y., whence he removed in 1835, to Tecumseh, this county. In August, 1836, at the solicitation of his old preceptor, he joined him here, and has now been familiarly known to the people of this region for over fifty years. Upon his arrival here he entered Mr. Morey's office, where he completed his law studies and subsequently became the partner of Mr. M., who had then been appointed Attorney General of the State.

The evident talent and studious habits of the young attorney secured him a ready passport to the confidence and esteem of the people of this section. In 1838 he was elected Justice of the Peace, serving in this office four years. In 1839 he became the partner of Fernando C. Beaman, who is widely known throughout Southeastern Michigan, and continued with him until the latter removed to Adrian. In 1844 Mr. Stacy was elected Judge of the Pro-

bate Court of Lenawee County, and was twice reclected, serving in that capacity three full terms, or twelve years. In 1845 he formed a partner-ship with Thomas M. Cooley, now President of the Inter-State Commerce Commission, which continued three years. In 1849 he was appointed by Gov, Rausom, Prosecuting Attorney of Lenawee County, and held this office until the new constitution of 1850 came into force. In the latter year he was appointed by Gov, McClelland, a member of the State Board of Education, and rendered efficient service in organizing the State Normal School and creeting the first building for its use.

Mr. Stacy served on the School Board of Tecumself twenty-six successive years, filling the positions at different times of Moderator and Director. The consolidation of three separate school districts in the village into the present Union District was accomplished through his efforts. In 1852 he entered iato a law partnership with Edwin B. Wood, of Tecumseli, which continued twenty years. In the meantime, in 1858, he was the Democratic nominee for Congress in this Congressional district, but was defeated by Henry Waldron, of Hillsdale, the Republican candidate. In 1867, Scovel C. Stacy, the son of our subject, having been admitted to the bar, father and son formed a partnership under the firm name of C. A. & S. C. Stacy, and in January. 1870, the firm removed its office to Adriau, still continuing to reside, however, at Tecumseli, The following year the son-returned to Tecumseh and established a branch law office, the management of which he continued until in November, 1874, when, becoming interested in the newspaper business, he purchased the Tecumsch Herald, with which he is

Judge Stacy continued his Adrian law office until 1872, and then became the partner of William A. Underwood, with whom he continued about seven years. At the expiration of this time his younger son, James A., following in the footsteps of his father and brother, had been admitted to the bar, and father and son formed a partnership which continued until the death of the latter, in April, 1881. James A. at this time was also holding the office of Mayor of the city of Adrian, Judge Stacy in the winter of 1883/884, deeming it wise to concentrate his business, closed up the office at Adrian and gave his whole attention to his practice in Tecumseh. In June, 1886, at the expiration of the term of Frederick Rosecrans, as Postmaster, the name of Judge Stacy was sent to the President with the recommendation of Congressman Ediredge, and the appointment promptly endorsed by President Cleveland was as promptly confirmed by the Senate, Judge Stacy assumed control of the office on the 1st of August, 1886, and is the present incumbent.

Judge Stacy was united in marriage with Miss Mary M. Walker, of Broome County, N. Y., Aug. 19, 1838, and a few days afterward started with his bride for his new home in Michigan. Mrs. Stacy is the daughter of David Shapley and Lois Walker, and by her union with our subject became the mother of seven children, of whom but three are living, namely: Scovel C., proprietor of the Tecumseh Herald; L. Loana, who is principal assistant in the Teeumseh post-office, and George N., who holds an important position in the office of the News and Advocate at Elgin, Ill. One son, Alphonso D., was killed by the cars in Tecumseh, Dec, 16, 1876. when twenty-six years of age. James A., as already stated, died April 9, 1881, while Mayor of Adrian, and two little girls died in infancy.

Although Judge Stacy has more than counted his threescore years and ten, he enjoys good health and his mental faculties are unimpaired. His life has been a remarkably active and busy one, and he has hosts of friends all over the county, who will pray that time may continue to deal gently with him while he passes down the sunset hill of life. The Judge's family are mostly connected with the Universalist Church at Tecumseh.



UGUSTUS F. DANIELS, the proprietor of a fine farm with good improvements, has been a resident of Madison Township for the last forty-four years. He has by his enterprise and industry established himself in the confidence and esteem of the people of this section and is regarded by all as a most worthy and nesful

citizen. His boyhood and youth were spent among the hills of the Old Granite State, where he was born March 12, 1815, in Hillsboro County. From there, when a young man twenty years of age, he migrated to Rensselaer, N. Y., and occupied himself as a cooper, which trade he had learned from his father in New Hampshire.

Mr. Daniels, however, about 1838 believed that he could better his condition by removing farther westward, and accordingly left the Empire State and came to Michigan, locating first in Medina Township, in the extreme southwestern part of this county, where he followed farming and coopering for a period of four years. Thence he removed to Madison, spending three years in the latter place, after which he removed to Adrian and engaged in carpentering, to which he seemed naturally adapted. He was remarkably handy with tools and without serving a very lengthy apprenticeship became a skilled mechanic. He put up as many as twenty houses in Adrian and then, deciding upon another change of occupation, he purchased a tract of land in Madison Township, where he has since been engaged in farming. Here he has labored with his usual good judgment, and he at least should be satisfied with the results.

Mr. Daniels, before leaving New England, was married first to Miss Mary Ranney, a native of Ashfield, Franklin Co., Mass., where the wedding took place at the home of the bride. Of this union there were born three children, namely: Martha, now the wife of Tunis J. Carter, of Seneca Township: George, who married Mrs. Louisa Taylor; and lives in Morenci; and Frendino E., who married Miss Mary Riter, and is engaged at masonry in Cambridge Township. The mother of these children departed this life at her home in Madison Township, in January, 1878.

On the 7th of March, 1880, our subject was a second time married, to Mrs. Loretta L., daughter of Francis and Betsey E. (Carpenter) Howard, and widow of John F. Summons, who died in Rome Township, May 19, 1879. Mrs. Daniels was born in Starkey, Yates Co., N. Y., Ang. 15, 1833, Her parents came to Lenawee County in 1837, settling in Rome Township, where the father died May 29, 1884; the mother is still living and has arrived at an advanced age. The parental family included tive children, of whom Mrs. Daniels is the eldest. The father of John F. Sammons, Sampson Sammons by name, was one of the pioneers of this county and established one of the first hotels at Adrian, where he officiated as "mine host" for a period of forty years.

The parents of our subject were George and Nancy (Smith) Daniels, natives of New Hampshire, who after their marriage settled in Hillsboro County, N. H., where they spent the remainder of their lives. The elder Daniels followed the cooper's trade, the most of his life, although the possessor of a farm upon which he lived and superintended its cultivation. The parental household included twelve children, six of whom lived to mature years, but are now all deceased except three,

AMES MORELAND, a retired foundryman and machinist of Adrian, who now holds the position of resident engineer and superintendent of the steam and water supply, at the State Reform School for Girls, is a native of Ireland, and was born on the 14th of February, 1816, in County Down, Ireland, His father, also James Moreland, was born in the same place, where he was a farmer, and owned and operated a farm, where his father, also of the same name, lived and died.

The wife of James Moreland (1st) was Ann Scott, who was born in the same county as her husband. The ancestors of the Moreland family came from Scotland, during the time of the religious persecution, and the name was taken from the moorland in the lowlands of that country. James Moreland (2d) married Miss Margaret Curry, about the year 1788, by whom he had six children, His first wife died about the year 1804, and about two years afterward he married Miss Fannie Magee, by whom he had six children, four sons and two daughters, James, the subject of this sketch, being the third son and fifth child. Mrs. Fannie Moreland was born in County Antrim in 1780, and was the daughter of John Magee, of Scotch extraction, Her ancestors were among the first to flee from persecution in Scotland, and they settled on an island upon the coast of Ireland, called Island Magec, but it is not known whether the family named the island, or the island named the family. Her mother was Mis-Annabella Saltor, also of Scotch ancestry. James Moreland (2d) died on his farm where he was born, in 1828, while his wife died in the same place in 1842.

Our subject lived at home until he was about fourteen years old, when he was bound out to learn the linen-weaver's trade with a relative and name-sake, in his native county. He followed weaving about two years, and in 1837 went to the historical town of Ft. Patrick, on the coast of Scotland, where for nearly two years he worked upon the improvements the Government was then making in the harbor. In the fall of 1839 he returned to Ireland, and remained until the following spring, when he went back to Scotland and worked in a large iron foundry, where smelting machinery was manufactured.

Mr. Moreland came to the United States in 1841, and to the State of Michigan in 1843, stopping first in Hillsdale County, where he remained one year, and then came to Adrian, where he learned the trade of a wheelwright, and later that of wagon and carriage making. After completing his trade he formed a partnership with William Nixon, for the manufacture of wagons and carriages in Adrian. At the end of four years this partnership was dissolved, and Mr. Moreland, then engaged in manufacturing hub-boring and mortising machines, of which he was the patentee. After continuing in this business a long time he formed a joint stock company for the manufacture of these goods, but owing to bad management the company was compelled to close its works and go out of existence. After this Mr. Moreland engaged as a machinist in the shops of the Michigan Southern & Indiana Railway which were located in Adrian, and continued in its service two years. He then formed a partnership with Samuel Stephenson, of Hudson, and bought a foundry and machine-shop in that village in 1863. There they manufactured stationary engines and agricultural implements, and continued in this business about three years, when the establishment was transformed into a gristmill, of

which Stephenson & Moreland continued the proprictors. In 1881 Mr. Moreland leased his interest in the mill to Mr. Stephenson, who is conducting the business at the present time. In the month of August, 1881, Mr. Moreland secured the position of superintendent of steam heating and water supply, at the State Reform School for Girls, a position which he holds at the time of the writing of this sketch.

May 30, 1849, Mr. Moreland was married to Miss Ann, daughter of William and Martha (Small) Stephenson, of County Monaghan, Ireland, and they have had four children, as follows: Fannie Jane, born in Adrian, April 21, 1850; Robert S., born Feb. 8, 1854; James H., Feb. 19, 1857, and William T., born in Hudson, July 7, 1864. Mrs. Ann Moreland was born in County Monaghan, Ireland, in 1829, and died in Hudson, this county, in 1871. She was a sister of Dr. R. and John Stephenson, of Adrian, and came to America with her brother John in 1847. She was a good wife and kind mother, and her children cherish her memory, while her good counsel and watchful, tender care are still remembered by them all. On the 14th of May, 1873, Mr. Moreland was again married, the lady of his choice being Mrs. Elizabeth Yund, of Moscow, Hillsdale Co., Mich. She is the daughter of Robert and Olive Strong, of Lansingburg, N. Y. She came to Michigan with her parents in 1832, and settled in Washtenaw County.



iLLIAM F. KING. The names of those men who lent their aid in the building up of the beautiful city of Adrian will be remembered by a grateful posterity long after their clay tenements have crumbled into dust. No man can count his life as having been in vain who has established a business upon a tirm basis, and contributed to the advancement of a city by creeting buildings which will remain as a monument to his industry and enterprise long after he has passed away. These thoughts are naturally suggested in contemplating the cureer of the honored citizen whose name stands at the head of this sketch, and who was born and reared among the Scottish hills

in the county of Strling, where he began life Sept. 11, 1832. His parents, Peter and Christina (Archibald) King, people of blumeless lives and modest means, were also of Scottish birth and parentage, and spent their entire lives on their native soil. The father was principally engaged as a general merchant and died in 1836, while the mother passed away in 1833.

Young King completed his common-school education at the age of fourteen years, and then repaired to the city of Stirling to learn the watchmaker's trade. In this connection it may be proper and interesting to note his surroundings during the six years which he spent in this famous old city. Stirling, in the beauty of its site, rivals Edinburgh, being located at the declivity of an abrupt hill where a spacious main street leads to the castle which was the favorite residence of James V., and contains the palace and parliament house built by him. From this castle is obtained a view unequaled for beauty in all Britain. Among other conspicuous structures is the church in which James VI., the son of Mary Stuart, was crowned, together with the remains of various ancient ecclesiastical edifices, and old walls and bridges of historic fame. Not far from Stirling was fought, on the 24th of June, 1314, the famous battle of Bannockburn.

After leaving Stirling, where he had worked a year as a journeyman after completing his appreniceship, Mr. King went to Grennock on the Clyde, and was employed there at his trade nearly three years. In 1856 he resolved to cross the Atlantic and seek in the New World a fulfillment of those ambitions which he seemed little likely to realize upon his native soil. Upon his arrival in this country, he made his way directly westward to this country, and at once found employment with a Mr. J. J. Newell, of Adrian, with whom he remained as assistant until the fall of 1861, and was then taken into partnership by his employer.

The firm of Newell & King continued until May, 1863, when the junior partner withdrew, and in company with James Thompson, embarked in the jewelry and watch-making business, continuing until in December, 1871. In the meantime they had creeted the fine brick store on the south side of Maumee street, and upon the dissolution of the partnership. Mr. King opened a jewelry and book store, which he enried on until 1878, and has since given his attention principally to the jewelry business. In 1886 he made a visit to his old home in Scotland, which, as may naturally be supposed, had during the period of his thirty years' absence greatly changed, many of his old friends having passed away, while strangers filled their places. There was a satisfaction, however, in wandering over the old tramping ground, and he returned with a sense of melancholy pleasure which can only be appreciated by those who are placed in similar circumstances.

The wife of our subject was in her girlhood Miss Sarah M. Pegler, a native of London Ontario, Canada, where her birth took place Oct. 21, 1831. While still an infant her parents came to Monroe County, this State, but subsequently removed to New Brunswick, N. J., where they fived until 1849, and then returned to Michigan and died in the city of Monroe, Their daughter, Sarah M., continued with them until her marriage with our subject, which was celebrated in Adrian, June 4, 1860. This union resulted in the birth of four children, namely: S. Helen, William F., Charles E. and Jessie 1. The King residence is one of the old landmarks of the city, a handsome and substantial building, with attractive surroundings and all the appliances of refinement and ample means.

Mr. King has been quite prominent in local affairs and uniformly votes the Democratic ticket. An ample proportion of his capital has been expended in the erection of several valuable buildings in the city, which are mostly occupied by business firms.

ICHARD C. FULLER. Among the men who have fallen into what appeared their natural niche in life, the subject of this history is an admirable and worthy example. For many years he has represented the saw and grist mill interests of Fairfield and vicinity, and has a thorough understanding of his business and the natural qualifications necessary for its successful prosecution.

Mr. Fuller came to this point from Toledo. Ohio, in 1871, to settle permanently, and put up the build-

ings in which he is now carrying on business. Associated with him at that time was Robert Seger, whose interest he afterward purchased and has since carried on the business alone. At this he has had a thorough experience, beginning when a young man the operation of a mill in Orleans County, N. Y. At the same time he was engaged in farming, and continued there until the fall of 1853, when he made his way to the West, and first set foot in Lenawee County. He first followed bridge building for a few months, and then returned east as far as Vigo County, Ind., where he was employed in a sawmill about a year, after which he made his permanent residence in this county. In the meantime he had visited the States and Territories west of the Mississippi, Utah, Idaho and Montana, engaging in mining considerably, and gaining a useful experience while noting the different manuers and customs of people from various portions of the globe,

Richard C, Fuller was the youngest of eleven children, the offspring of Martin and Martha (Lawrence) Fuller, natives of New York State. After marriage they crossed over into the Dominion of Canada, where Martin Fuller engaged in farming, and with his estimable wife, spent the remainder of his days. Our subject was born in Cramahe, Province of Ontario, April 16, 1833, and spent his early years at the farm of his father. Upon reaching the twenty-first year of his age, he made his way to the Empire State, and locating in Orleans County, engaged in farming and milling until setting out for Southeastern Michigan.

Mr. Fuller was married first in Vigo County, Ind., to Miss Mary Showalter, a native of that State, who bore him one child, a daughter, Katie M. T., who is now engaged in the photograph business in Minneapolis, Minn. Mrs. Mary Fuller departed this life at the home of her husband in Medina Township in 1863. Mr. Fuller was married the second time, in Adrian, to Miss Mary A. Collins, who was born in New York State, and came with her parents to this county in 1854. She remained with the latter until her marriage, receiving a fair education, and becoming familiar with the duties that would fit her for a worthy wife and mother. Of her union with our subject there have been born five children, namely; Martin A., Francis A., Carrie, Martha and

Elgin. The parents of Mrs. Fuller were natives of New York, and the father now lives at Adrian. The mother died in February, 1886.

Mr. Fuller, socially, is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and politically, a Republican. He has little to do with public affairs, however, preferring to give his attention to his business and his family.

ACOB C. GAMBEE, farmer and carpenter, residing on section 16, Dover Township, is the son of Daniel and Lydia (Kaiser) Gambee, both of whom are natives of Seneca County, N. Y. They were reared and married in their native county, and after marriage lived there for awhile, but subsequently moved to Reed Township, Seneca Co., Ohio, where they resided until the death of the husband and father, which occurred March 29, 1884. Mrs. Gambee is now living in Ionia, Mich. They were the parents of eight children, two of whom died in infancy. The names of the children are: Mary, Jacob C., Charles, Sarah A.,

Samuel and Christina A.

J. C. Gambee, of whom we write, was born in Seneca County, N. Y., Nov. 30, 1838, and was only two years of age when his parents moved to Ohio. He there attended the public schools, and assisted his father on the farm, remaining at home until twenty-one years of age. He then apprenticed himself to a carpenter for a term of three years. Soon after the expiration of his apprenticeship, the late Rebellion broke out, and in September, 1862, he enlisted in what was known as Hoffman's Battalion, and was employed in garrison duty on Johnston Island, Ohio, for two years, after which the battalion was absorbed in Company D, 128th Ohio Infantry. He served until the close of the war, receiving his discharge in June, 1865. He then returned to his home in Seneca County, Ohio, and formed a partnership with his brother-in-law, John L. Shirey, and carried on the business of cabinetmaking for a short time, when he sold out. In April, 1866, he came to Lenawce County, and worked by the day, carpentering or farming, for nearly two

Mr. Gambee was married in Dover Township in

1868, December 31, to Miss Deborah Sutton, the daughter of Pharis and Hannah (Foote) Sutton, of whom a sketch is given elsewhere in this volume, Mrs. Gambee was born in North Adams Township, Hillsdale Co., Mich., July 6, 1838.

Mr. Gambee, after his marriage, purchased a farm of sixty acres on section 16, in Dover Township, where he has since lived. He has erected a good residence and other buildings, and has a pleasant and comfortable home. He followed his trade the greater part of the time after coming to Dover until the spring of 1886, but since then has devoted his attention entirely to agricultural pursuits.

Mr. and Mrs. Gambee are most excellent people, possessing the confidence and esteem of their neighbors and acquaintances. Socially, Mr. Gambee is a member of Clayton Lodge No. 278, A. F. & A. M., and of Rowley Post No. 358, G. A. R., of Clayton, Politically he is a Democrat, and votes uniformly and conscientiously with that party.



TARLES F. SMITH is the owner of a wellimproved farm of 120 acres on section 16, of Ridgeway Township. In 1843, at the age of twenty-one, he settled on his farm, which was then an unbroken wilderness. At the time of, purchase he could pay only \$50, but he has since improved his land, paid every dollar on it, and has also bought good property in Tecumseh. Mr. Smith was born in Yorkshire, England, in 1821. His parents were John and Alice (Flockton) Smith, the former, a farmer in Yorkshire all his life. died at the age of fifty-seven years. His wife afterward came to this country, and died at the home of the subject of our sketch, at the age of seventy-seven years. Both she and her husband were consistent members of the Episcopal Church, or Church of

At the age of fourteen years Charles began to carn his own living at agricultural labor. When twenty-one years of age he emigrated to the United States, and coming westward to this State, located at once on the farm he now owns in Ridgeway Township, which was a portion of the school section, and bought by him when those lands came

into the market. He was married, in Ridgeway, to Miss Ellen Lupton, daughter of Thomas and Mary (Cooper) Lupton, who had come to America from England, their native home, when Ellen was but two years old, and first located in Detroit, where her father followed his trade of a carpenter. Later her parents came to Ridgeway, purchased land, and made it their home until their death. Mrs. Smith lived at home until attaining womanhood, receiving her education in the district schools of this country. She is the mother of eleven children, as follows: Mary, wife of Meeker Hines, who is living in Ridgeway: Albert, who took to wife Miss Tilda Miller, and is residing on a farm in Ridgeway; Horace, who married Miss Nettie Larabee, and is living on a farm in this township; and Darius, Lena and Charlie, who are at home: the other live are dead. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In politics Mr. S. is a Prohibitionist, feeling that in the total suppression of the liquor traffic lies the only salvation for many of his unfortunate fellowmen, whose appetites are destroying them.

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OHN LANDON set out for the West in the spring of 1843, to seek his fortune, and coming into this county located in the woods upon ground which was afterward included in Rowland Township, where he lived for a period of forty years. He reclaimed 200 acres from the wilderness, brought the soil to a high state of cultivation, and in the course of time provided himself with all the modern conveniences for farming.

Mr. Landon possessed in a more than ordinary degree the resolution and industry required to make pioneer life a success, and has become the owner of a fine property which enables him to spend his declining years in the midst of case and plenty. He was located near the banks of Round Lake, and after the country was settled up, provided boats to ply thereon for the convenience of picnic parties and other excursionists. He was then married and with his estimable wife had his full share of the trials and hardships of life in a new settlement. The women of those days possessed the brave and intrepid spirits of their husbands, and labored

equally with them in building up the homestead and providing themselves with the necessaries of life. Mrs. Landon, in the absence of her husband, would often by the aid of her dog chase a deer into the lake and keep it there until Mr. L. came home to complete its capture and prepare it for the future consumption of the family.

The subject of this biography was born in Delaware County, N. Y., Nov. 29, 1811, and is the son of Silas Landon, a native of Connecticut, whose father, John Landon, removed from that State to Eric County, N. Y., where he engaged in farming and died at the age of seventy years. He had been accompanied by his wife and family, and Grandmother Landon at the time of her death was about the same age as her lusband. Their son Silas was reared to manhood in Eric County, N. Y., where he engaged in the lumber trade and later in life removed to Tompkins County, where he spent his last years, dying Sept. 5, 1830, at the age of about forty years.

Young Landon continued with his parents until twenty years of age, and was then married to Miss Lucretia, daughter of Michael Handy, of Vermont, where he spent his entire life engaged in farming pursuits. Mrs. Lucretia Landon was born in Vermont, March 11, 1810, and died at her home in this county, Jan. 27, 1874. She had become the mother of five children, three of whom are now living. Silas was born Aug. 3, 1833, is married and the father of five children living, and lives in Clayton; Wealthy was born April 13, 1835, and died September 23 following; Wealthy (2d) was born April 20, 1837, and is the wife of Gilbert Griffin, of Ohio, and the mother of six children; Cornelia was born March 2, 1842, became the wife of 11. Crandall, of Round Lake, and died April 29, 1876; Lewis was born July 30, 1847, is married and a resident of Addison. Mr. Landon was a second time married, in 1874, to Mrs. Jane (Grandy) Crane, daughter of Edmund Grandy, and widow of Amos R. Crane, who was born in New Hampshire and subsequently removed to New York State. Her parents came to this county in 1848, locating in Raisin Township. where they died when about seventy-four years of Their household included a family of fifteen children, of whom seven are now living and Mrs.

Landon is next to the youngest. She was united in marriage to Amos R. Crane in Raisin Township, and he followed the trade of a carpenter. They were the parents of three children—Charles IL, Doreas J. and Mattie A. Charles H. was born in Adrian, Nov. 28, 1853, and is now married and the father of one child; Doreas J. was born Jan. 14, 1856, and is the wife of R. G. Gidley, a farmer of Gratiot County, and the mother of one son, John G.; Mattie A. was born Nov. 30, 1869, and is living at home.

The maiden name of the mother of our subject was Nancy Beadle. She was born in Delaware County, N. Y., and died in Rollin Township, this county, in 1873, aged about seventy years. Her father, Abraham Beadle, was a New Yorker by birth, and conducted a hotel at Middleton, where he died when ninety-two years of age. His wife also died at an advanced age. Mrs. Landon's mother was in her girlhood Miss Dorcas Dean, of New York, who died in Raisin aged about seventy-four years. Mr. Landon is an old-school Jackson Democrat in politics.

DWARD F. MUIR, one of the oldest settlers of the town of Clinton and this part of Lenawee County, is by birth a native of Jefferson County, N. Y., where he first opened his eves to the light on the 30th of March, 1828. He was reared amid the quiet scenes of farm life, and received his education in the common schools, after which he learned the trade of distiller, which he followed some years. In 1854, during the California gold excitement, he started, via the Isthmus, for that land of promise, and upon arriving there applied himself to the brewing business and followed it for eighteen months. This experience satisfied him in regard to that section of country, and he returned to Michigan and took up farming, in which he was occupied for the three years following. He then abandoned agriculture and established himself in the meat trade, in which he accumulated a small fortune, dealing mostly with local orders. He invested the greater portion of his capital in village property, and is consequently one of the leading men, and intimately connected with its various interests. His residence is one of the handsomest and most valuable in the town, and comprises a home replete with all the comforts and many of the luxuries of life.

Mr. Muir, Oct. 5, 1852, was married, in Clinton, to Miss Lucy Corey, who was a native of New York State, and came to this county with her parents when but a child. Of this union there have been born five children, two of whom died in early childhood. Arthur W. is successfully operating the business of his father at the old stand; he married Miss Etta Stanfield, and they have two children-Frank and Blanche. Carrie is the wife of C. W. Johnson, a resident of Detroit, and an agent for the "Associated Press;" they have one child, a daughter, Nina, Mina L. is lat home with her parents. Mrs. Muir, with her two daughters, is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. M., politically, is an uncompromising Democrat. During the Mexican War he enlisted in the 1st Michigan Infantry, but saw no active service, being in ill-health much of the time.

Mrs. Mnir was born in the town of Alcott, Niagara Co., N. Y., Nov. 1, 1829. She is the sixth child and second daughter of Levi and Mary (Coats) Corey, the latter of whom died in this county when her daughter Lucy was a child seven years of age. She was a native of Vermont, of New England parentage, and a lady of deep piety, being the greater part of her life a devoted member of the Methodist Church, Her parents' household included six sons and two daughters. The Corey family came to Michigan in 1836, and located on a farm in Franklin Township, where the wife and mother died the following year. Levi Corey was the second time married, making an alliance with Miss Mary Richardson, by which they became the parents of one son and three daughters, all of whom are living and residents of this county.

After a residence of five years in Franklin Township, Mr. Corey took up his residence in the village of Clinton, where he established a bruckyard, which was probably the second institution of its kind in that locality. He lived to an advanced age, retaining his activity and energy in a remarkable manner, and died in March, 1874, when eighty-

six years old. Mrs. Mary Corey is still living, and makes her home with a daughter in Clinton.

Mrs. Muir was seven years old when she came to Michigan with her parents. She took kindly to her books and acquired an excellent education, and for several years before her marriage was engaged as a teacher.

DMUND R. SMITH. The farm belonging to this gentleman, one of the best conducted and most attractive in Ridgeway Township, became his property nearly twenty years ago, and the indications are that he has made excellent use of his time. The fields are conveniently laid off and neatly fenced, and the residence and out-buildings, of the best description, are put up in a tasty and substantial manner, combining beauty and utility in the most attractive form. The homestead includes eighty acres of land, fairly stocked with good grades of domestic animals, and, it is hardly necessary to say, provided with all the implements for carrying on agriculture after the most approved methods. Mr. Smith, besides this property on section 35, owns forty acres on section 2, and ninety acres on section 1, in Ridgeway Township.

Our subject has spent his entire life in this section of country, having been born on the homestead which he now occupies, April 16, 1842. His parents, James and Amelia (Walley) Smith, were natives of England, who came to Michigan in the pioneer days and endured, in common with the people about them, all the hardships and privations of life in a new settlement. A sketch of James Smith will be found elsewhere in this work. Edmund passed his early years after the manner of most farmer's sons and availed himself of the instruction given in the common schools. He was married in the twenty-eighth year of his age. Feb. 23, 1870, to Miss Eliza Hoagland, who was born in Macon Township, this county, Sept. 8, 1847. Her parents, John V, and Anna (Doremus) Hoagland, were natives of Seneca County, N. Y., where they were reared and married. They came to Michigan on their wedding trip, journeying after the manner of those days, by canal, lake, and overland with teams. Mr. Hongland located a tract of land in Macon Township, where he built up a comfortable homestead, and with his estimable wife spent the remainder of his days. Both were active members of the Methodist Church. Her father, politically, was a strong Republican, and was quite prominently identified with local politics. They labored industriously for many years, and were greatly respected by the people around them. The homestead of 120 acres is now in the hands of the members of the family.

Mrs. Smith spent her childhood and youth under the parental roof, and was educated, like her husband, in the district schools. She is an amiable and pleasant lady, and by her marriage with our subject, became the mother of a son and daughter: Arthur, born June 12, 1872, and Anna, June 25, 1876, Our subject and his wife located on the farm, which they now occupy immediately after their marriage. Mr. Smith possessed some means at that time, and has been uniformly fortunate in his labors and in his investments. Like his father before him, he is a solid Democrat, politically, finding in that party the nearest approach to his ideas of popular government. Throughout his life he has always been a public-spirited gentlemen, and takes a warm interest in the general welfare of his fellow-townsmen.

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HILO C. SEAGER settled on the farm in Riga. Township, where he now fives in 1874. It was then a tract of woodland embraced in the district known as Cottonwood Swamp. There was a log house on the place, and about five acres of it had been cleared of the timber. He now has the entire forty acres of it cleared and well tilled, and has erected a good frame barn and a confortable dwelling.

Mr. Seager is a native of Pierpont Township, Ashtabula Co., Olio, where he was born April 8, 1836. His father, Cornelius D. Seager, was born in the town of Phelps, N. Y. His father, the grandfather of the subject of this narrative, is supposed to have been a native of the same State, and of remote Holland ancestry. The latter removed to Crawford County, Pa., in the early settlement of that county, and there took up a tract of land about three miles from the line of Ashtabula County. Ohio, and improved a farm on which he resided until his death, which occurred about 1866. He lived to see the county where he had located well developed, and grow from a wilderness to a flourishing section of the State. The father of our subject was rearred on his father's homestead in Crawford County, and there married Miss Mary Turner. She was born in Massachusetts, the old Bay State, and her father. Carmi Turner, a native of the same commonwealth, was a pioneer of Pierpont Township, Ashtabula Co., Ohio.

A few years after marriage Mr, and Mrs, Seager, the parents of Philo, removed to Pierpont, Ohio, where he bought a small tract of land comprised of thirteen acres, on which he built a small log house. A few years later he erected a frame house at the crossing of two roads, over which stage lines passed, and there he opened a hotel for the accommodation of travelers. He afterward sold his property there and bought twenty-five acres in Richmond Township, and engaged in farming. He remained there until 1846, when he disposed of his property and removed to Sylvania Township, Lucas County, and bought eighty acres of land in the wilderness, on which he first built a log house. He remained a resident of that township until his death in 1864. He had in the meantime cleared nearly one-half of his land and put up substantial frame buildings. His wife also died in their home in Sylvania.

In the little log house which his father first built on his removal to Ohio, Philo Seager, of whom we write, first saw the light of day. He was ten years old when his father moved to Lucas County. Deer and wild turkeys were then very plentiful in that locality, and occasionally a bear put in an appearance. Our subject was educated at the pioneer schools, and in the intervals of attending those educational institutions assisted in clearing the land and tilling the soil, and was thus employed at the home of his parents until his enlistment, Dec. 3, 1861, in Company K, 3d Ohio Cavalry. His regiment was attached to the 2d Brigade, 2d Division, 1st Cavalry Corps, which became a part of the Army of the Cumberland. He veteranized in 1864, and served until after the close of the war, taking part in many important battles, among which may he mentioned the following: Shiloh, Pittsburg Landing, Stone River, Chiekamauga, Lookout Mountain, was with Kilpatrick in his raid around Atlanta and Jonesboro, and in the battles of Franklin and Nashville. He was honorably discharged with his regiment at Columbus, Ohio, in August, 1865, and returned home. He had fought in the States of Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama and Georgia.

Before going into the army Mr. 8, had bought forty acres of wild land in Sylvania Township, upon which he settled after his marriage in 1866, and he and his wife commenced their wedded life in a log house which he had previously built, and there made their home until 1872. In that year they removed to Malvern, Mills Co., Iowa, where Mr. Seager engaged in railroading for a year. In 1873 they removed to Riga Township, and in the following spring they settled on the farm where they now live.

Mrs, Seager's maiden name was Anna J. Vickery; she was born in Richfield, Lucas Co., Ohio, May 1, 1839. Her father, Nathan Vickery, was born in Rensselaer County, N. Y., and was the son of Eli Vickery, who was a native of England, who came from that country when a young man, Eli bought a large farm in Rensselaer County, and spent the remainder of his life there. The father of Mrs. Seager, Nathan Vickery, was reared in his native county, and there married Miss Juliana Rusk, daughter of William and Lydia (Husted) Rusk, natives respectively of Ireland and New York. In 1838 Mr. and Mrs. Vickery removed to Ohio and made a settlement in Richfield Township, Lucas County, among the early pioneers of that region. They lived in a small log house on a tract of timbered land which Mr. Vickery had previously purchased. In that little cabin Mrs. Seager was born. Her parents continued to reside there until within a few years of their death, spending the last few years of their lives in Riga Township, Lenawee County, where Mr. Vickery died July 27, 1882, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Mary Roberts; his wife died in the same place Aug. 7, 1887. To Mr. and Mrs. Seager have been born two children-William E. and Charles D.

Our subject and his amiable wife have gained the





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respect and good-will of all in the community where they now make their home. Mr. Seager is a prominent member of Scott Post, G. A. R. of Blissfield.



ALVIN CRANE, a prominent farmer and eitizen of Adrian, comes of New York stock, and was born in Wayne County, near Palmyra, on the 25th of December, 1816. His father, George Crane, was a native of Massachusetts, and was born March 31, 1783. The mother, Charity Lincoln, was born in Bristol, Mass., Aug. 7, 1782, and was the daughter of Benjamin and Elizabeth (White) Lincoln, of English ancestry.

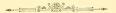
The parents of our subject were married in Massachusetts, and soon afterward became pioneer settlers in Wayne County, N. Y., where they continued to reside until their removal to Michigan in May, 1833. Upon their arrival in Lenawee County, they located on section 18 in what is now the township of Palmyra, where they entered upon and cleared the farm upon which they resided until the death of the father, April 17, 1836; the mother survived him until Sept. 21, 1863. They were the parents of seven children, tour girls and three boys, all of whom grew to manhood and womanhood, excepting the first horn. The names of these children are as follows: Phila P., Elizabeth W., Rowena C., George L., Benjamin L., Calvin and Clarissa P.

Calvin Crane passed his early boyhood in his native county, where his opportunity for an education was only that of the common or district school, When he came with his parents to Lenawee County he was sixteen years of age, and after that time he was deprived of the privilege of even a district school education, but was sent three months to a select school in the town of Raisin. In the fall of 1836 he was allowed to return to the State of New York, to spend the winter in the completion of his school education, and returning he remained on the farm with his parents until he attained twentyone years of age. During this time his father was one of the Commissioners of the county, and afterward served as Supervisor and represented the county one term in the Legislature. He took an active part in building up his county, and was known everywhere as "Uncle George Crane," He was one of the commissioners who took part in locating the Erie & Kalamazoo Railroad, which was the pioneer road west from Utica, X, Y_a, and was one of the Directors of that road until his death. For some years he acted as President of the company, and also was civil engineer in building the road.

On the 7th of February, 1844, Calvin Crane was married to Deborah Power, of Oakland County, Mich., but formerly of Ontario County, N. Y. She was born on the 19th of November, 1820, and was the daughter of Arthur and Mary (Dillingham) Power. After his marriage, Mr. Crane settled on section 18, Palmyra Township, on a part of the old homestead, where he was engaged in general farming, and also turned his attention to surveying, at the time his father was connected with the railroad. In 1850 he was chosen as assistant resident engineer, and had charge of the rebuilding of the "Kalamazoo" now known as the Lake Shore Railroad. He also assisted in surveying and constructing the Michigan Southern Road, running from Monroe to Adrian. His position as assistant resident engineer on the Michigan Southern continned about a year, and he also occupied the position of resident engineer at Toledo Station for seetion of the road known as the "Air Line Division" of what is now the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Road, from its conception to its completion. After completing the construction part of the work he was appointed purchasing agent, and it was made his duty to buy supplies for the varions departments. After serving a considerable time in this capacity he was compelled to resign on account of failing health, and he returned to the farm, upon which he remained until 1864. In 1867 he was appointed Civil Engineer for the city of Toledo, Ohio, and held that position until 1872, when he resigned and returned to Adrian, where he has since resided.

Since his return to Adrian, Mr. Crane has almost wholly retired from active business and his farm is cultivated by tenants. His farm in Palmyra Township comprises 300 acres, which is well improved and contains good buildings, while he also owns a farm in Ogden Township consisting of 220 acres. He erected the brick residence in which he resides, on the corner of Maumee and Locust streets, in 1865

Mr. and Mrs. Crane have one son, Arthur P., who was born on the 7th of July, 1846. He entered Yale College, from which he was graduated in 1870, after which he took a two years' course at the Columbia Law School in New York City. In 1872, after completing his law studies, he went to Germany for the purpose of acquiring a knowledge of the German language, and spent one year in Heidelberg College, and attended lectures on the old Roman law. He returned from Germany in 1874, since which time he has been practicing his profession in the city of Toledo, Ohio. Mr. Calvin Crane has held various offices in the gift of the people, having been Supervisor one term, Assessor and Highway Commissioner several terms.



AMES J. SNEDEKER, one of the pioneers of Lenawce County, was born not far from the sandy, sea-beaten coast of the Atlantic Ocean, m Monmouth County, N. J., June 29, 1802, and departed this life at his home in Adrian Township, Feb. 10, 1874. He is remembered as being the possessor of all Christian and manly virtues, and his name is held in kindly remembrance by the associates of his own age, who still survive, and by numbers of the present generation. Mrs. Snedeker, who still survives him, became his wife Feb. 14, 1837.

Mr. Snedeker came to Michigan in 1829, and purchased 160 acres of land in Adrian Township, where he spent the remainder of his days. This was six years before the admission of the Territory into the Union as a State. As may be supposed, the land in this vicinity was still mostly in a wild and uncultivated condition. Mr. Snedeker the first year cleared a small portion of his purchase, and the year following put up a shanty, in which he kept bachelor's hall until his marriage. His chosen bride, Miss Pheebe Vanaken, was the daughter of Benjamin II, and Rachel Vanaken, natives respectively of New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Her parents had emigrated from their home to the West in 1821, and

located first near the young city of Detroit, then in its infancy and giving little indication of its future importance. A few years later they removed to Fairfield Township, this county, but later took up their abode in Hillsdale, where both parents died at an advanced age. Their daughter Phebe was born Feb. 14, 1814.

Mr. and Mrs. Snedeker became the parents of four children. Their eldest daughter, Emeline A., now Mrs. Jonathan Howland, of Adrian, was born Feb. 20, 1838, and is the mother of four children; Adeline A., Mrs. Renben Sayers, was born Oct. 5, 1839, and is the mother of one child; Dwight and Duane (twins) were born Nov. 17, 1845; Duane died March 4, 1869. Dwight Snedeker was reared after the manner of most farmers' sons, and received an excellent education, having attended Adrian College for several terms. As a lad, he was bright and ambitious to excel, and has always kept up a course of reading, by which means he is well posted upon matters of general interest. He has been content with farm life as an occupation, and remains upon the old homestead where he was born. He was married, Dec. 26, 1867, to Miss Adelaide, daughter of Peter Bogert, of Adrian Township, and born in Adrian, Jan. 3, 1850. Her father was one of the early pioneers of Lenawee County, and a native of New Jersey. Her family is of German ancestry, and the grandfather of Mrs. Snedeker crossed the Atlantic in time to serve as a Revolutionary soldier. They were people of prominence, wherever located, and invariably made their mark in their community. Dwight Snedeker and his wife are the parents of two children, named as follows: Maud E., born June 24, 1871, and Florence M., Aug. 17, 1874. Maud E. is a natural artist of fine capacities. The male members of the family for generations have been Democratic, politically, and have exerted a marked influence upon the party in this section.

James J. Snedeker distinguished himself as one of the most valued pioneers of Lenawec County, and during his younger years was prominent in adjusting landed interests for his neighbors, and other people in the county. He was known as a man upright and honest in his transactions, and one in whom the community reposed great confidence. His wife, Mrs. Phebe Snedeker, was well fitted to

be the companion of her husband, and endured with heroism the trials and difficulties of a pioneer wife and mother.

EVI C. RICHMOND. This late resident of Clinton Township was widely and favorably known as one of its most successful general farmers, and besides his line estate in the northeastern part of this county, owned a valuable tract of land in Bridgewater Township, Washtenaw County. He was born in Herkimer County, N. Y., Dec. 11, 1809, and closed his eyes upon earthly seemes at his home in Clinton Township, this county, Jan. 7, 1887.

Mr. Richmond was the son of a farmer of modest means in the Empire State, where he was reared to agricultural pursuits, and remained until reaching his majority. In contemplation of his plans for the future, he decided to cast his lot with the pioneers of Southeastern Michigan, and came to this county in the fall of 1830, locating in Pontiac Township. Thence, not long afterward, he removed to Washtenaw County, and was there married, March 2, 1837, to Miss Sarah Warner, of Freedom Township. Mrs. R. was born in Groveland, Livingston Co., N. Y., Dec. 9, 1817, and was the fourth child of a family of six, the offspring of Samuel and Elizabeth Warner. She was a maiden of sixteen years when her parents left the Empire State and came to Michigan. They located in Freedom Township, Washtenaw County, and built up a good home from the wilderness. There the parents spent the remainder of their days, Samuel Warner departing this life Oct. 8, 1840, and his wife Elizabeth some years later. Both were well advanced in years, They were most excellent and worthy people, and held in the warmest regard by all who knew them.

Mr. and Mrs. Richmond began life together on a farm in Washtenaw County, where they continued to reside twelve years, and then coming to this county, located in Clinton Township, where they were soon numbered among its highly respected citizens. They labored together for many years as consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which Mr. Richmond, for a long period, officiated as Trustee, and occupied other responsible offices in connection with church matters. He was liberal-minded and public-spirited, assisting according to his means those enterprises which were calculated to be for the best interests of the people. He was a Democrat, politically, with decided views, and ever fearless in support of what he believed to be right.

Mr., and Mrs. Richmond became the parents of seven children, three of whom were born in Washtenaw County. Their eldest son, Mason, married Miss Delia Crawford, and is engaged in milling in Jackson County; Jerome, also a miller, is a resident of the same county, and married Miss Ophelia Broeraw; Samuel W. is at present in Arizona; Elizabeth is the wife of Lathram Miller, a foundryman at Chelsea, this State; Sarah married James Halladay, of whom a sketch is given elsewhere in this Anzu; Charles is carrying on the livery business in Oregon; he married Miss Ida Tompkins, of Daflas, that State; William is the only child remaining at home with his mother, and is still unmarried.

R. JOHN L. TUTTLE, a prominent man and leading physician and surgeon of Clinton, is a good representative of the regular school of physicians. He received his medical education in the Michigan State University, of Ann Arbor, and was graduated by that institution March 29, 1871.

Dr. Tuttle at once located in Clinton, and began a career of successful practice, at first with his cousin, Dr. A. F. Tuttle, now deceased, but formerly an early physician at this place. For about two years our subject practiced with his partner, but since that time has conducted the business on his own account. He is by birth a native of Green Oak, Livingston Co., Mich., where he was born March 25, 1849. His father, John L. Tuttle, had settled on a piece of Government land in Green Oak Township, having come there from New Hampshire, in which State he was born Feb. 8, 1807. He was there rearred on a farm, receiving a good education, of which he made use in after life in teaching school. He came to this State in 1832,

and after locating, was married at Ann Arbor, July 19, 1834, to Miss Delia J. Cleveland, a daughter of David Cleveland and a descendant of Mose-Cleveland, who came to America on the dear old Mayflower. Miss Cleveland was born in the Province of Ontario, Canada, on the 7th of May, 1807, and came to the United States with her father in her girlhood. The family located at Ann Arbor, where the father worked at his trade of millwright. His wife had died in Ontario previous to their coming here, and he departed this life in Jackson, Mich., in the eighty-fourth year of his age. The paternal grandfather of Dr. Tuttle was John Tuttle, a native of New Hampshire, where he died when his son of the same name was a child.

After his marriage, the father of our subject located on his new homestead, on which he lived and which he had brought to a high state of improvement at the time of his death, in 1865. He was a solid Republican and took an active part in local politics, and for years held most of the principal township offices. His wife died at the home of our subject, June 18, 1878. They were both consistent members of the Episcopal Church.

Our subject was the youngest of six children, two sons and four daughters, of whom one only is living besides our subject. Eleanor C., who married Orrin P. Safford, a druggist of Flint, Mich. Dr. Tuttle was reared on a farm and received a good commonschool education, and two years after the death of his father took charge of the farm and managed it successfully until he completed his education at Ann Arbor.

On the 27th of November, 1873, Dr. Tuttle was married, in Flint, Mich., to Miss Jennie E. Safford, who was born in that place on the 9th of January, 1851, and is the daughter of Orrin Safford, Sr., who is now ninety-two years of age, and lives with his son Orrin P., in Flint. He came from Woodstock, Vt., to Flint, Mich., when he was twenty-one years old, and unmarried, and early became connected with the public affairs of the county of Genesee, where he held both county and township offices. He was twice married, his last wife being Abigail Jennings, who died leaving two children: Orrin P., a druggist at Flint, and Mrs. Dr. Tuttle of this notice. By his former marriage he had one child,

Charles Safford, a teacher, now in the State of California.

Mrs. Tuttle was reared at the home of her parents and received a liberal education. She is the mother of two children—John L, and Ella J. The Doctor has met with considerable pecuniary success since coming here and owns two nice properties in Clinton. He and his wife are Methodists in their religion, and sincere and active Christians. In politics, the Doctor is a Republican of the strictest type and is a member of the Village Council and School Board.



AVID B. OSTERHOUT was formerly a successful farmer on section 34, of the fractional part of Ridgeway Township. He was one of the earlier settlers of Lenawee County, becoming a citizen in 1842. He was born in Lodi Township, Seneca Co., N. Y., on the 9th of January, 1826, and is the son of John and Sarah (Bailey) Osterhout, who were born in the State of New York, in which commonwealth they lived, but did not become citizens of Seneea County until after their marriage. After the birth of all their children in the latter county, they, with a portion of the family, came to Michigan in 1842, and at once settled on the farm on section 33 of the fractional part of Ridgeway Township, which at the time of their settlement was an unbroken wilderness. John Osterhout and his wife lived here until they both died at an advanced age. They were both pleasant people, and valuable members of society. Mrs. Osterhout was a sincere and consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, In politics Mr. Osterhout was an influential member of the Democratic party, with whom he always affiliated. Their son, David B., the subject of this sketch, remained at home until his marriage.

Mr. Osterbont was married, on the 1st of January, 1850, to Wilmina Hongland, who was born in the township of Romulus, Seneca Co., N. Y., on the 18th of January, 1828 (for history of her parents see sketch of Thomas V. Hoagland.) Mrs. Osterhout was about six years of age when her father landed in Michigan, and always lived at home and received an excellent common-school education.

After her marriage to David B. Osterhout they settled on a farm of ninety acres on section 34, all of which were in Ridgeway Township, excepting twenty acres which lay in Macon Township. Here Mr. Osterhout succeeded in managing the farm to the best advantage until he died on the 9th of February, 1879, his death being caused by consumption. He was a Republican in politics, and as such was elected to the office of Road Commissioner. In every and all respects he was a good citizen, and highly esteemed by all who knew him, and his death was mourned by a large number of friends and neighbors.

Since the death of her husband Mrs. Osterhout has managed the farm skillfully, successfully and profitably. She is the mother of five children, three of whom are deceased. The names of the living are: Lavern, who married Nannie McCarby, Sept. 5, 1884, but she died shortly after, and her husband then married Hattie Beevers, and is now living ou a 50-acre farm in Ridgeway Township; and Grant H., who resides at home. The names of the deceased children are: Mary E., who was the wife of Stephen V. Dibble, and died July 26, 1882; Clara, who died Sept. 8, 1880, aged eighteen years; and Henry B., who died April 5, 1858, aged three years and five months. Mrs. Osterhout is a member of the Christian Church, and devotes much of her time to such work as will enhance the interests of the church. She is a considerate neighbor, and her influence for good and benevolence is felt throughout the neighborhood. It would be but proper to add that Mr. Osterhout enlisted during the war with Mexico, and served his country for eighteen months in that land of eliapparal.



ON. WILLIAM CORBIN is the junior member of the firm of Lamby & Corbin, canners of fruits and vegetables, composing the Adrian Packing Company, with which he has been connected for the last ten years. He is at present resident member of the Board of Control, receiving his appointment from Gov. Begole for a period of six years, and has now held the position four years.

The subject of our sketch first saw the light in

Nichols, Tioga Co., N. Y., July 30, 1825, and lived at home until he was fifteen years of age, receiving only a common-school education. At that age he went to Burlington Flats, Otsego Co., N. Y., to learn wagon-making, but being dissatisfied with the treatment he received he remained only one year, when he went to Chittenango, where he worked for his board during one winter and attended school, In the spring of 1843 he went to Buffalo, and thence by steamer to Detroit, where he landed about the 1st of July. From Detroit he went to Dundee, Monroe County, where Mr. Dunham, a brother of his step-father, resided, and engaged at farm labor. He afterward worked on the Michigan Southern Railroad for some time, and then we find him running a grist and saw mill which he had leased and was operating successfully at Dundee. In 1847 he entered the mercantile business, opening a general store at Petersburg, and continued at merchandising for about fifteen years. While here, he bought the water-power and mill property at Petersburg, in company with John W. Conlogue, and operated it for several years. He was also Postmaster for twelve years at Petersburg, receiving his appointment from President Pierce. He at one time owned about 2,000 acres of land in Monroe County, a part of which consisted of valuable farms. He was the first Station Agent appointed at Petersburg by the Michigan Southern Railroad Company, and held the position about fifteen years. He was Township Clerk, Justice of the Peace twelve years, and Supervisor three terms. He was elected State Senator in 1863, and was a member of the constitutional convention in 1867, He lived in Petersburg until 1872, when he removed to the city of Adrian, where he has since resided in an elegant and commodious house, with beautiful surroundings.

Horace Corbin, the father of our subject, was born in Charlestown, Sullivan Co., N. H., and learned carpentering. On the 8th of January, 1824, he was united in marriage with Frances, daughter of Thomas and Sallie (Murphy) Wright, by whom he had two children—William and Horace. Horace is now a lawyer of Plymouth, Ind., and has been Judge of the court there and member of the State Senate. Mrs. Horace Corbin was born March 13.

1806, at Nichols, N. Y. The father died March 31, 1828, and Mrs. Corbin was married a second time, April 19, 1829, to Eben Dunham, with whom she lived over fifty years. They came to Michigan in the spring of 1863, and settled in Petersburg, Monroe County, where she died in March, 1886, aged seventy-nine years. Mr. Dunham died Sept. 4, 1879. To her second husband she bore six children, only two of whom are living: James W., a merchant of Petersburg, and Ellen J., the wife of David A. Curtis, a Methodist preacher, now superannuated. One son, Edwin A., was a soldier in the war of the Rebellion and died in the service.

An important event in the life of the subject of this biography occurred on the 20th of December, 1849, when he was united in marriage with the lady of his choice, Miss Eliza Ann. daughter of William and Margaret Drew, of Dundee. Corbin was born in Charkson, Monroe Co., N. Y., March 10, 1827, and came to Michigan with her parents in 1831, settling in Somerfield, Monroe County, where she taught school seven years, and then moved to Dundee. Her mother is still living and makes her home in Dundee, but at present is staying with our subject and is in her eighty-seventh year. Mrs. Corbin is a lady of natural ability and refined and cultivated tastes, and adorns the society in which she and her husband are distinguished members. Mr. Corbin also is a gentleman of fine presence and pleasing manners. They have been blessed with seven children, three of whom are living, namely: Mary M., Mrs. Frank A. Douglas. of Houghton, Lake Superior; Alice E., who married R. P. Humphrey, and lives in Sioux Falls, Dak., and Edward A., who is a lawyer of Chicago, Ill.

Since his residence in Adrian, Mr. Corbin has been identified with many important enterprises. He was one of the original incorporators of the Adrian Paper Mill Company, and was its President seven years. He subsequently engaged in the hardware business, and finally became a member of the Adrian Packing Company. He has been a member of the Board of Education nine years, three years of which he was Secretary. He was elected a member of the House of Representatives in 1880 from the Second District of Lenawee County, which is strongly Republican, he being

the only Democrat elected for at least twenty years. Mr. Corbin was elected Mayor of the city of Adrian in 1883, and again in 1884. He is a member of Adrian Lodge No. 19, A. F. & A. M., and has filled all the chairs, while he has also taken all the degrees in Masomy, including the thirty-third, which is the Scottish rite; he is also a member of the I, O, O, F.

ANUEL MCORMICK is a highly respected citizen and an early settler of Riga Township. He is well regarded in the community as a kind neighbor and good citizen, possessed of sound judgment and good common sense. He is much interested in the political affairs of the nation, and always easts his vote with the Republican party.

In the year 1854, William McCormick, the father of our subject, a worthy citizen of Butler County, Pa., left his old home in that county, and with his wife and children came to Riga Township, this county, where an elder son had preceded them. They moved into a vacant log cabin in the southern part of the township, and the father soon contracted for land on section 33 of the same township. The negotiations were completed satisfactorily, but before his plans were matured for the removal of his family, his death occurred, Oct. 20, 1855. Thus in only one year after their removal into a new country, his family were deprived of the care of their natural protector and counselor. He was a native of Washington County, Pa., where he was also reared, and after his marriage with Margaret Gray, also a native of Pennsylvania, they made their home in Butler County in the same State. Her death occurred in Riga Township in 1881, at the age of seventy-one years. Her father, James Grav, was also a native of the Keystone State, but spent his last years near Portsmouth, Ohio. To Mr. and Mrs. McCormick were born the following-named children: Lemuel, Manuel, William O., James, Mary E., Margaret J., Peterson, Henry C., Christina and George W.

Manuel McCormick was born in Butler County, Pa.. March 21, 1834, and grew to manhood in his native town, attending the public school and assisting in the support of the family. He was twenty years of age when he accompanied his parents to this State, and the sudden death of the father threw greater responsibilities on the other members of the family. They were soon settled on the land for which the father had contracted, and our subject and his brothers set vigorously to work to fell the trees, remove the stumps and drain the land, preparing it for tillage; in this hard work they had the encouragement and counsel of their good mother.

After assisting in clearing this land, Mr. McCormick bought land adjoining the homestead, which he still owns and occupies. When he first settled thereon, it contained a log cabin, and five or six acres were partially cleared. As the result of these years of energetic told, he now has forty acres of fine plow land, and twenty acres of the remaining forty are partially cleared, while he has good, substantial farm buildings, all showing evidences of care and thrift on the part of the owner. Mr. Mc-Cormick has never married, but although he keeps a bachelor's establishment, his rooms are neat and homelike.

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4 AMUEL KNIFFEN. The State of Michigan is the great lumber producing district of the country, and her pineries furnish and West. The amount of capital invested in this industry is simply fabulous, and it is one of the great sources of the wealth of the State. The subject of this sketch belongs to that army of lumber producers that has made Michigan so famous in mill products. Our subject is the well-known and successful sawmill man of Britton's Station, Ridgeway Township, where he commenced in 1882. His establishment is an extensive one, and has a capacity of 10,000 feet per day. He was formerly engaged in the lumber business in another part of the township, and has been engaged in the business continuously since 1872. Since coming to Britton's Station he has increased the capacity of his mills very materially.

Our subject was born on the old Kniffen homestead, located on section 34, in Ridgeway Township, on the 6th of March, 1849. He is the second son and fourth child born to Isaac L. and Elizabeth (Fowle) Kniffen, who were natives of New York, State. The father was a ship carpenter by trade, and while living in New York State followed that to farming. About the year 1840 he came to Michigan, journeying by way of the Eric Canal and the Lakes to Monroe, and then across the country by team, and purchased timber land in the township of Macon. A year later he came to section 34. Ridgeway Township, and purchased a tract of wild land, which he improved and lived upon for some years. Afterward he changed his location to 220 acres of land. About the same time he purchased a sawmill, which he operated several years. and then transferred it to his son, the subject of this sketch. After quitting the mill business he engaged in farming until his death, which occurred on the 5th of September, 1881, at the age of sixtysix years. His wife still occupies the farm, and under her supervision it is successfully managed.

Mr. Kniffen lived at home in this township, and received what education he has in Tecumseh. On the 13th of February, 1877, in Ridgeway Township, he was married to Miss Angie, daughter of Henry and Amanda (Goddard) Hoagland, (For history of family see sketch of Thomas V. Hoagland.) Mrs. Amanda Hoagland was the daughter of Lyman Goddard, who died of yellow fever while in the service during the War of 1812. She survived her husband and married Samuel Willis; they are now both dead. Mrs. Kniffen was born in the township of Ridgeway on the 7th of August, 1845. She was deprived of the care of her father at the age of six years, and remained with her mother until her marriage. She was well educated at Tecumsch, and when quite young began teaching, which occupation she followed for twelve years preceding her marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Kniffen have two children, Blanche and an infant unnamed.

Mr. Kniffen owns 120 acres of good land in Ridgeway Township, a good residence and lot in Britton, and the mill property which he operates. In the way of official positions he has filled the office of Township Clerk, and discharged the duties of that office promptly and satisfactorily. He is a true blue Republican, and can be depended upon at all times to render valuable and efficient service to that party. Mrs. Kniffen is a member of the Christian Church, in which she is a faithful worker and constant attendant.



HITE CLEVELAND, a well-known representative of the farming interests of Tecumseh Township, was born in the town of Groveland, Livingston Co., N. Y., July 8, 1826. His parents were John and Almira (Loomis) Cleveland, the former a native of the same State as himself, and the latter of Bedford County, Pa.

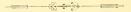
John Cleveland and Almira Loomis were married in Livingston County, and there passed the first few years of their married life. In 1830 they determined to migrate to Michigan Territory and try their chances in that more newly settled country, which was even then regarded as a Territory destined to become a great State, noted for its varied resources. After coming here they settled in Raisin Township, three miles from Tecumseh, in the green woods, where Mr, Cleveland improved a farm on which they spent the remainder of their lives, In 1842 the father died, leaving his wife with six children to care for; two children had died before he passed away, while the other six are still living, The good mother, assisted by her elder children, faithfully provided for her family until they were able to care for themselves. She was spared to them many years, dving in 1884, at the venerable age of eighty-three.

After the death of his father. White Cleveland remained on the farm until he was twenty-one years of age, when he started out to obtain work elsewhere, beginning those years of hard and unremitting labor which have resulted so much to his advantage from a worldly point of view. He may be said to have begun at the lowest round of fortune's ladder and to have worked his way up steadily until prosperity is his. He worked in the employ of others for seventeen years, prudently saving his hard-carned money, and then bought a farm

for himself, which contained sixty-three acres; this proved to be a fine investment as heafterward sold it for double the purchase price. He then bought another fairly well-improved farm of ninety-nine acres in Tecumseh, and has since torn down the original buildings and replaced them with better and more substantial ones, until his farm is one of the neatest in the neighborhood, and contains three barns, one large and conveniently arranged for his stock. He has increased the acreage of his farm by further purchase, until he now owns 132 acres of land. He has been engaged in mixed husbandry, and at one time handled sheep on which he realized good profits. He has been a good cattle feeder, selling each spring \$800 to \$900 worth, and bas also dealt largely in hogs.

Mr. Cleveland was married, in October, 1863, to
Mrs. Harriet Lembarger, a widow, whose husband
was a soldier and died during the early part of the
late war. At the time of her marriage with Mr.
Cleveland, she was residing in Tecunseh, and had
one daughter by her first marriage, Eva, now the
wife of John T. Byce. Mrs. Cleveland's parents
were Robert and Phebe Plank, the latter of whom
died some years ago, while the father is still living
and makes his home in Franklin Township. Mrs.
Cleveland has been an active and efficient helpmeet
to her husband, and three children have been born
of their union: Grant and Brant O., iwins, the latter of whom died in infancy, and Don Carlton, who
is now attending school.

Mr. Cleveland has never held office, but has attended strictly to his business. He is keen and shrewd in his dealings, and is possessed of more than ordinary judgment.

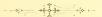


OHN B. ZELUFF, one of the prosperous and successful younger farmers of Ridgeway Township, is the subject of this sketch. He now owns 132 acres of fine kind on scetton 2, which is supplied with first-class farm buildings, and is well furnished with excellent live stock. Our subject was born Sept. 12, 1844, at Dundee, Monroe Co., Mich. His father, David Zeluff, was a native of New Jersey, where he grew to man-

hood, and from there, in common with so many other residents of New England and the Middle States, he emigrated to Michigen, and was married in Monroe County to Miss Loiza Russell, who was a native of New York State. The parents are still living in Tecnnisch, and are engaged in running a small farm.

When our subject was a child of six years his parents went to Utica, Mich., where they settled, and where he spent his boyhood and youth, and received his education. When he was about twenty years old his family returned to Ridgeway Township, and it was here that he was united in marriage, on the 21st of March, 1867, with Miss Eliza J. Pocklington. She is a native of England, where she was born in Yorkshire, Jan. 24, 4837, but while still an infant her parents emigrated to the United States, subsequently settling in Michigan, She is the daughter of William and Ann (Lockland) Pocklington, who are still living, and cultivate a 50-acre farm in Ridgeway Township. After his marriage our subject settled on section 11, Ridgeway Township, where he continued to live until 1875, when he bought the homestead upon which he has since resided. This he has cultivated in a very skillful and successful manner, and is now the owner of an excellent farm, which he has acquired solely as the result of his hard work and habits of thrift and economy.

Our subject's marriage has resulted in the birth of six children, as follows: Engene, Serene, Cass, Frank, Flora and Linas. In politics Mr. Zeluff is a Democrat, and has filled the office of Highway Commissioner. His estimable wife is a member in good standing of the Baptist Church.



ANFORD TEXANT was brought by his parents to this county when an infant, about forty-seven years ago, and in Deerfield Township he has since made his home, living there continuously with the exception of three years, in which he served as a soldier in the Union army. He was born in Saratoga County, N. Y., Jan. 14, 1841, and a few months later his

father, Joseph C. Tenant, decided to cast his lot with the pioneers of the young State of Michigan. He settled, with his wife and three children, in what was then a part of Blissfield Township, but now in Deerfield, and purchased forty acres of heavily timbered land. His first work was to select the most desirable location for a cabin and then cut down the trees in order to make room for the structure, which was put up after the primitive fashion of those days. It was about ten feet square, with a flat roof covered with bark underneath and outside with boards. This structure the family occupied for a number of years, and until the father could put up a good log house. Subsequently he erected a set of frame buildings, and at the time of his death was the owner of eighty acres of good land and a comfortable home. He rested from his earthly labors in July, 1874.

Joseph C. Tenant was born in Edinburg, Saratoga Co., N. Y., and was the son of Constant Tenant, a native of Rhode Island, and a farmer by occupation. The latter, while a young man, removed to Saratoga County, N. Y., and there spent the remainder of his life. Joseph C. learned the trades of blacksmith and gunsmith, which he carried on in his native county until his removal to this State. He had married, in Saratoga County, Miss Phœbe Armstrong, who became the mother of six children, and died at their home in Deerfield Township on the 27th of May, 1857. The eldest son. Seymour, lives in Deerfield Township; William died when a youth of fifteen years of age: Harriet C. married Asa Diver, of Deerfield Township; Theodore died at the homestead when nineteen years old, and Eugene is a resident of Monroe County, this State,

The early years of our subject were spent amid the wild scenes of pioneer life, and he remembers when the woods abounded in wild game: when the wolves howled around their cabin door and the few Indians who yet remained often came and peered among the trees at the abode of the intruding white man. He continued with his parents until twenty years of age, but before he had reached his majority there came the first call for volunteer troops to assist in putting down the Rebellion. He enlisted Sept. I. 1861, in Company K. 11th Michigan Infaatry, and served until the 30th of September, 1864. He endured all the hardships and privations of life in the army, experienced many hairbreadth escapes, and participated in many of the important battles of the war. He was present in the conflicts at Stone River, Chickamauga and Mission Ridge, and marched with the army of Gen. Sherman from Chattanooga to Athanta, and was engaged in the various battles of that campaign, including the siege of the latter city. He met the enemy in many other engagements and skirmishes during his term of service as a member of the gallant regument, the famous 11th Michigan. He fortunately escaped wounds, imprisonment or serious illness, and at the expiration of his time received his honorable discharge.

Mr. Tenant, after laying aside the acconterments of war, returned to his peaceful home in Deerfield Township, and the first winter occupied his time in chopping wood. Afterward he was engaged in a steam sawmill until 1871. The spring of that year he rented a tract of land in Deerfield Township, upon which he worked four and one-half years, and saved up a snug sum of money, which enabled him to secure the land upon which he now resides. This consists of forty acres and lies on section 35, and was formerly a part of Ridgeway Township. The excellent group of frame buildings, which add to its value and which serve all the purposes of the moderate farmer, were erected by Mr. Tenant and are the result of several years' labor. He keeps a small head of cattle and the horses required for his farm work, and lives comfortably, without being harassed by hard labor or an undue amount of care or anxiety.

Mr. Tenant, on the 3d of July, 1871, just in time to celebrate the "glorious Fourth," took unto himself a wife and helpmeet, Miss Sarah Diver, who was born in Monroe County. April 1, 1851. Her father, John Diver, was also a native of Monroe County, and the son of Andrew Diver, who was born in Canada, and came to this section of country when Michigan was a Territory. He made his home in Monroe County, and there spent his last years. John Diver married Miss Nancy Chamberlain, who began life not far from his own birthpace. They lived in Monroe County until 1864, when they came to Deerfield Township, where they

now reside. Mr. and Mrs. Tenant have two children living—Hattie and Charence, aged thirteen and eight years respectively. Their little son Perley died when nineteen months old.

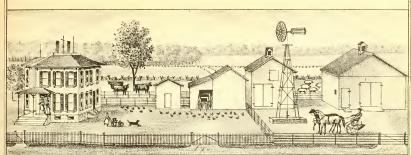
The property of Mr. Tenant has been accumulated through his own industry, as he had no capital whatever to begin with. He may be properly classed among the self-made men of Lenawee County, where he has arisen to a good position socially and financially, and ranks among the best elements of this section.

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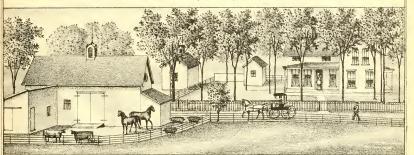
NDREW A. RUSSELL, son of one of the early pioneers of Lenawee County, came to Southern Michigan when a lad of fourteen years, from Seneca County, N. Y., where his birth took place April 24, 1820, and where his boyhood and youth were spent. He has since that time been a resident of Fairfield Township, and is the owner of forty-two acres of land on section 30. His residence and the adjacent buildings are commodions structures in good repair, and his home with its surroundings indicates the supervision of a well-to-do and responsible citizen.

The parents of our subject, Samuel and Betsey (Sprague) Russell, were natives of Dutchess County, N. Y., and Andrew was the sixth child in a family of ten. The father engaged in farming pursuits his entire life, the last years of which he spent in Fairfield Township. A sketch of his brother, Charles C., a well-do-do farmer of Fairfield Township, will be found on another page of this work.

Young Russell continued under the home roof, learning to plow, sow and reap, and becoming familiar with the various other duties of farm life. Upon reaching manhood, he chose for his wife one of the maidens of Fairfield Township, Miss Clarinda Edwards, and they began life together in a little home on section 30. The young wife only lived eight months after her marriage, and Mr. Russell was married the second time, to Miss Margaret Salsbury, who died at her home in Fairfield Township about 1869. His present wife, formerly Miss Jennie Barnes, was horn Aug. 19, 1839, and spent her early years at the home of her parents in Seneca Township. Mr. Russell is the father of one



RESIDENCE OF LEVI B. FORD, SEC. 5. (T-9-5) RIGA TOWNSHIP.



RESIDENCE OF THOS. C. ISLEY, SEC. 1. PALMYRA TOWNSHIP.



RESIDENCE OF CORNELIUS GILSON, SEC. 15. DEERFIELD TOWNSHIP



child only, a daughter, Annie L., the child of the present Mrs. Russell. Besides the cultivation of his farm, the soil of which is very fertile, he is engaged in stock-raising.

Mr. Russell meddles very little with public affairs, but since reaching his majority has uniformly voted the straight Democratic ticket. He is a man who attends strictly to his own concerns, and finds his greatest satisfaction in the matters pertaining to his little farm and family.

USTUS LOWE. The subject of this sketch is one of the old settlers and prominent citizens of Ridgeway Township, where he has been chosen to fill a number of local offices, having been dustice of the Peace for cleven years, Highway Commissioner, Town Assessor, Supervisor, and Drain Commissioner for the county.

Our subject was born Nov. 10, 1815, in Onondaga County, N. Y. His father, John Lowe, born in 1790, was a native of New Jersey. When the latter was still a child his father, Daniel Lowe, removed to Kinderhook, N. Y., and subsequently to Onondaga County, being among the first settlers of that region. He went ten miles to attend the raising of the first house erected in Syracuse. In the spring of 1827 he emigrated to Michigan, selecting a claim where the town of Raisin now stands, where he erected a log house. This place he sold in 1836, and moved to Jackson County, where he lived for seven or eight years, and then went to Barry County, where he remained with one of his sons until his death in 1858.

In 1812 the father of our subject was married to Miss Mary Skutt, of Onondaga County, N. Y. This marriage resulted in the birth of ten children, four sons and six daughters, of whom our subject was the oldest. His mother, a native of New York, was born in 1799, and died in Brooklyn, Mich., in 1838. Our subject was reared by his grandmother, Mrs. Jane Lowe, from the age of nine months until he was thirteen years old, and received but a very meagre schooling. In 1833 he came with his grandmother to Michigan, reaching Tecunsch after a

journey of seven days on the Eric Canal, fourteen days on Lake Eric and five days overland from Detroit. At the early age of eighteen years Justus-Lowe started out to make his own way in life, working for a time by the month at whatever he could find to do. By unremitting industry and careful saving of his earnings he was enabled to gradually accumulate some capital, which he invested from time to time in land, of which he at one time owned 785 acres.

On the 16th of July, 1837, our subject was united in marriage with Miss Mary Lamberson, who was a daughter of Conrad and Lydia Lamberson, of Ridgeway Township. Of this union there to maturity. They are recorded as follows: Conrad L., born June 25, 1838, is farming in Ridgeway Township; John W., born Nov. 11, 1842, was an artist and died in Trinidad, British West Indies, Aug. 21, 1867; Adelia M., born Oct. 11, 1841. is the wife of James L. McIntyre, a farmer of Raisin Township; Jay J., born April 23, 1847, is farming in Ridgeway Township; Mabelle, born Aug. 12, 1852, is the wife of Edward DcPuy, a farmer living in Saline, Washtenaw County: Eleanor C., born Nov. 2, 1853, is the wife of F. M. Henry, of Lowville, Lewis Co., N. Y.; Logier L., born April 7, 1856, resides on the old homestead engaged in agriculture; Amiable, born Dec. 23, 1857, is at home; Eldridge L., born Sept. 10, 1860, is at school at Janesville, Wis,; a son and daughter died in infancy. The wife of our subject was born at Camillus, N. Y., Dec. 28, 1820. Her father was a native of New Jersey, and her mother of New York; the former, born in 1787, died in Ridgeway Township in 1867, and the latter born in 1791, died at Camillus, N. Y., in 1823.

Our subject is a man of remarkable powers in many respects, and has been an extensive writer for the newspapers, as well as a public speaker. He has written an interesting and valuable account of the early history of Ridgeway Township and its first settlers. He has a most wonderful fund of facts and incidents connected with the pioneer days, and always takes a prominent part at the old settlers' meeting. He has been closely identified with the political, religious and social movements of his time and section, and has borne an active part in all enterprises tending to the benefit of the community and the welfare of the people, and to all of which he has been a liberal contributor. As a publicspirited citizen, he has assisted in making the roads of the township, and has been active in every way for the development and upbuilding of this section of the State. Although now past the allotted period of threescore years and ten, Mr. Lowe is still a remarkable man, both in his physical powers and mental faculties. He has been an extensive traveler, and his habits of close observation have given him a fund of information which makes him a most entertaining companion. He has excellent conversational powers, frequently rising to genuine eloquence, and at times, in matters of a sympathetic nature, is able to melt to tears,

In July, 1887, our subject and his wife celebrated their golden wedding. It was a most interesting and delightful occasion, being attended by scores of relatives and old friends, and the aged couple received many tokens of remembrance. Much of Mr. Lowe's success in life is due to the good management and wise counsel of his most estimable wife, who continues to be his sympathetic friend and helpmeet.

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HARLES G. STOWERS, of the firm of Stowers & Fitzgerald, grocers of Adrian, established himself in business at this point in 1878, and in company with his able partner, commands a hucrative and steadily increasing patronage. Although quite well advanced in years, he retains his old-time vigor and activity, and from his long residence here stands very high in the confidence and esteem of the people.

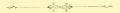
The subject of this biography is a native of Chester County, Vt., and was born Dec. 21, 1812, during the progress of the war of that period. His father, John Stowers, was also a native of the Green Mountain State, where he was born in 1785, and was the son of one of its earliest pioneers. John Stowers followed mercantile business, and in early manhood married Miss Sarah Morris, a native of Vermont, born in 1778, and the daughter of Uriah and Sarah Morris. After their marriage, the young people repaired to Pennsylvania, but subsequently removed to New York State, and located in Jefferson County on a farm. In their declining years they repaired to Watertown, where they died, the father in 1844, and the mother in 1875. A remarkable fact was that Mr. and Mrs. stowers were both twins in their respective families.

Charles G. Stowers was the third in a family of five children born to his parents. His brothers are all deceased, and the remaining sister, Mrs. Mary S. Mann, is a resident of Watertown, N. Y. Our subject was a mere boy when his parents settled finally in the State of New York, and his childhood and youth were spent after the manner of most farmers' sons. After having come to years of discretion, he engaged in manufacturing confectionery at Watertown on his own account, but subsequently removed to Great Bend, Pa., where he carried on a trade in dry-goods until coming to Michigan, in 1855. Upon his arrival here he at once opened up a grocery store in the city of Adrian. He had at that time a capital of \$25, and investing this as judiciously as possible, located on Main street, and in due time, by close application to business, built up a flourishing trade. He was finally obliged to enlarge his facilities, and removed to his present stand in the spring of 1884. The business is now located on South Main street, and since 1879 Mr. Fitzgerald has been a member of the firm, assuming the more active cares of the business.

Mr. Stowers, in the spring of 1844, took to himself a wife and helpmeet in the person of Miss Clara Allen, of Watertown, N. Y., who was born April 15, 1822. Her father, Elisha Allen, was one of the best-known citizens of Jefferson County, and there spent his declining years. He was a native of Charleston, Montgomery Co., N. Y., and was born June 26, 1786. His wife's birth occurred on the 28th of March, 1785. Elisha died April 13, 1873; Elizha died April 13, 1873; Elizhatch died Oct. 20, 1865. They had a family of ten children, of whom four are still living.

Mr. and Mrs. Stowers continued in the Empire State until 1855, and became the parents of two sons, one of whom died in infancy, the other at the age of eighteen years. Subsequently, with a desire to replace as far as possible the lost ones, they adopted two little girls, who remained with them until reaching womanhood. Julia A, is now the wife of George II. Miller, of Wyandotte, Kan, and Alice married Franklin Smith, and is living near Adrian.

Mr. Stowers started out in politics as an old-line Whig, but later identified himself with the Republican party, to which he has ever been true. His substantial and comfortable dwelling is located at the corner of Comstock and Front streets, where he and his amiable wife live in case and plenty, and where the frequent visits of their old friends prove to them a never-failing source of pleasure. Here in this home they have lived nearly thirty years.



HARLES A. POCKLINGTON. It is peculiarly gratifying to the thoughtful and observant individual, to note in how many instances, in this county especially, the property that was gathered together so laboriously by the early pioneers, is being carefully preserved in the family by their sons. The subject of this biography, like many of his neighbors, is the possessor of his father's homestead in Ridgeway Township, where he first opened his eyes to the light on the 28th of March, 1853. He was reared to farming pursuits, and being naturally industrious and ambitious, is now numbered among the most enterprising and successful agriculturists of his township. His property includes 140 acres of choice land lying on sections 17 and 18, and is peculiarly adapted to the growth of the various cereals. This portion of Ridgeway Township is in all respects very desirable, being highly productive and easily tilled.

John Pocklington, the father of our subject, was a native of England and emigrated to the United States when a young man, selecting his residence in Raisin Township during its first settlement. Later he was constrained to change his location, and took up the land which, under his skillful management, was transformed into the valuable farm of to-day. Not long after coming to this county, he was married to Miss Julia A. Allen, a native of New York State, where she was reared to womanhood, and

whence she came with her parents to Michigan, remaining with them in their home in Ridgeway Township until her marriage with John Pocklington. Her parents died in Ridgeway Township in middle life.

After their marriage, John Pocklington and his wife settled on the unbroken tract of land which their son now occupies, and which has been so greatly changed from its primitive condition. They remained there until the spring of 1882, when, feeling that they had labored sufficiently, they turned over the property to their son, and purchased a small farm of sixteen acres in the same township, where they are now spending their declining years in case and quiet. The father is about sixty years of age, and the mother sixty-two. Although not connected with any church organization, they have lived truly Christian lives, doing good as they had opportunity, and seeking to set a blameless example before the rising generation. John Pocklington cast his first Presidential vote for Horatio Seymour, in 1868, and since that time has been an uncompromising Democrat.

The subject of this sketch was the third child and second son in the parental family, which included seven children. He continued with his parents until reaching his majority, when they transferred the homestead to him and retired from active labor. This he has kept up in the old-time fashion, and bids fair to operate in the same successful manner as did his father before him. He brought a bride to the old place in the spring of 1878, having been married. February 7 of that year, to Miss Sarah J. Travis, a native of Macon Township, who was born June 23, 1854.

Mrs. Pocklington is the daughter of Jerome E, and Matilda (Harriott) Travis, natives respectively of New York and Michigan. Her father emigrated from the Empire State to this county when a young man, and here met the lady who subsequently became his wife. He took up a tract of land in Macoon Township, and improved a good farm, which he occupied with his estimable partner until they were both called to their long home, neither living beyond middle age. Mr. Travis was a good citizen and a well-educated man, and for some years was engaged in teaching. He was Democratic in poli-

tics, and filled the various local offices of Macon Township. Both parents were members of the Dutch Reformed Church.

The wife of our subject completed her education in the Clinton schools, and like her father, developed into an intelligent and competent teacher, which profession she followed for some time before her marriage. She is the mother of one child, Guy T., who was born Jan. 7, 1879, and is now an intelligent lad nine years of age. Mr. and Mrs. P. are general favorites in the social circles of Ridgeway Township, and Mr. Pocklington, politically, gives his support to the Prohibition party.

OHN S. KINNEY, undertaker, and dealer in furniture, Fecunseh, Mich., is of New England origin, and was born in Alford, Mass., Nov. 14,1827. His father, Thomas Kinney, was a farmer and wagon-maker, and the maiden name of his mother was Lucretia Dodge; both were natives of Massachusetts. After marringe, they settled in Berkshire County, in the western part of the Bay State, and remained there many years. Late in life they removed to Allegany County, N. Y., and there spent their last days. They were the parents of four children, three sons and one daughter, who all lived to maturity, though but two now survive, the daughter and the subject of our sketch.

The early life of J. S. Kinney was passed in Allegany Comty. N. Y., whither he had gone with his parents when very young, and the educational advantages enjoyed by him were those of the common schools of that county. When he was eighteen years of age his father died, and our subject then started out to seek his own living and establish for himself a home. He worked at anything he found to do, being variously engaged in farming and other occupations.

Mr. Kunney's marriage with Miss Clarissa Bresie, of Allegany County, N. Y., occurred in 1847. They continued to reside in that county until 1861, when they removed with their family to Cleveland, Ohio, where Mr. Kinney engaged in the carpenter and joiner's trade, becoming a successful contractor

and builder. He afterward received a flattering offer, which he accepted, to become Superintendent of a vineyard comprising eighty agree of land. owned and conducted by a stock company, and held this lucrative position thirteen years. Coming to Michigan, subsequently, he invested a part of his capital in Tecumseh Township, purchasing the place now known as the Gilmore farm, lying west of the city of Tecumseh, and after securing a desirable tenant, went back to Ohio, Six years later he returned to Michigan, this time bringing his family with him, and took possession of his farm in this township, which he managed for himself until 1882, when he sold out and moved into the village of Tecumseh. In 1883 he embarked in the furniture and undertaking business on the corner of Chicago and Railroad streets. He moved to his present stand in October, 1886, occupying the building known as the Agricultural Building, which was formerly used as a manufactory for farm implements. Here Mr. Kinney has a full line of all kinds of furniture, and a large assortment of undertaking goods. He has a good hearse and is ready for all calls at short notice.

Mr. and Mrs. Kinney became the parents of three children, two of whom are living. The death of William L., the eldest son, occurred while the family were living in Obio, where he was accidentally shot while out hunting. Alma F, is the wife of George H, Tansley, of Tecunsch, and Walter S, is the store with his father. The enterprise and business capacity of Mr. Kinney make him a valued citizen of Tecunsch. He is a member of Bigelow Lodge, of Cleveland, Ohio, F. & A. M., and likewise of Chapter Thatcher.

AMES SMITH. The subject of this sketch and his estimable wife have accomplished, much in life, as the sketch below will show. They have accumulated considerable property and have surrounded themselves with all the material comforts of life, but that which gives them the most comfort in their declining years is that they have given the world a family of children who are a credit and honor to them, and the con-

munity is made better for their lives. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have obeyed implicitly the injunction to thring up the child in the way he should go, and in after years he will not depart from it." and in this they have a happy subject for their contemplation.

Mr. Smith and his wife now live in retirement on his farm of 120 acres of well-improved land, on section 35, in the fractional part of Ridgeway Township, the line between Macon and Ridgeway Townships passing through his house. He is a native of Yorkshire, England, born on the 9th of May, 1802. and was reared and educated in that county. In 1830, when twenty-eight years of age, he bade goodbye to the scenes of his childhood and his native land and sailed for the United States, and after an exceedingly rough and tempestuous voyage, landed in New York on the 9th of November. He lived in the State of New York about three years engaged in gardening on Van Skike's Island, in the Hudson River, near Troy. In the fall of 1833 he came to Michigan and was employed as a common laborer for three years, and then purchased eighty acres of wild land on section 9, in Ridgeway Township. He improved that farm and then sold it and came to his present location, buying the farm where he has lived since 1854.

Mr. Smith was married in Tecumseh Township, on the 8th of November, 1836, to Miss Amelia Whalley, who was born in the suburbs of the city of Dublin, Ireland. She came to the United States with a sister, before she was nineteen years of age, and at once settled in this county. She is the mother of eight children, one of whom is deceased. The surviving children are: Hannah, the wife of Abe Herrington, who is living on a farm in Macon Township; George W., of whom a sketch is given in another place in this volume; Edmund, who married Miss Eliza Hoagland, is a resident of Ridgeway Township, on a farm; Solomon, who lives with his father: Harriet, the wife of Thomas V. Hoagland, of whom a sketch is given elsewhere; Sophia, deceased; Gilbert, who married Miss Mary Brown, and is living on a farm in Ridgeway Township, and Albert, who married Miss "Tib" Auten, and is residing on a farm in Milan Township, Monroe County. Mrs. Smith belongs to the Society of Friends, but

her his/end is a member of the Episcopal Church. They are both highly respected and much esteemed by all their neighbors and the community in general, for their excellent qualities and benevolent dispositions. Mr. Smith is an unswerving Democrat, and by both work and speech has for many years proved his devotion and fidelity to the principles of that party. The children they have reared to manhood and womanhood are all well settled in life and are all married with the exception of Solomon. The homes of none of them are very distant from the old homestead, and the visits of all of them to the father and mother are frequent and heartily welcome.

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HARLES R. DeBOIS, one of the successful young farmers on section 3, Ridgeway Township, owns sixty acres of good land, adapted to the growth of fine grain. He was born on the old homestead in Ridgeway Township, on the 12th of November, 1849, and is the son of John DuBois, purchased by him at a very early date in the settlement of Michigan. Our subject spent his early life at home, where he lived up to the time of his marriage, which event occurred in Raisin Township on the 3d of March, 1871. The lady with whom he entered into this contract was Miss Sarah Beevers, who was born in Raisin Township on the 6th of May, 1851. She is the daughter of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Lee) Beevers, natives of Yorkshire, England, who were reared and married in that country, and emigrated to America, becoming early settlers of Raisin Township, where they have always

To the parents of Mrs. DuBois were born twelve children, of whom three died in infancy. They were born as follows: William, Nov. 5, 1846; Ann Elizabeth, July 18, 1849; Sarah, May 6, 1851; Anna, Jam. 10, 1855; George, Aug. 23, 1856; Jane, July 16, 1857; Capitola, April 13, 1859; Harriet E., July 8, 1862, and Leona, Nov. 15, 1869. William was born in Yorkshire, England, the others in Raisin Township, this county. Mrs. buBois was reared to womanhood at the home of

her pareats, and was educated in the High School at Teeumsch. She is the mother of two children —Ernest and Mary Elizabeth. Since their marriage Mr. and Mrs. DuBois have lived on the farm which they now occupy with the exception of three years, and through their joint efforts have earned the money with which to pay for it. In their business affairs there has been the greatest harmony between them, and whatever efforts the husband has made have been ably seconded by the wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Duthois are active and energetic young people, and in their social relations occupy an enviable position. They are active members of the Christian Church, in which Mrs. DuBois fills the position of organist. Mr. DuBois has been Township Treasurer two years, and handled the funds of the township judiciously and to the satisfaction of the people. He is a Democrat, first, last and all the time, and contributes liberally of his time to the maintenance of that party.

OHN PATTERSON is a retired farmer and resides in the city of Adrian. He is seventyseven years of age, and has spent over half a century in this locality, having first come to Lenawee County fifty-six years ago. Mr. Patterson was born in Ireland on the 15th day of December, 1810. At the age of seventeen years he emigrated to America, accompanying an older brother, and landed at the city of New York. From there he went to Lockport, N. Y., where he was employed as a farm hand for two years. In the spring of 1831 he came to Lenawee County, and stopped in Adrian, near which he obtained work upon a farm and at a sawmill. Soon afterward he went to Hillsdale County, where he purchased a piece of land consisting of 160 acres, upon which he made improvements and cleared off a portion of the timber. On this farm he began raising wheat, and in this branch of agriculture attained considerable success, raising in one year 1,000 bushels, the quality of which was very fine. and which received the admiration of all the farmers in the neighborhood. After remaining on this farm for nine years he made a return trip to his native country for the purpose of recuperating his health, and upon his return to Michigan he exchanged his 160 acres in Hillsdale County for forty acres lying near Adrian, receiving the difference in value between the two farms in money. He improved these forty acres and resided there for two years, and then purchased 100 acres on the River Raisin, and added to them until he had 200 acres in that locality. This farm he began vigorously to improve, clearing the timber from it, erecting a good brick residence and two commodious barns, He continued to make his home on this farm until he removed to Adrian in 1866, where he has since resided. He disposed of his 200-acre farm, which lay in and near the town of Palmyra, for \$11,000, and purchased a farm of 110 acres in Adrian Township, which he still owns, but leases to other parties, On this farm there is a good house and barn.

On the 10th day of January, 1841, Mr. Patterson was married to Miss Jane Farrah, of Raisin Township, this county. She was born in England, in which country she lived until fifteen years of age, at which time she accompanied her parents to America. Her family were early settlers in Lenawee County. Her parents were Thomas and Mary (Temple) Farrah, who both died in this county, the father on the 20th day of January, 1852, and the mother on the 1st day of October, 1872. Mrs. Patterson was the eldest in a family of six children who grew to manhood and womanhood. Her parents became settlers of Lenawee County in the year 1838, and continued to reside there until their death Mr. and Mrs. Patterson have but one child, a daughter, Mary E., who is the wife of Lindley R. Harkness, now a resident of Elkhart, Ind. She has two children, named Freddie L. and Jennie E. Mr. Patterson erected his present residence, which is a commodious frame structure, in 1878, and since that time has devoted considerable attention to beautifying and making pleasant its surroundings. Mr. and Mrs. Patterson have so arranged their affairs that they may live in comfort and ease the balance of their days, and they enjoy the respect and esteem of all the people of Adrian and of the portions of Lenawee County in which they have resided. Mr. Patterson is a strong adherent to the principles of the Republican party, and always votes that ticket. He was brought up in the Episcopal faith, whilst his wife is a member of the noble Society of Friends.

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EORGE F. CHANDLER. Among the successful agriculturists and prominent citizens of Lenawee County, is the subject of this biographical notice, who is engaged in his independent calling on section 36, Riga Township. The parents of Mr. Chandler were Thomas and Rebecca (Baker) Chandler, for parental history of whom see sketch of T. G. Chandler.

George Chandler was born in East Kent, England, Dec. 9, 1836. His opportunities for acquiring an education in his native country were very meager, for while the school privileges of England were very limited at that time, he being the eldest son of his parents was obliged to work as soon as large enough to assist in the support of the family. He came to America with his parents in 1854 in the sailing-vessel "Christiana," and arriving in New York City on July 6, proceeded at once to Wayne County. N. Y. As soon as he conveniently could after locating there, our subject commenced attending school to make up for the deficiencies of his neglected education, attending first the district schools for two winters, where he made such rapid progress that he was then enabled to enter Macedon Academy, in which he pursued his studies until 1858. In the fall of that year he went to Ohio, where he attended a select school at Morey's Corners through the winter term, and the following summer he was engaged in farming in Richfield Township. In breaking up new land which was supposed to have been an Indian camping ground, he plowed up a copper medal with Admiral Boscanen's name inscribed on it, and bearing date July 26, 1758. Subsequently he taught school in winter, and farmed in summer until 1861, when he returned to Macedon, N. Y., and attended school until October, when he again removed to Ohio, and in the following winter taught near Sylvania, Lucas County, that State.

In August, 1862, during the trying days of the

late Rebellion, Mr. Chandler gladly enlisted in the service of his adopted country, becoming a member of the 144th Ohio Infantry. The most important battles in which he participated were Stone River, Campbell's Station, and the siege of Knoxville. After the last mentioned siege he was employed in the office of purveyor of medicine, and while there his sight began to fail, in consequence of which he was sent to the hospital. Shortly after, he was granted a sixty-days leave of absence, and at the expiration of his farlough he was ordered to report at the department post hospital in Detroit, and in 1864 he was transferred to Company C, 2d Regiment Veteran Reserve Corps. He never joined the regiment, however, as he was immediately detailed to do duty in the medical department of the post hospital in Detroit, and here he served until he received his discharge Sept. 5, 1865. He has suffered much with his eyes ever since, and at times he can use them but little. Finally he was obliged to relinquish his pedagogical duties, which he had resumed after his discharge, and pursued some seven or eight years.

Mr. Chandler was married, Feb. 18, 1865, to Miss Augusta Dolph, who was born in Sylvania, Lucas Co., Ohio, March 7, 1848. Her father, Abda Dolph, was a native of New York, and a pioneer of Lucas County, where he settled in 1846. He purchased a tract of land adjacent to the village of Sylvania, where he cleared a farm and lived until 1875; he is now living in retirement in Toledo. The maiden name of Mrs. Chandler's mother was Amelia Porter, and she was also a native of New York; she died in Sylvania, in March, 1879.

The household circle of Mr. and Mrs. Chandler has been completed by the birth of eight children, namely: Chinton C., Alberta R., Millie R., Bernard W., Frank G., Charles D., Merle H. and Kenneth O. Millie R. was married, Nov. 24, 1881, to William H. Gibbs, of Sylvania, Ohio, and now living on a farm in Sylvania Township. W. H. Gibbs is a son of Thomas Gibbs. Mr. Chandler has always taken an active interest in public affairs, while his intelligence, ability, and excellent judgment make him an important factor in the government of the town, and he is frequently called upon to serve in various official capacities. For four years he was

Drain Commissioner; he served as Justice of the Peace four years, and Highway Commissioner four years; he is now Chairman of the School Board.

Mr. Chandler is a member of Sylvania Lodge No. 287, F. & A. M., and also of Page Post No. 473, G. A. R. In politics he is a Republican. Mr. and Mrs. Chandler are pleasant, agreeable people, and have greatly aided the social development of the town.

ICHAEL HENDERSHOTT, one of the oldest and best-known settlers of Lenawee County, is a fine illustration of the results of industry and energy, having by his own unaided efforts accumulated a valuable property; indeed he is credited with being the wealthiest man in Southeastern Michigan. He owns 600 acres of valuable land on section 7, in Macon Township, which he has brought to a high state of cultivation and where he has established one of the most desirable homesteads in the State. Everything about the premises wears the aspect of solidity, the buildings being of first-class description, plain but thoroughly well built, and constructed of the best materials. The family residence is commodious and substantial, set in the midst of well-kept grounds, and the barns adjacent, together with all the other accommodations for grain and stock, combine all the conveniences required by the modern and progressive farmer. Mr. Hendershott knows all about the difficulties and hardships of pioneer life and what it is to begin at the foot of the ladder. His career is a striking example of what may be accomplished by industry and determination, and furnishes a narrative from which the present generation might receive a most excellent lesson.

Mr. Hendershott was born on the banks of the Susquehauna River, in Jersey Township, Columbia Co., Pa., June S. 1805. His parents, William and Mary (Kitchen) Hendershott, were also natives of the Keystone State, where the father followed farming many years, but finally joined his son in Michigan, where both parents died at the home of our subject. The mother received fatal injuries by being thrown from a buggy while the horse was running away, and met her death under these distress-

ing circumstances after she had arrived at the advanced age of eighty years; the father survived some years, dying at the age of eighty-eight.

The subject of this biography was the fourth child of his parents, with whom he remained in his native State until a youth of eighteen years. Upon starting out in life for himself he repaired to Livingston County, N. Y., where he worked as a farm laborer some time, and then came to the Territory of Michigan, locating in Tecumseh about 1830, He subsequently engaged as a stage driver, principally between Saline and Tecumseh, and was thus employed five years at the munificent salary of \$12 per month. But notwithstanding this, by a course of frugality and rigid economy, he managed to save each year something from his earnings, and in 1835 made his first purchase of land, eighty acres, for which he paid the sum of \$200. He subsequently sold this for \$500, and after this first fortunate speculation, began buying land in large quantities, not for the purpose of selling, but for cultivation. By this means, he not only secured for himself the basis of a fortune, but furnished employment to numbers of men, thus proving a true benefactor to many in need. He finally decided to locate his homestead here, where he has his land in one body, and has spent many years in bringing it to its present condition.

The lady who with dignity and amiability presided over the household affairs of our subject for a period of thirty-four years, was in her girlhood Miss Rosina Collier, and became his wife in July, 1834. Mrs. Hendershott was born in Livingston County, N. Y., in 1817, of parents who were natives of that State and whose ancestors were originally from Holland. She was but a child when her parents removed from the Empire State and located in Macon Township, this county, where she was reared to womanhood. Mr. and Mrs. Hendershott became the parents of nine children, and the wife and mother died at her home in Macon Township when about fifty years of age.

Miss Louisa Hendershott, the second daughter of our subject, was married in 1869 to Cassius M. Mills, who is carrying on farming in Macon Township; William is married and carries on farming in Leslic Township, Ingham County; John is married

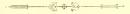




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and farms in Tecumseli Township, while Jesse continues at home with his father; Catherine is the wife of Martin Hendershott, of Macon Township; George is married and is also farming in this township; Eva is married and a resident of Dunkirk, Ohio; Michael lives in Minnesota, and Elmer E. is a practicing physican of Dunkirk, Ohio,

Mr. Hendershott upon reaching manhood identified himself with the old Whig party, but upon its abandonment cordially endorsed Republican principles, to which he has since given his undivided support. The necessity for toil and anxiety with him has passed away, and now, surrounded by the comforts and luxuries of life and the respect of friends, he is passing his declining years in the case and comfort which are his just due. He has seen the wilderness transformed into smiling fields and beautiful cities, and would not part with his long and rich experience in life, for it is that which made of him a man among men and contributed to the success with which he has been so amply rewarded.



ENRY A. ANGELL, for many years one of the most active and enterprising manufacturers of the city of Adrian, was engaged in manufacturing all kinds of iron castings, car-wheels, etc., and in building railway cars, but is now living in retirement. He was born in the town of Newport, Herkimer Co., N. Y., on the 14th of September, 1826, and is the son of Ezekiel and Cynthia (Brown) Angell, the father a native of Rhode Island, and the mother of Massachusetts, who had settled in Herkimer County, N. Y., some time after their marriage, Mrs. Cynthia Angell was born in 1800, and died in 1886, and was the mother of nine children, eight of whom lived to maturity. Henry A., the subject of our personal memoir, was the second son, and his youth was passed in the county of his nativity, where he attended a district school, in which he obtained a fair English education. At the age of seventeen he went to Springfield, Mass., and learned the foundry and car-wheel business, at which he worked some ten years faithfully, and during which time he accumulated sufficient capital with which to begin business fo himself.

In the spring of 1853 Mr. Angell came to Adrian the manufacture of ear-wheels and eastings. A copartnership was shortly after entered into by Mr. Angell with B. F. Russell, and the business was carried on successfully by this firm for about ten years, after which, Mr. Angell having purchased the interest of his partner, continued to carry on the factory under the name of the Adrian Car Manufacturing Company. Mr. Angell enlarged and extended his trade to such dimensions that the employment of 800 men became necessary, and his monthly pay-roll swelled to over \$20,000 per month. The product of the establishment, for a considerable time, was wholly taken by the Northern Pacific Railroad Company, and one contract entered into with that company amounted to \$1,000,000. In 1873, during the great financial depression and the falling off of business consequent upon the panic of that year, Mr. Angell was compelled to close down his works, for want of work to keep the men employed, and they were afterward sold. The purchaser was the Peninsular Car Company, which operated some three years, and then moved the works to Detroit, Mich.

In 1883 Mr. Angell purchased some stock in the company known as Alger, Smith & Co., who are engaged in the lumber business. At that time the timber land, but to this vast tract they have sende large additions in the last four or five years and at the present time the possessions of the company amount to over 90,000 acres, all of which is in the State of Michigan. The business of this company has grown to immense proportions, and from his investment in it Mr. Angell derives a very handsome revenue. On the 24th of February, 1868, Mr. Angell's father died at the age of sixty-seven years. He had been a very industrious man, and during almost his entire life worked at the blacksmith trade, and had been measurably successful in the business in a financial point of view.

October 4, 1849, Mr. Angell was united in marriage with Miss Adelia 8, Sizer, a native of Sheffield, Mass., who was born on the 27th of Au-

gust, 1830, and was the daughter of Amandas and Elizabeth M. (Collins) Sizer, formerly of Chester, Mass. To Mr, and Mrs. Angell were born three children, all of whom are deceased. They have one adopted daughter, upon whom they conferred the name of Maggie Angell, who is the wife of E. Russell, and is a resident of Chicago.

The residence of the subject of this sketch, on East Maumee street, is one of the most beautiful and imposing dwellings in the city. It is large in size and built of brick, and is most commodions. The ornamentation and architectural design are both elaborate, and not even in the slightest degree has anything been omitted in its construction that can add to the beauty of its appearance or the comfort of the occupants. The surroundings are in keeping, with the edifice, and are exceedingly lovely.

In politics Mr. Angell is, and has always been, a stanch adherent to the principles of the Republican party, although no aspirant for the duties or emoluments of public office. During the late war, when the General Government was in need of both men and money, Mr. Angell with rare patriotism opened his purse and contributed the sum of \$10,000 to aid in procuring volunteers for the army, thus avoiding a draft in the ward of the city which is honored by his residence. Mr. Angell has served as Mayor of the city of Adrian one term, and has always closely identified himself with the city's material interests.

The publishers of this Album present the portrait of this eminent gentlemen to their patrons, on an adjoining page, as one of the leading representative men of this section of the State, and one who has been so long and so largely instrumental in the development and growth of Adrian and Lenawee County.

OHN H. NYLAND. The early years of this gentleman were spent on the other side of the Atlantic, where his birth took place in the Province of Gilderland, Holland, June 5, 1829. After completing his education in the common schools of his native land he served an apprenticeship at the shoemaker's trade under the

instruction of his father, with whom he remained until reaching manhood.

Our subject, in 1851, crossed the Atlantic and found himself in the city of New York, whence not long afterward he migrated to Cleveland, Ohio, and soon secured employment at his trade, continuing with one firm for six years. In the spring of 1859 he left the Buckeye State, and coming into this county, established his present business in Tecumselt as a dealer in boots and shoes. The first year he worked at the bench, as usual, but the second, his business having greatly enlarged, he turned his whole attention to the trade, and in 1864, in partnership with his brother-in-law, George Heesen, he purchased a store building in which he continued until the spring of 1879. From there he was compelled to remove at that time, and he took possession of his present quarters, on the south side of Chicago street, where he has done business ever since. He supplies a large list of customers with the best boots and shoes from Eastern manufactarers and from his known apright business methods, is regarded with entire confidence by a host of

Mr. Nyland, while a resident of Cleveland, Ohio, was married in April, 1858, to Miss Handrena Heesen, a native of his own country, who came to the United States when a little girl ten years of age, with her father's family. Mr. and Mrs. Nyland are the parents of five children, two sons and three daughters, recorded as follows: Nellie is a clerk in her father's store; Jennie A. is a teacher at Orange City, Iowa; Frank is at school in Teenmseh, while Angeline is pursuing her studies in the deaf and dmmb school at Flint, Mich., and John R. remains with his parents.

The Nyland family residence is a neat and comfortable structure, handsomely furnished and replete with the evidences of refined tastes and ample means. For a man who landed in this country with a cash capital of \$4\$, no one will deny that Mr. Nyland has made good use of his time. He still has in his possession that identical money in gold, as a reminder of other days. Mr. Nyland owns a good farm in Raisin Township of 160 acres, supplied with the necessary buildings and under a fine state of cultivation. This is superintended by

himself and worked by hired hands, and its products add handsomely to his income.

The parents of our subject, Frederick and Janua T. (Vaarwerk) Nyland, were also natives of Holland, where the mother died while still a young woman, and before her son John H. came to this country. The father is still living there.



HARLES C. BRADISH, a gentleman in the prime of life, is one of the leading men of Madison Township. His parents were Calvin and Mary A. (Jennings) Bradish, natives respectively of Wayne and Cortland Counties, N. Y. The parents of Calvin Bradish were Calvin and Nancy (Post) Bradish, who emigrated to Lenawee County, Mich., in 1831, and settled in Madison Township. They had twelve children, of whom Calvin, the father of our subject, was the sixth in order of birth.

Calvin Bradish, Jr., was born in Wayne County. N. Y., Dec. 27, 1808, and in 1833 he came to Lenawee County, and settled in Madison Township. where he took up 160 acres of Government land, and purchased eighty acres more. In Madison Township he married Miss Mary Jennings, and settled in the same township. The parents of Mrs. Bradish were Daniel and Polly (Clark) Jennings, the former a native of Otsego County, N. Y., and the latter of Colerain, Franklin Co., Mass. They married and settled first in Cortland County, N. Y., but afterward removed to Wayne County in the same State, and there passed the remainder of their days. The mother died July 25, 1861, and the father survived her until Oct. 6, 1868. They were the parents of twelve children, of whom Mary A., mother of our subject, was the second in order of birth. She was born in Cortland County, N. Y., Jan. 25, 1814, and to her and Calvin Bradish were born three children—Horace C., Orin H. and Charles C.

Our subject was the youngest child in the parental family, and was born in Madison Township, Sept. 28, 1845. He passed his early years in the manner common to most farmers' boys, engaged in the lighter work about the farm and attending the public schools, but being a studious youth he made good progress in his studies, and showed a marked aptitude for mathematics. This elementary course at the district school was supplemented by one term's study at Hillsdale College, which he entered of three terms at Adrian College. He subsequently took a complete course at Oberlin College, Ohio, and was graduated from the commercial department of that institution in 1866. After finishing his studies Mr. Bradish remained at home for a few months and then worked out for a short time. Subsequently be entered Kimball's crockery store at Adrian, but only remained there about three months, being then called home by the death of his father. He at once assumed charge of the farm, and has since been engaged in agricultural pursuits; he is proprietor of eighty acres of land. Mr. Bradish was first married in Madison Township, Feb. 23, 1871, to Miss Eliza W. English, who died June 13, 1874. He was a second time married, in Wayne County, N. Y., Feb. 17, 1876, to Miss Chloe Sanford, who died Feb. 2, 1877. He was again married, June 28, 1882, in Wayne County, N. Y., to Miss Carrie Sanford. To them have been born two children—Edith M, and Stanley S.

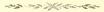
Mr. Bradish is an important factor in a prospection and intelligent community, and has prominently identified himself with the business and social interests of his native town. He has held the office of Supervisor of Madison Township four terms, and served as Town Clerk eight terms; in politics he is a Republican.

IKE T. SCOTT, conductor of a through freight train on the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad, and having his headquarters at Adrian, is one of the most prominent and capable young men on the road. He has chosen a calling to which he seems especially adapted, and in which he has gained much knowledge and capacity by an experience of several years. Although of a prudent and retiring disposition, he is actively alive to the duties and responsibilities imposed upon him, and is considered one of

the most reliable men in the employ of this great company.

Mr. Scott has made his home in this county during his entire life. He was born in Ridgeway Township, May 25, 1852, and is the eldest son of John and Emily (Taylor) Scott, both of whom are natives of England, who emigrated to America in 1849. John Scott was born in Yorkshire, June 11, 1826, and was the son of Luke and Mary (Johnson) Scott, who were also of English birth and parentage. The father of the subject of our personal memoir was reared in the agricultural districts of his native county, and was married, Nov. 11, 1846, to Miss Emily Taylor, a daughter of Thomas B, and Mary Taylor. Three years later, with a laudable desire to better his fortune, he sailed with his little family for the New World, and on arrival came West, and settled shortly afterward in Lenawee County. He purchased a tract of land in Ridgeway Township, which he occupied five years, and then selling out purchased another not far from it, where he remained until retiring from the more arduous duties of life. He removed to Adrian, where, with his estimable wife, he still resides. His dwelling is a handsome frame structure, known as No. 45 Frank street, and bears every indication of being the home of a well-to-do citizen in comfortable circumstances.

Luke T. Scott began his railroad cureer when a youth of fifteen years, in 1867, as a section hand on the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad. It was at once observed that he was a lad who kept his eyes open to what was going on around him, and would soon be capable of filling a better position. In 1870 he entered the train service as a brakeman, and two years later was promoted to the position of conductor, which situation he has since held. He is unmarried and makes his home with his parents.



EV. THOMAS J. LEWIS. Among the early settlers of Riga Township was Abial Lewis, father of Thomas J. He was a native of Otsego County, N. Y., and when a young man went to Wayne County, in that State, and there married Hey Belcher. He had been

reared on a farm, and on his removal to Wayne County he bought land in Butler Township, and there lived, pursuing his occupation as a farmer for he emigrated to Michigan, via the Erie Canal and Lake Erie to Toledo, thence by railway to Sylvania, and from there by team to Monroe County, where a brother of his resided. From the latter he rented a farm for two years. In the meantime he bought the land now owned and occupied by the subject of this sketch, which was heavily covered with timber at the time. He erected a log house and settled on the place in 1851, and remained there for several years, clearing about forty acres of his land. About the close of the war his buildings were burned, after which he bought a place in Mouroe County, on the State line, and lived there until his death, which occurred Feb. 14, 1878. His wife's death occurred several years prior to his own, dying in

Thomas Lewis of whom we write was born in Butler, Wayne Co., N. Y., Oct. 7, 1837, and was twelve years of age when he came to Riga Township with his parents. He may well be considered a pioneer, though a very youthful one, as he rendered his father much assistance in reclaiming his land from the primeval forest. At the date of their settlement the township had settled up very slowly, and there were still many indications of its original wildness; dense forests environed them, haunted by deer, welves, and other wild animals, and settlements were scattered so that there were no near neighbors. There are few, if any, now living in the township who were here before our subject. There was no school in the district when he first came here, but a pioneer one was soon after established, which he attended in the winter season, the rest of the year assisting his father in the labors of the farm, clearing the land, tilling the soil, and in the many other duties of such a life, He remained with his parents until he was twentytwo years of age, and then commenced working by the month on a neighboring farm, and continued to be thus employed for six years. He then bought his father's homestead, where so many of his youthful days were passed, and in 1871 located there and has made it his home ever since, with the exception of one year, when he leased the farm to a tenant. He has been highly successful in his agricultural pursuits, and has a well tilled and thoroughly cultivated property.

Mr. Lewis, besides attending to the cultivation of his farm, has for several years been engaged heart and soul in dispensing the Gospel as taught by the doctrines of the Church of God, of which denomination he is a licensed preacher. He is an able expounder of the beliefs of the sect which he represents, and a forcible and fluent speaker.

Mr. Lewis was married. Feb. 21, 1876, to Mis-Sarah M. Loe, a native of West Wheeling, Ohio, Her grandfather. Robert Loe, was a farmer, and spent the last years of his life in Wood County, Ohio. The father of Mrs. Lewis, John Loe, was born in Philadelphia, Pa., and married, in West Wheeling, Miss L. Mary Hurless, a native of Harrison County, Ohio, and daughter of Isaac and Mary (Snyder) Hurless, Mr. Hurless was a bricklayer, and followed his calling for many years. In 1887 he bought a farm in Wood County, Ohio, where he has lived ever since, and where his wife died in March, 1865. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis' wedded life has been blessed by the birth of two children— John G. and Ardie.

Mrs. Lewis is a faithful member of the same church as her husband, and heartily sympathizes with him in his good work. They are much respected in the community for the sincerity of their piety and for their good works.



HOMAS RANDOLPH, son of one of the carliest pioneers of Lenawee County, first opened his eyes to the light in Seneca Township, March 16, 1841. His parents are Cornelius 8, and Margaret C. (Barber) Randolph, the former a native of Warren County, N. Y., and born Nov. 14, 1811. The patternal grandfather of our subject was also a native of New York State, whence he came to Michigan in middle life and spent his last years in Lenawee County. His son, Cornelius 8, was twenty-three years of age when coming to this State, and a particularly bright and active young man. He had, by his own efforts, secured a fair

education, and at intervals for a period of thirteen vears, engaged as a teacher in Lenawee County. In the meantime, however, he had by no means abandoned farming pursuits, to which he had been reared and which he loved, and later in life devoted himself exclusively to rural employments. He remained a resident of Lenawee County until the fall of 1882, when removing to Gratiot County, this State, he located in Pine River Township, of which he has since been a resident. Although now over seventy vears of age he is quite strong and active, and finds hus chief pleasure in making himself useful as his strength permits.

The mother of our subject, who in her girlhood was Miss Margaret C, Barber, was born Dec, 13, 1808, in Catlin, Chemng Co., N. Y., and became the wife of Cornelius S, Randolph on the 10th of June, 1838, after the removal of each from the Empire State to this county. Of this congenial union there were born six children, namely: Silas, Thomas, Martha, James, Cornelius and Henry. Their offspring were carefully trained to habits of industry and principles of honor, and early in life were inhead with those pions sentiments which the parents have made the rule of their lives. The latter identified themselves with the Baptist Church early in life, of which they still remain devoted and consistent members.

Thomas Randolph was a little lad ten years of age when his parents removed to Madison Township and afterward went with them to Palmyra Township. They resided there ten years, and then returned to Madison, from which place they removed to Gratiot County. Our subject continued with his parents until twenty-seven years of age and then, being married, took possession of his present homestead. He is now the proprietor of fifty acres of fand on section 34, Madison Township, where he has carefully entityated the soil and put up neat and substantial farm buildings. He has pursued the even tenor of his way as a conscientious and reliable citizen and is held in respect accordingly.

The marriage of Thomas Randolph and Miss Alice Hinsdale was celebrated at the home of the bride, in Madison Township, Dec. 26, 1867. Mrs. Randolph is the daughter of Elisha and Elizabeth (Delph) Hinsdale, who came to this section from Summit County, Ohio, in the spring of 1853. They located in Madison Township, where the father commenced the establishment of a permanent home, but was cut down in his prime, his death occurring two years later, in 1855; his willow survives and is a resident of Madison Township. Their family consisted of two children only, a son and a daughter. Mrs. Randolph. the elder child, was born in Summit County, Aug. 9, 1851, and was consequently not two years of age when coming to this county, and not four years old when her father died. She remained with her mother and brother in Madison Township until her marriage, and is now the mother of two children—LeElla and Carrie.

Mr. Randolph, although giving his attention mainly to the cultivation of his farm and the embellishment of his homestead, still finds time to continue his support of the Democratic party, with which he became identified in 1862. He is regarded as a praiseworthy and reliable citizen who takes great satisfaction in the progress and welfare of his community and advocates those measures tending to this end. He has served as Treasurer of Madison Township, but aside from this has declined becoming an office-holder.

AMUEL M. HAMILTON, one of the early pioneers of this State, came to Lenawee County in the spring of 1835, locating for a time in Madison. In 1815 he removed to Whitesiae County, Ill., but in February, 1847, he returned to Michigan, locating in Ogden Township, where he was variously employed until in August, 1853. He then purchased 100 acres of land on section 18, in Ogden Township, of Benjamin F. Butler, who, at one time, owned a large tract in this township.

Mr. Hamilton occupied this land for a period of thirteen years, in the meantime erecting good buildings, setting out an orehard, and instituting various other improvements by which he greatly increased its value. This remained his home until 1865, when he sold out and purchased on section 7. In the meantime, during the progress of the Civil War, he served three years in the 6th United States Cayalty, being in the Army of the Potomac. Although taking part in over fifty battles and skirmishes, be never received a scratch and was never in the hospital. His career as a soldier was highly creditable, and at the close of the war he received an honorable discharge.

In 1869 Mr. Hamilton sold his farm in Ogden Township, and removed across the Mississippi into Kansas, where he purchased a large tract of land in Saline County. He was in that State during the terrible drouth of 1870, and the grasshopper scourge four years later. He felt after this that he would rather take his chances in the regular army than in Kansas, and in November, 1877, he returned to the old reliable State of Michigan, and purchased the Jesse Stretch farm in Palmyra Township, where he has since remained and carried on general agriculture and fruit-growing in a highly successful manner. In the latter venture he has been especially fortunate, and has an orchard of 200 trees, the proceeds of which yield him a handsome income annually.

The subject of our sketch was born in Perrinton, Monroe Co., N. Y., Dec. 24, 1826, and is the son of John L. and Matilda (Durkees) Hamilton, who were natives respectively of Massachusetts and New York. The father was born in Cheshire County, June 1, 1797, and came from an excellent old family of Scotch ancestry. He spent his early years in the Bay State, and upon reaching manhood emigrated to New York State and purchased a tract of timber land in Orleans County, and made it his first business to put up a shelter for himself and his young wife. Then he proceeded with the cultivation and improvement of the new farm, but was destined to a great affliction in the loss of his wife, whose death occurred on the 28th of June, 1832, after she had borne her husband three children. They were married Oct. 16, 1824, and she consequently had been the companion of her husband not quite eight years.

In 1834, John L. Hamilton removed to Ohio, settling near Akron, in Summit County, where he was again married, and migrated to this county in the fail of 1837. Three years later he removed to Indiana, locating near Columbia, in Whitley County, where he purchased land enough to make two goodsized farms. In the fall of 1850 he disposed of this property, and returning to this county, located in Senera Township, and purchased wild land near Morenci. A few years later he retired from active labor, and spent his last years with our subject, his death taking place July 25, 1866.

Our subject, on the 21st of August, 1853, and about the time of his first purchase of land in this Samuel and Sarah M. (Becker) Nash, of Madison, Their first child, Nathan A. S., was born in Ogden, Aug, 1, 1854; their second born, Evlyn S., May May 20, 1866; they are residents of this county. Mrs. Nancy Hamilton was born near Hamilton, Canada, Oct. 10, 1834, and came with her parents to Michigan in 1837. Her father, Samuel Nash, learned the cloth-weaver's trade, which he followed farming. He was the son of Nathan Nash, also a the early settlement of Michigan, and lived with mother of Mrs. Hamilton was in her girlhood. Miss Sarah M. Becker, and was born in New York State the 6th of January, 1828, and came with her huswith little means, but by the exercise of economy

When Mr. Hamilton came to this county, deer, bears, wolves and wild turkeys were pleatiful, and as far as meat was concerned, he and his family lived upon the fat of the land. He has watched with the deepest interest the development of the rich country around him, and during his young manhood was active in all those enterprises calculated to be of benefit to his adopted county. He may feel that he has contributed in the fullest measure to its prosperity, and is tacity accorded that reverence and respect due those who ventured into the western wilds, and east their lot with the early pioneers.

The paternal grandfather of our subject, Obadiai

Miss Lusunah Richardson, of Cummington. They settled in the latter place and lived there until 1818, and then made the journey in primitive style from the Bay State to Monroe County, N. Y., where Mr. H. purchased a tract of land, and commenced its improvement and cultivation. He only lived, however, about ten years, his death taking place in 1828. Grandmother Hamilton subsequently joined her children in this county, and spent her last years in the home of her son, Dr. I. S., now a resident of Tecumsch. As the widow of a Revolutionary sol dier, she was always an object of interest, as Obadiah Hamilton had assisted in the struggle of the Colonists for their independence.

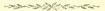


OHN LEWIS. Probably no man in the city of Adrian is held in higher respect than the subject of this sketch, who came here in the rall of 1837, during the pioneer days. He was then a lad eleven years of age, and has remained among the people of this county since that time. His has been a career of more than ordinary interest. He was thrown upon his own resources early in life and struggled against many adverse circumstances, and the fact that he is now numbered among the capitalists and able business men of Lemavec County, holding a good social position, is sufficient evidence of the industry with which he has labored, and his upright course in life, without which he would never have attained to his present standing.

Ar. Lewis was born in Livingston County, N. Y., in March, 1826, and in that portion of the Empire State nequired the first rudiments of an education which was completed in the public schools of Adrian. His purputs, John and Margaret Lewis, spent their last years in Adrian. John, Jr., made good use of his time among his books, and his natural intelligence and some experience assisted him greatly in acquiring a general knowledge of business methods. The first position which offered upon his leaving school was a cook on a steamboat, which position he held several years, and until 1853, Early in life he laid the foundation of an honest and industrious man, and the economy with which he

lived enabled him to save each year a part of his earnings. At the date mentioned, on leaving the river, he returned to Adrian and was employed in the restaurant of Mr. Bailess, with whom he remained until enabled to purchase the business of his employer. This once in his possession he soon found himself upon the highway to a competency, and wisely invested his accumulating capital incity property. He is now the owner of several business honess, the rentals of which yield him a handsome revenue.

Mr Lewis votes the Republican ticket and watches with intelligent interest the progress of State and National affairs. He has uniformly performed all the duties of a good citizen, with the exception that he still remains a bachelor and is now about sixtyone years of age. His form is a familiar one in the streets and universally commands respect.



OL. RICHARD B. ROBBINS, a well-known solicitor of patents, pension attorney, and Justice of the Peace, of the city of Adrian, is a native of the State of New Jersey, and was born April 27, 1832. From the time he was old enough to hold the plow until sixteen years of age, he worked on a farm, and at that age was apprenticed to a blacksmith and learned his trade.

Believing that the West was the place for a young man, young Robbins strapped his worldly effects on his back and started on foot and alone for the then distant State of Ohio. Having been deprived of the advantages of an education, being at that time unable to read or write, and keenly appreciating his need, he entered the school of the Rev. Samuel Bissell, at Twinsburg. Ohio, at which place he spent labor. In the fall of 1854 he landed in the village of Palmyra, where he spent the winter in teaching, writing and reading Blackstone. The spring following he went to Tecumseh, and entered the office of Stacy & Wood, making his home with Dr. Hamilton, and doing chores to pay for his board. Subsegmently he moved to the city, and for some time wrote in the probate office of the Hon, C. A. Stacy, then Judge. The Hon, F. C. Beaman succeeding Mr.

Stacy as Judge of Probate, Mr. Robbins remained in the office as clerk, devoting all his spare time to his legal studies, and was finally admitted to the bar as attorney, May 2, 1859.

In 1860 Mr. Robbins was elected Justice of the Peace in Adrian, and was engaged in the discharge of his duties when the war of the Rebellion broke out. Believing that the country needed his services, he obtained a Second Lieutenaut's commission from Gov. Blair, with authority to raise a company for the 4th Michigan Cavalry then organizing. He raised his company, and was mustered into the United States service as Captain Aug, 13, 1862, going at once with the regiment to the front. He participated in over sixty engagements and skirmishes, including the hard-fought battles of Stone River, Chickamauga and Mission Ridge. At Shelby ville, while leading a charge, he had his horse shot under him, and was complimented in general orders for gallant conduct. He was promoted to Major Aug. 23, 1863, and continued on duty with his regiment until May 18, 1864, when, at the head of his battalion, in an engagement near Kingston, Ga., his left arm was shattered and rendered useless by a minic ball. Being at the time some three miles in advance of the main line of battle, and becoming weak from loss of blood, it was with the greatest difficulty that he reached the point of safety within the Union lines. After spending some time in the hospital, and being permanently disabled from active duty, he was detailed as member of the general court-martial, then sitting at Jackson, in this State, and was subsequently made commander of the camp in that city, where he remained on duty until the war was over. On the 13th of March. 1865, he was made Lieutenant Colonel by brevet, for gallant and meritorious services in the action near Kingston, Ga.

While at Jackson, Col. Robbins was elected Justice of the Peace in Adrian, serving two terms, his last term expiring July 4, 1873. In 1873 he was elected Mayor by a fair majority, in one of the hottest campaigns ever held in this city. He was elected to the House of Representatives in the State Legislature for 1875–76, and re-elected in 1877. In 1879 he was elected State Senator, and in 1881 he received the appointment of United States Consul at Ottawa, Canada, where he remained until relieved by the Cleveland administration. Having previously served two terms acceptably as Chairman of the Republican County Committee, he was again chosen Chairman, and successfully conducted the campaign; he holds the position of Chairman at this time. He was also, in the spring of 1886, again elected Justice of the Peace of the city of Adrian. While a member of the Countities on State Affairs, and Chairman of the Committee on State Affairs, and Chairman of the Committee on the Liquor Traffic, and advocated the tax and restraining law as the best system that could be obtained in the cause of temperance.

Besides discharging the duties of the office of Justice of the Peace, Col. Robbins is engaged as a solicitor of patents and pension attorney. In all the various positions of trust which he has held, he has always discharged his duties faithfully and honestly. Being educated to hard labor, his sympathics have always been with the laboring classes, and he has spent much time and money in inventing and introducing labor, saving machines, some of which are already familiar to the farmers of Lenawee County,



ILLIAM TNDERWOOD, a thrifty, successful farmer and stock-dealer, located on section 10, Ridgeway Township, has a well-improved farm of 190 acres, one of the best in this part of the county. It is an ideal farm to work, as it is neither too dry nor too wet, and produces well all the cereals of this latitude. He purchased it in 1871, and has erected thereon a fine residence and farm buildings.

Mr. Underwood was born on his father's old homestead on section 8, of this township, Ang. 8, 1843. His father, John Underwood, a native of Leicestershire. England, where he was reared to manhood, serving a seven years' apprenticeship to the business of a miller, was married to Miss Elizabeth Piner. Miss Piner was also a native of the same shire, and they both came of pure English ancestry. After the birth of two children, Charles and Ann, they came to the United States in 1850, requiring nine weeks to make the ocean yoyage on

Toledo, Ohio, where he worked on the canal for some months, when they came to Michigan and purchased forty acres of land on section 8, Ridgeway Township, in the timbered portion of the county. He had to get to his land by a trail, walking on logs part of the way to keep out of the water. It was here he pitched his tent, and lived until his demise, which occurred Oct. 13, 1886, He had become the owner of more than 200 acres of good land, and was one of the successful and practical farmers of the township, while his citizenship was that of a worthy and respected man. In politics he was a Democrat. His wife, who died in October, 1876, was a good woman, a kind and loving mother, and identified with the Methodist Church for some years,

After our subject grew to manhood, receiving a good common-school education, he was first married, in Ridgeway Township, to Eliza J. Getty, who was a native of Ireland, but at the age of five years came to America with her parents, James and Mattie M. Getty, who settled in the township of Ridgeway, and here improved a farm on which they lived for many years. After the death of his wife Mr. Getty went to Deerfield Township, this county, where he died, ripe in years. Their with our subject, and died in this township, Aug. 21, 1881. She was the mother of nine children, recorded as follows: Charles W, took to wife Nellie Cary, and resides on a farm in this township; Arthur J. married Mamie Boyce, of Macon Township, lives on a farm in this township, and operates a part of his father's farm; Addie is the wife of Laban Babcock, and resides in Britton; Sophrina, wife of Edgar Exelby, lives on the Exelby homestead; John, Lovia, Amos, Claybon and Clarence live at

Mr. Underwood was married a second time, at his swn home, to Mrs. Adelaide J., daughter of Joseph and Mary A. Pilbeam. (For their history see sketch of Isaac N. Pilbeam). Mrs. Underwood was born in this (township, Jan. 18, 1855, where she was reared and educated and married her first hasband, Michael Underwood, brother of our subject, who died in this township, Sept. 22, 1884. He left his wife the mother of four children: Tressic, who died aged two years, and Libbie, Glenn J. and Clifford I., now living at home.

Mr. Underwood has been Highway Commissioner for some years. He raises throughbred swine, and has bought stock since about 1872 in connection with his farming, while he has bought wool in large quantities throughout the county. His fine farm is drained by over seven miles of tile. In politics Mr. Underwood is a Democrat; he and his wife are among the well-known people of Ridgeway.

LIVER QUINCY JONES. There are among the young physicians of Lenawee County many men of unquestioned talent, who are fully alive to the duties and responsibilities of their position, holding as they do in many cases, the lives and interests of a goodly portion of the community in their hands. There is probably no profession in life calling for the exercise of more skill and judgment and in which these qualities are of such vital importance. Young Dr. Jones is regarded as a man well posted upon the various questions arising in the profession to which he has devoted himself for the last sixteen years, and in which he has a worthy ambition to exect.

Our subject is a son of one of the early settlers of Michigan, and was born in the town of Camden, Hillsdale County, April 24, 1851. His father, Dr. Leonidas M. Jones, a native of Ohio, was born in Painesville in 1821, and after a thorough course of study was graduated with honors from the Cleveland Homeopathic College. He commenced practice while a young man in Hillsdale County, where for many years he was one of the leading lights, and built up an extensive and Inerative practice. About 1861, he removed from Camden to Brooklyn, and there ministers to the wants of his old patrons while at the same time taking life comparatively easy.

Dr. Leonidas M. Jones, after taking up his residence in Hillsdale County, was united in marriage with the daughter of one of its oldest and most highly respected residents, Miss Charlotte A., daughter of Benjamin Holcomb, who came to this

section of country during its early settlement. The parental household included three children, and the mother died at her home in Brooklyn in the spring of 1883. The eldest daughter, Ella, became the wife of Dr. House, and departed this life in 1882, leaving two sons; susan C. died at the home of her parents in Brooklyn when twenty-one years of age.

The paternal grandfather of our subject, a native of Painesville, was of Welsh ancestry, and upon coming to the West, about 1828, he settled near the site of a little hamlet which was subsequently named after him, and followed his calling of civil engineer for many years. He had served in the War of 1812, and was invested with the raok of Colonel. He was a man of much force of character, possessing fine business qualifications, and died at the ripe old age of eighty years, leaving a large estate. His wife Lois survived him a short time and died in Brooklyn at the age of eighty-four years.

Oliver Q. Jones passed his early boyhood in Central Texas, of which State his parents were residents for a period of six years and to which they had removed from Hillsdale County. Upon their return to Michigan and location in Brooklyn, the boy attended school there until a youth of seventeen. He commenced the study of medicine under the instruction of his father, and subsequently entered the Homeopathic College at Cleveland, Ohio, from which he was graduated at the age of twentyone. He then returned to Brooklyn and commenced two years. From Brooklyn he removed to Hanover, Jackson County, where during a period of seven years he was called upon so incessantly in the duties of his profession that his health became seriously impaired and he was obliged for a time to retire. Upon regaining his health be formed a partnership with his brother-in-law, R. B. House, of Tecumseh, which continued nearly three years, and then it was dissolved by mutual consent. Dr. Jones opened his present office in the Bidwell Block, on the corner of Chicago and Railroad streets, in September, 1881. It is fitted up handsomely and conveniently, and there is every prospect that, like his father before him, Dr. Jones will before many years

assume a position in the medical fraternity equal to that of his honored father, whose instruction has been of so much service to him.

Our subject was married, Feb. 19, 1874, to Miss Delia Sanford, of Jackson County, Mich. Mrs. Jones was born April 5, 1852, and is the daughter of Abram and Maranda Sanford, natives of Michigan; the mother died in (1883). The family residence is pleasantly located and the little household includes one child only, Leonidas M., now thirteen years of age. Dr. Jones is a member of the State Homeopathic Society, the Hahnemann Society, the Trayer Homeopathic Society, and besides the degree of M. D., he also had that of M. H. S. conferred upon him. Socially he belongs to the Masonic fraternity, being a Knight Templar of the Adrian Commandery. He and his estimable wife are connected with the Friends' Church of Tecumseh.

LIAB PARK was born in Niagara County, N. Y., on the 22d of March, 1817, and is the son of Erastus, and grandson of Amos Park. The latter was the son of Hezekiah, and grandson of Robert, whose father's name was Thomas, who in turn was the son of Robert Park. This is about all that is known of the early record of the Park family, except that the first ancestor in this county came to America in 1630. Amos, the grandfather of our subject was an old army surgeon, and died in New York, aged about eighty-live years. He was twice married; the first wife was the mother of Erastus, our subject's father, and she died in New York, as did also his second wife.

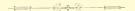
Erastus Park, the father of our subject, was a roving kind of man, and spent much of his time upon the water. He owned and ran vessels to Oswego, and down the Niagara River, and at one time he owned and operated a still-house, and was always more or less engaged in agricultural pursuits. He was born in New York, and at an early age left the parental roof and started out on his own account. He was first married to Lucretia Van Vleck, a native of Holland, whose people were among the first settlers on an Indian Reservation lying along Onon-daga Lake, N. Y. At the time of her marriage with

Erastus Park, Lucretia Van Vleck was the widow of one D. Mayo. Erastus and his wife came to Michigan in 1835, locating near our subject's present home, and turned their attention to agricultural pursuits. The lunshand returned to New York in 1832, and died in Walworth, at the age of eightytwo years; the mother of our subject died in Michigan at the age of sixty-nine. The parental household contained eight children, of whom six are still living.

Eliab Park worked at home until he was twenty years of age, after which he lived out for a time, and had scant opportunity for attending school, but making the most of such chances as he had, and utilizing the long winter evenings for purposes of reading and study, his persistent efforts to gain knowledge were rewarded, and he is now a fairly well-educated man. When he was twenty-four years old, he took up a small claim of mineral land in Wisconsin, which he afterward sold and went to New York in 1847 on a visit. The same year he came to Lenawee County, Mich., and purchasing eighty acres of land, he cultivated it for five years, then sold it, and afterward bought fifty acres where he now lives. The latter purchase was made in 1857, and he moved onto it the following year; it was all cultivable land, and is now an excellent stock farm.

In 1849 our subject was united in marriage with Alpha A., daughter of Anson Howell, who located in this county in 1827. She was twenty-five years old at the time of her marriage, and died at her home Her father was born in Suffolk County, N. Y., April 13, 1786, and when twenty years old, moved to Ontario County, N. Y., where he followed his trades of millwright and carpenter and joiner. In the fall of 1827 he migrated to Michigan, and located 160 acres of land on section 28, in Adrian Township, where he brought his wife and eight children, and Oct. 8, 1875. His wife was Charlotte Rockwood, to whom he was married about 1820, in New York, and by whom he had ten children. Her parents were natives of Vermont, and of Puritan stock, and her husband was of English descent; she died in Adrian, Mich., Aug. 28, 1845. Our subject has four children, recorded as follows: Lucretia, Mrs. John J. Hornby, has always lived at home, and her husband cultivates the homestead; they have five children, the eldest of whom died Nov. 18, 1887, of searlet fever. Ella married Charles C. Potter, of Dundee, Mich., who is engaged in dairying, and has a son by a former wife; Francis is a widower, and is farming in Dakota, while Mary is a widow, and resides in California.

In politics Mr. Park is a thorough Democrat, and his party has honored him with a number of local offices. In 1864 he was elected Township Treasurer, holding the office one year, and subsequently filled it during the years of 1867-68. In 1869 he was elected Supervisor, which situation he held four years, and afterward for three years more; he was also Justice of the Peace four years, and has held other minor offices. Socially Mr. Park belongs to the Masonic fraternity, being connected with Lodge No. 19, of Adrian, in which he is a prominent and highly respected member; he has been a Mason since the war. Mr. Park is naturally of a mechanical turn of mind, and is an excellent surveyor, the result of his own study and self-education.



OHN F. JENKINS, M. D., a gentleman of telent and education, occupies an enviable position as a physician, and is a general favorite, both in the business and social circles of Tecumsch. He has been a close student and an extensive reader in all matters pertaining to his profession, and has built up a large and profitable practice in this county. As a financier he has been a success, having acquired a competence, and occupies one of the handsomest homes in the village. The residence is a fine brick structure set in the midst of well-kept grounds, and bearing within and without the evidence of cultivated tastes and ample means. Few men have arrived at the successful point in life without struggles and sacrifices, and although perhaps our subject has had as few as any, there has been ample room for the exercise of his natural energy and perseverance.

Dr. Jenkins was born Sept. 10, 1836, in the town of Napanee, Lennox County, Ontario, Canada, and is the son of Edward Jenkins, who was of Welsh descent and a farmer by occupation. He spent the last years of his life in Canada, and died in 1870, at the age of sixty-eight years. The mother was formerly Miss Eliza Embury, a descendant of Philip Embury, well known to readers of early history as the first Methodist minister in America. She passed away several years before the decease of her husband, her death taking place Feb. 5, 1852. The family circle included nine children, of whom all are living, with the exception of one who died in childhood.

The boyhood years of our subject were spent on the farm and in attendance at the district school, and when he had made sufficient progress in his studies, he entered the grammar school at Napance. After several terms in this institution, he entered Newburg Academy, which at that time bore a reputation of being the best school in that part of the country. At the age of seventeen he began teaching, which he followed several years, in the meantendance at the Normal School at Toronto, whence he was graduated in 1858. The intervening time from the above date until 1862 was spent in teaching, and young Jenkins then began the study of medicine. He had already determined to locate in the West, and as soon as convenient, came to this county, and entered the University of Michigan. After a full course of study in the medical department, he received his diploma and commenced the practice of his profession in Orland, Ind. In June following he was united in marriage with Miss Susan McOucen, a native of Canada, and daughter of Col. James McQueen, of the Province of Ontario. Col. McQueen served in the War of 1812, and for his bravery and fidelity to duty was promoted from a private to the rank which he held until his death, at the age of eighty-five years. His wife, the mother of Mrs. J., survived her husband, and was eighty-eight years old at the time of her

In October, 1869, Dr. Jenkins went to New York City and attended clinical lectures in the large hospitals of the metropolis, including Bellevue and the college of Physicians and Surgeons. Upon returning to the West in the spring of 1870, he located in Detroit, where he practiced for a time, and then removed to Technisch, where he has become one of the most popular members of the profession in this vicinity. He keeps himself thoroughly posted upon the new methods of treatment which are constantly being submitted by the men of his calling, and has built up an extensive practice among the best people of this section. He is Vice President of the Southern Michigan Medical Society, and a member of the Michigan, State and the American Medical Associations, and is a member of the Ninth International Medical Congress, being present and participating in its meeting which was held in the city of Washington during the first three weeks of September, 1887, and which was opened by President Cleveland in person. During his trip to the National capital, Dr. Jenkins visited some of the principal battle-fields of Virginia, as well as the city of Richmond, also taking in Newport, Old Point Comfort, and Fortress Monroe.

Dr. and Mrs. Jenkins became the parents of five children, four daughters and one son. The eldest daughter. Eda Bell, died May 7, 1878, at the age of thirteen years; Augusta, the third eldest, died Aug. 10, 1875, when but two years of age. Those surviving are named respectively. Mabel, Milton and Florence, and continue at home with their parents.

ESTER OSGOOD. This pioneer settler of Southeastern Michigan came to Macoon Township, this county, Oct. 15, 1845, and selected a finely located farm on section 28, which he stills occupies. It embraces 116 acres of land and gives evidence of having been under the careful supervision of a skillful and industrious agriculturist.

Mr. Osgood, like many of his compects, who at an early period in their lives migrated from the Empire State to this county, was born in Lodi, Seneca Co., N. Y., April 26, 1829, and there spent his childhood and youth, fitting himself for the duties and struggles of a life which he had decided when quite young should be practically commenced in the far West. The Osgood family is of English deseent, the father of our subject being John, the son of William Osgood, and the latter the son of Hubbard Osgood, who was a native of Connectient, where he followed farming and it is supposed spent his entire life. He died at an advanced age, buying passed his one hundred and fourth birthday, and it is said that in that year he split 100 rails from a tree. He was one of the oldest men of that locality and time, and it is hardly necessary to say was the object of much notice. Little is known of the lady whom he married, although it is supposed that she also was a native of the Nutmeg State.

William Osgood was reared and educated in Connecticut, whence he emigrated while still unmarried to New York State, and located in Ovid Township. Seneca County, during its first settlement. He married there Miss Maggie Covert, whose ancestors were originally from Holland, and the young people settled down in a modest home at Lodi, and Mr. O. became proprietor of a small farm which he improved and where he spent his last days, dying when about forty-live years of age. The mother survived many years, remaining a widow, and died at the age of seventy-six. The farm taken up by William Osgood in his early manhood is yet in possession of the family. He had two brothers who were ministers of the Baptist Church.

There were born to William and Maggie Osgood a large family of children, of whom John, the father of our subject, was the third son; all lived to mature years, and with one exception, were all married. John remained under the parental roof in Lodi Township until reaching manbood, and married Miss Martha Van Vleet, a native of his own county, where she was born May 17, 1807. They continued residents of Lodi Township, where the father died in 1841, at the age of forty-one years, he having been born in 1800. Religiously he was a member of the Reformed Church, and politically was a decided Democrat. The mother of our subject was the daughter of George and Martha (Vorhees) Van Vleet, natives of New England, whose amestors came from Holland in the Colonial days. George Van Vleet was married in New Jersey, and after the birth of two children removed with his family to Pennsylvanna, where two more little ones were

added to the household circle. Thence they removed to Seneca County, N. Y., and purchasing a tract of wild land, brought it to a fair state of cultivation and there spent their last days, the mother dying when fifty years of age and the father after passing his seventicth birthday.

Mrs. Martha Osgood was reared in Lodi Township, N. Y., where she remained until after the death of her husband, by whose decease she was left with six children, of whom our subject was the eldest. He was sixteen years of age when they started for Michigan, and they made their way in a tedious manner by canal, lake, and overland with teams. They located first upon a tract of eighty acres, and the mother, with the assistance of her sons, was enabled to build up a good homestead and surround her family with the comforts of life. She was a lady of much force of character, remarkably active and blessed with good health, and labored early and late for the good of those she loved. She is still living, active and intelligent as of old, although having passed her eightieth birthday. She makes her home with her son, our subject, and enjoys the warm friendship of a large circle of acquaintances.

Lester Osgood, being the eldest member of his mother's family, was at an early period of his life. by the death of his father, invested with serious responsibilities which he discharged in a highly creditable manner. He continued with his widowed mother until after reaching the thirty-fourth year of his age, and was then married, Oct. 21, 1863, to Miss Sarah E. Hoagland, a sketch of whose parents will be found in the biography of Thomas V. Hoagland, published elsewhere in this volume. Mrs. O. was born in Romulus Township, Seneca Co., N. Y., July 2, 1832, and was but two years old when her parents came to this State, and took up their residence in Ridgeway Township. She knows all about pioneer life in Southeastern Michigan, and the efforts required to build up a home from the wilderness. She continued with her parents until their death. being trained in all housewifely duties, and acquiring a limited education in the common schools,

Mr. and Mrs. Osgood are the parents of two children, Mary M. and Jennie II., who continue at home with their parents. The daughters and their mother are prominently connected with the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Osgood, politically, was formerly a Democrat but now votes with the Prohibitionists. He has officiated as Treasurer and Clerk of Macon Township, and ranks among its most worthy citizens.

OHN B. DOWLING. In the year 1838, at three years of age, Mr. Dowling was brought by his parents from Somersetshire, England, to Michigan, and settled in Cambridge in May of that year. The subject of this sketch was born Oct. 2, 1835, in Somersetshire, where his father, Robert I. Dowling, was engaged as a general tradesman for several years. The latter was the son of a clergyman of the Church of England, and had received a superior education. His father had charge of a very prominent parish and filled the place of Rector for many years, until his health failed him. Robert I., the father of John B., was married in England to Miss Mary Bridge, who was the descendant of a good family, and a native of the same shire as her husband.

After the birth of three children, one son, our subject, and two daughters, the parents came to the United States, and made their home in Cambridge Township, this county, on a partly improved farm, to which Robert I, devoted his energies. He located on section 13, in the township of Cambridge, where he took up 160 acres of good land, and made that place his home until his death, which occurred Sept. 18, 1883, at the age of seventy-six. His wife had died Dec. 25, 1873. They were most excellent Christian people, and were worthy and respected members of society. They were mourned and regretted by the entire community, when they were called to pass from the scenes of this world.

The subject of this sketch remained with his parents until twenty-two years of age and was initiated into all kinds of farm labor. On the 15th of October, 1861, he was united in marriage, at Adrian, Mich., to Miss Elizabeth Bridge, born in Cambridge, Aug. 27, 1841, and daughter of William and Abiguail (Clark) Bridge, natives of England and Vermount respectively. Her parents were married in

Cambridge Township, where they lived and died, having reached the age of threescore years. Mrs. Dowling was reared to womanhood beneath the parental roof and secured her education in the district schools. She is the mother of five children, one of whom is dead—Willis R., Eugene R., Ira II., Perley and Alba.

After marriage Mr. Dowling purchased eighty acres of improved land in South Franklin Township, which he afterward sold, and bought uinety-seven acres where he now lives, and which he habrought to a high state of cultivation. In politics, Mr. Dowling is a member of that rapidly growing party, the independent voters, who without regard for party or party lines, support the best men and the noblest principles wherever they may find them.



EORGE 8. TIFFANY, known throughout Southern Michigan as the possessor of rare inventive genius, is the son of Judge Alexander Tiffany, who was born in Ningara, Canada. Oct. 16, 1796, and made his way to the Territory of Michigan in the fall of 1832. He settled in Palmyra, this county, which it was then believed would eventually become a large city. Two years later he was appointed Prosecuting Attorney of Lenawer County, and in 1836 he was elected Judge of the Probate Court, which office he held eight years and of which he was second incumbent; he was also Judge of the County Court two terms.

Judge Tiffany was a man of giant intellect, a learned lawyer and a conscientions attorney; he became prominent in the polities of Sonthern Michigan and was a member of the Constitutional Convention of 1850. Five years later he was elected to the Michigan Legislature and appointed Chairman of the Judiciary Committee. He wrote and studied beyond his strength, and during those memorable years wrote and published "Tiffany's Justice Guide" and "Tiffany's Criminal Law." which are to-day considered of great practical value in Justice's Courts, and to practicing attorneys generally in the State. Personally he possessed all the elements of a true and noble manhood, being honest in all his dealings, and in the various rela-

tions of life exhibiting a conscientions regard for duty. He never enjoyed robust health, owing probably to his unremitting labors, and died at Palmyra, Jan. 14, 1868, when seventy-two years old,

that their ancestors came from Italy about 400 lation of the word Tiffany is, according to Webster, a species of gauge or very thin silk. The paternal settled in Norton, Mass., whence they removed a duct properly the education of their sons, who bethese sons repaired to Canada, and published the first newspaper at Niagara under the patronage of Gov. Simcoe. Sylvester Tiffany married Miss Elizabeth Ralston, who was of Euglish-Scotch parwhich was then the center of political and social influence in Western New York. Here Sylvester boy sat on a high stool as a compositor. A few years ago a copy of the Canadian Constellation, established by Tiffany Bros., was exhibited in the Canadian Parliament by William Lyon McKenzie, as a valuable relic.

Alexander Tiffany, on the 3d of September, 1823, was married to Miss Abigail B., daughter of Dr. Gain and Chloe Robinson, of Palmyra, N. Y., and they became the parents of eleven children. George S., of our sketch, was born after the removal of his parents to this State in Palmyra, this county, July 7, 1834, and at an early age it was apparent that he inherited much of the talent of his honored father. Upon leaving the primary schools he entered Hillsdale College, where he completed his studies in 1857. His inventive genius began to develop before he had reached his majority, and besides other productions of his brain he is the successful patentee of a tile machine which bears

his name and which has become almost indispensable to the manufacturers of this commodity, in Michigan especially. Mr. Tiffany established several manufactories for sewer pipe and drain tile in this country. He was one of the pioneers of underground drainage in Southern Michigan, and is generally recognized as authority in matters of this kind. His face is a familiar one at State Drainage Conventions, and his opinions receive the attention due those of one of the most intelligent and well-informed members of the association.

Our subject was married, in December, 1863, to Miss Addie, daughter of Fred. K. Tiffany, of Canada, who carried on farming in the Dominion and died there at the age of sixty-seven years. The mother of Mrs. T. was, in her girlhood, Miss Charity Decker, daughter of John Decker, of Pennsylvania, who was engaged in agricultural pursuits and largely interested in the milling business. The Deckers were well known throughout the Keystone State, and contributed largely to the success of its farming operations. Mr. and Mrs. George S. Tiffany became the parents of two sons and one daughter. Frederick was born in Jackson, Oct. 12, 1867; Abbie G., April 27, 1873, and George H., Aug. 12, 1874. The daughter died when five weeks old.

Mr. Tiffany, socially, belongs to the Masons, and has always taken a warm interest in the prosperity of Lenawee County and, as one of its most useful citizens, is widely and favorably known. He was instrumental in the erection of the Jackson Fire-Clay Works. His machines have been on exhibition at all the fairs in this country, and he receives orders from all parts of the United States and from Sidney, Australia.

OSHUA W. THURBER, one of the old and honored pioneers of Lenawee County, arrived within its boundaries over fifty years ago. He came here, as did many of his neglibors, with no capital but strong hands and a resolute spirit, and determined to establish a home for himself and secure a good position among his

fellowmen. He was employed as a farm laborer

until 1843, in the meantime exercising the greatest economy, and in due time found himself enabled to purchase a tract of land which he had selected on section 32 in Madison Township. Upon this there had been no improvements whatever, but he began the cultivation of the soil and enclosed one field after another, finally putting up a modest dwelling, to which he brought a bride on the 21st of April, 1841. Thus armed and equipped for the further battle of life, he pursued the even tenor of his way upon the same place for over forty years, when in the spring of 1884, he wisely retired from active labor and moved into the town which now bears his name and the site of which he once owned.

Mr. Thurber was born April 11, 1844, and is the son of Samnel and Saily (Gage) Thurber, natives of New York, where they spent their last years near Canandaigna. The parental household included nine children, and Joshua W., in common with the others, received but a limited education, but was carefully trained to those habits of industry and principles of integrity which became the secret of his later success in life, and contributed to his value as a citizen and member of society. The family were of Welsh descent and it is supposed crossed the Atlantic during the Colonial days.

The wife of our subject was, in her girlhood, Miss Rebecca, daughter of Jabez and Catharine Fisk, natives of New York, where she was born in Tioga County, Aug. 19, 1822, and came to Michigan with her parents when a small girl. She was thoroughly trained in all domestic duties and those arts which conduce so much to the comforts of a home, and endured cheerfully, with her husband, the privations to which they were subjected during their early life together. They became the parents of four bright children and have been called to mourn the loss of all. The eldest daughter, Gertrude G., became the wife of Dr. George W. Bowen, surgeon of the 5th Illinois Colored Cavalry, and died in Arkansas in 1865; her remains were brought home and interred in the cemetery at Madison. Mary J. became the second wife of Dr. Bowen, and died at her home in Toledo, Ohio, on the 25th of March, 1880; Isabella married Stephen P. Richardson, a farmer of Madison Township, and passed away in the fall of 1876; Amos, the youngest child and only son, met his death by drowning in Raisin River in the minth year of his age. Mr. and Mrs. Thurber in their deep affliction have had the sympathy of the entire community; their loss is to them irreparable but they do not moura as those without hope.

Mr. Thurber has watched with deep interest the development and growth of Lenawee County, and in his prime was one of the leading men of this township. He was public-spirited and liberal, ever ready to assist those in need, and did all in his power to encourage the settling up of this section by an enterprising and intelligent class of people. He exerted his influence to encourage the establishment and maintenance of schools, and ever gave his voice and vote in support of those measures calculated to build up the community, socially and financially. He served as Overseer of Highways and was also connected with the School Board. He east his first Presidential vote for Jackson, and has since been identified with the Democratic party.

LEMING McMATH. From its earliest history Mr. McMath has been a prominent factor in promoting, by his untiring and zealous labors, the development and growth of Dover Township, where his homestead is located, on section 2. In the early days of this county he was much looked to for advice and counsel, and he has taken a conspicuous part in the government of the county and township. For three or four years he was County Superintendent of the Poor, and was supervisor of Dover Township for two terms, while he was also Justice of the Peace and Notary Public for many years. In the administration of these various offices, he showed the ability and sound judgment which have characterized his course in fife.

Mr. McMath was born in Seneca County, N. Y., Jan. 14, 1808, and is the son of Col. Samuel Me-Math, a gallant officer of the War of 1812, in which he held a Captain's commission. He was a native of Pennsylvania, where he married Miss Mary Jackson, also a native of that State, and settled in Seneca County, N. Y. In the spring of 1826, Col. McMath came to Michigan for the purpose of obtaining a furm, and selected a tract of wild, unbroken land in Washtenaw County. He remained to clear it and prepare a home for his family, while his son Fleming, of this sketch, who had come with him to Michigan, returned to Seneca County, N. Y., to harvest their crops. In the following year, during the absence of his son, the Colonel was taken sick, and soon the useful career of that brave and homest man was closed by death. In October following the sad death of the father, the mother came to Washtenaw County with our subject and six children, and died at the home of her daughter in Niles, Mich. After the death of Col. McMath, his property had been divided, and our subject continued to live in Washtenaw County for several years.

In the spring of 1829 Mr. McMath made a memorable journey to his old home for the purpose of securing a bride in the person of an old friend, Miss Eliza Pruden. He performed the entire journey on horseback through Canada, and was united to the lady of his choice April 24, 1829. She was the daughter of Moses and Mary E. Pruden, and was born March 10, 1809. Mr. McMath returned with his bride to his home in Washtenaw County, and in 1835 they came to Lenawee County and bought a tract of land in Dover Township, on section 2, where they established a new home, and thus became pioneers of this township. Mr. McMath has cleared his farm, erected good buildings, and made many other substantial improvements. He increased the original acreage of his property to 200 acres, by the purchase of an 80-acre tract, but he

Seven children were born of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. McMath, namely: Francis, Roxama, Elizabeth, Eliza, Laura A., Fleming and Esther, Francis married Mary E. Wait, and Roxama is the wife of James H. Shepherd: Elizabeth married S. D. Vaughn, and died in Dover Township, Jan. 26, D. Vaughn, and died in for Charles I. Shaw, and Laura is the second wife of Charles I. Shaw, and Esther is the wife of Charles Gilbert. Mrs. McMath, the devoted and faithful wife and mother, passed away on the

3d of December, 1887, at the venerable age of seventy-eight years. She was a devont and consistent member of the Presbyterian Church, where she had been a communicant since she was lifteen years of age.

Mr. McMath is held in much reverence among the citizens of this community, as one of the oblest residents and as one of the few pioneers still left here. He has been a stanch member of the Presbyterian Church since 1826, a period of sixtytwo years, and he took an active part in the organization of the First Presbyterian Church of Dover.

AMES II. SHEPHERD. As a representative of the intelligent and progressive agriculturists of Lenawee County, and a worthy descendant of a noble and honored sire, we take pleasure in presenting a biographical sketch of the gentleman whose name appears at the head of this notice. His father, Rev. Paul Shepherd, was born near Penn Yan, Yates Co., N. Y., in 1804, and was of German and Scotch ancestry. Asenath Mack, the mother of our subject, was of Scotch origin, and was born in Canandaigna, Ontario Co., N. Y., in 1810. Her marriage with Mr. Shepherd was solemnized there in 1826, and they first settled near Penn Yan on a farm owned by Mr. Shepherd's father. After remaining there a short time they removed to Allegany County, in the same State. where they lived about two years.

In the meantime Mr. Shepherd had taken up the study of medicine, and had fitted bimself to enter upon the practice of that protession, but while attending a protracted meeting at Angelica he was converted, and then determined to change his profession and enter the ministry. He relinquished the further study of medicine, and with his family removed to Oberlin, Ohio, where he entered the theological department of Oberlin College. He was already well versed in the Latin and Greek languages, and after two years study was graduated from that college. In 1835 he came to Michigan and was induced to go to Allegan County, near Saugatuck, and take charge of the colony which had been established in that place. He also assumed

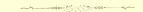
charge of the Singapane Wission, which was composed of the Ottaka and Potawatomic Indians, and became well versed in their languages. He remained in charge of the colony and mission two years, and then removing to Kalamazoo County, he preached both in Constock and Galesburg, being ordained at the latter place. He afterward settled in Plainwell, Allegan County, and from there was called to Constantine to settle his father's estate, after which he came to Lenawec County, and in 1841 commenced a six years' postorate in Medina Centre. At the expiration of this time, he came to Dover Township, and was here engaged in the ministry the following ten years.

Rev. Paul Shepherd was a stanch Abolitionist and devoted to the cause of the slaves, pleading in unction, and making his moral force felt wherever he was known. After the repeal of the Missouri Compromise, he went to Kansas and took an active finally resulted in the admission of Kansas into the Union as a free State. He was Chaplain of the two of the men who took part in the raid at Harviews at all times and under all circumstances, but received no bodily injuries. In 1859 he returned time of his decease. His name will long be remembered in connection with those illustrious friends of the oppressed, William Lloyd Garrison. Wendell Phillips, Charles Burleigh, John Brown, and other leaders of reform. His widow was afterward married to E. W. Waite, a cousin of Chief Justice Waite, and died in Dover Township, this county. Of her union with the Rev. P. Shepherd the record: Jane E. was the wife of Samuel Benham, of Dover Township, and died in Kansas in 1858; James H.: Martha is the widow of Rev. H. P. Robinson; Sanders R. resides in Leavenworth, Kan.; Asenath died in infrancy; William M. resides in St. Joseph, Mo., being business manager of the St. Joseph Herath.

The subject of this sketch was born in Angelica. Allegany Co., N. Y., Dec. 13, 1829. He came to Michigan with his parents when six years old, and remained with them until sixteen years of age, attending the common schools, where by diligent application he acquired a substantial education. He then entered the employ of Ashley and Penniman at Canandaigua, Lenawee County, being foreman in their mill and store, and remained with them eleven years, since which time he has made his home in Dover Township. In 1859, feeling that more active out-door work was needed to restore his partially failing health, he became engaged in agricultural pursuits, and has since continued the two occupations, farming and milling. He owns sixty acres of land, upon which he has creeted good buildings and made other substantial improvements.

Mr. Shepherd was married in Dover Township, April 7, 1852, to Miss Roxanna McMath, a native of Ypsilanti, Mich., where she was born June 13, 1834. She is the daughter of Fleming and Eliza (Pruden) McMath, of whom a sketch appears elsewhere in this work, Into the home of Mr. and Mrs. Shepherd have been born six children—Frank, Eliza. Eddie J., Ida J., William F. and Otis H. Frank married Susie McMillan, and resides in Chebovgan County, Mich., of which he is Judge of Probate: Eliza died in infancy, and Eddie married Lena Angel, and is engaged in the drug business in Adrian, being a member of the firm of Wagner and Shepherd; Ida J. is the wife of John M. Abbott, of Dover Township; William J. married Emma Boyce, and resides in the same township, and Otis II, is attending the High School at Adrian.

Mr. Shepherd is a man of note in his community; his opinions are highly valued, and his influence is exerted to promote the moral and social interests of the township and the country at large. He was first elected Supervisor of Dover Township in 1876, and served continuously the ensuing ten years, for one year being Chairman of the Board. Mr. Shepherd is a member of Clayton Lodge, F. & A. M., and in polities he is a stanch Republican, believing, honestly and sincerely, in the principles put forth by that party. Mr. and Mrs. Shepherd are consistent and worthy members of the Presbyterian Church, of which Mr. Shepherd is an Elder; he is also Superintendent of the Sunday-school.



ENJAMIN P. EMERY. Adrian Township was particularly fortunate in being settled by an intelligent and enterprising class of people, many of whom came from the Empire State. They brought with them their strict, old-fashioned notions of industry and integrity, which they carried with them in their daily lives and transmitted to their children. The subject of this biography, a native of that section of country, is an admirable example of perseverance and resolution, which only those who have watched his career for the last thirty years can appreciate. Suffice it to say that he has made his mark in the community which has known him so long and well, and in which he will be remembered generations hence.

Mr. Emery is a native of Cattarangus County, N. Y., where he was born Aug, 13, 1828, and is the son of Jeshuran and Elizabeth (Pierson) Emery, natives of Maine and New Jersey respectively. The father was born in Kennebec, Jan. 2, 1788, and departed this life at the present homestead of his son, May 6, 1848; the parents were married in 1822, The mother passed away many years after her husband, her death taking place also at the homestead, June 14, 1873. The paternal grandfather of our subject, Ezekiel Emery, was also a native of Mame, where he spent his entire life, and died at the advanced age of eighty years. He had served five years as a Revolutionary soldier, and was promoted to the rank of Corporal. He married a widow and reared a family of children, of whom Jeshurun, the father of our subject, continued under the home roof until reaching his majority; this lady passed away some years before the death of her husband.

In 1818 the father of our subject migrated to Ontario County, N. Y., where he employed himself as a farm laborer, and saved money enough to buy sixty acres of land. This he sold three years later, and purchased a farm in Cattarangus County, which he occupied until the summer of 1830. The Territory of Michigan was then attracting large numbers of adventurous spirits, and young Emery decided to east his fortune with the pioneers of this section. He journeyed from Detroit by means of an ox-team and took up a claim of eighty acres near the present homestead of his son, three acres of which was cleared from the timber, but upon which there were no buildings. He put up a log house the first year, and began gradually to extend the clearing and cultivate the soil. He was remarkably active and enterprising and took a keen interest in the settling up of the country, doing everything in his power to encourage the immigration of an intelligent and useful class of people. He assisted them in locating their homes, and was foremost in the establishment of the pioneer schools and churches. In early manhood he had identified himself with the Demoeratic party, but later became a Whig, and upon the abandonment of the old party cordially endorsed Republican principles.

The father of our subject continued in the possession of his first purchase until 1834, when he sold out and removed to what was then Logan, but now Rome Township, where he purchased a quarter section of land and put up a log house, which he occupied with his family until 1836. In due time this also was turned over to other hands, and he purchased the land included in the present homestead of our subject. Upon this there were no improvements of any kind, and Mr. Emery proceeded as before, building his third log house, and which continued his abode until his death. His efforts in the building up of this portion of Lenawee County were fully appreciated by those acquainted with the man, who had learned to esteem him at his just value. He was kindly and hospitable in manner, possessed more than ordinary intelligence, and built up a record of which his descendants may justly be proud. It may be truly said of him that his life was not in vain, and his name is held in grateful remembrance by the people of Lenawee County. The maternal grandfather of our subject, Henry Pierson, was a native of New Jersey, whence he removed while a young man to Ontario County, N. Y. He had served an

apprenticeship at the trade of a lanner and currier, and at one time operated quite extensively on the Atlantic coast às a contractor. He was born May 16, 1762, and died in Ontario County at the age of eighty-four years; his wife had died some years previously, in 1830. He was the son of an Englishman, who was born May 1, 1690, and who emigrated to America many years prior to the Revolutionary War.

Benjamin P. Emery was but a child when his parents came to this county, where he pursued his first studies in the subscription schools, and later attended a select or private school. His training was carefully watched over by his father, and being naturally fond of books, he became more than ordinarily well informed. At the death of his lamented parent, he purchased the interest of the six heirs, and made preparations to continue on the homestead, to which he brought a bride in the spring of 1852. The maiden of his choice was Miss Catharine, daughter of William Miles, a native of Vermont, who died in this county in the prime of life, aged forty-five years. Mr. Miles was one of the pioneers of Dover Township, and an expert hunter and trapper. Mrs. Catharine Emery was born Sept. 12, 1834, and departed this life on the 5th of February, 1864. when but thirty years of age. Of her union with our subject there were born six children, as follows: Lydia was born Feb. 26, 1853, and is now in Jackson; William J, was born Feb. 2, 1855, is married and engaged in farming in Ottawa County; Jermain B, was born Jan. 4, 1857, is married and a resident of Washtenaw County; Bertha E. was born Oct. 12, 1858, and is the wife of C. D. Baker, of Adrian Township, while Ida M. was born Jan. 18, 1862, and continues at home with her father; Miles

Mr. Emery was married a second time, in 1864, to Miss Emily M. Miles, whose father, Ira L., was a native of Vermont, and her mother of Germany. Mrs. Emery was born in Adrian, May 27, 1836, Her paternal grandfather, Nahum Miles, was one of the pioneers of Jackson County, this State, and died there at the age of sixty-eight years. Her father was a carpenter by trade, but was fond of agricultural pursuits, and became possessor of a small farm in Jackson County, where his death also took place

when of the same age as his father; his wife had died in middle life, when thirty-five years of age. The children of Benjamin P, and Emily M. Emery are recorded as follows; Benmen was born Jan. 21, 1866; Benjamin P., Dec. 28, 1867; Kittie M., Sept. 18, 1868; Eleanor A., Feb. 8, 1871; Gertrude M., Sept. 27, 1873, and Alice M., March I, 1875; they are all at home with their parents.

DGAR E, UNDERWOOD, a well-to-dofarmer of Palmyra Township, has passed his entire life not far from his birthplace, which was on section 28, in this township, Nov. 9, 1847. He was reared to the various employments of farm life, which he follows from choice, and to which he seems specially adapted. He carries on agriculture in the sensible and straightforward manner certain to insure success, and as a man and citizen possesses the qualities most highly esteemed by substantial and reliable men.

Our subject is the son of Edwin and Charlotte M. (Comstock) Underwood, natives respectively of Wayne and Harmony, Chautauqua Co., N. Y. His maternal grandfather, Thomas Comstock, was born in Sunderland, Rutland Co., Vt., Oct. 6, 1790, and was the son of Jason Comstock, of the same place, who followed farming there for a time, and later removed to Burlington. He lived in the pioneer days of the Green Mountain State, when his nearest market was at Troy, N. Y., to and from which places he went with a team, and died while making one of these journeys. His son Thomas was the eldest of five children, and at the time of his father's death was a lad nine years of age. He resided with his mother five years longer, then took up his Washington Co., N. Y., where he remained until reaching his majority. He then returned to Burfarm, and resided there until about 1816. In the ground, he started out with a sleigh for Chantanqua County, N. Y., where he contemplated making his future home. This was during the early settlement of that region, and he secured a tract of timber

land from the Holland Purchase Company, where he put up a log house, and in which his daughter, Charlotte M., the mother of our subject, was born. He felled the trees from quite a large area, and entityated the soil until 1834, when he resolved to push further westward.

With his wife and three children, and an outfit consisting of a pair of oxen, a team of horses and three cows. Thomas Comstock started for the Territory of Michigan, and after a journey of seventeen days landed in Lenawee County. Within a short time he had entered a tract of 120 acres of Government land on section 30, Palmyra Township, where he put up a log cabin, and after his family was comfortably established, set himself industriously at work to clear away the timber and prepare the soil for cultivation. Their neighbors were few and far between, and at night the wolves howled close to the door. I pon one occasion during the absence of the husband and father, a bear climbed into the pig-pen and was making away with one of its inmates when the mother, with the comage peculiar to the wives of the pioneers, marched out and succeeded in driving the intruder away. Thomas Comstock labored industriously for a number of years, and then retired to the home of his daughter Charlotte, where his decease occurred about 1872. The maternal grandmother was in her girlhood Miss Lucy Smith, and her marriage with Thomas Comstock took place on the 5th of February, 1814. She was born in Cambridge, Washington Co., N. Y., Jan. 13, 1793, and was the daughter of Sanford and Priscilla (Whippo) Smith; They were the parents of two children besides Charlotte M. - Sanford S., who died in Palmyra Township in 1835, and Seneca T., whose death took

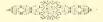
The mother of our subject remained with her parents during her childhood and youth, and became proficient in all those arts in which the pioneer maidens took pride. She hearned to spin and weave, and when of suitable age, being fond of her books, was considered quite equal to the task of teaching the youth of her neighborhood, her first duties in this direction being in Lenawee Junction District. She was united in marriage, April 22,

1841, with Edwin Underwood, a native of De-Ruyter, Madison Co., N. Y., where his birth took place May 12, 1817. His father, John Underwood, was a native, it is supposed, of Albany County, whence he removed to Madison County in early life, and from there to Monroe County, settling in Williamson Township, where he continued until 1833. Then, coming to the Territory of Michigan he entered a tract of Government land in Ogden Township, this county, where he lived two years, and then removing to Adrian for three years he operated the only flouring-mill there. Thence he returned to his farm, which he occupied eleven years, and subsequently exchanged it for a tract of land on section 30, in Palmyra Township, where he carried on agriculture until resting from his earthly labors.

Edwin Underwood was sixteen years of age when he came to this county with his parents, and remained under the home roof until his marriage. Afterward he operated on the farm of his father-inlaw three years, and thence removed to Palmyra and took charge of a flouring-mill, which he conducted eight years. The year following he was in the same business in Raisin Township. In the meantime he had purchased ninety-seven acres of land on section 30, where he now engaged in farming, and continued until his death in May, 1881. Edwin and Charlotte M. Underwood became the parents of three children, recorded as follows: Lucy C. was born April 6, 1843, and became the wife of James R. Steele, who was engaged in farming at Palmyra, where she died Nov. 10, 1873; Edgar E., of our sketch, was the second child; John T. was born Jan. 23, 1857, and was reared on the farm. He completed his education in Raisin Valley Seminary, and married Miss Anna Martin, of Blissfield; he departed this life Feb. 7, 1887. His wife is a native of Butler County, Pa., and the daughter of James and Margarette (Hammel) Martin.

Our subject was reared to farm pursuits, and received his early education in the district school, after which he entered Raisin Valley Seminary and completed his studies. The farm which he now occupies is a part of the original tract entered from the Government by his maternal grandfather. This has been brought to a good state of cultivation, and supplied with the necessary and convenient buildings required by the modern agriculturist.

The wife of our subject, to whom he was married in 1867, was formerly Emma J., daughter of Hiram and Elizabeth (Harvey) Butler, and a native of New York State; she was born in Genesee County in 1848. Mr. and Mrs. Underwood have one child only, a daughter, Clara C., born in 1874, who continues with her parents. Our subject gives his principal attention to his farming interests, though he is sufficiently interested in politics to cast his vote at general elections, and uniformly votes the Republican ticket.



OHN C. HARVEY is the son of Stimpson and Polly (Crane) Harvey, who were natives of Massachusetts, where the father was born April 30, 1780, and the mother April 17, After their marriage they settled in that State, but desiring to better their condition, they moved in a short time to Farmington, Ontario Co., N. Y. Here the father died March 2, 1828, and the mother remained until the fall of 1833, when she migrated to Lenawee County, Mich. With her came her four sons-George C., Barzilla, David S. and John C.; another son, Harrison, died in New York when quite young. Of this family two only are now living; George C, residing in Lenawee County, Mich., and John C. After coming to Michigan the family lived a year or more in Palmyra Township, when the mother purchased Government land in Madison Township, sections 13 and 21, on which they settled and continued to live until the time of her death, which occurred Feb.

Our subject was the youngest of the parental family, and was born Oct. 22, 1820, in Farmington, Ontario Co., N. Y., whence at thirteen years of age he removed with his mother and brothers to Lenawee County, Mich. Reared on a farm, and with school privileges necessarily limited, he improved all his opportunities for accumulating information, and a perusal of this brief sketch will show what may be accomplished by industry, frugality

and perseverance, in the brief space of a lifetime, With the courage and ambition of youth, and a discerning judgment and wisdom worthy of maturer years, at the early age of lifteen he took the sole charge of his mother's farm. By his good management, economy and thrift, he made a grand success in his agricultural venture, and now owns this same farm of 172 acres. He has creeted ampleand convenient buildings for carrying on his work, and here he resides in confort; he is a self-made man in every sense infinite by that term.

In all his works our subject has been assisted by his faithful condjutor, Mrs. Harvey, and to her counsel and efforts he is briggly indebted for his success. His wife's maiden mane was Mary A. Underwood, and she is a daughter of Edward and Anna C. (Mitchell) Underwood, both natives of Dutchess County, N. Y. They were married in Madison County, that State, and at once removed to Wayne County, where they were engaged in farming for several years. They, was their from children, emigrated to this county in 1836, and settled in Palmyra Township, where they were suggested their remaining days, Mrs. Underwood, Mary 12, 1878. Their children were Mary A.; Thomas, now residing in Palmyra Township, 19tha and Cornelius, now deceased. Mary A. Underwood was born in the town of Williamson, Wayne Co., N. Y., June 29, 1826, and was therefore, ten years old when her parents moved to Lenavec County. Her marriage with Mr. Harvey was celebrated in Palmyra Township, April 29, 1845. To them bace been born five children, but three of this Land.—David J., Mary L. and Chara E.—died in early life. The two strill brighten the home of their parents.

Mr. Harvey is an upright and conscientions entizen, and enjoys the respect and confidence of his neighbors and friends. He is a good companion at all times, takes delight in hunting, and is as devoted to the piscatorial art as ever the removanangler Izaak Walton was. In politics he is a stanch Republican, and conscientionsly endors with principles of that party. He and his estimable wife were brought up in the Society of Friends, and the peaceful tenets of that sect are exemplified in their daily lives. Their home is the center of a generous hospitality which is freely dispensed to their numerous friends and acquaintances. Their names will long be cherished among those of the worthy pioneers who assisted in establishing Madison Township, and in developing its resources.

SAAC JUDGE, contractor, stone and brick mason and plasterer, is among the prominent residents of Adrian Township. He is a native of England, where he was born in the town of Wisbech, on the 18th of October, 1829.

The parents of our subject were Moses and Hauand became the parents of eight children, four sons and four daughters, of whom Isaac was the third, He was reared at home, and received a good education from his father, who was a fine scholar, and by reading and studying good books. He engaged in farm work with different employers until 1854. when, with a desire to the betterment of his fortune, he bade adieu to his native land and embarked for America, landing at New York City on the 20th of May, that year. He came at once to Adrian, Mich., arriving on the 26th of May, and engaged as a laborate. He then learned the trade of a stone and brick mason and plasterer, with E. C. Perkins, with whom he worked eight years, and since that time has communed contracting and building. He was connected in business with Gilbert Clark some five years, stad is now in partnership with M. M. Thompson, the style of the firm, which was established in many of the finest structures in Adrian, among which are the Industrial Home, the college, jail, and

Previous to leaving his home in "white cliffed Albion," on the 26th of February, 1854, Mr. Judge bed to the altar Miss Eliza James, a native of March, Cambridgeshire, England, with whom he came to the United States. Their union has been idessed with a family of eleven children, nine of whom survive—Sarah E., William A., Isme J., Henry M., Mary A., Berta Grant, Walter E., Eva A. and Nettie M. Sarah E. is the wife of J. Wethers; William A. married Miss Ida Burch, and is a resident of the city of Adrian.

Mr. Judge has a commodious residence on Budlong street and is surrounded by all the conforts of life. He enjoys the confidence and and esteem of the community, and is entitled to credit for the position to which he has attained. From a humble beginning, he has risen by his own industry and business fact to a position of easy competence and influence, and sets before the rising generation a bright example of what may be accomplished by hard work and economy.

ENRY L. HURLBUT is a resident of section 25, Fairfield Township, where he owns a fine farm of 180 acres, on which are good, comfortable buildings and fine improvements generally. The parents of our subject were Henry and Elmira (Jennings) Hurlbut, the father born in Albany, N. Y., and the mother in Norwalk. Conn. In the summer of 1818 the father removed to Ohio, over the Alleghany Mountains with teams. spending from May until July on the journey, and settling in Norwalk, Ohio, where he assisted in building the first house in that city, which he afterward occupied. The mother did not make the journey with her husband, but joined him the following spring. There they spent the remainder of their lives, his death occurring in the fall of 1851. and hers in 1885. To them were born seven children, five sons and two daughters.

The subject of our sketch was the eldest of the parental family. He was born in Norwalk, Conn., Feb. 2, 1818, and was an infant in his mother's arms when they came to Ohio, where his life was passed to the age of fifty years. He learned the trade of a carpenter, which calling he followed until he came to Michigan, in December, 1867. Mr. Hurlbut was first married, in Norwalk, Ohio, to Naney, daughter of William and Mary (Stewart) Carter, the former born in New Haven, Conn., and the mother in New York State. They first settled

in York State, in what is known as the "Holland Purchase," and afterward went to Lorain County, Ohio, whence they subsequently removed to Norwalk, in the same State. After living in different places in Ohio, the mother died in Lorain County, and the tather died in Michigan, to which place he had removed.

Nancy Carter, the first wife of our subject, was born in what was known as the "Holland Purchase," N. Y., and by her marriage with our subject became the mother of three children-Charles L., Mary E. and William H. Charles married Julia Fuller, and resides in Adrian; Mary E. died when twenty years of age, in Eric County, Ohio, and William was drowned, while on an excursion from Toledo to Put-in-Bay, June 24, 1867. Mrs. Hurlbut died in Norwalk, Ohio, on the 6th of May, 1848, and Mr. Hurlbut was a second time married, Oct. 21, 1849, to Matilda, daughter of Thomas and Jane Gurley, natives of Ireland. They emigrated to America when Matilda was a child, and lived in Albany, N. Y., about two years, when they came to Huron County, Ohio, where they died, the mother in January, 1868, and the father in the spring of 1872. They had seven children, two sons and five daughters, who lived to the age of maturity.

Mis. Hurlbut, the eldest of the parental family, was born in Ireland, Dec. 18, 1821. By her mariage with our subject there were born two children—Frederick T, and George E. Frederick T, married Ada Vaughn, and resides in Fairfield; George E, married Alice Coah, and lives in Toledo, Ohio. In politics Mr, Hurlbut is a Democrat.

RCHIE R. BOYD is one of Michigan's most promising young farmers and stock-raisers. He is an active, thrifty and practical young man, bringing a well-trained intellect to bear on the great agricultural problem of the day, how to till the earth so as to produce the best results without impoverishing the soil.

Our subject was born in Raisin Township, this county, Aug. (0, 1858, in the home that his father had built when the town was in its infancy. He was carefully reared under the parental roof, re-





"EVERGREEN HEDGE FARM" RES. OF H.W. MAYNARD, SEC. 5. DOVER TOWNSHIP.



RESIDENCE OF N. A. BAILEY, SEC. 3. ADRIAN TOWNSHIP.



ceiving the advantages of the fine educational system of his native State, and finished by attending the Raisin Valley Seminary, and afterward Adrian College. After leaving the latter institution he worked at home on the farm until his father's death. He now owns the old homestead, which containssome 240 acres of fine arable land, on section 15, and keeps the farm up to the same high state of cultivation to which his father lead brought it.

Mr. Boyd was married in this township at the residence of the bride's parents. Jan. 1, 1882, to Miss Ella Holdridge, the daughter of Horace and Adeline (Hollaway) Holdridge, a history of whom appears in this Alaxu. The bride was norm in Raisin Township, Sept. 5, 1863, and here received a part of her education, which was completed by a course in the Tecumseh schools. She is an active and influential member of the Presbyterian Church, and a good, consistent Christian woman. Mr. and Mrs. Boyd are the parents of two children—Lawrence and Carroll, both bright and interesting little ones, who are the pride of their father and mother.

Mr. Boyd is earnestly interested in the political questions of the day, and holding the same views that his father did concerning the great principles that underlie the Government of this country, supports the tenets of the Democratic party. Although a young man, he merits and retains the respect and esteem of the entire community, who regard him as one of their best farmers and most upright and honorable citizens.

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ESLEY B. KEYSER. The subject of this biographical sketch resides on a tract of 135 acres of land in Clinton Township, section 17, and is one of the substantial and vigorous young farmers who discover and diffuse new ideas among the thoughtful who follow agricultural pursuits. His beautiful home, from which an enchanting view of the surrounding country may be had, is named "Maple Hill Stock Farm," the cuphonious title of a beautiful and valuable property. Mr. Keyser makes a specialty of stock raising, and his farm is well supplied with buildings adapted to that calling. He located here in 1883.

The subject of this sketch was born on his

father's farm in Tecumsch Township, on the 8th of February, 1851, and is the son of Rufus and Charity (Updike) Keyser, the former a successful stockdealer and farmer. The grandfather, who was named Henry, emigrated to Michigan in 1830, where he bought land in Tecumsch Township, now the township of Clinton, on which he lived until a few years before his death, which occurred in the same township at the advanced age of eighty-four years. His site, whose maiden name was Sallie Conner, had preceded him to her eternal rest a few years before, in about the eightieth year of her age.

Rufus Keyser was but a boy when he came with his father to Michigan, and assisted in the arduous inte, frugal and industrious. Finally, after working the homestead two years, he secured a title to forty acres of land in Tecumseh Township, to which he ; ided until he owned at his death 290 acres of well-improved land. Soon after this purchase, he who died at the birth of twin children; our subject, and a sister Matilda, who died at the age of six months. Refus Keyser was a second time married. to Esther Updike, a sister of his first wife. They lived together twenty-two years and became the Mr. Keyser was again married, to Elizabeth Shafer, two years. Intelligence, good judgment and tact were qualities that went to make up the successful tions, he merited and enjoyed the confidence of those who knew him. He was Commissioner of Highways for several years, the duties of which office he faithfully performed.

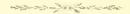
We now return to the one whose name adorns the head of this article. Reared at home, surrounded with home love, with educational facilities, eagerly taken advantage of, coupled with a fertile mind, we have here a practical, strong man, with a well rounded character. In his early life school teaching engaged his attention for several years. He setected as a bride Miss Emma Welch, who was born iu Franklin Township, Dec. 19, 1853, and is the daughter of William Welch, now living in Clinton. Her father was formerly a successful farmer in Franklin, where his wife died several years ago. Mr. Keyser first owaed a farm of fifty-seven aeres in Franklin Township and located there in 1874. He removed from there to the old homestead after the death of his father and remained until he removed to his present home in 1883.

Mrs. Keyser was reared and married in Franklin Township, and became the mother of four children, one of whom is deceased. The others are named Leora E., Leon K. and Ethel May. Mr, and Mrs. Keyser are members of the Presbyterian Church at Tecumseh, and Mr. Keyser is now bearing the honors of School Inspector and Justice of the Peace, while he has held other positions of trust, always with credit to himself and satisfaction to the community. He is a progressive, intelligent and popular young man. Democratic in politics, but able to see in political principles more than partyism means.

IRISTIAN KUNEY, one of the successful and enterprising farmers of this community, is a native of Fayette, Seneca Co., N. Y., where he was born June 5, 1846. Here he grew to manhood, and here, when but a very young man, being but nineteen years of age, he was united in marriage, Nov. 29, 1835, with Miss Mary A. Gamber, who was of the same youthful age, Mr. Kuney's parents were Henry and Susan (Brown) Kuney, natives of Pennsylvania who settled in Seneca County, N. Y., where they spent many years of their wedded life, and where they died, the father in June, 1863, and the mother about 1832. They had eleven children, manely: Sammel, Catherine, Margaret, Jacob, Henry, Joseph, Christian, Abram. Susan, Levi and Martin.

Mrs. Kuney's parents were John and Elizabeth (Warner) Gamber, and they were likewise natives of Pennsylvania, who setfled in Seneca County, N. Y., and there made their home for many years. They had seven children, as follows: Henry, Margaret, Elizabeth, Sarah, Mary A., John and George, Mr. and Mrs. Kuney began their married life in their native town, building up a home there and rearing a large family of children, two of whom died. Abraham when four years old and Louisa at the age of nineteen. Those living, nine in number, are recorded as follows: John A. married Sarah A. Plate, and resides in Seneca County, N. Y.; Perry married Amelia Bryant, and lives in Dover Township; James married Martha Turner, and lives in Madison Township; Ellen is the wife of William Nothnagle, and resides in Seneca County, N. Y.; Luther married Alvilda Mann, and they are living in Madison Township; Harhm married Lucy Wood, and resides in Deerfield Township; seymour married Aurilla Bates, and lives in Madison Township, while Elton and Leroy live with their parents.

In the year 1863 Mr. Kuney, though appeaching middle age, being then forty-seven years old, with the energy and enterprise that had always characterized him, made a new start in life. Leaving the home of his early youth and manhood, where he and his wife had passed so many years of their wedded life, and seen their children growing up around them, he came to Michigan, and here in Madison Township, Lenawee County, he purchased 240 acres of hand on sections 6 and 7, where on the latter section he founded his new home. His fine, well-cultivated farm, with its comfortable dwelling and other substantial farm buildings, shows the results of his untiring industry, guided by good judgment. Now, in life's decline, Mr. Kuney may well look back with pride on what he has accomplished in both his native and his adopted States. A busy life has left Mr. Kuney but little time to take part in the political affairs of his country, but when oe



ON. WILLIAM II. OSBORNE became a resident of Tecumseh about 1881, and is numbered among its most prominent and well-bordo citizens. He came to this section of country in the pioneer days, assisted in subduing the primitive soil, and for a period of probably forty years has been closely identified with the interests of Lenawee County. In 1864 he was elected

a member of the Michigan Legislature, re-elected to the position in 1866, and served on several important committees. During the late Rebellion and before, he was a decided anti-slavery man, and was actively interested in the cause of human freedom. He attended the convention at Pittsburgh, when John P. Hale was nominated for President. and stood bravely up under the stigma of being called an Abolitionist, casting one of the first three votes polled in Macon Township against the perpeta Free-soiler, and finally a Republican, the principles of which party he has upheld through sunshine and storm for a period of over thirty years. In the building up and improvement of Macon Township, there are few men who have been more active, and whose labors have resulted in more real benefit to this cause in Lenawee County.

Mr. Osborne was born in Ovid, Seneca Co., N. Y., Oct. 29, 1814, and is the son of Thomas Osborne, a native of Massachusetts, where he was born in 1781, and reared to manhood. He then migrated to the State of New York, and east his lot with the pioneers of Seneca County. Taking up a tract of land in Ovid Township, he lived there until about 1848, during which time he had become the owner of 300 acres of land, and then selling out he proin Lenawee County. During his later years he made his home with his son William 11, at whose residence his death occurred on the 6th of May, 1854. The mother of our subject, Miss Mary Hogarth, of Ovid, N. Y., was married to Thomas Osborne about 1802. She was born in Ireland in John and Jane Hogarth, when a child of seven years. They located in Sencea County, N. Y., and there spent their last years. Mrs. Osborne came to the West with her husband, and died in Franklin, this county, in 1850.

Mr. Osborne received a good education, pursuing his studies at Oxid Academy, and Lima and Casenovia Seminaries. Although determined from the first to be a farmer, he was bright enough to realize that the educated man, whatever might be his station in life, always had an advantage over the ignorant one, and he availed himself of every

opportunity to acquire useful information. He employed his leisure hours in the perusal of instructive books, and after leaving school was engaged as a teacher three winters in his native State, one winter in Maumee, Ohio, and one winter after coming to this county.

The father of our subject upon coming to Michigan in 1830, located on the south half of section 20, in Macon Township, which he operated nine years, and in 1839 turned it over to William II., who retained possession of it until his removal to his village home. In the meantime he cleared and improved 220 acres, and erected a large frame house with two or three commodious barns besides two tenement houses; he also purchased another farm on section 21. In addition to the labor and responsibility involved in looking after these extensive interests, at the solicitation of his townsmen he served as Justice of the Peace, School Inspector, Highway Commissioner and Town Clerk. The fidelity with which he discharged the duties of these various positions, naturally resulted in his election to the higher office of a State Legislator.

The marriage of H. William H. Osborne and Miss Ann. Hex. Woodward, was celebrated at the home of the bride, April 26, 1836, while our subject was a resident of Ovid, N. Y. Mrs. Ann H. Osborne was the daughter of John and Sarah Woodward, of Hector, Tompkins Co., N. Y., and was born in London, England, in 1820; she became the mother of one child, and died in Macon, this is the wife of John F. Hicks, of Teenmseh. March 30, 1842, Mr. Osborne married for his second wife, Miss Mary Jane, daughter of David and Mary Foote, of Ovid. N. Y. The seven children of this marriage are recorded as follows: Anna Hex was Hagerman, a prominent railroad man and a resident of Colorado Springs; Sophia M. was born April 10, 1845, became the wife of George L. Graves, of Milwaukee, Wis., and died at her home there March 25, 1884; Thomas was born Feb. 22, 1847, and operates the home farm; Rebecca J. was born June 29, 1849, and is the wife of Henry C. Lowe, of Detroit; Joseph W., twin brother of Rebecca, is farming in Macon Township; Irving 8, was born June 21, 1851, and is engaged in the hunber business and also in farming in Tecunseh Township; William II, was born Oct, 16, 1853, and is engaged in the iron business in Milwaukee.

Mrs. Mary Jane Osborne was born in Schenectady, N. Y., May 12, 1820, and is the daughter of David and Mary Foote, natives of Ireland, who emigrated to America in (798, and located in Ovid, N. Y., where the mother died in 1851 and the father in 1855. Mrs. Osborne is a highly intelligent and cultivated lady, and greatly respected in the social circles of Tecumseh.

ARTIN ODELL. a gentleman in easy circumstances, is comfortably located on a good farm in Fairfield Township, among whose people he has spent his entire life. He was born at the homestead of his father, Dec. 5, 1842, and received a more than ordinarily good education, attending Adrian College and taking a course in Bryant & Stratton's Business College at Detroit. From the latter institution he was graduated with honors, and fully armed for the further business of life. He has always been fond of rural pursuits and has wisely decided to follow the occupation of his father before him.

The parents of our subject, John C. and Mary A. (Geringer) Odell, were natives respectively of Orange County, N. Y., and the State of Maryland. The Geringer family removed from Maryland to the Empire State at an early period, where John C. Odell was married, and not long afterward came with his young wife to Fairfield Township, this county. Here Mr. and Mrs. Odell spent the remainder of their lives, the mother passing away on the 8th of May, 1884, and the father Oct. 23, 1885. Their family included one son and five daughters, of whom two are living and have families of their own.

Martin Odell was the eldest of the parental family, and not long after completing his college course, began to make arrangements for the establishment of a home of his own. He was married in Madison Township, March 28, 1867, to Miss Mary F., daughter of Israel and Amanda (Olds) Hale. Mr. and Mrs. Hale were natives of Massachusetts, in which State they remained for several years after their marriage. They came to Michigan in 1866, settling first in Shiawassee County, but removing, however, a few months later, east as far as Ohio. They continued in the Buckeye State until the spring of 1881, and then returned to the West and located in Seneca Township, this county, where they now reside. Mrs. Odell, who was the third of their four children, was born in Norwich, Mass., Dec. 7, 1848, and continued with her parents until her matriage.

Mr. and Mrs. Odell became the parents of five children—Elmer S., Leroy M., Burton IL. Mary E., and John C. The last named died in infancy and the others are at home with their parents. Our subject and his wife are among the leading members of Fairfield Grange No. 278, containing at the present time about seventy members. Mr. Odell, politically, is a decided Democrat and a strong temperance man, while religiously, he is a Universalist, belonging to the association at Fairfield; Mrs. Odell is prominently connected with the Methodist Episcopal Church.

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RA 8. NICKERSON. One of the most attractive homesteads in Madison Township is pleasantly located on section 14, and comprises 130 acres of valuable land, with a handsome modern residence and substantial out-buildings. The farm stock and machinery are of the best description, and everything about the premises indicates the exercise of cultivated tastes, and ample means. Mr. Nickerson, the owner of this property, not long ago passed his sixty-second birthday, and as the result of a worthy life and temperate habits, retains a large proportion of his youthful energy and industry. He has been a resident of this county since a child four years of age, when he came from Wayne County, N. Y., with his parents, Lewis and Betsey (Blood) Nickerson.

Our subject was born on the 25th of February, 1826, and spent the first four years of his life in his native county, since which he has been a resident of Madison Township, this county. Here he pursued his primary studies in the pioneer schools. and as soon as old enough, his services were utilized in assisting to develop the soil and build up the homestead. One of the first important steps toward the establishment of a home for himself was his marriage, which took place in Pittstord, Hillsdale Co., Mich., Oct. 5, 1856. His chosen bride was Miss Sarah E., daughter of E. T. and Marre F (Hoxie) Watson. The latter were natives respect ively of New Hampshire and New York, and came to Lenawee County in 1838, locating in Madison Township, where they spent the last years of their long and excellent lives. The death of the father took place on the 31st of January, 1882, and that of the mother on the 12th of February of the same year. The household circle consisted of four children: Sarah E., Mrs. Nickerson; Susan M., who died in infancy; Laura M., the wife of Carren Wilson, of Dakota, and Sylvester E., who died in Madison Township about 1849, when three years of age, The parents removed first from Ontario County, N. Y., to Ohio, where they remained a short time and then came to this county. They were people highly respected by those who knew them, and were welcomed to the new State as a valued acquisition to its intelligence and respectability.

Mr. and Mrs. Nickerson are the parents of one child only, a daughter, Ida V., who is now the wife of Rohert Savage, a farmer of Madison Township; they have one child, a son, Fred N., born Aug. 24, 1885. Mr. N. has held the office of Township Treasurer, and politically, gives his entire support to the Prohibition movement. He is a member in good standing of the Masonic frateenity.



ARWIN II. WARREN, Prominent among the agriculturists of Dover Township stands the name of the gentleman whose biography is briefly given in this sketch. His parents were Isaac and Delia (Vail) Warren, the former born in Farmington, Ontario Co., N. Y., Sept. 11, 1812. He came to Michigan with his parents in 1834, and his marriage with Delia A.

Asil took place March 7, 1838, in Madison Town ship. After their marriage they settled in Dover Township on section 32, and resided there the remainder of their lives, his death occurring Feb. 11, 1883. Mrs. Isaac Warren was born in Armenia, Dutchess Co., N. Y., Sept. 1, 1812, and came with heir father's family to Mielagan in 1836, where she lived in Madison Township until her marriage, She was an earnest, Christian woman, and at the time of her death, March 6, 1887, was President of the South Dover Women's Foreign Mission Society, which position she had held for eight years. She was a woman of rare loveliness of character, beloved by all who knew her, and wher children rise aparand call her blessed."

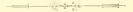
File father of our subject was of Quaker anteredents, but later in life he departed from the faith of his fathers, becoming a convert to Methodism. In 1843 he united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, and for many long years was an active worker in that society. He was Superintendent of the Sunday-school for several years, and Class-Leader for about twenty-live years. He was an affectionate husband and father, and at his death the poor and needy lost a sinceretriend, for his charity and benevolence were unbounded. He had been Supervisor of the fownship, and held other offices. To him and his wife were born five children—Darwin H., Homer, Harriet L., Isaae Newton and Melvin E. Homer was a member of Company I, 18th Michigan Infantry, and was taken prisoner March 24, 1863, at Danville, Ky. He was pavoled and sent to Camp Chase, Ohio, where he died April 7, Harriet L. is the wife of Milo Boyce, of Dover Township, ship, and died there Dec. 26, 1871.

Darwin H. Warren was born on section 32 of Dover Township, May 21, 1839, and was reared on his father's farm. He attended the common schools and the Oak Grove Academy at Medina, and after completing his stadies he taught two terms. At that time came a call for more volunteers to assist in suppressing the late Rebellion, to which he promptly responded by enlisting Aug. 11, 1862, in Company I. 18th Michigan Infantry. He took part in numerous engagements, and served as Sergeant of his company until it was mustered out of service in Nashville, Tenn., July 26, 1865. After his discharge in 1865, he returned to Dover Township, and bought 100 acres of hand on section 31, where he has since lived. On this he has creeted a fine brick house, which is replete with all the conveniences of modern life, and has made many other good improvements, while he has increased its area by a further purchase of 140 acres.

Mr. Warren was married in Dover Township, Sept. 5, 1865, to Miss Ann M., daughter of Jonathan W. and Lydia (Moore) Austin, the former a native of Salem, Mass., and the latter of Bradford, Vt. The parents were married in Bradford, where they lived five or six years, and then in 1830 came to Lenawee County in the very earliest days of its settlement, taking up the first land that was settled in Fairfield Township; they then returned to their home in Vermont, where they continued to live for some years, and then came back to Michigan and occupied the land which Mr. Austin had taken up in 1830. After living there about two years they removed to Sencea Township, and settled on the present site of North Morenci, whence two or three years later they came to Dover Township and settled on section 31, where they died. Mr. Austin's death occurred Sept. 9, 1864, while Mrs. Austin passed away July 30, 1871. They were the parents of six children, three of whom lived to maturity. Louisa, Roswell M., and one unnamed died in infancy. Lydia E. married A. F. Brown, of Chicago; Adeline is the wife of Hiram Bovee, and lives in Gratiot County, this State. Ann M., wife of our subject, was born in Dover Township on section 31, Aug. 18, 1810, and taught school five years previous to her marriage. Of her union with Mr. Warren three children have been born, namely: Eva E., the wife of Levi J. Deline, of Dover Township, Harriet E. and Delia L.

Mr. Warren has been School Director and Inspector, and has filled the offlice of Drain Commissioner. He is Secretary of the 18th Michigan Infantry Association, and is also a member of Rowley Post No. 358, G. A. R., and is Senior Vice Commander of that post. Camp No. 121, Sons of Veterans, organized in January, 1888, was named in

honor of our subject, D. H. Warren Camp. He has been crop correspondent for Dover Township ever since the enactment of the law authorizing such a correspondent, and is one of the County Committee for Dover Township for the burial of indigent deceased soldiers. Mr. and Mrs. Warren are active members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, while Mr. Warren is Superintendent of the Sunday-school, and has held the position of Class-Leader since the death of his father. In polities he is a Prohibitionist, and in the fall of 1886 he was candidate for the Legislature on the Prohibition ticket.



HILLIP H. KELLS. The bone and sinew forming the business portion of a locality are made up largely of its manufactories which, as a section of country develops, become a necessity to its existence as well as its progress. Without them it invariably retrogrades, as we often see in the example of towns from which a factory or a railroad depot has been withdrawn. Too much credit cannot be given to those who have risked their capital and their time to establish an industry which, perhaps, in the changes of the world may bring more profit to others than to its projectors or its legitimate heirs. These thoughts are suggested in looking upon the flourishing industry which was established by the subject of this sketen. and is now carried on by himself and his sons, under the firm name of Kells & Sons. The necessity for brick and tile developed a necessity for the manufacture of the machinery required to carry it on, and Mr. Kells was one of the pioneers in this business, to which has been also added the repairing of engines and boilers.

Mr. Kells established his present works in 1871, near the Lake Shore depot, where he wisely began operating on a modest scale. He associated first with Henry Angell, who continued with him three years, when the works were removed to No. 82 North Main street, where the firm of Fair & Dodges were operating a foundry, and were employed by Mr. Kells in making his eastings. After the retirement of Mr. Angell, Mr. K. associated himself with with John I. Napp, but the partnership continued

only twelve months. In the meantime, the sors of our subject, who were bright and intelligent young men, had gained a good insight into their fisher's business, and as his next best choice be took (ben into partnership in August, 1882, and removed the works to North Main street, near the count-boars. The machine-shop occupies an area of 38x64 beet, the foundry 31x36 feet, and the block-unith-shap 16x26 feet. They usually give cauployn into twelve men, and the factory has business or of the important features among the industries of the city, proving a source of profit to its projector as well as a benefit to numbers of the laboring classes. Mr. Kells has been continuously advancing in the knowledge of his business, and has developed considerable inventive talent, being the patentee of the combined anger, brick and tile machine which has come into very general use. It embraces strength, durability and speed, and is now turned out in large numbers, orders being received from all over the United States, from Maine to California.

Mr. Kells is a native of Columbia County, N. Y., where his birth took place April 1, 1813. His pire State, and the mother in her girlhood was Miss Zuba Thornton, the daughter of a Revolutionary soldier, who after the close of his military career. settled in Columbia County, where Mrs. K. was born. Abraham Kells and his wife after their marreared their family, and spent the remainder of their days. Their son, Phillip II., continued under the parental roof until twenty-two years of age, and have since made of him a successful business nem. Leaving the farm, he learned mijfwrighting, at which he worked seven years, when he entered a machine-shop at Hudson, Columbia County, and expert as a machinist, and communided the best the second successful mower ever made in the State, and going to New Albany, Ind., engaged in the manufacture of reaping and threshing machines.

After gaining a good foothold, and feeling justified in taking upon himself the responsibility of

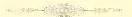
mainstiding a family, Mr. Kells was neutrod to Mrss Charlotte Sheldon, a native of Livingston County, N. Y., where she was born in 1816. She is the daughter of Job and Maria (Brazzer Shelldon, natives of New York, with whom she renta ned un-iller marrage. Our subject and his wire begin life together in a modest way, and made it a point to live within their income. In due time the household circle was enlarged by the birth of six children, or whom three sons and two charghters are living. They were named respectively. Abraham, Jacob M., Phillip, Maria, and Catherine, now the wife of A. C. Clark, of Petoskey, Mich.; all the boys are in the shop with their father.

The family residence is a dwelling pleasant to hook upon baying about it an air of comfort and pleaty, and all the evidences of a home built up through the exercise of a fined and cultivated tastes. Mr. Kells has meddled very little in political matters, but at the time of important elections, easts his vote with the Republican party.

R. JAMES II. REYNOLDS, one of the leading physicians and surgeons of Lenawee County, is a resident of Adrian. He is a native of the State of Ohio, and was born in South Amberst, Lorain County, May 14, 1845. His periods were Madison and Augusta (Moon) Reynolds, the former of whom was a native of the State of New York, having been born on the shores of Lake Champlain. His mother was the daughter of Ludwig Moon, and was born in Avon. Lorain Co., Ohio. She was married in her native county, and remained there until 1850, when the family moved to Somerfield, Monroe Co., Mich., where she died in 1886, and where the balance of the family still reside.

James H. Reynolds, our subject, is the third in a family of four children, and accompanied his parcuts, at the age of five years, when they moved to Monroe County, Mieh., where he attended the graded schools at Petersburg until he was thirteen years of age. He then entered the seminary at Ypsilanti, and in that institution pursued his studies for nearly four years. During this period he attempted to enlist in the army twice, but was rejected both times on account of size and age. Still persevering, however, he afterward enlisted and was accepted in the 6th Michigan Heavy Artillery. and he served in the medical department, as hospital steward, and in compounding prescriptions, until the close of the war, being mustered out on the 9th of May, 1865. After his return from the army he entered the office of Dr. D. W. Loree, at Ridgeway. After remaining with him for a while he matriculated in the medical department of the Michigan University, at Ann Arbor, and was graduated from the Detroit Medical College in 1871. He located in Palmyra in the year 1868, where he resided and continued in the practice of his profession for a period of fifteen years. During this time he was elected Township Clerk and served ent of Schools.

On the 21st of October, 1869, Dr. Reynolds was married to Margaretta V. Steele, of Palmyra. who was born on the 27th day of January, 1815. She was the youngest daughter of Solomon and Laura (Downey) Steele, who were natives of New York. To Dr. and Mrs. Reynolds have been born two daughters-Bertha L. and Florence A. In 1883 Dr. Reynolds moved to the city of Adrian, where he has continued his practice and built up a good business. He was Master of Palmyra Lodge, A. F. & A. M., several years, and High Priest of Blissfield Chapter, R. A. M., for five years. In 1884 he was appointed as United States Examining Surgeon for pensions, which position he still holds, and is also the surgeon for the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad.



DWIN A. KNOWLES, one of the early settlers of this county, is the proprietor of 120 acres of land on section 20, in Adrian Township, where he has carried on farming for the last thirty years. His life has been simple and uneventful, marked by industry and housesty, and he has won the esteem of his fellow-citizens, being

intrusted by them with the various local offices and otherwise receiving evidences of the estimation in which he is held

Mr. Knowles was born in Wayne County, N. Y., Aug. 25, 1853, and is the son of Jonathan and Betsy (Davis) Knowles, who were natives of Middleton, N. H. The father was born April 15, 1791, and diel Aug. 6, 1851; the mother was born parents, Jonathan and Sally Knowles, were also natives of New Hampshire. Jonathan Knowles owned a moderately sized farm in Wayne County. whence he came to Michigan in 1847, locating in Adrian Township, this county, and here our subject spent his younger years, studying in the district school during the winter, and in the summer making himself useful about the homestead. He remained under the home roof until his parents care. The parental family included four sons and one daughter, all still living and residing in this county: David D., a native of New Hampshire; Calista A., the wife of Almon Galloway; Branaird C., born in Vermont; Edwin A., and Cassius R., a native of New York. In 1851 our at whatever he could find to do. He was employed here as a farm hand until 1858, and then made his first purchase of land, selecting thirty-five acres which is now included in his present homestead. Here he has labored industriously and has been fairly prospered in the cultivation of the soil, and in his investments.

Mr. Knowles, while a resident of Adrian, was married, April 20, 1854, to Miss Elizabeth A., daughter of John and Alenda (Drake) Galloway, of Monroe County, Mich. They were natives of Wayne County, N. Y., and came to Michigan about 1820, locating near Pontiac, Oakland County; they subsequently removed to Monroe County, where they both died. John Galloway was the son of Capt. James Galloway, of Palmyra, Wayne Co., N. Y. Mrs. Knowles was born Aug. 11, 1833, near Pontiac. Oakland County, this State, and of her union with our subject there are three children: Cullan E. was born Sept. 1, 1856, married Miss Emma Cook, of Adrian, and they have four children, two





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boys and two girls; Carroll A, was born April 6, 1858, married Miss Eva, daughter of Edward Knight, one of the pioneer settlers of Lenawee County, and is on the farm with his father; Cassins M, was born Oct. 11, 1863, and married Miss Jessie, daughter of Jacob A, Hardner, a sketch of whom will be found on another page in this Atan w; he is farming in MeIntosh County, Dak., and is the father of one child, a daughter.

The male members of the Knowles family have for several generations voted the straight Demoeratic ticket, and been quite prominent in politics, Edwin A, has held the various local offices of Adrian Township, and his estimable wife is a member of the Congregational Church.



URTON S. BARNES is the proprietor of the Adrian Furniture Manufactory, which was established by that gentleman in the spring of 1873. This institution manufactures all kinds of hardwood furniture, for which it finds a ready market, not only at home, but in various parts of the United States. The size of the main building in which his business is carried on is 14x125 feet, three stories in height with basement underneath, and an L 40x120 feet, three stories high, which also has a basement. The dry kiln and engine-house, with machinery rooms, is another aunex of 60x100 feet. This imposing structure is composed of brick, and is made practically fire proof, and contains all the latest and most improved machinery used in furniture manufacturing, The number of men employed varies from 100 to 200, the latter number being the full force when the factory is running at its full capacity. The men employed in this establishment are the most skillful that can be procured by the payment of good wages. The products of this manufactory are disposed of to the trade and to many of the country merchants of Michigan. The Adrian Furniture Manufactory has made a reputation second to no other establishment in the West, not only on account of volume of product, but in the sterling quality of the goods manufactured.

Mr. Barnes is a native of the State of Michigan,

and was born in Lapcer County, on the 19th day of September, 1814. He is the son of Harmon and Emeline Barnes, who were natives of the State of Vermont. His boyhood days were passed in his native county, where he obtained a primary education in the common schools. After arriving at the proper age he entered the State University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, where he diligently pursued his studies for several terms. Upon leaving school he specialty of furniture. In 1871 he came to Adrian, and initiated the enterprise which has grown into the Adrian Furniture Manufactory, in what was known as the "Old Comstock Building," commencing on a small scale, and in that modest manner carried on business for about ten years. By this time his and more commodious quarters were demanded, and he constructed the buildings in which he is now located, and which are near the the tracks of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad, thus affording the best shipping facilities possible. The power used in this establishment is steam, and the engine and boilers are models of mechanism. In June, 1886, the present plant was merged into a stock company, with Mr. Barnes as President, and W. E. Barker, of Detroit, Treasurer; and Victor

On the (4th day of February, 1867, Mr. Barnes vanited in marriage with Miss Lonisa M. Gilbert, a daughter of George and Susan Gilbert, of Tecamselt, this county, who was born on the 9th of July, 1844. Unto them have been born three children, whose names are as follows: Bertie G., Nettie and Louis 8.

Although no politician, nor an aspirant for any political preferment, Mr. Barnes has twice been elected to represent his ward in the City Conneil, and notwithstanding his natural disinclination to hold any office, can'll not help being pleased at the appreciation in which he is held by his fellow-citizens. He served with credit to himself and honor to his constituency, giving the same attention to the business of the city that he bestows upon his own affairs.

As a respected and successful business man of Adrian, and one of the leading representative citizens, the publishers of this volume take great pleasure in presenting the portrait of Mr. Barnes in connection with this sketch, as one of the men who has been so largely connected with the business life and development of the resources of Lenawee County.

DWIN SMITH, a farmer residing on section 28, Fairfield Township, is the son of Simeon and Abigail (Mosher) Smith, natives of York State, and of New England and English ancestry. After marriage they settled in Tioga County, N. Y., and later removed to Huron County, Ohio, where the father died, after a residence of seven years. After his death the family came to Lenawee County and settled in Fairfield Township, where the mother died. They had ten children, six girls and four boys, of whom our subject and Edward, twins, were the youngest. They are the only surviving members of the family, and Edward resides at Lyons, Fulton Co., Ohio.

The subject of this sketch was born in Tioga County, N. Y., Oct. 13, 1832. He accompanied the family to Ohio and subsequently came to Fairfield Township with his mother in 1853, where he has lived most of the time since. In 1861 he left for California, via the Isthmus of Panama, for the benefit of his health, and engaged in mining for two and one-half years. When a young man he was engaged in teaching, and he is quite noted from the fact that he has the longest beard of any man in the United States; it measures almost eight feet. He was engaged with P. T. Barnum one season, and has been connected with museums in different parts of the country, and has visited nearly all the principal eithes of the United States.

Mr. Smith was married in Fairfield Township, Janes Green, of whom a sketch appears in another part of this Album. Mrs. Smith was born in Toledo, Ohio, and died in Fairfield Township, Aug. 19, 1871. She became the mother of three children—George E., Francenia and Edwin. George married Eva Schomp, and resides in Fairfield Township; Francenia, Mrs. Seth Seward, lives in Fulton County, Ohio, while Edwin is at home. Mr. Smith was a second

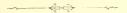
time married, in Huron County, Ohio, to Anna Catlin, and she died Dec. 21, 1877. He was again married, in Williams County, Ohio, May 24, 1886, to
Fannie, daughter of Michael and Martha (Campbell) Fiser, and widow of Joseph Garwood, by whom
she became the mother of two children, who died
in infancy. She was born in Seneca County, Ohio,
Feb. 5, 1844. The mother of Mrs. Smith died in
Seneca County, Ohio, in 1851, while the father is
still living. They became the parents of four children, three girls and one boy, of whom Mrs. Smith
was the second. Mr. Smith is a member of Fairfield Lodge No, 125, F, & A, M., and in politics he
is a Republican.

ILLIAM P. EMONS, a successful general farmer of Macon Township, owns and occupies a small, but well-improved tract of land of sixty acres on section 34. This homestead is doubly valuable to him on account of its associations, being his birthplace and the homestead of his parents. He first opened his eyes to the light March 12, 1845, and is the son of Jacob Emons, who was born in Farmersville, Seneca Co., N. Y., and was there married to Miss Rebecca Covert, a native of the same county. The father of our subject served a regular apprenticeship at blacksmithing and became a skilled mechanic. He was one of the earliest settlers of Southern Michigan, coming to this county about 1835, and taking up a tract of Government land, from which he built up the present comfortable homestead, and where his death occurred Dec. 20, 1867.

The father of our subject, upon first coming to this section of country purchased 160 acres of land, and in connection with its improvement and cultivation, followed his trade for some years, working a portion of the time in the village of 'Ridgeway. He was a man of kindly and generous impulses, and enjoyed in the highest degree the respect and confidence of his neighbors. The mother only survived her finshand ten weeks, dying also at the homestead in Macon Township. The parental family included two sons and four daughters, who are all liv-

ing, and married, and the youngest of whom is our subject, William P.

Mr. Emons was educated in the district school, and when becoming of marriageable age went over ito Ridgeway Township for his bride, Miss Sophia Smith, to whom he was married in 1879. Mis. Emons is the daughter of James Smith, of Ridgeway Township, a sketch of whom will be found on another page in this work. She was born at the well-known Smith homestead, in 1853, and remained under the home roof until her marriage. Soon afterward the young people commenced life together at their present homestead, which Mr. Emons his operated successfully, and continues a valued member of the community. Politically, he is an incompromising Democrat, and his estimable wife is a member in good standing of the Christian Church.



ARUS P. SLAYTON, after an active business career of forty years or more, has wisely retired, and in a pleasant home in the village of Tecumsch, is enjoying the fruits of a well-spent life and a consciousness of having performed his part well in the great drama where so many fail. His early years were devoted to agricultural pursuits, and subsequently he engaged in merchandising, his first efforts in this line being in the town where he has since continued a resident and to which he came in the spring of 1861.

Mr. Slayton upon locating in Teeumsch began buying and shipping grain and other farar produce to the marke's at Detroit and Toledo, and gradually branching out he introduced agricultural implements, including the general machinery of the farm. taking first the smaller articles and finally reaping and mowing machines and binders. Upon finding it necessary to increase his facilities, he creeted a large brick storehouse embracing an area of 70x 130 feet, and two stories in height, located along the tracks of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad. Mr. Slayton continued the active oversight of his business until the spring of 1885, and was then succeeded by his son, Charles A., who had been his partner since reaching his majority.

This son has inherited largely the business capacities of his father, and is thoroughly posted in every department pertaining to his calling.

Our subject was born in Yates County, N. Y., March 1, 1819, and is the son of Reuben and Esther (Watkins) Slayton, natives of Massachusetts. His parents removed from the Bay State to Yates County, N. Y., where the father improved a farm from the wilderness and spent the last years of his life, his death taking place about 1845, when he was seventy-six years old; the mother survived her husband about ten years, also dying at the old homestead. Of the twelve children comprising the parental household, seven lived to mature years, but Jairus P. is now the sole survivor of the family. The boyhood and youth of our subject were spent in Yates and Ontario Counties, N. Y., and his studies were completed in Canandaigua and Rushville. He then occupied himself in teaching for a time and subsequently was employed as a clerk in a dry-goods store. He commenced business for himself as a general merchant in 1844, but three years later he abandoned the town for the country, locating on a farm near the place of his birth, which he occupied for a period of eleven years. After disposing of this property be came to the West and his subsequent course we have already indicated.

Mr. Slayton, while a resident of his native State was married, in January, 1843, to Miss Mary A. Fowler, of Steuben County, N. Y., who was born in June, 1819, and was the daughter of A. and Lydia (Guild) Fowler, natives of New York and long since deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Slayton spent the first few years of their married life in the Empire State and became the parents of three children: August W., who is now a prosperious wholesale lumber dealer of Tecumsch; Charles A., who has already been mentioned, and Mary F., the wife of Joseph Waring, engaged as a salesman at Tecumsch.

Our subject while always taking an active interest in politics, has worked for others rather than himself, and with the exception of filling the position of Deputy Sheriff, has uniformly declined to become an office-holder. He has been a member of the Republican party since its organization, and during the agitation of the slavery question, fearlessly expressed his opposition to holding any portion of mankind in hondage. He has watched with satisfaction the growth and development of Lenawee County and has contributed his full quota to the progress and importance of the township.

ALTER ROBINSON, the subject of this sketch, was horn in Wayne County, N. Y., Dec. 17, 1818, and is the son of Bartlett Robinson. The great-grandfather of our subject was a native of the North of Ireland, whence he emigrated to Massachusetts, where the father of our subject was born March 12, 1776; he died in Palmyra, N. Y., Jan. 25, 1851. The mother of our subject was born in Massachusetts, Sept. 25, 1781, and also died in Palmyra, Sept. 18, 1853.

Walter Robinson started out for himself in life at the age of thirteen, clerking in a store until he was twenty-three years old, and obtained his education by attending school out of office hours. After his marriage he worked his father-in-law's farm three years, when in 1846 he struck out for the great West, and coming to the city of Adrian, Mich. was engaged in the livery business eight or nine years, during which time he also operated a United States Mail route. He then opened a book and jewelry store, which he carried on four years, and then in 1858 traded for his present home, consisting of 160 acres of land in Adrian Township, Lenawee County. Twenty-four hours after he had made the trade he was ready to move upon his farm, and on this place his children were born, and he has made it his home continuously ever since.

Mr. Robinson is, politically, an ardent Republican, and has always been an active worker in the interests of his party. In 1867 he served one term as a member of the Michigan Legislature, and for years he has been prominent in the various meetings and conventions of his party. He has a wide acquaintance throughout his State, having traveled one year with the Michigan State Insurance Company. He was Deputy Revenue Collector during 1865 and 1864. His farm consists of a line body of land under excellent entitivation, and produces a diversity of grain and stock. It is well equipped with buildings and agricultural machinery.

The wife of our subject was Miss Charlotte D., daughter of Robert Johnston, the son of William Johnston, who was a native of New York City, and a farmer, harness-maker and currier, whose father emigrated from Scotland to New York City. and was by trade a barber; in religion he was a strict Presbyterian. The great-grandfather of Mrs. Robinson died in Dutchess County, N. Y., while her great-grandmother was of German descent and had large possessions in New York. William Johnston served in the Revolutionary War, and was disment for his services. The father of Mrs. R, came to Michigan in 1859, and his wife one year later. They both died in this State, the mother at the age of seventy-one years, and the father at the age of eighty-eight. Robert Johnston was a farmer and merchant in early life, and was for many years an Elder in the church. In politics he was an old-line Whig of strong convictions. The family were all excellent and highly respected people. The household included five children, of whom four are now living. Charlotte D. was born in Cayuga County, N. Y., Oct. 15, 1833. The family on the mother's side was of Welsh descent.

Our subject was first married to Elizabeth O. Johnston, who was a sister of his present wife, and was born in Dutchess County, N. Y., Sept. 25, 1820. She died July 30, 1856, in Adrian, Mich. The children of the first marriage are recorded as follows: Ann B., Mrs. Jarvilla Chaffee, was born May 20, 1851, and has five children; Walter B. was born Dec 2, 1853, and is working in a bakery in Geneva, N. Y., as an engineer; Eber J. was born May 4, 1856, and married Miss Adella Chaffee. The children by the second wife are thus recorded: Charlotte E, was born April 6, 1858, and is at home with her parents; Lucius O. was born May 18, 1860, and has been for five years in the drug-store of Hart & Shaw, in Adrian; William L. was born March 12, 1862, is a natural musician and artist, and is now in California for his health; he attended Adrian College and has an excellent education. Meta K, was born May 28, 1864, and is clerking in a dry-goods establishment in Adrian; Mabel was born June 23, 1866, and died Aug. 22, 1886; Hattie L., born Aug. 2, 1868, is at home, and is studying music, for which she has natural talent; Lester F, was born Sept. 16, 1870, and is working at home with his father; Clara L, was born Aug. 22, 1872, and is also at home attending the district school; Luther B, was born Feb. 3, 1875, and is at home, as is also Cullen M, born Nov. 9, 1877. Mr. R. lost four children by his first wife in infancy.

Mrs. Robinson, an estimable lady, is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and is highly respected by a large circle of friends.

Michigan, crossed its borders before it had been admitted into the Union as a State. He had made the journey overland and by the Lakes from the State of Massachusetts, where he was born near Northampton, Jan. 17, 1807. He is fully acquainted with all the details of pionesr life, its dangers, difficulties and privations, and has done perhaps as much as any other man who assisted in the early development of Lenawee County. He has been the encourager of those enterprises calculated to advance the interests of the people, and has assisted both by his means and influence in the establishment of religious and educational institutions. He is now nearly eighty-one years of age, and may look back with satisfaction upon the record of a long and well-spent life.

Our subject is the son of Erastus and the _randson of Joshua Knight, the latter of whom was the son of an Englishman who crossed the Atlantic when a young man and located in Connecticut, where he married and reared his family. His son Joshua was born in Connecticut, and died at an advanced age; he followed farming and also carried on shoemaking. He served in the Revolutionary War, and for his bravery and fidelity to duty was given the rank of Lieutenant. His wire was the daughter of Ephraim Wright, Esq. a prominent and worthy farmer of Massachusetts; both spent their last years in Chesterdield, Mass. Their son Erastus, the father of our subject, learned the trade of tamer and shoemaker, and upon reaching mannood, was married to Miss Polly Little, who was of Welsh ancestry, and who became the mother

of our subject. After their marriage Mr. Knight associated himself in partnership with his wife's brotherand carried on shoemaking in Northampton until the year 1819, when he exchanged his property in town for a farm, where he took care of his agett mother until her death, which took place about 1825.

The mother of our subject was of Welsh ancestry, and the male members of the Little family had been agriculturists for generations. She died in 1809, when her son William was but two years of age, Erastus Knight subsequently married Miss Lucy field when about forty-five years of age. His third ton. Mass., and of a prominent family. One of her brothers was a missionary among the Indians in Kansas for a number of years. She also died in Chesterfield, and Erastus Knight was married the Fourth time, to a daughter of Sampson Hill, who was a miller by trade, which business most of the Hills in their section of country had followed for years, This lady came to her death by drowning. Near their home was a stream, an outlet of a water reservoir, the banks of which gave way, and the water rushing down swept away the house and Mrs. Knight with it. Several others lost their lives by

William Knight remained on the homestead until about twenty years of age, availing himself of the limited education afforded by the district schools, and obtained a thorough knowledge of farming. At this age he started out for himself, working by the mouth in his native county, and then migrated to New Jersey, and worked on the Palisades as a slap carpenter one season. He then returned to Massachusetts, where for some time he was variously employed for about three years. He worked on the farm of his mucle near Greenfield, and a part of the time carried the mail a distance of seventy miles through ten towns of Franklin County, while he was also engaged superintending the forming department of a self-supporting school called Fallenburgh Vendenny.

In the spring of 1834, Mr. Knight started for the Territory of Michigan, and located first in Rome Township, this county, where he purchased 160 acres of land. Later, upon a visit to Adrian Township, he determined that this locality would suit him better, and he therefore traded his first purchase for the land included in the present homestead, which he has occupied since that time. Rome Township was then but thinly settled, and young Knight being still a single man found great difficulty in finding a convenient place to board, and this also assisted bim in his determination to make a change. When Mr. Knight took possession of his land in Adrian Township there were upon it no improvements whatever. He first began clearing off the heavy timber, and during the summer and fall put up a log house, having in view the establishment of domestic ties a few months later. That humble dwelling remained the home of himself and family until the fall of 1841, when they moved into a more pretentious structure, under the roof of which they have since been sheltered,

Mr. Knight had labored industriously through the summer and fall of 1834, and as December approached, he decided to include himself with a choice Christmas gift; accordingly on the 25th of that month he married Miss Anna S. Smead, the wedding taking place at Teeumseh. They took up their abode in the new log house and in due time became the parents of seven children. Their eldest daughter, Mary Sophia, is the wife of A. J. Hood, a prosperous farmer of Adrian Township; Myra A. was born Dec. 11, 1840, and became the wife of J. S. Lane, principal of the East Side High School at Jackson City; she died on the 12th of February, 1874. William H.; Julia E. is the wife of Alfred Edwards, who is farming in Adrian Township; Margaret was born Dec. 30, 1847, and died on the 13th of May, 1865; Charles A. was born Sept. 8, 1849, and died in Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 3, 1872; Herbert E. was born May 30, 1852, and is working the home farm.

Mrs. Knight was the daughter of Rufus Smead, and was born in Bolton, Warren Co., N. Y., Sept, 14, 1810. She was twenty-four years old at the time of her marriage, and died at the homestead in Adrian Township, July 4, 1885. Her father was a native of Montague, Franklin Co., Mass., and came to Michigan in the spring of 1834; he lived to be eighty-three years of age. Mr. and Mrs.

Knight, early in life, identified themselves with the Congregational Church, and with two of their neighbors took the first steps toward organizing the church, which is now composed of forty-seven members. Their house of worship is located in Adrian Township, near Mr. Knight's home. The edifice was put up about twenty-five years ago, and to the task of keeping it in repair and encouraging those measures necessary to the maintenance of the society Mr. Knight has been a cheerful and liberal contributor. Upon the establishment of schools in this section of country Mr. Knight was appointed to organize his district. Indeed he has been foremost in all good works, and is one of those men to whom the county is indebted for its standing and importance.



OHN T. WIGGINS, a native of this county, and one of its most industrious and enterprising young farmers, owns forty acres of choice land in Macon Township, of which he took possession in the spring of 1881. Here he has good inprovements, in the building of which his own ingenuity and industry have been largely exercised, for besides being a first-class farmer, he is a natural mechanic, and has a good knowledge of the carpenter trade at which he served an apprenticeship in his earlier years.

Our subject is the eldest son and child of Daniel Wiggins, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this volume. He was born at the homestead of his father in Ridgeway Township, Sept. 25, 1850, where he spent his childhood and youth, and received a good education in the schools of Ridgeway and Macon Townships. He remained under the parental roof until twenty-six years of age, and was then united in marriage with Miss Martha Cheever, whose personal biography is given in the pages of this Alanya, and who has been a resident of Macon Township for over thirty years.

Mrs. Wiggins was born in Macon Township, Jan. 19, 1852, and spent her childhood and youth after the manner of most farmers' daughters, receiving her education in the district schools, and a careful home training in all useful household duties. She

is a lady of much intelligence, and is the mother of one child, a daughter, Fanny J., who was born March 24, 1877. Mr. and Mrs. Wiggins after their marriage continued in Ridgeway Township until taking possession of their present homestead. Mr. W., politically, votes the straight Republican ticket, and with his estimable wife is a member in good standing of the First Christian Church in Ridgeway Township.

ENRY II, TABER, a retired farmer and ness management, has accumulated sufficient means to enable him to spend his declining years in the enjoyment of well-earned leisure. Mr. Taber was born in Herkimer County, N. Y., March 29, 1815. His parents, Benjamin and Elizabeth (Humphrey) Taber, were natives of New England, and after their marriage settled in Herkimer County, N. Y., on a farm, although Mr. Taber was a cooper by trade, They resided in Herkimer several years, then removed to a farm in Manchester, Ontario County, and there made their home some years. There also and settled on a farm with his youngest son, Benjamin F. Taber. Jr., with whom he remained until his death, May 11, 1857, aged eighty-two years, one month and twenty-five days. He was the father of eight children, five daughters and three sons, six of whom grew to maturity; they were Calistia, Henry H., Elizabeth, Harriet and Benjamin, Jr. Our subject is the only surviving member of the family.

The youth of Henry II. Taber was passed in his native State in attendance at the common schools. He was early trained to those habits of industry and frugality which helped him to attain prosperity in later life. At the age of sixteen he went to Pittsford, and served an apprenticeship of three years to the tinner's trade. He then returned home and actively engaged in assisting his father on the farm for some years.

On the 25th of April, 1839, Mr. Taber was mar-

ried to Miss Lucy B. Upton, the daughter of David and Mary (Marsh) Upton. She was born Oct. 28, 1816, in Victor, Ontario Co., N. Y. She was earefully trained in home duties, and received a good education, which enabled her to teach school. After marriage Mr. and Mrs. Taber settled on a farm in Ontario County, where they lived three years, or until the spring of 1842, when they came to Michigan and settled in Washtenaw County, remaining six months. They then removed to Hillsdale County and settled on a farm in Wheatland, where they lived until 1865. In that year Mr. Taber bought 200 acres of choice land on sections 26 and 27, in Adrian Township, Lenawee County, which they moved upon and made their home, and with indomitable energy and perseverance Mr. Taber at once set to work to make this a model farm. Besides attending to the cultivation of the soil, he paid great attention to the rearing of choice blooded stock. In this venture he met with marked success, and secured a number of first-class premiums for his fine cattle at State fairs. In the year 1887 Mr. Taber retired from active labor, and now makes his home in the city of Adrian. After retirement he sold a part of his farm, and rents the remaining

To Mr. and Mrs. Taber have been born the following children: Norman B.; Mary E., who died when eighteen months old; Adelbert, who married Ella Gansolus, and is now deceased, leaving one daughter, Lena M.; Henry H., Jr., residing on the farm: Sione, the youngest, died at the age of fourteen months. For forty-nine years Mr. and Mrs. Taber have shared life's joys and sorrows together. They enjoy the full confidence and esteem of their neighbors and friends. Mr. Taber's busy life has not permitted him to mingle much in public affairs, yet he takes an interest in them, and in politics is a Republican.

ICHARD ILLENDEN, Ja., the descendant of an old English family, closely allied to the nobility, was horn in Canterbury, Kentō County, England, July 8, 1824. Six years later his parents emigrated to the United States, and the lather shortly afterward purchased a farm of the

Holland Land Company, in Pembroke, Genesee Co.. N. Y., and lived only seven years thereafter, his death occurring in February, 1837. The mother survived for a period of twenty-eight years, during which time she had become a resident of Michigan, where she died, Jan. 29, 1866, in St. Joseph County; her remains were laid to rest in Oakwood Cemetery. Their son Richard, of our sketch, remained on the farm in Pembroke until the fall of 1844, when he came to Michigan and was variously employed for the following ten years. In 1854 he purchased the Amos Aldridge farm, on section 36 in Adrian Township, and which is now mostly embraced in Oakwood Cemetery. This property he sold in 1865, and after a residence of nine or ten years on a large farm in St. Joseph County, returned to Adrian and purchased the old Webster farm on section 5, Madison Township, where he now resides.

Richard Henden, the father of our subject, was born in Woodchurch, Kent, England, in May, 1776. and upon reaching manhood became the owner of the famous Shirk-oak farm. His father, John Illenden, of Northumberland, was a land-owner and miller, and spent his early years in the town of Illenden, which had been the residence of the family for several generations and which had been named in honor of one of their ancestors. John being the last male representative there carried all its history with him when he went to Woodchurch, For a period of 150 years there were but three male representatives of the family, which was a very old and wealthy one, and adopted a coat-of-arms, consisting of a half moon and sheaf of wheat with a sickle thrust in. They were members of the Church of England until the advent of John Wesley, when the father of our subject became a convert to Methodism. On the 19th of September, 1805, he married Miss Sarah, daughter of Vincent and Johanna Grant, of St. Nicholas, Isle of Thanet, Kent, England, and they became the parents of ten children, the record of whose births is carefully preserved. All these, except Richard of our sketch, were born at Wood-

The mother of our subject was born at St. Nicholas, Dec. 11, 1782, and her father was the descendant of an old and honored family who traced their ancestry back to Inverness, Scotland, in the twelfth century; he was a large manufacturer and accumulated a fine property. Thomas Grant, a near relative of Mrs. Illenden, was the tutor and constant companion of George the Fourth, while he was Prince of Wales. One of the most highly educated ladies of London was formerly a Miss Grant. She was often present at the King's levees and Court sittings, and for many years an immate of Lord Carnaryon's house. The Grant coat-of-arms is a shield with three prongs guarded by two nearly nude sentinels with battle clubs; the crest is a burning mountain, and the motto on the scroll beneath, "Stand fast." Gen. Grant claimed relationship with this family and adopted the same coat-of-arms. The mother of Mrs. Hienden, formerly Miss Johanna Chapman, listened with interest to the words of John Wesley and became one of his converts, in consequence of which she was driven from home, Her daughter Sarah subsequently sat on the knee of the great Reformer, and upon reaching womanhood was distinguished by the rarest and sweetest virtues of a noble Christian character. She became a tower of strength in the church in her own county in England, and did not lose her enthusiasm after crossing the Atlantic.

Mr. Illenden at the age of sixteen years, under the influence of his pious and devoted mother, united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, and served it with fidelity until the question of slavery culminated in a division in its ranks. He was a member of the convention held near Lockport, N. Y., in 1843, which resulted in the organization of the Wesleyan Methodist Church. The new denomination, however, failed to develop his ideas in regard to slavery and other questions, and he finally esponsed the Garrisonian movement. After the organization of the Michigan Anti-Slavery Society he was appointed its Treasurer, and his house became the rendezvous of many of the noted champions of abolition, including William Lloyd Garrison, who became a warm admirer of his Western associate. Mr. Illenden, as may be supposed, watched equally with Mr. Garrison the struggle over the emancipation question, and rejoiced equally with the great philanthropist at the triumph of freedom.

Mr. Blenden, while a resident of Adrian, was married, Sept. 28, 1853, to Miss Mary Ann, daughter of Ephraim and Sarah Rulon, of Raisin Township, and they became the parents of four children, recorded as follows: Johanna was born May 23, 1855. and died December 26 following; Jessie was born Dec. 9, 1856, and died April 15, 1865; Albert E. in Three Rivers, St. Joseph County, this State, Jan. 2, 1870; these boys are at home with their parents. Mrs. Mary Illenden was born in Richmond, Ind., parents in 1833. Her father, Ephraim Rubin, was a native of Fairfield, N. J., and a descendant of the French Huguenots. The genealogy of the family shows that one Rulon came from France in a hogshead, being sent as merchandise to escape death. and landed in New York previous to 1704. From him descended the family of that name in this country. Ephraim Rulon died June 3, 1886, while his wife Sarah died in Three Rivers, this State, Feb. 20, 1871.

Mr. Hlenden was prospered in his agricultural operations, and became possessor of a valuable farm of 239 acres in Madison Township, containing now a handsome and substantial set of brick and frame buildings. By his course as a public-spirited and liberal-minded citizen, always willing to contribute of his influence and means to public enterprises, Mr. Hlenden has fully established himself in the esteem and confidence of the people of Lenawee County.

ASON HEMENWAY. At the close of a long life, although a man may have been successful in accumulating this world's goods, there is surely no greater satisfaction than the knowledge that he has been of use to his fellowmen, and that the world has been better for his having lived in it. The record of this old and honored pioneer of Lenawe County includes this summing up, as he is a man gifted by nature with large benevolence that would not content fiself with simply gathering about his own pathway the good things of life, but was ever anxious that those around him should enjoy the same blossings. He made his way to the Territory of Michigan in the summer of 1830, and within a short time it was evi-

dent that he was to be a most valuable accession to the community. There were then but few people around him, only here and there the cabin of an adventurous settler hidden among the forest trees. In common with the other sturdy spirits of that period, having put his hand to the plow he never looked back, but pressed his way onward engaging in the labors and duties of the pioneer, and as he had opportunity, driving a stake here and there in the advancement and well-being of the settlement. Now, at the close of a long and useful life, during which the wilderness has been transformed into a populous and prosperous stretch of country, no man has better or warmer friends, or is more highly appreciated for his labors. He occupies a pleasunt home in Deerfield Village, and isenjoying, as he deserves, all of the counforts and many of the huxuries of life.

Our subject is a native of Seneea County, N. Y., and was born near the town of Ovid on the 8th of May, 1811. His father, Thomas Hemenway, a native of the Bay State, was born ten miles from the city of Boston, to which his father, Jason Hemenway, Sr., had come from his native Wales. Accompanying the latter upon his voyage across the Atlantic were his two brothers. Aaron and Moses, who also settled near Boston and subsequently became soldiers in the Continental army during the Revolutionary War, doing good service at the battle of Banker Hill. After the independence of the Colonists had been established, Jason Hemenway, Sr., went to Seneca County, N. Y., during the earliest settlement of that locality. He purchased a tract of timber land, and opened up a farm from the wilderness, where he spent his last years, and near which the town of Ovid grew up.

Thomas Homenway was but a boy when his parents removed from Massachusetts to Seneca County, N. Y. He learned the trade of elothier, and built a carding and dressing mill in Ovid Township. By years of industry he accumulated a fine fortune, which was swept away by his going security for friends. The father of our subject was twice married, his second wife, the mother of Jason, Jr., being Miss Mercy Gilhert, who was born in Connecticut, and who removed with her parents to New York, where her marriage took place. Later her

father removed to Ohio, where he spent the remainder of his days. Thomas and Mercy Hemenway became the parents of nine children, seven of whom grew to mature years. The father died in Steuben County, N. Y., about 1853. The mother subsequently came to the home of her son, Jason, Jr., in this county, and died in Deerfield about 1865.

Jason Hemenway, of our sketch, was the third child of his parents, and as soon as old enough commenced to earn his own living. He made his home with his parents until nineteen years of age. The year previously he had purchased his time of his father, and being a natural mechanic borrowed a set of carpenter's tools and commenced his career as a builder. His first undertaking was a house for his father, which he succeeded in putting up in good shape, and received the admiring approval of all the people around. Upon the completion of this, he decided upon a change of location, and coming to Michigan Territory, located in the embryo town of Ogden in Monroe County, where he followed his trade continuously for a period of five years. In the meantime he had purchased an aere of land and a house in Ogden, but in 1837 sold this property and took up his residence in Summerfield, Monroe County. There he bought a village lot, put up a house, and worked at his trade until 1840.

Mr. Hemenway now traded his Summerfield property for a half interest in a sawmill in Deerfield Township in this county, to which he removed and where he has since resided. He rebuilt the mill three different times, and invested his surplus capital in land which he cleared and improved, and where he carried on general farming with success, In 1848, he established the first mercantile concern in Deerfield. At the time of his coming here there was but one frame dwelling in the town, and that a very insignificant structure. Deer, wolves and panthers roamed through the wilderness, and frequently surrounded the little hamlet. Mr. Hemenway was a man naturally looked up to as the encourager of the enterprises which sprang to life as the populahis encouragement and substantial support to whatnecessary to say that he has watched the development of Lenawee County with the most gratified interest, and no man has rejoiced more greatly in her prosperity.

Jason Hemenway was first married, Feb. 13, 1831, to Miss Charlotte Canie, who was born in Pitts-field, Monroe Co., N. Y., and died at her home in Deerlield Township in October, 1840. Of this union there are two children living—Jason, a resident of Deerfield, and Charlotte, the wife of Emery Burnham, of Council Bluffs, Iowa.

The second marriage of Mr. Hemenway was relebrated Oct. 17, 1843, with Miss Nancy Burnham, who was born in Montague, Franklin Co., Mass., and died at her home in Deerfield Township on the 3d of May, 1862. This union resulted in the birth of eight children, seven deceased and only one now living, a daughter, Minnie, now the wife of Edgar Miller, of Michigan City, Ind. Mr. H. was married the third time in June, 1862, to Mrs. Christiana (Grosell) Stone, who was born in the Kingdom of Wurtemberg, Germany, and came to America with her parents, Charles and Mary Grosell. She was first married to George Stone, who died in 1861, in Deerfield Township. Of her latter marriage there have been born four children. The eldest daughter, Emma, is the wife of John Sisson, a resident of Deerfield Township; La Salle is a resident of Deerfield; Oscar lives in Omaha, Neb., and

Mr. Hemenway east his first Presidential vote for Martin Van Buren, but of late years has been independent in polities. Mr. and Mrs. Hemenway are both believers in Spiritualism, and are followers of the doctrines taught by that sect.



ENRY SMITH. This gentleman is an energetic and enterprising citizen of Tecumsch, and proprietor of the Tecumsch Paper Mill. which is located on the banks of the Raisin River in that village. Mr. Smith is a native of Bavaria. Germany, where he was born Nov. 2, 1830. He received a good common-school education in his native country, acquiring in addition a substantial knowledge of Latin. He was a youth of determination and high ambition, and not being

satisfied with the advantages offered him in his native country, he resolved to emigrate to the United States.

In 1847 Mr. Smith set sail for the New World, landing in the city of New York, whence he journeved westward across the continent until he reached the Pacific shore. He remained in California three years, profitably engaged in mining and farming, and then returned to New York and engaged in the furniture business, which he followed several years, In 1857 Mr. Smith removed to Lenawee County. Mich., and located on a farm in Macon Township, where he carried on general farming very successfully for ten years. In 1867 he disposed of his farm, and moved to the village of Tecumseh, where he engaged in the manufacture of furniture. Two years later his factory was destroyed by a conflagration, and being but lightly insured his loss was heavy. With his accustomed energy and push, he embarked in a new enterprise; forming a partnership with his brother and Mr. Lovett, they established the Tecumsch Paper Mill in 1870. Under the firm name of Smith Brothers & Lovett, the mills were operated for two years, when Mr. Lovett retired, and the Smith Brothers continued the business until 1878, when Henry Smith purchased the entire interest of his brother, and has since carried on the business as sole proprietor. His principal manufacture is wrapping paper, which is of a superior quality, a d the amount manufactured averages three tons a day. Mr. Smith finds a ready sale for the product of his mills, which he ships in large falo, N. Y., while smaller lots are sold in places nearer home. The mill is located in North Tecumseh, and is a substantial frame building, with a firm stone foundation, while the machinery throughout is of the latest and most approved kinds.

Mr. Smith was married, Aug. 24, 1856, to Miss Christina Schmidt, and their family includes the following-named children: Lizzie; George W., who is married and engaged in the paper null; Emma C., who married F. G. Kloffenstein, and resides at Fremont, Ohio, and Maggie E., who resides at home, In perusing this account of Mr. Smith's career we find an excellent example for young men just embarking on the sea of active life. Commencing life for himself without means, through habits of industry, combined with much excellent judgment, he has amassed a handsome competence, and has a pleasant home in which are found all the comforts and many of the luxuries of life. Mr. Smith is a valued eitizen, and has done much to promote the business interests of Teeumsch.



EORGE PRICE. The career of this gentleman has been one characterized by energy and good deeds, and is one in which he has bad much to struggle with, especially during the carlier years of his life. His birth took place July 25, 1820, in Radmorshire, Wales, that part of the country chiefly devoted to farming. In this locality he was reared and married, and continued to live until after he had become the father of five children. Agriculture in Wales seldom yields wealth or independence, mining there being the chief industry, as the country is prolific in iron, copper, silver, slate and limestone. Coal is also mined in large quantities and used for smelting both British and foreign ores, besides being extensively exported. The Price family, however, not being provided with capital were obliged to resort to agriculture.

Our subject, in 1851, determined to change his location and provide something better for his children than he had been permitted to enjoy in his younger days. He accordingly gathered together his family and personal effects and set sail for the United States, arriving in New York after a safe although somewhat tedious voyage of six weeks, Shortly afterward he set out for the West, and arrived in this county with a capital of eighteen cents in his pocket. His first labor here was as a gardener for Dr. Patterson, but he soon found something more to his liking on a farm, and as time passed on, established a reputation for skill and honesty which made his services very desirable, and enabled him to save something from his earnings. When he had accumulated \$500, he made the first payment on 200 acres of land in Ridgeway Township, of which he took possession and where he remained until 1876. In the meantime he added from time

to time to his real estate until he was the owner of 360 acres, all in one body, which he brought to a good state of cultivation. This is now operated partly by his only son, E. G. Price, of whom a more extended notice will be found elsewhere in this work, while his son-in-law, James Haight, occupies forty acres.

Mr. Price from early youth was piously inclined, and after the necessity for incessant labor had passed by and he was permitted some leisure time, he devoted his attention to religious matters and Christian Church in this county. He expounded the Word in different places all over the county. and was the chief instrument in creeting the parsonage building at Ridgeway, coffeeting the \$800 required for this within a radius of two miles. He never received a collegiate education, but from his interest in the work seemed always to have words at his command, and maintains that he received his help directly from the Lord, whose faithful servant he endeavored at all times to be. He took particular interest in the religious training of the young, working in the Sunday-school and saying a word for the Master upon every occasion where he believed that good might be the result. In looking after the welfare of the people around him he in no wise neglected the home training of his children, but imsarily predominate in well ordered lives.

Mr. Price, while a young man in his native Wales, was married to Miss Elizabeth Jones, one of the playmates of his childhood, who accompanied him to the United States and died in Teenmsch in 1852; she belonged to the Welsh Independent Church, and was a Christian lady of many amiable qualities. Their eldest daughter, Elizabeth, is now the wife of Allen Kelley, a farmer of Raisin Township; Mary married Chrence Morrison, a son of one of the carliest settlers of this county, and is the mother of seven children, one of whom was married Oct. 9, 1887; Lydia remains at home and presides over the domestic affairs of her father, while Asenath is currying on dress-making at Teeumsch.

Mr. Price was married, in 1853, to his second wife, who was formerly Mrs. Mary Hall, and of this union there was born one child, a son, Edwin G., who married Miss Emma DuBois and occupies the homestead. Mrs. Mary Price was also a member of the Christian Church and a lady held in great respect by all who knew her.

The father of our subject, Thomas Price by name, carried on farming in Wales and there spent his entire life. Our subject took a trip to his native land live years ago and brought home with him his brother. Thomas Price, ten years younger than himself. The two are the only members of the parental family who came to this country.



SHOMAS J. WYMAN, a highly respected and esteemed resident of Lenawee County, is a native of Fairfield Township, and a son of Sheldon and Lydia (Carpenter) Wyman (for parental history see sketch of Sheldon Wyman.) His birth occurred June 26, 1837, and the place of his nativity has been his home the greater part of his life. He was reared on his father's farm, and received an excellent common-school education, which was later supplemented by an attendance of two terms at the seminary in Lyons, Ohio. After leaving school he spent six years in teaching. He then turned his attention to farming and pursued this vocation solely for a few years, but since 1869, besides attending to the necessary duties devolving on a farmer, he has been a conscientious laborer in the vineyard of the Master, carnestly expounding the doctrines of the Primitive or Oldkindly Christian character has made him conspicuous among the members of that faith. He has received no regular compensation for his services, but feels amply rewarded in faithfully performing, as far as in his power lies, the work to which he seems peculiarly adapted. He is faithfully aided by his good wife, whose sympathy inspires, whose approval encourages, and whose counsels guide him in all his good work.

With the exception of four years spent in Newaygo County, this State, preaching, Mr. Wyman has resided in Fairfield Township all his life. Here he owns 110 acres of land on section 30, on which he has made many and valuable improvements, and has erected ample and comfortable buildings. On July 4, 1860, he was married to Miss Celinda Jackson, who was born in Shelby, Orleans Co., N. Y., in 1842. Her parents were David B, and Caroline (Whitney) Jackson, untives of New York.

The union of Mr, and Mrs, Wyman has been blessed by the birth of six children, two of whom died in infancy. The names of the four living are Charles, who married Miss Ella Gammer, and resides in Fairfield Township; Angeline, Lydia and Allena, Politically, Mr. Wyman is Democratic, and a stanch adherent to the principles laid down by Thomas Jefferson. Mrs. Wyman is a zealous member of the same church as her husband, and socially they are both well maintaining their position as useful members of society, being the promoters of education and the highest of moral principles.



EONARD BECK is a builder and contractor of Adrian, where he settled soon after the war, and takes prominent rank among the representative men of the county for his business ability and energy. He was born in Bavaria, Germany, Feb. 2, 1840, and is the son of Michael and Barbara (Reisig) Beck, who emigrated to the United States in 1847, landing in the city of New York. The family came to Monroe County, the State, where they settled and where the father died the following year. The mother is still living, and is now in her eighty-eighth year. To them were born seven children, three of whom survive.

Leonard Beek was the fifth of the parental family, and was but seven years of age when he came to Monroe Comty with his parents. He attended a private German school, and then the district school, until the age of seventeen years, when he began to learn the trade of a cooper, at which he worked but one year, and then went to work to learn the carpenter's trade, which he followed until 1862. He then enlisted as a private in the defense of his country, and was enrolled a member of Company F, 4th Michigan Cavalry, and was sent to Louisville, Ky., and was under the command of Gen. Buell, who was in charge of a division in the army of Gen. Rosecraus. They went to Tennessee, and

then through portions of the States of Georgia, Alabama, North Carolina and Mississippi. The regiment participated in the battles of Stone River and Chickamanga, and many other important engagements, and Gen. Buell, their division commander, had two horses shot under thin within four weeks. Mr. Beck was promoted to the position of Captain, and attached to the commissary department, in which rank he served until mustered out in July, 1865, at Nashville, Tenn.

Mr. Beek then returned to Monroe County, and from thence to Adrian, this county, where he worked at the carpenter's trade for J. C. Kaumeier, a builder and contractor, with whom he continued for about fourteen years, when he began the same business on his own account in Adrian. He has creeted many of the substantial buildings in this city, among which are the Roman Catholic Church and the State Industrial School Building for girls, the engine house, the city half, and a number of stores and fine dwellings.

In October, 1866, Mr. Beck was united in marriage with Miss Augusta Knapp, a native of Monroe County, Mich., and daughter of Charles and Margaret Knapp. Their home has been gladdened by the advent of seven children, two sons and five daughters—Amelia. Louise. Frederick, William, Edith, Augusta and Emma. Mr. Beck served as Alderman of the Second Ward one year, and then resigned. He is a member of the G. A. R., and of the Workingmen's Benevolent A-sociation



ON. WILLIAM SEWARD WILCOX, of the firm of Whitney & Wilcox, of the Commercial Exchange Bank, of Adrian, is one of the leading business men of the city, and is largely identified with its material interests. During his residence in Adrian he has been prominently connected with the city's commercial interests, and the enterprises with which he has been associated have been almost universally successful. Mr. Wilcox is a gentleman of excellent taste, which is admirably displayed in the construction of his residence and the beautiful arrangement of its sur-

roundings. The building itself is one of the finest in external appearance in the city, and the hedges and lawns about it are arranged after the latest and most exquisite designs. The interior of the house, to the minutest detail of arrangement, is in perfect harmony with its exterior, and is architecturally a marvel. The bank, of which he is a joint owner, was founded in 1880, since which time it has become firmly established, and has met with unusual success.

Mr. Wilcox is the son of Austin and Clarissa Wilcox, and was born in the town of Riga, Monroe Co., N. Y., on the 25th of April, 1819. When he was yet a child, his parents moved into the town of Bergen, Genesee County, that State, where he lived on a farm, his father at the time managing a hotel, stages, post-office, etc., the subject of this sketch assisting in the work. In the year 1836 our subject came west to Milan, Ohio, where he entered the dry-goods store of Ira Bidwell, as a clerk, and remained for a short time. He then removed to Adrian, Mich., arriving Sept. 18, 1836, and where he was still in the employ of Mr. Bidwell, who had moved his goods from Milan to Adrian. He remained in the store until 1840, in which year he became a partner of Mr. Bidwell, and the firm of Bidwell & Wilcox continued until January, 1844, when the latter disposed of his interest to the former. In the spring of that year Mr. Wilcox began business for himself, putting upon his shelves and counters an entire new stock of goods, He continued in this business until the year 1855, a portion of which time he had for partners J. 11. Bodwell and William D. Tolford. In that year he sold his goods to Bodwell, Carey & Clay, the two latter being former clerks. In 1848 he was elected Village Treasurer, which office he held for one year. Soon after discontinuing the dry-goods business he started a hardware store, under the firm name of Wilcox & Chappell, which firm continued for about eighteen months, after which, purchasing the interest of Mr. Chappell, he continued the business alone until 1867, when his brother Henry became his partner. This firm existed for five years under the name of Wilcox & Bro., and was then changed to Wilcox, Brother & Co., when George A., son of W. S., became a partner. He still continues his interest in the hardware business, although since 1880 his brother and son have had its management. In that year he became one of the owners of the Commercial Exchange Bank.

in 1861 Mr. Wilcox was elected a member of the Legislature of Michigan, and held that office for two terms. During the second term he was Chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means, which is the most important committee of the House of Representatives, for it is its peculiar function to devise the ways and means of providing the revenues of the State and the disbursement of the same, through Legislative enactments. In the spring of 1865 he was elected Mayor of Adrian, holding the office for one year. In the fall of 1870 he was chosen State Senator, and held the office for one term, during which time he was the Chairman of the Finance Committee, and in this capacity was much aided by his experience as Chairman of the House Committee on Ways and Means. In 1869 he was appointed State Prison Inspector by Gov. Baldwin, and was immediately chosen President of the Board. In 1866 he was elected President of the Michigan State Insurance Company, which position he filled for seventeen years. He is now, and has been for many years, President of the Oakwood Cemetery Association. He became an active member of the Adrian Fire Department in 1841, and continued in the same until the paid department was organized, having served for twenty-one years. For nearly half a century he has been Superintendent of the Baptist Sabbath-school, and in that school has instructed the third generation.

Mr. Wilcox was first married at Benton, Ind., to Miss Sarah Frances Clay, daughter of Rev. Bradbury S. Clay, by whom three children were born, two of whom died in infancy, and George A., the only remaining son, who was named above as a member of the firm of Wilcox, Brother & Co. The first wife died on the 12th of February, 1852, and the second marriage took place on the 17th of August, 1854. On that day he was united with Miss Josephine Southworth, daughter of Dr. William Southworth, of Avon Springs, N. Y. Mr. Wilcox has been one of Adrian's most prominent and successful business men, and with a great deal of satisfaction can look back over his long and honora-

ble commercial career. Although now in his sixtyeighth year, he is comparatively vigorous, and his mind is as clear upon all business problems as it was thirty-five years ago.

ARRISON HARWOOD, a native of this State, came to Lenawee County in 1870 from Washtenaw County, where he was born in the town of Pittsfield, Ang. 6, 1840. He has all his life been engaged in agricultural pursuits, and possesses all the elements necessary to success. He is regarded as a most worthy and useful member of society, an bonest man and a conscientions citizen, who, while building up a comfortable homestead of his own, has always had a care for the welfare of the people around him, and borne in mind the fact that the influence of one man may produce great results, either good or evil.

Mr. Harwood early in life was trained to habits of industry and economy by his excellent parents, William W. and Polly (Morris) Harwood, who were of English descent, and natives of New York State. Harrison was the cldest of their six children, and when quite young assumed a brotherly oversight of the younger members, who learned to look up to him and depend upon his judgment and example. William Harwood came to Michigan in 1823, and was married in Washtenaw County, where he spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring at the old homestead in the fall of 1860. The mother is living, and continues at the home which she and her husband built up by their united efforts. The three remaining members of the family are residents of this State.

Our subject spent his childhood and youth under the parental roof and before reaching the twentieth year of his age, was married, July 4, 1860, to Miss Lydia J. Haynes, who was born in Livingston County, this State, Nov. 6, 1842. Her parents, Lyman and Betsey (Minor) Haynes, were natives of New York, whence they removed to Michigan in 1840, and spent their last days in Shiawassee County, Mr. and Mrs. Harwood, after their marriage, remained for ten years residents of Washtenaw County, and upon their removal, located in Madison Township, this county. Here our subject has a fine farm of well-improved land, upon which he has effected first-class improvements, and supplied it with all the necessary machinery and other conveniences for carrying on agriculture in a skilling and profitable manner. While residents of Washtenaw County, there were born to our subject and his wife three children—Harrier J., Lyman W. and Alice A. The eldest daughter is the wife of Lucius L. Knowles, of Adrian; Alice A. married Frank A. Bradish, and is a resident of Madison Township, while Lyman W. is at home with his parents.

DMI ND B. VAN DORREN, one of the most wide-awake and energetic farmers of Adrian Trownship, is pleasantly located on section 16, where he has a choice tract of land, and everything pertaining to a first-class farm estate. He is a native of Shelby, Orleans Co., N. Y., and was born July 12, 1825. His parents, Cornelius and Nellie (Hagerman) Van Doren, were natives of New Jersey, where the father followed farming during the early part of his life; later the family removed to the Empire State, where they continued until 1835. In that year, determining to try his fortness in the West, he came to this county and purchased eightly acres of land in Adrian Township, which was unimproved otherwise than having upon it a rude log cabin and a clearing of about ten or fifteen acres. Of the former he took possession with his family, and commenced the improvement of his property, remaining upon it until his death, which took place Aug. 14, 1857. The mother survived him twenty-five years, and passed away to her rest on the 2d of January, 1882. Cornelius Van Doren was born in 1785, and his wife Nellie, April 27, 1791. They became the parents of ten children-all of whom, with the exception of one who died at the age of fourteen years, grew to maturity and settled in homes of their own. Of these there are now living five sons and two daughters.

Our subject left home when fifteen years of age, and attended school for a time and subsequently engaged in teaching, at which latter profession he continued for twenty-three terms in the townships of Adrian, Madison, Rome, Woodstock and Franklin, and in the city of Adrian. He also served an apprenticeship of one year at the carpenter trade, and being quite a natural mechanic became expert in the handling of tools. One of the most interesting and important events of his life occurred on the 5th of June, 1849, this being his marriage with Miss Almira E. Warren, a native of Oneida County. N. Y., and born March 22, 1831. Mrs. Van D. is the daughter of Solomon and Mary (Chase) Warren, natives of Connecticut and New York respectively; the father born Sept, 9, 1797, and the mother October 9 of the same year. Mr. Warren was a tanner by trade, which he followed in the East until 1836, then emigrated to the Territory of Michigan, and locating in Adrian Township, followed farming until 1857. Selling out, he went at first to Indiana, and from there to Pittsburg, Kan., where his death took place in 1872, at the age of seventy-seven years. He had been accompanied in his travels by his excellent wife, who survived him a few years, her death taking place when she was eighty years old. Their four children are all living, the three besides Mrs. Van D. being located, one in Kansas, one in Minnesota, and the third in Indiana,

Our subject and his wife became the wife of five children; their eldest daughter, Mary A., born Ang. 4, 1850, is the wife of Cornelius Van Doren, of Adrian, and the mother of six children; Addie R. was born Feb. 7, 1859, and died March 26, 1861; Horace E. was born March 4, 1862, and died Dec. 8, 1883; Arthur N. was born July 6, 1864, and died Oct. 5, 1865; and Flora L., who was born Jan. 8, 1872, and is at home with her parents.

Mr. Van Doren had a little property at the time of his marriage, which enabled him to start in life comfortably, and of which he has made good use and greatly increased its value. In addition to the home farm he owns land near by, besides some good eity property. He has given considerable attention to the raising of fine stock for the past few years, and in this department has been very successful. He has been Notary Public since 1866, and served as Clerk of the township in 1856. Mr. Van Doren is a Republican in politics, believing in that party lie the principles that are best calculated to preserve the form of popular government. With his most

estimable wite he is a sincere and consistent Christian, and they both are members of the Baptist Church, and take great interest in religious work.

ALVIN DAVENPORT. In the early part of 1857 the subject of this biography pitched his tent in the wilds of Macon Township, where he purchased 120 acres of land. After making some heatlway toward the improvement and cultvation of his farm, he increased his real estate by forty acres additional, and since that time has been content to remain in this place, and give his best efforts to the building up of a permanent homestead. He has been remarkably industrious and persevering, and is recognized far and wide as a reputable citizen, a thorough and skillful farmer, and a valued factor in the agricultural interests of Macon Township.

Mr. Davenport began life a poor man, and has arrived at his present position, financially, through his own honest efforts. His early years were spent near the city of Rochester, N. Y., where he first opened his eyes to the light Aug. 14, 1832. His father, Cornelius Davenport, was a farmer of modest means, and a native of New York State. He traced his ancestry back to Holland, but the later representatives of the family were mostly residents of Pennsylvania. He was married while a resident of his native State, to Miss Caroline Decker, who was born and reared in Rochester, N. Y. After the birth of three children, Cornelius Davenport started with his family for the West, making the journey to the Territory of Michigan via the canal and Lake Erie to Detroit, and thence overland to Macon Township, this county. Here he took up his abode on section 1, in 1834, in the midst of a timber tract, and here the parents continued the remainder of their lives. They labored industriously for years, and succeeded in providing themselves and their children with all the comforts of life. The father closed his eyes upon earthly scenes about the year 1859, at the age of fifty-seven years, while the mother survived some years, her death taking place in 1875, when she was sixty-five years of age.

Calvin Davenport remained a member of the parental household until reaching manhood, assisting in the building up of the pioneer home, and obtaining a limited education in the subscription schools. Upon reaching his majority, he was united in marriage with Miss Mahala, daughter of John and Phebe (Augustus) Allen, who were natives respectively of Long Island and Canada, and were married in Ontario, Canada. Mr. Allen, who was a mason by trade, and a very skillful workman, remained in Canada some time after his marriage, and came with his family to Michigan while a large part of Macon Township was open and waiting for the enterprising emigrant to take possession. He secured a tract of land upon which he worked, and at the same time followed his trade as opportunity offered. He and his estimable wife continued on the land which they first located, and passed away when ripe in years.

The wife of our subject was born in Macon Township, this county, May 15, 1835, and was reared amid the wild scenes of the first settlement of Southern Michigan. She received the same school advantages that fell to the lot of her husband, and was trained by her excellent mother in those useful household duties in which the maidens of those days were ambitious to excell. Mr. and Mrs. Davenport have two children—Milton A. and Minnie; the latter is the wife of Bradley Sendder, who is engaged in general merchandising at Pennington Corners. Milton A. married Miss Lizzie Lichard. and they occupy the homestead with our subject, assisting in its management and in its labors. Mr. Davenport is a Democrat of the old school, a man decided in his views, and one who keeps himself well posted upon matters of general interest.

ILLIAM SERVICE, a resident on section 32 in Madison Township since 1842, is a native of Scotland, where he was born in Lanarkshire on the 23d of February, 1807. His father, James Service, who was born in the same place in 1784, was brought up a farmer and gardener, and lived in Scotland until 1816, when he came to America and lived on a farm near Philadelphia for about two years. He then moved to Susquehanna County, Pa., and took up a farm and lived

there seven years. In the spring of 1825 he sold out and moved to Canandaigua, Ontario Co., N. Y., and lived there until about 1840, when he came to Michigan and resided in this county until his death, which occurred in 1867. About 1806 he married Miss Jaumett Scott, of Lanarkshire, Scotland, and they had a family of nine children, of whom William is the oldest. Mrs. Jaunett Service was born in Lanarkshire, and died in this county.

William Service lived with his parents until he was about eighteen years old, when he commenced life for himself, engaging to work for John Greig, of Canandaigua, in whose service he continued nineteen years. Mr. Greig was a Scotchman, a wealthy and prominent lawyer, and a Whig politician who was once elected to Congress. In June, 1825, Gen. LaFayette, of Revolutionary fame, passed through Canandaigua, on his way to New York. He had been to Cincinnati and other places derful railroad system of our country, the manner of travel was somewhat novel, especially to the people of this generation. He was the guest of every eity, village and hamlet through which he passed, the populace giving him the entire freedom of the country. From Buffalo he was carried in state by a delegation to a point half way between that city and Rochester, where he was met by the Rochester delegation and carried to that city. From Rochester he was conveyed to Victor in great pomp, where the Canandaigna delegation received him. A very fine equipage, with four beautiful gray horses, had been sent from Canandaigua to convey him to that place, but the old General was an intimate friend of Mr. Greig, who had visited him at his home in France, and excusing himself from riding in the carriage intended for him, rode with Mr. Greig in his elegant carriage, William Service being the coachman. The party accompanying the General occupied the carriage with the four gray horses, and were the recipients of much homage, as it was supposed that LaFayette was among them.

In 1836 William Service came to Michigan and located 160 acres of land in Fairfield Township, and eighty acres in Seneca, and in August, 1842, removed his family from Canandaigua, N. Y., and settled on section 32 in Madison, where he now re-

sides. It was entirely new when he purchased it, but he has cleared the land, built all necessary buildings, and made splendid improvements. On the 9th of July, 1830, Mr. Service married Ann Bulrees, who was born in Canandaigua, N. Y., on the 10th of July, 1808, and was the daughter of John Bulrees, of Canandaigua, Mr. and Mrs. Service had eight children, who are recorded as follows: Marian was born June 6, 1831, and is the wife of Eli Sparhawk, of Madison Township; William was born April 17, 1833, and died Aug. 24, 1873; Clarissa G. (1st) was born July 30, 1835, and died April 5, 1836; Clarissa G. (2d) was born April 25, 1837, and died Oct. 18, 1838; James B. was born March 25, 1840, and is managing the home farm; Ann Eliza was born May 29, 1842, and is the wife of Charles Gaumer, residing in Madison Township; Clarissa G. (3d) was born Aug. 16, 1844, and died June 8, 1848; Alexander was born April 27, 1847. and died Feb. 28, 1878. The first six were born in Canandaigua, N. Y., and the other two in Madison Township, this county. Mrs. Ann Service, the wife of our subject, died in Madison Township on the 17th of February, 1869.



ETH P. SHELDON is a successful general farmer and stock-raiser, now occupying a good farm on section 17, of Clinton Township, where he has resided since the spring of 1883. The farm comprises eighty-seven acres of land, which is mostly under cultivation with convenient and commodious farm buildings. Mr. Sheldon is of good New England ancestry, and is a native of Vermont, while his father, Simeon Sheldon, was a native of Connecticut. When a young man the latter went to Vermont, and was there married in Rupert, Bennington County, to Miss Lois Eastman, who was born and reared in that town. After marriage the young couple settled in Rupert, where Mr. Sheldon pursued the calling of a farmer for many years, and in that Vermont home they reared their children to good and useful lives. Later in life Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon went to Illinois to spend their last years with their children. They lived for some years at Gibson City, and there the father

died very suddenly while scatted in his chair, in November, 1885, at the age of seventy-eight. He was a worthy man and much respected for his sterling integrity; his widow is living at the home of her daughter, Mrs. O. A. Oliver, at Rock Falls, Ill., at the age of eighty.

Our subject, who was the fourth child of his parents, was born Nov. 20, 1838, in the pleasant little town of Rupert, and in that town, where his own good mother first saw the light, where the days of her girlhood were passed, and also many of the pleasant years of her married life, he himself grew to a strong and sturdy manhood, and from there went forth in the service of his country. He enlisted in Company C, 14th Vermont Infantry, under the command of Capt. Munson of the Army of the Potomae. He engaged in no active battles, however, as he was disabled on account of sickness, and was finally honorably discharged at Brattleboro, Vt. He then returned home, and soon after, at the age of twenty-seven, went to Wyoming County, N. Y., and there bought a large farm,

The next year after settling on his farm in New York he was married, on the 30th of January, 1867, to Miss Ella Stark, who was born in Wyoming County, in the town of Middlebury, Nov. 10, 1845. She was the daughter of John J, and Lois A. (Spring) Stark, and was of notable ancestry, being a descendant, through her father, of Gen, John Stark of Revolutionary fame. Her father was born in Oneida County, N. Y., and was married in Le Roy, Genesee Co., N. Y., where his wife was born and reared. His wife's parents were natives of Massachusetts, and her father, Amos Spring, was a soldier in the War of 1812, as was his brother Denas, who was killed at Buffalo, N. Y. Amos Spring was a pioneer of Genesee County, and where he settled there was nothing but woods for miles around, it being then, in fact, the most western settlement in the State of New York. It was from that pioneer home that he was called to take part in the War of 1812. In advanced life he went to Hermitage, Wyoming County, and there died at the age of seventy-one.

John J. Stark, the father of Mrs. Sheldon, was a farmer by calling, and was instantly killed in a sawmill in Wyoming County, June 30, 1869, at the age of sixty-seven. His widow is a woman of much capability and enterprise, and since the death of her husband she has proved up two and one-fourth sections of land in Dakota Territory. Mrs. Sheldon was reared in the home of her parents, and received exceptional educational advantages, having bien graduated from the High school at Lockport, N. Y., and also taking a course of instruction at Middlebury Academy. Mrs. Stark is now residing with her children.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon settled on the farm to which we have referred; it is beautifully located in a fertile region, and comprised 230 acres of land, which was fairly well improved at the time of purchase. During the sixteen years that they made their home there, Mr-Sheldon spent much money and labor in bringing the land to a high state of cultivation, and in 1883 he disposed of his property in New York and removed with his family to Michigan, where he purchased his present farm. He has been quite prosperous since coming here, and has made many improvements on his farm, and built up a good home. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon, namely: Helen L., who was educated in Wyoming County, in her native State, and in Tecumseh, and is well fitted for the profession of a teacher which she has adopted, and Fred S. and Louis S., who are at home with their parents; all of the family are communicants of the Baptist Church.

Mr. Sheldon is a Republican in politics. His course through life has been characterized by homorable dealings and a strict fidelity to all the obligations imposed upon him as a man and a citizen.

ENRY J. CARLTON, a practical and prosperous general farmer of Raisin Township, was born in Cattarangus County, N. Y., March 20, 1831, and is the son of Leonard Carlton, who was of English parentage, and was also born in New York State. Leonard Carlton married Diana Howard, a native of the Empire State, and in 1836, a few years after his marriage, he with his

wife and two small children, of whom our subject was the younger, came to Michigan and settled in Monroe County.

Leonard Carlton soon found employment with Mr. George B. Harlston, who was at one time one of the money kings of Wall street, N. Y., where he had made one of those sudden fortunes for which that street is so famous. He came to Michiin the ambitious project of building up the city of Monroe. Later in life he met with many misfortunes, and finally lost all; and we have the not unusual instance of the aforetime patron being obliged to ask assistance of a former employe, which assistance no doubt was gladly rendered by Mr. Carlton to his former employer. Soon after coming to Monroe Mr. Carlton purchased the property now known as the Monroe Nursery, one of the most extensive in the State, of which, however, he disposed in 1853, and removed with his family to Raisin Township, where he bought 160 acres of land on sections 24 and 25. With the help of his sons he improved eighty acres of this land, and had a fine farm well cultivated at the time of his death, Sept. 8, 1878. He was a man of much capability and energy, and was respected by his neighbors for the probity of his character. He was a stanch adherent of the Republican party. His faithful wife's death occurred April 4, 1878, a few months before

Our subject grew to manhood in Raisin Township, receiving a careful training in the parental home, where he remained until he attained his majority, actively assisting his father on the farm. In May, 1853, he went to Toledo, Ohio, and was married on the 17th of that month to Miss Sarah E., daughter of George and Azubah (Ransom) Wood, Mrs, C. was born in Geneva, N. Y., Feb. 19, 1836, Mrs. Wood became the mother of four children, and died when her daughter Sarah was but four years old. After his wife's death Mr. Wood moved to Toledo, Ohio, and there continued to pursue his calling of a carpenter, finally returning to New York, where he died Dec. 7, 1884. Mrs. Carlton, who is the only surviving member of the parental family, passed the years of her girlhood and early womanhood in Toledo. By her marriage with Mr.

Carlton she became the mother of one child who died in infancy.

After his marriage, Mr. Carlton returned to the homestead in Rusin Township with his wife, where he lived for a few years, and then went to Wisconsin and remained two years. Then, after another residence of three years in Raisin Township, they removed to Deerfield Township, where Mr. Carlton was engaged in agricultural pursuits for seven years, and then came to his present farm in Raisin Township. This farm contains forty acres of well-improved land, pleasantly located on section 25. These well-tilled acres, neat dwelling and good farm buildings show evidences of Mr. Carlton's thrift and energy.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlton have been members of the Methodist Episcopal Church for some years, and they have gained the respect and confidence of the people in this community where they have made their home. In politics Mr. Carlton is a Demoerat.

LLIOT GRAY, son of one of the earliest pioneers of Lenawee County, has spent all his life in Southern Michigan, where he was born in Raisin Township, May 11, 1833. His early education was conducted in the primitive schools of this section of country, and when becoming of snitable years his services were utilized around the homestead which his father built up from the uncultivated soil, and which became one of the most desirable and valuable in that part of the county.

Joseph W. Gray, the father of our subject, was a native of Jefferson County, N. Y., where he spent his boyhood and youth, and where he remained until migrating to this State, which was then a Territory. Not long afterward he was united in marriage with Miss Nella Kitcham, of Tecunseh Township, and the daughter of Jacob Kitcham, Esq., who was also a native of the Empire State, and came to this section of country during its early esttlement. Joseph Gray had already located eighty acres of land, where he kept bachelor's hall until his marriage and to which he afterward brought his bride, where they commenced life together in true pioneer style. He was prospered at

his labors in tilling the soil, and invested his spare capital in additional land until he became the owner of 560 acres in different tracts. He erected a fine brick residence in 1845, and lived to reach his fourscore and two years, passing away at the homestead which he had built up in February, 1885. The wife of his youth had died after the birth of six children, who are recorded as follows: Jane died when, an interesting young lady of sixteen years; Frances became the wife of Samuel Helm, a well-todo mechanic: Elliot, of our sketch, was the third child: Maria married Frederick Gambol, a resident of Tecumsch Township; Eliza, Mrs. Milton Ross. lives in Addison, Mich., and Albert died in childhood. Joseph Gray for his second wife married Miss Sarah Cox, by whom he became the father of two sons and one daughter-Willard, John and Nellie; the daughter is married, and they are all residents of this county. Mrs. Sarah Gray resides on the homestead.

Our subject completed his studies at the Tecumseh High School, under the instruction of Joseph Esterbrook, and continued to make his home with his parents until his marriage, which occurred June 22, 1852. He chose for his life companion one of the most estimable young ladies of New York State, Miss Eliza Guthridge, who was a native of Black Rock, N. Y., and of Irish ancestry. In the meantime our subject had secured 120 acres of land and had already a comfortable little home, to which he brought his bride and where they have since lived. The residence is commodious and substantial, built of brick in modern style, and the barn and other out-buildings are in keeping with the general aspect of thrift and prosperity which pervades the homestead. Mr. Grav became largely interested in flour and built up a flourishing foreign trade, negotiating with large dealers across the water, and finally became associated with the celebrated firm of C. A. Pillsbury & Co., and other firms, millers at Minneapolis, who gladly employed him to introduce the product of their mills in Ireland.

A few years after his marriage the Civil War came on, and Mr. Gray esteemed it his duty to lay aside his private interests and give his services to his country. In May, 1862, he enlisted in Company B, 7th Michigan Cavalry, in the organization of which he assisted and was at once made First Lieutenant. He commanded the company at the battle of Gettysburg and subsequently took part in thirty-six general engagements, serving two years upon the staff of the lamented Gen. Custer. At the close of the war, in 1865, he received his honorable discharge and returned to his farm pursuits. In 1866, Mr. Gray, accompanied by his wife and child, crossed the Atlantic and visited Ireland. remaining there about one year. He then returned to Michigan, and in 1877 commenced as a flour dealer and made another trip to Ireland, continuing his operations in this direction to the present, and altogether crossing the Atlantic, back and forth, twenty-two times. He has dealt largely in real esnow the owner of about 110 acres.

Mr, and Mrs, Gray are the parents of one son and three daughters, recorded as follows: Joseph E. married Miss Eva Campbell, and is engaged in farming in Teeumsch Township: Alice is the wife of Joseph Rynd, of Fairfield Township: Mella Ann and Mary E. are at home with their parents. Mr. Gray has always voted with the Democratic party, but meddles very little with politics, his large property interests employing the most of his time and attention.

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EV. WILLIAM P. WASTELL, a retired minister of the Congregational Church, has been a resident of Clinton Village since the spring of 1851. He presided over the society there, with the exception of some years, from that date until 1872, and during the time of his absence was still at work for the Master, traveling throughout the United States. He is of English birth and parentage, his infant years having been passed in the city of London, where he was born Aug. 17, 1864.

Henry Wastell, the father of our subject, was a merchant by occupation, and died in London when his son, William P., was but a lad. Aside from being a man of more than ordinary business qualifications, he was a fine musician, and was received among the nobility of his native land. Young Wastell received excellent educational advantages, and completed his theological studies at Cambridge, England, under the futelage of the eminent Dr. Sturdevant and Dr. William Day, formerly of Oxford University. His classical course was conducted at Cambridge I niversity under the instruction of Dr. George Collison, Rev. Samuel Ranson and Rev. George Darrington, the two latter especially noted for their excellence as futors.

Mr. Wastell commenced his clerical studies when nineteen years of age, and was soon afterward ordefined. He was given charge of the College Church at Ackney, when twenty-eight years of age, and continued his pastorate there for a period of seven years. He was then sent across the Atlantic, by the London Colonial Missionary Society, to the Dominion of Canada, and located at Quebec, and officiated also at other points in the Province of Ontario. During the nine years of his labors there, he was chiefly instrumental in founding the Congregational College, at Toronto, which was subsequently moved to Montreal. His last work in Canada was as pastor in the city of 8t. Thomas, where he officiated live years.

Mr. Wastell on coming over into the States, was first stationed at St. Clair. Mich., where he remained five years, and upon removing from there, was located in Port Huron for a period of three years. Thence he came to Clinton, this county, as pastor of the Presbyterian Church. He had married, while in England, Miss Sarah S. Bramley, who became the mother of a large family, eight of whom are still living. Mrs. Sarah Wastell departed this life at St. Clair, Mich. about 1870. On the 26th of January, 1873, Mr. W. married for his second wife Mrs. Sarah (Polhemus) Van Tnyle. This lady was born Sussex County, N. J., June 6, 1814, and came to Michigan with her father. Cornelius Polhemus, in 1832. They located in the unbroken forest of Freedom Township, Washtenaw County, where the father secured a tract of Government land, a large part of which he brought to a good state of cultivation, and there spent the remainder of his days. He lived to be eighty-one years old, and died in the summer of 1860. His wife was in her girlhood Miss Rebecca Stevenson, a mative of New Jersey. She survived her husband four years, and was about eighty years of age at the time of her death. Both

were active members of the Presbyterian Church at Manchester, to the support of which they liberally contributed during the time it was struggling for an existence, Mr. Polhemus was a Democrat, politically. Their household included nine children, Mrs. Wastell being the fifth in order of birth.

The wife of our subject was but a small child when her parents removed from New Jersey and located in New York State before coming to the West. She was educated there, in Cayuga County, and was married to her first husband, Adam Van Tuyle, at Clinton Village, this county. Mr. Van Tuyle came here a single man from Cayuga County, N. Y., and after marriage the young people settled on a farm of 200 acres of land in Manchester Township, Washtenaw County. Mr. Van T. effected fine improvements, and died at the homestead which he had built up in the spring of 1870. He was a man of good business capacities, Democratic in politics, and held most of the local offices. Mr. and Mrs. Van T. were the parents of five children, of whom two are now deceased; John A. married Miss Annie Best, is farming in 'Manchester Township, and is the parent of six children; George H. married Miss Frances Sones, and occupies the old homestead; they have two children. Willard D. married Miss Alta Silvers, and is carrying on banking in Clinton.

Mrs. Wastell was left with a good property in Clinton, and is in the enjoyment of a desirable home combining all the conforts of life, with a fair share of its luxu-ies. She has been a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church for the long period of fifty years.

ILLIAM II. HERVEY, a native of this county, was born at his father's old homestead in Adrian Township, Dec. 23, 1853. He is now the proprietor of a good farm, and is numbered among the enterprising and wide-awake young citizens of Adrian Township. He has served a full apprenticeship at farm pursuits and is thoroughly acquainted with the methods necessary to

presecute his calling successfully, and takes a lively interest in the well-being of the people around him, encouraging the institutions calculated for their advancement, educationally, socially and financially, Mr. Hervey, during his childhood and youth, pursued his studies in the district schools in winter and worked on the farm in summer. He completed his education at Raisin Valley Seminary, and has been quite prominent in local affairs. He has taken great interest in the success of the temperance movement, and is an active Prohibitionist, having at one time been the candidate of that party for some of the local offices.

Our subject is the son of Russell and Lovisa (Read) Hervey, the former a native of Durham, Greene Co., N. Y., and born Feb. 6, 1807. He spent his last years in Adrian, passing away on the 29th of November, 1882. The paternal grandfather of our subject, Hermon Hervey, was born in Dutchess County, N. Y., Sept. 22, 1783, and died Dec. 29, 1843. He was the son of Obed Hervey, Jr., who was born Feb. 21, 1752, and died in Durham County, N. Y., Oct. 26, 1838. The greatgreat-grandfather, Obed Hervey, Sr., was born in 1722, and died in Durham, N. Y., Jan. 11, 1808. He was a minister of the Baptist Church, and served in the Master's vineyard until placed upon the superannuated list - He had married in early manhood Miss Mercy Sykes, who was born in 1731, and died in February, 1814.

The paternal great-grandfather of our subject, like his father before him, was piously inclined, and was a Deacon in the church where his father preached; he was also fond of agriculture, and carried on a farm in Greene County, N. Y. He married Miss Abigail Bell, of that county, Jan. 10, 1758, and departed this life Aug. 11, 1817. Hermon Hervey, the grandfather of our subject, was baptised in 1802, and was ordained in 1808 pastor of a church at Durham, Greene Co., N. Y., where he continued twenty-one years. He then labored in different fields until quite aged, and finally returned to Durham to spend his last days. He had a remarkable knowledge of the Scriptures, and a retentive memory which enabled him to fortify his statements with the truths which were always at his command, He also was fond of farm life, and carried on agriculture in Greene County, where he accumulated a fine property. He owned about 700 acres of land and had an interest in several mills. His saw, flouring and carding mills furnished employment to numbers of people and yielded to the proprietor a handsome income annually. His wife, Hannah, daughter of David Tyler, was born March 24, 1784, and died April 21, 1862.

Russell Hervey, the father of our subject, spent his childhood and youth after the manner of the sons of pioneers, becoming familiar both with milling and agricultural pursuits. His limited education was obtained under difficulties, as he was obliged to walk a long distance to the subscription schools, Being fond of his books, however, he made good progress, and commenced teaching when twenty years of age He had inherited the religious tendencies of his ancestors, and when twenty-two years of age was licensed to preach the Gospel in his pative county. Desirous of a better education he attended Hamilton Seminary, now Madison University, and at the age of twenty-seven was ordained as a minister and given a pastor's charge at Henderson, N. Y.

The first wife of Russell Hervey was the daughter of Annos and Miriam (Barney) Noyes; she died June 29, 1849. Mr. Hervey was married a second time, Dec. 22, 1852, to Miss Lovisa Read, a native of Albert County, N. B., and born Noy. 10, 1828. Her parents were William and Ennice (Horr) Read, and they were married April 29, 1819. The father was a native of Rockingham, Windham Co., Vt., and early in life was left an orphan, and compelled to provide for himself. It proved a good, although a severe experience, as it developed the self-reliance which proved the basis of his success later in life. He acquired a good property, and died March 25, 1870, when eighty-two years of age. The Read family removed from New Brunswick to Michigan in 1837. Mrs. Read died at the home of our subject. Feb. 21, 1875, and was seventy-nine years old.

Russell Hervey was instrumental in building the first clurch in Rome Township, and has officiated as a minister in this county for a period of fortyfive years. During this time he has officiated at over 192 marriages which are recorded, besides quite a large number of which no record was made. William H. Hervey was married to Miss Ella, daughter of John and Mary Marsh, Nov. 25, 1879. To them have been born two children—Leila, March 1, 1881, and Bertha A., Nov. 23, 1882.

AMES B. DAY is proprietor of a fine estate in Fairfield Township, including 300 acres of valuable land on section 31, containing commodious and suitable buildings, costly farm machinery and a choice assortment of live stock. He has spent his entire life in this county, where his birth took place on the 2d of March. (811. His parents, William H. and Charity E. (Briggs) Day, were natives of New York State, and after their marriage came to the Territory of Michigan, locating in Fairfield Township on a farm, where they spent the remainder of their lives. The father was killed by the fall of a tree in 1850, while the mother survived her hursband eight years, passing away in 1858. The parental household included four daughters and two sons, of whom James B. was the think in pages of high.

In common with his brothers and sisters James Day was reared at the homestead, attending the district school in winter and assisting in the various farm employments during the season of sowing and reaping. After reaching the twenty-fourth year of his age he was married, in Jackson County, this State, Dec. 18, 1868, to Miss Susan E., daughter of the late Samuel W. and Eleanor (Abbott) Hagerman. The parents of Mrs. Day were natives of Seneca County, N. Y., where they were reared and married, remaining there until 1835. They then came to this county and resided for a year in Fairfield Township, when they returned to their native State, and a year later came back to Michigan and here spent the remainder of their lives. Their journeyings to and from the Empire State were made after the manner of those days, with teams, and their lot was the common one of pioneers in a new country. Mr, and Mrs. Hagerman lived to a good old age, the father dying Feb. 19, 1882, and the mother Oct. 2, 1885. They were the parents of four children—John S., Elizabeth, Sarah and Sarsan E.

The wife of our subject was born in Fairfield

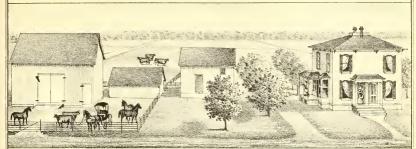
Township, Feb. 5, 1850, and passed her childhood and youth in a comparatively uneventful manner, under her father's roof, acquiring her education mostly in the district schools. She was trained by a careful mother to all needful housewifely duties, and is a fitting companion to one of the worthiest and most highly respected members of the community. Mr. Day votes the straight Democratic ticket, but meddles very little with politics. He takes a genuine interest in the prosperity of the people around him, and has served his township as Highway Commissioner. His farm is conducted in a thorough and skillful manner, and although comparatively young in years he has the fine prospect of a competence in his old age.

ILBER WEST. Foremost among the skilled artisans of Lenawee County is the gentleman whose name stands at the head of this sketch; his reputation as a master carpenter and joiner extends far beyond the limits of this township. He also possesses considerable ability as an architect, and being a good draughtsman, is enabled to make plans for any kind of structure that he may be called on to build.

Mr. West was born in Norwich, Oxford County. Ontario, Canada, Feb. 23, 1827, and is the youngest but one of his parents' large family of children. His father, Benjamin West, was born in Dutchess County, N. Y., Nov. 14, 1782, and married, Aug. 14, 1806, Miss Polly Disbrow, a native of New York. After marriage Mr. West settled in his native county, following the occupation of a farmer, and in the year 1823 he removed with his growing family to Oxford County, Ontario, Canada. After living under British rule twenty-one years he returned with his family to the United States, traveling by slow stages in an emigrant wagon, and at length arriving at Adrian, on the 28th of May, 1844, and soon after settling on section 36 of Raisin Township. The face of the country presented a very different appearance from what it does to-day, as a great deal of the land was unbroken, and large tracts of the primitive forest were still standing, though the country was by no means uninhabited, Here, in the home that they had planted in the wilderness, the father and mother ended their days of toil, her death occurring Jan. 31, 1849, while the husband survived until Oct. 6, 1858. In religion, Mrs. West was a Baptist and Mr. West was a Quaker, while in politics he was an old-line Whig, and a sturdy advocate of the policy of that party. They were much respected in the community. They had ten children, five of whom are yet living, four sons and one daughter, and are recorded as follows: Mary married Niles Bowerman: Abraham married Amanda Westgate; Briggs married Polly Farling, who died, and he was again married, to Mrs. Hannah White: Hulet married Eliza Coffin; and Wilber; all reside in this township.

Our subject passed his boyhood in his native place, receiving the benefits of the educational advantages afforded by the town, and at seventeen years of age he came with his parents to Michigan. He assisted his father in clearing the land, and did other farm work until about 1850, when he and his brother Hulet bought 260 acres of unbroken land, which they farmed together with good results until the year 1870, and then divided it and discontinued the partnership which had continued so long to the advantage of both. His farm contains ninety acres of well-improved land on section 36 of Raisin Township, and forty acres in Blissfield Township, Notwithstanding the demands of his other business, Mr. West has not neglected the cultivation of this form, whereon he has creeted neat, substantial farm buildings and a pleasant dwelling.

When he was twenty-six years of age Mr. West made a new departure, turning his attention to carpentering, as at that time there was a great demand for carpenters and other artisms in the county. He possessed a natural aptitude for mechanics, and without serving an apprenticeship, he soon became quite expert in his new calling, becoming in time one of the most skilled mechanics in the county. His services were always in great demand, and he has built about every kind of structure made of timber. From 1872 to 1878 he was in the employ of the Chicago & West Michigan Railroad Co. as bridge builder and constructor of stations, tanks, etc. He finally became master carpenter, and often had several men in his employ. Many of the fine



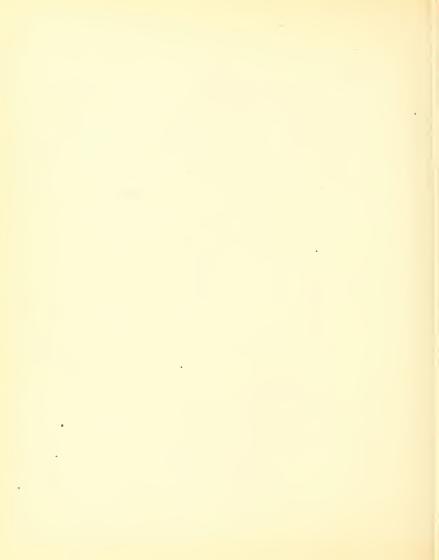
RESIDENCE OF GEO. ROHRBACK, SEC. 28. OGDEN TOWNSHIP.



RESIDENCE OF GEO. GARLING, SEC. 31. MEDINA TOWNSHIP.



RESIDENCE OF J. B. HOOD, SEC. 18. MADISON TOWNSHIP.



residences of this county were constructed under his supervision.

Mr. West was married, July 3, 1847. in Raisin Township, to Miss Comfort C., daughter of John 8, and Deborah (Green) Wells, natives of New York. They came to Michigan in 1838, and located in Raisin Township, where Mr. Wells became actively engaged as a lumber merchant and farmer. They were influential members of the Baptist Church, and are now deceased. The record of their children is as follows: Content married Remben Hall, and is a widow, living in New York; James married Mary Ann Patton, and lives in Adrian, Mrs. Wells was born in Warren County, N. Y., June 1, 1830, and was echicated under her parents' supervision, receiving a careful home training, which well fitted her for the duties of wife and mother.

To Mr. and Mrs. West have been born eight children, two of whom died in infancy. Those living are: Deborah, wife of Henry Fetterman, residing in Blis-field; James A., who married Emily Tarbell, and lives in Fremont. Neb.; Angelia, the wife of E. R. Kamp, living in Pahnyra Township on a farm; Ida, the wife of David Bornoir, a farmer of Raisin Township, and Adella and Alonzo, who reside at home with their parents.

Mr. West has served two terms as Justice of the Peace, one term as Highway Commissioner, and is now serving his second term as Drain Commissioner. In politics he is a Republican.

NDREW J. HOOD, a highly respected member of the farming community of Adrian Township, like many of his neighbors, came from the Empire State when a young man, and assisted in the development of this section of the country. He was born in Ridgeway, Orleans Co., N. Y., May 23, 1826, and is the son of John and Namey (Beers) Hood, the former of whom was born in Northumberland County, Pa., n 1782, and the latter in Morristown, N. J., in 1792, John Hood, the father of the subject of this sketch, was the son of George Hood, a resident of the Keystone State. Mrs. Nancy Hood, the mother

of Andrew J., was the daughter of Henry and Margaret (McMurty) Beers, who were of Scotch descent, John Hood and his wife spent their last years in Orleans County, N. Y., whither the former had gone in 1810, and was one of the pioneers of Western New York. They were the parents of seven children, four boys and three girls, of whom Andrew, the subject of this memoir, is the sixth in order of hirth. John Hood died Dec. 22, 1831, and his wife in December, 1860. They were among the most highly respected citizens of the community in which they nassed the most of their lives.

The subject of this personal biography was reared beneath his father's roof, and received his primary education in the district schools of his native county, which was supplemented by an attendance at the Millyille and Albion Academies, in the Empire State. He came to this county when a young man of twenty-four years of age, and here made his permanent home. He had previously visited the State in 1846, but returned to New York State to complete his preparations for his removal. In 1850, he took possession of the land which he now owns, and the conditions of which were in marked contrast to the present. Upon it stood a rade cabin built of logs after the most primitive fashion, but Mr. Hood, not long after his settlement, put up a substantial stone dwelling-house, and added other improvements as time passed on and as his means justified. He brought his land to a high state of callivation, and kept pree with his neighbors, and was finally rewarded with a hand-some income as the result of his labors.

On the 1/th of June, 1856, our subject was united in marriage with Miss Mary 8, Knight, a daughter of William Knight of this county, a sketch of whom will be found elsewhere in this volume. The young people settled down confortably together on their farm, and in due time were the happy parents of six children: Their eblest daughter. Ella 14, married Rev. Lyman E. Davis, a clergyman of the Pretestant Methodist Church, who is now located at Broodkyn, N. Y., and is the mother of tive children, of whom but two are living: Charles J., the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Hood, received a line education, and is now a practicing physician; he attended Adrian College, and

the Business College of Bryant & Sons, at Buffalo, N. Y., and completed his studies in the medical department of the Michigan State University, and is a post-graduate of the class of 1887. William from Adrian College and the Michigan State University, and is located at Battle Mountain, Nev.; Herbert N. is following closely in the footsteps of his brother, being studious and energetic; he is L, is attending Adrian College and preparing for still attending the district schools. The children form an unusually bright and interesting family group, of which the parents may justly be proud. Mr. Hood and his estimable wife are members in good standing of the Congregational Church, with which they have been identified for the past thirty years. At the age of seventeen years, Mr. Hood united with the Presbyterian Church, at Knowlesville, Orleans Co., N. Y., and has led a consistent Christian life ever since. The farm is pleasantly one of the most attractive spots in Adrian Township.

DDISON P. HALLADAY is too well known in the section where he resides to need special introduction on our part, being one of the many successful farmers characterizing the community of which he is an integral part. His property includes 116 acres on section 6, in Clinton Township, and lies along the Chicago turnpike, the popular and most extensively traveled thoroughfare of that region. Most of the land is under the plow and in a good state of cultivation.

Locating here in 1864, time enough has chapsed for the maturing of early plans in building up'a home to his native tastes and likings, and this Mr. Halladay has accomplished in an admirable manner. Ontario County, N. Y., was the place of his birth, which occurred Nov. 1, 1827. His father, James Halladay, was also a Youker by birth, and a farmer by occupation. The latter, for the partner of his joys and sharer of his sorrows, selected Miss Paracifa Bigelow, who also first saw the light in old Ontario County. The elder Mr. Halladay departed this life at his home, Dec. 28, 1880. The mother of our subject still survives. Her present home is with her daughter in Washtemaw County, this State, and she has now arrived at the advanced age of eighty-three years.

James Halladay, the father of the subject of this personal memoir, came to Michigan in 1863, and located in Washtenaw County, where he became the owner of a good farm in Bridgewater Township. He was a Republican, politically, and with his estimable wife, a member in good standing of the Congregational Church. They were the parents of seven children, of whom Addison was the eldest son and second child. One daughter died Dec. 25, 1858.

Our subject was reared upon a farm, and was first married in the township of his nativity to Miss Mary E. Howland, a native of Massachusetts. She came to Michigan with her parents when a child three years of age, and all located in Adrian Township, where the family remained until near the time of the daughter's marriage, when they returned east as far as Manchester, Ontario Co., N. Y., where the parents spent their last days. Soon after their arrival there, our subject and his wife were wedded, and after making their home temporarily with the latter's parents, until the death of both father and mother, two years later, Mr. Halladay and his wife set out for Michigan, landing first in Brooklyn Township, Jackson County. They remained residents of that section for about six years, and then removed to their present location. Of their union there was born to Mr. and Mrs. Halladay one child, a son, whom they named Horace, and who, after reaching manhood, sought and won the hand of Miss Lilla Crane, and resides in Manchester Township, Ontario Co., N. Y., engaged in the pursuit of husbandry, like his anecestors.

Being left a widower in early life, what was more natural and proper than that the father of Horace Halladay should select another life companion, which he did in the person of Mrs. Rosetta (Marks) Chamberlain. Her parents, Nehemiah and Clarissa (Palmeter) Marks, were natives respectively of Connecticut and Vermont, and were married in South Cleveland, Ohio. They engaged there in farming pursuits and died in Cuyahoga County. They were most excellent Christian people, and each lived to the good old age of eighty-two years. Their daughter Rosetta, the wife of our subject, continued under the home roof until her first marriage, with Charles Chamberlain, in Ohio. After their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Chamberlain took up their residence in Dallas County, Iowa, and became the parents of one son. Charles D., who married Miss Estella Tryon, of Bedford, Ohio, in which place he is now engaged with the Buckeye Oil Factory. Mr. Chamberlain died in Iowa, Jan. 6, 1856,

Mr, and Mrs. Halladay are the parents of three children, all sons: Cehert M., who married Miss Rachel Post, resides on a farm in Clinton Township, and Osear H. and Herman, who are efficient reachers in the district schools. The parents are sincere and worthy members of the Congregational Church. In his political convictions, Mr. Halladay coincides with the Republican party, and deposits his bullot for the candidates offered by that organization.

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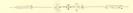
AMES II. GREEN. The life of a good man sheds its influence further than can be computed by mere time and distance. We may not be able to enumerate his acts or give expresson to the form they take, but, like the gentle summer rains, they work silently and with deep effect. The subject of this narrative, although never leading an army to battle, or storming a fort, has labored unostentationsly and with a purpose in life, and the people among whom he has lived have been better for his existence; such is their general verdict, given unsolicited.

Mr. Green is a gentleman in the prime of life, having been born Feb, 28, 1840, in Fairfield Township, and is the son of James and Eliza (McConnell) Green, of whom a sketch will be found elsewhere in this Albaru. He was reared at the homestead in Fairfield Township, receiving a fair education in the district school, and continued under the parental roof until twenty-two years of age. Then, desiring to see something of the Western country, he started for California, via the Isthmus, and upon reaching the Pacific Slope engaged in mining for about two and one-half years, with quite satisfactory results.

Mr. Green, upon returning to Michigan, invested a part of his capital in 100 acres of land on section 27. Fairfield Township, where he has since made his home and given his attention to its improvement and cultivation. The residence is a handsome and substantial structure, and the various other buildings appertaining to the farm are highly creditable to the taste and good sense of the proprietor.

In 1886, Mr. Green, in company with Henry C. Pratt, erected a cheese factory on his land, which the partners have since operated with excellent results, turning out about 6.00 pounds of cheese per day during the senson. Mr. Green also made a further purchase of land, being now the owner of 164 acres, twenty of which is valuable timber land. His furning operations have been conducted in a thorough and skillful manner, and he ranks among the solid and reliable men of Fairfield Township.

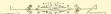
The wife of our subject, to whom he was married in Fairfield Township, March 1, 1867, was formerly Miss Clarisa, daughter of D. C. and Margaret (Force) Salsbury, natives of New York, who came to Southern Michigan in 1840. They are now deceased, the father dying in 1847 and the mother in 1867. Mr. and Mrs. Green have lived upon their present farm since their marriage. The household cicele includes tive interesting and intelligent children, namely: Hartie E. Florence C., James B., Bessie and Burt. Mr. Green politically, is a conscientions Republican, and with his excellent lady, a member in good standing of the Christian Church, When we say that his word is considered as good as his bond among the people who have known him all his life, further comment is unnecessary.



AVID GANDER, late a resident of Machson Township, where he was favorably known for a period of more than twenty years, was born in Franklin County, Ohio, in 1818, where he spent the years of his early manhood, and came to Michigan in April, 1866. He located upon a tract of improved land in Madison Township, where he spent the last years of a well ordered and praiseworthy life, his decease occurring July 7, 1880.

When twenty-four years of age Mr. Gander was united in marriage with Miss Susannah Hampshire, the wedding taking place at the home of the bride in Putnam County. Ohio, May 26, 1842. Mrs. Gander was also a native of the Buckeye State, where she was born in Perry County, June 22. 1828. Her parents, John and Elizabeth Hampshire, were natives of Pennsylvania, and subsequently removed to Ohio, where they spent their last years. After marriage Mr. and Mrs. Gander settled in Putnam County, whence they afterward removed to Allen County, and from there to the West. Mrs. Gander bravely stood by the side of her husband while he labored to secure a home and a comfortable living for his family. The tie between them was strengthened by the birth of eleven as follows: Martha E., the eldest, is the wife of Kan,; Louisa, Mrs. Edward Reed, resides with her husband on a farm in Madison Township; Samuel married Miss Irene Childs, and is also farming in this township; Peter W. married Miss Sophia Saunders, and is farming in Dover Township; Samantha is the wife of Lucius F. Allis, a successful agricultnrist of Madison Township, who is referred to in the sketch of E. P. Allis elsewhere in this volume; Maria E.; Dorothy E., Mrs. George F. Smith, is the wife of a prosperous farmer of Dover Township; and Annie A. The children of Mr. Gander were qualities which have constituted them worthy and

David Gander pursued the even tenor of his way without ostentation, simply performing his duties creditably as a lumband, father and member of the community. He was uniformly industrious, upright and high-minded, and succeeded in accumulating a comfortable property, leaving to his widow 115 acres of valuable land, supplied with suitable farm buildings and good stock. Mrs. Gander has been in all respects the worthy helpmeet of her husband, assisting him in building up the homestead, and encouraging him in all good works and purposes. She is a lady greatly respected among her neighbors, and has been for many years a member of the Primitive Baptist Church.



ILLIAM WHELAN is an old and highly respected settler, and a very successful general farmer, who came to the township of Franklin. Lenawee County, in 1833, where he has since lived on section 15, buying at that time some sixty acres of unbroken land. This he has developed into a valuable furm, and placed upon it a first-class residence and farm buildings.

Mr. Whelan was born in Verona Township, Oneida Co., N. Y., Ang. 6, 1806, and is the only child living of a family of ten, seven-sons and three daughters, born to Eli and Desiah (Beebe) Whelan, natives of Vermont. After their marriage, his parents settled in Oneida County, N. Y., whence, some time later, they removed to Clarkson Township, Monroe County, and were among the pioneers of that section of Western New York. The father was drafted during the War of 1812, and died in the service about its close. His wife came to Michigan with her children, and died at the home of her son John, in Franklin Township, some years later, at about eighty years of age. Our subject was quite young at the time of the death of his father, and afterward earned his own livelihood among strangers until his marriage in Clarkson. Monroe County, Jan. 1, 1828, to Miss Emily Joslyn, who was born in the township of Sangersfield, Oneida Co., N. Y.,

Mrs, Whelan is the daughter of Peleg and Cynthia (Moore) Joslyn, who were born, reared and married in Oneida County, N. Y., and moved to Monroe County in 1815, where they improved a new farm in Clarkson Township. The mother died in that township in middle life, and the father afterward removed to Eric County, Pa., and there died advanced in years. Alrs, Whelan was the fifth in a family of nine children, six sons and three daughters, of whom Mrs, W., and two brothers are the only ones now living. She is the mother of seven are, Eliza, the wife of George Allen: Sarah, the wife of Fiske Beebe; Naney, the wife of Franchies Erskine; Emeline, the wife of William A. Wisser; all farmers of Franklin Township. Rosetta and her husband, Lorenzo Billington, reside on and operate the homestead of Mr. W.—The deceased are Lettic and June.

In polities, Mr. Whelan is a Prohibitionis). He is a good, upright man, and with his wife is beloved and respected by all who know them.

AMES GREEN for the last fifty years has been pursuing the even tenor of his way as a penceable and industrious citizen of Fairfield Township, with whose people he cast his lot in the spring of 1838. His early home was on the other side of the Atlantic, in County Antrim, Ireland, where his birth took place in 1809. He spent the early years of his life upon his native soil, engaged in farming in a small way, and was there married, May 3, 1839, to one of his own country-women. His wife, formerly Miss Eliza McConnell, was born not far from the childhood home of her husband, June 26, 1844.

In the spring of 1851, Mr, and Mrs, Green determined to seek their fortunes in America, and bidding adien to the scenes of their childhood and the friends by whom they had been surrounded since their birth, they gathered together their personal effects and boarded a sailing-vessel bound from Liverpool to the city of Quebec, where they arrived five weeks later. They crossed the border and settled in Clinton County, in the Empire State, where they lived six years, and then removed to a point near the city of Toledo, Ohio, where Mr, G, engaged in work on the Eric Canal. This venture not proving entirely satisfactory, a year later they proceeded farther westward, and coming into this county, located on a tract of land on section iii, Fairfield Township, where they have since made their home.

Mr, and Mrs, Green had much to contend with during the first years of their residence in the young State of Michigan, but they had come to stay, and were prepared for every emergency. They endured cheertully their enforced hardships and were willing to labor and practice economy for the sake of building up a confortable home for themselves and their children. The household circle was completed by the birth of ten children, of whom four died at childhood, namely: Rachel, Jacob, Robert and William. Eliza lived to years of womanhood and became the wife of Edwin Smith; she died at her home in Fairfield Township, Aug. 20, 1871. Those surviving are: James II., Selvester, Rachel S. William E. and George.

James H. married Clarisa Salsbury: Sylvester married Miss L. Carlin, who died Jan. 8, 1879, after which he took to wife Eliza Catlin, a sister of the first wife, who also died, Sept. 6, 1887; Rachel became the wife of Richard Miller; William E. married Amelia Smith, and George married Fannic Allen, all fiving in Lenawec County, Mich., with the exception of Rachel, who lives in Tuscola County.

Mr. and Mrs. Green early in life identified themselves with the Christian Church, of which they have long been honored and consistent members; and in politics Mr. G. votes with the Republican party. The parents of our subject, Jacob and Rachel (Palmer) Green, were of Irish birth and parentage, and spent their entire lives in their native county. Mrs. Green was the daughter of David and Eliza (Farr) McConnell, who were born in County Antrim, Ireland, and emigrated to America in 1831. The father died in Toledo, Ohio, about 1838, in middle life, and the mother subsequently came to her daughter, in this county, and died in Palmyra Township; her remains were laid to rest in the cemetery at Fafrifield.

HELDON WYMAN. This gentleman, a little past the prime of life, has retired from active labor, and is now enjoying the fruits of his early industry. He began to take up the duties and responsibilities of life at an early age, and was blessed with good health and strength which are preserved in a remarkable manner, and finely illustrate the correct habits of life to which he has been reared. He came to the southern part of Lenawee County in April, 1834,

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when a young man twenty years of age and ready to enter upon his tuture career. He was adapted to farm pursuits both by nature and training, and had no desire for other than a country life. He has availed himself of all the advantages to cultivate the soil and carry on agriculture by the most approved methods, and the result is a comfortable home and a competency.

Mr. Wyman is of New England birth and parentage, having been born in the town of Rupert, Bennington Co., Vt., March 20, 1814. While a ladhis parents removed to New York State and located near Shelby, Orleans County, where they resided about nine years. They afterward took up their residence in Medina County, Ohio, where our subject remained until the spring of 1834, and before his marriage started for the West. His wedding took place in Fairfield Township, this county, on the 3d of November, 1836. The lady chosen for his life companion was Miss Lydia Carpenter, who was born in Shelby, Orleans Co., N. Y., Nov. 4, 1817.

Mr. Wyman had already prepared a home for his bride, having purchased eighty acres of land on section 20, in Fairfield Township, where he put up a log house and began to clear and improve his now denominate "level," and he seemed from the first to do just what was best at the right time and place. His course was marked by steady progress, and he was soon enabled to add ninety acres to his 180 acres more and became quite an extensive land-holder. When, however, he found himself 108 acres of his real estate and began taking life easier, with less care and lighter labor. He has never been willing to leave the old homestead, however, and takes deep satisfaction in superintending the operations and labor performed by Overseer of the Poor and, with his estimable wife, has materially assisted in bailding up the Old-School among the earliest members and with which they

The living children of Mr. and Mrs. Wyman,

with one exception, are residents of Fairfield Township, and all married and located in comfortable homes of their own. They are named respectively, James M., Thomas J., Peter; Candace, now the wife of D. W. Hickman, and a resident of Delaware County, Ind.; Sarah, the wife of John E. Mason; Alonzo, and Mary, the wife of Isaiah Reynolds, Two others died in infancy.

Mrs. Wyman came with her parents to Lenawee County in 1833, the year previous to the arrival of her husband. She is the daughter of James and Catharine (Striker) Carpenter, natives of New York, both of whom passed to their long home years ago. She shared with her husband his toils and labors, and equally with him enjoys the respect of all who know her. The homestead which they have occupied so many years is an object of great attachment to them, as may be supposed, and a place which has always been a pleasant resort for their children and the scores of friends whom they have gathered around them during a long and worthy life.

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UKE N. DAMON, proprietor of a millinery and fancy goods establishment on Mannee street. Adrian, is contributing his quota to the industrial and trade interests of the city, where he began business in the winter of 1853. He was the pioneer in his present business, and during the thirty-four years in which he has had dealings with the people of Adrian he has gained a sure foothold in their esteem and confidence. He commenced in a modest way, and his course has been steadily onward, until he now commands an extensive and profitable trade, and has secured a competence for his old age.

The early years of our subject were spent among the hills of Cheshire County, N. H., near the town of Fitzwilliam, where his birth took place Feb. 19, 1822. His parents, Luther and Sybil (Fisk) Damon, were also natives of the Old Granife State, where the father during the greater part of his life was engaged in mercantile pursuits. He was cut down in the prime of life, his death taking place at Fitzwilliam when he was forty-nine years of age. The mother survived her husband thirty-three

years, her death taking place at Dam, Mass, when she was eighty-four years old. Their family included eleven children, five sons and six daughters, of whom but three besides our subject survive, and are residents, two of New Hampshire, and one of Vermont.

The subject of our sketch was the third child and eldest son of his parents, and in early years gained a good knowledge of mercantile business. While still a child he was made acquainted with the hardships of life, beginning the struggle in carnest when seven years old, and carning whatever he could at different kinds of work. When ten years old he entered a store as clerk, and continued with one employer seven years. He followed this occupation until reaching his majority, in the meantime living economically, and saving what he could of his carnings. He then set up a country store of himself in his native town, and carried on business until 1853, when he determined to see what there was for him in the West.

Mr. Damon made his way directly from New Hampshire to Michigan, and invested his capital in a stock of millinery, opening his store in Adrian on Maumee street, where he continued five years. Then, being obliged to enlarge his establishment and bring about better conveniences for his increasing trade, he removed to his present location, No. 26 Maumee street, where for fifteen years he has pursued the even tenor of his way, each senson adding to his list of patrons, and keeping himself well posted upon the minor details which affect in so great a manner the success of any business. He is considered thoroughly reliable, and rightly judges that in his business, as in most others, his mode of action is far more effective than words. In this respect his record is unimpenchable, and his word is considered as good as his bond. He carries a well-selected stock of everything pertaining to his line of trade, and his long experience has given him a good insight into the needs of the people. The fixtures are of first-class description, and the store in all its appointments bears the air of thrift and prosperity, and furnishes employment for five-lasts.

Mr. Damon, while a resident of New Hampshire, was united in marrriage with Miss Esther I. Wales, the wedding taking place at the home of the bride Nov. 13, 1843. Mrs. Damon is the daughter of slaced and Sylvia A. (Ramsbell) Wales, descendants of old Massachusetts tamilies, and their household included four children. The only child of Mr. and Mrs. Damon is a daughter, Edwina, born Jan. 28, 1848, and the wife of W. F. Ayers, of Adrian, Our subject and his wife are active members of the Methodist. Episcopal Church of Adrian, in which Mr. Damon has officiated as Trustee for a period of twenty years and still holds the offices of Steward and Treasurer. He has always taken a lively interest in the progress of his adopted city, and has never been brekward in contributing his time, means and influence in the furtherance of those projects calculated to insure its well-being.



W OSEPH EXELBY. One of the prettiest village homes in Britton is occupied by the dence in the spring of 1883, and has since been gradually adding the embellishments which have made it so valuable and attractive. He has, the greater part of his life, been engaged in farmmember of the community in which he is held in the highest regard. His farm property lies on section 4, Ridgeway Township, and includes 110 acres with good improvements. He occupied it for a surplus capital in the east half of the northwest quarter, and the west half of the northeast quarter of section 15, which is also well cultivated and improved with good buildings. This last mentioned property was purchased by himself and his sons jointly, and they unite in carrying it on after the

The father of our subject, George Exelby by name, was one of the earliest pioneers of this county, and located in Ridgeway Township, where Joseph E. was born Oct. 14, 1834. The father was a native of Yorkshire, England, of pure English anative county, where he married Miss Mary Thackery. The young people for their wedding tour chose an ocean voyage to the United States, which consumed a period of thirteen weeks on a rough sea. Upon landing in New York City they made their way by canal and the Lakes to Detroit, and from there to this county by teams. They began life in the woods in Ridgeway Township, the father having purchased forty acres of timber land. He made a clearing, put up a cabin and occupied it a few years, then sold out and purchased the southeast quarter of section 9.

This later purchase involved less labor in its development, and the valiant pioneer found himself on the road to prosperity, and in due time the owner of 480 acres of land, when his life was cut short by an accident in the spring of 1861. This was the first year of the war, and the school children in that vicinity had been provided with little flags to stimulate their patriotism. Passing by the school-house with his team, the horses of Mr. Exhim out of the wagon with such violence that he soon expired. It is hardly necessary to say that this distressing occurrence was a great shock to his wife and family, from which it took a long time to recover. The mother continued upon the homestend and departed this life about nincteen years after the death of her busband in 1880. She had for some time made her home with her son George, of whom a sketch will be found elsewhere in this work.

George and Mary Exclby became the parents of ten children, of whom Joseph E., our subject, was the second child and eldest son, and the first white child born in Ridgeway Township. He continued at home, working on the farm and receiving a common-school education, until reaching manhood. He was then married, Nov. 18, 1854, to Miss Letitia Lim, daughter of Samuel and Abgail (Archic) Linu, natives of New York State. Her parents came to Michigan in 1838, and for many years were residents of Ridgeway Township. The father ongaged in farming, and died upon the homestead in 1866. The mother, now nearly eighty-two years old, lives with her son John, in Ridgeway Township.

Mrs. Exelby was born in Ithaca, N. Y., March 7, 1837, and was only twenty months old when her parents came to Michigan, and with whom she remained until her marriage. Of her union with our subject there were born seven children, of whom two, Edward and Eva, died at the ages of two and three years respectively. Cornelins married Miss Dora Bemish, and became the father of two children. His wife died in 1885. His little daughter, Dora, is living with her father at the home of our subject. Wesley married Miss Ida Wiggins, and they occupy the farm in Ridgeway Township; Clarence, Everett and Leonard are at home with their parents.

Mr. Exelby is a solid Democrat, politically, and has held the office of Township Treasurer, besides being quite prominent in local affairs. He is well read and intelligent, and possesses all the elements of an honest man and a good citizen. Besides his farm property and his residence in town, which is a fine brick structure handsomely finished, he owns a store building, where he carries on general merchandising, taking the lead in this branch of business at this point.

ICHAEL KARCHER, well known as one of the most successful farmers and stock-raisers of Macon Township, riter years of industry, has now practically retired from active labor and is spending his declining years at the pleasant homestead which he built up on section 22, in Macon Township. This property lies on what is familiarly known as the "Ridge road," and includes 124 acres with good buildings and modern improvements. Mr. K. also owns forty acres in another part of Macon Township.

Our subject has been a resident of Michigan for a period of twenty-seven years, having come to this county in 1861, and soon afterward purchased a part of the land included in his present farm, since which time he has given to it that careful attention which its present condition indicates.

Mr. Karcher is a native of Baden, Germany, born





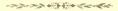
John & Adam

in the village of Spillbach, Jan. 23, 1823, 445; father, Christopher Karcher, was also of German birth and parentage, and followed farming on hisnative soil until the spring of 1869. In the meantime his son Michael, our subject, had come to America, and in that year sent for his father, who joined him here and remained with bine until his death, in February, 1877, at the age of seventy-eight years. The mother had died in her native Germany.

Mr. Karcher, in accordance with the laws and customs of his native country, was placed in school at an early age and continued under instruction until a youth of sixteen. In the meantime he had kept his eyes open to what was going on around him, and availed himself of such information as countries. There seemed little to encourage his ambition upon his native soil, and upon reaching his seventeenth year he determined to find out if there was not something better on the other side of the water. Repairing to the city of Havre, France, he embarked on a sailing-vessel bound for America, and thirty-two days later found himself in the great penniless, he soon secured employment as apprentice to a shoemaker, which sufficed to maintain him until he had learned the trade, which he afterward followed in that vicinity for some years. He spent four years in the South, and in 1861 came to Michigan and took up farming as his future vocation. In who know him admit that he is now reaping but the just reward of his industry and enterprise,

Mr. Karcher, while a resident of New York City, was married, July 8, 1852, to one of his own compared with the Mrs. Anna E. Dingle, who was born in Bavaria, Germany, March 26, 1826. Mrs. Karcher was orphaned by the death of both parents when a little girl ten years of age and early in life was thrown upon her own resources. She continued in Germany until 1850, and upon crossing the water located in New York City, where she met her future husband. Of this union there have been born six children, of whom but three are living, namely: Emma, the wife of Frederick Miller, who is operation.

ing the homestead of her father; Henry, who married Miss Annie G. Harold, and is in Addison, and Theodora, who lives with her brother in Addison. Those deceased are, Michael, who died aged one year and twenty-six days; Edward, who died aged nine months and twenty-four days, and Lesette, who died when three months old. Mr. and Mrs. K. are members in good standing of the German Lutheran Church and are good Christian people. Politically Mr. Karcher is entirely free from allegiance to any political organization, preferring that the best men should be elected to office, and is quite independent in availing himself of his elective franchise.



ON, JOHN J. ADAM, one of the oldest and most highly venerated citizens of Tecumseh, on the 4th of July, 1826, when a youth of eighteen years, set sail from his native Scotland in a brig of less than 150 tons burden, and landed in the city of Baltimore, Md., forty-six days afterward, having been forty-two days out of sight of land. He has since been one of the most loyal citizens of the United States, and given the greater part of his life to the establishment of a home and a position in this county, while at the same time he has been identified with many of its important interests.

Mr. Adam was born in the city of Paisley, Scotland, Oct. 30, 1807. The family was largely represented in the city of Edinburgh. Robert Adam, the father of our subject, was a prominent builder and lumber dealer of Paisley, and traced his ancestry back to about 1600. There were among them men prominent in literature and architecture, in the professions and the trades generally. Robert Adam departed this life when his son, John J., was a child of two years, and the latter has only a dim recollection of him as he lay upon his death bed. The mother was formerly Miss Mary Crichton, a native of Dumfriesshire, Scotland, and was married to Robert Adam in about 1803. After the death of her husband she left Paisley, and returning to her native county, tocated in Closchura Parish for the purpose of educating her two sons, Thomas C..

J., our subject. They were for some time students at the celebrated Wallace Hall Academy, and completed their studies in the University of Glasgow, from which they were graduated with honors. Some years since John J. Adam presented his diploma from that institution as Master of Arts to the University of Michigan.

The first employment of Mr. Adam after his arrival in this country was that of a teacher of languages and mathematics in Meadville Academy, Crawford County, Pa. In this institution George W. W. Cullom, of the United States army, was a student under Mr. Adam, and went from there to West Point. During the summer of 1827 Thomas C. Adam joined his brother in this country, and subsequently commenced the study of medicine in Canton, Ohio. In the meantime both brothers had visited Scotland to effect the final settlement of their father's estate. Thomas C., being the elder, fell heir to his grandfather's estate, and through the solicitation of his friends dropped his medical studies for a time and became connected with the Republican Farmer, a weekly paper of Wilkes Barre, Pa., where he remained until the fall of 1831. At that time he was induced to come to the West, and took up land in what is now the town of Franklin. He taught the first school organized in Clinton and improved his leisure time by working his land, upon which he put up a log house. Upon the outbreak of the Black Hawk War he became Lieutenant of a company raised at Franklin, and was subsequently appointed Division Paymaster, with the rank of Major.

Mr. Adam at an early day was recognized as a valuable accession to the intelligent and able company of men who had east their lot among the pioneers of Lenawee County. Upon the calling together of the convention for the framing of the State Constitution, in 1855, he was elected one of the eight delegates from this county. The succeeding three years he was Secretary of the State Senate, and gathered more laurels as an indefatigable worker and intelligent and active officer.

Mr. Adam, in 1839, was elected a member of the Michigan Legislature, serving one term in the House, and at its expiration was elected to the Senate. In January, 1842, he was elected State Treasurer, which position he held four years, until his resignation, at the request of Gov. Barry, to accept the position of Auditor General to complete the official term of Mr. Hammond, deceased. After serving another term in the Legislature he again accepted the office of Auditor General, which he held until 1851. He had lived upon his farm during these years and until 1853, when he removed with his family into Teenmseh Village.

In the last year above mentioned Mr. Adam became connected with the Michigan Southern Railroad during the construction of the Jackson Branch and the Three Rivers Road, acting as its agent, and was subsequently appointed to the same position for the Air Line, the Detroit and the Toledo Roads, which were being built by the same company. At the completion of these he was appointed auditor of the company, which position he held until his resignation, in 1868. The people during this time had borne in mind his efficient service as a Legislator, and in 1871-72 he was again elected to the House of Representatives. During this time he introduced many important measures, and was a member of the various committees overlooking the interests of State affairs.

Upon the establishment of the University of Michigan, in 1837, Mr. Adam was a member of the first Board of Regents, and was re-appointed the following year. In the meantime be established a branch of the university at Teeumsch, and resigned his place in the regency in favor of Dr. Patterson, who resided at the latter place. Probably among all the men who rejoiced at the prospect of a great educational institution so early built up in the young State, there were none who took a warmer interest in its success than Mr. Adam. He gave freely of his valuable time to work for its success, and contributed of his means in establishing it upon a firm footing. Among the names which are inscribed upon the tablets of its early history none are more worthy of remembrance than that of John J. Adam.

When he was thirty-one years of age Mr. Adam was married, in August, 1838, to Miss Armenia Bradley, daughter of Deacon William Bradley, of Franklin, and a pioneer of Lenawe County. Mrs. Adam was born in Barre. Orleans Co., N. Y.,

March 7, 1817, and departed this life at her home in Tecumseh, July 8, 1870. Of this union there were born two children: Charles IL, Oct. 34, 1844, and Minnie B., Nov. 25, 1816. The latter is now the wife of Thomas Adamson, of Tecumseh, and the former is engaged in the jewelry business at Tecumseh.

For a second time Mr. Adam entered into a matrimonial alliance, appreciating the fact that "it is not well for man to dwell alone." On the 5th of November, 1873, he led to the altar Mrs. Cornelia M. Woimple nee Bradley, a sister of his first wife. She is a native of Barre, Orleans Co., N. Y., was born March 8, 1822, and was the widow of John Woimple.

As one of Lenawee County's most honored and prominent citizens; as one of the men of this portion of the State who have filled so well so many public positions, and as one of the pioneers of Michigan, the publishers of this Alburu take great plants, and a presenting to its patrons the portrait of John J. Adam.

FREDERICK MATTHES. Among the arts and sciences of which man is master, there is none more noble than that of architecture and building, and in this profession the subject of this sketch is recognized as a leading light in the city of Adrian. He is comparatively young in years, and was born and reared among the people who were prompt to recognize his talents and the fact that Lenawee County has produced, among many other men of ability, one who has risen to an eminent place in this line of business. As a draftsman Mr. Matthes is seldom equaled or excelled. His fertile mind enables him to at once suggest that which will be most proper and complete for the object in view, and his efforts in this direction have gained him an enviable reputation.

Mr. Matthes is a native of Monroe County, this State, and was born at its county seat, July 20, 1854. His parents, John L. and Margaret (Kaumeier) Matthes, were natives of Germany, whence they emigrated to America and shortly afterward made a settlement in Monroe County, where they remained until 1865. That year they removed to Adrian, where they now reside.

Of the eleven children born to the parents of our subject, eight are living, five sons and three daughters, four of whom continue with their parents. C. Frederick was the second son, and was a lad of eleven years when his parents took up their residence in Adrian. Here he completed his studies, and at the age of thirteen years commenced learning the carpenter trade, at which he worked until twenty years of age. He happily chose the calling to which he was best adapted, but determined to enter its higher branches. With this end in view he repaired to Detroit and placed himself under the instruction of the well-known architects, Carl Schmidt and Julius Hess, in whose office he spent twelve months, when they pronounced him competent for all ordinary business in this line, as he had developed unusual talent for it.

Young Matthes now returned to Adrian and commenced business with his father as contractor and builder, and with whom he subsequently designed and planned some of the best buildings in the city. They have now the contract, as designers and draftsmen, for the State Reform School building, for girls, besides other important structures to be erected the current year (1888). They devote their whole time to their art and take pride in excelling.

Mr. Matthes. Sept. 18, 1880, was united in marriage with one of the most estimable young ladies of Adrian, Miss Carrie, daughter of Henry and Barbara (Mennel) Schwartz, who, like the parents of her husband, were of German ancestry. Of this union there have been born five children, namely: Clara, Arthur, Hermann, Edwin and Harold. The family residence, in its construction and surroundings, gives evidence of the character of its proprietor, being handsomely finished and furnished, and indicating in all its appointments the existence of comfort and plenty with most of the refinements of life.

ICHARD CLARKSON, whose name is familiar to a large portion of the people of Lenawee County, came with his parents to Michigan in 1831, when a child eight years of age, over fifty-six years ago, and has since

been a resident mostly of Macon Township. His early home was in Seneca County, N. Y., whence the family journeyed with their household goods, first by canal and lake, and then by ox-teams to this county. The latter part of their route lay through the heavy timber, and they traveled laboriously by ox-teams over a narrow and almost impassable road. The country at that time was vastly different from what it is at the present day, the cabin of a settler being a rare sight, and scarcely any other sign of civilization to mark the abode of human beings. Now the smiling cities, the grain fields, and the beautiful homesteads, make a picture on which those who have been instrumental in bringing about this condition of things may look with pardonable pride, while the railroads and other facilities of travel render a thousand-mile journey quite pleasurable. The Clarkson family, however, were not unaware that there would be danger and difficulty in their new undertaking, but they had counted the cost, and resolved to abide by the result. They arrived at their journey's end in comparative health and strength, and proceeded to establish the home, which after the lapse of years became one of the most desirable spots in Macon Township.

The subject of this sketch was born in Lodi Township, Seneca Co., N. Y., May 28, 1823, and being so young when leaving his birthplace, has little recollection of it. He was reared amid the pioneer scenes of Lenawee County, Mich., developing into manhood with physical strength unimpaired, and with a useful experience which formed the basis of his future success. He is now numbered among the prominent citizens of Macon Township, and has reaped so richly from his industry, that he is enabled to spend the sunset of an active life retired from labor, and enjoying the ease and comfort which he has justly earned. He has always been fond of rural pursuits, and clings to the home which he established during his young manhood, and which is pleasantly located on section 21, Macon Township.

Daniel Clarkson, the father of our subject, was born in Woodbridge Township, Middlesex Co., X. J., and was of New England ancestry for several generations. His childhood and youth were spent in his native State, and when starting out for himself he migrated to Seneca County, N. Y., and not long afterward was married in Lodi Township, to Miss Deborah Cadmus, a native of his own county in New Jersey. The Cadmus family were originally from Holland, and the father of Mrs. Clarkson, Richard Cadmus, removed from New Jersey and located in Seneca County, N. Y., during its early settlement, where he spent his last years.

After the birth of five children, Daniel Clarkson started with his family, in November, 1831, for the Territory of Michigan, taking with them their household goods, and making the journey via the canal and lakes to Detroit. At that city, which was then in its infancy, they secured an ox-team, by means of which they made their way to this county, along narrow roads almost impassable through swamps and underbrush; these alone were the sights and scenes by which the tediousness of the journey was relieved. They probably traveled many miles without passing a human habitation, and finally pitched their tent in the woods some distance from any opening, and with not a settler in sight.

Daniel Clarkson took up a tract of Government land on section 19, which was afterward laid off into Macon Township, and put up a rude log cabin with a stick-and-mud chimney and the wide, oldfashioned fireplace, before whose cheerful blaze men, women and children sat with deep content. They passed that winter under many difficulties, and in the spring the father commenced clearing the land and preparing it for cultivation. This involved the labor of years, but the parents lived to see a finely improved farm around them, and their children comfortably settled in life. Mr. Clarkson, as time passed, added to his real estate, and before his death, in July, 1869, when about seventy years of age, was the owner of 400 acres. He was a man of great energy and determination, and by prudence and economy acquired a valuable property. Politically, he was an active Democrat, fearless in the expression of his sentiments, and always ready to do battle for what he believed to be right. The faithful wife and mother, who had shared with her husband and children the vicissitudes of life in a new settlement, and been their ever affectionate friend and counselor, passed away the January following the death of her husband, and when about sixty-two years old. She was a lady of deep piety, and had been reared in the doctrines of the Presbyterian Church, to which she remained faithful all her life.

Richard Clarkson continued a member of his father's household until reaching his majority, and was married in Macon Township, Nov. 3, 1853, to Miss Mary M., daughter of John Osgood, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this Albem. Mrs. Clarkson is a native of the same county as her husband, and was born in Lodi Township, Jan. 1, 1833, She was thirteen years old when her parents came to this county, and remained with them until her marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Clarkson commenced life together at their present homestead, the condition ance at the present time. In due time their housewhom one is deceased, Minnie E., who died when two weeks old; Margaret J, remains at home with her parents, together with her sister Martha E.: Ella S, is the wife of John M. Pennington, a prosperous farmer of Macon Township, located at what is familiarly known as Pennington Corners.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarkson, about 1884, identified thenselves with the Dutch Reformed Church of Macon, and Mr. C., politically, is a Prohibitionist, They are regarded among the oldest and most highly respected residents of this county, while their kindness and hospitality are proverbial, and they have never turned from their door any who were friendless or in need.

FROY MEAD was born in North Salem, Westchester Co., N. Y., Jan, 4, 1831, and departed this life at his home in Macon Township, this county, March 21, 1883, being a little over fifty-two years of age. He served as a Union soldier during the late war, coming to this county just in time to enlist in one of the first Michigan regiments that went to do battle in behalf of the Union. His labors here consequently really commenced at the close of the war, when he re-

turned to Macon Township and proceeded with the plans which had been interrupted by the outbreak of the Rebellion.

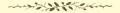
The early years of Mr. Mead were spent in his native county, where he became familiar with farm His parents, Squire and Nancy Mead, were natives of Westchester County, N. Y., and spent their last years in North Salem, that county. Leroy entered upon his military duties conscientiously and with a full appreciation of what he had undertaken. He became a member of Company G. 4th Michigan Infantry, enlisting as a private, and marched to the noticeable, and at an early date he was promoted First Lieutenant of his company, and participated with his regiment in some of the most important battles of the war. He was present at the siege of Yorktown and at Mechanicsville, the battles of Malvern Hill and Antictam, and was one of those who charged across the Potomac into Fredericksburg. There he was wounded by a gunshot in the shoulder, which for the time disabled him, and from

Lieut, Mead continued with his regiment until the surrender of Lee at Vicksburg, and received his honorable discharge with the rank to which he had been promoted. His services received hearty recognition by his superior officers and his comrades, and he was presented by his friends in New York City with a handsome sword and a silk sash, These relies are carefully preserved by his wife as sacred mementoes of the past, and from which she would not willingly part. Lieut, Mead, after his four years' service in the army, returned to Michican and resumed farming in Macon Township. After he had laid the foundations for a future home and prepared for the comfortable maintenance of a family, he was united in marriage to Miss Josephine Clarkson, the wedding taking place at the home of the bride in Macon Township, Feb. 19, 1867.

Mrs. Mead was born in Macon Township, April 8, 1838, and is the daughter of Daniel and Deborah Clarkson, a history of whom will be found in connection with the biography of Richard Clarkson on another page in this volume. She was reared to womanhood under the home roof, and carefully instructed in all household duties, being amply qualified to reign over the household of a good man. The ties of affection were cemented by the birth of four children, two of whom. Nettic L. and Mary E., died at the ages of fourteen and three respectively. Those surviving are Blanche and Camilla D., bright and interesting young girls, who remain at home with their mother.

Lieut, Mead was a solid Republican, politically, and took a lively interest in State and National affairs. In his death Macon Township lost one of its most public-spirited citizens, and society one of its most valued members.

Mrs. Mend received a good education, and for some time before her marriage was engaged in teaching. She belongs to the Reformed Church and is a lady greatly respected by her neighbors. The farm, which was left her by her husband, is quite valuable, comprising 120 acres of land with suitable buildings and machinery, and all the appliances of a first-class country estate.



HARLES HUMPHREY, dealer in books and stationery in the city of Adrian, came to this county in the year 1861, and is well and favorably known as a reliable business man, and a peaceable and law-abiding citizen. He is a native of Ontario County, N. Y., and was born in the town of Canandaigua, Oct. 31, 1834. His father, John Humphrey, was a native of Hunterdon County, N. J., and was born March 21, 1798. He left there when eighteen years of age, and took up his residence in Seneca County, N. Y., where he engaged to learn the blacksmith's trade. This occupation he followed several years in different places, and finally started a foundry at Canandaigua, which he operated about six years.

John Humphrey sold his property in New York and came to Michigan, in the year 1837, locating on a tract of land in the township of Wheatland, Hillsdale County, the only improvement on which was a rude shanty, one rod square and built of slabs, This structure he put in repair and occupied with his family for three years and until enabled to put up a good log house; he remained on this farm until bis death, Oct. 16, 1870. He was a man of good business qualifications, kind as a neighbor and useful as a citizen. He served his township several terms as Supervisor, and represented the interests of the county in the State Legislature in the session of 1845. He was progressive in his ideas, and did everything in his power to advance the interests of his adopted county. The mother of our subject. formerly Miss Jane Hall, was the daughter of Moses Hall, a native of Pennsylvania, who migrated to Ontario County, N. Y., when a young man, and was there occupied in the foundry business for a number of years. He acquired a good property. and retired from active labor several years before his death, which took place at the home of his son, in Williamsport, Pa., when he was over seventy years of age.

Our subject remained a member of his father's household until twenty years of age. He had improved his rather limited opportunities for obtaining an education, and developed into a school teacher, following his profession in winter and working on the farm the remainder of the year. In the spring of t856 he spent one term at Hillsdale College, when his studies were interrupted on account of an affection of the eyes. Subsequently he resumed teaching as before, and in the spring of 1858 he journeyed southwest, crossing the Mississippi into Missouri, where he taught school until the breaking out of the late war. He then returned North, and engaged as a clerk in a store at Adrian until the following year, when he invested his capital in a limited stock of books and stationery.

Mr. Humphrey was married, in October, 1863, to Miss Caroline, daughter of Nicholas and Amelia (Muller) Riehl, natives of France. Mr. Riehl emigrated to the United States when a young man and located in St. Louis County. Mo., soon after his marriage, where his daughter Caroline was born. Mr. Riehl carried on the business of a florist and nurseryman, in which he was quite successful, and exhibited rare taste and art in the various departments of his calling; he died at his home in Carondelet many years ago. Mrs. Riehl survives, and makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. Humphrey. Our subject and his wife have two children; John C., fifteen years of age, and Caroline A., an interesting little miss of thirteen; one son, Willis L., died when eight years of age.

Mrs. Humphrey is a lady of many estimable qualities and a devoted member of the Pre-slyterian Church. Mr. Humphrey is Democratic in politics, like his father before him, and was an Alderman one term. He has never been an office-secker, but prefers to devote his time to his business interests and his home. The latter is pleasantly located on State street, and is the frequent resort of the intelligent and cultivated people of the community.



EZEKIAH W. HOXTER. Most men, be it said to their credit, prefer to make the history of their parents the leading feature of their biography, and accordingly we give at once the names of those from whom our subject drew his origin, namely: William and Jannett (Knowles) Hoxter, natives of Seneca County, N. Y., and old Haddam, Coun., respectively. The father was born Jan. 12, 1808, and the mother April 13, 1813. The latter removed with her parents to the Empire State when a child five years of age, and there developed into we manhood, and met her future husband.

The parents of our subject continued in Seneca County, N. Y., six years after their marriage, and in May, 1836, started with their little family for the Territory of Michigan. William Hoxter purchased a farm in Rome Township, which he subsequently the Territorial road, seven miles west of Adrian. In 1841 he entered a blacksmith's shop, which for twenty-five years afterward was a familiar landmark to the people of that section for miles around. Besides running his shop and doing all the work for travelers and farmers as far west as Coldwater, Mr. Hoxter cleared and improved eighty acres of his land, ninety-five of the original purchase still remaining in his possession. Mr. and Mrs. William Hoxter became the parents of seven children, four sons and three daughters, of whom Hezekiah W. was the eldest. The others were named respectively. Susan, now the wife of John 11, Todd, of Rollin. Heman and William, deceased; Elizabeth, the wife of Bertram Skeels, of Rome Township; Josephine, deceased, and an infant son who died unnamed.

Our subject was the eldest of the parental family, and was born in Varick, Seneca Co., N. Y., Jan. 24, 1832. He was a little had four years old when his parents came to the young. State of Michigan, and was reared to manhood at the pioneer homestead. He was never strong in his childhood and consequently could not avail himself to a great extent of even the limited advantages of the district school. In time he began to assist his father in the blacksmithshop, finally serving an apprenticeship of three years in Rome. Township, and followed that trade five or six years afterward. In 1866 he removed from Rome Township to Dover and located on the land included in his present homestead. He abandoned blacksmithing about that time and gave his entire attention to agricultural pursuits; he has now a fine estate of ninety-five acres, with a set of good frame buildings.

Mr. Hoxter, when a little over twenty-two years of age, was united in marriage with one of the maidens of Rome Township, Miss Lois B. Sutton, the wedding taking place at the home of the bride, March 14, 1854. Mrs. Hoxter is the daughter of Pharis and Hannah M. (Foote) Sutton, natives of New York and Connecticut respectively, a sketch of whom will be found on another page in this voltime. She was the second in a family of seven children and was born in Adrian Township, March 20, 1803. Mr. and Mrs. Hoxter have one child only, a daughter, Ella M., who is now the wife of Edwin P. Gambee, a resident of Dover Township, and engaged in farming. Our subject, politically, supports Republican principles, and he and his estimable lady are members in good standing of the



ORACE B. EATON owns and occupies a beautiful farm in Tocumsch Township, which was once a part of the old homestead of Daniel Waring, one of the pioneers of this county, and the land of which has been brought to a high state of cultivation. Mr. E. took possessions

sion of his purchase in the spring of 1882, and erected a fine residence with a good barn and numerous out-buildings. Here he has sixty-seven acres, and also has a controlling interest in the old homestead of his father adjacent, which he manages and which is occupied by his aged mother.

Mr. Eaton was born in Raisin Township, this county, at the old homestead near the Technisch line, Oct. 9, 1843. His father, James C. Eaton, a native of Canandaigua, Ontario Co., N. Y., was born in May, 1808, and was the son of James Eaton, Sr., a native of Massachusetts. The latter married Miss Mary Brokelbank, in the Bay State, whence soon afterward they removed to Ontario County, N. Y., where they lived until coming to this county in the spring of 1828. James Eaton, Sr., took up a tract of land on section 1, in Raisin Township, upon which he lived and labored many years, and which eventually became the property of James C., the father of our subject. Upon this farm Horace B. was born, and as we have seen, it still remains the property of the family.

James C. Eaton was a young man twenty years of age when he came to this county with his parents, with whom he remained until his marriage. This most interesting and important event in his life was celebrated in 1834, his bride being Miss Sarah J. Wheeler, of Raisin Township, and the daughter of James and Mary (Rose) Wheeler, natives of New York. The mother of our subject was born in Steuben County, N. Y., in January 1818. Her parents came to Michigan in 1831, and she joined them the following year. After their marriage James C. Eaton and his wife located on section 1, in Raisin Township, which was then all a timber tract. The father was enterprising and industrious, and entered with hope and courage upon a worthy career, but was cut down in the midst of his usefulness, his death occurring Nov. 18, 1853. He had been prominent in the local affairs of his community, filling the various township offices, officiating as School Trustee and Commissioner of Highways, and in various other ways making himself useful to the people around him.

The parental household of our subject included eight children, two of whom died before the decease of the father. James W., the eldest son, is in India; Amanda M, became the wife of John H. Waring, a well-to-do farmer of Tecumseh Township; Charles II. was born May 27, 1840, and died about 1869; Horace B, of our sketch was the fourth in order of birth; Julia D, and J. Clement. The latter died when about twenty-four years of age, and was a young man of great promise, fond of intellectual pursuits, and a graduate of the Michigan State University. The mother is still living on the old homestead, and retains much of the activity of her earlier years.

The maternal grandfather of our subject, James Wheeler, was one of the pioneer settlers of Lenawee County, and a man noted for his enterprise and intelligence. Besides filling the various township offices, including Justice of the Peace, and Supervisor, he represented this county in the State Legislature, and did excellent service upon various important committees. He possessed a remarkably strong constitution, and was a man of a kindly and generous disposition, which endeared him to all with whom he came in contact. He departed this life at his home in Tecumseh Township, Feb. 28, 1857, being in the sixty-first year of his age. His estimable wife survived him about twenty years, and spent her last days in Tecumseh. They were the parents of four daughters and one son, all of whom are living: Philura, the wife of A. Hood, a prosperous business man of Detroit; Betsey, who married Joseph Collins, a well-to-do farmer of Raisin Township; Ruth. Mrs. James Taylor, residing inthe town of Hart, this State; and James H., who is engaged in the clothing business in the city of Chieago.

Horace B. Eaton spent his boyhood and youth upon the farm of his father, and became familiar with its various employments, while at the same time he acquired a good knowledge of the common branches of study in the district school. Later he entered the State Agricultural College at Lansing, from which he was graduated in 1866. Then, returning to the farm, he completed his preparations for the establishment of a home of his own.

Our subject, Nov. 11, 1869, was united in marriage with Miss Sarah A., daughter of Daniel and Mary (Harrison) Waring, of Tecunsch Township, Mrs. Eaton is the daughter of a well-known family

of pioneers who were prominent in the early settlement of this county, people of enterprise and worth who accumulated a good property. After marriage Mr. and Mrs. E. continued for a period of eleven years on the Eaton homestead, and until after the death of Mr. Daniel Waring. Mr. Eaton then purchased a part of the old farm of the latter, to which he removed, and where he has since industriously labored to enhance its beauty and value. The little household includes three bright children, one son and two daughters-Joseph O., Mary A. and Agnes L. Our subject and his wife are members in good standing of the Methodist Episcopai Church, and are sincere and consistent Christian people. Politically, Mr. E. votes the Prohibition ticket, and is a stanch supporter of the principles that guide that party.



RANVILLE MILLS. In the subject of the following sketch we find an excellent example for young men just embarking in the field of active life, of what may be accomplished by a man beginning with little means, otherwise than his strong hands and resolute will. Early in life he was taught habits of industry and economy, and amidst the surroundings of pioneer days, developed in mind and body, growing up healthy and strong, and well equipped for the struggle before him. The work of few men more forcibly illustrates the result of continued labor and perseverance.

The beautiful and comfortable home of Mr, Mills is ranked among the most, valuable property in Macon Township. It is finely located on sections 3 and 10, and embraces 190 acres, which by a thorough process of cultivation has become exceedingly fertile, and produces in abundance the richest crops of the Wolverine State. The residence is elegant and commodious, and the adjacent farm buildings are of first-class description, displaying upon all sides the existence of cultivated tastes and ample means. There is a choice assortment of five stock on the place, the farm implements are of the latest approved pattern, and everything about the

premises is well eared for, nothing being allowed to run to waste. The picture of the complete country home is fully illustrated in the Mills farm.

Mr. Mills was norn at his father's homestead in Macon Township, Feb. 27, 1835, nearly two years previous to the admission of Michigan into the Union as a State. He literally grew up with the country, and made the most of his school advan-He was genial and social in disposition, and was the favorite among the young people in the country of the old. These qualities were greatly to his advantage, as his father died when he was sixteen sources. Upon reaching his majority, he received the portion which fell to him from his father's large estate, and which consisted of 120 acres of land which was but little removed from its primitive condition. Young Mills at once began to improve his property and prepare a home for his prospective bride. In due time he was married, Jan. 29, 1863, to Miss Maria Ferguson, the wedding taking place in the selection of a partner and helpmeet, as Mrs. pary intelligence, and the efficient helper of her fashion of a conscientious wife and mother,

Mrs. Mills was born in Manchester, England, April 6, 1812, where her father carried on merchandising, but died while comparatively a young man not far from the place of his birth. The mother then came with her children to the United States, and Mrs. Mills received a practical education, mostly in Tecumsch, this county, where she had lived since a child. Mr. and Mrs. Mills after their marriage located upon their present homestead, which at that time bore little resemblance to its present state. It has required the exercise of great labor and wise forethought to bring the farm to its present condition, as one of the most desirable homesteads in Southern Michigan. In addition to general agriculture Mr. Mills makes a specialty of sheep-raising, handling mostly the American Merimos.

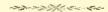
Gabriel Mills, the father of our subject, who was largely interested in the development of Macon Township, was born in what is now Ocean County, N. J., where he was reared to manhood, and recognized as a youth of more than ordinary intelligence and business capacity. Before leaving his native State, he was married to Miss Hannah Collins, of excellent English ancestry who came to this country during the Colonial days. Miss Collins was reared to womanhood in her native State of New Jersey, and proved in all respects a most suitable companion for her husband, being active, energetic, intelligent, and always ambitious for the welfare of her family. Both the Mills and Collins families were of old Quaker stock, and Gabriel Mills and his wife, who were reared in the doctrines of the Society of Friends, adhered during their entire life with pious devotion to the faith which had been tanght them in their childhood.

In 1834, after the birth of three children, Gabriel Mills and his wife decided to seek their fortune in the undeveloped Territory of Michigan. Mr. M., the year before, furnished means and sent his brother James to this county with a stock of goods, and in connection with the sale of these, he erected a small sawmill in Macon Township, near the creek, which was the first structure of the kind in this part of Lenawee County. This institution was hailed with delight by the settlers, and for years afterward was extensively patronized, it being difficult to fill the orders which came pouring in. The store was established in a small barn belonging to Mr. Pennington, another pioneer, and from this were purchased the first goods brought into Macon Township to sell, When Gabriel Mills joined his brother James, his first business was to put up a small log house for the accommodation of his family, after which he superintended the operations of his store and mill, and was greatly prospered in his labors, He invested his surplus capital in additional land, and before his death had become the owner of more than 800 acres. The homestead of 460 acres comprised the west half of the southwest quarter of section 9, and east half of southeast quarter of section 8; this land the father had brought to a good state of cultivation. He had also been active in the establishment of schools and churches, and religiously

was one of the old-time followers of Elias Hick, while politically he was a stanch Whig. He died at the homestead in 1857, aged fifty-eight years, while his widow is yet living there and has reached the advanced age of eighty-two years.

The wife of our subject, formerly Miss Maria Ferguson, is a daughter of John and Caroline (Shufflebotham) Ferguson, the former a native of Aberdeen, Scotland, and the latter of Manchester. England. The parents were married in the latter city, where the father conducted the business of a clothier from that time until his death, which took place April 31, 1848, when he was thirty years of age, leaving his wife with three small children-Emma, Maria and Frederick A. The mother, in 1850 or 1851, accompanied by her two daughters, came to America, and at once sought the West as her permaneut home. They located in Tecumseh, this county, and Mrs. Ferguson was subsequently married to David Hatch, of Macon Township, where the death of both took place some years ago. Mrs. Hatch and her first husband were members of the Church of England,

Mr. and Mrs. Mills have no children of their own, but in 1881 adopted a little boy, the son of parents bearing their own name. Gabriel, as they named him, is a bright and intelligent had, and a great comfort to his foster-parents. Mr. Mills politically, uniformly votes the straight Republican ticket, and wherever known is recognized as one of the most valued residents of Lenawee County.



YMAN E. HAUSE, a prominent farmer and old resident of Ridgeway Township, resides on section 4, where he owns a fine property of eighty acres, which is known as the old Hause homestead. Mr. Hause became the owner of this property in 1878, since which time his skillful mangement has resulted in greatly improving it. Although incurring a considerable debt at the time of his purchase, his energy and industry will soon enable him to clear it of all incumbrance.

Our subject was born where he now resides, Dec. 21, 1841, and is the son of Sanford Hause, who was born and reared in Seneca County, N. Y., where he

grew to manhood and selected Miss Lydia Swarthout for his companion in life. She had been reared in the same neighborhood, and surrounded by similar influences as her husband. The parents continued to reside on a farm in Seneca County until their household was increased by the birth of four children, when, feeling the necessity for better opportunities to use the limited means at their command, they decided to join the tide of emigration which was then setting toward Southern Michigan, and which place accordingly became their home more than fifty years ago. The country was then in its primitive condition, and the settlement below the Ridge, in Ridgeway Township, had few inhabitants other than the wild game and animals which the settlers found there upon their arrival. This section was then very low and flat, being thought by many to have originally formed a part of Lake Erie. The land was exceedingly wet and muddy. so much so that it was known as "the Muddy Swamp," and was greatly dreaded by travelers.

The elder Hause took up his home on this flatland, building himself a log but on the principal road. When travel began to increase, he enlarged his original cabin and converted it into a public house, known in those times as a tayern, which he operated for some years successfully and gained the reputation of being a genial landlord. The muddy condition of the roads contributed to his prosperity, as it frequently necessitated delay on the part of travelers, and he kept many of his guests two nights. Travelers would get within a mile or so of the house, and leaving their wagons in the muddy road, would proceed to the tayern and put up, in order to give their worn-out teams a chance to recuperate. The next day they would not get very far on the other side of the hotel, and would return to the house and spend another night of comfort and good cheer.

An incident told by one of the guests who stopped at this wayside inn will serve to illustrate the condition of the primitive roads in that section. The author of the story was a real Yankee, and some allowance should perhaps be made for the exercise of his imagination. As he was coming through the swamp, so he says, and was nearing the tavern, he saw a hat, as he supposed, lying on the ground. He reached down from his animal, which was sinking deep into the hog, to pick up the last, but was told by a voice from under it to let it alone, as the wearer was all right, since he had a good horse under him! The ment supplied for Fether Hause's guests consisted chiefly of venison, which was prepared by the landlord's faithful wife.

Sunford Hause lived to a ripe old age, and died Feb. 15, 1885. He filled the office of Supervisor for several years, and was many times elected Justice of the Peace, being known for many years by the familiar name of "Squire Hause," He was a charter member of the First Christian Church, of Ridgeway, of which his wife, who still survives, is a member, as was also her daughter. Mrs. Coryell, of Ridgeway, who is now deceased.

The only opportunities for education which our subject enjoyed were those derived from the common schools of his neighborhood, calarged by his own observation and a general reading of good books and periodicals. He was a soldier in the late war, having calisted Aug. 12, 1862, in Company F. 26th Michigan Infantry, commanded by Capt. Saviers, which became a part of the Army of the Potomac. Company F. however, was detached and assigned to gnard duty during the whole three years of service, at Alexandria, Va. Our subject thus saw little fighting, but was exposed to many physical dangers and bardships, from which he contracted a fever and other forms of disease, which have somewhat impaired his health. He was honorably discharged as Jackson, June 14, 1865, and upon his return home he resumed his agricultural pursuits, in which he has been engaged ever since,

Mr. Hause has been twice married, his first wife being Miss Emma Pocklington, to whom he was mitted Feb. 17, 1866, at 1da Station, Monroe Co., Mich. She was a native of Yorkshire, England, born about 1846, and when a mere child came to this country with her parents, who settled in Ridgeway Township, this country, where they are still living, on a pleasant little farm. By her union with our subject she became the mother of three children—William S., Irva and Emma—all of whom are still living at home. She died at the birth of the last child, Sept. 23, 1875. Mr. Hause was married a second time, to Miss Caroline Kniffen, who was born in Seneca County, N. Y., Sept. 13, 1839, and came to Lenawee County, Much, with her parents while yet a child. She is the daughter of Isaac L. and Eliza (Fowle) Kniffen, who were married in Seneca County, the place of their birth. They came to Michigan in 1843, locating on a farm in Ridgeway Township, where the mother is still living at a good old age. She was deprived of her faithful partner in the year 1881. Both were charter members of the First Christian Church of Ridgeway.

To Lyman and Caroline Hause one child has been born, a son, Clarence. Our subject and wife are active members and workers in the Christian Church, while in politics Mr. II. is a Prohibitionist.

ARON WHITACRE is a well-to-do farmer of many years' experience. He and his good wife are passing their declining years on their farm, which is pleasantly located on section 16 of Dover Township, and are in the enjoyment of the respect and confidence of all in the neighborhood.

Mr. Whitacre is a Pennsylvanian by birth. His paternal grandfather, Robert Whitacre, was born Dec. 28, 1739, in Bucks County, Pa., as was his wife, whose maiden name was Sarah Winder, who was born Oct, 18, 1740. The latter was a relative of Gen. Winder. Both she and her husband died in Lycoming County, Pa. The parents of our subject were of English and Scotch-Irish ancestry, His father, Joseph Whitacre, was born in Wakefield Township, Bucks Co., Pa., Dec. 28, 1772. He married Catharine Adlum, who was born in Little York, York Co., Pa., Oct. 29, 1770. They settled in Lycoming County, Pa., where they continued to reside until their death. Mr. Whitaere, Sr., was a man of much practical ability and experience, and was much looked up to by his neighbors; he was a farmer and surveyor by occupation. He died May 15, 1844, and his wife died Jan. 31, 1851. They were the parents of nine children, six sons and three daughters.

Our subject was the youngest of his parents' children. He was born in Muncie Township, Lycoming Co., Pa., Sept. 15, 1814. He was reared to a farmer's life on his father's farm, receiving a sound, common-sense training from his parents. He lived with them until he was twenty-four years of age, actively assisting his father in carrying on his farm.

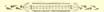
Mr. Whitacre's marriage to Miss Anna Carson took place on the 22d of February, 1838. She was born in Shrewsbury Township, Lycoming Co., Pa., Oct. 26, 1817. After his marriage he rented the old homestead of his father, and commenced farming for himself. He continued to reside on that place for nearly four years, and then concluded to leave his native State and try farming in Ohio. Accordingly he removed to Lucas County, that State, where he bought a farm in Spencer Township, During his residence there the wife, who had accompanied him from their old home, and had brayely endured with him the discomforts of settlement in a new country, died on the 3d of April, 1846, leaving him with a family of four small children. The following is the record of their children, all of whom grew to maturity: George, who lives in Nebraska; Jacob, who was a member of the 1st Illinois Cavalry, and died of congestion of the brain at Augusta, Ark.; William, who resides in Wichita County, Kan., and Sarah C., who is the wife of Chester C. Van Dorn, of Adrian Township

Mr. Whitacre was again married in Lucas County, in January, 1847, to Rachel Gardner, daughter of Robert and Margaret (Crawford) Gardner. Her parents, after their marriage, had first settled in Columbia County. Pa., and thence removed to Lycoming County. In the fall of 1842 they removed from the Keystone State to what was then Williams County, Ohio. This county was afterward divided, and the part in which they had settled was called Defiance County. In that part of the Buckeye State they made their home, and remained until their death. Nine children were born to them, four sons and five daughters. Mrs. Whitacre was the sixth child, and was born in Columbia County, Pa., April 2, 1817.

Mr. Whitacre lived in Spencer Township for ten years, busily engaged in cultivating his farm, on which he made many improvements, but afterward had a chance to dispose of his farm at an advance, After selling his property he removed with his family to Springfield, where he rented a farm for a year. In 1853 he left Ohio and came to Lenawee County for the purpose of purchasing a farm, and bought 120 acres of land in Dover Township, on sections 16 and 21. He made his home on the former section, and energetically set to work to bring his land under good tillage. He now has eighty-five acres of his land well improved, has creeted commodions and substantial buildings, and otherwise greatly increased the value of his farm, which may be classed among the best in the township.

To Mr. and Mrs. Whitaere have been born six children, two of whom died in infancy. The surviving children are Ann. Erasmus C., Nancy A., and Joseph G. Ann is the wife of Jacob Whele, of Franklin Township, this county: Erasmus married Miss Elsie Hamlin, and lives in Dover Township; Nancy is the wife of Franklin Allen, of Dover Township; Joseph married Miss Ennice Hare, and lives in Clayton, Mich.

Mr. Whitaere is a man of decided character and sound judgment, is quite capable of forming opinions of his own, and does not fear to express them when occasion offers. In politics he is identified with the Democratic party, although he is quite independent in his views, and endeavors to vote for the best men and measures.



OHN EXELBY, formerly an old resident of Ridgeway Township, is now a citizen of Detroit, but still maintains his interest and his connection with Ridgeway Township, where he was born March 9, 1840, and reared to mannood at the homestead of his father, on section 4. He was educated in the common school, and continued a member of his father's household until his marriage, Nov. 21, 1860, to Miss Mary McCam, of Ridgeway Township.

The wife of our subject, a native of Canada, was born within hearing of the roar of Niagara Falls, in the Province of Ontario, June 4, 1843, Her parents were of Irish birth and ancestry, and emigrated to Canada in their youth. The father died when his daughter Mary was a young child,

but she continued with her mother until her marriage. In the spring of 1869 they left the Dominion for Southeastern Michigan, where Mrs. E. became acquainted with her future husband and was married that same year. This union resulted in the birth of six children, of whom three are deceased, namely: Alphoria, Henry L. and Carrie, who all died in early childhood. The survivors are, Frederick, suffiym and Anna M.

Mr. and Mrs. Exelby soon after their marriage, settled on a farm in Ridgeway Township, but a year later their plans vere broken in upon by the Rebellion, as Mr. E. was impelled by patriotism to respond to the call for volunteers to assist m maintaining the Union. On the 6th of August, 1862, he enlisted in Company F, 26th Michigan Infantry, the company being under the command of Capt. Severs, who is now a resident of Ithaca, Gratiot Co., Mich. The regiment was first ordered to Washington, thence to Alexandria, Va., where Company F was detached and held for garrison duty. Mr. Exelby was detailed for duty in the Commissary department, in which he remained until the close of the war, and received his honorable discharge June 4, 1865. Although he saw no active service in the field, he fulfilled the duties assigned him in a creditable manner, and never missed a day in reporting for duty.

Upon his return from the army Mr. Exelby resumed farming in Ridgeway Township until the Clinton County where he operated a farm some eighteen months, and thence removed back to Ridgeway Township, this county, where, in company with his brother Jesse, he ran a sawmill for four years. Upon selling out his interest in this, in the spring of 1872, he crossed the Mississippi and went to Adams County, Neb., where he took up 160 acres of land from the Government near the town of Juniata. This he occupied until the fall of 1876, when he determined to return to the Wolverine State. He drove with a team back to Michigan, arriving just in time to become one of the sufferers in the grasshopper scourge of that lution to remain in this State. Accordingly in the fall of 1877, he returned to his farm in Nebraska, traveling in the same manner as before, with ter

Mr. Exclby continued in Nebraska this time until the fall of 1879, and then returned again with teams to Michigan, and located in Ridgeway Township, where, in 1881 he put up the Forest Hotel, located in Britton, and where he officiated as "mine host" until his removal to Detroit in the summer of 1887. Mr. Exelby now purposes to engage in general merchandising, and has the business qualities necessary to success.



EHEMIAH M. SUTTON. One of the most beautiful homesteads in Tecumseh Township is owned and occupied by the subject of this sketch. It comprises a fine body of land, and a handsome and commodious two-story dwelling, which stands nearly a quarter of a mile from the main road, and is approached by a beautiful avenue, flanked on either side by handsome shade trees and ending in well-kept grounds. Everything about the premises indicates the existence of cultivated and refined tastes, and the family are among the most widely known and highly respected citizens of Lenawee County.

The first representative of this name in America was one Joseph Satton, whose father emigrated from Lincolnshire, England, and located first in Massachusetts. The son subsequently took up his residence on Long Island, where he died between 1765 and 1770. He married Miss Mary Sands, and they became the parents of a large family, among whom was Moses Satton, the grandfather of our subject, who was born March 15, 1756, and married Miss Rebecca I nderhill. Among their sons was Isaac Sutton, who was born May 3, 1789, and became the father of our subject. He spent his early life in New York, and upon reaching manhood married, in October, 1810, Miss Sarah Underhill, who was born Feb. 6, 1790, and was the daughter of James and Phebe Underhill. The father was a farmer by occupation, and departed this life Aug. 30, 1861. while the mother died at the homestead in 1872.

The subject of this sketch was born June 21, 1829, in Cayuga County, N. Y., where he was reared until seven years of age. He then, in the spring of

1836, removed with his parents to Michigan, where they located on a farm of 640 acres which the father purchased near Battle Creek. Upon first reaching this section of country, Indians were more numerous than white people, but the elder Sutton was a man of great energy and resolution, and built up a good home from the wilderness, spending his last days in ease and comfort. After the death of her husband, the mother came to Raisin Township, this county, where her death took place in the fall of 1871.

The children of Isaac and Sarah (Underhill) Sutton, nine in number, included eight sons and one daughter, all of whom lived to mature years, Of these, Nehemiah M. was the youngest, and was reared to farm pursuits, in the meantime receiving a good education in his adopted State. He continued under the parental roof until twenty-two years of age, when, desirous of a change of occupation, he repaired to Detroit and learned daguerreotyping: he still has a picture which he made of his mother after the old fashion, and which is in a good state of preservation. He remained in Detroit about five years, then removed to Raisin Township, this county, where he began farming, and continued until after the death of his father. He then assumed the management of the homestead, and in the meantime purchased the property which he now occupies in the vicinity of Tecumseh. This farm comprises 240 acres of land, and besides the residence already spoken of, there are about six barns and various other out-buildings required for the purpose of sheltering stock and storing grain. In addition to this property he has another farm of 210 acres in Franklin Township, with an equal number of barns, and all the other buildings necessary, with the latest improved machinery; he has also twenty acres in Raisin Township. As a stock-raiser Mr. Sutton has obtained an enviable reputation; his stock consists mostly of horses and sheep, although he gives considerable attention to the breeding of swine. He sows about 200 acres of wheat annually.

The wife of our subject to whom he was married March 13, 1854, was formerly Miss Mary E. Satterthwaite, a native of this State, and the daughter of Reuben and Rachel Satterthwaite, who were among the pioneer settlers of Lenawee County. They located in Raisin Township, where they were residents for a short time, and are now deceased. Mrs. Sutton was born June 27, 1835, and was reared at the home of her nucle, with whom she continued until her marriage. To Mr. and Mrs. Sutton there were born two children: Anna R., now the wife of Frederick Stoepel, of the firm of Burnham. Stoepel & Co., wholesale dry-goods merchants of Detroit; and Mary R., the wife of James S. Wilson, also a member of the above firm.

Mr. Sutton has invested most of his capital in Tecumseh Township, owning nine-tenths of the Opera House stock in the town, besides his extensive farming lands adjacent, which altogether include about 470 acres. He is one of the solid men of his community, who is depended upon to further its best interests, and has always proved himself equal to the demands upon him; he votes the straight Republican ticket.

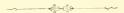
OHN MAWDSLEY, City Clerk of Adrian, has for many years enjoyed the confidence and esteem of those who have watched his career with interest during the years in which he has been prominent among the people of Adrian, and in which he has signalized himself as a citizen of good husiness abilities and generally interested in the welfare of his community. The settlement of this county was largely effected from the first by the better class of a foreign-born population, who came here armed principally with stout hands and resolute wills, and were numbered among the most responsible and reliable pioneers of the State.

The subject of this sketch was born in the city of Manchester, England, Oct. 31, 1841, and is the son of William and Elizabeth (Anderson) Mawdsley, who were of excellent Scotch ancestry. William Mawdsley spent his entire life on his native soil, and died near the scenes of his early youth and manhood about 1869; the mother is still living and now quite aged. The parental household included eight children, six sons and two daughters, of whom John was the second born. He acquired

his education in the public schools of his native city, and occupied himself as a teacher one year and seven months. He then engaged as a clerk in a wholesale leather establishment, occupying this position five years, and leaving with the good-will of his employers and co-laborers. In the spring of 1864 he sailed for America, landing in the city of New York, of which he remained a resident two years. From there he migrated southwestward to Louisiana, and was occupied as a painter in the city of New Orleans two years.

Mr. Mawdsley was now seized with a strong desire to visit the scenes of his childhood and youth, and accordingly, in February, 1869, he set sail for the shores of his native England. After a safe voyage he was welcomed under the old roof tree, and spent three months visiting among his former friends and associates. He had no desire, however, to remain there permanently, and at the end of that time set sail again for the United States, this time making Chicago his objective point. Here he engaged in painting until December, 1870, when he made his way to this county, and in the city of Adrian entered the employ of the Illinois Manufacturing Company, in which he continued until the destruction of the works by lire. About this time, hearing of a good opening in Cincinnati for workmen, he repaired thither, but only staid about three months. Returning to Adrian at the expiration of that time, he became an employe of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad Co., with which he remained from 1877 to 1884. when he became interested in public matters, and evinced such good judgment and ability that he was elected City Recorder by a majority of ninety-two votes. At the expiration of his first term in this office, he was re-elected and is now serving his fourth term. He proved himself a most efficient officer, and one above party factions and

Mr. Mawdsley, while a resident of Adrian, made the acquaintance of one of its most estimable young ladies, Miss Mary C. Anthony, of Mendon, N. Y., to whom he was married in January, 1872. This lady became the mother of two children, Esther E. and Margaret, and departed this life at her home in Adrian, May 8, 1878. The present wife of our subject, to whom he was married in December, 1880, was formerly Miss Alice Nicholson, a native of Hillsdale, this State, and was born March 5, 1845. Her parents are at the present time residing in Adrian. The family residence is pleasantly located at No. 35 Butler street. Mr. M., politically, is a stanch Democrat, and socially a member of Adrian Lodge No. 8, L.O. O. F.; he also belongs to Adrian Lodge No. 9, F. & A. M.



HARLES A. CHALONER. By a happy dispensation of nature one man is fitted for one station in life and another for another, and happy is he who possesses the wisdom to chose that to which he is best adapted. The subject of this narrative is carrying on a business which affords pleasure and satisfaction to a large proportion of citizens, being a newsdealer of ripe experience. with a fine stock of literature always on hand, and also commands a good trade in tobacco and its natural accompaniments. He is located in a handsomely appointed store on Mannee street, and is mentioned as the leader in this department of business in the city of Adrian. Politically he is a prominent Republican, and religiously, an active member of the Episcopal Church. Socially and financially be occupies an enviable position among the intelligent and well-to-docitizens of one of the most prosperous towns in the Wolverine State.

Mr. Chaloner was born in the city of London, England, May 22, 1829, of parents who were also of English birth and highly educated, both following the profession of teacher for many years before their marriage. Charles J. and Eliza (Latham) Chaloner were the parents of four children, all living, and of whom Charles A. of our sketch was the eldest. The latter, with his brothers and sisters, received the advantages of a common-school education, supplemented by a careful home training. He was also taught habits of industry, and when a youth of fifteen years began serving an apprenticeship at the shoemaker's trade, which he followed as a journeyman for some time afterward.

Young Chaloner remained a resident of his native city until reaching manhood, and three years after his marriage, which took place May 13, 1855. His bride was Miss Diana Moore, of Staffordshire, and the young people commenced life together in a modest dwelling in Wolverhampton, Staffordshire. For three years after his marriage Mr. Chaloner continued at his trade, but the results not being entirely satisfactory, he resolved to change his location. He accordingly sailed from Liverpool in January, 1858, with his little family, and eight weeks later found himself upon American soil, in the city of New York. From there he went over into Canada, but after a short time returned to the States and made his way westward, coming to Adrian in September, 1858. Here he soon secured employment at his trade and was thus occupied about eighteen years.

In the meantime Mr. Chaloner, by a course of industry and perseverance, had accumulated a snug little capital, and with this opened the news and tobacco store which has since developed into one of the important business features of the city. He was first located on North Main street, from which he removed to his present store in 1880, and commands a fine patronage from the best residents of the city.

The little household of our subject and his wife includes four children, one son and three daughters, viz., Annie E., William H., Rosa E. and Laura L. William H. is the efficient assistant of his father in the store. Another son, Charles J. died in 1863, at the age of two and one-half years. Mrs. Chaloner is a lady greatly esteemed in the community, and is a consistent member of the Episcopal Church. Mr. C. was at one time Chief of the Fire Department at Adriau, and has for years been prominent in city affairs and is well known to a large proportion of its people.

DOLF WHEELER, of the firm of Wheeler & Aldrich, dealers in boots and shoes in Adrian, is one of the enterprising business men of the city, and takes a lively interest in its material welfare. Alr. Wheeler is a native of the State of Michigan, and was born in the city of Manchester, Washtenaw County, March 22, 1842.

His father was Prespect J., mative of Connecticula, who was born in Middletown, and the madden name of his mother, who was born in Dutchess County, N. Y., was Zadia B. Benham. In 1831, soon after their marriage, the parents removed to the State of Michigan and settled in Washtenaw County, where they remained five years, and then removed to Napoleon, Jackson County, where they purchased a farm, upon which they lived many years, engaged in its successful cultivation. Thence they conoved to Manchester, Washtenaw County, and subsequently to Lenawee County, where the father died in the spring of 1877, leaving a wife and sax children. The mother is still living, and makes her home in the city of Adviso.

Adolf Wheeler, the subject of this sketch, i. next to the youngest of the children of the parental family. His boyhood was passed in Manchester, his native town, where he are ided the public school-and acquired a good peach of education. There, also, he began his merenth experience by cereating a general store as a clerk, and so on after his arrival in Lenawee County he was employed by the firm of Constock & Wheeler, of Adrian, and add in the capacity of clerk until 1861. In that year he was employed by J. H. Bodwell, with whom he mained until the death of the latter, which occurred in 1864. Soon afterward Mr. Wheeler formed a partnership with Mr. Defore, and purchased the stock of dry-goods and carpets of the instance, and continued the business until 18-2, alwhich time Mr. Wheeler disposed of his intensity to his partner. After this he was variously empaged until 1881, when he formed a co-partnership with Asa W. Aldrich, and embarked in the bot and shoe business at Nos. 10 and 12 East Mannee street, where they carry a full and complete stock of boots and shoes of eastern manufacture; both partners are well known, and they are well established in their business.

On the 2d of August, 1871, Mr. Wheeler was united in marriage with Miss Isabelle II, Hatheway, of New Baltimore, Mich, where she was born on the 18th of January, 1851, and is the daughter of Gilbert Hatheway, a well-known and popular citizen of New Baltimore.

Mr. Wheeler takes an active interest in the wel-

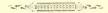
fare of the city of his residence, and has had an opportunity of advancing its interests as a representative of the Third Ward in the Board of Aldermen. He is a prominent figure in frateenity circles, and is a member of Adrian Lodge No. 19, A. F. & A. M.; Adrian Chapter No. 10, R. A. M.; Adrian Council No. 18, R. & S. M.; Adrian Commandery No. 1, K. T., and Michigan Southern Consistory, 32d degree, A. & A. Rite.

OSEPH THACKRAY, a resident of Ridge-way Township for the last forty-five years came to this section of country with his parents when a little lad three years of age. He is the only son of William and Elizabeth (Locke) Thackray, natives of Yorkshire, England, and was born in the same county in Albion as his parents, but 17, 1839. Three years later the latter emigrated to the United States, and came directly to this county, where they spent the remainder of their days, the mother passing away in June, 1886, and the lattice day 1, 1887, at the ages of sixty-nine and arount x to very respectively.

William Hackray and his wife were most excelient Christein people, and among the early members of the Eirst Christian Church at Ridgeway. The father elemed a farm from the primitive soil and built up a comformable homestead, enjoying in the meantime the confidence and esteem of all who knew him. After becoming a naturalized Amerrean citizen, he identified himself with the Democratic party, of which he remained a member until the day of his death.

The Thackray family is of pure English ancestry, and largely represented by intelligent and wealthy men. Joseph, our subject, pursued his early education in the common schools, and assisted his father in the cultivation of the soil, and as a natural result, at the death of the latter came into possession of the homestead. To this place he brought a bride in the spring of 1839, having been married April 19, to Miss Charlotte Plues, daughter of Moses and Laura (Gifford) Plues, who was born in Ridgeway Township, Feb. 22, 1840. Mrs. Thackray, like her husband, is of pure English ancestry.

Her father came to the United States when a young man, and located in New York State, where he was subsequently married. After his marriage he came directly to this county, and the parents spent their last days in Ridgeway Township. Mrs. Thackray was their eldest child. Of her union with our subject there have been born two children: Mary A., the wife of Wesley Lester, who is farming in Ridgeway Township, and Elizabeth, the wife of William Niverson, who is engaged in carpentering at Britton Station. Mr. Thackray has served as Township Treasurer and Commissioner of Highways, and occupied other offices of trust. He was reared by his onored father in the Democratic faith, to which he still solidly adheres.



OHN A. HECK, of the firm of Heck Bros., proprietors of the Tecumseh Flouring Mills, of Tecumseh, Mich., is one of the leading business men of the city. These mills are on the banks of the Raisin River, in what was formerly Brownsville, a place of some historic interest as having been a mill-site for between forty and fifty years. Here was creeted the first gristmill that was built in this part of the county, an old-fashioned water-mill, and though parts of it have been incorporated into other mills that have since been built on the same spot, none of it is recognizable in the present structure. That mill was known for hundreds of miles in all directions, and the first grist was ground about the 4th of July, 1825, from which cake was made to celebrate our National holiday.

Mr. Heek was born in the State of Pennsylvania, Aug. 16, 1830, and is the son of Daniel and Margaret (Heagy) Heek. John A. is the eldest of a family of six children, and received a good education in Carlisle, in his native State. When he was quite young he went to South Bend, Ind., where he lived for twenty years, employed at a salary in the management of a large douring-mill. During his residence there he was somewhat prominent in public affairs, and was elected to the office of Assessor of St. Joseph County, which he held for eight years, fulfilling the duties of that responsible position with

much satisfaction to the people. From South Bend he removed to Flowerfield, Mich., where he and his brother purchased the Flowerfield Mills of Mr. A. Black, and operated them very successfully for eight years.

In 1874 John Heck came to Tecumsch, and purchasing the Tecumsch Mills, the Heck brothers inmediately began to repair and remodel them throughout, putting in a complete roller system and adding all the attachments and improvements, unit everything about the mills is in perfect order. They have spent over \$20,000 on the mills, and are now in the enjoyment of a large and prosperous business. Much of the flour, which is of a superior grade, is shipped to many of the important towns and cities of Ireland, Cork being one of the principal places of shipment. The capacity of the mills, which are run by water power, is 250 barrels in twenty-four hours. The Heck brothers are practical millers of long experience in the business, which gives them great advantage over inexperienced competitors.

In polities, Mr. Heek was in early life a Whig, and later, on the formation of the Republican party, he very naturally fell into the ranks of that organization, and has ever since been a stanch advocate of that party, supporting its measures and voting for its candidates for office. He takes an active interest in public affairs, and has done efficient service as a member of the City Council.

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ORMAN J. STRONG. The snug homestead of this gentleman in Madison Township is conspicious by its excellent improvements and the air of comfort within and around the dwelling, which stands in the midst of choice fruit and shade trees, and otherwise gives evidence of the taste and industry of the proprietor. Here he has sixty acres of finely cultivated land and has, in a great measure, closely followed the theories of Horace Greeley, that a moderate area well cultivated was much more desirable than a greater extent of land partially neglected. The soil in this vicinity is remarkably fertile and yields to the hands of the husbandman good results, and Mr.

Strong, in consequence, enjoys a comfortable income.

Our subject was born in West Bloomfield, Ontario Co., N. Y., March 1, 1824, and is the eldest son of Charles and Lorinda (Fisher) Strong, the father a native of Connecticut and the mother of New York State. They located in Ontario County after their marriage and thence, in 1853, emigrated to Michigan, and settled upon a tract of land in Tekonsha Township, Calhoun County, where they spent the remainder of their days engaged in agricultural pursuits. They were the parents of nine children, seven of whom are now living and residents of New York, Ohio and Michigan.

Mr. Strong spent his boyhood and youth after the manner of most farmers' sons, acquiring his education mainly during the winter season, while in summer he assisted in plowing, sowing and reaping, After completing his studies, he engaged for a time in teaching in his native State, which occupation he also followed after coming to Michigan, for a period of nine years. He had no sooner set foot upon Michigan soil than applications came for him to teach, He was engaged as Principal of Union City (Branch County) High School for a time, thence went to Tekonsha Union School, and in 1857 was chosen Assistant Principal of Homer Academy, Calhonn County, which position he held until 1860, the year of his marriage. His winter evenings were mostly spent in teaching singing school. In 1866 he moved to Lenawee County, and bought his farm in Madison Township in 1868.

Mr. Strong was married rather late in life, in Madison Township, this county, Oct. 18, 1860, in Miss Betsey A., daughter of Charles and Ann D. (Dennis) Mitchell, who removed from Ontario County, N. Y., to this State, the mother about 1827 and the father in 1836. Mrs. Strong was born in Marengo, Calhoun Co., Mich., July 8, 1840, and remained with her parents until her marriage, when she and her husband located on a farm in Calhoun County. Mr. Strong, while superintending the cultivation of the land, taught school until about 1865. To our subject and his wife there were born seven children, namely: Charles M., Emma A., Dennis F., Grace M., Bennie, Clara and Ralph B. The two latter are deceased, dying when about three and

one-half and two years of age, respectively; Charles M, married Miss Ida L. Valentine, Sept. 14, 1887, and is a resident of Madison Township, this county; his wife is the daughter of John B, and Evaline (Abdrich) Valentine, and is a young lady of high moral qualities and winning manners

Mr. Strong, although mostly engaged with the cultivation of his land and meddling very little with politics, still finds time to attend the general elections, where he usually votes the straight Republican ticket. He served as Justice of the Peace in Madison Township eight years and has also held the offices of School Director and Trustee, and in 1875 was elected the first Superintendent of Schools in the township, under a new law creating said office. For several years he was Secretary of Lenawee County Farmers' Club, and for 1887 the President of Lenawee County Horticultural Society, For the past ten years he has been annually elected chorister of the Free-Will Baptist Church and Sunday-school in Fairfield Village. He has been for several years correspondent of a county paper and a few State papers, Mrs. Strong also occasionally engages in the same line of work. It will be seen that time is not wasted in idleness at the Strong home, He united with the Congregational Church at East Bloomfield in about 1850. Mrs. Strong belongs to the Free-Will Baptist Church, and by a blameless life sets a bright example to the rising generation.



HOMAS G. CHANDLER. When the sailing-vessel "Christiana" left London in May, 1854, it had on board, among other passengers, Thomas Chandler, his wife, and four of his family of six children, among whom was the subject of this biography, Thomas G. They were bound for America, upon whose soil they hoped they might establish themselves in a better position than it would be possible for them to attain in their native country. They were nearly two months making the voyage, landing in New York City on the 6th of July. They proceeded immediately to Wayne County, N, Y., and there Mr. Chandler found employment for himself on a farm, farming being the occupation to which he had been bred. His pros-

fairly good, and he was enabled to give his children the advantages of a free school education. He resome property, and desirous of owning a home, he decided that Michigan offered greater inducements to one wishing to invest in farming lands than any other State. Accordingly, accompanied by his wife, he left New York and made the trip to this State in a covered wagon drawn by one horse. He Township, and at once built a house and commenced clearing his land, and has resided here ever since, He was born in County Kent, England, Feb. 21. 1807, and was there married to Rebecca Baker, who was also a native of Kent County. She died in Riga Township, June 1, 1886. They were the parents of six children: Fanny, who married Thomas West, and lives in Australia; Charlotte, who married James Appleton, and lives in Ramsgate, Eugland; George F., living in Riga Township; Thomas G., the subject of our sketch; Hannah M., who married John Stiggins, and lives in Wayne County, N. Y.; and Harriet, who married Amos P. Albring, and lives in Riga Township.

Thomas G. Chandler, the subject of our sketch, the son of Thomas and Rebecca Chandler, was born in Kent County, England, Aug. 8, 1838, and was, therefore, sixteen years of age when he came to the United States with his parents. His opportunities for acquiring an education in his native country were very limited. As soon as he was large enough he had to work, performing such labor as a boy could do. He was first employed, when quite small, in keeping the crows and English sparrows from the grain fields, and later led the horses to plow. After settling in Wayne County, N. Y., he attended the public schools, and later the Macedon Academy. In 1857 he commenced teaching, and in 1859 went to Ohio and attended a select school at Morey's Corner, Fulton County, and in the winter he taught lowing spring he entered Adrian College and pursued his studies there one term. Subsequently he went to Monroe County, Mich., and taught there during the winter seasons. In the fall of 1860 he bought forty acres of land in Lenawee County,

which are now included in his present farm. Being now a landed proprietor, possessor of a good education, he felt amply able to support a family, and Oct. 10, 1860, he was united in marriage to Miss Rose E. Comstock. In the spring of 1862 he rented a log house in Riga Township and commenced clearing his land. He labored very successfully at this until Aug. 31, 1864, when he enlisted in Company K, 14th Michigan Infantry, going from Cleveland, where he had joined his regiment, to Nashville, Tenn. During the battle of Nashville he was made Acting Commissary Sergeant. After that engagement he went with the regiment to Chattanooga, and served with it until the close of the war, and was honorably discharged in June 1865. During his absence in the army his wife had looked well after the home interests, and had added, by purchase, forty acres of land adjoining that which he had previously bought. After his return he built a log house on this latter acquisition to their farm, in which they have resided continuously ever since. He has since added to these purchases, and now owns 120 acres of land, seventy-five of which are in an excellent tillable condition, and has

Salmon Comstock, the grandfather of Mrs. Chaudler, was born in 1760, and spent his last days in Cooperstown, Otsego Co., N. Y. Here his son Giles, the father of Mrs. Chandler, was born Aug. 5, 1817. The latter remained a resident of his native town until sixteen years of age, and then came West as far as Toledo, where he remained but a short time, and then proceeded to Sylvania, Lucas Co., Ohio. There he married and soon after settled in Whiteford, Monroe Co., Mich., and was one of the brave pioneers who assisted in settling that place. He bought a tract of heavily timbered land, and built a log house in which there were neither doors nor windows, where the family resided for a short time, and where their daughter Rose, now Mrs, Chandler, was born May 13, 1844. He has his farm now well improved, and has erected ample and convenient buildings, and still resides there. The maiden name of his wife was Electa E. Vrooman, sister of Garret Vrooman, For parental history see the sketch of G. Vrooman elsewhere in this Album. The home circle of Mr. and Mrs. Chandler has

been brightened by the both of three children Lottie T., Dana G. and Nama R.

Mr. Chandher is a well-schucated, intelligent mean, and as such wields a beneficial influence in the township and community. He is a great reader, and keeps well informed on the current topics of the day, and this, combined with a retentive mean ory, makes him good authority on bood an Egeneral matters. He sometimes includes in literary work, and occasionally writes for the local newspapers. He has held the office of Justice of the Peroc one term of four years, and is new serving the second one in the same office. He has always token an active interest in educational affairs, and his became a member of the School Board most of the time since residing in the place, and for three years was Township Superintendent of Schools. In politics he is a Remblican.



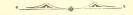
ENRY II. WILCOX, of the from of Wilcox Brothers & Co., dealers in braidware and garienthural implements, has been do ntified with the business interests of Adrian thirty years, and during that time has carned an enviable reputation for enterprise and energy. His acquaintance with the people extends into every mock and corner of the county, as his business has brought him into contact with almost its entire population. The firm of which he is a member is the oldest in the same line of business in the city of Adrean, and the storeroom has become one of the well-known landmarks of the city.

Mr. Wilcox was born in the town of Bergen, Genesee Co., N. Y., Oct. 28, 1822, and is the son of Austin and Clarisa (Nettleton) Wilcox. His father was born in Madison, Conn., Aug. 28, 1779, and was the son of Edmund and Elizabeth (Secanton) Wilcox. He was a blacksmith, farmer, hotelkeeper, and Postmaster in the town of Bergen, where he died Aug. 18, 1856; the mother-died there-June 10, 1829. They were the parents of eight children, three sons and five daughters; Austin Seranton is deceased, while William Seward and Henry Hamilton reside in Adrian. Of the five daughters, all are now dead, excepting Mrs. Harriet, whow of Samuel Cherch, of Bergen, where she now resides.

Henry H. Wilcox was reared a farmer, and befractly, shot was employed by W. S. Wilcox, his into the business as a partner, and the firm name maintained until 1874, in which year George A., son of W. S. Wilcox, was taken into the firm, and it has stood so constituted until the present time. is located at No. 13 Mannier street, which is one which is 22x80 feet, for the storage of farm impleis omite extensive. The establishment is the largest

On the 28th of October, 1845, Mr. Wileox was murried to Miss Eunice J. Smith, a native of Massichusetts, who was born on the 28th of September, 1825, and was the daughter of Hervey Smith, Esq., of Northampton, that State, Mr. and Mrs. Wileox Brive three children living, viz: Mary E., the wife of Dr. C. W. Bufler, of Mont Chir, N. J.; Lillian L., at home, and Austin, an active young man who assists his father in the store. Mr. Wileox is a member of the Masonic featernity. In politics he

is a Democrat, very pronounced in his views, and is a strong supporter of Mr. Cleveland's administration.



USTIN GILLETT. Some noted man has said, "The greatness of a country does not depend upon the extent of its territory, but on the character of its people." The pioneers of a country must necessarily be characterized by courage, great force of character, and wonderful powers of endurance, to enable them to face the dangers and endure the toils and hardships of life consequent upon settlement in a new country. We can well believe that the high position which Lenawee County occupies among the counties of Michigan to-day, is in great part due to these hardy pioneer virtues, so well illustrated in her early settlers, and it is well, therefore, to perpetuate their remembrance and hold their names in reverence. It is the good fortune of Lenawee County that, though over half a century has elapsed since the first settlements were made within her borders, vet some of her pioneers are still living in her midst, and we are pleased to present a biographical sketch of one of these to her citizens.

Austin Gillett was born near Auburn, Cayuga Co., N. Y., Jan. 1, 1816. His father, John Gillett by name, was a farmer and a native of Connecticut. In early life he removed to New York State, where he married Miss Lois Griffia, a native of that State, After their marriage they settled in Cayuga County, N. Y., and remained there for several years on a farm; finally they removed to Monroe County, in the same State, and there spent their declining years. They were the parents of ten children, seven boys and three girls, eight of whom grew to maturity. Their names were as follows: Daniel, John, Gilbert, Electa, Lucy, Austin, Ephraim, Chauncey, Benjamin F, and DeWitt C.

Our subject was the fourth son and sixth child of his parents, and received the good practical training which generally falls to a farmer's lad, whereby he is taught to keep his eyes open and to use his common sense in the daily affairs of life. Coupled with this excellent home training he received the advantages of an education at the district school, He remained in the home of his parents, assisting his father on the farm, until his twenty-second year, At that age he ambitiously sought newer fields of labor, and wisely deeming that a virgin soil would give better results to the young and energetic farmer than ground worn out by long years of cultivation, he came to the then new State of Michigan and took up eighty acres of land in Rome Township, Lenawee County. This tract was in the unbroken wilderness which then almost covered the entire township of Rome. Mr. Gillett, with the energy and courage of youth, entered upon those years of patient toil necessary for clearing and draining the land for cultivation. After living on this farm for many years, bringing it to a high state of cultivation, and erecting substantial farm buildings on it, he exchanged it for a place adjoining, and there made his home for several years. In the month of May, 1872, he removed to the city of Adrian and purchased a small piece of land, and afterward added to this purchase, until he now owns about ten acres of land, on which he has erected a convenient, comfortable residence, a good barn and other buildings.

Mr. Gillett was married, Oct. 11, 1846, to Miss Eliza Vanauken, of Washtenaw County, Mich., who was born June 23, 1816. Her parents. Lewis and Jane (Westfall) Vanauken, were the parents of sixteen children. Mr. and Mrs. Gillett's union has been blessed by the birth of one child. Emma J., who resides in the home of her parents. Mr. and Mrs. Gillett, though well advanced in years, at the age of seventy-two are vigorous and healthy. They have attained a competency by their own unaided industry, and now, having passed the prime of life, can spend their beclining years in confort and in the enjoyment of their pleusant home, honored and respected by all who know them.

Mr. Gillett is a man of decided views, and in no way does he more forcibly show this than in his temacions adherence to his political beliefs, which are those formulated by the Democratic party. He has often been called upon to serve the towns in which he has resided in various official capacities. He was School Inspector for two years, and at various times has held other offices of the School Board; he was Justice of the Peace for Rome Township for

eight years; served as Supervisor for three years, and as Assessor for two years. In the fait ifful discharge of the duties of these official positions he has always exercised a beneficial influence in the affairs of the town.

ARRY D. HI LL, M. D. The medical profession is probably as worthin represented in Adrian as in any city of similar packets from in the West. I has been tablicias in many directions, and not the least two or flus who have contributed to strongthen this amortion are its excellent licensed physicians and surgeons Quacks, baying little encouragement, have genpublic view thosity a wigh health.

Dr. Harry D. Hull, who spent most on the years of his boyhood and youth among the rounds whore he now labors, is one of the most consummations not careful practitioners of which the city bonsts, pothe has the good sense to keep in small to 16st that he is now making his record, heart, yet a young man, Of New Emetand birth and perentials, he began life among the Macadinsetts hill fathe cosm of Westneld, Hampden County, on the 25d of slone, 1851.

Daniel E. Hull, the father of our subject, was close a native of the Bay State, where he was correct to manhood and married to Miss Fliza E. Campoull, whose birth occurred not to from the cordy boare of her husband. They continue to Dampeler County a short time after the research of the made their vay to Conduction to the cond blue years later to the city of Dayton. From the ce, in 1967, they came to this county, location in Adrian, where they now reside. The fruit of their union was one child only, Harry D., of our sketch.

Dr. Hall was a lad of thereen years when his parents came to Adrian, and after pureing his studies two years in the college in this place, returned east as far as Clinton, N. Y., and became a student at Hamilton College, from which he was graduated in 1874. Wishing to advance in the art of medicine, he availed himself of the instruction afforded in Bellevine College, New York City, from which he was graduated in 1877. He opened bi-

first office among the people who have known him since a boy, and since that time he has labored with more than ordinary success, and fully established himself in the confidence of the people around him. It possesses much native ability, and keeps himself well posted upon the various questions constantly salsing in connection with the medical profession. He sarved as City Physician three years, since which time he has been Pension Examiner, and hus officiated for some time as surgeon in the employ of the Welman, Radroad Company. Socially, he belongs to Adrian Lodge No. 19, A. F. & A. M. In the capter which is evidently opening before him he has the best — ishes of hosts of friends.

AMI EL HINKLEY, a New Englander by buth and parentage, is numbered among the old and honored pioneers of Lenawee County, of which he has been a resident tara period of fifty-three years. He first opened has eyes to the light among the hills of Worcester County, Mass., near the town of Barre, July 20, 1800. He spent his youth and early manhood in fils rative State and married a lady of his own county. After the birth of two children they resolved upon a change of location, and made their vary to Schewa County, N. Y., where they lived and carried on faming until the fall of 1831. In the anomatod November, that year, Mr. Hinkley not see feature this county, selecting his location by P. patch I Township, then called Blissfield, where he is since remained.

It has been the privilege of Mr. Hinkley to look upon the tree of nature in its wildest uspects in the section of country, and before the husbandman tech made much impression upon the soil of Southern Michigan. Our subject possessed the industry and resolution which distinguished the enigrants from the Bay State, and while engaged in tilling the soil took a warm interest in the building up of his township and the welfare of the people around hum. By the latter he has alweys been recognized as a man worthy of their esteem and confidence, and for a number of years held the offices of Justice to the Peace and Commissioner of Highways. He

is conscientious, politically, as in all other respects, and clings to the party of his early choice, namely, the Democracy. His property includes eighty acres of land, with comfortable farm buildings, and he is passing his last years in an easy manner, receiving the solictious care of friends, and enjoying those things in life to which he is justly entitled by long years of industry and economy.

Mr. Hinkley was first married in South Hadley, Mass., to Miss Sanah DeWitt, Feb. 1, 1827. This lady was born not far from the childhood home of her husband and bore him seven children, whom they named respectively. Sarah S., Sophia J., Samuel J., Francis B., Fanny, Dwight and John D. The chlost daughter, Sarah, died at her home in Fairfield, Aug. 8, 1852, and Sophia, the second child, died in Adrian, May 20, 1864; the mother subsequently passed away at the homestead in Fairfield Township. Sept. 2, 1876. The present wife of our subject, to whom he was married in Weston, this county, Oct. 6, 1877, was formerly Miss Mary L. Reno, who was born in Wayne County, N. Y., Sept. 22, 1847. Of this union there were born three children—Mary L., Clara E, and Ida B., who are at home with their narents.

The snow of eighty-four winters have passed over the head of Samuel Hinkley, and during this long life he has had little to regret, having fulfilled his obligations as an honest man and a good citizen, and sought to do good to those around him as he had opportunity. His name will be remembered by coming generations years hence when they gather together and talk of the men who came to Michigan in its early days, and by the exercise of untiring energy judiciously applied succeeded in making it what it is to-day.

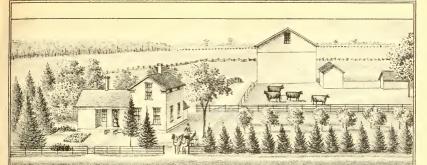
AVID WOODWARD, of the firm of Woodward & Son, manufacturers of the Clinton Chilled Plowand Patent Jointer, established his foundry in 1859, and has since been successfully engaged in the manufacture of these plows. They have a good patent, one that gives satisfaction wherever it is used, and manufacture annually 1,000 plows. The patent jointer is Mr. Woodward's own invention. Since 1878

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Mr. Woodward has been extensively engaged in small fruit growing, having twenty acres of his farm devoted to all kinds of apples, peaches, pears and small fruits. His fruit farm is located in Bridgewater Township, Washtenaw County, five miles north of Clinton. He raises choice fruits, some of the best grown in this part of the State, and has a great variety of small fruits, of which recently he has made a specialty, while his son Frank L. operates the foundry.

Mr. Woodward first came to this county with his father, Lewis, in 1835, locating in the township of Clinton, where the latter died some years later, Lewis Woodward was born in Vermont and in the War of 1812 was a private, and later a non-commissioned officer, while his father, Ebenezer, was a native of Vermont and was a private in the Revo-Intionary War. Late in life Ebenezer Woodward removed to York State, and died in Ontario County about 1832. His wife was a York State lady, who lived to a ripe old age. The father of our subject went from Vermont to Western New York in boybood, and was there united in marriage. After the subject was the eldest, the parents came to Michigan by the Lake route, on the Government steamer "Marcey," and landed in Toledo while it was yet a mere hamlet. They then took the road, or trail as it was generally called, for Clinton, through cottonwood swamps and over cordurov pike on foot, and ing, May 15, 1835, in what is now the village of Clinton. It was a beautiful country even in its primeval condition, and sweetly perfumed with wild flowers. They bought 160 acres near Clinton, and on this the father of our subject lived for some years. He was an active Whig and later a Repubgether a representative citizen.

Our subject was well reared, and remained under the home roof until twenty-eight years of age, when he engaged in general merchandising in Grass Lake, Mich., for two years. At the end of that time he engaged in farming, and afterward came to the town of Clinton and established his plow works, to which he gave his time and attention until recently,



RESIDENCE OF SAMUEL BRYANT, SEC. 2. DOVER TOWNSHIP.



RESIDENCE OF PETER JACOB, SEC. 21. OGDEN TOWNSHIP.

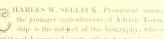


RESIDENCE OF HENRY RHINEMILLER, SEC. 29. BLISSFIELD TOWNSHIP.



when he began the cultivation of fruit, Mr. Woodward was united in marriage to Miss Lois Hemphale, who came from Saratoga, N. Y., with her parents, and has been reaced principally in this county. Her father, who was a farmer, died when she was a small child, and her mother is also dead. Mr. and Mrs. Woodward have only one child, Frank L., who now operates the foundry with success. He took to wife Carrie Van Tucyle, and they are the parents of one child, Donna.

Mr. Woodward has been President of the Village Board for some time, and is a member of the Masonic fraternity. He is also a charter member of the Blue Lodge No. 175, Chapter No. 10, R. A. M., and G. M. of Clinton Council No. 26.; Past Grand Master of the Grand Council of Michigan and K. T. Commandery No. 4, of Adrian. In politics he is a Democrat.



a native of Lenawee County, where he was born on the 9th of March, 1843, on the original homestead which his father took up in Adrian Township. He is the son of Ebenezer L. Selleck, whose father, Peter Selleck, was a native of the State of New

Ebenezer was born Sept. 19, 1796, in Oneda County, N. Y., and died in Adrian in February, 1881. He was married to Nancy Wetmore, April 3, 1822, and came to Michigan in 1836. Ten children were born to them, seven of whom are fixing, and named as follows: Morris, Nancy Mutthda, Mary Louisa, Charlotte, Harriet Irene, Charles Wetmore and Homer Elisha, Those who have passed away are Ruth, Cynthia E, and James, Mr. Selleck was a mason by trade, but followed farming for many years.

Ebenezer Selleck was a member of the Episcopal Church, in which he was an active and prominent figure, and was greatly devoted to the work of his church, to which he gave with exceeding liberality. He never failed to contribute to the support of the ministry and the building of new churches, and he was also earnest and active in the work of the Sunday-school. He was a soldier in the War of 1812, for which service he got a land warrant, which he located in Barry County.

Our subject remained at home until he was about twenty-five years old, assisting in the labors of the furni in summer, and in winter attending the district school. Later he enjoyed the advantages of the Adrian I nion School for three or four years, and thus acquired a very fair education. At the are of twenty-five, helieving that the time had boun for him to commence a career in life for himself, he purchased a farm of ninety-six acros mean his present home, upon which he lived for the next six years, and greatly improved it by his exertions and good management. He then sold this farm and went to Allegan County, Mich., where he bought a farm of 140 acres, upon which he resided one year, and which he then traded for the old Teachout form of 140 acres. Here he has lived ever since, and has also bought sixty acres in Rome Township. All the unprovements on this land, which are now of excellent quality, have been made by the present occupant with the exception of the house. The farm is under a high state of cultivation, producing all the varied grains and farm products, and is well supplied with live stock of a high grade.

Our subject was married, Jan. 23, 1867, to Miss Phoche J., daughter of Ira and Elizabeth (Bramblet Kelley, of Seneca County, N. Y. Of this amon three children have been born, namely: Clara L., Lotta E. and Elbert L. Clara I, was born Sept. 20, 1869, and is now at home; she attended Advian College until compelled by failing health to rest for a time from her studies. Lotta E. was born March 27, 1872, and is also at home; she has attended the Raisin Valley Seminary, to which she will again return and complete her education. Elbert L. was born Feb. 7, 1875, and also remains at home with his parents.

Mrs. Selleck's father came to Michigan in 1863, locating in this country he was a farmer, and in early life was engaged in boating on the Eric Canal. He died at his daughter's home in Lenawee Country in 1883, at the age of sixty-live years. His widow still survives, and makes her home with the subject of our sketch. Her father, Ira Kelley, was the son of John Kelley, who married Miss Charity

Covert, and was also a soldier in the War of 1812. The family of the Kelleys were principally professional men, and were mostly long-lived people. Mrs. S.'s people on her mother's side were natives of Seneca County, N. Y. Her mother was a daughter of Clement Bramble, the son of Moses Bramble, and her grandmother was Elizabeth Pringle, of Orange County, N. Y., whose people were natives of that State.

Politically Mr. Selleck belongs to the Democratic faith, and votes the ticket of this party on National issues, but is somewhat independent in local contests, being disposed to favor the hest men. That he has been active in politics is evidenced by the fact that he filled the office of Town Clerk seventeen years ago, and has been selected as a candidate for other local offices. He has been active in educational affairs also, and for ten years filled the offices of School Director and School Treasurer in District No. 1, of Adrian Township. In the spring of 1885, he was elected Justice of the Peace for a term of four years, which office he is now filling to the satisfaction of the entire community.

ORMAN B. PIERCE. For over a quarter of a century Mr. Norman B. Pierce has been actively engaged in agricultural pursuits in Fairfield Township, and as an enterprising agriculturist has done much to further the interests of the community in which he lives. Mr. Pierce was born in Orleans County, N. Y. March 2, 1834, and is the son of John and Marietta (Reynolds) Pierce, natives of Otsego County, N. Y. They reared a family of eight children, five sons and three daughters, of whom Norman B. was the seventh child in order of birth.

In 1846 Mr. Pierce, father of our subject, came with his family to Michigan, and settled in Fairfield Township, Lenawec County, where he was engaged in farming for several years. In April, 1853, he had the misfortune to lose his wife, while on a visit to her old home in New York; she was fifty years of age. Mr. Pierce continued to reside in Fairfield for some years after the death of his faithful wife. In 1857 he started to revisit the home of his youth and early manhood, where he had passed so many

pleasant years, but while stopping on the way to visit his son in Clyde, Ohio, he sustained a serious injury from a fall, which resulted in his death in January, 1857; he had been a faithful citizen, and his death was a loss to the community in which he had settled.

Our subject was reared on a farm, and received a practical training in all farm work, besides, at intervals, attending the public schools of his native and adopted States. He was twelve years of age when he accompanied his parents to Michigan, and being an active lad he was of great assistance to his father in those numerous duties devolving on a farmer's son. When he was about eighteen years of age he returned to New York, and there remained until he was twenty-two years old, during which time he was married to Miss Sarah E., daughter of Ira H. and Sarah R. (Calkins) Remington, Mr. Remington was a native of New York, and his wife of Nova Scotia. After their marriage they settled in New York State, where they continued to reside until 1856, when they moved to Columbia County, Wis. In 1860 they came to Jackson County, Mich., and finally settled in Grand Rapids, Kent County, where they still live; Mr. Remington is a bricklayer. They have reared seven children, namely: S. Eliza, Helen C., Leonard C., M. Vina, Clara M., Charley R. and Arthur E.

Mrs. Pierce, the eldest of this family, was born in Monroe County, N. Y., Jan. 12, 1835, and was united in marriage with our subject Jan. 18, 1854. The practical training that she received under her mother's tuition in all matters pertaining to the care of a household has enabled her to contribute materially to the prosperity of her husband. One child has been born to her, Frank L., who married Miss Lora Heminway, and resides in the village of Weston where he is Postmaster; he is also Clerk of Fairfield Township. In the fall of 1856 Mr. and Mrs. Pierce went from New York to Columbia County, Wis. After living there three years, they removed to Fairfield Township, this county, where Mr. Pierce had spent a part of his youth, and settled on section 20, which has since been their home. with the exception of one year, when Mr. Pierce bought and managed a hotel in Weston.

Mr. Pierce's fine farm of eighty acres shows the

results of careful enlitivation. He has erected substantial buildings, well adapted to the purposes for which they are intended, and has made many other valuable improvements. His comfortable home is pleasantly located, and is the center of much hospitality. Mr. and Mrs. Pierce are highly regarded in the community as kind neighbors and trusted friends. Mr. Pierce is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and is a leading Democrat of this township, taking an active part in all matters of political interest, though he has never aspired to office, but has worked for the interests of his party.

YRON W. BRADISH. Many of the people who first came to Madison Township were natives of, or descendants of people who had been born in New York State, many of them in Wayne County. Among these were numbered the parents of our subject. Nelson and Phebe (Wilson) Bradish, who were natives respectively of Wayne and Rockkand Counties, and both born in 1803. They were married in the town of Sodus on the 8th of May, 1828, and a few weeks later started for the West and settled down upon a tract of land in Madison Township, this county, being numbered among the pioneers of 1827.

Upon coming here Nelson Bradish took up a quarter section of land in Madison Township, and the year following put up a log house on section 16. After establishing himself and his young wife comfortably, he proceeded with the cultivation of the land, and remained there until the spring of 1860, when they retired from active labor and repaired to a snug home near the outskirts of Adrian. where they spent their declining years. The father died on the 6th of May, 1875, and the mother, surviving him nearly five years, passed away April 11. 1880. To them were born six children-Myron W., Cullen, Anne E., Warner C., Mary C., and one who died in infancy. Cullen is deceased; Anne is the wife of J. W. Baldwin, a prosperous farmer of Madison Township; Warner served as a Union soldier in the 6th United States Cavalry, and died of

measles in the army near Washington, D. C., and Mary is the wife of Joseph B. Dennison, and lives at Berton Harbor, Mich.

Our subject was born in Madison Township, April 20, 1830, and was the first child born in this township. He imbilied with the pure air of his native soil those elements of health and strength which have been the secret of his success in life. After completing his primary studies in the district school he attended the seminary at Monroe, after which he returned to the homestead and entered in carnest upon the farm pursuits, which he has since followed with the exception of a few years, when he was employed on the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad in the expectity, first of brakeman and then of conductor. He also served as baggage-master on the Chicago & Alton Railroad, which position he was obliged to relinquish on account of ill-health; his milroad experience embraced altogether a period of thirteen years. In the spring of 1856 Mr. Bradish, desiring a change of seene, repaired to New York City where he boarded a steamer bound for the Pacific Coast. After arriving safely at his destination he was variously employed in California about three and one-half years, returning to his native county in the fall of 1859. Thereafter for a time he engaged as a stock-dealer with excellent results, and invested a part of his surphs capital in ninety-five acres of land in Madison Township, where he has built up a homestead entirely creditable to himself as a men of excellent tastes and good judgment.

The haly who for the last twenty years has presided with grace and dignity over the household affairs of our subject, was formerly Miss Martha A. Dennison, and became his wife Jan, 17, 1867. Mrs. Bradish is the daughter of Stephenson and Martha (Mason) Dennison, natives of New York State, where her father was born June 5, 1806, and her mother June 26, 1810. They were married in Farmington, Ontario Co., N. Y., March 8, 1827, and not long afterward came to Michigan and located in this county during its early settlement. Stephen Dennison was one of the first men to till the soil in Fairfield Township, and remained there until the death of his wife. April 9, 1853. Some years later he took up his abode at the home of our

subject in Madison Township, where his death occurred March 31, 1880. Their ten children are as follows: Lydia S., Bernard M., Stephen A., Joseph B., Orin D., Mary A., Erastus M., John S., Martha A. and Ada J. Stephen is a resident of Berrieu Connat Benton Harbor; Orin is in the brick and tile business in Berrien County; Mary is a resident of Kent County; Erastus died in infancy; John is conducting a milk business at Grand Rapids; Ada died when about eighteen years old; Martha A., the wife of our subject, was born in Fairfield Township, Oct. 19, 1846, and spent the first nine years of her Rapids with her parents, where she remained until a maiden of sixteen, then returned to Lenawee County and lived with her sister, Mrs. Ferguson, until her marriage. She is now the mother of three Blanche and Nellie Beatrice.

Mr. Bradish, although by no means an officeseeker, has served as Township Treasurer and held minor positions within the gift of his townsmen. Socially, he belongs to the Masonic fraternity, and politically, is one of the most reliable members of the Republican party.

LFRED II. WOOD, of the clothing firm of Wood, Crane & Wood, at Adrian, with his pertners, stands at the head of the trade in this city. Mr. Wood is one of the pioneer clothiers of Lenawee County, and has been located in Adrian for nearly thirty years. As is natural in a man of enterprise and liberality, he has been prominently identified with the best interests of the city, holding many of its offices, and is in all respects one of the most valuable members of the community. The main points of his history are substantially as follows:

Mr. Wood was born in the town of Shelly, Orleans Co., N. Y., Oct. 13, 1829. He lived on a farm with his parents, Leander and Maria (Cure) Wood, until sixteen years of age. The family in the meantime had emigrated from New York to Michigan, coming to this county in 1833, and purchased a farm on section 18, in Rome Township. Here they improved the farm and built up a confortable homestead, where the death of the mother took place in January, 1852. The father subsequently removed to Adrian, and died Sept. 10, 1863. Leander Wood was born in Onondaga County, N. Y., June 22, 1804, and his wife, Maria, in Saratoga County, Oct. 4, 1806. They were married Sept. 25, 1825, and became the parents of eight children, of whom seven are still living. The parents of our subject were people who were highly respected whoever known, and there are many yet living in this county by whom their names are held in kindly remembrance.

Alfred Wood, in 1846, left the farm and went to Adrian, where he completed his education in the lowing year he commenced teaching in Madison, and in June, 1848, engaged as clerk at Adrian, in the dry-goods store of John R. Clark. He continned in the employ of this gentleman for four years, with such satisfactory results that he was adthe firm became Clark & Wood. In 1854 Mr. Clark withdrew, and our subject became associated with Col. L. L. Comstock, the firm of Comstock & Wood existing until the fall of 1855. In the spring of 1856 Mr. Wood resumed his former relations with his old partner, Mr. Clark, with whom he continued until Jan. 1, 1860, Mr. Wood then withdrew class trade in this connection. On the 15th of Febrnary, 1855, he was united in marriage with Miss Almira S. Comstock, daughter of Warner and Mary Comstock, of Adrian, the wedding being celebrated at the home of the bride in this city. The parents of Mrs. Wood were natives of New York, and came to this county in 1836.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Wood are as follows: Alfred Willis, who was born Jan. 6, 1857, and now junior partner in the clothing firm of Wood, Crane & Wood, of Adrian; Gertrude M., who was born-July26, 1859, and is in New York; Mary, who died in infancy, and Eloise, who was born June 12, 1866, and is at home.

Mr. Wood cast his first Presidential vote for

Franklin Pierce, and since that time has been a stanch supporter of Democratic principles. He identified himself with the Masonic trategraty about 1852, and is one of the most valued members of Adrian Lodge.



HLLIAM II. MATHER, a retired farmer of ample means, has spent his vigorous years of labor mostly in Teennsch Township, and is now a resident of the village, to which he came in the spring of 1880, after turning over instarming to the bands of a femal. He is the off-spring of an old Connecticut, family of good birth, and was himself born in that State, in Darien, leainfield County, May 17, 1822. The Mather family is of English ancestry, and the first representatives of the name in this country came in the latter part of the sixteenth century. The great-grandfather of our subject was a strict Congregationalist, religiously, and an ordained minister, in which sacret calling he continued over half a century and have to an advanced age. He was captured by the British at one time on a Sunday morning while delivering his sermon, and confined a prisoner three weeks on Long Island Sound.

served seven years in the Revolutionary War and Miss Scott, of Danbury, Conn., and they became the parents of ten children, among whom was David S., the father of our subject, David S. Mather was born in Fairfield County, Conn., Dec. 14, 1795. He learned shoemaking in his youth and became an shoes, which business he followed during the active years of his life, He married Miss Elizabeth Fancher, a native of the town of Warwick, Orange Co., N. Y., and the daughter of S. Fancher, Esq. After his marriage he settled in Darien, Conn., where he carried on business until setting out for the Territory of Michigan. He arrived here in the month of June, 1845, locating near Three Rivers, where his death took place Sept. 26, 1845, when he was but many years, dving in the same place June 6, 1883,

The parental household meluded six children, only two of whom survive. William H., our subject, and his sister, Hamah M., the wife of P. P. Bates, a resident of Constantine, Mich.

Our subject spent he youthful days in Connecticut and New York, receiving a common-school coluection, and came to Michagan when a young man twenty dwo years of age. He beated in Three Rivers, St. Joseph County, with his parents, where he engaged in agricultural pursuits and was a resident for a period of stateon years. His first purchase of brind was a quarter section in Lockport Township, for which he paid 83,60 per acre, and which he transformed into a good farm with suitable landdings, and finally sold at a fair profit. I pen coming to this county he purchased the well-known property of Israe Adams, which included 120 acres, located two indes cast of the village of Focusch. Much of this was made up of clay and sand so well mixed that by careful cultivation it has become exceedingly fertife and valuable

Om subject was married, in Clinton County, March 26, 1846, to Miss Clarinda F., daughter of Clinton and Clara Browster, natives of York State, and now deceased. She was born Jan, 1, 1824, and continued with her parents until her marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Mather became the parents of five children, two of whom died in chil thood; three lived to mature years and two survive. Harriet N. is the wite of Rufus Raymond, a resident of Mason, this State; Ann married Engene Lovett, a well-to-do farmer of Teenmsch Township; Charles B. died when twenty-two years of age, of consumption, Mr. and Mrs. Mather are active members of the Presbyterian Church of Teenmsch, and number their friends by the score in this county.



with the interests of Dover Township, in which he lives, in the early days of its settlement, and has ever since been a valued and valuable member of the community. His residence is upon a portion of section 14. His parents were Andrew and Hamah (Hare) Torbron, the father a native of Scotland, and the mother of

Dutchees County, N. Y. After marriage they settled in Duanesburg, Schenectady Co., N. Y., where they lived until 1820, when they removed to Monroe County, in the same State. Mr. Torbron's death occurred in 1831. His widow continued to live there until the following year, when she came to Michigan and spent her last years with her sons, in Madison Township, dying there twelve years later. She was the mother of four sons—William, Stephen, Nicholas and George.

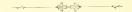
The subject of this sketch was the second son in order of birth, and was born in Schenectady County, N. Y., Aug. 18, 1805. He was bred to the life of a farmer, and it was early impressed on his mind, by the example of his worthy parents, that diligence and honesty were the surest guides to a life of independence. He continued to reside in New York for some years after he had attained his majority, and in the meantime was married, in Monroe County, that State, to Miss Lydia Wells, a native of Ontario County, N. Y., the marriage occurring in October, 1832.

In 1834 Mr. Torbron left Monroe County, N. Y., where he had been engaged in farming, and came with his wife to Michigan, to avail himself of the cheap land and agricultural resources of the Territory. They lived in Madison Township a year, during which time Mr. Torbron had a good chance to look around the country and decide where it was best to locate. In February, 1835, he having decided to settle in Dover Township, removed with his family to the section where he now lives, and since that time he has been actively engaged in farming there. He has reclaimed almost his entire farm of 120 acres, and has 100 of it in a highly productive state. He has erected good buildings and made many other improvements, which have added much to the thrifty and neat appearance of his place. The faithful and loving wife, to whom he was wedded in his younger years, departed this life at their home, Jan. 18, 1870. No children had been born of their union.

Mr. Torbron was again married, on the 20th of March, 1872, in Ypsilanti. The maiden name of his second wife was Mary E. Whitmore. She is a native of Cleveland, Ohio, and was born Sept. 20, 1837. Her parents were Earl and Elbra (Pattee) Whitmore, the latter of whom was the widow of Jesse Emerson at the time of her marriage with Mr. Whitmore. Both of Mrs. Torbron's parents were natives of Western New York, and had removed to Ohio in an early day. They came to Michigan some time previous to their daughter's marriage, and settled in Blissfield Township, but a year later removed to Ypsilanti, in this State. They were the parents of two children—George and Mary E.

Mrs. Torbron is a devoted and consistent communicant of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and endeavors, by a blameless life, to set an example that will benefit the rising generation. Mr. Torbron belongs to Clayton Lodge, F. & A. M. In politics he is an earnest Republican, and in hearty sympathy with the principles of that party.

Mr. Torbron is a sincere Christian, strictly honorable and upright in all his dealings with his fellowmen. He has never identified himself with any church, but is a believer in Christ and the doctrines taught in the New Testament.



ENRY C. OWEN, a very thrifty general farmer, situated on section 8, Clinton Township, resides on the old homestead of eighty acres of valuable and well-improved land, and gives close attention to the details of his business. Mr. Owen was born on his farm on the 10th of November, 1846, and is the son of Henry Owen, who was born in Herkimer County, N. Y., and reared to farm life until he reached his majority, receiving the common-school education customary to farmers' boys at that time. He was born March 17, 1804, and came to Michigan when a mere boy and this section of country was yet in its infancy, He was married in Clinton Township, July 14, 1836, to Miss Mary King, who was a native of Connecticut, born in Suffield, July 12, 1807. Her father died when she was a child, and her mother also passed away in her native State. The daughter came to Michigan with a brother.

Soon after their marriage the parents of our subject moved upon their farm and busied themselves in its improvement. Although Mr. Owen bought it of its third owner, it remained uncultivated until he introduced the plowshare. Here the parents resided until their death, the father passing away Aug. 1, 1880, followed by the mother August 17, one year later. They were members of the Congregational Church, and politically the father was a Republican. Henry C. Owen was the only son and the younger of two children born to his parents, His sister Elizabeth is now Mrs. Wells, for sketch of whom see biography of B. J. Wells in this volume. Henry C. was rearred on the farm until his majority, receiving a common-school education such as was obtainable in the public schools at that period.

On the 13th of August, 1883, Mr. Owen led to the altar the maiden of his choice, Miss Amar N. Oliver, who was born in Rochester, N. Y., Ang. 10, 1854. She is a daughter of James and Martha (Hawkins) Oliver, at present residing on a farm in Franklin Township, which they have occupied smee 1854. They are natives of England, and after their marriage in 1857 emigrated to Rochester, N. Y., where they resided until they came to Michigan.

Mrs. Owen was educated in Franklin and Leslie, and remained at home until about the time of her marriage. She is the mother of two children—Grace M. and Dwight H.—Mr. and Mrs. Owen are Congregationalists in their religious belief, and politically Mr. Owen is a Republican,

REDERICK E. MORRELL. The subject of this sketch has been a resident of Macon Township since 1870, at which time he located upon eighty acres of land on section 24. This was partially improved, and after a few years he added forty acres in the same township and another forty of timber land farther south in Ridgeway Township. He has been a resident of Lenawee County for a period of eighteen years, and has watched its growth and development with the interest which every intelligent citizen feels in regard to the locality which he selects as his abiding-place. Our subject is the third son and fifth child of Asa and Laransa (Hull) Morrell, natives respectively of Maine and New York State, and was born

June 27, 1836, in Oncida County, N. Y.—He was there reared to manhood and learned the earpenter's trade, which he followed for some time after coming to this State, in 1858. He has since turned his attention to farm pursuits, and has attained quite an enviable reputation as a stockgrower, in which he has been successful.

From the Morrell family have sprung many emineut men and women, and the Hulls also were sentatives of its education and enterprise. Enoch was a native of Maine, where he was reared to County, N. Y., during its early settlement, locating in the township of Verona, where he spent the remainder of his life. He secured possession of a tract of wild land, where he made some improvements, but did not live to be aged, his death occurring when he was lifty-six years of age. He married Miss Sallie Hibbard, a native of Maine, and she also died at the homestead in Oneida County, when their son Asa, the father of our subject, was a young man. Asa Morrell was a youth of lifteen when his parents removed to Oneida County, N. Y., to which the jo rney was made overland with teams of oxen and horses, and occupied six weeks' time. He continued with his parents in Oncida County until their decease, and lived to the age of seventy-two years, his death occurring in 1874; the mother had died in 1872, aged seventy years. The father was a member of the Adventist Church, in the faith of waich he remained until the last. In later years, politically, he

Frederick E. Morrell was reared under the home roof and received the advantages of a commonschool education. He became familiar in early years with the various employments of farm life, and was quite content to follow this as his chosen vocation. Upon reaching manhood and starting out in life for himself, he chose for his wife a maiden of his own township, Miss Henrietta A. Lawton, to whom he was married at the residence of the bride, March 23, 1862. The parents of Mrs. Morrell, Joshua W. and Matilda (Ayers) Lawton were of New England ancestry, and educated in Oneida County, N. Y., where they were married and reared their family. Later they removed to Albion, Dane Co., Wis., where the decease of both took place when they were well stricken in years. The father had followed farming all his life and was recognized throughout that region as a kindly, Christian gentleman, and a consistent member of the Baptist Church. The mother had been reared in the Presbyterian faith, to which she clung devotedly until her death. The paternal grandparents, Joseph and Nancy (Dennison) Lawton, were also born in New England, where they spent their entire lives.

Mrs. Morrell was the vonngest daughter of her parents, and was born in Verona Township, Oneida County, May 14, 1841. She received a good education and engaged in teaching some time before her marriage. Of her union with our subject there were born three daughters: Lilly L. and Minnie L., are at home with their parents, having completed their education at the High School in Tecumseh; Edith M. became the wife of William Kniffen, of Ridgeway Township, and died of quick consumption four months after her wedding day, Mr. and Mrs. Morrell, after their marriage, settled in Verona Township, Oneida County, where they remained eight years, Mr. M. occupying himself as a carpenter. They came to Southern Michigan in 1870, and soon afterward took possession of their present homestead, which their united efforts have made one of the most desirable and attractive in Macon Tewnship, Mr. Morrell, politically, affiliates with the Democratic party. Mrs. M., with her eldest daughter, is a devoted member of the Christian Church.

ELEG C. HAVILAND. Among the early settlers of this township still living, a link between the brave pioneer of the past and the rising generation, no mane is more respected than that of Peleg Haviland. He is a native of New York, that State which has sent-such a large quota of her sons to assist in bringing Michigan to her present conspicuous and powerful

position in the Union. He was born in Providence Township, Saratoga Co., N. Y., March 26, 1813. His father was Ingurson Haviland, a native of Dutchess County, N. Y., and the son of James Haviland, who was born and reared in the same county. The grandfather, a shoemaker by occupation, married a lady of New York State, named Martha Ingurson, and they spent their declining years in Providence Township, Saratoga Co., N. Y., dying at an advanced age. Ingarson Haviland grew to manhood in Saratoga County, becoming a tiller of the soil, and married Alice Chase, a native of that county, who bore him eleven children, our subject being the third in order of birth; Mr. Haviland and his sister Esther alone survive.

Mr. and Mrs. Haviland removed with their family to Royalton, Niagara Co., N. Y., in 1821, settling in the unbroken wilderness, where they became actively engaged in reclaiming the soil from its virgin state. Conceiving that Michigan offered greater possibilities for the enterprising farmer, the father of our subject, in the month of May, 1834, left the home that he had built up by so much toil and hardship, and with his wife and five of their children pushed on to the land of promise. Coming to Detroit by water, he there purchased a team of oxen which he attached to a wagon that he had brought with him, and traveling by that slow mode of conveyance they came on the Chicago turnpike to Raisin Township. Here the father and our subject took up 160 acres of unimproved land on section 32, and built a small log

Less than a quarter of a century previously, the Government surveyors had reported that the interior of Michigan consisted only of "vast tamarack swamps, bogs, and sand barrens, with not one aere in a hundred lit for cultivation," and the geographers supported this statement. But when, under Gov. Cass's vigorous administration, the Chicago turnpike from Detroit and other roads had been constructed into the interior, this view was found to be false, and the country began to be slowly inhabited; the opening of the Eric Canal in 1825 gave an added impetus to the settlement of Michigan. On this tract of unbroken land the family made their home and once again began the

task of preparing the land for cultivation, they had not been long in this new country when the shadow of death fell over the threshold of that humble log cabin, and the husband and father was taken from them. This was a great sorrow to the family and to the little community in which he had settled. It is enough to say of him that his everyday life was in accordance with the principles inculcated by the Quakers, of which sect he was a worthy member. The care of the family now devolved on our subject, who was then but twenty-one years of age, and manfully did he perform his part. His mother was the worthy wife of a pioneer, and a leading spirit in the Society of Friends, having been an Elder for several years. She was sixty-two years old at the time of her death, which took place Jan. 4, 1851.

Two years after leaving New York, Mr. Haviland returned to wed Miss Laura Slade, of Somerset, Niagara County, the marriage taking place June 14, 1836. She was born in Farmington. Ontario Co., N. Y., Sept. 24, 1819, and is the daughter of Lawton and Phebe (Monroe) Slade, natives of Dutchess County, N. Y. After their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Slade removed to Ontario County, and thence some years later removed to Niagara County; in the year 1835 they went to Ohio, and two years later came to Michigan, where they made their home in Raisin Township. until their death at a good old age; they were esteemed members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mrs. Haviland's early years, until her marriage, were passed mostly in Niagara County. under the parental roof. Seven children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Haviland, of whom three are deceased, namely: Hiram, Phebe and John, who were all married. Those living are, Hulda, wife of Thomas Savage, residing in Adrian Township, where her husband is proprietor of a meat market; Rocina, the wife of Moses Bowerman, Jr., residing in Grand Traverse County, Mich.; Nancy, the wife of Stephen Bowerman, living on a farm in Raisin, and Emerson, who married Ella Haviland. and they reside on the Haviland homestead,

Mr. Haviland has always lived on the land taken up by his father and himself, and has built for his family a comfortable home. He has a good farm, which contains 110 acres of land under a high state of cultivation. Much of Mr. Haviland's success in life is no doubt due to his early experiences, which strengthened and developed his character. Mr. and Mrs. Haviland are members of the Society of Friends, and in their daily lives and kindly dealings with their neighbors, exemplify the beauty and goodness of the faith which they profess. Mr. Haviland has been Secretary of the church for over thirty years, is a sturdy adveate of Republican principles, and has served his town faithfully in public offices, having been Highway Commissioner six years, while he has many times served as a juryman.

ICHAEL MULZER. The name of this gentleman is familiar among the business men of Adrian as representing one of its most important interests, the boot and shoe trade. In this he has had ample experience, serving a thorough apprenticeship in his native Kingdom of Bavaria. The youth of that country are usually compelled to serve a longer time at a trade than those of America, and are seldom graduated unless becoming thoroughly familiar with that which they have undertaken. In consequence they are, almost without exception, expert workmen no matter what their calling.

Mr. Mulzer was born June 11, 1826, and was the youngest of five children, the offspring of John G. and Elizabeth (Rupprecht) Mulzer, who were also of German birth and parentage. The father tilled a small farm in the Kingdom of Bavaria, and there both parents spent their entire lives. Michael, in common with the children of that country, was placed in school at an early age and pursued his studies until a youth of fourteen years. He spent the two years following assisting his father around the homestead, and then commenced learning the shoemaker's trade. After completing an apprenticeship he visited various cities in the interest of large dealers in boots and shoes, and was thus employed until in March, 1848.

Young Mulzer had been in the habit of keeping his eyes open to what was going on around him, and he believed that he could make better headway socially and financially on the soil of another continent than his own. Accordingly, after due preparation he embarked on board a sailing-vessel at the port of Bremen, and after a voyage of six weeks, landed in New York City on the 5th of May. From the metropolis he made his way directly to Southern Michigan, and after a short stay at Monroe came to Adrian, arriving here on the 5th of July following. Soon afterward he engaged with the firm of Lennell & Philbrook, who were principally employed in general repairing of boots and shoes, and continued with them until August, 1851.

Our subject, in the meantime, true to the instincts which he had inherited from his prudent and substantial German ancestry, had lived economically and saved something from a quite moderate salary. He now commenced business for himself in a small way, and by the exercise of great industry and perseverance, from the repairing of boots and shoes, began to work up a trade in this line which soon gave evidence of becoming one of the notable industries of a growing city. Mr. M. at length was obliged to enlarge his facilities, and finally branched out as a manufacturer, adding this department in 1853. This he abandoned in 1880, but has continued in trade, and has built up a large and profitable patronage. During these years there has been growing up about him a blooming family, and he now has two sons who assist him in the management of the business, and afford him relief from too much care. Mr. Mulzer now owns the building occupied by his business, and he also is the possessor of a fine farm just outside of the city limits, half of it lying within the town of Madison. This farm embraces 110 acres, which has been brought to a high state of cultivation, and which, with its location, constitutes it a very valuable piece of property. The residence is elegant and commodious, and there is a fine barn with all the other out-buildings required to complete the model country home. For a man who arrived in Adrian without means, in fact \$7 in debt, he makes a very fine showing indeed.

One of the most important events in the life of our subject, and which doubtless had much to do with his success in life, was his marriage, which occurred in the spring of 1849, his bride being Mis-Margaret Finzel, of Adrian, who was also a native of Bayara, and who came to the United States with her parents when quite young. The little household established at that time, after the lapse of years was brightened by the birth of eleven children, nine of whom are still living; M. George is engaged in the boot and shoe business, at Seattle, Wash, Ter.; John G. is in the store with his father; Rosa is proprietor of a flourishing millinery business in Adrian; Caroline died when twenty-three years of age; Christine A. is the wife of D. Campse, and lives in Adrian; Mary, F. Conrad, Frederick, Maggie and Louisa make their home with their parents, Frederick and Maggie assisting their father in the store. William was killed by the falling of the grand stand at the fair grounds in 1879.

Mr. Mulzer, upon becoming a naturalized American citizen, identified himself with the Democratic party, of which he has since been a stanch supporter. He keeps himself well posted upon current events, and takes a lively interest in the prosperity of the American people at large, and especially those of his adopted State and county. He has performed a father's duty by his children in a most admirable manner, supplying them with the advantages of a good education and fitting them to take their stations in life as the offspring of a worthy and prominent citizen.

ANIEL D. SINCLAIR, well known in business and social circles in the city of Adrian, among whose people he has lived for a period of fifty-three years, is a native of Broadalbin, N. Y., and was born April 16, 1805. His father, Dunean Sinclar, born March 15, 1772, was the son of Hugh Dunean Sinclair, and both were natives of Scotland and tarmers by occupation.

In 1798 Duncan Sinclair emigrated to America, and not long afterward became a resident of Montgomery County, N. Y., where he purchased a tract of wild land, upon which he operated two or three years, when, selling out, he purchased land in Broadalbin, where he established a comfortable home and spent the remainder of his days, his death taking place when he was fifty-four years of age. He had married in his native Scotland, Miss Chris-

tie McNaughton, a native of his own county, and the young people embarked on the Atlantic Ocean for their bridal tour, making the voyage to this country in nine weeks, and landing in New York, May 10, 1798. They were among the earliest pioneers of the Empire State, and endured in common with other people around them the hardships and privations of life in a new settlement. They became the parents of ten children, and the mothers after the death of her husband, removed to Hillisdale County, Mich., where her death took place about 1849. The sons, like their father before them, all engaged in agricultural pursuits with the exception of one, who learned the trade of a mason. Duncan Sinclair served in the War of 1842.

The subject of this biography is the eldest living member of his father's family. He was in early life trained to habits of industry, and when a lad of twelve years went to Albany, N. Y., when he engaged with a grocer, for whom he officiated as clerk for a period of eighteen months. He then apprenticed himself to a merchant tailor, Ira Porter, Esq., who was a near neighbor of Martin Van Buren, afterward President of the United States. Two years later Mr. Porter retired from business, but procured for young Sinclair a situation with a firm in Schenectady, where he remained until twenty years of age. In the meantime his father had died, and he subsequently removed with his mother to Livingston County, N. Y., and engaged in the clothing business three years. In 1830 he repaired to Albion, and in company with a partner carried on the clothing business there until October, 1834.

Mr. Sinclair now decided to seek his fortune in the young and rapidly growing Territory of Michigan, and was accompanied on the journey by his bride of a month. Upon reaching Tremainsville, Ohio, however, they were induced to spend the winter there, but in April following they resumed their journey and took up their residence in Adrian, where our subject associated himself with Daniel Wilkinson, and they continued in the clothing trade until 1838. Mr. Sinclair was then elected Justice of the Peace, and later County Treasurer, holding the latter office two terms. Mr. Sinclair, upon coming to this county, was at once recognized as a man of more than ordinary

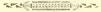
ability, and after having discharged in a creditable manner the responsibilities which had been already committed to him was, in 1848, elected State Senator and attended the first session of the Legislature held at Lansing. In 1849 Gov. Ransom commissioned him Brigadier General.

In 1850 Gen, Sinclair was made Assistant Superintendent of the Michigan Southern & Northern Indiana Railway, which position he held eight years, and was then employed by Pinkerton's Detective Agency until the fall of 1859. In the spring of 1860 he was elected Supervisor of the Second and Third Wards of the city of Adrian, which office he held for a period of eighteen years, and acquitted himself in a manner highly creditable to his good judgment and ability, and to the satisfaction of the people of the township. He had always been interested in the establishment of educational institutions, and in 1867 was elected a trustee of the public schools at Adrian, and served on the board some years. During this time he had noted with intense satisfaction the growth and progress of his adopted city, and has been no unimportant factor in elevating it to its prominent position among the enterprising communities of the West, He had ever been willing to contribute of his time and means in the furtherance of worthy enterprises. and fully established himself as one of its representative men, and closely identified with its inter-

A few months before reaching his twenty-ninth year, Mr. Sinclair was married, Oct. 2, 1834, to Miss Elizabeth, daughter of Chancellor Hyde, of Litchfield, Conn., the wedding taking place at the home of the bride in Brockport, N. Y. The Hyde family was of English descent, and the father of Mrs. Sinclair was a farmer by occupation. The mother, whose maiden name was Polly Birdsey, was also a native of Connecticut, and of English ancestry. She was born in Seneca County, N. Y., Dec. 31, 1815. Her parents spent their last years in that State. Of this union there were born a family of children, of whom the record is as follows: Henry was connected for some time with the Times, of Adrian; Edward W. is junior member of the wholesale drug firm of Myers Brothers & Co., St. Louis, Mo.; Daniel C. is engaged in the drug business at Troy. Kan.; Mary E, is the wife of Gen. William Humphrey, of whom a sketch may be found elsewhere in this volume: Harriet M. is the wife of Thomas S. Applegate, editor of the Adrian Times, whose bnography is published on another page.

Mr. Sinclair, in 1847, connected himself with the Masonic Lodge at Adrian, and has since been held as one of its most valued and worthy members. He has occupied the offices of P. M. and King in Chapter 10, is Generalissimo in Commandery No. 4, and Treasurer in the Council. He also belongs to the I. O. O. F. being the first presiding officer of the order in this State. In this he is now Chaplain, belonging to the Patriarchal branch.

The Sinclair family residence is one of the landmarks of Adrian, a substantial and comfortable structure, over whose threshold have passed the feet of many honored men and women who have long since been called hence. Over the head of Mr. Sinclair there have passed the snows of eighty-three winters, and as the result of a temperate life and correct habits he is in the enjoyment of a green old age, comforted with the reflection that his life has not been in vain, and that he possesses the esteem and confidence of all those who have known him so long and so well. As one of the pioneers of this county he is regarded with the deepest reverence and respect, and has acquitted himself in the most praiseworthy manner as an honest man and a good eitizen.



APT. BENJAMIN F. GRAVES, who for the last nine years has been numbered among the prominent citizens of Adrian, and earned his title by honorable service in the Union army during the late Rebellion, was born in Charlotte, Chautauqua Co., N. Y., May 19, 1839. His early years were passed on the farm, and his limited circumstances compelled him to enter upon the active duties of life with a common-school education.

Mr. Graves left the Sinclairville school in Chautauqua County in 1859, and repaired to Warren County, Pa., where for the following eighteen

the spring of 1861 his interests in this field of labor called him to Pittsburgh, Pa., where he found himself in the midst of active preparations for war. Recruits were being enlisted, companies and regiments were leaving for their rendezvous, and on his way home, via Cleveland, Ohio, young Graves enlisted, April 22, 1861, as a private in Company G. 19th Ohio Infantry, for the term of three months. He accompanied that regiment through its long marches into Western Virginia, under Gen. McClellan, and participated in the battle of Rich Mountain, July 11. They left that section of country a few weeks later, when the regiment was mustered out, but the next day Mr. Graves enlisted in the 2d Ohio Cavalry, and subsequently took part in the battles of Independence, Pen Ridge, and a dozen other engagements in Southwestern Missouri, Arkansas, Indian Territory and Kansas.

In one of the many engagements in which this regiment participated, Mr. Graves was badly injured by the fall of his horse, and in 1863, when the regiment was sent to Columbus, Ohio, to recruit, he was discharged for disability. In the meantime he had been three times promoted for gallant conduct in action. After leaving the regiment and spending a few months in recruiting his health, he for the third time entered the volunteer service, with a Captain's commission, but finding that he was no longer able for duty, he resigned and made his way to Titusville, Pa., where he was engaged in the oil business until the spring of 1868. He then entered the law office of Hon, Linus W. Thaver, at Warsaw, N. Y., having in view the fitting of himself for the legal profession. A year later he had made much good progress that he was admitted to the bar at the general term, at Buffalo, N. Y., and commenced practice at Warsaw.

In August, 1871, Capt, Graves came with his family to this State, and opened an office at Big Rapids, where he practiced successfully until January, 1879, then removed to the city of Adrian, where he has since resided. During his residence in Mecosta County, he was three times elected Prosecuting Attorney, and for three terms also held the office of City Attorney of Big Rapids. He was President of the Board of Education of that city,

and for five years was State Agent of the reformatory institutions of the State for that county.
Since coming to Adrian, Capt, Graves has been an
active member of the bar of Leanwee County, and
has enjoyed a large and lucrative practices. He is
a liberal and public-spirited man, always wordy to
assist in the promotion of any enterprise that promises to aid in the welfare of the community. An
enthusiastic Grand Army man, he has served three
terms as Communder of Woodbury Post, two terms
as Vice President of the Southerstern G. A. R. As
sociation, and is now serving his second term as its
President. It is due to him to say that the surcess of that organization is largely owing to his obergy and ability in the management of its affairs,
He is now serving as a member of the Comeil of
Administration of the Department of Median G.
A. R., and has filled many positions in this councetion. At the annual encampment of that order
held at Grand Rapids in March, 1887, he was prominently mentioned for Department Community.

Capt. Graves, in June, 1864, was married to Mass Elizabeth Baily, of Warsaw, N. Y., and to them there were born five children, three or whom are now living—Clinton B., Benton F. and Florence E. Upon the removal of the family to this State, Mrs. Graves was in delicate health, and in March, 1876, she passed away. In June, 1877, Capt. Graves was again married, to Miss Elizabeth, daughter of Samuel and Mary Kinney, of Senesa, this county. Mrs. Graves was horn in May, 1839, and her narents were natives of New Yerk.

Capt, Graves, politically, Is a promininged Republican. His first Presidential vate was east for Abraham Lincoln in 1860, and since that time he has taken an active part in the conneils of his party, often representing it in the State and county conventions.

ATHANIEL CARPENTER BENNETT, formerly a resident of Riga Township, was born in Maryland, Otsego Co., N. Y., Dec. 28, 1824. He received his name in honor of a wealthy merchant of that county. Nathamel Carpenter, who gave his namesake 8500. As a mem ber of the militia of his native state, Mr. B, was given

a captain's commission by the Governor of the State. Moses Bennett, father of the Captain, was a farmer, and pursued that occupation in Otsego County during the last years of his life.

The subject of this sketch spent, the early years of his life on a farm, attending the district schools of his native county quite regularly. He there reby the kindness of Mrs. Carpenter, wife of the gencomplete at Hartwick Academy, where he received the full benefits of a thorough course of instruction. After he was graduated from that excellent institutea her, which he immediately adopted and purstell su cessfully for twelve years. He married in 1816, and in company with his father, bought a tam in Otsego County, of which, however, he disposed in 1851 and removed to Albany, where he engage I in the lumber business. In 1856 his establishment was burned down, and he then went West to retrieve his fallen fortunes. Crossing the Mississippi, he located at Ossian, Iowa, where he managed a hotel two and one-half years, when he went to Columbia, Boone Co., Mo., and followed the same business one year. His next move was to commission merchant for one and one-half years, and then gave up that business and went to Castillian, Iowa, where he bought some property and resunged the duties of "mine host," In 1868 he permanently between from the hotel business, and retraced his steps castward as far as Michigan, where he bought 200 acres of land in Riga Township, and from that time devoted his attention exclusively to agricultural pursuits, with much success. At the time of his death, which occurred Sept. 15, 1883, he had eighty acres of land under a high state of cultivation, and containing good frame buildings, well adapted to the purposes of a farm. In Capt. Bennett's death the community sustained the loss of a valued citizen and a genial, whole-souled man, of varied business experiences and ability; his widow still continues to reside on the homestead,

Captain and Mrs. Bennett had no children of their own, but in the kindness of their hearts they adopted a child and reared him as their own. This young man, John M., married Anna Durham, of Otsego County, N. Y., but she died in September, 1881, leaving two children, Thaddeus and Ardie May.

Mrs, Bennett, whose maiden name was Rebecca Myers, was born in Otsego County, N. Y., July 31, 1824. Her grandfather, Peter Myers, was a farmer of Canada, but spent his last years in Cobleskill, Schoharie Co., N. Y. Her father, Ephraim Myers. was born in the Province of Quebec, Canada, and after marrying in Schoharie County, N. Y., he settled on a tract of timber land, which he had bought in Otsego County, and improved a farm. The father of his wife, whose maiden name was Maria Sagendorf, was born in Germany, and came to America with his parents when an infant. He was reared in New York City, where he learned the jewelry business, and afterward went to Schoharie County, where, buying a large tract of timbered land, he became one of the early settlers, and there died, after improving a farm.

Mrs. Bennett's father died at his home in Otsego County when she was quite young. She remained with her mother until she was sixteen years of age, and then went to live with an aunt in Albany, where she learned the millinery trade. She remained in Albany until a year before her marriage, then returned to her mother. Mrs. Bennett is an estimable woman, respected by all in the community.

ULETT WEST is one of the prominent agriculturists of Raisin Township, and has materially assisted in its growth and presperity. He was born in Norwich, Oxford County, Ontario, Canada, Feb. 10, 1830, and is the youngest of the ten children born to his parents (for parental history see biographical notice of Wilber West). He was fourteen years of age when he came with the family from Canada to Raisin Township, where he completed his education in the primitive log-school-house, and when not attending school assisted his father in clearing his land and preparing it for culvation. When he became of age, he and his brother Wilber bought a farm of 260 acres, 160 acres of which lie in Raisin Township and eighty acres in

Blissfield Township. This they improved and farmed successfully together until the year 1870, when they discontinued the connection, and Mr. West became the sole owner of eighty acres of land on sections 35 and 36 in the township of Raisin, and forty acres in Blissfield Township, which he afterward disposed of and bought sixty acres, and that he has also disposed of. He now has a well cultivated farm, with numerous well appointed buildings, and the necessary appliances for carrying on the different branches of farming successfully; his home is beautifully located on section 36 of Raisin Township.

Mr. West was married in Raisin Township. Aug. 29, 1870, to Mrs. Eliza, widow of Levi H. Chase. 88he was born in Royalton, Niagara Co., N. Y., Dec. 26, 1827, and came to Michigan when she was five years old with her parents (for parental history see sketch of Rev. L. C. Chase). Here she grew to womanhood and was educated in the home of her parents in Raisin Township.

By her first marriage Mrs. West is the mother of six children, of whom the record is as follows: Levi F. married Hattie L. Stevenson, of Washtenaw County, and they now live on the homestead of Mr. West, our subject; Dan married Stella Wells, and they now live on a farm in Blissfield Township; Mary A. is the wife of Edward Isley, and they also reside on a farm in Blissfield Township; Herbert died at the age of fourteen; Owen, at the age of twenty-one.

Mr. West is a profound believer in the doctrines of the Christian Church, of which he is a member, and he has done much to establish his cherished faith. In politics he is independent, having the courage of his opinions, and is swayed by neither party nor policy.

OHN FISHER, a prosperous farmer and stock-raiser of Lenawee County, is a prominent citizen of Clinton Township, where he has one of the finest residences in the county; it is built of brick, two stories in height, and is beautifully located on his farm on section 9, three

and one-half miles from Tecumsch, and two unlestrom Clintonville. His farm consists of 3721 acres of land in a finely improved condition. His barms are large, of a modern style, and with his other farm buildings compare with the best in Southern Michigan. A view of the elegant mension and its environs, which are considered models in their way, is given on an adjoining page, and happly illustrates the wonderful advance made in architecture, in elegance and in all the confronts of fift, from the primitive days of the early settlement of this county.

The high stand Mr. Fisher takes among his fellow-critizens, has been brough about on his part by intelligent and well-directed industry, compled with honest dealing and a judicious seconomy that knows when to spend the most freely as well as when to withhold. He is a native of the good old commonwealth of Massachusetts, and a descendant of ancestors who had long made that State their home. Mr. Fisher's father, John Fisher, Sr., was born in Massachusetts, of New England perentage, and was regred to the occupations of cabinet-maker and carpenter. He married, in Franklin County, Elizabeth Hill, who was by birth and parentage a Massachusetts woman, descended from well-connected families of New England antecedents. After their marriage they made their home in Franklin County, and there remained until after the birth of their cleven children, most of whom lived to maturity,

On the 3d of May, 1836, Mr. and Mrs. John Fisher, Sr., with nine children, 160 the r. Massachusetts home and started on the then lone journey for Michigan, where they contemplated settling, to boke advantage of its fertile soil and fine climate. They journeyed to Troy, N. Y., and then endenked on the Eric Canal, on which they crossed the State to Buffalo, thence, by way of Lake Eric and Detroit River, to Detroit. From there they returned on the lake in a steamer to Mouroc, and were brought across the country from the latter piace by teams, on a road which was almost impassable for many miles. Finally their long and were brought write long and weary journey of twenty days came to an end, on the 2571 of May, 1836, in what is now Clinton Township, but was then a part of the new town of Tecumseh, and there they made their new home on land which the father had bought in 1835, and the same on which our subject lives tooday. Only a very small part of it had been eleared and plowed, but the father lived to see it fairly well improved. The family first lived in a small house, 18821 feet in size, built in a rude namer, and in that humble home the lirst fifteen years of their life in their adopted 8tate were pussed. They then replaced it by a larger and more convonient house, which later gave way to the present commodions and elegant structure erected by our sylvier.

Mr. Fisher, Sr., early took a prominent part in the attairs of the township and State. He was a by as much mental as physical vigor, which made hun a very important accession as a member of Massichusetts, he was a Democrat, but after he come to Michigan be found himself more in symhimself with that party, but later became a member of the Republican party, which replaced the Wnigs. He represented Franklin County, Mass., in the State Levislature for several years. He died May 5. 1863, at the age of seventy-nine years, and his wite had departed this life on the 3d of the same inboth in the preceding year. The latter was a of endurance, and it was a singular coincidence that they were both found dead in their chairs, having stitered no previous illness, having been apparcutty in good mental and bodily health. They were

John Fisher, of whom we write, was born in Charlemont, branklin Co., Mass., Aug. 4, 1829, and was the youngest but one of his parents' family. He received a good practical training in the everydry duties of life, and an education in select schools. When he became of age he took charge of the 140 geres of band comprising his father's original purchase, on which he made the principal improvements, and by sib-sequent purchases of land greatly a ided to the original extent of his farm.

Mr. Fisher was first married in Teeumseh Village, Feb. 11, 1854. to Miss Rachel Hanton, who was born in Teeumseh in 1832, and was the daughfer of Isaac and Almera (Hewitt) Hamton, who

were very early settlers in this county, from New York. They lived to an advanced age, her father's death occurring in Illinois, and her mother's in New York. Mrs. Fisher died in Clinton Township, Feb. 14, 1868, on the anniversary of her wedding day. She was a most estimable woman, much beloved by a large circle of friends; she was a member of the Baptist Church, as were also her children, of whom she had three. The following is their record: William F, lives at home assisting his father in the management of his large farm; he was graduated from the Tecumseh High School, and brings a welltrained intellect to bear on the duties of his calling. Ellen R, is an accomplished music teacher, and lives at home; she is also a graduate of the Tecumseh High School. Charles H. died at the age of twenty-four, while in attendance at the University at Ann Arbor.

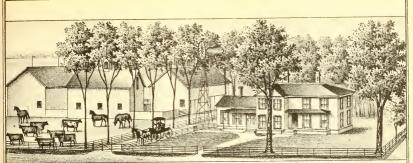
Mr. Fisher's second marriage occurred at Kalamazoo, Mich., July 31, 1868, when he was wedded to Mrs. Zoraida A. Hood, daughter of Dr. R. H. and Betsy (Foster) Henderson, natives respectively of New York and Massachusetts. Her father was a physician, adopting that profession in early manhood, and pursuing it the remainder of his life. He was a man of much influence, and was very skillful in his profession, and met with deserved success. After marriage the Doctor and his wife settled in Lockport, N. Y., and there all but one of their ten children were born, Mrs. Fisher being their eighth child in order of birth, the date of her advent being June 17, 1832. In 1835 the family all came to Michigan and made their home near the city of Ann Arbor. The Doctor continued the practice of his profession there until his death in August, 1838. In his political faith he was a Demoerat, and was quite prominent in the local councils of that party. Both he and his wife were of the old school of Presbyterians, and rigid adherents to the doctrines and tenets of that denomination. His wife survived him many years, and died in Ann Arbor, Mrs. Fisher is a lady of much intelligence and culture, having been finely educated at Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti, and taught school for some years before her marriage. She and her husband occupy a high social position in the township, and often extend the genial hospitality of their beautiful home to their friends. They are esteemed members of the Baptist Church. In politics Mr. Fisher earnestly advocates and supports the Republican party.



OHN A. TOWNSEND. The subject of this sketch has had experience in various lines of business aside from farming, which proved very valuable to him in that occupation, and he has resided in other localities, but, like nearly everybody else who moves away, has drifted back to Lenawee County, and is thoroughly convinced that there are other places just as good, but none better in which to live, than this part of the State.

Mr. Townsend was born in Dover Township, Lenawee County, on the 31st of July, 1837. His parents were Henry F. and Lucy R. Townsend, who had three children-John A., Milton H. and Lucy A. Milton II. resides in Dover Township; Lucy A, is the wife of A, B, Bedell, and resides in Menominee, Mich. John A., the subject of this sketch, passed his early life on his father's farm, where he remained until he was twenty-two years of age, at which time he moved to Adrian, and obtained employment as a clerk in the store of W. S. Wilcox. After quitting that employment, he went to Vermilion County, 1ll., and lived in Rossville four years, during which time he engaged in farming and sheep-grazing. He then returned to Lenawee County, and entered the employ of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Raitroad, with which he remained for ten years. Aside from that he has devoted his life to agricultural pursuits. He now owns seventy-three acres of land, which is considered very valuable, and upon which he has creeted elegant, commodious and comfortable buildings.

Mr. Townsend has been married twice, the first marriage occurring on the 21st of May, 1862, his wife being Miss Almira H. Todd, daughter of Harvey Todd, who at one time owned the largest portion of land on which the eastern part of the city of Adrian now stands. She was born in Adrian on the 9th of November, 1839, but was a resident of Madison Township at the time of her marriage to Mr. Townsend. By this marriage five children were born; William H., in Rossville, Ill., Aug. 29,



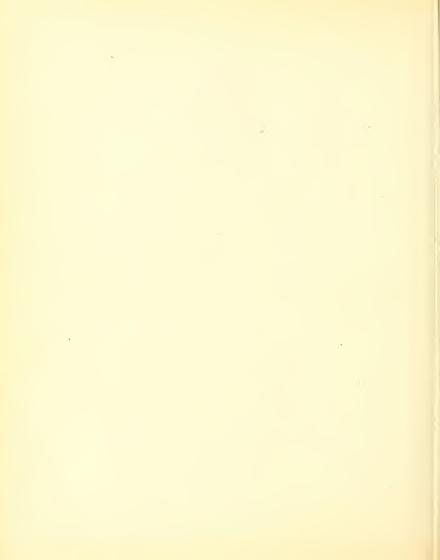
RESIDENCE OF GEO. HOLLOWAY, SEC. 23. RAISIN TOWNSHIP.



RESIDENCE OF JOHN A. TOWNSEND, SEC. 1. MADISON TOWNSHIP.



RESIDENCE OF JOHN FISHER, SEC. 9. CLINTON TOWNSHIP.



1863; Louis E., in Palmyra Township, July 23, 1868; Charles H., in Madison Township, Sept. 12, 1869; Milton, in Madison Township, April 12, 1872; Almira B., in Madison Township, Nov. 27, 1873, William H. married Miss Mattie Anderson, and resides in Adrian; Louis E. died in Madison Township on the 29th of August, 1869. Mrs. Almira Townsend died in Madison Township, Feb. 12, 1874. She was born, married and died in the same house, that in which Mr. Townsend now resides, and in the same building her two youngest children were born.

Mr. Townsend's second wife, was Sarah, L. Nash, to whom he was married in Palmyra Township, Lenawee County, on the 29th of October, 1874. She was born in Madison Township, May 20, 1815, and was the daughter of Samuel and Sarah M. (Becker) Nash, who were natives of Connecticut and New York respectively. Her parents emi-Madison Township, but afterward removed to Palmyra Township. The mother died in Madison Township on the 22d of June, 1863, and the father in Palmyra Township, Oct. 16, 1875. To them were born nine children-Samuel, Nathan, Nancy, Harvey T., Gerardus J., Henry, Sarah L., Esther and Frances E. Samuel resides in Palmyra Township; Nathan resides in Adrian Township; Nancy is the wife of Samuel Hamilton, and is living in Palmyra; Harvey T. resides in Adrian; Gerardus resides in Palmyra Township; Henry lives in Saline County, Kan,; Esther is the wife of David E. Palmer, and resides in Madison Township: Frances E, is the wife of Franklin S. Phillips, and has her home in Ogden Township; Sarah L, is the wife of the subject of this sketch.

In his political relations, Mr. Townsend adheres to the doctrines of the Republican party, and in the movements of that organization he takes an active interest. He is a member in high standing of the Masonic fraternity. In all the affairs of life Mr. Townsend has been an enterprising and energetic man, and in his efforts to improve his condition in life he has been eminently successful. (For sketch of Henry F. Townsend, father of the subject of this biography, see another page of this Ann w.)

In connection with this memoir, the publishers

present, on another page of this Alara, a beautiful lithographic view of the residence of Mr. Townsend with its immediate surroundings, as illustrative of the great advancement in the architectural arts that have been made from the log cabins of the pioneers, and the elegance and comfort of life of the present citizens of Lenawee County, in comparison with that of their forefathers.



EORGE HOLLOWAY, well known throughout Raisin Township, is the son of one of its carliest pioneers, and was born at the homestead which he now occupies April 19, 1852. His father, Butler Holloway, a native of Conway, Mass, was born Feb, 11, 1814, and was the son of Dr. William Holloway, also a native of the Bay State, and born in 1781. The latter resided in his native county until about 1816, when he emigrated to York Township, Livingston Co., N. Y., where he practiced medicine until coming to Michigan, in 1853, His first location was in Raisin Township, this county, where he continued as a successful physician until his death, Aug. 10, 1852.

Dr. William Holloway was married three times and became the father of mue children, five by the first wife and four by the second, Butler being the youngest child of the first marriage. The latter came to the Territory of Michigan with his parents, and in company with his brothers, William, Edwin and Silas, purchased 320 acres of land and took up 200 more, all lying in one tract in Raisin Township. The intersection of the cest and west and north and south roads near the old family residence has been familiarly known to the people of this region for over forty years as "Holloway Corners." The father of our subject selected for his share the southwest corner of section 23, which he cleared from the wilderness and eventually creeted a fine brick residence, with good barns and out-buildings, while he reduced the land to a fine state of cultivation by means of fifteen miles of the draining.

Butler Holloway has often reguled the rising generation with tales of the early times when frequently he did not know where he was to get the next meal until he could kill some game with his ritle. He frequently started out before daylight in the morning to hunt deer when he was obliged to wear gloves on his hands and tie his coat over his head to keep the mosquitoes from "bleeding him to death," and of hunting his cows after dark when he was obliged to carry a hickory torch to keep the wolves away. He was married, April 2, 1846, to Miss Ann Richard, daughter of Archibald Richard, of Raisin Township, by whom he became the father of three children, namely: Ellen Z., who died Oct. 22, 1875, when twenty-six years old; George, our subject, and one daughter who died in infancy. Mrs. Ann Holloway was a native of County Antrim, Ireland, and was born May 13, 1818. She came with her parents to this country in her youth, and the family settled in Raisin Township, this county, in 1833. She is still living and makes her home with her only son, George, of our sketch. She united with the Presbyterian Church early in life and has since been a devoted member of that body. Butler Holloway departed this life at the homestead, Feb. 15, 1882. He had been one of the most useful members of the community, and was a life-long adherent of the Democratic party.

George, of our sketch, has spent his entire life on the farm which he now occupies and which possesses for him a far more than moneyed value. Upon reaching manhood he chose for his wife a maiden of his own township, Miss Elizabeth Stretch, who was born May 24, 1858, and is the daughter of Jesse and Ann (Charlton) Stretch, who for many years were residents of Raisin Township, The mother was of English birth and parentage, and emigrated to the United States with her parents in early ehildhood, and died in Raisin Township in 1884, Mr. Stretch continues farming at the homestead upon which he first located. Mrs. Holloway continued with her parents until her marriage, and occupied herself as a teacher in the district school. Of her union with our subject there has been born one child, a son, Kenneth, who is now attending school.

Our subject was the only child of his parents, and at the death of his father assumed the management of the farm. He has for some years been occupied as a breeder of thoroughbred Durham cattle, making this industry an entire success. His property includes 240 acres of land, with an elegant residence, roomy and neat barns and other farm buildings, and all the necessary farm machinery. He has been quite prominent in local affairs and assisted greatly in building up the little village of Holloway, which was usumed in honor of his family. Politically, he is an ardent supporter of Democratic principles. He and his estimable wife are prominent members of the Presbyterian Church, in which Mr. II. has officiated as Elder for some years.

A lithographic view of Mr. Holloway's handsome residence and its surroundings is shown on another page of this Alacua. Nothing could more fitly show the marvelous growth of the county since its first settlement than the advance that has been made in the mode of life of the people, and especially in the conforts of their homes and the elegance of their houses. In this connection these views of the dwellings of the descendants of the old pioneers are doubly valuable.



HOMAS MURPHY, the subject of this sketch, was horn in Tullynucy, County Antrim, Ireland, Aug. 15, 1846, and was reared at home to the occupation of a farmer until the spring of 1868, when he sailed with some acquaintances for America. They had a very stormy voyage and at length reached the United States, where he engaged as a general laborer, and remained ten years in Tecumsch, Mich., after which, in 1877, he purchased his present farm, on section 14 of Macon Township on the Ridge road. At that time he purchased eighty acres, mostly improved, to which he has since added forty acres on section 13, the same township, most of which is under cultivation.

The father of our subject, John Murphy, now lives on the farm with his son, and is about seventy years of age. He married, in Carnlea, County Antrim, Ireland, Mary Sample, who is also living at sixty-seven years of age.

Mr. Murphy was united in marriage in Tecunseh, April 3, 1878, to Mis-Jennie Anderson, who was born at The-Craig, County Antrim, Ireland, on the 30th of July, 1848, and came to this country with her parents in 1866. The parents settled in Macon, and there the father, William Anderson, died a few months after their arrival. His wife, whose maiden name was Eliza Getty, now lives in Macon Township at the age of sixty-eight years, Mr. and Mrs. Murphy, of this notice, have been very successful, now owning a fine farm and considerable means, while they are still in the prime of life. They have three children—James A., Lizzie M, and Anna F, Mr. M. is a progressive and liberal minded man. Mr. and Mrs. M. are members of the Presbyterian Church. In politics Mr. Murphy is a Republican.



ENRY F. TOWNSEND was born in Westmoreland, Oncida Co., N. Y., on the 28th of August, 1813, and was the son of John Townsend, who was born in the same place in 1791, and lived there until his death. The father was a farmer, owning the farm where he was born, and which his father, also John Townsend, took up from the Government; his ancestors came from England. John Townsend, Jr., married Parnel, daughter of David Bishop, of Paris, Oncida Co., N. Y., by whom he had eight children, five sons and three daughters, Henry F. being the eldest. Mrs. Parnel Townsend was born in Branford, New Haven Co., Coun., in 1789, and died in Whitesboro, Oncida Co., N. Y., in May, 1873.

Henry F. Townsend lived with his parents until he was twenty-one years of age and was brought up a farmer. In the fall of 1835 he came to Michigan. landing at Monroe on the 1st of November, and came direct to Adrian. His father came to Michigan the previous year and took up 640 acres of land on sections 7, 8, 17 and 18, in Dover Township, while the next year he took 320 acres on sections 12 and 13, in Hudson Township, making in all 960 acres of Government land, Henry F. was given 160 acres on section 7, in Dover Township, where he resided from the fall of 1855 until his death. April 13, 1886. When he took possession there had never been a tree felled or a road cut through. His nearest neighbor, Stephen W. Graves, who was known as a great hunter, lived a little over onehalf a mile west, Daniel Payne lived two and onehalf miles east, Peter Turpenning and John M. Robb and Brackley Shaw, Sr., lived the same distauce north. Mr. Townsend, Stephen Graves and line east as far as Mr. Payne's, a distance of three and one-half miles, which made a passable road through to Adrian. During the fall of 1835 Mr. Townsend built a log shanty 16x18 feet outside, which was occupied as a home until the spring of 1843. In 1837 he erected a frame barn 32x46 four and one-half miles east, and Bean Creek. In 1857 he was elected Justice of the Peace, and held the office twelve years, and also served many years as Constable and Highway Commissioner. He alment of the county in all directions, and served as Director and Judge of the county fairs, and dealt to some extent in good stock. In 1859 he erected

On the 16th of June, 1836, Mr. Townsend was married to Lucy R., daughter of Jounthan and Mary Bennett, of Westmoreland, Oneida Co., X. Y., by whom he had three children, as follows: John A., hour July 31, 1837; Milton H., hour Now, J. 1811, vas a soldier in the war of the Rebellion, where he was a member of Company D. 12th Michigan Infantry, and was badly wounded at Corinth, Miss.; he occupies and owns a part of the old homestead, which now consists of over 300 acres. Lucy A., born March 13, 1841, is now the wife of A. B. Bedell, of Clayton. Mrs. Lucy R. Townsend was horn in Salem, Washington Co., X. Y., on the 10th of February, 1814, and came to Michigan in 1836 with her husband. She was left an orphan when very young, and knows but little about her parents. She is perfectly familiar, however, with pioneer life, and can fully realize all the trials and hardships, the hopes, the comforts and enjoyments of settlement in a new country.

There was no kerosene oil in Lenawee County lifty-three years ago, but it was quite as necessary to have artificial light then as now. Mrs. Townsend was out of candles and materials of which to make them, and she conxect her husband to borrow a dog

which belonged to a man in Canandaigua, That night Mr. Townsend and his wife and the borrowed dog went hunting, and succeeded in capturing two coons; in this way Mrs. Townsend procured oil enough to furnish plenty of light during the winter. The first butter she sold was made in the spring of 1837; Mr. Townsend broke his hoe and needed a new one, so his wife let him have what butter she had, and earrying it to Adrian he traded it for a hoe. Mrs. Townsend in her pioneer life has passed through ordeals from which many ladies of the present day would shrink. For instance, she did not have a new dress during the first four years of her residence here, and did not buy a pound of sugar in all that time, but manufactured a small quantity every spring, which had to last them during the year.

It is of such people that the population of Michigan is largely composed—people who had the courage to endure the hardships of early pioneer life. To that generation the West will always be indebted, for it was they who cleared away the forests and broke the prairies where the magnificent farms now lie.

MOS A. KINNEY. The family history of this gentleman, one of the most valued residents of Seneca Township, and a member of the farming community, is in its essential points as follows: His parents, Elias and Margaret (Anderson) Kinney, were natives of New Jersey, where they were rearred and married and whence they removed in 1824, to Canandaigna, N. Y. This removal had not been attended with the success which Elias Kinney had anticipated, and he determined to go into a newer country and try there to better his financial condition.

The Territory of Michigan was at that time attracting the attention of many enterprising men, and the father of our subject accordingly left the Empire State in 1836, and coming into the woods of Seneca Township, this county, erected a log cabin, and proceeded toward the establishment of a home. This first dwelling was built in the most primitive style, the door being hewil from a log,

and secured with wooden pins, as nails were not to be had even in Detroit, while the chinney was built outside of mud and sticks. The family continued upon the land which the father had entered from the Government, and with the aid of his loys inproved a good farm and added suitable buildings. Here the mother died on the 21st of April, 1858, at the age of seventy years, while Elias Kinney followed his aged partner a little over a year later, his death taking place on the 3d of September, 1859, when he was nearly seventy-one years old.

The children of Elias and Margaret Kinney were named respectively, Amos A., James S., Mary Ann, Samuel K., Richard H., Sally Ann, William S., Elizabeth M. and John Oxford. Mary and Sally Ann died when young, while the seven surviving, with the exception of two who live in Kansas, are residents of this county. Amos A., of our sketch, was born April 28, 1812, in Johnsonburg, Sussex Co., N. J., and was a lad eleven years of age when his parents removed to New York State. He there developed into manhood, and became familiar with farm pursuits, in which he has always delighted and been ambitious to excel; his early opportunities for education were exceedingly limited. When about twenty years of age, he left home and entered the employ of his uncle, James Kinney, who conducted a hotel on Cortland street, in New York, and while there he made the acquaintance of Commodore Vanderbilt, who was at that time boating

There also young Kinney made the acquaintance of another person, who bore an important pert in his after life; this was Miss Mary Ann Hayward, of Farmington, and they were married in Canandaigna on the 17th of June, 1834. Mr. and Mrs. Kinney soon after their marriage bade farewell to their friends and acquaintances in the Empire State, and started overland with a team for the unknown West. For sixteen days they traveled through the wilderness, and reaching Seneca Township, this county, in March, 1835, our subject at once took up eighty acres of land on section 17, and the following year was joined by his father's family. He put up a log cabin, and after months of incessant labor, began to feel that he had done a wise act in coming to this

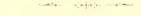
section of country. The soil, under proper cultivation, proved to be exceedingly fertile, and the prospect of having a well-tilled farm of his own proved a pleasurable stimulus to his exertions. Indians had not then left this region, and often passed by his cabin door in large numbers; they, however, never attempted to molest him, and he was careful to keep at a respectful distance and treat them with proper consideration.

Our subject added to his real estate until he now has a good farm, embracing a quarter section of land, upon which he has creeted a substantial dwelling, barn, and the other buildings required for the shelter of stock and the storing of grain. The home surroundings are exceedingly pleasant, the house occupying a good location, and the grounds tion which came upon the family was in the death of the wife and mother, which occurred on the 15th of September, 1846. Of this marriage there were born four children-Henry E., George, and two infants who died unnamed. Henry E. died when three years of age; George married Miss Louisa Ashley, and removed to St. Charles County, Mo., where his demise occurred; their four children are Charles, Amos, Bert and May.

The second wife of Mr. Kinney, to whom he was married in 1819, was Miss Lucinda M , daughter of Benjamin and Margaret Stuck, natives respectively of Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Her paternal grandfather served in the Revolutionary War, and afterward settled in Favette Township, Seneca Co., N. Y., where his death took place in 1824. Benjamin Stuck died Feb. 10, 1844, and his wife, Margaret, in 1860. They were the parents of five daughters and two sons, of whom Mrs. Kinney, the second child, was born Nov. 11, 1822, in Fayette Township, where she attended the district school, and developed into womanhood. Of her union with our subject there have been born five children: Their eldest daughter, Margaret C., is the wife of Coleman Young, a well-to-do farmer of Medina Township; Myron died in childhood; Frank A. married Miss Elva Coonrad, and is carrying on farming in Medina; Mary Lavina died in infancy; John A, is at home with his parents; the latter and his

brother Frank completed their studies in Adrian College, and are promising and well-educated young men

Mr. Kinney for many years has been prominent in township affairs, and was one of the first Assessors appointed, serving three years. He east his first Presidential vote for Andrew Jackson, and since that time has been the stanch supporter of the Democratic party.



LLEN COLLINS. This gentleman is a member of the well-known Collins family, who came to this county while its people were struggling with the difficulties incident to pioneer life, felling the trees, preparing the undeveloped soil for cultivation, and erecting their cabin homes in the wilderness. He remembers well the conflict with adverse circumstances, and upon reaching manhood was fully prepared for the later, though less laborious life, whose labors for him, like many others, had been rendered easier by the industry of the first settlers.

Mr. Collins continued under the home roof until twenty-six years of age, and then married and located in Teeumsch Township, whence he removed in the spring of 1883 to Macon Township, and is now considered one of its most praiseworthy citizens. He is the owner of 105 acres of choice land on section 1, most of it under a good state of cultivation. He was born at the old homestead in Macon Township, Aug. 26, 1843, and is the son of Isaac Collins, who came to this section of country at an early day. Allen was reared on the home farm and received his education in the district schools after the manner of most farmers' sons. On arriving at suitable age he took for his wife Miss Augusta Maples, to whom he was married in Macon Township, Oct. 6, 1869.

Mrs. Collins was born in Yates County, N. Y., Aug. 23, 1843, and is the daughter of Albert and Ann M. (Lamunyan) Maples, also natives of the Empire State. Both parents were reared in their native county, where the father learned the trade of a carpenter, and after their marriage, which took place in the vicinity of their birth, they set out for the Territory of Michigan. They located first at Saline, which was then but a hamlet, whence Mr. M. removed about 1844, to Macon Corners, his present home; the mother of Mrs. C, died in Washtenaw County in 1848, when a young woman, being but twenty-eight years old. Mr. Maples was married a second time, his present wife having been Miss Margaret Anselus, of New York State. She is still living to comfort her aged husband, who has now arrived at his three-core and ten years, but still preserves his old-time habits of industry and keeps at his trade whenever able. Mrs. Collins, after the death of her mother, was taken into the home of Isaac Pennington, by whom principally she was reared to womanhood. She was a bright and intelligent girl, and by her obedience to her fosterparents, secured a warm place in their affections, They are now in Macon Township.

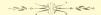
Mr. and Mrs. Collins have four bright children, all at home, namely: Agnes J., Nina E., Leroy M. and Isaac W. Shortly after his marriage, our subject located in Tecumseh Township, but in 1874 or 1875 he purchased forty acres of land on section 10. in Macon Township, which they occupied until 1883, when he purchased his present farm. He is a thorough and skillful agriculturist, and politically, a solid Republican. Mrs. Collins is a lady greatly respected in her community, and a member in good standing of the Baptst Church.

ENRY C. BOWEN, Jr., Chief of the Fire Department at Adrian, is but little over thirty years of age, and the fact that he is entrusted with the duties of a very responsible position is indicative of his excellent natural capacities. He has been connected with the fire department for but one year, but he takes a lively interest in the details connected with it, and is active and energetic, giving good satisfaction.

Mr. Bowen is living among the people with whom he has spent nearly his entire life, as he was born in Adrian on the 28th of March, 1857. He is the eldest son of Henry and Sarah (Cambren) Bowen, natives of New York State, who came to this county about 1830. The father engaged as an ice dealer, and built up a thriving trade, handling large quantities of ice, and in fact, commanding the largest patronage in this department of business of anyone in the city. Our subject received his early education in the city schools, and upon attaining manhood was engaged some years on the Wabash Railroad during its construction through this section.

I'pon the retirement of our subject from his connection with the railroad, in 1883, he purchased the interest of his father in the ice business, and associating bimself with one of his brothers, established what is now familiarly known as the Adrian Ice Company, which runs two large wagons, and supplies the bulk of the local trade in the city. In his present position as Chief of the fire department Mr. Bowen has the management of the four stations, which include thirty-two men. The engines are of the Amokeag and Silsby pattern, and the vehicles are propelled by horse power. Each year adds something to the efficiency of the department, and Mr. Bowen keeps himself well posted upon matters pertaining to this important safeguard of life and property.

Our subject, in the spring of 1883, was united in marriage with one of the most attractive young ladies of Adrian, Miss Louise Wies, who, like her husband, was born here and grew to womanhood, remaining with her parents. Stephen and Kathesine Wies, until her marriage; her parents were natives of Germany. Mr. and Mrs. Bowen occupy a neat and comfortable dwelling on the corner of Butler and Main streets, and enjoy the society of many warm friends. They have one child, Olga, who was born March 13, 1887.



ANIEL COLE TUNISON. The name of this gentleman is widely and favorably known throughout Fairfield Township, of which he has been a resident for twenty-four years. Upon first coming to this county he purchased 120 acres of land on section 10, now included in his present form which he brought to

purchased 120 acres of land on section 10, now included in his present farm, which he brought to a good state of cultivation. There were no improvements upon it at the time of his purchase, and its present condition bears a fine contrast to that in which he found it. There is now a handsome and convenient set of farm buildings, with all the other appurtenances of the modern country home, and to the original tract Mr. Tunison has added sixty acres, making in all a fine body of land 189 acres in extent, and highly productive. He has served a life-long apprenticeship at farming, and has a thorough understanding of its various details. This, added to his naturally line tastes, with his produce and economy, has served him well in building upone of the finest homestends in Lenaver County.

Our subject was born April 17, 1828, and is the son of Thomas and Anna (Cole) Tunison, who were natives respectively of New Jersey and New York. John P. Tunison, the paternal grandfather of our subject, a native of New Jersey, was born in May. in the Revolutionary War. The maternal grandnatives of Putnam County, N. Y., where the former was born Dec. 23, 1779, and the latter, Sept. 10. 178). The father of our subject was the second in a family of eight children, all of whom lived to mature years. He was born Aug, 10, 1797, and Anna, his wife, was born July 10, 1803. After their marriage, March 2, 1820, they located in Scueea County, N. Y., whence they removed to 1849, to Lucas County, Ohio. Mr. Tunison was a shoemaker by trade, which occupation he followed for a period of seventeen years, and being fond of agricultural pursuits, also engaged in farming considerably. In the spring of 1864 Mr. Thomas Tunison left the Buckeye State, and coming to Southern Michigan, located on section 10 in Fairfield Township, where he and his estimable wife spent the remainder of their lives. They lived to a ripe old age, celebrating their golden and pearl weddings, and died within a few months of each other, the mother passing away on the 26th of March, 1886, and the father joining his devoted compan-

The children of Thomas and Anna (Cole) Tunison are recorded as follows: Elizabeth became the wife of Calch Crissey, and died in Lucas County, Ohio, March 17, 1862; Satah, Mrs. William Conklin, resides in Syraeuse, N. Y.; Ezra C. married Miss Harriet Knox, of Schuyler County, N. Y., and died in Morenei, this State, July 23, 1886; Daniel C., of our sketch, was the fourth child; Susan S. is the wife of W. H. Williams, a well-to-do farmer of Lucas County, Ohio; John P. first married Miss Helen Ten Brook, who died while on a visit to Lucas County, Ohio, Sept. 23, 1882; he afterward married Mrs. Elvina Brown, and now resides in Wood County, Ohio, Daniel C. Tunison was fairly educated in the common schools, remaining in his native county until the removal of the family to Ohio. He accompanied them there and in their subsequent removal to this State, and continued a member of the parental household until twenty-nine years of age, when he was married and located on his own farm in Lucas County, Ohio, where he continued until coming to this State in the spring of 1864.

Mr. Tunison was married in Fairfield Township, this county, Jan. 21, 1858, to Miss Lucy E., daughter of Edward and Betsy (Pitts) Hodge, the former a native of Grafton County, N. H., and the latter of Onondaga County, N. Y. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Tunison were Thomas and Lucy (Webber) Hodge, who were of New England birth Lev) and Hannah (Wilbur) Pitts. Thomas Hodge served as a soldier in the Revolutionary War, and was the father of thirteen children, of whom Edward was the seventh in order of birth. Edward and his wife, Betsy, after their marriage settled in Seneca County, N. Y., and thence, in 1836, migrated to this county. Mr. Hodge took up 160 acres of land in Dover Township, where he remained about ten years, then removed to Fairfield Township, finally taking up his abode with his sonin-law, our subject, at whose home he and his excellent wife spent their last days. He died Feb. 13, 1862, while his wife survived him seven years, her death taking place Dec. 31, 1869. Mr. Hodge was greatly interested in religious matters, and had been a minister of the Baptist Church in Seneca County, N. Y., by which denomination he was sent to the West as a missionary. He was the father of

three children: The eldest daughter, Nancy J., is the widow of E. A. Spooner, and resides in Brown County, Kan.; Adelphi K. married Luther L. Todd, and died in Atteison, Kan., Nov. 22, 1882; Lucy E., Mrs. Tunison, was born in Seneca County, N. Y., Jan. 21, 1836.

Mr. and Mrs. Tunison, upon coming to this county, located at once in Fairfield Township, of which they have since been residents. Each year has seen something added to the value and beauty of the homestead, and their union has been blessed by the birth of five children—Lura C., Mary E., Anna C., Ella II, and Olive A. Lura is the wife of J. W. Mitchell, of Brown County, Kan.; they have one child, D. C. Mrs. Mitchell is a well-educated and accomplished young lady, and prior to her marriage was engaged as a teacher in the schools of Fairfield Township. Anna is a music teacher of no ordinary merit. Mary, Ella and Olive are at home with their parents.

Mr. Tunison, politically, is a straight Republican, and has served his township as Clerk and Treasurer, besides being prominent in local affairs. Mrs. Tunison and her three eldest daughters are members of the Regular Baptist Church.

HARLES A. SLAYTON stands at the head of the trade in grain and agricultural implements in Tecumseh and vicinity, and is a gentleman in the prime of life and in the midst of his usefulness. He has been well educated, attending first the High School at Tecumseh and later taking a course at Bryant, Stratton & Goldsmith's Commercial College in Detroit.

Mr. Slayton's first position in the business world was as book-keeper in his father's warchouse at Tecumseh, where he was occupied several years, until in 1870, when he became the partner of his father and they operated together until 1885. The latter then retired from active business and our subject continued the business alone, carrying it on after the same successful manner that had distinguished the operations of the elder Slayton. His building occupies an area of 60x71 feet in the main part, with an additional sixty feet in the rear, the former

being two stories in height and the latter one story. He also has two additional waverooms near the track of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad and at the depot. At the latter place are stored salt, plaster, cement and agricultural implements. The business is steadily increasing, and receives the patronage of the best citizens of the township and vicinity. Its founder was a man of upright business methods and excellent natural qualifications, and the son is keeping up the reputation of the old house.

Charles A. Slayton was born in Penn Yan, Yates Co., N. Y., Oct. 14, 1848, and is the second son of J. P. and Mary A. (Fowler) Slayton, natives of New York. They removed from the Empire State to Michigan when their son Charles A. was a lad of thirteen years, and located in Tecunsch, where they have since lived. Our subject was married, in October, 1879, to Miss Alice M. Laing, a native of Raisin Township, this county, and born Aug. 6, 1852. Her father, Benjamin I. Laing, Esq., a untive of Michigan, was married in early manhood to Miss Mary J. Cone, and is now a resident of Palmyra. Mr. and Mrs. Slayton are the parents of two sons—William E. and Percy F., who are four years and nine months old respectively.

Charles A. Slayton, in 1882, was elected Justice of the Peace, and his first official act was to marry a couple, for which rite he had not the usual document at hand. In consequence of that the ceremony was quite brief, but probably as efficient as if he had been provided with an Episcopal service. In the spring of 1887 he was elected Township Clerk. Socially, he belongs to the K. of H., and religiously is a prominent member of the Presbyterian Church of Tecumsch, in the welfare of which he has always taken a warm interest and officiated as Superintendent of the Sunday-school for the last six years.

HARLES H. RAYNOR. The subject of our sketch holds the responsible position of Superintendent of the Adrian Gas Company's Works, which were established in the year 1857, at which time Mr. Webster was President and Secre-





Yours truly LLags tary. Mr. Raynor's position is one which requires a man of well-balanced mind, and considerable chemical knowledge. The details of the business are so numerous and complicated that constant care and attention are required. The fact that Mr. Raynor has held his position for so long a time is indisputable evidence that he possesses all the requirements necessary.

Mr. Raynor was born in the city of New York on the 12th of January, 1841, and is the son of Charles and Emma J. (Halsey) Raynor, natives of the same State, where they were born and reared on Long Island. After their marriage they settled in the city of New York, where they continued to reside, and established a permanent home. They were the parents of two children, Charles II., our subject, being the elder; his sister, Lydia, married R. B. McGraw, and they reside in the city of New York, Charles II, was reared to manhood in New York, where he was a pupil in the city schools and obtained a good education. In 1857 he engaged in the local express business in New York City, which he carried on for several years, meeting with considerable success. Having an opportunity to dispose of that business advantageously, he did so, and then engaged in the management of a hotel, in which his usual good success attended him. In 1874 he concluded to leave the great metropolis of the country and come West, where opportunities were greater for men who had not yet achieved the distinction of millionaires. After visiting several places he concluded that Adrian presented the most auspicious opening for him, and locating here, he at once accepted his present position, which he has held ever since.

On the 1th of October, 1870, Mr. Raynor was married to Miss Clara P., daughter of John Webster, the former Secretary of the gas company. Her parents were New Hampshire people, but removed to Adrian some years previous to her marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Raynor have had two children: Clarence W., who was born in September, 1875, and Emma W., in May, 1877; they are now being educated in the city schools of Adrian. Mr. and Mrs. Raynor occupy an excellent position in the social circles of the city in which they reside, and their home is the center of a large number of devoted

(tienls, Mr. Raynor is recognized as a man of substantial business qualities, and the company with which he is connected look upon him as the mainstay in their affairs.

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AFAYETTE LADD. Prominent among the industrial interests of Adrian and vicinity are the cheese manufacturing and canning of various goods combined, successfully carried on by the gentleman whose mane heads this sketch. He is the offspring of an excellent old family, and is the son of John Ladd, a native of the Empire State, bern July 23, 1805, and the grandson of John Ladd, Sec, a native of Massachusetts. The paternal great-grandfather of our subject was William Ladd, the son of Ezekiel Ladd. The family is of English ancestry and was first represented in this country during the Colonial days.

The subject of our sketch was born near Brannan's Corners, Schemectady Co., N. Y., Jan. 19, 1840. His mother was, in her girlhood, Miss Rehecea Disbrow, daughter of Jesse Disbrow, of Connecticut, in which State her birth also took place in 1805, Grandfather Disbrow was a subjective perfect by trade, and made many trips between the West Indies and New England. During the last voyage the vessel went down with all on board, and his life was ended at the early age of twenty-six years. After the death of her husband Mrs. Disbrow removed from Connecticut to Eastern New York, where her daughter Rebecca grew to womanhood and became the wife of John Ladd. The parents of our subject after their marriage settled on a farm in Schenectady County, where they reared a family and passed the remainder of their days.

Lafayette Ladd passed his boyhood and youth at the homestead of his father in the Empire State and acquired a limited education in the country school. He was, however, bright and observant, and by his own efforts secured a very good knowledge of the general methods of conducting business, and in Jannary, 1864, repaired to the city of Adrian and became a book-keeper for the firm of W. E. Kimball & Son, in whose employ he remained for a period of three years. He then returned to the old home in Schenectady County, where he spent one year, and in 1868 purchased a small farm in Raisin Township, this county, and gave his attention to agricultural pursuits for the purpose of reenperating his health.

Mr. Ladd, in the spring of 1869, entered the employ of the managers of the estate of Daniel A. Loomis, of Adrian, as book-keeper and financial manager, which he occupied two years, and at the expiration of this time returned to his old position with W. E. Kimball & Son. The year following he became a partner in the business of wholesaling cheese, which he had originated, and continued until the 1st of March, 1877, under the style of Rufus Baker & Co., when the firm was dissolved and Mr. Ladd became associated with two other gentlemen of Adrian in the same business, which they carried on under the firm name of Clark. Shattuck & Ladd. This business was subsequently consolidated and conducted by Messrs. Clark, Baker & Co., Mr. Ladd remaining a partner until 1880. Having disposed of his interest Mr. Ladd in 1880 formed a partnership with Walter Clement, and they began the manufacture of jellies. Subsequently they added a canning factory which they operated until February, 1885. Mr. Clement then assumed the management of the jelly factory and Mr. Ladd took the canning department. This was destroyed by fire, but Mr. Ladd at once rebuilt, and the industry has now become one of the leading features in its line in the city of Adrian; the new factory stands near the crossing of the river at College avenue. Mr. Ladd added the cheese business in the spring of 1885, and the output since that time has been very large. He has invented a new process for separating the seed from tomatoes, by which he can handle 1,000 bushels in a day, the machine being operated by three persons. The factory is compped with all the appliances for effective and speedy work, and yields to the proprietor a handsome income,

Mr. Ladd has been twice married; by his first wife he had two children—Ida May and Jannes II. Mr. Ladd was a second time married, to Miss Lacinda B., daughter of William and Lowena (Smith) Hawley, April 12, 1868. This union resulted in the birth of three children, namely: Fred, who was born Jan. 11, 1870; Louise, Nov. 16, 1873, and John W., April 7, 1877. Mr. Ladd was elected Alderman in the spring of the latter year, and politically is an uncompromising Democrat. Socially he belongs to Adrian Lodge No. 19, F. & A. M. He was thrown upon his own resources early in life and has attained to his present position by honest labor and strict attention to business. The maternal grandmother of our subject was in her girlhood Miss Abigail Johnson, a lady of much force of character, who died at the age of ninety-seven years. She was the descendant of a long-lived family, her grandmother living to be one hundred years old.

The first representatives of the Ladd family in America were three brothers who came over from England on the ship "John and Ann," about the year 1633, and settled, it is believed, in Massachusetts, although one of them may have located in Connecticut; one was named Abijah, but the names of the others are not known. The next descendant of whom the family have any record was Ezekiel. who was born at Haverhill, Mass., Sept. 16, 1654, and married Miss Mary Folsom, of Exeter, N. H. Their children were Lydia, who was born Feb. 18, 1688; Mary, Jan. 17, 1690; one unnamed, born in May, 1693, and Nathaniel, Nov. 12, 1695. After the birth of these children, Ezekiel Ladd removed to Stratham, N. II., where his wife Mary passed away, and there were afterward no traces preserved of him or his children. It is probable, however, that Ezekiel (2d) was a son of Nathaniel Ladd. He became the great-great-grandfather of our subject; his name appears in the records of that time as a member of Capt. Charles Morris' company, belonging to the regiment which Gen. Waldo organized for the subjection of Canada in 1747; he and others were poisoned by the French and Indians, He had been married, and the name of his only son was William Ladd, the great-grandfather of our subject. William Ladd followed the sea principally, and during the Revolutionary War was a pilot for the noted DeGrasse in a battle between this General and Rodney, a British commander.

The maternal great-grandfather, Thaddeus King, who was a Captain in the Revolutionary War, married Miss Alice Granger, sister of Postmaster-General Granger, and they settled in Suffield, Conn. Mrs. Alice King was a sister to Elijah Gideon and also to Francis Granger, of Suffield.

The children of William and Elizabeth (Vining) Ladd, of Abington, Mass., are recorded as follows: Thomas married Jennie Conkhite: William married Norche Hannon; Betsey married Abner Goodspeed; Sally became the wife of Joseph Heatherton; Mehitable was Mrs. Stephen Curtis; John married Alice King; Hannah was the wife of Robert Estes; Lemuel married Phebe Herrick: Polly married Jacob Markel: Susan became the wife of Henry Wiltse, and Levi married Eliza Parlor. John Ladd, the grandfather of our subject, was born Jan. 17, 1774, and he and his wife became the parents of the children recorded as follows: Ezekiel was born Oct. 10, 1799, and married Katie Lester; Hannah was born Dec, 18, 1800, and became the wife of Silas Wilbur; Lydia was born July 30, 1802, and died young; Lydia (2d) was born in June, 1803, and also died in childhood: John was born July 23, 1805, and the name of his wife is unknown; Alice was born Nov. 2, 1808, and married Edward Frisbee; William K. was born Nov. 15, 1810, and was first married to Mary Buchanan; the name of his second wife is unknown. Elizabeth was born June 5, 1813, and died young; Alonzo was born July 23, 1818, and first married Miss Sally Koons; his second wife was Sarah Morse. Harriet was born Sept. 17, 1820, and became the wife of Jacob Koons.

The Grangers were people of wealth and standing in the State of Connecticut. Elijah Granger, Jr., lived near Suilleld, Conn., married, and became the father of a son named Francis. Uncle Gideon Granger served as Postmaster General, and wasvery strict in his observance of the Sabbath. It was said that Uncle Francis whipped his can one Monday morning because she had caught a mouse on Sunday. Elijah Granger had two or more sisters—Cynthia, Sophia, and one at least whose name is not known.

It is with pleasure we present on an adjoining page of this Album a portrait of Mr. Ladd.

OSEPH P. LEE is remembered as one of the brave spirits who came into the wilds of Michigan the year before it was admitted into the Union as a State. He was possessed of the brave and hardy resolution so essential to

the men of those times, and in common with his brother pioneers, endured with stern patience and resolution the difficulties and hardships of life in a new country. As a descendant of stanch English ancestry, he was well fitted for the duties he was called upon to perform, and distinguished himself as one of the most useful members of the infant community, which in due time was composed of a highly intelligent class of people who gathered here after they found of what leadership it was composed and who were likely to be their associates.

Mr. Lee was born on the other side of the Atlantic, in Derbyshire, England, in February, 1793, and was the son of Joseph Lee, Sr., a farmer of modest means who spent his entire life on his native soil, The grandmother, in her girlhood Miss Mary Pierpoint, was the granddaughter of Lady Pierpoint of England, and after the death of her husband, came to the I nited States and located in New Jersey, where her death took place about 1840. The subject of this history was reared in his native county not far from the place of his birth, which occurred Feb. 1, 1793. When of suitable years he was called upon to assist in his own maintenance and served an apprenticeship at the cabinet-maker's trade. At this he worked for some time and then, not being satisfied with the results, while yet a tion, and accordingly embarked on a sailing-vessel at Liverpool, and after a safe voyage set foot upon American soil. He had left behind him his father's family which now consisted of six younger children. one son and five daughters. He came alone to a strange country, but he was inspired with the courage of resolution, and his intelligent face and carnest manner at once secured for him friends and employment. He located in New Jersey, and in due time tormed the acquaintance of Miss Dorothea B. Taylor, who not long afterward became his wife. She was born and reared in New Jersey, and was of English and Holland-Dutch descent. Her ancestors had emigrated to the New World in the Colonial days and had, for several generations, been prominently identified with the history of New England,

Previous to his marriage Mr. Lee worked at his trade in Philadelphia five years, and he now followed the same calling for five years in Columbus, N. J., and then moving into the country and locating upon a tract of land, he acquired his first experience as an agriculturist. This business suited him very well, all that was lacking being more land and larger opportunities. The great West was then holding out inducements to the young and enterprising emigrant, and Mr. Lee, seconded by the counsels of his brave and courageous helpmeet, determined to try his fortune in the Territory of Michigan. Accordingly, in the fall of 1836, he started on the long journey, which was made partly by water and partly overland by teams, and coming to this county, located upon a tract of unbroken land in Raisin Township. He was blessed with good health and hardy muscle, and entered with energy upon the labor of cultivating the undeveloped soil and building up a home. His worthy efforts met with success, and he remained upon the land which he had first selected until his death, which occurred on the 3d of July,

Mr. Lee was a man greatly loved and respected, not only for his genial and kindly disposition, but because he always evinced that liberality and public spirit which were so essential in the days when each man must necessarily bend the most of his energies to supply the needs of himself and his family. He kept himself thoroughly posted in regard to all matters upon which the welfare of the new country depended, and was foremost in assisting to institute those measures which would build up the community and tend to educate its people. Although no office-seeker, he took a lively interest in politics, and from first to last upheld the principles of the Democratic party. He accumulated a good property, owning at one time 145 acres in Raisin Township and eighty acres in Climax Township, Kalamazoo County. He was never afraid of hard work, but put his shoulder to the wheel both at home and among his neighbors, whenever he saw there was benefit for either to be derived therefrom, and his memory is held in kindly remembrance by all who have had the pleasure of his acquaintance,

The wife and helpmeet of this excellent man remained by his side for a period of nearly fifty years, and preceded him to the better land, her death occurring Nov. 20, 1876. She had been reared in the doctrines of the Quaker faith, to which she loyally adhered until the end of her days, while Mr. Lee was a member of the Church of England. Their daughter Mary E. was born in Burlington County, N. J., Oct. 1, 1834, and was but two years of age when her father came to Michigan. She remained under the paternal roof until her marriage with Mr. John Handley, which was celebrated at the home of her parents, March 25, 1870.

Mr. Handley was born in Limerick, Ireland, whence he emigrated when a young man to the United States and located in New York City, where he engaged in laboring. Subsequently he migrated to the Pacific Slope, spending some years in California, and also traveled about visiting most of the Western States. After leaving Ireland he had boarded a merchant vessel, by which means he visited many important foreign ports and gained a wide knowledge of foreign lands and different peoples. Upon finally settling down he located in Raisin Township, where he turned his attention to farming in which he has since been successfully engaged. In 1879, he purchased the old Lee homestead where he now resides, and with his excellent wife, is keeping up the reputation of the estate in a most creditable manner. Mrs. Handley inherited largely the intellect of her father, together with his industry, and is numbered among the intelligent and highly respected ladies of the community.



SAAC NEWTON WARREN. The gentleman whose history we briefly give below is a well-known and highly esteemed citizen of Dover Township, residing on his farm on section 32. His parents were Isaac and Delia A. (Vail) Warren (for parental history see sketch of Darwin H. Warren), I. N. Warren, our subject, is a native of Dover Township, having been born on the homestead he now occupies Nov. 6, 1844. He received a good common-school education, which was supplemented by a course of instruction at Oak Grove Academy, in Medlia Township. After leaving school he taught one term; he then discarded that profession, preferring the free and independent life of a farmer to the irksome and wearving one of

a pedagogue. He accordingly remained on the homestead, engaged in agricultural work, assuming the management of the farm, which fell to him after his father's death in 1883.

1. N. Warren and Miss Nancy Halstead were united in marriage Sept. 9, 1876, in Clayton, this State. Mrs. Warren is the daughter of Thompson and Sophia A. (Beebe) Halstead, both natives of New York, who married and settled in Cuba, Allegany County, that State, making that their permanent home. Mrs. Halstead's demise occurred there Nov. 27, 1850; Mr. Halstead survives, and still makes his home in Cuba. They were the parents of two children, Nancy A. and Elizabeth A., the latter of whom died in infancy. Nancy A, now Mrs. Warren, was born in Cuba, N. Y., June 19, 1846. Before marriage she was a successful teacher in her native State. She came to Michigan in 1873. and pursued her vocation as instructor in Lenawee County until her marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Warren have one child, Edith L., who was born Sept. 26, 1882. Mr. and Mrs. Warren are much respected for their high moral worth. They are influential and worthy members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and endeavor to carry out in their daily lives the principles underlying that faith. For several years Mr. Warren has been. Superintendent of the Sunday-school and is also Steward of the church. In politics he is a Prohibitionist, although he has, hitherto, been identified with the Republican party.

ENRY RAGLESS, of Fairfield Township, is the owner of a good farm on section 22, eighty acres of which he purchased in the spring of 1853. In 1858 he put up a log house, of which he soon afterward took possession and occupied until he could substitute a more modern dwelling. He had labored industriously and successfully, increasing his landed area to 112 acres, which he has brought to a good state of cultivation and made excellent improvements thereon, including a fine set of buildings and the other appliances of a model farm.

The boyhood home of our subject was on the other side of the Atlantic in Sussexshire, England, where he was born Sept. 25, 1832. He continued

upon his native soil until a youth of eighteen years, and in the fall of 1850 embarked on a sailing-yessel bound from the city of London to New York. Upon arriving in this country he made his way directly westward, soon afterward locating in this county, of which he has since been a resident, After Mr. Ragless had made fair headway toward the improvement of a farm, he took unto himself a wife and helpmeet, Miss Lucretia M. Carpenter, to whom he was married May 1, 1857. The wife of our subject was the daughter of one of the pioneers of Lenawce County, Benjamin Carpenter, Esq., who, with his wife, formerly Eliza M. Wilcox, migrated from New York State to this country in the thirties. Benjamin Carpenter was the second man to enter land in Fairfield Township, and lived there until about 1855, then removed to Madison Township, where he still resides. The Carpenter family included thirteen children, of whom Mrs. Ragless was the lifth in order of birth. She first opened her eyes to the light at the pioneer homestead in Fairfield Township, Sept. 19, 1837, and continued with her parents until her marriage,

Benjamin Carpenter was a descendant of an old English family who probably came to the United States very soon after the close of the Revolutionary War. The earliest record locates them in New York State, near the city of Elmira, where Benjamin was born on the 1st of June, 1807, years later his parents removed to Shelby, Orleans County, where his father, James Carpenter, had manhood. On the 13th of January, 1828, he was married, in Orleans County, to Miss Eliza M. Wilcox, and in the fall of 1832 they came to the Territory of Michigan, locating on section 2, in Fairfield Township. This land Benjamin had purchased from his brother Abram, and after building a log house he took possession with his little family, and continued to live there for a period of twentyone years. He cleared the heavy timber from 120 acres with his own hands, fenced it into 10-acre lots, and put up a good house and barn, hewing the timber and adjusting the framework mostly himself. This barn is still standing, a monument of the perseverance and industry of one of the most honored and esteemed pioneers of Lenawee County,

When Mr. Carpenter came to Fairfield Township there were but five families. In June, 1833, a bear visited some of the settlers and carried off their pigs, and a neighbor asked Mr. Carpenter what he was going to do when Bruin paid him the same compliment. " Why, I'll kill him, of course, said Mr. Carpenter; "just send him here and I'll show you." That very night the bear came to Mr. Carpenter's, captured a small pig, and carrying it into a swamp, devoured it. He then returned for another, when Mr. Carpenter shot him, and the next morning (Sunday) he was prepared to supply all who came to meeting with bear meat. Mr. Carpenter became quite skillful as a hunter and trapper, but only killed when it was necessary for ment.

In March, 1853, Mr. Carpenter sold his farm in Fairfield and purchased land on section 22 in Madison Township, where he now resides. He and his good wife, Eliza M., became the parents of thirteen children. Five of his sons served as Union soldiers in the late Civil War, and one participated directly in the capture of Jefferson Davis. Mrs. Eliza M. Carpenter was born in Palmyra, Wayne Co., N. Y., May 2, 1812, and was the daughter of Silas and Cynthia (Taft) Wilcox, natives respectively of Rhode Island and Chesterfield, Mass. Silas Wilcox was born Feb. 13, 1787, and died in Fairfield Township, this county, Aug. 5, 1837. while comparatively a young man. His wife, Cynthia was born Jan. 1, 1790, and survived her husband eighteen years, her death taking place also in Fairfield Township, Sept. 8, 1855. The paternal grandfather of Mrs. Ragless, James Carpenter, was born in 1785, a native of Orange County, N. Y., whence he removed to Orleans County and from there to the Territory of Michigan in 1833. He located a large tract of land in the southwestern part of Fairfield Township, where he continued to live until his death, in 1857.

Of the children of Mr. and Mrs. Ragless, nine in number, the record is as follows: Sarah E., the eldest, died in 1876, when an interesting maiden of seventeen summers; Thomas H. married Miss Mary M. Smith, and is living in Fairfield; James B. married Ina V. Hoag, and is also a resident of Fairfield; Robert J. married Miss Florence D. Ashbill, and is engaged on a railroad at Saginaw; Byron, Lettie J., Lucy L., William S. and George are at home with their parents. Mr. Ragless keeps a goodly number of horses and cattle, and raises considerable grain, besides the provisions required for the family consumption. He is systematic in his labors, upright in his business transactions and in all respects ranks as an honest man and a good citizen. Mrs. R. labored hard in assisting her husband, and is deserving of great credit for the part she has taken; she occupies an enviable position in society. Mr. Ragless cast his first Presidential vote for Douglas, and gives his support uniformly to the Democratic party; socially, he belongs to Fairfield Lodge No. 125, F. & A. M.

The parents of our subject, Henry and Sarah (Baker) Ragless, were also of English birth and ancestry. Their family included five children, and they continued in their native country until the spring following the arrival of their son in America. They then joined him here, locating in Fairfield Township, where they continued to live until closing their eyes upon the scenes of earth. Henry was the eldest of the family and contributed greatly to the support and comfort of his parents, performing his filial duties in a most praiseworthy manner.

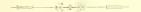
ENNIS O. GRIMES, the owner of a comfortable homestead pleasantly located on
section 33, in Rome Township, came to
Michigan with his wife in the fall of
1864, and located near where he now lives. In
1870 he sold this property and purchased his present farm, which he has since occupied. This comprises eighty acres of hand, under a good state of
cultivation, with a substantial farm house and the
other accessories of the country home. Mr. Grimes
is a peaceable, law-abiding citizen who has filled
worthily his niche in life, has been honest and upright in his business transactions, industrions and
frugal in his habits, and in all respects a desirable
member of society.

Our subject is the son of Joshua and Eliza (Barnes) Grimes, natives of Carroll County, Me., and was there born also, on the 9th of May, 1833,

His paternal grandfather, Barsel Grimes, was a native of England, whence he emigrated when young, and settled in Maryland, where he carried on farming and died at a good old age, Joshua Grimes learned the cooper's trade, but after a few years abandoned it for the more congenial pursuit of farming, and died in his native county at the age of sixty-live years. The mother is still living, at seventy-two years of age, and makes her home with her daughter, in Maryland. Mr. Grimes continued a member of his father's household until twenty seven years of age, working on the farm until reaching his majority, and afterward worked out by the month. Upon beaving home he migrated to Ohio, and lived there, in Eric County, four years. He then returned to Indiana, and six months later made his way to this county, of which he has since been a resident.

Mr. Grimes was married in his native courty. Sept. 3, 1863, to Miss Sarah J. Mullennix, a native of Eric County. Ohio, and daughter of Sunnel and Susan Mullennix. Their family includes three children, still under the home roof: Albert L., born June 4, 1864, the chlest, is a carpenter by trade and works in Rome Township and vicinity; Joseph J. was born Aug. 3, 1866, and works the farm with his father; George W. was born Aug. 12, 1874, and remains at home; Frances X. was born in 1879, and died when three months old.

Mr. and Mrs. Grimes attend the Methodist Episcopal Church at Clayton. Mr. G. has been a member of the Masonic fraternity since 1866, and now belongs to Clayton Lodge No. 278. He has always been greatly interested in the workings of this and other orders, and credits them with being the means of much good.



EYMOUR HOWELL, of the banking firm of Howell, Baker & Co., of Adrian, is a man who has made his way in the world without the help of others. He was born in England, and is the son of Rev. James and Amelia Howell. He received a good common-school education, and during his after life has been a constant reader, and thereby made himself a man of much

general information. He remained with his parents until he was fourteen years of age, when he left aome and began the battle of life on his own account. For five years he was employed on a farm, working by the month.

At the age of nineteen years Mr. Howell entered the volunteer service in 1861, becoming a member of Company F, 6th Michigan Infantry. On the organization of that company he was made Second Lieutemant, and the regiment was ordered to Bultimore immediately after its organization, and in that city passed the winter. In February, 1862, Mr. Howell was ordered to Ship Island, Miss., where Com. Buther was necommand. He was present at the capture of Fts. Jackson and St. Phillip, below New Orleans, and just above the deltas of the Mississippi River, and was also present at the capture of Baton Rouge, La. He also participated in the siege at Port Hudson, under Gen, N. P. Banks, at the same time that Gen, Grunt was thundering at the near to Vicksburg for admission. He was also at the remoth of Mobile Bay. In 1862 he was promoted First Lieutemant, and in July, 1863, was promoted First Lieutemant, and in July, 1863, was promoted First Lieutemant, and in July, 1863, was promoted Sprinn, and in that capacity served until Aug. 31, 1864, when he was commissioned Major of his regiment. After more than four years of faithful service, he was mustered out of the army on the 20th of August, 1865. The only injury he received during his term of service was a wound at the battle of Baton Rouge, in August, 1862.

I pon his return from the army, Mr. Howell entered the employ of the Juckson, Lansing & Saginaw Railroad, serving in the capacity of freight clerk for several years. After several years' connection with that company he was next employed by the Ft. Wayne & Jackson Railroad Co., as chief clerk, in the general office of the general freight department at Jackson, Mich., for several years, He then went to Logansport, Ind., where he became the General Freight Agent of the Eel River Railroad, filling that position satisfactorily to the company for about eight years. In March, 1881, Mr. Howell came to the city of Adrian, taking an interest in, and assisting in managing the Peninsular Car Works, a branch of which was located at Adrian. He continued in this position for three

years, when the works were removed to Detroit, Mich., at which time he disposed of his interest therein. He then purchased an interest in the banking firm of T. J. Toby & Co., taking the place of D. M. Baker, who retired. In 1885 the firm name was changed to Howell, Baker & Co., Mr. Toby retiring from the firm.

L1 SPARHAWK, the subject of this sketch, has had a residence of thirty-seven years in Lenawee County, and in that time he has been a personal observer of the transformation it has undergone, especially in his immediate surroundings, while he can feel proud of the fact that Madison Township has never occupied a secondary position in the matter of advancement.

Our subject comes of Vermont parentage, and the people of such descent are rated among the hardiest and thriftiest of our country. Although he was born and reared in the West, Mr. Sparhawk inherited many of the traits of a Vermonter from his parents, who were Eben and Fannie (Hudson) Sparhawk, both natives of the Green Mountain State. They first settled in what is now Summit County, near Akron, Ohio, and from there emigrated to Lenawee County, Mich., in the fall of 1851, where they settled in Madison Township. Here the father died on the 20th of April, 1863, at the age of sixty years, while the mother removed to Gratiot County, Mich., where she died on the 12th of April, 1887, at the age of eighty years. They were the parents of seven children-Stearns, Dyanthia, Eli, Rachel, Henry, Emma and Rachel. Eli, Emma and Rachel are the only surviving members of the family. Emma is the wife of Myron Livesay, and resides in Clinton County, Mich., while Rachel is the wife of Silas Randolph, and resides in Gratiot County.

Ell Sparhawk was born in Summit County, Ohio, on the 1st of December, 1830. During his boyhood days he took great interest in matters connected with farm work, and applied himself assidnously, not only to the ordinary routine work, but to learning the science of farming and the comparative values of products, both grain and live stock,

When not thus engaged he attended a district school, where he stored his mind with the knowledge to be obtained in such schools in those days. He was an attentive and studious pupil, and was popular with both his teacher and fellow pupils. He came to Lenawee County with his parents in 1851, and has been a resident of Madison Township since that year, where he has been continuously engaged in farming. He owns seventy-eight acres of valuable land, upon which he has creeted a good house and made other valuable improvements,

On the 29th of December, 1853, in Madison Township, Mr. Sparhawk was married to Miss Marian, daughter of William and Ann (Bulress) Service (see sketch of William Service). She was born in Canandaigna, Ontario Co., N. Y., on the 6th of June, 1831. Mr. and Mrs. Sparhawk have one child, named Elmer S., who was born in Madison Township on the 1st of October, 1865. Mr. Sparhawk is one of the progressive farmers and enterprising citizens of Madison Township. He has held the office of Highway Commissioner for three years and was elected Justice of the Peace, without solicitation on his part, but declined to qualify for the discharge of the duties of that office. His political affiliations are with the Republican party, in which he is an active member. He and his family occupy an enviable position in the society of Madison Township, and are held in high esteem by all who know them.

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OBERT M. BOYD. Prominent among the intelligent young farmers and stock-raisers of Raisin Township is Robert Boyd. He traces his ancestry, through both father and mother, back to that hardy race of Scots that settled in the northern counties of Ireland, and inherits in a great degree the thrift and energy characteristic of that people, and these supplemented by a good education, are the elements of a successful career in his chosen occupation.

Mr. Boyd's parents were natives of County Antrim, Ireland. The grandfather of our subject, James Boyd, emigrated from that country to America early in the present century, and located in Livingston County, N. Y., where he prosecuted his work as a farmer until his death, which took place in the year 1820.

James Boyd, Jr., his son, and the father of our subject, came to Michigan as early as the year 1831, and made a settlement in Raisin Township, this county. Here he met and married Nancy Richard. who was also a native of the Emerald Isle, born in County Antrim. She came to this country with her father, Archibald Richard, when she was but six years old. (For the history of the Richard family, see sketch of Alexander Richard, in this Arm w.) Mr. and Mrs. James Boyd, Jr., began their married ing hands and stout hearts; yet Mr. Boyd, by good indement, wise economy and persevering energy, aided materially by the wise counsel and untiring help of his wife, accumulated a large property, becoming one of the most extensive land-owners in the county. He gained for himself an honored and respected name, and by his death, which occurred Dec. 23, 1880, the town in which he had so long made his home was deprived of a good citizen, and the Democratic party lost a stanch adherent. His wife, now past sixty years of age, survives him, making her home in Tecumseh. She is a faithful member of the Presbyterian Church. Their four ing, namely: Robert M., the subject of this viohardware trade at Tecumsch; Archie, a farmer of Raisin Township; and Jennie, the wife of Dr. R. B.

Their son, Robert M. Boyd, was born on the old homestead, on section 15 of Raisin Township, Nov, 1, 1853. His father's growing prosperity enabled him to give to his son the advantages and facilities of a thorough education in the Tecumsch High School. After he was graduated from this school, he continued to reside with his parents for some years, thus securing the benefits of a practical training from his father in his chosen calling. The farm where he has since established a home, consists of 217 fertile, well-tilled acres, lying on section 10, of this township, and forming a part of the 700 acres of land originally owned by his father; he also owns forty acres of land in Ridgeway Township.

Mr. Boyd was united in marriage, on the 5th of March, 1884, to Miss Anna M. Brown, of this township. She is a native of Orange County, N. Y., who came to Michigan when quite young with her parents, James W. and Sarah (Seymour) Brown, She was reared and educated in this township. Her parents are now living in Ford County, Kan. Mr. and Mrs. Boyd have one daughter, Leora J. They have a pleasant, well appointed home, to which their generous hospitality attracts unmerous friends. They are attendants at the Presbyterian Church, Mr. Boyd seems to have inherited the political views of his father, and, like him, supports the Democratic party. He is interested in whatever promotes the public good, and does all that he can to forward it. He has served the township as Clerk for the term of four years.



ORATIO G. HICKS, one of the respected ritizens of Madison Township, came to Lenawee County when it was in its infamey, with no other capital than brain and muscle, and by his own indomitable energy and perseverance has placed himself in a position where he can spend his declining years in contrort, enjoying the fruits of a life of toil. Mr. Hicks is a native of New York, and is the son of Peleg and Polly (Pitts) Hicks, natives of Massachusetts. After their marriage they settled on a farm in Ontario County, N. Y., and there four children were born to them, as follows: Angeline, Catharine, Horatio G. and Polly P.

Horatio G. Hieks, the third child in order of birth, was born April 28, 1847, and was early trained to habits of frugality and industry, while assisting his father on the farm during the intervals of attendance at the district school. Fortified by this practical training, he early started out to make his own way in the world, and turning his steps toward the Territory of Michigan, as the country where he could best pursue the occupation to which he had been reared, he came to Lemawee County in August, 1836. He soon obtained work at farming, and labored by the month for some years, until by wise economy he succeeded in saving money enough to huy a tract of land, containing seventy acres, in Fairfield Township, where he made his home for some years, and by unceasing industry brought his farm to a fair state of improvement. In the year 1849 he traded this property for land in Madison Township, on which he has since made his home. The farm is finely located on section 25, and contains 180 acres of fertile, well cultivated soil, on which he has erected a next, confortable dwelling, a commodious barn, and other buildings.

In these years of toil Mr. Hicks has not backed the encouragement and assistance of a good wife. He was married in Madison Township, Dec. 14, 1845, to Miss Susan M., daughter of Conrad and Sarah (Murray) Holmes. Mr. Holmes was native of New York, while his wife was a native of Ireland, and after their marriage they settled in Monroe County, N. Y., where Mrs. Hicks, the eldest of their eight children, was born Jan. 15, 1825. The names of their children are as follows: Susun M., John M., Margaret M., Nancy J., Mary A., William J., Sylvester F. and Isaac W. Mr. and Mrs. Holmes removed to Lenawe County, Mich., in 1834, and settled in Madison Township, where Mr. Holmes died in 1838, aged forty-four years; his widow survived him many years, dying in 1870 at the age of seventy-four years.

To Mr. and Mrs. Hicks was born one child. Matilda E., who died at the age of fourteen montis. Mr. and Mrs. Hicks are much respected in the community for their many good qualities; Mr. Hicks is a stanch supporter of the Democratic party.

C. WISNER is one of the very successful farmers and stock-raisers of this county. His farm, consisting of ninety-three acres of land on section 10 of Franklin Township, is one of the best improved farms of the township. Mr. Wisner located here at the time he purchased the place in 1855, and has made it his home ever since,

Mr. Wisner was born in the township of Newfane, Niagara Co., N. Y., Oct. 29, 1826, and is the son of Abraham Wisner, a native of Seneca County. N. Y., but of German descent. Abraham Wisner was the son of Jehial Wisner, of York State, a Revolutionary soldier, and a talented minister of the Baptist Church. In the latter part of his life he came with his wife to Michigan, where they lived with their children until death, at upward of seventy-six years of age. The Rev. J. Wisner, grandicther of one subject, was married three times, and ite grandmother or our subject. Susan Chandler, became the mother of nine children, of whom Mindam Wisner was the eldest. He was born in Orange County, N. Y., Oct. 17, 1799, and was reared there and in sense County to manhood, when he want to Niagarat County, and was there married to Surah Wisner, whose ancestral history is similar to that of her husband.

After the birth of six children, all sons, of whom for subject was the third, Abraham and Sarah Wisher came in the usual manner across the country, requiring two weeks to make the journey, and located on a farm of 240 acres on section 17. Franking Township, which the father had purchased from the Government in the fall of 1832. They built a printitive log cabin of the rudest sort, with a stick and mud chimney and with blankets for doors. This soon gave place to better buildings, which became the home of the father and mother until their death, that of the former occurring in November, 1867, while the latter died in May, 1865, aged sixty-eight and fifty-uine respectively. They were active members of the Baptist Church for many years, while in polities the father was a Whig and afterward a Republican. They were true representative people, being valued pioneers and estimable citizens.

The subject of this sketch was reared at home until his marriage, Jan. 1, 1850, with Marian M. Whelan, at her home in Franklin Township. The lady of his choice was born in Clarkson Township, Monroe Co., N. Y., June 2, 1831, and is the draghter of John and Freelove (Raymond) Whelan, natives of Livingston Township, Oswego tounty, in the same State. Her parents located on a farm in Clarkson Township, which was their home until the birth of two children, of whom Mrs. W., is the elder. In May, 1833, Mr. Whelan came to Michigan, and took up his home on a farm of 240.

acres on section 15, Franklin Township. During the second year of his stay here be built a sawnill, which was the first in the township, and very necessary to the pioneers in the adjacent country. On this homestead the father died in October, 1867, aged sixty-five years; the mother, an active and intelligent old lady of eighty-one years, makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. Wisner. Politically the father was a Republican and a strong Abolition is; at his death he owned an entire section of land.

Mr. and Mrs. Wisner's energetic efforts to build up a good home have been highly successful. Mrs. W. has no children of her own, but has reared unic, three of whom are dead. In religion they are independent, and politically Mr. Wisner is a Republican.

ACOB A. HARDER came to Lenawee Comty, from Ohio, in January, 1865, and located on a part of the land included in his present residence, and later added forty, and lived in a log cabin for nine years. During the summer of 1871 he put up his present residence, and all the improvements, which the passing traveler notes with interest, have been effected by the enterprise and industry of the present proprietor.

The childhood and youth of Mr. Harder were spent in Columbia County, N. Y., where his birth took place April 16, 1827. He is the cldest son of George I, and Catherine (Tator) Harder, and on his father's side is of German descent. His paternal grandfather died, it is thought, in New York State, The grandmother died in Columbia County, N. Y., at the advanced age of minety years. In that county, also, George I, Harder was born in 1803, where he remained until twenty-seven years of age, engaged in farming and keeping hotel, and from there, in 1833, he removed to Western New York, locating in Wayne County. The journey was made overland with teams, and the family carried their household goods and provisions on the wagon, camping and cooking by the wayside, after the manner of the travelers of those days, George Harder of the travelers of those days, George Harder

bought and sold different pieces of fand, and after a residence on farms of five or six years in that part of the Empire State, took up his abode in Fairville, in the same county, and purchasing a large frame building kept hotel there four or five years. He subsequently sold out and purchased a smaller building as a dwelling for his family, and filled the position of constable thereafter for many years. He also was engaged in the butchering business and, being a well-read man, was frequently called upon for the adjustment of legal matters. He fit ally set up as a book dealer and spent the last years of his life in Fairville, passing away when sixty-five years old.

Mrs. Catherine Barder, the mother of our subject, was born in Columbia County, N. Y., Feb. 8, 1897, and was married Nov. 6, 1825. She departed this life May 22, 1829, when her son Jacob A, was alfittle over two years old. He had one brother. George L., who was born April 29, 1829, and died in his native county, Aug. 17, 1830. George Harder, after the death of his first wife, was again married, June 25, 1831, to Miss Anna Whiteman, whose father was a farmer of Columbia County, Of this marriage there were the following children: Catherine N., born Dec. 19, 1833, became the wife of P. B. Porter, of Oswepo County, N. Y., and died in Lenawe County, July 18, 1887; Sallic M, was born Dec. 29, 1836, and died June 8, 1839; John H. was born Nov. 2, 1838, and is farming in Adrian Township, this county, being the only survivor of the children. The third wife of George Harder, to whom he was married Feb. 27, 1842, was Miss H. E. Moore, who was born Dec. 5, 1847, and is still living in Pairville, N. Y.

Jacob A. Harder continued with his father until twenty-two years of age, acquiring a limited education in the district school, and spent some time in working out by the mouth. The majority of young men in those days had a settled object in view, and to this end, when starting out for themselves, saved their money and usually invested it in a wise manner. Our subject lived economically, and first purchased seventy-five acres of land in his native county, where he remained until the full of 1864. In the meantime he was married, Sept. 21, 1849, to Miss Salvina Dickson, who was born Sept. 29, 1826, in Wayne County, N. Y. She is the daughter of Isaac D. and Betsy Dickson, who were also natives of the Empire State. The Dicksons were early settlers of Pennsylvania, from whence the paternal grandfather of Mrs. Harder removed with his family to Wayne County, N. Y. Mr. D., the father of the wife of our subject, like his forefathers, was a farmer by occupation, and died when sixty years of age, in Wayne County. The mother of Mrs. Harder is still living, making her home in Livingston County, this State, and is now eighty-eight years old.

Jacob Harder, in 1861, disposed of his property in New York and removed to Ohio, where he engaged in buying horses for the army and also kept a livery stable. In January, 1865, he made his way to this State, and his subsequent course we have already indicated. He was at once recognized as a valued accession to the community wherein he took up his abode, and has been quite prominent in public affairs, serving as Commissioner of Highways and School Director, being generally interested in those matters pertaining to the advancement of an intelligent class of people. Like his forefathers, he is an active Democrat.

Mr. and Mrs. Harder are the parents of the following children: George E., who was born June 15, 1859, and died Sept. 27, 1860; dessic E., who was born May 13, 1864, and is the wife of Cassius M. Knowies: Mr. K. owns 320 acres of good land in McIntosh County, Dak., and he and his wife have one daughter, Sabrina E., who was born Aug. 20, 1885. Cassius M. is a son of Edward Knowles, who is well known in this county.

ICHARD II. OSBORN, who for long years has been known as one of the most thrifty farmers of this section of country, came to Southern Michigan about 1836, and built up a good home on section 18, Medina Township. He comes of an excellent old New York family, his parents being William and Catherine (Davis) Osborn, who were born, reared and married in Dutchess County, and lived there until the spring of 1836. Then, deciding upon a change of location,

they made their way to Mogenci, this county, and ettled not long afterward near Waldron, where they spent the remainder of their lives.

The subject of this sketch was the fourth in a family of eight children, and was born in Dutchess County, N. Y., Feb. 10, 1819. He was reared to to Michigan, being then about seventeen years of age. About that time he started out for himself, becoming the employe of D. Wakefield, of Morenci, with whom he remained one year, and from there migrated into Hillsdale County, where he lived until reaching his majority. In the meantime, however, he went back to his native State for the purpose of settling an estate in which he had an interest. This journey, a long and dangerous one at after much hardship he reached his destination three weeks from the time of starting. A part of the ensuing winter he worked for Warren Wiley, of engaged in his own business affairs. He went still and relatives there a few weeks during the winter, and the following spring returned to this county.

Mr. Osborn, being now reinforced with a small capital, purchased 217 aeres of land in Medina Township, where, equipped with a yoke of oxen, an ax and a hoc, he began his work of leveling the forest trees, and preparing the land for cultivation. The labor condensed into the next ten years could searcely be estimated by those of the present day, but the results were highly satisfactory. Mr. Osborn invested his surplus capital in additional real estate, and eventually became the owner of about 500 acres; of this his son, Albert D., now owns 217 acres. He resembles his father in many respects, possessing the same persistent industry which distinguished the latter, and bids fair to accomplish as great a life work as did his sire. Richard Osborn is genial and companionable by nature, an expert hunter, fond of his gun, and frequently relates many of the interesting experiences of those early times.

The marriage of Richard H. Osborn and Miss Permelia Gallup, of Medina Township, was celebrated at the home of the bride. Nov. 15, 1813.

Mrs. O, was the daughter of Ezeka Land Perinces. and Mrs. Osborn is as follows: Richard A. and ried Miss Hattie E. Roberts, and Alber D. harmed Miss Barbara Lindenman; these two sons and the ining in Medina Township. Gortande is the standard F. F. Wright, of Wright Township Hillschill County: Emma married M. L. Higgins, et Willad Township, Hillsdale County: Lydfo died in the departed this life at the homestead, July La. 1881 She was a lady of many estimable qualibles, and one of the founders of the Baptist Church, or Machine Mr. O. has been Deacon for many years. The becontributed cheerfully and liberally to the chireand is considered one of its chief millars. When first becoming a voter, he identified house will the old Whig party, but since its abandonment has cordially supported Republican principles.

RNOLD T, GRAVES is a very thrifty rericulturist and stock-raiser, who owns an occupies a fine farm on section 7. Cambridge Township, where he has at present about 120 acres of land, most of which is under the plow, and in a high state of cultivation.

A native of Schoharie County, N. Y., Mr. Gravewas born Feb. 19, 1831. His father, William Graves, was the son of Joel Graves, a former and lumberman of that State. The latter was of English ancestry, his forefathers having come to New York State prior to the Revolutionary War. A brother of Joel participated in the sanguluary struggle for American independence. Joel spent most of his life in the Catskill Mountains hit New York, in pursuance of his business as lumbermar, but died at the house of a relative in Roche fer, at the age of eighty-seven years. He lend been married twice, and it was by his first marriage that William Graves, the father of the subject of the sketch, was born. This event occurred in Schosharic County, N. Y., Mirch 25, 1807. William harie County, N. Y., Mirch 25, 1807. Car was was rearred in early life to the business of a function, but spent several years in buying and selfing stock. In the early years of his manifood, he was un'ted in marriage with Elizabeth Dounelson, who was born in Schodarde County, N. Y., May 16, 15-67, and who came of an old Quaker family of Seach Tieldels went.

In 1839, the Graves family came to Michigan, perioding two Buttalo to Toledo, Ohio, by lake, from the letter place by teams to this county. They also take their home here until in March, 1867, Mr. Graves duel on the 19th of that month, and his widers removed to Ypsilanti, where she lived with one of the demantics (nitl Sept. 18, 1887, when she too was called away by the Angel of death.

An did terrives was the eldest son and third child of the parental tamity, and passed the first nine vears of his lafe in Oneida County, N. Y. From there he same to Wieldgan with his parents, and frew to manhood in these familiar surroundings. On the 21st of October, 1861, he and Miss Jane Riedmond outered into a mattrinomial alliance at Manchester, Washtenaw County, this State. Mrs. Graves is a native of the last-named place, born June 29, 1840, and is the daughter of Otis and Harriet (VanBaunt) Richmond, both of whom were natives of New York State. Mrs. Richmond was born in the town of Lodi, Livingston County, where she was married, and early in the thirties came to Washtenaw County, Mich., with her husband and children, and located on a farm where they passed the remainder of their days. The father died Nov. 23, 1867, and the mother March 23, 1875. Mr. Richmond at a very early date assisted in building the Chiengo turnpike, which runs through this county. In polities he was a Democrat, and filled the offices of Township Treasurer and County Sherifi.

Mrs. Graves remained at home with her parents antil her marriage, when she came to reside in this county. She is the mother of four children, namely: Mattie A., a teacher in the district school; Charles C., Willie C. and Anna B. The two eldest completed their education at Brooklyn, in Jackson County. In politics, Mr. Graves is a Democrat, but he is not foolishly partism, being rather independent in this matter, especially in local politics,

His estimable wife is an active member of the Presbyterian Church. Having no political aspirations. Mr. Graves fulfills all his obligations as a citizen, and is esteemed as one of the important factors in the business and agricultural community.



1CHARD H. KINNEY located in Seneca taking up 160 acres of land on section 8. (a) transformed the wilderness into a beautiful farm. By slow degrees he brought the soil to a good state of cultivation, and creeted one building after another, until he now has a shapely and convenient residence, good barns and out-buildings. tastefully laid out grounds, ornamented with numerous shade and ornamental trees, including evergreens and graceful maple trees. These last were set out in the spring of 1850, and stand as giants, spreading out their branches over, and conferring their grateful shade upon the head of him who planted them. As an illustration of the industrious and enterprising pioneer, Mr. Kinney occupies a place in the front ranks. His straightforward business transactions have given him a good position among the representative men of his community. among whom he has built up a worthy and honorable record.

Our subject is the descendant of excellent Scotch and German ancestry, and both sides of his house came to this country during the Colonial days, the Kinney family being represented by three brothers who crossed the Atlantic at the same time. It is probable they served in the Revolutionary War, and one of them transmitted his patriotism to his son, Elias, the father of our subject, who served in the War of 1812. Previous to this, about the year 1810, Elias Kinney was married to Miss Margaret, daughter of Benjamin and Ann Anderson, of Sussex County, N. J., by whom he had nine children, our subject being the fifth child and fourth son. Mrs. Margaret Kinney was born in Philadelphia, Aug. 12, 1788, and was of a stanch old Quaker family that came from Scotland previous to the Revolution. She came to Michigan with her family in 1835, and died in Seneca Township, April 21, 1858. Elias Kinney was born in Hardwick, Sussex Co., N. J., and passed away on the 3d of September, 1859; the Kinneys were of German descent.

The subject of this sketch first opened his eyes to the light not far from the birthplace of his father, on the 3d of December, 1820, and was a youth of fifteen years when he came to Michigan with his parents, with whom he lived until their decease. He assumed control of the homestead when twenty-five years of age, tilling the soil and laboring under the disadvantages of a new settlement until the march of civilization rendered the labors of the agriculturist less laborious and more remunerative. About this time, in May, 1845, he brought a bride to the old home, having been married to Miss Wealthy Ann Buck, who was born in Whitesboro, Oneida Co., N. Y., Dec. 17, 1824. Her parents, Chester and Sarah (Briggs) Buck, were natives of Vermont, whence they removed to the Empire State at an early period in its history. They came to Michigan in 1852, and were residents of Adrian many years, whence they finally removed to Plymouth, Ind., where Mr. Buck died Jan. 13, 1872; Mrs. Buck subsequently made her home with her daughter, Mrs. C. B. Johnson, of Adrian, where her decease occurred on the 12th of May, 1876.

Richard H. and Wealthy A. Kinney became the parents of six children: Sarah, the eldest, married William Hart, a physician and surgeon of Pittsburgh, Pa., and is the mother of two children; Odell married Miss Mary Ella Driver, and is the father of two children, Willie and Luella; they make their home in Kansas City, Odell being an express messenger on the Topcka & Santa Fe Railroad. Ida resides in Pittsburgh, Pa., with her sister: Ira married Miss Hattie Lyon, of Medina Township, and is earrying on carpentering in Woodbridge, Hillsdale County; Clarence is at home Mr. Kinney was a second time married, June 15, 1869, to Miss Mary, daughter of Israel and Lucretia Wagoner, the former a native of New Jersey, though he subsequently lived in Canada, Her mother was a Western Massachusetts lady, and born April 1, 1787. When nine years of age she removed to Bennington, Vt., making the journey in a sleigh. From there she went to Shaftsbury, and in 1807, in company with her brother Abel, journeyed to Western New York, \$10 pm at 15 tavia. Her brother dying so p at 5 we are, she returned as far east as Buffalo, not become or not of the family of Ebenezer Western, after the horizontal form of 1812, not long of a finite matter that the War of 1812, not long of a finite matter that in the War of 1812, not long of a finite matter that given in the War of 1812, not long of a finite matter that the property sylvania, and was there but at \$100 pm at \$200 pm at \$100 pm at

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In 1866, Clark Wagoner, in company without some Ralph, purchased the Toledo Comment of that age largely instrumental in the neumration of R. B. Hayes as the Republican Presidential candidate, Mr. W. Jers presence as a monitocent of this lifework lifty begind volumes of newspapers published out edited by him, and can sufely say there is not a left of by him, and can sufely say there is not a left of these an act recorded or an editorial published other is than in a unfally and temperate spirit, or the formal by party beeling. As a reward for his adoltly to the power's interests, he was appointed laternal Reviews Code to by President Hayes. The publican expresses were formed during the latter 1st an Ackson's adomistration, and he identified man if with the Whit party, which he only abandoned upon the organization of the Republican, Relipb Wegener is a acchanic, and makes his residence in Cycle, Ohro, Mrs. Kinney is a lady held in also regard in her community, and has been a manufact of the Cogare afford Church for many vists.

LAT JENNINGS. The name of this old add homored pioneer of Lenawee County has been a familiar one throughout this section of the country for a period of over fifty costs. He same to the Territory of Michigan in IsaA, building in Ypsdanti on the 8th of May, where he has his family until he could determine upon the country for a day or two, but not being pleased with the appearance of the land in that locality came over into Lenawee and prospected along the each in the western portion.

Mr. Jennings finally located eighty acres on section 22, in Rollin Township, and since that day has safel it home. There were then only four buniles in the township. His first business was the electron of a log cabin for the shelter of his smally. In 1855 provisions were scarce and flour was of the 815 per barrel at Toledo, while he could not tyocure this article at any price in Adrian. He shalls managed to horrow thurty pounds from one of his fin-away neighbors, which, by strict economy, was made to last the family until after harvest.

Mr. Jennings in his early experience in Lenawee County passed through the trials common to his

neighbors, but they were men strong of muscle and stout of heart, and had "come to stay," They were accordingly prepared to meet every emergency except direct starvation, and from this danger they were comparatively free. Some of them, it is true, lived on bran bread, which was rather light food with which to furnish muscle for chopping wood and clearing land, but they are the oftener and pulled safely through. Mr. Jennings assisted in cutting the first roads through the forests, building the first bridges, organizing the township, and establishing the first schools and churches. For a long period he was regarded as a leader in the enterprises which materialized, one by one, and which a section of country steadily increasing in population forced upon the people, who cheerfully accepted the burden. He served as Justice of the Peace, Town Clerk and Highway Commissioner, and lived to see the wilderness transformed into smiling fields and busy villages, and still continues an object of veneration and respect among the people who have known him so long and so well,

The subject of this biography was born in Milton, Saratoga Co., N. Y., April 2, 1808, and is the son of Henry and Meribah (Dexter) Jennings, who were born in New Bedford, Mass., the father in 1777, and the mother Aug. 16, 1770. Henry Jennings, after his marriage, purchased a farm in what was then Ontario, but is now Monroe County, and resided there until his death, which occurred when he was but thirty-nine years of age. His wife, Meribah, survived him many years, continuing at the old homestead in Penfield, and was ninety-three years old at the time of her decease. They were the parents of seven children, of whom Levi, of our sketch, was the sixth son and child. Levi was a little lad six years of age when his father died, and was then cared for by James Shucraft the following year, when he was taken into the home of an uncle, with whom he remained until he was sixteen years of age. He then returned to his mother's farm, where he operated with his two brothers five years, when the property was sold. Levi soon afterward purchased a small farm near by, where he lived until 1834, then sold out and cast his lot with the pioneers of Southern Michigan,

Mr. Jennings before leaving his native State was

married, Jan. 22, 1829, to one of the most attractive maidens of Ontario County, Miss Ann Crout, a native of that county, and the daughter of John and Phebe (Sickles) Crout, who was born Feb. 25, 1811, and died in Rollin Township, April 17, 1852. Of this union there were born seven children, namely: Phebe Ann, Clarissa; Mary Elizabeth, deceased; Henry L., Julia, Sarah L. and Harriet Deflora. Phebe was born in Penfield, Monroe Co., N. Y., Aug. 17, 1831, and is the wife of Charles Langdon, of Rollin Township; Clarissa was born in this township, April 25, 1835, and is the wife of Orson Crandall, of Riley, Mich.; Mary E. was born Aug. 16, 1837, married George Peters, of Rollin, and died Sept. 3, 1880; Henry L. was born Aug. 14, 1839, married Jane Whitney, and resides in Litchfield, Mich.; Julia was born Sept. 1, 1842, and is the wife of Arnold Bennett, of Bushnell, Mich.; Sarah L. was born Oct. 11, 1845, is the wife of Joseph Marks, and resides in Rollin; Harriet Deflora was born Dec. 19, 1849, married David Wooster, and lives in Wayne County,

The second wife of Mr. Jennings was Mrs. Catherine Ann Belcher, and they were married on the 22d of March, 1859. Mrs. J. is the daughter of William V. and Catharine Ann (Petty) Ditmars, of Hudson, this county, and the widow of Andrew Belcher. This union resulted in the birth of two children: Ida Jane, the wife of William M. Clark, a well-to-do farmer of Rollin Township, and Frank I., who married Miss Bertha Wood, and is working his father's farm. Mrs. Catharine A. Jennings was born in Trenton, N. J., April 1, 1835, and in 1842 came to Michigan with her parents, who were natives of New Jersey. The father was born March 4, 1810, and died in Hudson, this county, Oct. 5, 1865; the mother was born Feb. 2, 1811, and died July 30, 1876. Mr. and Mrs. Jennings are active members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and Mr. J. has all his life been particularly interested in Sunday-school and temperance work.

Andrew Belcher and Catharine Ann Ditmars were united in marriage at the home of the bride, in Hudson Township, Jan. 4, 1852. Mr. Belcher was a native of New York, where he was born March 16, 1819, and died Oct. 9, 1857. Their eldest child, William V., was born in Hudson Township, March

2. 1854, and married Miss Ellen Johnson; they crossed the Mississippi into Nebraska, where he is now earrying on farming and is the father of four children. John A. Belcher was born April 19, 1857, and is farming in Colorado.

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ON, STILLMAN W. BENNETT, one of the best-known men of Lenawee County, is now occupying the official position of Register of Deeds, at Adrian. In 1881 he was nominated by the Republican party as their candidate for this position, was elected by a magnificent majority, and assumed the duties of the office in the January following the election. In 1886 he was renominated and re-elected, and is the incumbent of the office at the time this sketch is written. Mr. Bennett is one of the never-swerving kind of Republicans, and the party can depend upon him in any and all emergencies. In a social and benevolent way his preferences run in the direction of the Masonic fraternity, and he holds membership in Adrian Lodge No. 19, A. F. & A. M., and Adrian Chapter No. 10 and Commandery No. 4. Mr. Bennett is yet a young man, and during his life has achieved success in whatever he has undertaken, It is appropriate that in this place and at this time the events in his life, and those of his ancestors, should be recorded.

Stillman W. Bennett was born in Fairtield, Lenawee Co., Mich., July 30, 1842. His father, Hon, Davis D. Bennett, was born in Tioga (now Chemung) County, N. Y., March 25, 1808, and was the son of Deacon Matthew and Nancy (Brace) Bennett, the former of whom was born in Orange County, N. Y., in 1778. When he was about fourteen years old his father moved to Wilkes Barre, Pa. About 1805 Matthew moved from Pennsylvania to Tioga County, N. Y., where he purchased a new farm. In 1816 he moved to Genesee (now Orleans) County, where he again purchased a new farm. In 1826 he disposed of this and purchased another one on the Fonawanda Reservation, in Genesee County. In 1832 he sold out and came to Michigan, and located 340 acres of Government land on section 23, in Rollin Township, where he lived until the last few years of his lite. He died in Fairfield in 1863. His wife was Miss Nancy Brace, a resident of Wilkes Barre, Pa., by whom he had ten children, Davis D. being the second son and third child. Mrs. Nancy Bennett was born in Saratoga County, N. Y., and died in Rolfin, this county.

Davis D. Bennett left his parents at the age of sixteen, and worked on a farm and at lumbering until the fall of 1828, when he came to Michigan. He continued to reside in Adrian until the fall of 1829, when he returned to Orleans County, N. Y., where he was married. In the spring of 1830 he came back to Michigan, and located eighty acres of land on section 33, in Adrian Township. He lived on this farm one year, and then sold it to Harry land on section 29, in Adrian Township; this land he sold to John Raymond in 1837, and the same year purchased 220 acres on sections 9 and 46, in out to his son, Stillman W. Bennett, and since that time has resided in Fairfield Village. Since his residence there he has held various oflices of honor and trust, including Supervisor for four terms, Justice of the Peace four terms, and Town Clerk about fifteen terms. In 1848-49 he was elected a member of the Michigan Legislature, and as such was present at the dedication of the first capitol build-

Stillman W. Bennett, our subject, remained at home with his parents until he was twenty-one years of age. He received a good education, attending first the district schools of his township, and was then a student for two teams in the Adrian College. After leaving school he engaged in teaching for several years in Fairfield. Preceding his election to the position he now holds he devoted the and after his marriage purchased his father's homestead, on sections 9 and 16, Fairfield Township. In that township he was an active man in all public and political affairs, and shortly after he became of age he was elected School Inspector, which office he held for several years. In 1873 he was elected Town Treasurer, and in 1876 and 1877 was elected Supervisor for his township. In the fall of 1878 he

was elected a Representative from the Second District of Lenawe County in the State Legislature, and there served on several important committees, and performed much beneficial work on the floor of the house. It was during this session that the magnificent new State Capitol at Lansing was dediented, it being just thirty years after the first capitol building was dedicated at that place, when his father was a member of the Legislature, and represented the same constituency.

On the 16th of January, 1868, Mr. Bennett was married to Miss Mary L. Livesay, daughter of James and Orpha A. Livesay, of Fairfield, by whom he has had two children-Arthur Livesay, born April 15, 1871, and Florence, Jan. 20, 1881. Mrs. Bennett was born on the 29th of May, 1844, in Fairfield, Lenawee County. Her father was born at Horseheads, Tioga (now Chemung) County, N. Y., Nov. 7, 1811, and came to Michigan in 1835, but his first settlement was just over the line in Fulton County, Ohio, where he resided for a short time. On the 14th of January, 1841, James Livesay and Miss Orpha Armenia Salsbury, the parents of Mrs. Bennett, were married. She was the daughter of Philip and Clarissa (Curtis) Salsbury, of Warsaw, Genesee Co., N. Y., where she was born Dec. 13, 1811, and came to Michigan in 1836, where she died in Fairfield, Dec. 6, 1860. Mrs. Livesay became the mother of four children, Mrs. Bennett being the second child and daughter.

ISHOP H. AMES is an honored representative of the farming interests of Hudson Township, an able, practical man, who, by good management, has been very much prospered in his undertakings. He has paid much attention to the culture of fruit and has achieved quite a reputation as a horticulturist throughout Lenawee County.

Mr. Ames was born in Venice, Caynga Co., N. Y., Feb. 15, 1821. His father, also named Bishop, was born in Rensselaerville, Albany County, and was the son of Elias Ames, who it is believed, was also a native of that county. He removed from there with his family to Caynga County about the

year 1800, before the time of railways and canals, the removal being made with teams. He bought a tract of heavily timbered land adjacent to the town of scipio, and there resided until his death.

Bishop Ames, Sr., was but a boy when his parents removed to Cayuga County, and there he grew to manhood. His father gave him a farm in Scipio, where he lived for a time, then sold out and bought another farm in Venice. He was a thoughtful, studious man, of carnest religious convictions, and in middle age was ordained as a minister of the Baptist Church, preaching afterward in Venice, Scipio, and other places. He spent his last years in Groton, Tompkins Co., N. Y. The maiden name of his wife was Almira Ticknor, daughter of Joseph Ticknor. It is thought that she was born in Eastern New York. She died on the home farm in Venice, after sharing with her husband the love and respect of the people. To them were born eleven children, nine of whom grew to maturity.

The subject of this sketch was the fourth child of his parents. Like all farmer boys of that period, his schooling was confined to the winter terms, as his assistance was required on the farm during the remaining seasons of the year. He grew to a strong and self-reliant manhood, and from the time that he was eighteen years of age until he came to this State, he had sole charge of the farm on which he had been reared. In 1843 he took an important step in his career by marriage with Miss Delia Murray, who has in every way encouraged and assisted him in his work, proving an invaluable helpmeet. Mrs Ames was born in the town of Arlington, Bennington Co., Vt., Dec. 7, 1819. Her paternal grandfather, James Murray, was born either in Ireland or Scotland, and coming to America when a young man, married Delia Preston. They settled in Arlington, where he bought a large tract of land and engaged in farming until his death. Edward Murray, the father of Mrs. Ames, was born and reared on his father's homestead near the Vermont town of Arlington, and upon reaching manhood engaged as a contractor. He resided in Onondaga County, N. Y., while assisting in the construction of the Erie Canal, and after its completion he returned to his home in Vermont and lived there until 1832. In that year he removed with his family to Scipio,

Cayung Co., N. Y., where he bought a brone, and remained a resident of that town until death. The maiden name of his wife was Phebe Manchester, she was born in Jackson, Washington Co., N. Y., and was a daughter of Elias Manchester, a native of Dutchess County and an early settler of Washington County, where he improved a farm. He spent his last years with his children in Cayung County, Mrs. Ames' mother, Patience (Boies) Murray, a mative of Dutchess County, N. Y., died at the home of her youngest daughter, in Oscoola, Pa., and is buried beside her husband in Scipio, Cayung Co., N. Y.

In 1844, not long after their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Ames left their old home and came to this way of that day to Adrian. They spent the first summer in Franklin Township, this county. Then they went to Hillsdale County, where Mr. Ames bought seventy acres of wild land in Somerset Township. He built a log house on the place, and then immediately commenced to clear his land and prepare it for tillage. Four years later he sold that farm, having improved it greatly, and then bought in the same township 107 acres of untilled land on which the forest trees were still standing. He was also obliged to build a log house on that place for his first habitation. He afterward bought other land until he had a fine farm of 240 acres. He built two barns and a nice frame house, and continued his residence there until 1865.

In the year mentioned Mr. Ames disposed of his farm property in Hillsdale County and bought the place where he now resides. Here he has 113 acres of fand which is highly tertile and capable of producing fine crops. He has erected a commodious frame house and other farm buildings, his improvements ranking with the best in the township. He has engaged quite extensively in fruit culture, making a careful study of the varieties best adapted to the soil of this section of the country, so that now he has one of the finest and best kept orchards in the county, twenty-five acres in extent. He has creeted on his farm a building especially adapted to the cold storage of his fruit and vegetables.

When Mr. Ames first came to this State he did

his from work and hardering with oven. The used to take grain to Adrian, twenty-five miles distant, and sold wheat at forty cents a bushel. Money was scarce and hard to get. At the stores they would trade for butter, eggs, and produce, but would not give groceries or any kind of eatables in exchange, as they were as good as eash.

The narriage of our subject and his wife has been blessed by the birth of four children, two living, Ida and Henry B. bla is the wife of John C. McCowan, and the mother of five children—Henry B., Mand, William A., Belle and John C.; Mr, and Mrs. McCowan reside in Hesperia, Mich. Henry B., who is associated with his father in business, married Miss Inez Ames, and form; one child died in infrincy unnamed: Emily A. and Fern; one child died in infrincy unnamed: Emily M., the second child, was a graduate of Hillsdale College and married Prof. J. W. Mank, of that institution; she departed this life at her home in Hillsdale, April 26, 1879. Mr, Ames, our subject, is a Republican in politics, giving that party his cordial support. He is in every respect a good citizen and commands the confidence of all with whom he comes in contact, whether socially or in a business way.

*HOMAS UNDERWOOD, one of the old and honored pioneers of Palmyra Township, for the last thirty years, came to this section of country with his parents when a boy nine years of age. He still remembers the various incidents of and when deer and other wild animals roamed almost undisturbed over the uncultivated land and through the timber. He pursued his studies in the first school-house in the district, and developed into which characterized the youth of that period and this section of country. He has now passed his sixtieth birthday, and but a short time since received an invitation to attend the golden wedding of two of his first teachers. The scenes through which he has passed and the changes which he has witnessed, could they be depicted in their true

colors, would form an interesting tale and fill a good-sized volume.

Mr. Underwood was born in the town of Williamson, Wayne Co., N. Y., Oct. 20, 1827. His father, Edward Underwood, a native of Dutchess County, N. Y., was born in February, 1800, and his grandfather, Joseph H. Underwood, was of English parentage and, it is believed, was born on the other side of the Atlantic. It is certain, however, that he was one of the earliest settlers of Dutchess County, whence he removed to Madison County, in 1806, where he resided for a period of fourteen years. He then took up his abode in Wayne County, when the town of Williamson was hardly begun and where, without doubt, he instituted the first tannery and harness-shop. He followed his trade there for a time, but later purchased a tract of land where he carried on farming in a modest manner, and where his death took place not long

The family of Joseph Underwood included six sons and one daughter. Edward, the father of our subject, at the time of his marriage purchased twenty acres of land near Williamson, but later bought out the heirs to his father's homestead and took possession of that, which he occupied until 1836. In the spring of that year, leaving his family in the Empire State, he started for the undeveloped West, and purchased 200 acres of land on section 19. Palmyra Township, for which he paid \$11 per acre, he having money with him. In the fall of the same year he brought his family here. They came by team to Buffalo, thence by the Lake to Toledo, which was then a small place, and there embarked with his team on a steamboat and thereafter traveled over the cottonwood swamp to this county. Of the farm which he then bought a part is now included in the present home of our subject. At that time there was a log house on the place and a few acres had been broken by some emigrant with less courage, perhaps, than the one who now took it in hand.

The father of our subject, after establishing his family as comfortably as circumstances would permit in the log house, commenced the improvement and cultivation of his purchase. In the course of a few years he found himself the proprietor of a

omfortable homestead, which he occupied the remainder of his life, his death taking place on the 20th of May, 1878. In the meantime the first primitive dwelling had been succeeded by a handsome, substantial brick residence, flanked by a frame barn, a good orchard and the other improvements naturally the result of industry and enterprise. A large proportion of the land had also been brought to a high state of cultivation. The elder Mr. Underwood was a man held in respect by his neighbors and esteemed as one who had contributed his quota toward the development and progress of Lenawee County. The mother was in her girlhood Miss Anna Mitchell, and was the daughter of Joseph Mitchell, one of the earliest pioneers of Madison County, N. Y., where her birth took place in 1806. Of her union with Edward Underwood there were born four children: Mary A., the wife of J. C. Harvey, of Madison Township, this county; Lydia was unmarried, and died when twenty-seven years of age; Cornelius died when a child seven years old, and Thomas Underwood is the subject of this sketch.

At an early age Thomas Underwood developed those traits of industry and enterprise which proved the secret of his success later in life. He assisted his father in clearing the farm, and remained under the parental roof until his marriage. Then, with the help of his father, he purchased 165 acres on section 18, Palmyra Township, twenty acres of which was cleared, and upon it stood a small frame house. In this he and his young wife commenced life together, and since that time Mr. Underwood has prospered in his labors and has invested his surplus capital in another farm of seventy-five acres on section 17. He occupied his first purchase until 1878, then removed to his present homestead, although he still retains possession of the other farm.

The marriage of Mr. Underwood took place March 15, 1849, the maiden of his choice being Miss Mary Comstock, a native of Niagara County, N. Y., and the daughter of Jared and Catherine (Hall) Comstock, who removed from the Empire State to this county in 1835. They located at first in Raisin Township, but in 1846 removed to Palmyra Township. They finally returned to Raisin, where the father spent the last years of his life, his

death occurring about 1865. The mother subsequently made her home with her daughter, Mrs. Mr. and Mrs. Comstock were highly educated and by her union with our subject has become the mother of three children: Edward (of whom see sketch); Ella and William. The latter was born Aug. 10, 1854, and is engaged in farming near eation in the district schools of this county, and finished at Adrian College, Ella was born Jan. 31. time was engaged in teaching. She became the wife of Rev. Harvey Widney, who was born in Dehis studies in Adrian College, from which he was graduated with honors. He was installed as pastor was Principal six years. In 1886, he became Princiof August, 1887. A widow and three children were thus bereft, the latter named respectively. Hallie M., Edward I., and Elizabeth.

Could we of the present day, living as we are in comparative case and comfort in the homes planted by those sturdy pioneers in what was conce a wilderness, be transported to like surroundings as they, our hearts would fail us and we would give up in despair. Their trials and hardships would be too great for most of those reared in the lap of havary.

EORGE A, INGALL, widely known throughout Medina Township, is the owner of 190 acres of valuable land on section 16, which is cultivated by himself and his sons, and comprises one of the most desirable homesteads in this part of Lenawee County. Mr. Ingall came to Southern Michigan in November, 1846, and for a time followed his trade as eabinet-maker, but as soon as he

had secured sufficient capital he decided to embark in agraedlural pursuits, and necordingly purchased a tract of lend, of which he still retains possession and which is included in the present farm.

Mr. Ingall is of English birth and parentage, and first opened his eyes to the light May 22, 1815, at the modest homestead of his parents, within sight of Westraton, Middlesex County. He was reared mostly in the city of London and received a liberal celucation. His parents, Charles and Sophia (Kittellutter) Ingall, were also of English ancestry, the father born in London, Dec. 16, 1771, and the mother in Deptford, Kent County, Jan. 1, 1779. They were married Feb. 17, 1798, and became the parents of cleven children, of whom George A, was next to the youngest. Charles Ingall, after his marriage engaged in incorehandising in London, and amassed quite a little fortune. It is the fashion of English families to have their children become masters of some useful trade, and our subject was therefore apprenticed to a carpenter and developed into a builder of considerable skill. Upon reaching his majority he was married, Ang. 22, 1836, to a maden of his own county. Miss Mary Ann Hopkins, who was born May 1, 1811, and was the daughter of doespla and Ann (Clurich) Hopkins, who lived at Chilton, in Beckshire, where they engaged in agricultural pursuits.

Mr. and Mrs. Ingall, in less than a month after their marriage set sail for America, arriving in New York City October 18 of the same year. They made their home in the metropolis for a period of ten years, where Mr. I. carried on carpentering and cabinet-making, and then decided to seek the great West. Upon reaching this State, he located in Shinwassee County, where he followed carpentering one year, then took up his residence in this county, where he has since remained. His experience has been similar to that of the other enterprising men who sought their homes in the wilds of Michigan Territory, except that he was obliged to contend with the additional difficulties of beginning his farm labors without experience and in a strange country. His industry and resolution, however, met with their legitimate reward, and he long ago took his place in the front ranks of the early settlers. His valuable and well appointed homestead bears wit-

ness in the most forcible manner of the extent to which he has labored, and the good judgment which has characterized his investments.

Mr, and Mrs. Ingall before their removal from New York State, became the parents of the children recorded as follows: Joseph was born Sept. 28, 1837, and is now at St. John's, Mich.; Sophia was born Jan. 1, 1810, and died on the 24th of August following; George A. was born July 10, 1841, and died Feb. 13, 1843; Martha 11, was born June 6, 1843, and died March 24, 1844; Isabelle A. was born Feb. 11, 1846, and died December 13 following. To the little household there were added three more children after the removal of the family to Michigan: Maria A. was born May 13, 1850, and died March 13, 1853; Charles B. was born March 13, 1853, and Frederick J., Sept. 7, 1856. The eldest son, Joseph H., was married on the 13th of October, 1861, to Miss Julia A. Luck; he is a blacksmith and wagon-maker by occupation, and the father of two children. Charles B. was married, Oct. 17. 1875, to Miss Sarah C. Graham; they have two children, Samuel and Maude Edith, and are living at the homestead. Frederick J. married Miss Martha E. Diewy, March 12, 1879; they are living in Medina Township, and have three children-Ralph G., Harlow and Ethel. Mrs. Mary Ann Ingall, the mother, died at the homestead on the 13th of May, 1875; she was a devoted member of the Episcopal Church, with which Mr. I. is also connected.

Our subject cast his first Presidential vote for Fremont, and has since loyally adhered to the principles of the Republican party. He has been quite prominent in local affairs, serving as Commissioner of Highways nine years, Township Treasurer three years and has also officiated as Assessor and School Director. Socially he belongs to the Masonic fraternity.

ACOB S. RINEHART is a well-to-do farmer, residing on his confortable homesterd in Ogden Township, which he bought in 1865 on his removal from West Virginia. The land was timbered and without drainage, and had hitherto been considered too wet for cultivation,

and the probability is that had his means been greater he would have hought elsewhere. Now one would say while visiting his pleasant home and viewing his beautiful fields, that it is fortunate that he was once poor, as he might have gone farther and fared worse.

Mr. Rinchart was born in Preston County, Va., Nov. 21, 1831. His grandfather, Thomas Rinehart. it is thought was born in Germany, or was of German parentage, and was a soldier in the Revolutionary War, serving under Gen. Washington. He was one of the pioneers of Preston County, Va., having settled there while it was yet a part of Randolph County; he bought a tract of timbered land and cleared a farm, residing there until his death. The father of our subject, also named Thomas, was born and reared in Preston County, but after becoming a man went to Alleghany, Md., and there married. After marriage he returned to Virginia and settled in Preston County, buying a tract of heavily timbered land, where he built a hewed log house in which Jacob, our subject, was born. Mr. Rinehart lived here until 1864, then disposed of his land, and came to Ogden Township, this county, making his home with his children, but spending the greater part of the time with our subject, until his death. The maiden name of his wife was Anna G. Bohen; she was born in Maryland of German parentage. They

Our subject was the sixth child of his parents and was reared on their homestead farm in Virginia. Wild animals were plentiful in that part of Virginia. and in his youthful days he hunted and killed much game, and participated in many a hunt for deer and panthers. He lived with his parents until his marriage, which occurred April 9, 1857, when he was united to Miss Delilah Werner, who is of German descent. Her grandfather, Lewis Werner, was a native of Germany, who came to America, settled in Alleghany County, Va., and died there. Her father, Casper Werner, was born in Germany and came to America with his parents. He married in Pennsylvania, Miss Judith Schultz, of German ancestry, and about 1830 they moved to Preston County, Va., and spent their last days there.

After his marriage Mr. Rinehart settled on a farm near the old homestead, and resided there until 1865, but times were so hard that his assiduous labor brought him small returns, and hoping to
better his condition, he sold out there and came to
Lenawee County, where he settled in Ogden Township, as before stated. He had barely enough
money to pay for his hand, but his courage was good,
and he at once erected a small frame house, in accordance with his means, and began clearing the
land. His industry and untiring perseverance have
been rewarded with success and prosperity, as he
mow has his hand all cleared and has creeted a fine
set of buildings. He has purchased other land, and
now has a fine farm of 130 acres under a good state
of cultivation.

Mr. and Mrs. Rinehart have seven children living—Alice, Savilla Annie, Thomas Edward, Andrew Johnson, Leo Pence, Emma Louisa and George Lewis, William H., their first born, died at the age of eight years. The three eldest were born in Virginia.

tleman, who is Postmaster at Rome Center, is the son of the well-known Lyman W. Baker, of Rome Township, is sufficient to Lyman W. Baker, from the time of his first settlement in this township, in the spring of 1833, was one of its most active and useful men. He came in before its organization, and luring the meeting lative Council and ask if the township might organize. There was soon received a reply in the affirmative, and at the meeting of the twenty-seven voters of the township, Mr. Baker proposed it to be called Rome; David Smith, Jr., proposed the name of Junius. It was put to vote by ballot and Rome had three majority. The Chairman declared the township should be called Rome, and Secretary Baker so informed the Legislative Council.

Mr. Baker, in 1897, was elected Justice of the Peace and continued in the office until probably 1849. He subsequently represented the township in the County Board of Supervisors, and for a period of thirty years was Postmaster of Wolf Creek, He was commissioned twenty times as Notary Public, and in 1840, was made Deputy United States Marshal. His career from that time on was one eminently creditable to him as a man and a citizen. In addition to the duties of his various offices, being a man of great industry and energy, he carried on farming, and built one of the best homesteads in Rome Township.

The father of our subject before coming to the West was married in his native county, Feb. 11, 1830, to Miss Asenath S. Warner, who was born in Phelps, N. Y., July 12, 1813. This union resulted in the birth of seven children, namely; Orra C., the wife of B. C. Knowles, of Adrian; Lydia J., Mrs. George H. Lane, of Rome Township; Ralph P., our subject, and four who died in infancy. The mother departed this life at the homestead in Rome Township, April 12, 1856. Lyman W. Baker was married a second time, Oct. 22, 1856, to Miss Jeley, of Johnstown, this State, and they became the parents of five children-Lyman W., Jr., Samuel H., Douglas S., Grace A., deceased, and Lee H. Mrs. Jerusha Baker was a native of Batavia, Genesce Co., N. Y., and born June 1, 1831. She came to Michigan with her parents in 1845, and thereafter was a resident of Rome Township until

Ralph P. Baker remained a member of his father's household until reaching his majority, and
then commenced farming on forty acres of land
which he had secured from his father on a trade.
He operated upon this little farm until 1873, then
purchased twenty acres at Wolf Creek, where he
tived eleven years; then, deciding upon another
change of location and also of occupation, he repaired to Rome Center, and reating a storeroom,
purchased a stock of dry-goods, and since that time
has been engaged in general merchandising. He
votes the straight Democratic ticket and, like his
father before him, maintains a lively interest in the
progress and welfare of the township. About the
time of starting out for himself he provided himself witha wife and helpaneet, being married, Dec. 4,
1858, to Miss Aristeen, daughter of Philo P. and
Emeline (Dewey) Phelps. Mrs. Baker was born in

Ontario County, N. Y., Sept. 13, 1844, and two years later was brought by her parents to this county. They located in Rome Township, but subsequently removed to Osceola County, where they now reside. Mr. Phelps when a young man learned the shoemaker's trade, which he followed about twenty-five years in Michigan, and then abandoned the bench for farming pursuits. He is now about sixty-seven years of age. The mother died Sept. 3, 1866, in New York State.

The five children of Mr. and Mrs. Baker are recorded as follows: Rosa P. is the wife of J. Purchis, a harness-maker by trade; they live in Eaton County. Mich., and have one child. Cynthia M. died Oct. 5, 1879, when an interesting young lady nearly twenty years of age; Alma C., Mrs. George Fuller, is the wife of a merchant in Franklin County, and the mother of two children; Helen M. is the wife of Charles Spangle, who is farming in Rome Township; Asenath W. and Daisy B. are at home with their parents. The children have all been well educated and four of the daughters have frequently employed themselves in teaching. Mr. Baker is an uncompromising Democrat, politically, and was among the first appointees to the Postmastership under the Cleveland administration.

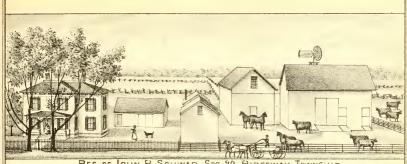


ILLIAM D. ARCHER, an extensive farmer and stock-raiser of Palmyra Township, is a fine illustration of the self-made man, who, commencing at the foot of the ladder in life, has arisen by his own exertions to a high position socially and financially. Nature provided him with an ample share of sound common sense and good judgment, and he has that independent spirit which is disinclined to ask favors, choosing rather to rely upon his own efforts. The result has been that he can look around him upon a good property, accumulated by the hand of frugality and industry, and can now enjoy the comforts which he has so fairly earned. Mr. Archer, like many of the settlers of Lenawee County, is a native of the Empire State, and first opened his eyes to the light near the town of Farmington, Wayne County, May 8, 1819. His father, John Archer, was born in Washington County, N. Y., and was the son of James and Mary (English) Archer, natives of Ireland and Massachusetts respectively. James Archer, the grandfather of our subject, immigrated to this country when a young man, and located in Washington County, where he spent the remainder of his days.

John Archer was reared to farm pursuits, which be followed in his native county a few years. After coming of age he worked by the month as a farm hand for nearly ten years, during which time the highest wages he received did not exceed \$14 a month. His example of closely applying himself and saving his earnings, should be an incentive to the poor boy of to-day, as it plainly shows what may be accomplished by industry and economy, and the true road to an easy competency in his old age. After a decade spent in his native county, Mr. Archer removed to Wayne County, where he resided until about 1824. He then purchased a farm near Macedon, in the same county, upon which he took up his abode permanently, and where his death took place in 1875. He had married, in early manhood, Miss Axie Warren, who was born in New Jersey, and was the daughter of Samnel Warren, who removed from that State to Wayne County, N. Y., at an early period in its history. They became the parents of six children, of whom our subject was the only son.

William D. Arrebr attended the public schools of his native township, and when not pursuing his studies, employed himself about the farm, except on the occasions when he roamed the woods and fields in quest of wild game. He had inherited from his father the love of sport, kept well-trained dogs, and was dubhed by the people of that neighborhood as the "fox hunter," and he is said to have killed more foxes than any other man in the State of Michigan. After his marriage he purchased a farm near the town of Marion, where he resided until 1854, then decided to change his location and seek the Western country, which was then holding out many inducements to the enterprising emigrant.

Southeastern Michigan at that time was attracting much attention, and Mr. Archer, selecting Lenawee County for his future field of operations, purchased a farm of ninety acres in Raisin Township. He cultivated this a few seasons, during which he



RES. OF JOHN P. SCHWAB, SEC. 20 RIDGEWAY TOWNSHIP.



RESIDENCE OF W. D. ARCHER, Sec. 5. PALMYRA TOWNSHIP



RESIDENCE OF HORACE HOLDRIDGE, SEC. 11. RAISIN TOWNSHIP.



prospered, and then invested his spare capital in more land until he had a sing farm of 120 acres. He occupied this five years, and then traded for a farm one mile east of the city of Adrian, in Palmyra Township. This latter he sold five years later, and then purchased his present place. This comprises 183 acres, with a commodious brick dwelling, besides large barns and sheds, and all the conveniences required by the progressive agriculturist for the storing of grain and the shelter of stock. The latter comprises Short-horn cattle, of which he exhibits some of the finest specimens in this part of the county.

Mr. Archer was first married Oct. 17, 1848, to Miss Neubelia Higbee, who was born in Palmyra. Wayne Co., N. Y., Jan. 29, 1826, and was the daughter of Gad C. and Emily Higbee. She departed this life at her home in Palmyra. May 17, 1867. Of this union there were born two children, namely: Orson H., who lives on the home farm, and Henry C., who is Passenger Agent for the Texas Pacific & Missouri Pacific Raifronds, at Dailas. Tex.

The present wife of our subject, to whom he was married in March, 1872, was formerly Miss Caroline E. Calkins, a native of Palmyra Township, and the daughter of Lorentus and Sophia Calkins, a sketch of whom appears on another page. Of this union there has been born one child, a son, Bayard T. Mrs. Archer is a member in good standing of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Palmyra, and is a most estimable Christian lady. Mr. Archer, politically, is identified with the Prohibitionists.

A view of the handsome residence of Mr. and Mrs. Archer, with all its beautiful surroundings, is given on another page of this Ana u. This fine home is a monument to the energy, industry and self-dependence of its owner, as he has literally hown out his own fortune, and what he possesses he owes entirely to his own unflagging efforts.

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OHN P. SCHWAB is a well-known and respected representative of the German element in our population which has contributed so much to the advancement of the agricultural interests of Lenawee County. He was born in Baden, Germany, June 26, 1830, and is the

son of Joseph and Mary Ann (Witt) Schwab, the former of whom died when John was fourteen years of age. He remained in the home of his mother for some years, and under her influence acquired those babits of thrift and honesty which conduced so much to his success in after life. With this good home training he also received the benefits of an education in the schools of his native village.

At the age of eighteen, Mr. Schwab determined to leave the Fatherland and seek the goal of so many of his countrymen, with a view to bettering his tortune. After landing in the United States he made his way to the western part of New York, and settling near Rochester, he lived there three years. He there found the young lady to whom he was wedded. Miss Catherine, daughter of Bernardt Miller. She was born in Westphalfa, Germany, Feb. 3, 1831, and at the age of fourteen was deprived of a mother's care. When she was married to Mr. Schwab, the date of the marriage being in April, 1853. The young couple sought a new home in Michigan, as Mr. Schwab thought he could best pursue his chosen life work where the soil was not worn out by long years of entitivation, They made their home on section 20 of Ridgeway Township, where he had bought eighty acres of land, to which he has since added sixty acres. The long years of petient industry, wise economy, and shrewd management which ensued have brought their reward in a comfortable home and a productive and well-tifled farm.

On the 26th of August, 1878, a sad bereavement befelf the family in the death of Mrs, Schwarb, who had faithfully shared life's burdens with her husband, and been a true mother to their children, Eleven children were born to them, of whom all are living except one, Henry B., who died March 16, 1868. The record of the remaining children is as follows: Mary is the wife of William Rothdow, a farmer in Mouroe County, Mich.: Helen presides over her father's home; Theresa is the wife of Walter Hackett, a farmer of Mouroe County, and formerly Representative in the Michigan Legislature; Matilda is the overseer in the straw works at Adrian, Mich; Frances lives with her brother-in-

law in Monroe County; Rosa; John P. is at home; Celia is a Sister, and a teacher of music in a convent at Gagetown, Mich.; Herman and Ida are at home.

Mr. Schwab and his family are communicants of the Roman (atholic Church. The Democratic party of this State has in him a faithful supporter, while he is at present serving as Justice of the Peace.

As representative of the buildings in this section of country we are pleased to present on another page of this Album a view of Mr. Schwab's residence with its surroundings.

ORACE HOLDRIDGE is one of the successful farmers and extensive stock-growers of Lenawee County. He is at present serving his ninth term as a member of the Board of Supervisors for Raisin Township, and in the administration of affairs of this office has given universal satisfaction.

Mr. Holdridge is a native of Raisin Township, and was born on the 28th of August, 1840. He was reared as farmers' boys usually are, on the farm of his father, and passed through the common schools of the district in which he lived, acquiring habits of industry and study. At a proper age he was placed as a student in Adrian College, and was among the first to enter there after the completion of the college. His parents had a family of eight children, all of whom are living, except one who died in infancy. Of this family our subject is the second child and son; all the brothers and sisters are married and well-settled in life.

On the 1st of January, 1862, at the residence of the bride's uncle, B. Holloway, Mr. Holdridge was married to Miss Adeline, daughter of Edwin and Mary A. (Seber) Holloway, natives of New York, who were married at Lockport, Niagara County, that State, and came to Michigan in 1832, locating on Government land in Lenawee County. The father was a soldier and a scout, was taken prisomer in the early part of the war, and died in one of the rebel prisons in the South; the mother is now living in Fairfield, at the age of seventy-four. They were the parents of nine children, of whom Mrs. II. was the first daughter and second child. She was born in the township of Raisin, on the 16th of March, 1840, and was rearred in Fairfield Township, receiving a good education in the common schools. To Mr. and Mrs. Holdridge have been born two children, named Elen R. and Clarence E. They are well educated and are skillful telegraph operators, operating the instruments which are in the house, and connected with 150 calls. The daughter, Ellen, is the wife of Archibald Boyd, who is pleasantly located in Raisin Township on a fine farm, and they are the parents of two children—Lawrence K. and James Carroll.

After their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Holdridge established themselves on the farm which they now occupy, and which was at that time in a very dilapidated condition. They have since put it in an excellent state of repair and cultivation. Mr. and Mrs. Holdridge attend the Presbyterian Church, to which they are liberal contributors. Mr. H. is a Democrat in his political principles, and has been chosen nine times as the Supervisor for this townshib.

acres on section 11, besides seventy-five acres on by Mr. Holdridge. In the erection of these buildings the most modern style of architecture was adopted, and an eye for taste and symmetry was given to every detail, as may be observed on examination of the view of the homestead on another page of this work. As a farmer he is ranked among the foremost, and as a stock-grower he stands among the most progressive. In this branch of the business he makes a specialty of Short-horn cattle. and has for the head of his herd the first "Duke of Raisin." He has associated with him in his stock operations Mr. George Holloway, of the same township, who is a practical and enterprising stockman. Mr. Holdridge started his herd of cattle in 1879, and since that time has met with a large measure of

success. His animals have been exhibited at a number of agricultural fairs and stock shows, and have been awarded numerous lirst premiums. The beginning of Mr. Holdridge's herd was from the cattle of William Curtis & Co., of Hillsdade, M ch., which have more than a State reputation for their quality and thoroughness of breeding.



RS. JOSEPHINE E. JOSLIN, a resident of Woodstock Township, and widow of Alvin Joslin, was born in Eric County, N. Y., Jan. 30, 1835. She is the daughter of Seth and Ann (Hoag) Holmes, who were both natives of Saratoga County, N. Y. Her parents removed to Eric County, in the Empire State, when they were young, and resided there until called away by death. Her father, Seth Holmes, was born March 7, 1804, and died Aug. 17, 1885, at the advanced age of eighty-four years; the mother was born Sept. 1, 1803, and died March 25, 1874, having attained more than threescore and ten years, Mrs. Joslin was one of a family of nine children, all of whom are living.

On the 5th of February, 1858, Miss Josephine E. Holmes was united in matrimony with Alvin Joslin. who was born in Eric County, N. Y., Feb. 1, 1821. He lived with his parents in the Empire State until the fall of 1834, when the family removed to Michigan. On coming here the father took up some eighty acres of Government land, where Mrs. Jos-Joslin, was born April 29, 1793, and died in this county, Sept. 18, 1842. His wife, Sarah (Woods worth) Joslin, was born in June, 1795, and died April 22, 1853. Alvin was one of a family of six children born to them, of whom two daughters are the only survivors. The family were among the very earliest pioneers of this section of county, and while he lived the elder Mr. Joslin discharged with unshrinking energy the duties devolving upon him as a frontier citizen. He was an old-line Whig politically, a stanch supporter of Henry Clay and his associates.

After the death of his father, Alvin Joslin took charge of the farm, and accumulating a little more capital by his energy and diligence, he, in 1850, purchased some forty acres adjoining, which he a bled to the original farm. Still another forty was bought in 1860. All this was new land, which the boys were compelled to clear up and improve. On coming here, the father creeted a primitive log cabin, built in the usual style, of rough logs, with "slakes" made out of basswood logs, for a roof. Nails being scarce in the new community, the roof was weighted down with poles. When this was chinked in with much grass and chips, the family thought it quite a comfortable helier. In this cabin they lived until 1858, at which time Mr. Joslia creeted a comfortable house, where the family now reside.

After a continued residence in this township of a half century, the old pioneer, Alvin Joslin, died at loss home, June 29, 1884. He was one of the brave and stont-heartof emigrants, who came to Michigan while it was yet under Territorial government, and by his innate energy, sound judgment, and decision of character, rendered valuable assistance in developing its resources, and establishing its civil, socal and religious institutions. Such men as he was are valuable in any community, but much more so in the new settlements on the frontier where their peculiar characteristics are oftener called into play,

Mr. and Mrs. Josiin were the purents of seven children, whose record is as follows; Seth W. was born Nov. 21, 1858, and married Mis Gertie O. Wright, a native of Trie County, N. Y., who was born Dec. 12, 1864. Mrs. Gertie O. Josiin is a daughter of William and Addie Wright, who are still living at their old home in New York. Mr. and Mrs. Seth Josiin are the purents of one child. Nung G., who was born Jan. 12, 1887. Charlec C., the second son of Alvin Josiin, was born April 13, 1862; he was married to Miss. Mary, daughter of Joseph Turner, who was born April 25, 1865; Sarah A., born Nov. 4, 1864, is the wife of Engene Turk, of Jackson County, Mich., and the mother of one child; Theodore M., born Dec. 21, 1869, is now engaged in teaching in this township; Ehen H. was born Nov. 19, 1873, and died March 13, 1875; Paul ine, born Oct. 8, 1886, died in infancy; Alvin, Jr., was born lane 30, 1800.

Mrs. Joslin is a bright, intelligent and quick-

witted woman of considerable intellectual ability; she is the correspondent of the Adrian Times, and performs considerable literary labor for two other leading journals. She is looked up to by the community as a prominent leader in all good works, and is beloved by her neighbors for her natural kindness of heart.

Whom we propose to give a brief history is amply worthy of notice in a work of this kind, in which are represented the ablest and most enterprising men who came to Southern Michigan during its infancy and have been chiefly instrumental in developing its resources. He was in his youth the hero of adventures more than ordinarily interesting, having traveled quite extensively when travel was attended with greater difficulty and danger than at the present time.

Mr. Hayden was born in Springfield, Otsego Co.. N. Y., March 25, 1819, and is the son of Hezekiah Hayden, a native of Hartford, Conn., where he was born June 6, 1777. The father learned the trade of a weaver and cloth dresser in his youth, and from 1811 to 1823, operated a woolen factory in Springfield, N. Y., to which point he removed when setting out in life for himself. He was a man of great energy and decision of character, but his labors were cut short by his death, which occurred in June, 1823, when he was but forty-six years of age. In October, 1802, he married Miss Hannah, daughter of Isaac and Lucy Hayden, of Windsor, Conn., and they became the parents of twelve children, William of our sketch being the tenth child and seventh son. The mother was born in Windsor, Conn. Dec. 10, 1778, surviving her husband only a few weeks, her death taking place in August, 1823.

William Hayden, by the death of his parents, was lett an orphan when four years old, and was taken to Windsor, Conn., and bound out to an uncle, with whom he remained three years, when he returned to New York and lived with another nucle, in Genesce County, until reaching his majority. In 1840 he commenced business for himself, purchasing the shoeshop and tannery of his uncle at Bennington. and in company with a partner operated and enlarged the business and continued there until 1846. He then disposed of his interest to his partner, M .. L. Vosburgh, and engaged in the milling and lumber trade with his brother-in-law for a brief time, when he went to New York City and engaged as a carpenter in repairing and refitting vessels for sea. About this time arose the California gold excitement, and Mr. Hayden, being then about thirty years of age, joined a company of twelve to make the overland journey to the Pacific Slope. After traveling 100 days and reaching the Platte River, cholera broke out among them, to which four of the party fell victims, among whom was Albert Hayden the brother of William. The latter also suffered an attack from the dread disease but recovered. They continued their journey, and when near the South Pass in the mountains, William Hayden and another of the party were attacked with fever, and, provisions being short, the remainder of the party pressed on and left them to perish. They, however, treated themselves with whiteoak bark, borrowing a skillet from one Daniel Boone, a grandson of the old Kentucky trapper, who happened to be roaming over that part of the country, and recovered sufficiently to overtake their company, which dwindled down to eight persons by the time of their arrival in Sacramento, in September, having been since February on the journey.

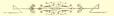
Mr. Hayden upon arriving at his destination engaged in mining, building and contracting, two years, then took passage for home via the Isthmus. Five days later the steamer was wrecked 700 miles below San Francisco, but fortunately the passengers were all saved, and sixteen days later taken on board another vessel. At this time Mr. Hayden met with a great misfortune by the loss of his carpet bag, which contained nearly \$4,000 in gold, and which sank beneath the waves by the capsizing of a boat in which he was being rescued. He had absolutely nothing left, not even a change of clothing, and no money to pay his fare home. Finally, to his great relief the wife of the Governor of California started a subscription on board the vessel which was to convey them to Panama, and the sum of \$240 was raised in a very brief time. The Isthmus was crossed in safety, and Mr. Hayden boarded the steamer for New York City, but the second day out a fearful storm arose, and the vessel was obliged to put into Kingston for repairs. While off Cape Hatteras one of the boilers burst, and the vessel took fire; the flames were finally subdued, however, and with one wheel and one engine the ill-fated craft finally reached port about midnight, Aug. 20, 1851.

Mr. Hayden now, after a brief rest in his native town, sought the West, and in the fall of 1851, coming to Jackson, this State, purchased from his brother, Henry A., the Vandercook Mills, which he operated successfully three years. Subsequently, in partnership with Messrs, Reynolds & Hayden, he embarked in milling for another three years at that point, and then purchased the Globe Mills of Teeumsch, the fame of which soon extended throughout the State, and which became the most successful institution of the kind in Southern Michigan. Two years later they commenced shipping flour to Ireland as well as other points, chartering a vessel for transportation to New York. Mr. Hayden, in 1882, purchased a large stave and heading factory, by which means he was enabled to manufacture his own barrels. Although losing two factories of this kind by fire, he quickly recovered his losses. Albert Hayden, the uncle of our subject, died in Tecumseh, April 10, 1877; his remains were taken to Connecticut and laid in the old burial ground at Windsor, where repose the bodie of the Haydens for six generations. William Hayden is in possession of the genealogy of his family from 1630 to 1859. In 1630 the first representative of the family, also William Hayden by name, crossed the Atlantic and located in Dorchester, Mass,, and from him have descended all the Haydens in America.

William Hayden, on the 18th of December, 1856, was united in marriage with Miss Sarah M., daughter of Alonzo and Asenath Hosmer, of Parkman, Geauga Co., Ohio. Their first residence after their marriage was in Michigan, and there all their eight children were born. Emily M., the eldest daughter, died Aug. 2, 1863, when less than six years old; William H. and Albert 8; one officiate-

as his father's clerk in the office at the Globe Mills, and the other is at Milan, superintending the factory. The others are named respectively. Clara B., Lizzie F., S. Mahel, Levi C, and J. Marvin; they are mostly residents of Tecunsch.

Mrs. Sarah M. Hayden was born in Perkman, Ohio, May 22, 1830. Her father, a native of Middle Haddam, Conn., was born Feb. 9, 1792, and died in Parkman, Ohio, Dec. 28, 1876. His wife, Asenath, was born in Rutland, Vt., Sept. 5, 1803, and died at the family residence at Parkman, Ohio, April 20, 1863. The family was well and favorably known in Geauga County, where the father carried on agricultural pursuits many years.



rGCSTES W. SLAYTON, one of the most enpuble business men of Tecumseh, is a wholesale dealer in lumber, baled hay, etc., with his business office located on Chicago street. He is of that age and temperament which develop the greatest usefulness and energies of a man's life, and takes a lively interest in all matters connected with the growth and prosperity of his town. He has been a resident of Tecumseh since a youth of eighteen years, coming with his parents from his native State of New York, where he was born in Steuben County, Dec. 9, 1843.

Our subject is the eldest son of Jairus P, and Mary A. (Fowler) Slayton, who became residents of the Empire State and continued there until their son had nearly reached manhood, and substantially had completed his education. Upon coming to Tecumseh, however, he took an additional course in the High School here and had already developed more than ordinary business qualifications. Upon the outbreak of the late war, he laid aside his plans for the future and enlisted in Company E, 18th Michigan Infantry, being sent first with his regiment to Lexington, Ky. Their time was principally occupied in skirmishing with the enemy until being ordered to the vicinity of Nashville, Tenn. Young Slayton subsequently saw considerable fighting and acquitted himself in a very creditable manner so that he in due time was promoted to Second

Lieutenant, Battery A, Second United States Colored Artillery. Six months latter he was promoted Adjutant of all the artillery at Nashville, retaining this rank until the surrender of Lee at Appomattox and his honorable discharge in March, 1866.

Lieut, Slayton upon retiring from the army at

once repaired to Detroit, and entered the Business College of Bryant & Stratton, where he took a full course and subsequently accepted the position of clerk in an extensive humber-yard. Some months later he put up a planing-mill at Tecumsch, in connection with a blind, door and sash factory, near the Lake Shore depot, which he operated successfully for ten years. Upon selling out he embarked in the wholesale lumber trade and the manufacture of furniture, which he carried on until 1883, when, disposing of the furniture department he continued the lumber business on a larger scale than ever. His transactions consist principally of contracts, and during the past year he has furnished the material for forty-six sawmills operating mostly in basswood lumber. He is now familiarly known in Northern Michigan as the "Basswood King," The product of the mills finds ready sale, mostly at Detroit, from which it is shipped after being manufactured into the lighter articles of trade. Mr. Slayton has the personal supervision of his business, visiting at stated periods the different points from which he receives orders and which altogether handle about eighteen carloads of lumber per month, He gives employment to 280 men and sixty teams, and forms one of the important factors in the development of Southeastern Michigan, contributing very materially to its reputation and prosperity.

The wife of our subject was formerly a Detroit lady. Wiss Cynthia Goodwin, and they were married at the home of the bride in that city, Sept. 22, 1870. Mrs. Slayton was born June 28, 1850, in Royal Oak, Mich., and is the daughter of Seth and Polly Goodwin, well-known residents of Detroit and people of standing in their community. The two children of this union are Earl G., who was born May 15, 1877, and Ethel V., Sept. 12, 1884. The family residence is a fine structure, pleasantly located, and the friends of Mr. and Mrs. Slayton are numbered by the score. They are both members of the Preshyterian Church. Our subject,

politically, votes with the Prohibition party. He is Director of the Michigan Flooring and Handle Manufacturing Company at Summit City, this State, and also Secretary and Director of the Tecumseh Celery Company, Socially he belongs to the G. A. R., having its headquarters at Tecumseh.



HARLES W. GREENLEAF. One of the most beautiful farms in Cambridge Township is located near the village limits, and there is not a more attractive spot in the northwestern portion of Lenawee County. The dwelling, one of the most elegant and commodious in the township, was put up in 1874, and is supplied with all the luxuries and conveniences of the modern country home. The barns and out-buildings are a fit embellishment to the farm and the dwelling, and the well-kept live stock, together with all the other signs of comfort about the premises, form a picture truly delightful to the eye.

Mr. Greenleaf is one of the pioneers of Lenawee County, having come to this section with his father in the spring of 1836. He was then but a young child, having been born Jan. 29, 1832, in the township of Mexico, Oswego Co., N. Y. His father, John Greenleaf, was a native of New Humpshire, where he learned carpentering when a young man, which he followed in the old Granite State a few years, and thence removed to Oneida County, N. Y. There near the town of Harris, he was married, April 2, 1818, to Miss Susan Avrill, who was a native of Connecticut, and of New England ancestry. Her father's family removed to New York State when she was a young woman, and the parents there shent the balance of their days.

After marriage, Mr. and Mrs. John Greenleaf settled in Oswego County, N. Y., where they remained until after the birth of seven children. One child died there. In 1836 they determined upon a change of location, and started with their little family for the Territory of Michigan, traveliglaboriously after the manner of those days, by lake schooner to Detroit, and from there across the country by teams to this country. The father purchased land on section 28, which was then an al-

most indivoken, wilderness, and moved his family into the house which was built when he came he in the midst of the forest. Then John Creenched commenced to fell the trees around his home, and to prepare the soil for cultivation. His industry met with its reward in due time, and he conditions self-surrounded by the comforts for which the hallahored. The mother passed away at the home stead in 1857, aged nearly hityscipht years. John Greenleaf was subsequently nearried again, and removed to the village of Quiney in Berneh County, where he died May 18, 1872, when nearly seventy-eight years of age. He was a very intelligent and capable man, upright in his dealings with his neighbors, and with his wife, the mother of our sobject, a member of long and good standing in the Methodist Episcopal Church. He was a Republican in politics, having been a member of that party six egits organization.

Our subject was reared to manhood in Cambridge Township, and continued a member of law parental household until reaching his majority. He then set out for himself, working at whatever accould find to do, and when twenty-four years of age, was married, July 5, 1856, to Miss Aun [1], daughter of George and Jane (Ousted) Sheeler, who were natives of New Jersey, and the father of farmer by occupation. Mr. and Mrs. Sheeler was also among the earliest pioneers of the county, coming to Michigan Territory in May, 1836. Mrs. Greenleaf was born in Newton Township, Sussey Co., N. J., Sept. 25, 1834, and was consequently but two years of age upon coming to this county. Her father built up a good homestead on section 20 in Cambridge Township, clearing 120 acres of land, and tilling the soil in a judicious manner so that it yielded bountifully. He is yet living at the old home, and is now past eighty-three years of age. The mother died on the 27th of June, 1884, aged seventy-five years. Mrs. G. was the third in order of birth of their ten children, five sons and five daughters, seven of whom are living and residuats mostly of this county.

To Mr. and Mrs. Greenleaf, there were born two children only, both still living. The eldest, a son, George W., married Miss 1da A. Kane, and is farming in Rome Township; he has two children—Ethel M. and Bessie A.—Cakvallo L. married Miss Lizzie Rise, and continues with his father at the homestead; they have one child, a son, Mindret C.—Mr. Greenleaf, politically, is a solid Prohibitionist. He has held the various local offices, and served as Justice of the Peace for the last six years. Socially, he is a member of the Blue Ledge No. 169, of Brooklyn, Mich., and is Steward in the Grange Lodge at Onsted.—Both he and his wife belong to the P. of H., and Mrs. G. is School Director in her district.

ALEB BATES came to Rome Township in the spring of 1835, and located upon section 10, where he has since resided and opened up a valuable farm. His early home was in fare County, N. Y., where he was born Nov. 8, 1821, on the farm of his father, Damiel Bates, who was a native of Pownal, Yt., and was born Aug. 8, 1800. The paternal grandfather, Stephen Bates, was a Revolutionary soldier, and after the independence of the Colonies was established, settled in Lisbon, Otsego Co., N. Y. He lived there until 1811, then sold out and purchased a farm of the Holland Land Company, in Eric County, where he lived until his death, in 1850, in the eighty-fifth year of his are.

Daniel Bates assisted his father in clearing up the form, and lived in Eric County until eighteen years of age, when he commeaced farming for himself. He took an "article" for some land, and after living upon it ten years, sold his "chance" for \$400, and purchased another farm near the town of Clarence, that same county, which he occupied until 1835. Theu selling out he came to Michigan Territory, and purchased 200 acres of unimproved land on section 10, in Rome Township. Upon this a log shanty had been erected, the only attempt at settlement. Ar, Bates felled the trees and cleared this land, then added to it until he was the owner of 520 acres. In the meantime he put up a good frame dwelling, with barns and sheds, and became one of the most thrifty and useful men of that section. In addition to the building up of his own homestead, he took a lively interest in every enterprise calculated to benefit his township and county, and assisted in laying

out roads, building bridges, school-houses and churches, and by every means in his power labored to advance the social and material interests of the people about him. He died at the old homestead on the 13th of January, 1878, being quite aged, and passing gradually away without pain and without amount disease.

The mother of our subject, who was formerly Miss Priscilla Cole, was born in Lisbon. Otsego Co., N. Y., Dec. 4, 1801. She became the wife of Daniel Bates Oct. 11, 1818. Her father, a native of Providence, R. L., served as a soldier in the Revolutionary War, and afterward settled in Western New York, whence he removed later to this county, and died in Rome Township in 1844. The mother of Grandfather Bates was a descendant of the Winslows who came over in the Mayflower. The parental household of our subject included nine children, all of whom lived to mature years. The later descendants embrace twenty-seven grandchildren and ten great-grand-children.

The subject of our sketch was a youth of fourteen years when his father came to this county, and he remained at home until twenty-three years of age. In 1844 occurred the first important event of his life, namely, his marriage with Miss Malintha Powell, who was born in Steuben County, N. Y., Dec. 9, 1824. Her father, Stephen Powell, was a native of Vermont, where he carried on farming during his early manhood, and thence removed to Orleans County, N. Y., where he lived until 1823. He was then married, and settled first in Genesce County, where he was burnt out, and then sold his form and once more took up his residence in Orleans County. After one or two removals, he, in 1845, left the Empire State and came to Michigan, settling in Seneca Township, this county, where he lived until his death, which occurred when he was eighty-nine years old.

The mother of Mrs. Bates was Miss Margaret Norton, of New York State, daughter of Seba Norton, whose father, Caleb Norton, a native of France, came from that country to America during the French and Indian War, and was killed in battle in 1763. Seba Norton, Jr., also served in the Revolutionary War, and died in Ontario County, N. Y., when eighty-two years old. His wife survived him

and lived to be eighty-eight. He was a sharpshooter during his military career, and afterward served as a minister of the Baptist Church forty years.

Our subject and his wife were married in Cattaraugus County, N. Y., and soon afterward came to their new home in this county, which comprised a farm given our subject by his father. I pon this eighty acres the young people settled, and Mr. Bates turned his attention to the building up of a homestead. He added to his real estate, and became the owner of 170 acres, all of which he has brought to a good state of cultivation, and which is the source of a comfortable income. Mr. Bates usually votes the Republican ticket, but lays no claim whatever to being a politician. He has been quite prominent in the affairs connected with the progress of the township, and served as Highway Commissioner six years, Drain Commissioner four years, besides serving as School Director and Assessorseveral years. The family are all connected with the

The eldest child of Mr, and Mrs. Bates. Daniel P., was born at the farm where they now live, July 17, 1840, and died on the 23d of February, 1887. He had been married to Miss Emily Stearns, and they were the parents of one child, a daughter. The widow is now living in Adrian. Juliet was born Oct, 13, 1846, and became the wife of Irvin Sayers, a native of Seneca Township, and who was born Nov. 9, 1847. The father of Mr. 8, came to Michigan from the Empire State, in 1837, and carried on farming the balance of his life. Elnora P. is the wife of William II. Hood, and they live on a farm near the old homestead. The two children of Irvin Sayers are both boys: Arthur P., born Feb. 8, 1875, and Halsey C., July 2, 1877.

OIIN C. PORTER. The Porter family, during the Colonial days, was distinguished for its patriotism, and the paternal great-grand-father of our subject lost his life during the Revolutionary War, while assisting in the protection of goods and property from the ravages of the British. His son, Lewis P., upon reaching manhood

settled in Seneca County, N. Y., and was there married to Miss Thirza Cole. The paternal grand-father of the latter was a miller by trade, and employed by the Government; later in life he also settled in Seneca County, N. Y., not far from the home of Lewis Porter. The latter and his wrife spent the remainder of their lives there, the father dying in 1862, at the age of seventy-six, and the mother in 1867, aged seventy years.

The parental family of our subject included three boys and three girls, of whom John (, was the second born. He first opened his eyes to the light June 24, 1822, and was graduated from the district school, after which he spent a term at the academy in Ovid. He had chosen farming for his calling. and upon setting out in life for himself, was married, Sept. 11, 1844, to Miss Louisa, daughter of Sylvester and Sarah (Cole) King, natives of New Jersey and Dutchess County, N. Y., respectively. Her parents settled in the latter county after their marriage, where the mother died in 1885, at the age of seventy-nine years. Mr. King is still living. making his home with a grandson at the homestead. and is now eighty-eight years of age. Their family consisted of two sons and four daughters, of whom Mrs. Porter was the eldest. She was born in New York, Dec. 12, 1824, and after completing her studies in the common school, attended Groton Academy, in Cayaga County.

Mr. and Mrs. Porter came to Michigan immediately after their marriage, and our subject purchased a quarter section of land in Seneca Township, but a few acres of which were cleared. In September, 1844, they moved into their new house, and Mr. Porter subsequently added to his real estate by the purchase of 240 acres in the same township, where now stands the elegant dwelling which is the admiration of all the country around. The buildings adjacent are in keeping with the residence, and the farm, beautifully located, forms one of the most attractive spots in that section of country. Mr. Porter has omitted nothing to beautify and enhance the value of his property, and at the same time has taken a lively interest in the growth of the township generally. The Porter household in due time included four children: Francis H., who is now deceased: Sylvester K., who married Miss Melissa Rorack; they have one child, a daughter, Anna Lou. Mary S. is the wife of Mark C. Rorick, and the mother of three children—John B., Myrtle and Maude; Hattie is the wife of Leroy W. Rorick, of Seneca, and has two children—Nellic and Cosper.

Mr. Porter represented Seneen in the County Board of Supervisors two terms and has been Justice of the Peace ten years. He was Postmaster for a period of eighteen years, during which time he discharged the duties of his office in a highly creditable manner. He east his first Presidential vote for Henry Clay, and now votes the Republican ticket.

Mr. Porter made the most of his early advantages, and was engaged as school teacher in his native county before coming to the West. Both he and his estimable wife are greatly interested in the success of the temperance cause, and have been for many years connected with the Baptist Church. Socially, Mr. P. belongs to Fruit Ridge Grange and the Pioneer Club, the latter of which was regularly organized. Aug. 13, 4835, although having held meetings previously, and Mr. Porter was elected its first President.

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ARREN GILBERT, one of the early pioneers of Lenawee County and prominent in all good works, has been one of the most useful and public-spirited men in this section of the country. His highly cultivated farm of eighty acres is pleasantly located on section 32, in Rome Township, and the family residence is a handsome and substantial building, flanked by a good barn an orchard of choice fruit trees, and all the other accessories of the modern homestead. Our subject took possession of this property in the spring of 1859, and the indications are that he has spent few idle hours and no small sum of money for the embellishment of his home and the enhancement of its value.

Mr. Gilbert was born in Greentield Township, Huron Co., Ohio, Sept. I, 1821, and is the son of Truman Gilbert, whose father came from England during the Colonial days and died in Connecticut at an advanced age. His son Truman was born and reared in Connecticut, whence he emigrated to Ohio and died there in Sandusky County when seventy-nine years of age. Truman Gilbert in early manhood married Miss Jane McKelvey, whose parents were natives of Ireland. The wedding took place in Ohio, and they became the parents of nine children, seven of whom are now deceased; the mother died in Ohio at the age of forty-four years,

The subject of this record continued with his parents until reaching his majority, in the meantime receiving his education in the district school and becoming familiar with farm pursuits. At the age of twenty-one he took possession of thirty acres of land which he had already purchased, and cultivated the soil for three years, after which he sold out and purchased a farm of eighty acres, which he occupied eleven years. He then determined upon a change of location, and coming to this county, purchased his present farm, upon which he has brought about vast improvements and put up most of the buildings. The lady who has shared his fortunes for the last forty-four years was in her girlhood Miss Minerva, daughter of Simeon and Meribah (George) Root. The latter were natives of Vermont, whence they emigrated to Ohio about 1816, during the early settlement of Huron County. From there, in 1851, they came to this State, and purchasing land in Rome Township, continued here the remainder of their lives. Mr. Root passed away in 1870, aged eighty-four years, and his wife about 1868, aged seventy-six. They were the parents of six children who lived to mature years and five are yet living. Simeon Root, Sr., the grandfather of Mrs. Gilbert, was also a native of the Green Mountain State, which he left when a young man and settled in New York, where his death took place in the city of Syracuse.

Mrs. Minerva Gilbert was born in Sandusky. Ohio, Sept. 21, 1826, and was trained in all housewifely duties by her excellent mother, receiving a common-school education and continuing with her parents until her marriage. Her union with our subject resulted in the birth of four children, recorded as follows: Adelbert W. was born Jan. 8, 1845, and died in infancy; Frank S. was born Nov. 1, 1847, and married Miss Isabella Nye; he is in-

terested in a gas well near Cleveland, Ohio, where he resides, and has four children. Austin B. was born May 6, 1849, and married Miss Emma Sanders; they are living on a farm near Saginaw, and are the parents of three children. Charles W. was born Dec. 21, 1851, and married Miss Esther Mc-Math; they are living at the old homestead and have two children.

Mr. Gilbert cast his first Presidential vote on the side of the old Whig party, but since 1864 he has voted the Democratic ticket. He has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church for a period of forty-seven years, during which time he has worked actively in the Sunday-school and given cheerfully both of his time and means to the maintenance of the society. Mrs. Gilbert also joined the Methodist Episcopal Church at an early age, and has been an active and consistent member forty-eight years.

M. BATES is a leading representative of one of the old pioneer families of the county, and was born in Rome Township, Oct. 6, 1849. His grandfather, Daniel Bates, was born in Pownal, Bennington Co., Vt., Aug. 8, 1800, but removed with his father, Stephen Bates, who was an old Revolutionary hero, to New Lisbon, in the county of Otsego, N. Y., when he was quite a small child. Stephen Bates resided in Otsego County until 1811, when he removed to Eric County in the same State, where he continued until his death, which occurred in 1850. Here Daniel Bates was brought up and assisted his father in clearing up his new farm, making it his residence until he had attained the age of eighteen years. Starting out in life for himself he took an "article" for some land, and lived upon it ten years, when he sold out his right for some \$400, and removed to the town of Clarence, where he lived until 1835. During that year he disposed of his property there and coming to Michigan, purchased 200 acres of land of Job Comstock on section 10, in Rome Township. This was all new land with a log shanty upon it with shake roof and split log floor. Mr. Bates cleared up his purchase and added to it until

he owned some 520 acres, and built a good frame house with barns and sheds. He was a sturdy, honest, energetic man, a thrifty farmer and a most excellent citizen. He was always alive to every enterprise that would benefit the town or county, assisting in cutting roads, building bridges, erecting school-houses and churches, and advancing the social and material interests of the community. He died here Jan. 13, 1878. In religious belief he was a Baptist, having united with the church in 1832, and always lived a Christian life, passing away peacefully at the close.

Daniel Bates, Oct. 11, 1818, married Miss Priscilla Cole, who was a daughter of Peleg Cole, of Eric County, N. Y., by whom he had nine children, Winslow, the father of our subject, being the eldest. Mrs. Priscilla Bates was born in Lisbon, Otsego Co., N. Y., Dec. 1, 1801. Her father was a native of Providence, R. L. born in 1759, and was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. In 1813 he removed to Eric County, where he resided many years. He died in Rome, this county, in 1811. His mother was a descendant of the Winslows, who came to this country in the Maydower.

Winslow Bates resided with his parents until he was twenty-three years of age, coming to Michigan with them in 1835. He has always been a farmer, and was a genuine pioneer, having assisted his father in clearing up the farm. When he first located within the limits of Rome Township, settlers were but few and far between, and a few log shanties were the only buildings. In politics Winslow Bates was an enthusiastic Republican after the organization of this party, and has filled the office of Highway Commissioner almost continuously since 1854. He served also as Justice of the Peace for one term. He was united in marriage with Miss Lusina Sweet, on the 4th of April, 1843. She was a daughter of Philip and Lydia Sweet, of Coldwater, Branch Co., Mich. Mr. and Mrs. Winslow Bates are the parents of seven children, recorded as follows: One unnamed died in infancy: Lydia P., born April 4, 1845, is the wife of Henry Pearson, of Adrian; Mary E., born Feb. 15, 1848, married Oliver H. Beach, of Rome Center; P. M., of our sketch, was next in order of birth; E. Madora was born June 4, 1852, and is the wife of Fred A. Knight, of Rome; Daniel W., born Oct. 27, 1854, is at home, also Ruth E., born Feb. 7, 1857.

P. M. Bates remained at home until he had reached the age of twenty-three years, attending school in the meantime, both in his district and at the college in Adrian, in which latter institution he spent some three years. Returning home, he gave most of his attention to the cultivation of the farm which his father gave him. Being, however, of an enterprising disposition and of considerable mercantile ability, he in 1881, purchased a half interest in a store at Rome Center, which was operated as a partnership concern until 1884, when he purchased the entire interest and is now operating the business alone.

P. M. Bates and Miss Emily Smith, daughter of David Smith, Jr., entered into a matrimonial alliance Dec. 25, 1872. They are the parents of one child, Florence M., who was born Jan. 12, 1874. In religion Mr. Bates is a strict Baptist, and has been Deacon of his church for several years. His activity in the Sunday-school work connected with the church is proverbial. In politics he affiliates with the Republican party, in behalf of which he has done very affective work. He has been elected to several minor offices in the township, and has each time had a fair majority, running fifty or more ahead of his ticket, showing his personal popularity where he is best known.

In addition to his mercantile establishment, Mr. Bates also operates a large brick and tile factory, at which he commenced some four years ago. This has been a very successful venture, receiving a liberal home patronage. The business has nearly doubled since its initiation, and the proprietor will soon be called upon to enlarge his facilities.

HOMAS J. CURTIS, a native of this county. was born at the old homestead of his father in Rome Township, Aug. 24, 1842, and resides there at the present time. The Curtis family were among the earliest pioneers of Lenawe County, and were largely interested in the development of its resources. They possessed in a marked degree the native energy so requisite to pioneers,

and assisted in building up a homestead from the wilderness, leaving to their descendants a rich inheritance.

It is now fifty-four years since the first log cabin was erected in Rome Township, where some years later the subject of this sketch entered upon his existence, and in due time began to make himself useful in the lighter labors around the pioneer homestead of his parents. The latter were people of intelligence and good judgment, and gave their children the best advantages which the times afforded, Thomas J., in common with his brothers and sisters, attending the district school during the winter, and confining his attention to the farm in summer. When a youth of eighteen years he began working by the month, and taught school during the winter until reaching his majority. During the late Rebellion be repaired to Hillsdale, and on the 25th of March, 1864, enlisted in Company K, 4th Michigan Infantry, and served until the close of the war, receiving his honorable discharge at Houston, Tex., in May, 1866. His duties lay mostly on the frontier and in dealing with the guerrillas. He participated in the battles at Cold Harbor and Petersburg, and was in the first and second engagements at Hatches Run, while his regiment was one of those detailed to receive the arms from the rebels at the surrender of Gen. Lee. He saw considerable hard tighting and experienced several hairbreadth escapes, having, at one time, his knapsack punctured by shots from the rebel guns, while, at another time, his own gun was shot to pieces. Upon one occasion a small tree behind which he partially concealed himself, was the means of saving his life, Like many of the old soldiers, he could weave an interesting volume from the many experiences of his army life,

Mr. Curtis, upon his return from the army, assisted his father upon the old homestead during the harvest season and taught school in winter. In 1867 he purchased eighty acres of land near the town limits of Hudson, which he occupied two years and a half, and afterward farmed upon rented land until the decease of his father. Upon the settlement of the estate he purchased the interest of the other heirs, and is now in possession of 160 acres, being the greater part of the original homestead; in the meantime he sold the Hudson Township farm. He occupied the house which his father put up in the early days until Dec. 24, 1884, when the present handsome dwelling was completed and he took possession. The farm residence and buildings so well known as the Curtis homestead are among the finest in the western part of Lenawee County. They are finely located upon a rise of ground and command a view of the surrounding country, which stretches away on either side, and presents in summer a most delightful picture to the eye.

The marriage of Thomas J. Curtis and Miss Ida Britten was celebrated at the home of the bride in Pittsford, Dec. 12, 1868. Mrs. Curtis is the daughter of Richard R. and Ellen (Collins) Britten, and was born in Hillsdale County, Dec. 12, 1852, she was therefore married on her sixteenth brithday. Her father, a native of New York State, was born in 1812, reared to farm pursuits, and at an early day migrated to the Territory of Michigan and located in Pittsford Township, Hillsdale County, where his death took place about 1875. The mother is still living at the old homestead and is now seventy years of age.

The five children of Mr, and Mrs, Curtis are recorded as follows: Willard R, was born in Hillsdale County, May 30,1870, and is now pursuing his studies in Hillsdale College: Manella was born in Rome Township, Feb. 6, 1874, and continues at home with her parents: Ray R, was born Nov, 29, 1879; Glenn, June 10, 1884; and Gail, in the new house, April 1, 1886. Mr, and Mrs, Curtis are members and regular attendants of the Baptist Church. Our subject has for years been warmly interested in the success of the temperance movement. In former years he worked with the Republican party, but is now a solid Prohibitionist.

MOS R. COLE. The upright and correct citizen cannot be valued too highly, for he is an important factor in preserving intact the social fabric upon which the comfort and prosperity of a community depend. This thought is suggested in reflecting upon the repa-

tation of the family of which our subject is a worthy representative, and the embodiment of those qualities which constitute the backbone and sinew of Lenawee County.

Mr. Cole was born in Seneca County, N. Y., May 19, 1839, and is the son of a well-known pioneer, Elvin C. Cole, and the brother of Elvin D., a sketch of whom will be found on another page of this Albun. Young Cole continued at his father's homestead, in Rollin Township, until reaching his Mississippi into the vicinity of Mt. Vernon, Iowa, having in view the selection of a permanent location. He, however, came back east as far as DeKalb County, Ill., where he occupied himself on a farm until the outbreak of the late war. On the 16th of September, 1861, he enlisted for three years in the volunteer service, becoming a member of Company L. 8th Illinois Cavalry. The regiment was first detailed to the vicinity of Washington, D. C., and later met the rebels in the principal battles and skirmishes of the Potomac campaign. Mr. Cole mental hospital, was able to report for duty at all times. At the expiration of his term of service he out at Chicago, Sept. 28, 1864,

After being transformed from a soldier to a civilian, Mr. Cole returned to his old haunts in Lenawee County, where he lived about eighteen months, then traded his farm in Ingham County for the one he now owns. This comprised fifty-five acres of land, to which he subsequently added 100 acres, all now under a fine state of cultivation, and upon which he has erected handsome and substantial buildings. The dwelling, which was erected in the summer of 1885, is especially elegant. The grounds are ample and neatly kept, while there is a fine apple orehard and an assortment of the smaller fruits. The live stock is of the best description, and the farm machinery embraces everything that could be reasonably required by the modern agriculturist.

Not long after his return from the army Mr. Cole was married, Nov. 9, 1864, to Miss Elmira B., daughter of Porter and Susan (Brownell) Beal, old and well-known residents of Rollin Township, Mrs. Cole was born in Rollin Township, July 14, 1842, and receiving an education in the district school during her younger years, subsequently engaged in teaching. She is a hady of much intelligence and noted for her charities and her interest, in the temperance work, belonging to the Ladies' Missionary Society, while for two years she has been Pr-sident of the W. C. T. I. Both our subject and his wife are members and regular attendants of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Cole has served as School Director in his district for a number of years.

The record of the four children of Mr, and Mrs. Cole is as follows: Susan L. was born Aug. 27, 1865, and on the 4th of March, 1885, married L. Lewellyn, son of Hon. J. N. Harkness: Celia O. was born Feb. 20, 1868, and was married, Dec. 30, 1886, to Edward Rawson, of Rollin: Elvira R. was born Sept. 5, 1872, and DeWitt C. Jan. 7, 1874.

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AMES NICHOLSON is a faunce residing on section 18 of Riga Township, where he owns a beentiful farm which has been his home since 1865. This farm, as well as the fine farm adjoining it, at the time of purchase was wild and swampy land, and was considered worthless for agreently and purposes. Seven acres of it was cleared land, on which a log cabin had been built, which constituted the only improvements at the time of settlement. The wonderful results he has brought about by his indomitable energy have proved the good judgment and foresight that he displayed in selecting such an unpromising location for a farm. He now has the entire tract cleared, well drained, and in a highly productive condition. He has erected an ample frame barn and other necessary farm buildings, and in 1866 he erected a substantial brick dwelling. Hesides accomplishing all this, he has purchased and improved a good farm of forty acres in Ogden Township, on which his son now lives.

Mr. Nicholson is a native of Montreal, and was born July 17, 1833. His grandfather, James Nicholson, was a native of Yorkshire, England, and remained a resident there until about 1825, when he came to America with a colony of Englishmen, and with them founded the town of Ramsay, Ontario, Canada. The English Government gave to these colonists 100 acres of land each, besides a grindstone and a saw to each three settlers, as an inducement to settle in the wilderness and improve the country. The grandfather became the owner of a fine farm, reclaimed from the wilderness by his industry, and there he made his home until death. He was a stanch Presbyterian, and worked to promote the establishment of that faith in Ramsay, building a church and parsonage on his farm. The father of our subject was born in Yorkshire, England, and there remained until he was eighteen years old, when he came to America, being the first of his father's family to come to this country. He first lived in Beaver Creek. Vt., and was there employed on a farm, except in winter, when he engaged in lumbering. He married in Vermont Nancy Churchill, a native of that State, and daughter of John and Annie (Hewitt) Churchill, both of whom were of English ancestry. After marriage Mr. Nicholson bought a farm close to the city of Montreal, and there followed farming until his death.

James Nicholson, of this sketch, was one of six children born to his parents, five of whom grew to maturity, and was but five years old when he was bereft of a mother's care. He remained with his father in the home of his birth until he was thirteen years of age, and then, a more boy, set out to make for himself a place in the busy world. He found employment in rafting lumber on the river in the season for rafting, and during the remainder of the year worked in the lumber regions; he was thus employed in that hard and oftentimes dangerous work until he was eighteen, when he went with a raft to New York City. After remaining there a short time he came to Lenawee County and found work on a farm, and also engaged a part of the time in wood chopping. We next hear of him in Canada, whence, after a year's residence, he went to Illinois to engage in farming for himself, and bought 160 acres of wild prairie land in Vermilion County. At that time Kankakee, now an important city, situated in the eastern part of Illinois, was but a hamlet with only one grocery store, which readily

supplied the needs of its small population. Nicholson purchased three voke of oxen, and soon had twenty acres of his own land broken, besides breaking large tracts of land for other people. In the fall of that year he went to St. Lonis, Mo., and engaged in getting out railroad ties, but he soon afterward became sick and had to return to Canada. when for three years thereafter he was unable to do any work. This long period of illness exhausted his means, and on his restoration to health he went to Toledo to repair his broken fortunes. He was employed there for some months in a sawmill, and then came to this county and engaged in similar work. In 1865 he purchased his present farm, and Riga Township has since been his home. He is a man of much experience in life, and his early encounter with the world has made him keen and ready to take advantage of the means at hand and turn them to the best account. He is always bonorable in his dealings with other men, and has won for himself a place in the confidence and esteem of

During these years of hard labor our subject has had the able and active assistance of a good wife, to whom he was married Dec. 14, 1851. Her maiden name was Rebecca Earles, and she was born in Mendon, near Rochester, N. Y., April 10, 1836; she came with her parents to Palmyra Township, this county, in 1842. Her marriage with Mr. Nicholson has been blessed by the birth of two children: William, who lives in Ogden Township, and Mellssa, who married Charles Mason, of Riga Township.

Mrs. Nicholson's paternal grandfather. John Earles, was born in Greenbush, Rensselaer Co., N. 7., and when a young man he removed from there to Lake, where he married Rebecca White; he was a farmer, and spent his last years in Monroe County. The father of Mrs. Nicholson was born on the old homestead in Lake, N. Y., Feb, 15, 1805, and he there grew to manhood; in 1834 he accompanied John Maloney and his wife and seven children to the Territory of Michigan, the entire journey being made overland with two yoke of oxen and one pair of horses. They located in Adrian, being among the first settlers of that township, which was then a wilderness inhabited by deer, bears, wolves, wild turkeys and other game. Mr. Maloney entered

Government land, on which he and his wife spent their last days in the log bonse which he built for their shelter, his death occurring in 1837. He and his wife, whose maiden name was Polly Dusenbury, were natives of New York.

In August, 1834, a short time after their arrival, Mr. Earles, the father of Mrs. Nicholson, married Mary, daughter of John Maloney. They returned to New York, where they spent about six years, and while there Mrs. Nicholson was born. Returning to Lenawee County, Mr. Earles bought a tract of timbered land near Ogden, and there improved a farm on which he lived about twenty-five years, when he traded a part of his farm for village property in Palmyra, and lived there about ten years. He then disposed of that property and bought a farm in Ogden Township, on which he resided until his removal to Blissfield, where he and his wife now reside. They are both advanced in years, and, of course, feel the infimities of age very much, yet they are able to be about, and still retain their mental faculties unimpaired.

Mr. Nicholson and his wife are worthy members of the United Brethren Church. In politics Mr. Nicholson sustains the policy of the Republican party by his vote.

EWIS G. LESTER has for over twenty years been a resident of Raisin Township. His property is pleasantly located on section 11, where he carries on general farming, and his land, naturally fertile, has by a process of good cultivation become one of the most desirable tracts in the castern part of the county. Mr. L., who formerly resided in the vicinity of St. Joseph, purchased this property in 1865, and has since given his undivided attention to the building up of his fine homestead, of which a view is shown on another page of this work.

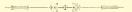
Our subject is a native of Ontario County, N. Y., where he was born July 6, 1827, and is the son of John Lester, of the same State, whose father was David Lester, of New England parentage and English descent. David Lester spent the greater part of his life in the eastern part of Long Island, where

he carried on farming and died at an advanced age. He married a Miss Talmadge, who lived to be ninety-three years of age, and also died on Long Island. John Lester, the father of our subject, was born and reared on Long Island, and there married Miss Emice George, who was a native of Albany County, N. Y., and of English descent, John Lester and his wife lived for a time in Ontario County, that State, where Mr. L. followed the trade of a shoemaker and spent the remainder of his life. The parental household included six children, four sons and two daughters, of whom Lewis G, was next to the youngest.

Our subject was rearred and educated in the township of Gorbam, where he learned the trade of a tanner and currier, and which he practically abandoned after coming to Michigan. He remained in his native State until twenty-live years of age, when he went to Michigan, locating first in the young town of Stargis, and was for some time connected with the Michigan Southern Railroad. In 1859 he was married, at the home of the bride in Tecunsch, to Miss Harriet Scofield, who was born in Steuben County, N. Y., May 11, 1856, and was the second child of Enis Scofield, of Dutchess County, N. Y. The latter was the son of Rufus Scofield, a native of Sharon, Pa., and of excellent Scotch descent. He married Miss Rhoda Griffith, of Dutchess County, N. Y., and later came into Steuben County, taking up a large tract of land and in connection with its cultivation, following his trade of cooper until his cultivation, following his trade of cooper until his endivident ist an advanced sige. Both Rufus Scofield and his wife spent their last years on the old homestical in Stachen County, Grandmother S, also living to be quite aged.

Eais Scofield was born, as it is supposed, in Dutchess County, N. Y., where he developed into naulooid and was married to Miss Margaret, daughter of William Miller, a native of Maryland, whose people had been represented in the Southern States for several generations and were extensive slaveholders. Mr. Scofield continued in the Empire State until 1837, and then made his way to the Territory of Michigan, and took up a tract of land in Raisin Township. Here, from the unbroken wilderness he improved a good farm and lived until about 1848, when he removed to Tecumseh Township, where he proceeded as before, clearing another farm, on which he resided until his death, which took place when he was fifty-six years of age. The mother subsequently went to live with her daughter. Mrs. Lester, and died in March, 1886, at the age of eighty-three years; she was a hady of remarkable intelligence and activity, and preserved her faculties mostly unimpaired until the close of her life.

Mrs. Lester was educated in Tecumseh and in Raisin Valley Seminary, making her home with her parents until her marriage. She is the mother of two sons: Clement, who was born March 18, 1860, married Miss Frances M. Matteson, and is now a resident of St. Louis, Mich, and a minister of the Baptist Church, and Spencer, who was born Oct. 7, 1866, and remains with his parents assisting in the operations of the homestead. Both the Lester and the Scofield families have been Baptists for generations, although some of the former were Presbyterians. Mr. L., politically, is a Republican of the first water, and although no office-secker and medding very little with public affairs, has served his township as School Inspector.



HUGO SMITH, a successful farmer of Raisin Township, is a native of Prussia, where he was born in the town of Breslau, Dec. 3, 1820. Since his birth in that far-away town in the German Empire he has led a life fraught with many interesting incidents and adventures, having traveled much, both in Germany and the United States. It would give us pleasure to note his varied experiences, but the brief limits of a biographical notice will permit us to give only the principal facts of his life.

Mr. Smith grew to manhood in the place of his nativity, and there learned the cabinet-maker and carpenter's trade. During three years from 1840 he served in the Prussian army in accordance with the laws of the land, but this experience did not give him a taste for military life, and after leaving the army he traveled through the country, engaged at his trade, and penetrated into nearly every one of the numerous principalities and duchies into which that vast empire is divided. He was in Hol-

stein when the outbreak occurred between that country and the Kingdom of Denmark, in the year 1848, and as the country was in such an unsettled condition that he could not successfully prosecute his business, he left the Fatherland, and came to the United States in 1849. He first lived in Pennsylvania, not settling, however, in any particular locality, but working at his trade in various places. At the expiration of four years he left that State, and, journeying by a circuitous route, he finally arrived at New Orleans, where he remained until the war broke out.

From Louisiana Mr. Smith went to Toledo, Ohio. in May, 1861, and worked there for a year, when he came to Adrian, Mich., in the employ of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad Co. as a carpenter, and worked in the employ of that company three years. In the year 1865 he came to Raisin Township, this county, and purchasing a tract of land, turned his attention to agricultural pursuits. His farm, containing 100 acres, is situated partly on section 36 of Raisin Township and partly in Blissfield Township. Though Mr. Smith lacked experience in his new enterprise, yet by energy, shrewd judgment and good management, he has brought the land, which was mostly unbroken, into a high state of cultivation, and has erected commodious farm buildings, admirably adapted to the purposes for which they were intended. A view of Mr. Smith's homestead is shown on the opposite page of this work.

Mr. Smith was married, in Lenawee County, Feb. 13, 1868, to Miss Margaret, daughter of George and Catharine (Heek) Traben, of Adrian. She was born in Hesse-Darmstadt, Oct. 18, 1850, and was a child three and one-half years old when she came to America with her parents. They located in Adrian, Mich., where Mr. Traben continued to ply his trade, that of shoemaker; he still resides there, at the advanced age of seventy-seven years. Mrs. Smith had the misfortune to lose her mother when she was but seven years of age. She was the mother of four children, namely: Magdalena, who married William Arold, and is deceased; John, who married william Arold, and is deceased; John, who married the was the mother of four children, namely: Magdalena, who married william Arold, and is deceased; John, who married the strength of the stren

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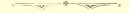
by the birth of five children, namely: Lena. Paul. George, Fred and Kittie May. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are earnest, faithful members of the Lattheran Church. Mr. Smith is a Democrat in politics, while society at Adrian since 1862. They are both respected and estectued by all in the neighborhood.

AVID E. PALMER, a well-to-do farmer of Madison Township, is pleasantly loeated on section 10, and to the ordinary departments of his calling has added dairying, in which he finds a generous patronage and of which he has made a success. He has been a resident of this county for over twenty years and is numbered among its most reliable citizens. He migrated to this section of the country from Wayne County, N. Y., in December, 1866, before completing his education, and pursued his studies thereafter in the Friends' Semmary in Raisin Township, of which he was a resident until 1872. Then, coming to Adrian with a fair knowledge of book-keeping, he entered the employ of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad Co., as receiving and shipping clerk, and was thus occupied for a period of ten years. Our subject was born in Walworth, Wayne Co., N. Y., Feb. 23, 1847, and is the son of Charles L. and Sarah (Morrison) Palmer, also natives of the Empire State. The mother died in Wayne County when her son David E, was three months old, and the boy was then taken to Virginia, where he made his home seven years with B. Taber, He then returned to his native county, of which he remained a resident until setting out for the West, Charles L. Palmer, after the death of his wife, removed across the Mississippi into Kansas, where he now resides and is engaged in farming,

Mr. Palmer, in 1882, located upon his present farm, which includes seventy acres of highly cultivated land. He has assisted in building up the reputation of this locality as a desirable place of residence, and is numbered among its intelligent men and reliable citizens. The lady who has shared his fortunes for the last seven years was formerly Miss Esther Nash, who became his wife on the 5th of February, 1879. Mrs. Palmer was born in Madison Township, July 20, 1849, and is the daughter of Sanutel and Sarah (Becker) Nash, who were among the early pioneers of this county. They were residents of Madison Township probably for a period of twenty years, and there spent their last days, the mother dying in 1863 and the father in 1875.

Mr. and Mrs. Nash were natives respectively of Connecticut and New York, and were the parents of nine children, all of whom are living and, with the exception of one son, are residents of this county. Mr. and Mrs. Palmer became the parents of two children: Charles D., born June 15, 1880, and Harrison N., who died in infancy. Mr. Palmer politically, is a straight Republican, and socially, a member of the Workingmen's Mutual Aid Association of Adrian.

On another page of this volume is shown a view of Mr. Palmer's residence and pleasant grounds, as representative of the homesteads of this section of the country.



ENJAMIN HORNBECK. Medina Township has been particularly fortunate in the class so eftitizens attracted to her borders by the fertility of the soil and the many other matural advantages. Its residents are composed mostly of those who came in the early days and usually remained upon the land where they first located. Upon the theory that a rolling stone gathers no moss, they have been content to stay, and have for the most part been amply rewarded for their efforts.

The history of the Hornbeck family is one of more than usual interest, and the fact that they were far-seeing enough to preserve what they could obtain of it, denotes that they were people of more than ordinary intelligence. It is mostly the ignorant who have no history worthy of preserving, or of a character which they would not desire given to the world. The Hornbecks are of English ancestry, and were first represented in this country by three brothers who crossed the water during the

Colonial days. The grandfather of our subject fought in the Revolutionary War, and died at the battle of Bunker Hill. He had married and settled in New Jersey, and the family remained there, the in those patriotic principles for which the father had yielded up his life. Their son James, the father of our subject, subsequently did good service in the War of 1812, being in the northern division of the army. After marriage he settled in Milford, Sussex Co., N. J., and there with his estimable wife, who was Miss Elizabeth, daughter of Capt. Cornelius DeWitt, of Revolutionary fame, lived until after the birth of two children, when they removed to Phelps, Ontario Co., N. Y., where their son, Cornelius D., was born Oct. 29, 1811, and where they spent the remainder of their days. Cornelius has resided in Michigan since 1836.

The subject of this record was born in Milford, Sussex Co., N. J., Dec. 21, 1808, and was a child about three years of age when his parents became residents of the Empire State. He grew to manhood there, in Ontario County, receiving a good common-school education, and employed principally in farm pursuits. Upon reaching manhood he married one of the most estimable young ladies of that region, Miss Pheebe, daughter of Robert Reed, who, like the Hornbecks, was of English descent. His wedding was celebrated with great celat on St. Valentine's Day, 1853, and on the 8th of May, the following year, our subject with his young wife set out for the Territory of Michigan.

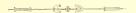
Upon reaching Detroit Mr. Hornbeck left his wife with her brother at the little town of Plymouth, seventeen miles distant, and proceeded on foot westward for the purpose of seeking a location for their future home. He halted first upon the present site of Morenci, on the 12th of June, 1834, and taking up a tract of Government land put up a log house, and going after his wife installed her there in October following. They had no furniture, neither chairs, bedstead nor table, but necessity proved the "mother of invention," and they improvised a table out of a barrel-head, while a bedstead, chair and table were in due time provided from some boards and home-made scantling. Mr. Hornbeck had in money only \$3.50 left after pay-

ing for his land. Wild game was plenty, and whatever else was lacking they had plenty of wild meat, and managed to get through the winter without suffering. In the spring the Michigan-Toledo trouble was settled, and the commissioners from Ovid made the house of Mr. Hornbeck their rendezyous, under pretense of being land-seekers.

The neighbors of Mr. Hornbeck and his wife at that time were few and far between. In 1835 Orville Woodworth from New Jersey came and staid with the Hornbecks while hunting a location, and was the first man to settle west of the creek. He was soon afterward joined by Hiram Farwell and William Coy, the latter of whom made his stoppingplace with our subject about six weeks before deciding where to settle. Mr. Hornbeck finally sold his property to Messrs. Roberts and Armitage, of Mouroe, and purchased fifty-six acres from Mr. Dennis Wakefield on the north side of the road, besides eighty acres from Mr. Franklin on the south side. Early in the spring of 1835 he struck the first blow toward clearing his land which was covered with heavy timber, and the labor of felling the trees and preparing the soil for cultivation was no light task; his milling was done at Adrian and Te-During those times when men were required to exercise the utmost ingenuity in order to cope successfully with their environments. Benjamin Hornbeck proved often a "friend in need" who found themselves embarrassed for lack of means. He supplied them with provisions and sustained their failing spirits by his hearty kindness and hopeful words. As time progressed and their prospects improved, no man rejoiced more over the dawning prosperity of his neighbors, and none was

Mr. and Mrs. Hornbeck became the parents of nine children, most of whom are married and have families of their own. James, the first-born, married Miss Libbie Wilcox, and they have four children— Frank, Clara, Freddie and Maud; they are residents of Dakota. Elizabeth became the wife of Sylvester Packer and the mother of three children, when she died at her home March 27, 1886; Judson married Miss Annis Colgrove and took up his residence in Saline County, Neb; they are the parents of five children—DeWitt, Rosa, Bert, Bertha and Pearl. This son, during the late war, enlisted in an Iowa regiment and served valiantly, being with Sherman in the famous march from Atlanta to the sea. Aden is in Gratiot County, this State; he married Mis-Maria Beckwith, and they have three children—Lewis, Rollin and Bertha. Benjamin is at home and has charge of the farm; Lewis is in Kalamazoo, having a post in the asylum there; Anna, the wife of C. W. Mallory, is the mother of one child, Ethel L., and a resident of Fulton County, Ohio; Emma married Melford Baker, and resides in Morenci; Jennie has charge of the domestic affairs of her father. Mrs. Phebe Hornbeck departed this life at the homestead on the 25th of October, 1869, aged fifty-five years.

Our subject, politically, votes the straight Demoeratic ticket, and served as Justice of the Peace four years. He was contractor for the first frame school building in Morenci, and was one of those concerned in the building of the first log schoolhouse in Medina Township. Not a school building has been creeted in the township in which he has not lent a helping hand. His children have been thoroughly educated, completing their studies in the High School at Morenci and Oak Grove Academy. Mr. Hornbeck took a contract from the Government to clear and build one mile of the territorial road running from Toledo, Ohio, to Michigan City, Ind., and took Jacob Baker in with him on the contract. They built the first bridge on this road that spanned Bean Creek (or Tiflin River). in the fall and winter of 1834.



ARON R. TUFTS. In the life of this gentleman is illustrated the results of a spirit of resolution and perseverance, by the aid of which he has secured a good position, socially and financially, among his fellowitizens. He came to this country soon after his marriage, prepared to labor with the other enterprising men about him in building up a home from the wilderness, and aiding as far as possible the struggling community in its efforts for recognition. He is now known as the owner of one of the most

beautiful homesteads in Sencea Township, and there is probably not a finer dwelling in the county than stands upon the quarter section of land which he secured soon after his arrival here in 1850. Of late he has been much interested in stock-raising, and has for this purpose very fine harms and sheds fitted up with every convenience. About sixty across of his first purchase was cleared at the time he took possession, and upon it was a small frame house. He subsequently added eighty across, and it is hardly necessary to state that his present surroundings have involved the outlay of much time, labor and nomey. The result to the proprietor can scarcely fail to be otherwise than satisfactory.

Mr. Tufts was born April 21, 1825, in Stafford Township, Genesee Co., N. Y., and is the fourth child of Aaron and May Tufts, natives respectively of Massachusetts and Connecticut. They removed with their parents to New York State when young, and were married in Genesee County. The mother departed this life when Aaron was a little lad seven years of age. The father continued a resident of Genesee County until his death, which occurred in 1882, after he had reached the advanced age of eighty-eight years.

Aaron R. Tufts grew to manhood in his native county, receiving his education in the district school. After reaching his majority he was emried, Jan. 17, 1850, to Miss Margaret, daughter of Roswell and Dolly (Foster) Perry, who were nadents of Saratoga Springs. They finally removed with their family to Western New York, where Mr. Perry died in 1814, aged seventy-four years. The mother, after the death of her husband, joined her daughter. Margaret in this county, and died at the residence of our subject in 1865, when seventy-six years of age. They were the parents of four children, of whom Mrs. Tufts, the third in order of birth, was born in Genesce County, N. Y., March 5, 1829, in a region where schools were few and difficult of access. She continued with her parents until her marriage, and by her union with our subject became the mother of four children: Florence V., the eldest, is at home with her parents; Eva A, is the wife of Harvey Upton, of Medina Township, and the mother of two children—Willie and Floyd; Mary Ann married Thomas Clarson, who was killed in a railroad accident at Blissfield in 1883, and she is now at home with her parents; Charles L. married Miss Ida M. Deline, and farms at the homestead.

Mr. Tufts soon after his marriage set out for the West, and the young people commenced housekeeping in a manner suited to their means. The exercise of prudence and frugality brought its legitimate reward as may be seen by a glance at their surroundings. Mr. Tufts has always maintained a lively interest in the growth of his adopted county. He was the first School Director in his district, and has held the office of Collector for a period of thirtyone years. Politically, he votes the straight Republiean ticket. Mr. and Mrs. Tufts each had a grandfather in the Revolutionary War, and Grandfather Foster officiated as a drummer boy. Aaron Tufts, Sr., served in the War of 1812. The family is of Irish descent, and the records show them to have come of a race conspicuous for their thrift, integrity, and all the elements which constitute good citizenship.

ETER GUSSENBAUER, the "village blacksmith" of Fairfield, at present in partnership with his son, is carrying on the various branches of his trade, including carriage-making, in which he is among the leading manufacturers of the kind in this county. He is a native of this State, where he was born in the city of Monroe, June 10, 1842. He is fairly educated, and has "paddled his own canoe" since a youth of eighteen years; his parents died when he was twelve years old.

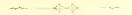
Mr. Gussenbauer at the age mentioned made his way into Upper Canada, where he followed his trade, which he had already learned, and studied for the ministry two years. Upon returning to Michigan he decided to abundon the latter project, and in the spring of 1862 came to Pairfield, where he worked at his trade about two months, and then began business on his own account. He established himself in a modest manner in a little shop on Main street, and by a course of industry and strict attention to business, soon found himself gaining a foothold among the business men of Fairfield. His orders increased from mouth to mouth until he was compelled to enlarge his facilities, and was finally enabled to build a good shop and also to secure a comfortable home for himself and his family.

Our subject was first married in Fairfield Township to Miss Eliza J. Rathburn, who was also a native of that township, and by her union with Mr. Gussenbauer became the mother of one son. Their wedded life was brief, Mrs. Gussenbauer dving at her home in Fairfield, Jan. 25, 1864. Their son, John R., a capable and industrious young man, is now in business with his father. Mr. Gussenbauer married for his second wife Mrs. Marian M. (Winslow) Bumpus, the wedding taking place in Madison Township, May 5, 1864. Mrs. G. is the daughter of Marvin L. and Lucinda E. (Delano) Winslow, and was first married to Urson Bumpus, a native of New York, March 19, 1858, in Stockton, Portage Co., Wis. During the late war Mr. Bumpus enlisted in the 8th Wisconsin Infantry, and was killed at the battle of Vicksburg, Miss., May 22, 1863. She had by that marriage one child, a son, Marvin, who died when three months old. The wife of our subject was born in Hermon, N. Y., July 5, 1842. They are the parents of two children —Eliza J. and Forest A.

The parents of our subject, George and Barbara (Maurer) Gussenbauer, were of German birth and parentage, and emigrated to America in 1839, coming at once to the new State of Michigan and settling in Monroe County. The father conducted a hotel, and there the parents spent the remainder of their lives. The household included seven children, of whom Peter was the third in order of birth. His brothers and sisters living are mostly residents of this State.

Marvin L. and Lucinda E. (Delano) Winslow were natives of Jefferson County, N. Y., where they were reared and married, and whence they came to Michigan in the fall of 1842. They located first in Fairfield Township, this county, but in 1855 they removed to Portage County, Wis., where the death of the mother took place July 16, 1874. Mr. Winslow died in Edna. Minn., Jan. 5, 1883. They were the parents of thirteen children, of whom Mrs.

Gussenbauer was the seventh. Her ha thers and sisters now living are residents mostly of Wisconsin and Minnesota. Mr. Gussenbauer, politically, votes the straight Democratic ticket, and socially, is a member of Fairfield Lodge No. 125, F. & A. M.



INSLOW BATES, of Rome Township, and who is fast approaching the seventieth year of his age, came to the Territory of Michigan when a youth of sixteen years, and has since that time made his abiding-place in Lenawee County. He cleared the quarter section of land which he first occupied, and knows all about the hardships of life in the pioneer days. He proved himself equal in strength and courage to the needs of the times, and is one of the men whose record is worthy of special notice.

Our subject was born in Eric County, N. Y., Oct. 11, 1819, and is the eldest son and child of Daniel and Priscilla (Cole) Bates, the former born in the State of Vermont, in 1800, and the latter in Eric County, N. Y., Dec. 4, 1801. They were the parents of nine children. Daniel Bates died at the homestead in Rome Township, this county, in 1877, at the age of seventy-seven years and six months. The mother of our subject is still living, and makes her home with her daughter. Mrs. Rexford, in Woodstock.

The Bates family is of English descent. The first representative in this country was the great-great-grandfather of our subject, who crossed the Atlantic in 1626, and, it is supposed, settled in Rhode Island. He had a son Francis, the great-grandfather of our subject, and Stephen, the son of Francis, was the grandfather of Winslow of our sketch. Stephen Bates was born in Rhode Island, and from there migrated first to Vermont and then to York State, where he followed farming, and in the latter State spent the closing years of his life. He was eighty-six years old at the time of his death. His wife, Pheba, had passed away some years previously, aged seventy-live years.

Daniel Bates, the father of our subject, left the Green Mountain State with his parents when a very young child. They then settled in Otsego County, N. Y., and sleven years later removed to the vicinity of Newterad, in Eric County. They afterward lived four years in Clarence, and from there in 1835, they came to this county. The journey was made overland to Buffalo (where our subject came near being drowned), and there they boarded the steamer "Thomas Jefferson," which landed the steamer "Thomas Jefferson," which landed from at the then small town of Toledo, Ohio, From there they journeyed overland to Rome Township, this county, bringing with them their household goods. The father took up 200 acres of land on section 10, to which he subsequently added forty acres. It was covered with timber, and after the creetion of a log cabin, Mr. Bates set about his conflict with the soil, which, in due time, resulted in the opening up of a good farm, and the establishment of a desirable homestead. The family occupied the log cabin ten years, then Mr. Bates put up a frame residence on the first purchase. Later he added still further to his real estate by the purchase of a quarter section. He died at the homestead in 1877.

an old-line Whig, and afterward joined the Republican party. He had married in his native county, Miss Priscilla Cole, daughter of Peleg and Mary Cole, also natives of Eric County, N. Y. Their son Winslow, of our sketch, remained at in clearing the farm. He received his education for himself on eighty acres of land which is included in his present homestead. It was covered with timber, and it was no light task to fell the trees and prepare the ground for cultivation. He made good headway, however, and in due time his needs increased and his means justified, and was looked upon by his neighbors as one of the thrifty men of the place. Honors were in store for him, and his interest in the establishment and maintenance of those institutions upon which the excellence of a community depends at once

Mr. Bates has been Justice of the Peace for the last twelve years, Highway Commissioner the same length of time, and School Director twenty years. He east his first Presidential vote for Gen, Harrison, and remained with the Whig party until the organization of the Republicans. He put up, it is believed, the first notice posted in the United States in connection with the party. He has been an enthusiastic worker for its interests since that time.

Our subject was married, April 5, 1843, to Miss Lucina Sweet, of Coldwater, this State, and daughter of Philip and Lydia (Cole) Sweet. Her father came from Eric County, N. Y., to Michigan in 1841, and located on a tract of land near the embryo town of Coldwater, where he lived and labored the remainder of his life. He passed away at the age of sixty-five, and his estimable wife when sixty-three. The mother of our subject was the daughter of David Cole, and the niece of Job Cole, the cousin of Peleg Cole. This family was noted for longevity, most of them reaching their threescore years and ten. Mrs. Bates was born in Eric County, N. Y., Jan. 22×1820, and remained with her parents until her marriage. She was the seventh child and third daughter in a family of fifteen children, of whom ten lived to years of maturity. Those surviving are residents mostly of Michigan.

The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Bates are recorded as follows: Lydia P. is the wife of Henry Pierson, of Adrian, and the mother of two children Mary E., Mrs. Oliver H. Beach, of Rome Township, is the mother of one child; Philip M. is engaged in merchandising in Rome Center; Medora married Mr. Frederick Knight. of Rome Township: Daniel W. married Miss Ella Lapham, and works with his father; he is the parent of two children. Erilla, Mrs. Kooney, is the wife of a prosperous farmer of Madison Township, and the mother of one child.

HARLES B. WILSON, proprietor of 108 acres of good land on section 30, in Seneca Township, is a son of one of the earliest pioneers of this county. Simon D. Wilson, the father, was a native of Connecticut, and married Miss Millicent Baldwin, of Massachusetts. The wedding took place at the home of the bride in

Windsor, Berkshire County, and they made their home in that vicinity four years. Thence they migrated West, and located in that part of Pairfield which is now Seneca Township, this county, and the father of our subject took up 230 acres of Government land, which he transformed into a valuable homestead and a part of which is occupied by his son. Here the parents both spent the remainder of their lives, the father dying in 1887, when about eighty-two years of age, and the mother in 1864.

Simon D. Wilson became a prominent man in the affairs of this county and was the leader in the organization of districts and the building up and maintenance of the common schools. He served as School Inspector for fifteen consecutive years and was the first Clerk of the newly organized township of Seneca. He held that religion and education should go hand in hand, and organized the first Sunday-school in Seneca Township, over which he presided as Superintendent. Besides our subject. who was the second child, the parental household included two daughters-Eliza A, and Lucy D. Eliza became the wife of W. H. Clarke, of College Springs, Iowa, and died in October, 1864, leaving five children; Lucy D. is the widow of Royal Hamlin, who was wounded at Gettysburg during the late war and died from the effects in 1882,

Our subject was born at Thompson, Conn., April 17, 1833, and the following year was brought by his parents to this county. He remembers seeing the Indians pass his father's cabin in the forest, frequently in squads of thirty and forty, following the trail which was but two or three rods from the settler's dwelling. He obtained a limited education in the pioneer schools, and as soon as old enough commenced assisting his father in clearing the land and building up the farm. He was over twentyfive years of age at the time of his marriage, this interesting and important event taking place on the 25th of August, 1858, with the maiden of his choice, Miss Rosa M., daughter of Rollin R. and Susan M. (Casson) Hill, who were natives of Connecticut. They migrated to Michigan Territory in 1832, locating first in Wayne County, whence they removed five years later to Medina Township, this county. They spent their last years in the village of Morenci, the mother dying in 1872, when sixtythree years of age, and the father, July 1, 1883, aged eighty-three. They were the parents of eigh chaldren, five daughters and three sons. Mrs. Wilson was the third child and was born in Wayne County, Aug. 11, 1836. She was about a year old when he parents removed to Medina Township, where she was reared to womanhood and pursued her first studies in the district school. Later she attended Prof. Barrows' Seminary, at Medina, and the Young Ladies' Seminary in 8t. Catherine's, Canada. She was also greatly interested in educational matters, and was a very pleasunt and intelligent lady.

Mr, and Mrs, Wilson became the parents of three-children: Their cidest son, Clarence A., is teller in the bank of C. C. Wakefield & Co., at Morenci, and is entering upon the third year of his service with that firm: Luella J. is the wit of Frank B. Smith, Principal of Edison School in Morrow County, Ohio: Charles W. is one of the extensive land-owners in Kansas. Mrs. Wilson departed this life at her home in Semeen Township, Feb. 1, 1885, regretted by all who knew her. She was a good wife and a kind mother, and by her death the tamily have sustained an irreparable loss; she was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

The homestead of our subject indicates in all respects the supervision of a thrifty and industrions man, one who has been chiefly interested in attending to his own concerns. He has been School Director and Trustee in his district for a period of mineteen years; is a Good Templar, socially, and politically, a solid Prohibitionist.

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OilN L. IIALL. a prosperous farmer of Medina Township, is carrying on his vocation on section 14, and meeting with good success. His parents were Nehemiah and Polly (Atchison) Hall, natives of New England, who, after their marriage settled in Monroe County, N. Y., where Mr. Hall's death occurred when our subject was a small boy. To him had been born five children, of whom the record is as follows: Polly is the widow of Allen Washburne: Bezufled died in Illinois; Lyman D. resides in Oregon; John L.; Huron B. died in Illinois. Mrs. Hall

s(terward married William Buell, and in the year 1857 Mr. and Mrs. Buell removed to Lenawee County, Mich., and setfled in Madison Township near Adrian. Some time later they removed to Quincy, Branch County, where Mrs. Buell died about 4860.

John L. Hall, the subject of this sketch, was born those common to farmers' boys at that time. He remained in New York until the spring of 1835, when a desire to ascertain for himself the truth of Territories, caused him to come to Michigan. He took up eighty acres of Government land in Lenawee County, but did not then settle on it; he remonth until the summer of that year, when he returned to New York, and spent the following year in Monroe County, in that State. He then returned to Lenawee County to look after his Two months of this time he was engaged in ferrying across the Mississippi River at Rock Island. He then returned to Lenawee County and commenced electing his tract of land, in the meantime working at various occupations. For some months be was employed at teaming in Adrian, and subsequently he was an employe of the Michi-

Soon after this time, Mr. Hall took unto himself a helpmeet in the person of Miss Clarissa C. Crane, of Madison Township, to whom he was married Jan. 28, 1851. She was born in New Hampshire, Dec. 13, 1819, and is the daughter of Turner and Phebe (Arnold) Crane, natives of Massachusetts, After their marriage they continued to reside in that State for some years, then after a short residence in New Hampshire, they removed to Macedon, Ontario Co., N. Y., where they lived until about 1832. At that time they removed to Madison Township, in this State, where they spent the remainder of their lives. They had eleven children,

three daughters and eight sons, of whom Mrs. Hall was the fourth child.

Mr. Hall and his newly made wife settled on the land that he had partially cleared on section 14, where they have since lived. With the co-operation of Mrs. Hall, he has been very successful in all his labors, and has added, as he could afford, to his original tract of eighty acres until now he has a fine farm of 260 acres, containing large and convenient buildings, and made many other valuable improvements. Mr. and Mrs. Hall are the parents of three children, of whom the following is the record: Caroline is the wife of James Drown; Harriet L, of Lewis H. Converse, and Phebe is the wife of John B. Spooner, all of Medina Township.

Mr. Hall has been one of the Poormasters of the township of Medlina. In social life he is a member of Medlina Lodge, F. & A. M., of which organization he has been Treasurer for upward of twenty years. Mr. Hall is a very intelligent, wellinformed man, and takes great interest in matters both local and general. He is an adherent of the Republican party, whose principles he upholds by voice and vote.

OHN C. MABEE, son-in-law of the well-known Isaiah Lowe, of Fairfield Township, has been the partner of the latter in the saw and grist mill business since 1876. The firm of Lowe & Mabee is a popular one with the business element of this section, and is noted for its straightforward manner of doing business and its reliability.

Mr. Mabee was born in Royalton, Niagara Co., N. Y., March 10, 1842. He received a common-school education and spent a large proportion of his time during his youthful years in the flouring-mill of his father, where he gained a good insight into the management of machinery and other matters connected with the business. About 1852 James Mabee, the father of our subject, started via the Isthmus for California, and dying on the voyage from Panama to that State was buried at sea. The

mother then came with her family to this State, locating at Jackson, where John C. continued with them until mineteen years of age, and was mostly engaged in farming pursuits.

During the winter of 1860-61, the Mabee family came to Fairfield Township where the mother lived until 1869, then removed to Adrian, where she now makes her home. Soon after the outbreak of the late war our subject enlisted as a Union soldier Aug. 11, 1862, in Company I, 18th Michigan Infantry, and served faithfully until July, 1865. Although experiencing the usual bardships and privations of a soldier's life, including many hairbreadth escapes, he was able to report for duty without a single exception, and at the close of the war received his honorable discharge and returned home unbarmed.

Mr. Mabee, after being transformed from a soldier to a civilian, sought his old haunts in this county, and for two years thereafter was employed in the sawmill of Isaac O. Savage. The year following he engaged in farming, but in the spring of 1868 returned to his old home in Niagara County, N. Y., and engaged in milling there until January, 1876. At this time he retraced his steps to Lenawee County, taking up his residence in Jasper and forming a partnership with his father-in-law, Isaiah Lowe, which has continued since that time.

Mr. Mabee was married in Fairfield Township, Dec. 30, 1867, to Miss Carrie M. Lowe, who was born in this township, Dec. 20, 1846. They became the parents of three children: James I., who is now at Fayette Normal School; Bertie, who died in early childhood, and Charles R. Mr. Mabee, politically, is a decided Prohibitionist, and socially belongs to the Masonic fraternity, the I. O. O. F. and Fairfield Grange.

ICHAEL SCHMIDT. Among the many sons of Germany who have become either the state, not one is more universally respected than the subject of this biography. Mr. Schmidt was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, Nov. 9, 1828, and there the years of his childhood and youth were passed. Having arrived

at man's estate, and feeling that more could be got out of life in a new country, in the year 1852 Mr. Schmidt left the land of his nativity and came across the waters to found for himself a hone in this western world.

Mr. Schmidt spent the first few years of his life in this country in Ohio, living two and one-half years in Amherst, Lorain County, and eight and a half years in Sandusky County. In 1863 he left-Ohio, and coming to Michigan, purchased seventy acres of land on section 7, of Madison Township, Lenawee County, where he has since made has home. He has added to his original purchase until he now owns a fine farm of 145 acres, of which 100 acres is under a high state of cultivation. He has erected a substantial dwelling and other farm buildings, and has made many valuable improvements

The wife of Mr.; Schmidt, who has so ably assisted him in building up this pleasant home, was before her marriage Rosama Buth. She is also a native of Germany, where she was born in the town of Wurtemberg, March 13, 1837, and was married to our subject in Lorain County, Ohio, Dec. 30, 1834. Eight children have been born to them, of whom five are living, namely: George A., Jacob M., Fred W., Henry C. and Edward A.; the mames of the deceased were Elizabeth R., John F. and Mayx J.

Mr. and Mrs. Schmidt are worthy members of the German Lutheran Church, and they carry their religion into their every-day lives, as is shown by the high esteem in which they are held by all around them. Mr. Schmidt's honest dealings with his fellowmen, and his unquestioned integrity of character, justify what is said of him that this word is a bond." In politics Mr. Schmidt is a Republican, though not a partisan, voting for the best men and measures in local elections.



HARLES NEGUS is pleasantly located on section 10. Seneca Township, where he owns 280 acres of fertile land, 140 of which he has brought to a good state of cultivation. He was one of the early pioneers and has been one of the useful men of Lenawee County, and although hav-

ing met with trials and losses he has also enjoyed a good measure of success. He was thrown upon his own resources early in life and his accumulations are the result of his own industry and perseverance,

Our subject is the eldest child of Moses and Lydia (Daws) Negus, the father a native of Rhode Island and the mother of Massachusetts. After marriage they settled in Pera Township, Berkshire Courty, where they granined residents thirty or forty years, and then came to this county, in 1846, and made their home in Seneca Township the remainder of their days. Moses Negus rested from his cartfuly labors in 1870, at the age of seventy-five years, while the mother survived her husband thirteen years, dying in 1885, when nearly maety years of age. They were the parents of seven children, whom they taught habits of industry and frugality from their earliest childhood. Charles, our subject, commenced working out when eleven years of age and when he came to Michigan had enough money to bny 200 acres of land.

The first visit of Charles Negus to this county was in the winter of 1840-41, after which he returned to his native State and worked out by the month two more seasons, when, in 1842, he made he started westward again, visiting first New York State and coming on to Michigan in the fall of attend to in Ontario County, N. Y., and in Octo-Miss Electa A., daughter of John B. and Chloe (Sanger) Brockelbank, whose parents were natives marriage they settled in Canandaigua, the former State, where the grandfather of Mrs. Negus was one of the earliest pioneers. The mother died in 1852, when fifty-five years of age, while Mr. Brockelbank survived his wife twenty-five years, his death takof age. Mrs. Negus was the third in a family of seven children, five sons and two daughters. She was born July 28, 1821, in Ontario County, N. Y., where she attended the common school and completed her studies in the seminary in Canandaigua,

In the spring following our subject and his young wife came to Michigan and located upon their present homestead. They struggled through the difficulties of life in a new country faithfully together, and in their later days are enjoying the reward of their toil and sacrifices.

Mr. Negus, in 1868, built a sawnill on his farm, which he operated three years and it was then destroyed by fire, involving a loss of \$3,000, with no insurance. In three months' time another building took its place and the machinery was put in motion, since which time it has run without intermission and is now operated by Charles W., the eldest son of Mr. Negus. In the meantime the farm operations had been steadily carried on in a profitable and skillful manner.

The three children of Mr. and Mrs. Negus are Charles W., Emma and Eddie D.; the last named is deceased: Emma is the wife of George L. Ackley, of Otsego County, Mich., and the mother of two children—Zenana H. and John E. Charles W. married Miss Eliza Whaley, and they have two girls— Mande and Bertha. For the last two years he has served efficiently as Justice of the Peace.

Mr. Negus cast his first Presidential vote for Gen, Harrison, but is now a decided Republican. As representative of the prominent citizens of Lenawee County we take pleasure in presenting on an adjoining page of this Album a portrait of Mr. Negus.

AMES BURT REED, a farmer residing in Ogden Township, was born March 28, 1840, in Seneca County, Ohio, in a town named in honor of his grandfather. Joseph Reed, who was one of the pioneers of that county, where he bought a tract of land and cleared a farm. The town which afterward sprang up on or near that land, was named Reedstown to commemorate his name. He spept the last years of his life in Michigan, and died at the home of one of his daughters. The father of our subject, it is thought, was a native of the State of New York, and when young

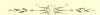
went with his parents to live in Seneca County, Ohio. There he grew to manhood, married, and remained until 1842, when he removed with his family to Fulton County, and bought a tract of land near Delta. In 1850 he sold his property there, then returned to Seneca County on a visit, and there died quite suddenly. His wife, whose maiden name was Cynthia Thompson, was a native of New York; she married a second time, and spent the last years of her life in this county.

Our subject was but ten years old when he was deprived of a father's care, but his mother was a thrifty, energetic woman, and well performed her part in fitting him for a useful career in life. From the proceeds of the sale of their farm, which her husband had effected just previously to his sudden demise, she bought a place in Seneca County, where she lived with her family two years. She then sold her property there, and removing to Michigan, settled in Fairfield Township, this county. James B, was educated in the pioneer schools of Fulton and Lenawee Counties, and during the intervals of schooling, assisted in the labors of the farm. He remained with his mother until he was twenty-one years of age, and then he and his brother bought eighty acres of land on section 13, of Fairfield Township; the land was partially cleared, and there was a log house on it. Before settling on this land, however, he was married, Feb. 25, 1863, to Miss Lucy, daughter of Franklin and Nancy Goodsell, and a native of Portland, Chautauqua Co., N. Y., where she was born Sept. 20, 1846.

After their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Reed commenced housekeeping in the afore-mentioned log house, and continued to reside on that farm for several years. In the meantime, Mr. Reed replaced the log house by a more commodious frame house, and put up other buildings. In 1881 he disposed of that property very advantageously, and bought the farm where he now resides in Ogden Township. This farm comprises 100 acres of land, seventy of which are cleared and in a good state of cultivation, while a portion of the rest is partially cleared; it also contains a good set of buildings. Mr. Reed gives careful and close attention to the cultivation of his farm, and is constantly improving it. Mr. and Mrs. Reed's pleasant home has been blessed by

the birth of four children, namely: Nina F., the wife of Myron Quick, of Fairfield Township: Charles A., Ervin E. and Mattie I.

Mr. and Mrs. Reed, though comparatively recent residents of this town, have the full confidence and respect of all in the community, as people who are honorable and true to all the obligations of life. They are active and influential in the affairs of the Free Methodist Church, of which they are members. They are both interested in the cause of temperance, and Mr. Reed works for it in the ranks of the Prohibition party.



TORREY was born in Blissfield Township on the 27th of July, 1837. His father, Norman Torrey, was born in Williamstown, Berkshire Co., Mass., on the 24th of June, 1807, and his grandfather, David Torrey, was born in the same town, while William Torrey, the great-grandfather, was a native of Connecticut, and settled in Williamstown about 1750, where he was a farmer. In Connecticut he was a tanner and shoemaker by trade, but after he moved to Williamstown he bought a tract of land and devoted his time to farming. The grandfather of the subject of this sketch was reared on the farm, but in after life, being a natural mechanic, he divided his time between farming and shoemaking. He settled on the old homestead and there died; the maiden name of the grandmother was Esther Woodcock.

Norman Torrey spent his boyhood days on a farm, and what education he had was obtained in the common schools of those days. He remained with his parents until he had grown to manhood, and then for two seasons he worked away from home by the month. On the 21st of September, 1830, he was married to Ann Kriger, and the next day after his marriage they started for their farm, which he had purchased the year before while on a visit to Michigan. They came by the way of the Eric Canal to Buffalo, and then by the Lakes to Monroe, where a team was engaged to convey them to their future home. Mr. Torrey at once set to work building a log house, in which he and his wife

began housekeeping, before either door, windows or chinneys were built. He made what was then known as a puncheon floor and covered the house with shakes, while they had no stove, but baked by the fire duce for years; the nearest mill was located at Monroe. At that time deer were plenty, as were also wild turkeys, beans and other game. He and his wife have fived together for fifty-seven years, surviving all their family except two, of whom the subject of this sketch is the elder.

During his boyhood our subject attended the primary school, which, during the first term of his attendance, was taught in a log school-house with a dirt-and-stick chimney and large fireplace. benches were made of logs, split, and pegs driven in them for legs, while the floor was made of in Michigan, and the parents had to pay tuition direct for each child sent. Mr. Torrey afterward attended several terms at Blissfield, and then became a student at Raisin Institute for five terms. After completing his studies he taught school several ing in the summer. In connection with his studies he performed manual labor, assisting his father in work upon the farm until he was grown to manhood, when he and his brother bought a piece of land which they jointly farmed for a number of years, when they dissolved their partnership and the brother returned to the old homestead.

November 1, 1883, Mr. Torrey was married to Miss H. Viola Anderson, who was born at Wright, Hillsdale Co., Mich., and they have had one son named Norman. Mr. Torrey is considered one of the most enterprising farmers of Blissfield Township, and his success warrants that estimation by his neighbors. He is an excellent citizen in every respect, and eacourages all enterprises calculated to benefit the community. In political matters he acts with the Democratic party, but has never been a seeker after office. His parents, who are now suffering the infirmities of age, endured all the privations and hardships that were entailed upon the pioneer settlers of Michigan. When they first settled where they now live they were surrounded by a veritable howling wilderness, for the forests were dense and were inhabited by the wild beasts of various species. In those days the forests were as thickly populated with game as the barnyards are now with domestic fowls.

Everel Torrey, the only surviving brother of the subject of this sketch, was born in Blissfield Townshiper to the 21st of March, 1839, and has never been separated from his parents. He, like his brother, is a thrifty and a good farmer.



R. FRANCIS GRANDY has for a period of more than thirty-five years ministered to the people of Fairfield Village as a physician and surgeon of more than ordinary ability, and is also the present Postmaster. He is a native of the Empire State, and was born in the town of Root, Montgomery County, Dec. 31, 1826. His parents, Edmund and Dorcas (Dean) Grandy, were natives respectively of New Hampshire and New York. The Grandy family left New England about 1795, and the parents of our subject after their marriage settled near Glens Falls, whence they soon afterward removed to Montgomery County, and then to Wayne County. In 1848 they decided to come farther West, and located in Raisin Township, this county, where the father departed this life in 1856, and the mother in 1858,

The parental household of our subject included fifteen children, eleven sous and four daughters, of whom Francis, of our sketch, is the twelfth in order of birth. He was reared upon the farm and followed agriculture until reaching his majority, up to this time receiving only the advantages of the common school, supplemented by a brief term at Canajoharie Academy. He had already decided npon the medical profession as his future calling in life, and now entered the office of Dr. Jerome Shibley of Charleston, Montgomery County, with whom he continued one year. He had in the meantime accompanied his parents to this State, in 1848, and had been a student of Dr. T. F. Dodge two years. In .1851 he entered the medical department of Michigan University at Ann Arbor, where he took a six-months course, and in the spring of 1852 opened his first office in the

young town of Fairfield. The entire community at that time was composed of people who, like himself, were struggling to secure a foothold and provide something for the future. The young physician had his own peculiar trials, but in time he found his toil and perseverance rewarded and built up a practice which required his whole time and attention.

Dr. Grandy, in 1871, opened a drug and grocery store, which he has conducted successfully until the present time. He traveled about the country in the prosecution of his chosen calling for a period of thirty years, then wisely concluded to retire from the arduous duties of his profession and take life easier. Since the spring of 1882 he has given his sole attention to his office business and his store. As a man and a citizen he ranks among the representative pioneers of Lenawee County, and occupies a place among its social and business elements, which, when he is gathered to his fathers, it will be difficult to fill. The marriage of Dr. Grandy was celebrated in the city of Adrian, July 11, 1852, his bride being Mrs. Experience Compton, daughter of Abraham and Cynthia (Phillips) Eddy, and widow of Elmer Compton, a native of New York who had come to the West, though he died in New York State while visiting friends there in 1850. Of this anion there was born one child, a son, Algernon S. The wife of our subject departed this life at her home in Fair-

Dr. Grandy was subsequently married at Fairfield, to Mrs. Anna E. Bacon, daughter of David T. and Elizabeth (Whiting) Maynard, of Iluron County. Ohio, and widow of Charles C. Bacon. She had by her first marriage one daughter, Fanny L., who is now the wife of Don C. Hong, of Adrian. Mrs. Grandy was born in Ripley, Huron Co., Ohio, Dec. 13, 1838. Of her union with our subject there were born three children: Frank M., Nov. 5, 1871; Agnes E., Aug. 26, 1873; and Victor A., May 20, 1879. Agnes died Oct. 30, 1877. The father of Mrs. Grandy was born in Seneca County, N. Y., July 29, 1808, and in 1833 was married to Miss Elizabeth, daughter of Alanson and Anna Whiting, of Sencea County, by whom he had six children, Mrs. Grandy being the third child and oldest daughter; he died in Huron County, Ohio, Dec. 29, 1886. Mrs. Elizabeth Maynard was born in Ohio, Jan. 12, 1863. Dr. Grandy, in 1853, was appointed Postmaster of Fairfield under the administration of President Pierce, which office he held for two and one-half years and then resigned. He was appointed to the same position under President Cleveland, in January, 1887, and still holds the office, the uniformly votes the Democratic ticket, and has been quite prominent in local affairs, though never so office-seeker. The principles of Massemy have always found in him an ardent defender, and he has been a Master of Fairfield Lodge No. 125, at different times, for the last twenty years. He also belongs to Adrian Chapter No. 10, Royal-Arch Masons, Adrian Commandery No. 4, and Michigan Sovereign Consistory of Scottish Rite, of Detroit. The Doctor and his most estimable lady are members of Christ Episconal Church of Adrian.

Algernon S. Grandy married Miss Ida Warring, of Fairfield, and is engaged with his father. To them were born six children, of whom the chlest, Charles F., died when about two years of age. The others are Walter II., Helen, Bessie, Arthur and Goldie.

ORTER M. WEYLIE, with the assistance of his wife and sons, has built up one of the most beautiful farms in Blissfield Township, located on section 18, and comprising eighty acres of land, with a fine residence and all the other buildings required by the enterprising modern farmer. Mr. Weylie has been particularly distinguished for his energy and persistence, and is numbered among those who have been largely identified with the agricultural interests of Lenawee County.

Our subject was born in Allegamy County, N. Y., Jan. 24, 1824. His father, Ephraim Weylie, was a native of Alexandria, Va., where the paternal grandfather of our subject owned a plantation. He spent the last years of his life in Georgetown, Del. Ephraim was reared on the farm near Alexandria, and when a young man migrated to Fompkins County, N. Y., where he was subsequently married to Miss Jane Davis. The mother of our subject was born in Ladlowville, and after their marriage the young people removed to Allegany County, where the fundamental probability of the property of the p

The perental family included eight children, seven sons and one daughter, of whom our subject was the third. The latter was but four years old when his parents removed to Ohio, and he there spent his childhood and youth amid the wild scenes of pioneer life. He assisted his father on the farm during the summer and during the winter employed his time mostly in a wagon-shop, remaining under the home roof until his marriage. Soon after this event he set up a shop in Elyria, where he was occupied at his trade until 1855. Thence he removed to Indiana and opened a wagon-shop at New Carlisle, where he resided four years, and then returned to Loran County, Ohio, of which he was a resident at the beginning of the war and was among the first to offer his services in behalf of the Union. He enisted in Company E. 65th Ohio Infantry, and after a service of two years, during which time hardship and privation had perceptibly affected his health, he was discharged on account of disability and returned home.

Mr. Weylie could not, however, be content to remain inactive while his comrades were in the field, and as soon as he was able he re-enlisted, in Company G, 60th Ohio Infantry, in which he was permitted to serve until the close of the war, receiving his honorable discharge June 13, 1865. In the meantime he had met the enemy at the battles of Pittsburg Landing and Corinth, and was with the army of Gen. Buell during its pursuit of the rebel Bragg. Upon this raid through Kentucky he was detailed to the Reserve Corps at Perryville and afterward participated in the conflict at Stone River, a memento of which he has yet in his possession, consisting of a sword captured on that battle-field. He afterward was present at many of the important engagements of the war, and on the 2d of August, 1864, was eaptured and confined in Libby Prison four weeks, whence he was sent, first to Belle Isle, and thence to Salisbury, N. C., remaining in the hands of the rebels from that time until the close of the war. He was liberated on the 8th of June. 1865, and returning to Berea, Ohio, spent the winter following, and in the fall of 1866 he came to this county. Soon afterward he purchased the land that he now occupies, which was then timber and swamp, and has taken the labor of years to bring to its present condition. He occupied, with his family, a log house until about 1876, when the present commodious dwelling was erected.

The marriage of our subject and Miss Julia Bradley took place in Elyria Township, Lorain Co., Ohio, Dec. 29, 1846. Mrs. Weylie was born in Painesville, Lake County, that State, Nov. 2, 1827, and is the daughter of Thomas and Abigail (Dake) Bradley, natives of Vermont, the father of English descent. The latter was the son of Thomas Bradley, Sr., who was born in Dublin. Ireland, though of English parentage, and immigrated to this country when a young man, settling in the Green Mountain State, where he spent the remainder of his life. Thomas Bradley, Jr., grew to manhood in Braintree, that State, where he was married and whence he emigrated to Painesville, Ohio, near which town he purchased a farm where he carried on agriculture until 1831. This he then sold and removed to a point near Elyria, where he passed several years, still amid the quiet of a country life. He made one more removal, in 1869, when he came to this county and located in Blissfield Township, where his death took place in 1876, after he had reached the advanced age of ninety-four years; the mother had died at Elyria, Ohio, in 1856.

The three children of Mr. and Mrs. Weylie were named respectively, Charles F., Louisa and John K.; the daughter died when four years of age in Lorain County, Ohio; both sons are married; the younger lives at home and conducts the farm; the elder son's residence is just across the road from his parents. Our subject and his wife, about 1878, identified themselves with the Protestant Methodist Church, of which they have since remained consistent members, and Mr. Weylie, politically, is a decided Republican.



RNOLD POPE, one of the prominent farmers of Lenawee County, and a resident of Palmyra Township, was born in Hamilton, Madison Co., N. Y., on the 23d of May, 1837, and comes of pioneer parentage. He is the son of Horatio G. Pope, who was born in Burlington, Otsego Co., N. Y., on the 2d of February, 1806. Tracing the genealogy of the Pope family back, we find that it always occupied a prominent position in the affairs of the times during which its members lived. Horatio Pope was the son of Arnold Pope, who was born in Burlington, N. Y., on the 5th of March, 1778, and was the son of Gersham Pope, who was born in Bennington, Vt., and afterward lived in Burlington, N. Y.

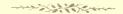
Arnold Pope, the grandfather of our subject, was an agriculturist, and owned a farm in Hamilton, Madison Co., N. Y.; he was a soldier in the War of 1812, and participated in several battles. About the year 1802 he married Hannah, daughter of Elihu and Desire Thompson, of Burlington, N. Y., by whom he had seven children, Horatio G, being the eldest son and second child. Mrs. Hannah Pope was born in Burlington, N. Y., March 17, 1782, and died in Hamilton, Madison Co., N. Y., July 4, 1865; her husband died in the same place, Dec. 21, 1868. Horatio G. Pope lived with his parents until he was twenty-one years of age, and worked on the farm. He then worked about four years by the month, and in 1830 he purchased forty acres of land in Hamilton, Madison County, where he resided until 1856. He added to his farm until he owned 150 acres of land, with good buildings, and owned a half interest in a sawmill. For eleven years he manufactured cheese, and was also a large hop-grower, besides carrying on quite an extensive cider-mill. During the winter of 1855-56, he sold all his effects, and in the following spring he came to Michigan and purchased of Joel Walker a farm on section 12, Palmyra Township. In the spring of 1869 the Palmyra Cheese Factory was built on his farm, he being the projector and half owner.

On the 23d of January, 1831. Horatio G. Pope married Miss Diana, daughter of Hosen and Hamilan Brahyer, of Hamilton, Madison Co., N. Y., by whom he had two children, as follows: Hosen T., who was born in Hamilton, Madison Co., N. Y., Jan. 13, 1835, and died in Palmyra, Jan. 14, 1872; and Arnold, the subject of this sketch. Lucy H. was an adopted child, and was born in the same place, Feb. 17, 1848; she is now the wife of Charles B. Conklin, of Quiney, Hl. Mrs. Diana Pope was born in Hamilton, N. Y., on the 14th of April, 1812; her father was born in Springfield, Mass., Nov. 26, 1784, and died in Hamilton, Jan. 14, 1872; his ancestors came from England, and were among the early settlers of Massachusetts. He married a Miss Torrey, of New York State, and Mrs. Pope was their only child. She died in Hamilton, N. Y., Jan. 6, 1847.

Arnold Pope, the subject of this sketch, attended the district schools, and assisted his father on the farm until he was nincteen years of age, when he accompanied his parents on their removal to this county. During his life he has never been separated from his parents, except for two years, and then he lived near by and managed the farm. During his residence in this county, he has bought and sold three different properties. In 1873 he bought on section 13, and resided there one year, when he sold out and purchased a farm on section 12, where he lived one year, and then built the house which he now occupies on the old homestead. Since building this house he became the owner of the farm opposite on section 13, which he sold three years later at a great advance.

On the 19th of July, 1862, Mr. Pope was married to Eliza C., daughter of Robert and Almira Street, of Palmyra. They have had four children, only one of whom, Raiph T., born in Falmyra, June 20, 1867, is now living. He married Flora Bancroft, who was born in Palmyra, and is the daughter of James and Jame Bancroft; they reside on the home farm. Mrs. Arnold Pope's father was the son of Alfred Street, and was born in New York City on the 23d of July, 1805. Her mother, whose maiden name was Almira Clark, was the daughter of George and Ann Clark, of Princeton, N. A.

Mr. Pope is an active member of Palmyra Grange, and takes a deep interest in matters relating to agricultural affairs. For several years he was a very efficient Director of the schools of his district, and did much to improve their quality: in politics he is a Republican.



ANTON GREEN SMITH, who is widely and favorably known throughout Palmyra Township, is pleasantly situated on section 22, where he has built up a line homestead, and, with his estimable lady, has reared and educated a family of children of whom they may be reasonably proud. The main points in an interesting life history are substantially as follows:

Our subject was born in Farmington. Outario Co., N. Y., Jan. 26, 1822, and is the son of Wanton Smith, a narive of Berkshire County, Mass. The paternal grandfather of our subject, Joseph Smith by name, was born in Smithfield, England, and was there married to a lady of Paris, France. He afterward emigrated to the United States, locating first in Berkshire, Mass., whence he removed to Outario County, N. Y., during its early settlement, about 1783. There were then but three houses in Camandaigua. Joseph Smith purchased a tract of land which included the present sites of Farmington and Victor, N. Y., where he carried on farming, and creeted a gristmill, which ligured among the first manufacturing establishments of the kind in that section. He continued in that locality mutil his death, which took place about 1815.

The father of our subject was but seven years of age when his parents became residents of Ontario County, X. Y., and he there developed into man-

hood and learned milling from his father. He was remarkably industrious and possessed of good judgment, and had a fine property in Farmington. The last years of his life were passed in retirement. He had married Miss Lucy Eddy, who was a native of Vermont, and the daughter of Caleb Eddy. She survived her husband several years and spent her last days in Canandaigua. The parental household included seven children, four of whom lived to years of maturity; Philander, the eldest, died at the age of nine years; Wanton G., our subject, was the second of the family; his next brother, George, died in Farmington when about thirty years of age, and the others have since passed away to their long home, our subject being now the only living representative of the family,

Mr. Smith received a common-school education and remained under the home roof until the death of his father. The care of the family then devolved mostly upon him, and he remained in New York State until 1860, in the meantime having married and become the father of several children. In the spring of this year, desiring a change of location, he came to Southern Michigan and purchased the land which now comprises a valuable and desirable homestead. The fine brick residence was put up in 1879, and is flanked by a good barn and all other buildings required by the enterprising and progressive agriculturist.

Mr. Smith was married in Wayne County, N. Y., Oct. 11, 1849, to Miss Maria Mitchell, a native of Madison County, N. Y., and the daughter of William and Melle (Clapp) Mitchell. She was born Dec. 22, 1822, and remained with her parents until her marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Smith became the parents of six children, namely: Mitchell C. now a resident of Culmar, Iowa, and a railroad engineer; Frances A., the wife of E. W. Hutchinson, of Oceana County, Mich.; Henry C., a practicing attorney of Adrian, Clavance G. and Clara E. (twins) and Louis G. Clarence G. is a resident of Oxford, Iowa, and is also an engineer, while Clava E. is the wife of J. D. Kinney, a resident of Adrian. Louis G. resides at home with his parents,

The father of Mrs. Smith was born in Dutchess County, N. Y., and was the son of Joseph Mitchell, a native of Nantucket Island, who removed first to Dutchess County, from there to Madison County, and later to the town of Victory, in Cayuga County. where his death took place about 1852. He cleared a farm from the heavy timber land and experienced, in common with his brother pioneers of that locality, all the hardships of life in a new settlement. Mrs. Smith was the fourth child of her parcuts, and her mother was the daughter of Henry Clapp, of Dutchess County. The latter spent his last years in the town of Dutchess, Wayne Co., N. Y. Mrs. Smith received a good education and commenced teaching at the age of nineteen years, being thus occupied until her marriage. She was reared in the Quaker faith. Mr. Smith cast his first Presidential vote for James K. Polk, and has since been a stanch Democrat.

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ILES P. MORTON. The old and highly estcemed pioneer who bore the name at the head of this article, located in Cambridge Township in this county, in 1834, among the band of hardy pioneers who about that time commenced to pave the way for civilization into these pristine wilds. He made this his home until his death, which occurred Jan. 24, 1884.

The subject of this sketch was born in Mexico Township. Oswego Co., N. Y., Aug. 26, 1821. His father and mother, John and Ennice (Aldrich) Morton, both of whom are now deceased, brought their family of twelve children, of whom Miles was the youngest, to Cambridge Township, this county, in 1834. Both parents were natives of the State of Massachusetts, removing to Oswego County, N. Y., after their marriage. When they came here, the elder Mr. Morton purchased a farm on section 35, of the Government, where they passed the remainder of their days. They were active members of the Methodist Church, and died as they had lived, in the full belief of the doctrines taught by that denomination.

Miles P. Morton was some thirteen years old when he came to this county and State, and remained at home with his parents until he was twenty-six years of age, when, having married Hannah Allen, he started a farm of his own, putting up a small log cabin in which the young couple took up their labitation, and then commenced to open up a clearing in the timber. Here they lived until 1868, when Mrs. Morton was called to "that country from whose bourne no traveler returns."

Mr. Morton was a second time united in marriage, Oct. 23, 1870, with Miss Lois Van Vleet, of Ridgeway. She is a native of Lodi, Seneca Co., N. Y., where she was born Dec. 10, 1830, and is the daughter of Peter P. and Lois (Swartout) Van Vleet. Mrs. Morton was the third daughter in a family of thirteen children, and was but eighteen months old when her parents came to Michigan, in 1832. She was reared and educated in Ridgeway Township, this county, and before her marriage was engaged in teaching school. Having discharged the duties of that profession for twenty-six terms, she may be said to have fully made her mark on the minds of the rising generation. Never stern in her manner, she sought more to govern the children by love than fear.

After his marriage, Mr. Morton brought his wife to Cambridge Township, where he owned 100 acres of land, which he brought to a high state of cultivation, and erected thereon a fine residence. Since his death his widow has carried on the place quite successfully. Mr. Morton's worthy career as a pioneer citizen, was one eminently successful and useful to the community in which he resided, and his neighbors and old friends unanimously bear testimony to his sterling worth, integrity, and valuable services as a citizen.

LEORGE V. OSGOOD came to this State with his parents in 1845, when a had eleven bomestead, on section 28, in Macon Township, since 1869. He owns 109 acres, most of which is under cultivation, and has effected considerable improvements upon the farm since taking possession of it. Like many who came to Southern Michigan while it was still a Territory, our subject is a native of New York, and was born in Lodi, Seneca County, Jan. 1, 1833, together with his twin sister Mary,

who is a resident of Macon Township. He came to Michigan with his mother in 1845, and pursued his first studies in the district school. A more extended sketch of his parents will be found in the biography of Lester Osgood, published on another page in this work.

Our subject developed into manhood in Macon Township and was here married, April 15, 1857, to Miss Mary E. Bird, a native of this township, who was born Oct. 14, 1837. Her parents, Burtis and Mary A. (Bodine) Bird, were natives of New York State, whence they came to Michigan as pioneers. They located in Macon Township, where the mother died July 1, 1839, soon after their settlement. Mr. Bird lived to improve a farm, and was married a second time; his last wife is still living.

Mrs, Mary Osgood departed this life at her home in Illinois, Oct. 7, 1864. She was the mother of three children, of whom two, Murtie B. and Clara, died at the ages of ten years and two months, John S. married Miss Mary Fitz-Mr. Osgood while a resident of Clinton of upon coming to this State. On the 11th of March, 1868, he was married a second time, to Mrs. Anzolette (LaTourrette) Hunt, who was born in Lodi, Seneca Co., N. Y., June 16, 1833, and is the daughter of Abraham and Phebe (Bodme) La-Tourrette, natives respectively of New Jersey and Pennsylvania. They were of French-German au-Seneca County, N. Y., where they married and spent the balance of their lives. The father was a farmer by occupation, and died when eighty years of age, while the mother survived her husband sevof her decease. They belonged to the Reformed Church, and the father politically was a Democrat,

Mrs. Osgood was the youngest but one of tenchildren, five sons and five daughters, who all lived to be married and have families of their own. There has to this time been only one death in the family of children. Mrs. O. was reared and edueated in her native county, and was there first married to Joseph M. Hunt, of Long Island, who was a farmer by occupation, and became a resident of Lodi during early manhood; he died there March 21, 1865. Mr. and Mrs. Hunt were the parents of one daughter, Sarah L., now the wife of Arthur C. Green, who operates a farm in Raisin Township.

Mr. Osgood by his second marriage is the father of three children, one of whom, Joseph M., died at the age of one month; Phebe and Evelina are at home with their parents. Mr. Osgood is a solid Republican, politically, and with his excellent lady belong to the Reformed Church, in which he officiated as Elder. He served as Highway Commissioner and represented his township in the County Board of Supervisors for three years, while he has also served as Township Treasurer two years.

DARLES HENRY AMES, a practical, enterprising farmer, resides on section 18 of Hudson Township, where he has lived since 1838. He was but three years old when he came here with his parents. Since that time the township of Hudson, which had just been organized, has developed from a little settlement in the wilderness, with a few straggling log cabins, to a prosperous and growing community, with fine farms, and the varied industries that contribute to the needs of an agricultural population.

Mr. Ames is a native of New Hampshire and comes of good stock. He was born in Hillsboro family that the first representative of the family who came to America was one of two brothers who crossed the Atlantic from England. One of them settled near Boston, where he pursued his calling as a blacksmith, and it was from him that the famous Oakes Ames, who established the large Mass., was descended. The present honored Governor of Massachusetts, Oliver Ames, is anoble representative of that English mechanic who so long ago worked at his anvil in Colonial "Boston Town." The other brother, of whom our subject is a lineal descendant, was a pioneer of Framingham, Mass., and there he spent the remainder of his life actively engaged in farming, dying just prior to the Revolutionary War. The grandfather of our subject was nine years old when his father died, and he removed when quite a young man from his old home in Framingham to Petersham, and there married Sarah Clark. He bought a farm in that town and there he and his wife spent their entire wedded lives, and in death they were not long divided. She died in 1814, and he in 1816.

The father of our subject was born on his father's homestead near that old Massachusetts town of Petersham, May 12, 1794. He assisted his father in tilling the farm until he was seventeen years old, when he commenced to learn the trade of clothier. and after working at it for awhile in Massachusetts, he removed to Francistown, N. H., and there followed his trade until 1837. During that year he visited Michigan, and bought the place where he now resides. He returned to New Hampshire in the spring of 1838, and soon after set out on his return to this State, with his wife and four children, He drove seventy miles to Troy, N. Y., and went thence by Erie Canal and Lake to Toledo, and thence came by ear to Adrian, which was then the western terminus of the railway. He there hired a man to take his family and the trunks containing their worldly possessions to the house of his brother Charles, where they spent the first night after their arrival. The next day they removed into the log house that stood on their land at the time of purchase. This property, now greatly changed, has since remained the home of Mr. Ames. There were a few acres of the land cleared at the time of purchase, and he has replaced the log cabin by a neat and substantial modern dwelling. In the years of toil that followed, he succeeded in bringing his farm up to a fine state of culture, and it has yielded him many rich harvests.

Mr. Ames has been twice wedded. The maiden name of his first wife, to whom he was married Feb. 10, 1825, was Sarah Hubbard. She was born in New Hampshire. Nov. 14, 1804, and died at their home in Hudson Township, Aug. 11, 1841. She was a true-hearted woman, devoted to the welfare of her husband and children, and her early death was a loss to the community as well as to her family. Of this marriage five children were born, namely: Sarah Frances, Orlando Scott, William Henry, Charles Henry and Lizzie. Sarah was born Oct. 30, 1827, and married William Brown, of Hudson Township; Orlando was born April 23, 1831and lives in Independence, Iowa; William Henry died in infancy; Charles Henry, our subject, was next to the youngest; Lizzie was born Aug. 16, 1837she married Harvey J. Griffes, and now resides with her father.

Mr. Ames' second marriage, June 21, 1842, was with Delia Whittier, who was born July 29, 1803, and died Feb. 13, 1884. She was a good and faithful woman, respected and esteemed by all, and the mother of two children—Anna Maria and Augustus Clark. Anna was born Feb. 6, 1844, and mar, ried William Porter, of Billsdale County: Augustus was born Dec. 15, 1846, and now lives in Osecola County.

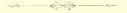
Mr. Ames is one of the oldest citizens of Lenawee County. At the time of his birth in the good old State of Massachusetts in the last century, these United States had been independent of Great Britain only eleven years. He has lived under every President, and watched this Republic as it developed from a small Confederation of States, struggling with the problem of government, to a great and powerful nation. Although his great age renders him feeble physically, his mind and memory are quite vigorous, and he takes a lively interest in public affairs, and can tell many an interesting story of old times. In politics he was in his younger days a Whig, but he joined the Republican party when it was first organized, and has stood by it ever since.

Charles Ames, the subject of this sketch, gained his education in the log school-house of pioneer days, receiving his instruction therein, summer and winter, until he was large enough to assist his father on the farm. Thereafter his further attendance at school was restricted to the winter 'terms. The rest of the year he helped to clear the land and till the soil. In the years 1856, 1857 and 1858, in company with Eli Bush, afterward his father-in-law, he bought numbers of horses and drove them to Wisconsin, about 500 miles distant, and there disposed of them at a good profit. He lived in the house with his parents three years after marriage, and then erected the commoditions and confortable

house which he has since occupied; this stands on the old homestead, which he has since managed. He has been very successful as a farmer, and has kept the old farm up to the high condition of tillage to which his father brought it.

Our subject married, April 20, 1859, Miss Harriet C. Bush, who was born in Barre, Orleans Co., N. Y. Her grandfather and father were both named Eli; the former spent his last years in the Empire State, Eli, Jr., moved to Wisconsin in 1846 and settled in Washington County, where he bought eighty acres of timbered land and cleared quite a He then sold out, and coming to Hillsdale County. this State, settled in Pittsford Township, where he bought and improved a farm opposite the home of our subject. He continued to live there nutil his death. He was an able man and prominent in public affairs. He represented his township in the County Board of Supervisors three terms, and was a member of the Hudson School Board at the time of his death, in October, 1872. In politics he was a firm Republican. The maiden name of his wife was Evaline Hard. She was a native of Vermont and spent her last years with her son in Nebraska. where she died in February, 1887. The married the birth of three children-II, Eliza, Frank II, and Inez M.

Mr. Ames has been a Republican ever since the party was formed, and east his first vote for Gen, Fremont.



IRAM D. ARNOLD owns and occupies a well-appointed farm of 115 acres on section 35, in Fairfield Township, which he has brought to a good state of cultivation and provides with a a good set of modern frame buildings. He has been a resident of this county since the fall of 1875, at which time he came with his young wife to build up a permanent home in the West.

The parents of our subject, Hiram and Sally (Ely) Arnold, were natives of New York State, settling in Chautauqua County after their marriage, where they remained until the death of the father, in 1851. The mother is still living, making her home at the old homestead, and is seventy-seven years of age. The family circle included five sons, of whom Hiram D. was the youngest. He was born in Chantauqua County, May 13, 1850, and spent his early life after the manner of farmers' sons, attending the district school and becoming familiar with agricultural pursuits.

Young Arnold continued under the home roof with his mother until the spring of 1874, and was then married. April 23, to Miss Phoebe L., daughter of Thomas and Jane A. (Dunbar) Wilbur. Her parents were natives of New York State, but in 1855 they came to this county and located in Fairfield Township, where the father engaged in farming, and where both parents spent the remainder of their lives. The mother died in the fall of 1868, while Mr. Wilbur survived his wife seven years, his death taking place May 22, 1875. Mrs. Arnold, their only child, was born in Fairfield Township, May 22, 1857, and has resided here her entire life. Of her union with our subject there have been born two children—Charlie E, and Carlton G.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold, after their marriage, loeated upon their present farm, and are numbered among the well-to-do and intelligent people of a community more than ordinarily progressive and well educated.

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A EYMOUR BARRETT, one of the carliest pioneers of Lenawee County, came to this section of country in May, 1833, starting from Williamstown, Mass., with his mother and eight children besides himself, his father having died in Vermont in 1828. They made the journey to Buffalo via the Eric Canal, and thence to Monroe by the steamer "Henry Clay," where they took passage in what was then denominated a stage, but which consisted really of a lumber-wagon, without springs, and in which they completed their journey to what is now Blissfield.

In Blissfield there was no sign of a town; the only traces of habitation were a log house and a barn, which stood upon the open prairie. These

were constructed in the most primitive manner, the house having a puncheon floor and a stick chimney, with a huge fireplace which occupied one end of the structure. Into this the family removed the few goods which they had brought with them, and our subject had a pony with which he drew the logs for fuel into the house. Their neighbors were few and far between, and his blacksmithing and milling were done at Monroe, twenty-nine miles away. Mr. Barrett, however, was a natural mechanic, and in consequence of this, provided the family with many conveniences which they would otherwise have been deprived of. As he now looks back over the period of over fifty years which have clapsed since that time, he can most truly remark that "truth is stranger than fiction," for many and great have been the changes which have passed over the face of the country. The sterile land is now productive of the richest crops of the Northwest, and the face of the country is dotted with beautiful farms and flourishing cities. In the building up of these interests our subject has played no

Mr. Barrett was born in Williamstown, Berkshire Co., Mass., Feb. 12, 1815, and removed with his parents to Vermout in 1818. There his father purchased a farm of 245 acres in Bennington County, and marketed his first products at Troy, N. Y., by transporting them down the Hudson River. After the death of the latter, in 1828, our subject assumed the care of the family and the management of the homestead, remaining in Vermout until 1830, when he sold out and rented a farm of seventy-six acres in Williamstown, Mass., upon which our subject and the family remained until coming to the West in 1833.

Mr. Barrett enjoyed but limited advantages in his youth, but possessed much natural ability and a love of reading, together with a good memory, which qualities have served him well all through life. After coming to this section he was the first to encourage those enterprises calculated to develop the resources of the country and advance the welfare of the people, and was practical in all his theories to this end. His trade was that of mill-wright and machinist, in which he was successful in accumulating a competency. He carried on farm-

ing, also, by means of hired help, which he superintended. Dec. 9, 1840. Mr. Barrett was married to Miss Sophia, daughter of 1ra Parker. In 1875 our subject met with a severe less in the destruction by are of his barn, mills, seed and corn house, which had been constructed at a cost of \$7,000, and upon which he had no insurance. His credit, how ever, was first-class, and he was soon enabled to rebuild, and is now conducting a cider-mill, which he has had in operation thirty-five years.

When first becoming a voter Mr. Barrett identified himself with the old Whig party, but upon itabandonment cordially endorsed Republican principles, which he still sustains, although voting independently in local matters.

OllN JOHNON, a banker of Clayton VIIIlage, is widely known throughout this county
as one of its most enterprising men and useful citizens, and one who has always been
willing to labor and make sacrifices for the welfare
of the people among whom he has passed in and out
for many years and been the object of their highest
regard. He is the offspring of an excellent old
family who for generations were among the leading
people of New England. Daniel Johnson, the
grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was born
at Waterford, New London Co., Conn., March 27,
1770, and removed to Berlin, Eric Co., Ohio, in the
year 1826, at which place he died April 19, 1836,
Ruth Griffing, wife of Daniel Johnson, was born at
Lynn, New London Co., Conn., Oct. 17, 1766, and
died at Berlin, Eric Co., Ohio, Feb. 21, 1839.

John Johnson, the father of our subject, was born in Waterford, New London Co., Conn., in 1798, and was the son of Daniel Johnson, a man of property and influence. He spent his childhood and youth in his native county, where he married a most estimable young lady; one of his early accociates, and engaged in the business of distilling. In 1826 he bade adien to his native hills, and accompanied by his wife and two children, migrated to Berlin, Eric Co., Ohio, where he cleared a farm from the wilderness and occupied it nine years. At the expiration of this time the rapidly growing Territory of Michigen was attracting much attention from the ambitions sons of the more castem States, and the father of our subject decided to east his lot with the pioneers of Lenawee County. The journey was neade in a tedious fashion, mostly overland with teams, and upon arriving in this county Mr. J. took up a tract of land mostly in Rome Township, on section 31, and embracing 100 acres; eighty acres of this lay southwest in Hudson Township. The family settled here in the fall of 1835, and occupied the farm which the father built up from the wilderness for a period of twenty-seven years.

He accordingly sold out, and removing to Lansing, associated himself with his son-in-law, Aaron Jones, and continued in business until March, 1865. At March 9, 1865. The mother, formerly Miss Abigail at Windsor, Hartford County, Jan. 15, 1802; she died at Clayton, Mich., Jan. 2, 1887. The parental daughters: Jasper G., the eldest born, is a resident of North Adams Township, Hillsdale Co., Mich., of that section: Ruth became the wife of Caleb W. Ann is the wife of David T. Rowley, of Hudson Township; Mabel, Mrs. Aaron Abbott, is a resident of Clayton; Mclissa, Mrs. Emmons H. Marks, lives Mich.: Mary died at the homestead in Rome Township, when twenty-four years of age; John, of our sketch, was the seventh child; Elvira, the wife of Aaron Jones, died in Leslie, Ingham County, in

The subject of this biography was born at his father's homestead in Rome Township, Jan. 1, 1842. He pursued his first studies in the district school, then entered the Union School at Adrian, and subsequently Adrian College, taking in the lather institution a two-years course. Upon leaving school, desirous of a change of climate and residence, he made his way to Fulton County, Ohio, and engaged as a clerk in a dry-goods store. A year later, believing that an additional course of study would add to his business espacity, he repaired to Detroit and entered Bryant, Stratton & Goldsmith's Commercial College there, from which he was graduated some months later, feeling well repaid for the time and money expended.

Young Johnson, now reinforced with an added knowledge of business matters, returned to his old employer, G. W. Thompson, in Fayette, Ohio, and continued with him another year. Thence, in 1864, he proceeded to Detroit and engaged with the wholesale grocery house of J. & G. W. Parker & Co., No. 3 Woodward avenue, as book-keeper, remaining with this firm until the death of his father, in 1865. The latter had been engaged in mercantile business at Lansing, and the management of this was now turned over to John, Jr. He continued there a year, then disposed of his interest in the business, and in company with a partner, established himself at Fayette, Ohio, the firm name bei g G. W. Thompson & Co. This venture of our subject not proving as successful as he had hoped, he withdrew, and in 1871 located at Tekonsha, Mich., engaging there in general merchandising for the following eight years. In the meantime, in 1877, he had engaged in banking in company with S. B. Allen, under the firm name of Allen & Johnson, the institution becoming familiarly known as the Exchange Bank of Tekonsha. This bank is still in operation, owned by the above-named firm, and has become one of the solid institutions of Calhoun County; Mr. J. remained a resident of Tekonsha until February, 1885.

Our subject was first married at the home of the bride in Hudson, Jan. 21, 1868, to Miss Ida A. Brewer, who was born in Attica, Wyoming Co., N. Y., and died at her home in Tekonsha, Mieh. Jan. 5, 1885. After this bereavement Mr. J. crossed the Mississippi and traveled quite extensively through Mexico, Arizona, California and other States and Territories, being absent several months. He has always felt that this was an admirable investment of time and means, and he believes that among the wonders of nature in the Old World, there can be few which exceed the wild and pictur-

esque beauty of the western portions of our own America. This sentiment is voiced by admost every traveler who has explored the great West, where in frequent places the remains of buried cities attest the existence of races long passed and gone, whose history lies silent and will probably never be known to succeeding generations.

Upon his return to this State, in November, 1885, Mr. Johnson purchased a stock of drugs in Corunna, Shiawassee County, and associated himself with Harry C. Kinne, under the firm name of Johnson & Kinne, which business is still carried on by these gentlemen. On the 1st of February, 1886, Mr. Johnson purchased the banking business of H. C. Haskins, of Clayton, and took into partnership Warren W. Cooke. The firm of Johnson & Cooke is now carrying on a solid and rapidly increasing business, and their bank has become one of the indispensable features in the business community of Clayton and viemity. It is conducted upon a sound financial basis, and the well-known integrity of both members of the firm is a guarantee of its safety and importance. The present wife of our subject, to whom he was married in Burbank, Wayne Co., Ohio, Jan. 18, 1887, was formerly Miss Alice V., daughter of James C. and Mary Hemler, who was born in Utica, Licking Co., Ohio, Jan. 28, 1853; to this home came a son, John C., Oct. 26, 1887.

About 1863 Mr. Johnson associated himself with the I. O. O. F., of which he is a valued member and prominent in their councils. He cast his first Presidential vote for George B. McClellan, and since reaching his majority has been, politically, an uncompromising Democrat. He is everywhere recognized as a man of upright character, who looks with contempt upon trickery and deceit, and who in reflecting upon the events of a well-spent life, may feel a just pride in the position he has won in the esteem and confidence of all good citizens. Nature has provided him with a more than ordinary portion of sound common sense, softened by kindness and generosity, which, while it has demanded equal rights for himself as well as others, has inclined him to be generous and hospitable, the friend of those who are struggling to maintain their foothold in the business and social community, and the encourager of those enterprises affecting the general welfare of the

people. The force of the example pre-ented by such men is worth much in itself, illustrating the result of perseverance, industry and count of principles. The home of Mr. Johnson is replace with the refinements of life, and he and his estimethic hady are prominent in the highest social circles of Lenawee County.



RS. LUCINDA LI THER is the widow of Theodorick Luther, one of the old pioneers of Lenawee County. He was one of the prominent figures in the scenes of the early history of Rome Township, where he first made his settlement in 1834. Mr. Luther was born in South Hero, Vt., March 23, 1799, and was the son of William and Eunice (Allen) Luther, the former of whom was born in Bristol County, R. J., Sept. 28, 1774, and the latter born in Bennington County, Vt., April 7, 1779. Both the latter died in Rome Township, where they had located in 1832, Mr. Luther Oct. 2, 1841, and his wife Jan. 24, 1852.

he was twenty-one years old, and by them was brought up as a farmer, and received a good common-school education while in the Empire State. The family lived in the neighborhood of Plattsburg. N. Y., until 1831, and for the last ten years of his residence there Theodorick Luther followed various kinds of a mechanical business, such as building barns, wagons, sleighs, etc., he having a natural ability in that line. In August, 1831, he came to Michigan, and made a settlement at Superior. Washtenaw County, where he resided three years. In the summer of 1834 he sold out and came to Lenawee County, locating some lands adjoining his father's, on the west, in Rome Township, where he ever afterward resided. Not being entirely content with his agricultural pursuits, during the winter of 1834-35, he in company with his father, built a sawmill on the Raisin River, which renthrough their land, and with it sawed lumber, to build their own houses and barns, besides doing considerable work for neighbors and new settlers. In 1847 Mr. Luther built a steam sawmill, that was for many years well and favorably known throughout Rome Townslip. If was a great benefit to the community in more ways than one, and the enterprise of Mr, Luther in erecting it was commendable. Fortunately? when he said his father came here, they had quite a sum of money, more than was necessary to purchase their farms, and being among the very carliest pioneers, they had their choice of the hand but preferred to have small farms and nearer neighhors.

On the 29th of April, 1824, Theodorick Luther married Miss Amelia, daughter of Nathaniel and Belinda Hall, of Isle La Motte, Grand Isle Co., VI. Mrs. Amelia Luther was born in Lower Canada, April 29, 1801, and became the mother of eight children, as follows: Maria was born Feb. 20, 1822, and is the wife of William Codding, of St. Joseph Connty, Micha; George W. A. was born Sept. 20, 1823, and is a farmer in Adriam Township; Charlette was born Nov. 11, 1825, and is the wife of Edwin Lamoreaux, of Rome; Eunice was born Nov. 3, 1828, and died Sept. 27, 1837; Amelia was born April 7, 1830, and is the wife of Seth S. Walker, of Fairfield; these were born in Chazy, Clinton Co., N. Y. Mary was born in Superior, Washtenaw Co., Mich., April 27, 1832, and was married to Lyman Chaffee, of Rome; she died July 10, 1830. Alvira was born in Rome Township, May 11, 1838, and became the wife of Ransom Cerow, of Dover Township, who died Ang. 6, 1860; Diana T. was also born in Roma Township, June 16, 1842, and is the wife of P. H. Dowling, of the same township, Jan 24, 1855.

On the 12th of September, 1875, Theodorick Luther was united in marriage with Mrs. Lucinda, the widow of Almarin K, Armstrong, of Rome, to whom she bore two children, namely: James Armstrong, who was born in Mouroe County, N. Y., Aug. 10, 1838, and is a farmer in Rome Township; and Carrie L, Armstrong, also born in Rome Township, March 18, 1859. Theodorick Luther filled the place of an estimable citizen, a kind father and loving husband, until April 25, 1887, when he was called from this yale of tears by the Angel of death.

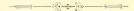
Mrs. Lucinda Luther is the daughter of Ebenezer Jerrells, a native of Connecticut. She was born in Monroe County, N. Y., Aug. 4, 1818, and was united in marriage, Jan. 13, 1835, with Almarin K., son of William Armstrong, a native of England, who came to this country at an early day. Almarin Armstrong was a native of the State of New York, Monroe County, where he carried on farming. He came to Michigan in September, 1835, settling in Rome Township, where he died in 1873, respected by all who knew the sterling worth of the old pioneer.

AMES KNOX, a farmer of Fairfield Township, was born Aug. 12, 1817, in the farfamed Lowlands of Scotland, his birthplace being near Headington. His parents, James and Agnes (Braids) Knox, became the parents of eight children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the second in order of birth.

Nurtured by the simple, wholesome fare of his countrymen, and fanned by the fresh airs of his native moors, our subject grew to a strong and vigorous manhood. He was early put to work, mostly at farming, laboring chiefly for others until 1845, when he felt able to place himself in a position of greater independence, by emigrating to America and becoming a landed proprietor in his own right, Accordingly he embarked for this land of promise with a snug sum of money in his possession, and on his arrival in the country, made his way to Michigan, where he purchased 113 acres of land on section 5, of Fairfield Township, Lenawee County, and on this soil he has established a home and founded a family to perpetuate his name in America. By the exercise of shrewd judgment and thrift, the birthright of every true Scotchman, he has been greatly prospered in this land of his adoption, and added to his original purchase until he now owns a valuable farm of 189 acres in Fairfield and Madison Townships. He has erected substantial buildings, and has every convenience for farming,

Mr. Knox has been twice married, the first time in the spring of 1847, to Deborah Boyer, a native of New York, and the daughter of Thomas and Sarah Boyer, who were the parents of nine children. Mrs. Knox was not long spared to her husband, dying when twenty-four years of age, at the birth of their first child, in 1849; the child also died, In 1851 Mr. Knox was a second time married, to Emeline Boyer, a sister of his first wife, and born in New York. They passed life together for twenty-three years, until her death in 1874; she was a true wife, a wise mother and a kind neighbor. Of her union with Mr. Knox seven children were born: James married Miss Nettic Halloway, and resides in Seneca Township; Louisa is the widow of John Salsbury; William married Ida Spencer, and resides in Medina Township; the other children live at home.

Mr. Knox is much respected by his neighbors as a man of sound judgment and sterling integrity. It is to such men that we look to give character and prosperity to our towns. Although Mr. Knox was born a subject of the Kingdom of Great Britain, since he has become a citizen of this great Republic he has been a faithful supporter of its Government. In politics, he is a stanch Republican, though he is not an office-seeker, but has always paid close attention to his business.



USTUS IFFLAND, formerly an extensive farmer residing in Riga Township, was born in Germany, Sept. 2, 1822, and attended school in his native town during his youth, acquiring a good practical education. When he was fourteen years of age he began to learn the weaver's trade, at which he continued until he was eighteen years of age, when, in accordance with the inexorable laws of the Fatherland, he entered the army and served as a soldier for nine years. During his term of service, Germany was not exempt from the wars and revolutions which occurred in many European countries. The several States of Germany and Prussia were struggling for greater political freedom, and encouraged by the success of the French Revolution of 1848, they even attacked the capital city, Berlin, and finally obtained many concessions from their rulers. While in the German army, Mr. Iffland took part in several important battles.

After his retirement from the army, Mr. Iffland considered that he could make the best use of the

small legacy of \$500 or \$600 he had inherited from his mother, by investing it in some land in the United States of America, where he could better build up a home for himself and family. Accordingly in 1851, accompanied by his wife and child. he immigrated to this country, and landing in New York City, went direct to Lorain County, Ohio, There he bought a tract of land partially improved, on which stood a log cabin, and in that humble home the little family commenced life in America. Mr. Iffland was an industrious and persistent worker, and soon had a well-improved farm and a good set of farm buildings. He resided in Ohio until 1868, when he sold his property in that State and came to Michigan, where he bought a farm of 190 acres on section 6 of Riga Township. This farm is one of the best in the township, and is furnished with a period of existence, dving Nov. 3, 1883.

In Mr. Iffland's death the community lost a useful citizen, his neighbors a kind friend, and his family a good husband and father. His wife, who had been to him a faithful companion and helpmeet in this land of their adoption, still survives him. Her maiden name was Anna Lohr, and she was born in Germany, Feb. 16, 1822. Her marriage with Mr. Ittland occurred in February, 1849. Six children were born of their union, namely: Catherine C., the wife of William Mitchell, of Ida, Monroe County; George, living in Ogden Township; Maggie, the wife of Henry Rohrbach, of Riga Township; John, living in Riga Township; Peter W., living on the homestead with his mother, and Charles, a physician practicing in Ida, Monroe County, this State.

AMES F. MUNGER, owner of what was formerly known as the "Evans farm," on section 33, in Rome Township, took possession of this property in the spring of 1882, having come to this county from Milan Township, Eric Co., Obio. He occupies a good position socially and financially, and is accounted one of the valued members of the community. His farm embraces

eighty acres of good land, tillable and fertile, and the buildings, tasteful and substantial, will bear fair comparison with others of the kind in a section of country peopled by an intelligent class of citizens,

Our subject is the seventh child of Eliab and Millicent (Ketchum) Munger, who at the date of his birth, Nov. 7, 1820, were residents of Huron, Eric Co., Ohio. Ephraim Manger, the grandfather, had removed from Connecticut to the Buckeye State a short time previously, and died upon the place where he first settled, at the advanced age of eighty years. He had been married first in his native State, and his wife died there when fifty-five years of age. The second wife died in Ohio, aged sixty-five. Ephraim Munger had a family of ten children, of whom Eliab, the father of our subject, was the eldest. Eliab Munger was born Dec. 12, 1784, and his wife Millicent, Jan. 13, 1786. They were married Nov. 1, 1804, and became the parents of ten children. They emigrated from Connecticut to Eric County, Ohio, and there spent the remainder of their lives, the father dying at the age of fifty-two, and his wife when fifty-four.

The subject of this biography continued under the home roof after the death of his father until reaching his majority. He was then employed as a farm laborer until his marriage, Jan. 8, 1854. On the 8th of January following, he purchased 200 acres of land in Huron Township, of which he took possession and occupied four years. Then selling out he returned for a time to the old home and shortly afterward purchased land adjacent, upon which he farmed until the spring of 1882, when he disposed of his landed possessions in the Buckeye State and came to this county, bringing with him his stock and household goods. He has been quite successful in his struggle with the soil in the Wolverine State and is regarded as a valued accession to the community.

The wife of our subject was in her girlhood Miss Caroline Sweet, who was born in New London, Huron Co., Ohio, Oct. 23, 1827, and is the daughter of William and Abigail Sweet, natives of New York State. Mr. Sweet was born Feb. 23, 1783, and died in Ohio, aged seventy-six years. The mother was born April 28, 1792, and died at the homestead in Erie County, Ohio, at the same age as her husband. Of their ten children all but one lived to mature years. The family for generations had been adherents of the Quaker Church. The eldest child of Mr. and Mrs. Munger, Frank S., was born in Huron County, Ohio. Dec. 15, 1857, is married and the father of two children, a son and a daughter; he is farming in Huron County, Ohio. Jabin R. was born April 17, 1862, is married and a resident of Rome Township; Clark W. was born Feb. 16, 1865, and works the farm of his father on shares. One son. Willie, was born Aug. 10, 1860, and died in September following.



ARLTON M. ELLIS occupies a good farm on section 20, in Blissfield Township. His property includes ninety-five acres of land, containing a commodious brick residence with a frame barn and all other necessary out-buildings. The land is partially drained with tile, and by a process of careful cultivation yields in abundance the finest crops in Michigan. Mr. Ellis is regarded as a good farmer, a kind and reliable neighbor, and a useful member of society.

The early home of our subject was in Potsdam, St. Lawrence Co., N. Y., where his birth took place Dec. 21, 1829, at the home of his parents, William and Mary (Sherman) Ellis, who had located in that section soon after their marriage. The father of our subject was born in Springfield, Mass., and was the son of Ziba Ellis, who during his early manhood followed the sea and made his home at New Bedford. He removed first from Massachusetts to Vermont and later to New York State, locating in St Lawrence County, where he spent the remainder of his life. He was one of the early settlers of that region and shared with his brother pioneers the hardships and difficulties of life in a new country.

William Ellis, the father of our subject, was a lad ten years of age when his parents removed to New York State. He was there reared to manhood, obtaining a limited education, and married Miss Mary A. Sherman, a native of Hinesburg. Vt. They located on a farm near Potsdam, where they resided until 1854, then migrated to Michigan, and locating in the village of Blissfield, there spent the remainder of their lives. The mother passed away July 18, 1878, and the father Jan. 10, 1876. Carlton M. attended the common school, assisting in the labors of the farm as long as his parents continued residents of the country, and after their removal to Blissfield he still continued under the home roof, but purchased a tract of land in Ogden Township. This, however, he never occupied, but sold a few years later and purchased that which constitutes his present homestead. Upon this he has labored industriously and with excellent results as we have already indicated.

One of the most important steps in the life of our subject was his marriage with Miss Mary Burnett, which took place at Petersburg. Monroe Co., Mich., Nov. 22, 1865. Mrs. Ellis was born in that part of Blissfield now included in Deerfield Township, and is the daughter of Robert and Amelia (Pratt) Burnett, natives of Salem, Washington Co., N. Y. They came to Lenawee County in March, 1835, and are now both deceased. (See sketch of her brothers, Edgar and John Burnett. for family history.) Mr. and Mrs. Ellis have one child, a daughter, Clara L., born Dec. 11, 1871. Our subject is a decided Republican, politically, and his estimable lady is a member in good standing of the Presbyterian Church.

The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Ellis were born in Dumfriesshire, Scotland, her great-grandfather having been Thomas Burnett, who emigrated to America late in the eighteenth century and settled near Shaftsbury, Vt. His son James was born in Shaftsbury and removed to Salem, Washington Co., N. Y., in 1800, where he purchased a tract of land known as the Hoy farm, which is still owned by his descendants; he met his death there five years later by an accident. His wife was in her girlhood Miss Jeanette Edgar. The father of Mrs. Ellis was reared to manhood in Washington County, where he was married in 1830, and lived until 1835, when he came to the Territory of Michigan, settling upon the present site of Deerfield. He purchased a tract of timber land and remained a resident of this county until his death. He changed property twice, finally locating on section 11, where he had a comfortable home, and died on the 6th of February, 1856. The mother of Mrs. Ellis, tormerly Miss Amelia Pratt, was born in Washington County, N. Y., and died on the old homestead in Blissfield Township, Jan. 16, 1872.



ATHANIEL BALL. Among the young men who came to the Territory of Michigan in the spring of 1833, was Jonathan Balls the father of our subject, and a native of New York State. He took up eighty acres of land on section 28, in Rollin Township, and there passed the remainder of his life, dying Dec. 18, 1866, when sixty-two years of age. The paternal grandfather of our subject, Nathaniel Ball, was a soldier in the Revolutionary War, and it was his lot to suffer many hardships and privations while in the service. He spent his last years in New York. The mother of our subject was in her girlhood Miss Julia A, Tingley, a sister of Samuel and John H. Tingley, who are represented elsewhere in this work. She passed away after the decease of her husband, Dec. 31, 1873, at the age of sixty-five vears.

Mr. Ball, of our sketch, continued a member of his father's household until reaching his majority. receiving a limited education in the district school, and becoming familiar with farm parsuits. At this age he started out for himself and followed farming and carpentering in Ionia County, this State. for a period of ten years. During this time he had purchased and sold three different farms, and returning to Rollin Township he took up his residence on the old place and continued with his parents during their lifetime. After the death of his mother he purchased the interest of the other heirs in the property, and is still in possession of the original homestead. To this he added thirty acres by a subsequent purchase and also has a farm further south. His only brother, William II., is still a resident of Rollin Township.

One of the most interesting and important events in the life of our subject was his marriage, which was celebrated on the 1st of February, 1860, his bride being Miss R. J., daughter of James and Luvinia (Robison) Cummins. Mr. Cummins was a native of Orange County, N. Y., and came to the vicinity of Ionia, Mich., in 1862, where he spent his last years, and died when about seventy-six years of age; Mrs. Cummins died in New York State, Oct. 25, 1844. Mrs. Ball came to this State before the arrival of her father, in 1857. She was born in Lansing, N. Y., Jan. 25, 1854, and was consequently but ten years of age at the time of her mother's death. Of the seven children comprising the parental household only three are living.

To our subject and his wife there were born five children, recorded as follows: Jonathan W, was born in Ionia County, Feb. 7, 1865, and is now a capable young man, and works the farm with his father; Luvinia was born Feb. 11, 1867, and continues at home with her parents; Martin T, was born June 21, 1868, and married Miss Dora, daughter of Roswell Bennett, a well-known resident of Adrian Township, who is represented elsewhere in this Alazay, he also is working at home with his father. Nellie was born Jan. 15, 1870, and on the 18th of September, 1886, was married to Justin Curtis, who is engaged in farming near Clayton, Rome Township; he is the son of Robert Curtis, a well-to-do farmer of that township. Julia was born Nov. 20, 1872, and died when three years of

Mrs. Ball is a lady highly esteemed by her neighbors, and with her husband is a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and an active worker in the Ladies' Missionary Society. Mr, Ball is a Republican in politics and gives his support to the cause of temperance. The educational and religious institutions of this section have ever found in him a steadfast and substantial friend.

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LPHEUS J. ROBERTSON is an extensive land-owner and a prominent representative of the agricultural interests of Ogden Township. He was born in Preston County, W. Va., Jan. 28, 1837, and was the second child of James and Elizabeth Robertson (for parental history see sketch of George P. Robertson). He was but a few years old when his parents left their home

in Virginia and emigrated to Wayne County, Ohio. After living there a short time they removed to Medina County, in the same State, whence, after a short residence, they came to this State in the year 1854, and located in Ogden Township, where the father bought a tract of heavily timbered land.

In assisting his father in clearing this land and in its cultivation, Alpheus Robertson acquired a good practical knowledge of farming. From his worthy parents he inherited those habits of industry. which, combined with the principles of honesty and rectitude that they early instilled in his mind, have made him an honored and valuable citizen. Thus well fitted for a useful career, at the age of twentyone he left the parental home to find work elsewhere, which, as he was industrious and capable, he had no difficulty in procuring. He worked first by the month, and later by the day or job. He saved his earnings as he was ambitious of possessing land of his own, and at twenty-two years of age he had quite a sum of money which he applied in the purchase of forty acres of timbered land on section 15 of Ogden Township. The price of the land was \$600, and he continued working out to complete the payment, devoting his spare time to clearing and cultivating his land,

On the 6th of May, 1866, Mr. Robertson was married to Julia Wilcox, who was born in Washtenaw County, Mich., March 16, 1846. Her grandfather, John Wilcox, removed from New York to Seneca Township, this county, and spent his last years here. Her father, A. P. Wilcox, was a native of New York State, where he married and lived until the death of his wife, when he removed to Washtenaw County and became one of its pioneer settlers. He there married Statira Varuum, and removed with his family from Washtenaw County to Lenawee County in 1848, settling in Seneca Township. He bought eighty acres of land for which he paid \$400, and first built a log house for himself and family. He had his farm well improved at the time of his death in June, 1886; his widow continues to reside on the homestead.

After his marriage Mr. Robertson located on his land on section 15, Ogden Township, which he had nearly cleared, and had twenty acres of it under cultivation; here he still continues to reside. In June, 1864, he had made a second purchase of eighty acres of timber land on section 16, paying \$600 for it, and his next purchase was of forty acres on section 15, at the price of \$500. In 1872 he bought another tract of land on section 15 for which he paid \$800, and in 1877 he bought still another 40-acre tract on section 15. He now has a valuable farm of 295 acres, 155 of which is under a good state of cultivation. Mr. Robertson may well be called a self-made man, as he owes his position to his adherence to the principles of rectitude acquired in youth, and to his energy and perseverance. His success in life is also in part due to the hearty cooperation of his wife, who is to him indeed a helpmeet in every sense of the word.

Mr. and Mrs. Robertson are giving their two sons, Engene Herbert and Alonzo Edson, every opportunity for a good education; but it is at home where, by precept and example, they will learn from their excellent parents those lessons of wisdom which will best fit them to be manly men and good citizens. In politics Mr. Robertson is a strong Republican, interesting himself in all that pertains to the advancement of the town or State,

APT. HENRY N. KING, a stair-builder, wood-carver and office-litter, is a resident of Adrian, where he is conspicuous among men of his calling. Mr King is a native of Michigan, where he was born in Bridgewater, Washtenaw County, March 26, 1839. The father of our subject is Rufus S, King, a native of New York, where he was born in the town of Augusta. In 1830 he was married, in Mooree County, that State, to Mismary E., daughter of Solomon Nichols, Esq. After marriage they came to Adrian Township, this county, and afterward returned to New York for a time, when they again came to Michigan and located on a farm in Bridgewater, Washtenaw County, where he still resides.

The parental household included ten children, five sons and five daughters, of whom Henry is the second. He was educated in the old log school-

house, with common slabs for benches, and remained on the farm until he had attained his sixteenth year, when he left home and engaged to work as trackman on the Jackson Branch of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad. At the end of two years he went to Clinton, where he learned the trade of a millwright, which included at that time pattern-making, as well as carpenter and joiner work. He then engaged in business on his own account in Bridgewater, his transactions extending over three or four townships in Washtenaw County. and continued until the fall of 1859, when he engaged in the business of tanning and currying in Freedom Center, in partnership with another man, In this he was unsuccessful, losing in a few months \$1,000, which was all he had accumulated previously. He then came to Adrian and engaged in work as a earpenter and joiner until June 15, 1861, when he enlisted, and assisted in raising a company,

Mr. King was assigned to Company F, 47th Ohio Infantry, and was made its First Lieutenant. They were first ordered to rendezvous at Camp Clay, removed thence to Camp Dennison, Ohio, and in August, 1861, they were ordered into the field in West Virginia, under Gen. Rosecrans, and took part in the following engagements: Cross Lane, Sewell Mountain, Gaunley Bridge, Summersville, Louisville and Charleston, besides several smaller engagements. Mr. King next acted for six months as a scout, and had several skirmishes with the guerrillas. In September, 1862, he was in the celebrated retreat under Col. A. J. Lightburn, which was a terrible march of six days and nights without any halt and a continuous fight during all the way. In January, 1863, Henry N. King was promoted Captain, and in that rank he served out the remainder of four years. He fought at Arkansas Black River Bridge, Clinton, Raymond, Chickasaw Bluffs, and was engaged at the siege of Vicksburg from June, 1863, until its surrender, on the anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. In the general assault upon Upper Vicksburg, June 22, 1863, Capt. King lost one-half of his company, lacking one man. He afterward engaged in the battles of Mission Ridge and Ringgold, Ga., and then marched to the relief of Knoxville, Tenn., whence they were ordered to Larkinsville, Ala., where he, with his regiment, was veteranized and received a furlough.

On returning from his furlough Capt. King engaged in the battles of Buzzard's Roost, Resaca and Konnesaw Mountain, in the last of which he received the wound in his forehead, which was made by a ball glancing against his skull, which, however, it fortunately did not fracture. He was engaged in all the battles in and around Atlanta, and was in the celebrated march to the sea, and down as far as Andersonville, where he tendered his resignation, which was accepted; he had taken part in thirtythree battles. He then made his way to the North, arriving in Adrian Nov. 8, 1864, where he engaged in general building until 1868, when he devoted his whole time to stair-building and wood-carving, locating his shop at No. 11 Pearl street. During the busy season be employs several hands, and finds ready sale for his work throughout the States of Michigan and Ohio, and as far west as Omaha, Neb., at which latter place be executed the carved work on

On the 4th of April, 1864, while home on his veteran furlough, Capt, King was united in marriage with Miss Frances E. Bolles, of Chelsea, Washtenaw Country, this State. She is the daughter of Frederick E. and Sarah A. Bolles, and has borne to her husband three children—Fredie E., Harry R. and Florence C. Mr. King is a Republican in politics, and takes an active part in the election of the party ticket. He is a member of Adrian Lodge No. 19, Chapter No. 10, R. A. M., and a member of the G. A. R.

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USIT'S COOLEY, a New Yorker by birth and of New England ancestry, came to the Territory of Michigan in the spring of 1833, and took up a tract of Government land on section 9, in Medina Township, where he has lived until the present time, in the meantime establishing one of the most desirable homesteads in this section of country. He has had an intimate acquaintance with the various experiences of pioneer life, having come here at a time when he was obliged to cut his way through the forest, working upon one occasion

from 8 o'clock in the morning until 4 P. M., in order to get from one-half mile north of where Morenei now stands to their present home. The nearest mill was at the unpretentions hamlet of Adrian, and the method of transportation, an ox-team. Mr. Cooley hauled his wheat to Toledo in 1837, the round trip consuming three days, and sold it at fifty or fifty-three cents per bushel.

At that time neighbors were few and far between, and in working his farm Mr. Cooley was first obliged to level the trees, dig out the stumps, and go through a tedious process before the soil would yield anything of value to the hand of the husbandman. It would seem as if the early pioneers instinctively realized the importance of their undertaking to future generations, and the conviction must have given them hope and courage in their exhausting labors. We read of few who abandoned their first determination to subdue the soil of a new country or who gave up their efforts to establish a home in the wilderness. Mr. Cooley and his young family labored on without a thought of turning back, and in due time began to reap their reward. In the spring of 1834, he started out with renewed courage, and each succeeding year the labor of sowing and reaping was lessened and the results more generous. In due time the log cabin was replaced up around this the other buildings required for the storage of grain and the shelter of stock. The homestead is now complete with all those comforts and embellishments which the advance of education and the increase of population, with the other concomitants of civilization, have rendered natural and

The parents of our subject, Leonard and Irena Cooley, were born, reared and married in Massachusetts, and subsequently removed to Erie County, N. Y., whence they afterward came to Ann Arbor, this State, in 1842. Their family included four sons and two daughters, two of whom are living, Justus, our subject, was the fourth child, and was born near Phelpstown, Ontario Co., N. Y., Feb. 9, 1810. He continued at the farm with his father until his marriage, on the 4th of April, 1833. His bride, Miss Clarissa Baker, was born in 1845, and was the daughter of Appolos and Lucy (Church)

Baker, who were also natives of the Bay State and the father a farmer by occupation. Mr. and Mrs. Baker about four years after their marriage reinoved to Eric County, N. Y., where the death of the former took place in 1823. The mother subsequently made her home with her daughter, Mrs. Fila (Balcom) Murray, where she died in 1848. She was buried by the side of her husband in Orleans, Ontario Co., N. Y.

Mrs. Cooley completed her education in the common schools of Hopewell, N. Y., and continued with her mother until her marriage. Two years later our subject and his wife came to this county and settled on their present farm. They became the parents of twelve children, namely: Mary Jane, William Henry, Orlando, Caroline, Sarah, Justus, Herman, Lucy L., Rensselaer, Miles, Clara B. and James. Those deceased are Orlando, Caroline. Sarah, Reusselaer and James. Mary Jane became the wife of Jason King, a well-to-do farmer of Gratiot County, this State; William Henry is unmarried and at home with his parents; Justus married Miss Eliza Stytes, and is farming in Gratiot County; Herman married Miss Alice Sullen, and is one of the prosperous farmers of Dakota; Lucy, Mrs. Alonzo Perry, resides with her husband on the old John Cooley farm; Miles married Miss Emma Wilson, and is farming in Beadle County, Dak.; Clara B, is the wife of Charles Ashley, of Medina Township.

Mr. and Mrs. Cooley attend the United Brethren Church, and our subject, politically, supports the Democratic ticket. He has had little to do with public matters, and with the exception of serving as Constable, has devoted his time and attention to his farming interests.

SHOW SERVER

GDEN COLE, one of the leading cattle raisers of Rollin Township, deals largely in thoroughbred registered Holstein stock, keeping upon his finely appointed farm a herd of from twenty to thirty head, and shipping principally to the States of Illinois, Missouri and Kansas. Many of these animals are for dairy purposes, and comprise some of the finest blood of this kind of cattle

in the West, Mr. Cole takes pride in his stock operations and being ambitious to excel, is fully entitled to the enviable reputation which he has attained. He secured the first premium in the late Fat Stock Show at Chicago, and is in the habit of carrying off the blue ribbons at the State and county fairs on butter. He is engaged largely in the dairy business, shipping annually large quantities of butter to Chicago, where he finds a ready market at a good price.

Our subject is a native of this county, and was born at the homestead of his father in Rollin Township. March 16, 1844. His parents, Elmer and Lucretia (Smith) Cole, were natives of New York, the father a twin brother of Elvin C. Cole, a sketch of whom will be found elsewhere in this work in connection with the biography of Elvin D. Cole. The mother was born in Delaware County, Dec. 1, 1812, and was the daughter of a New York farmer of modest means: she taught school prior to her marriage. Grandfather Sled served as a soldier in the Revolutionary War, and spent his last years in Connecticut.

Young Cole attended first the district school and completed his studies in Raisin Valley Seminary. From this time he and his brother farmed the home place, his father having died when our subject was about ten years old. When about twenty-eight years of age he went as brakeman on the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad, where he continued about two years and a half. He then returned and operated the home place, together with fifty-eight acres inherited from his father, for about three years, when he reuted the old Hawkins place, and remained there six years, after which he again assumed the management of his father's old home place, and in connection with his own land has since that time cultivated the soil and carried on his stock operations with unqualified success.

Mr. Ogden Cole, for his wife, selected one of the most estimable young ladies of his native township. Miss Hamah H. Hawkins, to whom he was married at the home of the bride, Oct. 10, 1863. Mrs. Cole is the daughter of John R. and Hamah T. (Hayward) Hawkins, and was born at the old homestead of her father, in Rollm Township, May 14, 1845. Mr. Hawkins was born in Oxford, Eugland, and

came to this county at a very early day, taking up a tract of Government land in 1834, from which he built up a good farm and became one of the important men of the county. The Hawkins family were prominent in England, where they were largely represented, although having but one boy in two generations. One of Mrs. Cole's great-aunts was the mother of twenty-two children. They were people mostly devoted to agricultural pursuits, and almost without exception the possessors of good property.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Cole settled upon the farm where they now reside. They are the parents of three children; Elmer E., who was born April 9, 1865, and completed his education in the schools of Hudson; he is now teaching in Woodstock Township, and drives back and forth five miles each morning and night. Rosa A., who was born Aug. 22, 1876, and makes her home with her parents, is pursning her studies in the school at Addison; Mina E. was born March 6, 1883, and was the first child born in Grandfather Hawkins' stone house. Mrs. Cole was graduated at Raisin Valley Seminary, and is warmly interested in the temperance work and is an active member of the W. C. T. U. Mr. Cole, politically, voted with the Republican party before the agitation of the temperance question, but now supports the Prohibitionists. The family have been deeply religious as far back as the record is preserved, being mostly adherents of the Baptist Church,

HLIAM L. ROGERS, one of the moving spirits in the building up of Adrian Township, occupies a good farm on section 19, and is regarded as one of the most important members of the community. He has been public spirited and liberal, and since the time of first coming here, has taken a warm interest in his adopted county. He is a native of Cayaga County, N. Y., where his birth took place May 2, 1816. His father, Clark Rogers, and his paternal grandfather were also natives of the Empire State, and the family was widely and favorably known throughout Cayaga

County. Clark Rogers, for a period of forty years followed farming and blacksmithing, and spent his entire life in his native county.

The mother of our subject, who in her girlhood was Miss Waty Niles, was born in the same county as her husband, and died there when about fifty years of age. They reared a family of eight children, of whom but two are living: William L., our subject, and his brother John, who is a resident of Elkhart, Ind. William L, remained under the home roof until twenty-two years of age, during which time he had learned blacksmithing of his father. He followed this afterward in his native county until 1839, then came to Michigan and purchased forty-five acres of land in Rome Township, this county. He at once commenced the improvement of his purchase, while at the same time he carried on his trade for a period of twelve years; then selling out, he purchased ninety-one acres, which constitutes his present homestead. It is hardly necessary to say that there was a wide contrast, between its present condition and that of to-day. The land had been very little cultivated, and there were no improvements worth mentioning.

After the purchase of his land, and having made his arrangements for the establishment of a permanent home, Mr. Rogers, in 1840, was united in marriage with Miss Susan, daughter of Cornelius and Sallie (Dickson) Scott, the former of New York State. Mr. and Mrs. Scott came to Michigan in the pioneer days, and located on a tract of land in Rome Township, where they spent the remainder of their lives, laboring after the fashion of the people of those days to build up a home, and meeting with success. Mr. and Mrs. Scott became the parents of eight children, and departed this life in the spring of 1871, when fifty years of age. Mrs. S. acquitted herself in the most praiseworthy manner as a wife and mother, and her death was mourned by a large circle of friends and acquaintances, Mr. Rogers' eldest daughter, Jeanette, died in 1864, when about eighteen years of age: Lauretta is the wife of John Anderson, of Ohio; Clark left home when a young man, and for fifteen years has been "paddling his own canoe;" Louis C. is a resident of New York State, and has a wife and child; Pearley E. married W. Chambers, who is now deceased; she is the mother of two children. Hattie, Mrs. Charles Chambers, is a resident of Jackson, and the mother of one child; Niles operates the home farm; Bell married John Hawley, who is farming with Mr. Rogers on shares; they have three children.

Mr. Rogers, for his second wife, married Miss Sallie, daughter of Isaac Dickson, who died at the homestead in Adrian Township, Sept. 30, 1882, when about fifty years of age. Mr. Rogers is Democratic in politics, and has held nearly all the local offices of his township, officiating as School Director for fifteen years, and still holding the office. He has always been interested in the establishment of educational and religious institutions, and has contributed to the building of two or three churches, He was reared in the doctrines of the Methodist faith, to which he still adheres. Although perhaps not the hero of any thrilling event, he has acquitted himself as an honest man and a good citizen, and receives his reward in the esteem and confidence of his fellow-citizens.

ARON J. PALMER, manufacturer and retail dealer of furniture and chairs, in Tecumsch, Mich., is an energetic and wide-awake citizen, greatly aiding the business interests of the city. Mr. Palmer was born in Greene County, N. Y., in the town of Hunter, Oct. 7, 1830. His father, Aaron Palmer, was born in Pittsfield, Mass., in the latter part of the eight-centh century. He served as a soldier in the War of 1812, receiving for his services 160 acres of land.

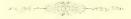
Aaron Palmer married Jane Terwilleyer, who was born in a town on the Hudson, in Ulster County, N. Y., and after that event they settled on a farm in Greene County, N. Y. The hand was heavily timbered, and a complete wilderness, and at the time, bears, wolves, deer, and other wild animals were quite plentiful in that locality. On this farm they remained many years, finally selling and moving nearer the village of Hunter, where Mrs. Palmer died in 1853. She was the mother of two children: Harriet E., the wife of A. E. Morgan, who is residing at Ponghkeepsie, N. Y., and our subject, After the death of his wife, Mr. Palmer came to Michigan and spent his closing days with his son,

The subject of our sketch received his education in the town of Hunter, attending the common schools, and supplementing it with a course at a select school. He had a natural aptitude for mechanics, and in order that this gift might become of practical benefit to him, he was apprenticed to the firm of Gilbert & Trensain, to learn the cabinetmaker's trade. He remained with them until they failed in business, after which he went to Poughkeepsie, where he remained quite a time with his sister. Deciding that he could work at his trade more advantageously farther West, he started for Cincinnati, but meeting a friend on his route, he was persuaded to accompany him to Bedford, a town near Cleveland, Ohio. At that place he entered into a partnership with Culver & Elev. and commenced manufacturing cottage bedsteads, instituting the first factory of the kind in the State of Ohio, no other being established for six years. The partnership lasted about two years, and after its dissolution he remained in Bedford, working at his trade for other parties. In the spring of 1859 Mr. Palmer concluded to try his fortunes in Michigan, He came to Parma, near Jackson, and finding it a desirable location, he established a factory for making chairs and furniture, but after remaining there some years, he removed to Tecumseh, and found employment in the machine-shop of H. Brewer, with whom he remained about ten years. In 1876 he built his present business house and factory, which is of brick, 30x60 feet in size, and three stories in height. For the first three years Mr. Palmer manufactured chairs almost exclusively, and sold them at wholesale, but at the expiration of that time added the manufacture of other furniture, and engaged in a retail trade. For many years he gave employment to a number of men.

Previous to his removal from Ohio, Mr. Palmer formed a matrimonial alliance with Caroline Marks, who was born near Cleveland, in that State. They became the parents of four children, as follows: Frances W., who is the wife of Henry Jacobs; Aaron, deceased; Orlando and Caroline.

In politics, Mr. Palmer is a Democrat, with con-

servative views, and, although he has no aspirations for public office, feels it the duty of every man to regard his elective franchise with peculiar honor. He is a gentleman of good financial standing, and his integrity and fair dealing are without question.

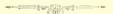


ENRY W. HOWD, a son of one of the early pioneers of Rollin Township, has spent the greater part of his life in this section of energetic and enterprising men. Of late years he and has also given much attention to sheen-raising. industry, however, has been superseded by his operations in horses, his extensive dealings in wool and his loan business. It is safe to say that he Lenawee County, and is in the habit of carrying off the blue ribbon at county fairs. At the head of his stables is a valuable five-year-old, "Don Rothschild," which is valued at \$900, and trotted his mile in 2:13 when four years old. Mr. Howd is located on a fine farm, the property of his mother, with whom he lives, on section 33 in Rollin Township. It is a fine illustration of the model country home: the barns and other out-buildings are admirably

Mr. Howd is the seion of an excellent old family, and was born in Rollin Township on the 8th of May, 1848. His parents, Harvey B and Betsey E. (Pitcher) Howd, were natives of New York State. His father was been June 11, 1816, and in early life operated in the milling business, but he afterward turned his attention to carpentering in connection with agricultural pursuits. He came to Michigan during the early settlement of Lenawee County, and was at once recognized as a liberal-minded and public-spirited citizen, willing to do his part toward the building up of the county and sustaining those enterprises set on foot for the advancement of the people. He held the various

township offices and was Postmaster of Rollin for eight or ten years before the late war. He also served as Justice of the Peace, and in his public as well as his private life, labored faithfully and conscientiously as one building up a record which would in all probability be given to the future, and of which he desired his children should never be ashamed. In the family circle he was kind and indulgent as a husband and father, and lives in the memory of his children as a model of manly integrity and worth. Mrs. Betsey E. Howd, the mother of our subject, was born in Arcadia, Wayne Co., N. Y., Jan. 26, 1821. She came with her parents to the West, and was married to Harvey Howd Feb. 19, 1844. His death took place at the homestead March 28, 1875, when he was about fifty-nine years of age. The household included four children, who are named as foliows: Amelia, Henry W., Helen I, and llarvey.

Henry W. continued under the home roof until reaching his majority, at an early age evincing uncommon business talent, and then starting out for himself he engaged as a dealer in live stock, buying eattle and sheep which he at first drove to Toledo. A year later be commenced selling to parties who shipped stock to Buffalo, and added to his transactions the purchase and sale of fine horses. To these latter he gave his entire attention after a few years, and no man takes more pride in his stables or seeks more industriously to keep himself informed upon all matters regarding this noble industry. Although comparatively young in years, he has already attained an enviable reputation as a breeder, and the future will probably develop still greater results from his labors.



LVIN D. RICE. Among the old pioneers of this county and prominent business men of the present time, is to be found the gentleman whose name heads this sketch. Coming to this county as early as 1845, he has been an important factor in building up the county and developing its resources. Madison County, N. Y., was the place of Mr. Rice's birth, which occurred on the 21st of May, 1825. He is

the son of Joseph and a grandson of a gentleman by the same name who was a native of the State of Massachusetts, where he passed all his days and died.

Joseph Rice, Jr., was born May 6, 1780, in Conway, Mass., where he was reared to manhood and learned the trade of blacksmith. He continued there until his marriage with Miss Mary Bushnell, which took place in 1802, and soon afterward leaving the Bay State, he took up his residence in Madison County, N. Y., where he occupied himself at his trade until 1845. During that year he east his lot with the pioneers of Southern Michigan, locating in Medina, this county, where he spent the remainder of his days, his death taking place on the 5th of May, 1864. The family of Joseph Rice consisted of four sons, Joseph, John, Nelson and Alvin, and two daughters, Mary and Eliza, who survived him; and Denon, Caroline, Horace and Phæbe, who had passed away before the death of

The grandfather of our subject had a twin brother, Benjamin, and one of them was drafted into the Continental army. As both were heads of families they agreed to serve alternately, and while one carried the musket the other remained at home and looked after their domestic interests. They participated in numerous battles, and one of them fought at Bunker Hill. The Rice family is of English ancestry, the great-grandfather of our subject having crossed the Atlantic in the Colonial days, and he was the father of four sons. During the French and Indian War two little brothers of Joseph Rice, Sr., while at play in a corn-field were captured by the Indians, with whom they lived until reaching manhood, and were then made chiefs of their respective tribes. Subsequently they returned to the parental home in Conway, Mass., but only to visit, atterly refusing to resume civilized life. The mother of our subject was the daughter of John and Mary Burnett, of Chesterfield, Mass., and was born there in 1782. She was married when twenty years of age, and coming to this county with her husband, died at Medina in the winter of

Apollos Drown, father of Mrs. Rice of our sketch, was born in Victor, Ontario Co., N. Y., Sept. 29,

1802. There also he was reared to manhood, and was married, Dec. 24, 1824, to Miss Lydia B. Eaton, of Canandaigna, N. Y. Mr. Drown and his father-in-law, Capt. Eaton, spent the winter of 1827 in the wilderness of Michigan, on land already purchased by them near the present site of the village of Teeumsch. Mr. Drown returned East the mext year, where he remained until the spring of 1829, then with his wife and their three little children, started for their new home. They made their way from Buffalo to Detroit in a schooner, having a rough passage. From the City of Straits their household goods were hauled by ox-teams a distance of nearly seventy-five miles.

Apollos Drown was for many years Captain of Militia, and it is believed was the first to receive that commission from Gen. Cass. He took up his residence in Medina Township a few years before his death, but eventually located in the city of Adrian, where he died from paralysis on the 1th of March, 1875. He was the son of Samuel Drown, who married Cynthia Turner, and he married Lydia. the daughter of James and Mary (Brocklebank) Eaton, who was born in Vermont, July 23, 1799, The great-grandfather of Mrs. Drown was an officer in the Revolutionary War, and her father mentioned as the proudest recollection of his life the fact of having seen the Commander-in-Chief of the American army. When Mrs. Drown was three years old her parents removed to Ontario County, N. Y., where she lived until her marriage in 1821. James Eaton was the son of David Eaton, a blacksmith by trade, who married Miss Eleanor Clement. David had three brothers, Samuel, Joseph and Jonathan, and the first mentioned entered the Revolutionary army at the age of sixteen years. Mr. Drown and his family when on their way to Michigan staid over night in Detroit with Gen, Cass, who then resided in a log house.

Alvin D. Rice remained at home with his parents, and after receiving a common-school education, took up his father's trade of a blacksmith. In 1842, at the age of seventeen years he came to Michigan with his brother Horace, looking up a place for the family to settle. Lecating in Medina Township, he worked at his trade for his brother about one year, and then opened a shop on his own account,

which he conducted twenty-three years; then selling out his property there, he removed to Rome Township and purchased some twenty acres of ground, on which he put up a blacksmith-shop. In e uncetion with this business he tilled his little piece of land and was thus occupied until 1882, when he creeted the fruit evaporating works and practically quit blacksmithing. His object in founding this establishment was to utilize the abundance of fruit crown in this vicinity.

On the 3d of July, 1848, Mr. Rice was united in Lydia (Eaton) Drown. The latter was a native of New York, of New England parentage, and had come to this county as early as 1829. They first located in Teenmseli, but later removed to Adrian, where Mr. Drown died at the age of seventy-two, His wife survived him some six years and was called home at the ripe age of eighty years. Mr. Drown cleared three large farms, two in this county and one in Medina County, Mrs. Rice was born in this county, May 28, 1831. She in infancy. Those living are Lucy M., who was born Aug. 10, 1852, and married Charles D. Sickles: she is now a widow and teaches school in the city of Adrian. Delos E. was born Jan. 17, 1855. married Miss Amey Everett, and is residing at Aurora, Ill.: Irvin A. was born Aug. 12, 1857, married Olive Parsons, and is engaged in the commission business in the Rialto Building at Chicago. Ill.; he makes a specialty of handling fruit, which his father prepares for market by evaporation, and is also the manager of the Nonpareil Printing Company. The youngest son, Oscar N., was born Nov. 2, 1866, and is a member of the firm of Rice & Son at the present time; he was formerly connected with the educational system of this county. In politics Mr. Rice is a Republican.

AYTON PARKER, M. D., of Blissfield, was born in Dundee Township, Monroe Co., Mich., on the 17th of January, 1846, and is the son of Morgan Parker, who was born in Oneida County, N. Y., on the 1st of January, 1820. The grandfather was Joshua Parker,

of English ancestry, and was born in Hollingsford, Vt., but removed to Oneida in the very early settlement of that county. He entered land and lived in that county antil 1825, and then, by the way of the Eric Canal, Buffalo, and the Lakes, he came to the Territory of Michigan, disembarking from the vessels in canoes, and then, with ox-teams, traveling overland to Dundee, where he was a pioneer settler. He entered a tract of Government land which was heavily timbered, and cut out a farm in the midst of the wilderness, upon which he resided until his death.

Morgan Parker, the father of the subject of this sketch, was but five years of age when he accompanied his parents to Michigan. He was reared in Monroe County, and made that his home until his death. He was ambitious, wide-awake and enterprising by nature, and before he was twentyone years of age took a contract from Senator Christianev to construct a mill race at the mouth of the Macon River. Subsequently he engaged in the manufacture of lumber at Petersburg, and was still in that business when the war between the North and the South began, Having always been an Abolitionist, and a deadly enemy to the institution of slavery, he felt it his duty, when hostilities began, to support the Union cause in every conceivable manner, and very early in the war he abandoned his business and culisted in Company F, of the 1st Michigan Regiment of Engineers and Mechanics, entering the company with the rank of First Sergeant. After raising 300 men for this regiment, he was offered a Captain's commission in the 15th Michigan Infantry, but he declined this honor, as he had promised the men whom he had enlisted to go with them. He died at Louisville, on the 4th of April, 1862, of typhoid fever, and his remains were brought home and laid to rest in Dundee Cemetery.

Dr. Parker's father was a very popular man with all who enjoyed his acquaintance. His facilities for obtaining an education were very limited, but his natural ability was very great, and by extensive reading he stored his mind with useful and valuable knowledge. For many years he was a correspondent of the Detroit Tribune, and in that capacity displayed much literary ability. He never formed any connection with religious denominations, but he was a thoroughly upright and strictly honest man, accepting the Golden Rule as his creed. His sentiments were very appropriately expressed in the following, which he often repeated:

Teach me to feel another's woe,
To hide the faults I see;
What mercy I to others show.
That mercy show to me."

He was a man who was thoroughly sincere in every act of his life, and his death in the service of the Government shows that he willingly gave his life for the principles he had always esponsed.

The maiden name of Dr. Parker's mother was Rosetta C. Breningstall, who was born in Oneida County, N. Y., and was the daughter of Abraham and Mary Ann Breningstall, who were pioneers of Oneida County, and settlers of Monroe County, in 1836. She died on the 15th of September, 1881, in the fifty-seventh year of her age, and was laid to rest by her children, to whom she had acted the part of father and mother so long and so well. They had five children, recorded as follows: Burton lives in Monroe; Dayton is the subject of this sketch; Dwight lives in Petersburg; Ellen, the wife of G. R. Brown, and Frances, of Perry Closser, both live in Petersburg.

Dayton Parker was the second son in the family, and assisted his father in the mills in the summer, while during winter he attended school, until the year 1864, when, on the 4th of January, he enlisted in Company K, 6th Michigan Heavy Artiflery, and joined that command at Port Hudson, La. He remained in the service until the close of the war, being mustered out with his regiment at New Orleans on the 20th of August, 1865, when he returned to Petersburg. After his return from the army he worked in the sawmill during the day, and at night and during any spare time he had, he studied medicine, and later became a student under Dr. J. J. Littlefield. After progressing far enough in his studies to enter college, he attended lectures at Ann Arbor, in the class of 1872-73, and then located in Ogden Centre, where he began the practice of medicine. In 1875 and 1876 he attended the Detroit Medical College, from which he was graduated in the class of '76. After graduating he came to Blissfield and entered into partnership with Dr. Hal, C. Wyman, with whom he remained until 1879, since which time he has continued in practice with gratifying success.

On the 18th of November, 1869, Dr. Parker was married to Emily C. Hancock, who was born in Utiea, N. Y., and was the daughter of John and Charlotte C. (Laphan) Hancock. She died on the 10th of January, 1873, at Ann Arbor. On the 16th of March, 1874, Dr. Parker was a second time married, to 1da E. Coggswell, who was born in Palmyra, Wayne Co., N. Y., and is the daughter of R. S. and Lydia P. (Stretch) Coggswell. This union has been blessed with five children—Bertha E. Burton D., Brace Morgan, Alma E. and Bentrice.

Dr. Parker takes a leading part in all societies and organizations with which he is connected. He is a Comrade of Scott Post, G. A. R., of which he was the first Commander. He is a member of Blissfield Lodge No. 114, A. F. & A. M.; of Deerfield Lodge, L. O. O. F.; is the Chairman of the Village School Board, was President of the Village Conneil for two years, and was one of the original members of the Adrian Pension Board. In politics he is a Republican, and takes an active part in the campaigns carried on by that party.



ESSE B. ODELL is a resident of section 11, Fairfield Township, where he is engaged in farming and also in operating a sawmill, which he built on his farm, in company with his brother, Silas J. Odell. Mr. Odell's parents were Silas and Mary (Comfort) Odell, natives of Orange County, N. Y., whence they removed to Bradford County, Pa, and later came to Michigan, settling in Livingston County, where the father died about 1867. The mother afterward came to Lenawee County, and died in Fairfield Township in 1875, They were the parents of thirteen children, Jour of whom died young; six girls and three boys lived to maturity.

Our subject was the sixth child in the family, and was born in Orange County, N. Y., March 9, 1824. He was reared on a farm and removed with his parents to Pennsylvania, where he lived until 1856, when he came with his wife and three children to Michigan and settled on his present farm in this county. Prior to 1867 he gave his attention exclusively to agricultural pursuits.

Mr. Odell was married in Tioga County, Pa., July 3, 1815, to Polly A., daughter of Zenus and Elizabeth (Daniels) Roberts, natives of Massachusetts. Their death occurred in Tioga County, Pa., where they had removed. They became the parents of eight children, who grew up to man and womanhood, four boys and four girls. Mrs. Odell was the seventh child in order of birth, and was born in Berkshire County, Mass., March 7, 1821, Our subject and his wife became the parents of three children-Sarah E., Hannah L. and Cornelia R. Sarah E, is the widow of James Carpenter, who died in Fairfield Township in 1872; Hannah L. is the wife of George C. Brown, of the same township; Cornelia R, was the wife of Mr, Pentecost, and died June 21, 1887. Mr. Odell has been Highway Commissioner over three years, and is a member of Fairfield Lodge No. 269, I. O. O. F. In politics he is a Democrat.

Silas J. Odell, brother of our subject, was born in Cheming County, N. Y., Dec, U4, 1828, and came to this county in 1853, of which he has been a resident, in Fairfield Township, since that time. He owns and operates the farm and sawmill in connection with his brother, Jesse B.—He is also a member of Fairfield Lodge No. 269, and Lenawee Encampment No. 4, in which he has held all the elective offices.



LVA E. BEDELL, one of the self-made men of Lenawee County, has a finely appointed farm on section 27, in Woodstock Township, which he acquired by his own industry and prudence, having commenced lumbly in life and comparatively without means. His early home was in Luzerne County, Pa., where his birth took place Oct. 17, 1852. His parents, Zachariah and Margaret (Drake) Bedell, were natives of New Jersey. The father died in this county, while the nother lives on the old homestead, section 25, Woodstock Township. Of the family a further his-

tory may be found in the sketch of Lewis Bedell, contained in this volume,

Our subject continued at home until eighteen years of age, working on the farm and receiving a limited education in the district school. At the expiration of this time he commenced operating his father's farm on shares, and after two or three removals, purchased the Richards farm in Woodstock Township, which has been his home since the spring of 1877. He has now seventy acres under a fine state of cultivation, with handsome and substantial buildings. The residence was put up in 1882, and the main barn in 1885, and there are few better buildings in the township than those erected by our subject. He carries on general agriculture and enjoys each year a comfortable income from his tillage of the soil.

Mr. Bedell was married, Dec. 31, 1874, to Miss Betsey B. Wheaton, a native of this township, and born Nov. 3, 1853. She is the daughter of Peter M. and Loretta S. (Sanford) Wheaton, natives of New York State, and early pioneers of Lenawee County (for family history, see sketch of Mrs. Loretta Wheaton.) The family includes three children only: Bertha R., who was born in Woodstock Township, April 22, 1876, and is attending the district school; James M., who was born Sept. 14, 1880, and a baby boy, Oct. 29, 1887, named Milfred A.

Mr. Bedell cast his first Presidential vote for Tilden, and since that time has supported the principles of the Democracy. His reputation is that of an honest man and a good citizen, the friend of honesty and sobriety, and one intelligently interested in the welfare of the people around him. He takes a pardonable pride in the result of his longcontinued labor, and each year adds something to the beauty and value of his farm.

HARLES W. STOCUM, M. D. This gentleman deserves credit for the reputation he has secured as a physician and surgeon among the people whom he serves. As a physician he is a patient, constant and sympathetic, yet in the

hour of extremity he is cool, calm and courageous, inspiring the sick and distressed with feelings of confidence in times of suffering. Amid all his toil he still finds time for the study of his profession, keeping himself well abreast with the practical details and the modern discoveries in medicine. Such a mind as his, stored as it is, and the genial disposition and temperament which it is his fortune to possess, are sure to yield success as their fruit. He is the oldest practitioner in Morenei, having come to this town in June, 1855.

Charles W. Stoeum was born in Delaware County, N. Y., April 3, 1834, and is the son of Caleb and Elizabeth (Wilbur) Stocum. The father was a tailor by trade, but during the later years of his life engaged in farming. He removed with his family to Lenawee County in 1837, having come alone in 1836 to see the country and determine on a location. He settled in Adrian Township, where he made his home until the time of his death, with the exception of two years spent in Branch County. this State, where he owned a large tract of land, The mother survived her husband eleven years, dying in Adrian Township in 1862. Of their union there were born seven children, four boys and three girls, of whom our subject was the sixth in order of birth, and was quite a small boy when he came with his parents to this county.

Our subject was reared on a farm, receiving his education in the common schools until about eighteen years of age, when he began the study of medicine with Dr. John Bender, of Adrian, with whom he studied two years and eight months. He then attended a second course of lectures at the Eelectic Medical College at Cincinnati, Ohio, where he was graduated in the spring of 1855 and received his diploma. The following June he came to Morenci, where he has since been extensively engaged in the practice of his profession.

Dr. Stoeum was married in Seneca Township, in April, 1860, to Miss Mercy, a daughter of Samuel D. Baldwin, who was a native of Massachusetts, and is now deceased. Dr. and Mrs. Stoeum became the parents of four children, named as follows: Adole L., Mary E., Fanny O. and Katie E. Addie L. is the wife of Winfield Scott, and resides in Morenci; Fanny was drowned in Bean Creek when

eleven years of age, and Katie died at the age of fourteen months. Dr. Stocum has been so bustly engaged in the duties of his profession that he less had little time to devote to political matters; he, however, gives his support to the Republican party.

OBERT E. BURNETT, Jn., of Deerfield Township, was born at the farm where he now resides, May 13, 1846, His father, also Robert Burnett, was a native of Shaftsbury, Vt., and was the son of James Burnett and the grandson of Thomas Burnett, and the grandson of Thomas Burnett, and the grandson of Thomas Burnett, a native of Dumfriesshire, Scotland, who crossed the Atlantic in the early New England days, and located in Shaftsbury. From there, about the year 1800, he removed to Salem, Washington Co., N. Y., where he spent the last years of his life. His son James, the grandfather of our subject, was thrown from a horse and killed on the 5th of June, 1805.

The paternal grandmother of our subject was in her girlhood Miss Jeanet, daughter of James and Mary (Wells) Edgar, who were also of Scottish birth and parentage. She married James Burnett, and spent her last years in Washington County, Their son Robert was born in the year 1801, and was reared to manhood in Washington County, N Y., where he married and resided until 1831. He then determined to east his lot with the pioneers of Southern Michigan, coming to this county before the Territory had been admitted into the Union as a State. He located on a tract of land which was subsequently included in Deerfield Township, and with his little family moved into a log house with the McKey family, where they remained until he could put up a house of his own.

One of the first enterprises in which Mr. Burnett engaged aside from the necessarily slow cultivation of his land was the erection of a sawmill, which, however, he was obliged to abandon on account of a lack of waterfall power. He then purchased a tract of timber land on section 2, in Deerfield Township, on which he made some improvements, and then traded the embryo farm for a portion of sections 10 and 11, where he spent the last years of his life. It was mostly covered with timber when

be took possession, and a railroad shanty constituted all the improvements. Into this the family removed, however, and made themselves as comfortable as possible until the father could put up a frame house. The death of Robert Burnett took place in February, 1856, when he was about fifty-five Years of age.

The mother of our subject, formerly Miss Amelia Pratt, was, like her husband, a native of Washington County, N. Y. She came to the West with her family, and died at the homestead in Deerfield Township sixteen years after the decease of her husband, on the 6th of January, 1872. The household circle included eight children, recorded as follows: The eldest daughter, Marian, became the wife of William Kedzle, and is a resident of Adrian, this county; Sarah died in infancy, and Jane died at the age of eighteen years; Mary, the wife of Carlton Ellis, is a resident of Blissfield Township (a sketch of her husband will be found elsewhere in this volume); Daniel is a resident of Monroe County; James is carrying on farming near Fargo, Dak.; Robert E. of our sketch; John M. owns and occuring a next of the old bouncierd. (see sketch.)

The subject of this biography in early life became familiar with farm pursuits, and received his education in the district school. He was but a lad of ten years at the time of his father's death, and with the exception of one season spent in Minnesota continued with his mother until her decease, in the meantime employing his winters in teaching while he worked on the farm in summer. Two years later, in 1871, he engaged to work in the broom-handle factory at Deerfield, and during the summer following was occupied in drilling wells. In the fall of 1874 he returned to the homestead, forty acres of which he now owns, and has also a good set of farm buildings. He is classed among the enterprising and active young men of Deerfield Township, and is the worthy representative of an old and honored family.

Mr. Burnett, on the 14th of August, 1872, was married to one of the most popular young ladies of Deerfield Township, Miss Jennie Armitage, who was born in Spring Creek, Warren Co., Pa., Feb. 16, 1852. Her father, William Armitage, was a native of New York State, and the son of Isaac Armitage, whose father was of English birth and parentage, and spent his last years in Pennsylvania. William Armitage was searcely more than an infant when his parents removed from the Empire State to Pennsylvania, and he was reared to manhood in Warren County. With the exception of a short period spent in Crawford County, he resided in Warren until 1865, then came to the West, and located in Deerfield Township; he is now in the village of Deerfield.

William Armitage in early manhood was married, in Warren County, Pa., to Miss Philinda, daughter of Clark Vincent, a native of Rhode Island, whence he removed after his marriage to Rensselaer County, N. Y., where he made his home until 1830. Thence he removed to Warren County, Pa., where he purchased land and resided until his death. The maternal grandmother of Mrs. Burnett was in her girlhood Miss Parly Gray, a native of Connecticut; she died in Allegany County, N. Y. Mr, and Mrs. Burnett are the parents of one child only, a daughter, Mand E., who was born Nov. 18, 1879.

R. L. H. BEDELL, one of the most intelligent and best educated men in Lenawee County, has been prominently identified with its affairs for the last twenty-one years. He is genial and agreeable in disposition, a man who has made many friends and is immensely popular among the people who have known him so long and well. His knowledge of men and things has been acquired by his own exertions, and embraces a wide range of subjects, while he is also a man of eultivated trstes, a natural musician, and a teacher of both vocal and instru-nental music. In addition to this he acquired a practical knowledge of medicine and has effected some remarkable cures.

Our subject was born in Rawson Township, Luzerne Co., Pa., June 14. 1842, and is the son of Zachariah and Margaret (Drake) Bedell, natives of New Jersey. Lewis continued under the home roof in his native county until twenty-four years of age, employing himself on his father's farm in summer, and teaching music during the winter season. In this branch of study, as well as others, he is self-edu-

cated. He was an excellent performer on the organ, and the favorite among the young people where his talent and his obliging disposition ever made him a welcome guest. Mr. Bedell was married in his native county, Nov. 1, 1867, to Miss Octavia Burr. a native of Ohio, and the daughter of John and Naomi (Houss) Burr, of New York State, Mrs. B. was born Aug. 9, 1850, in Darke County, Ohio, where her parents settled about 1840. They came to Michigan ten years later, locating in Palmyra Township. The father in 1867, purchased a tract of land in Cambridge Township, from which he built up a good homestead. Mr. Burr departed this life at the age of seventy-four years, leaving a wife and two children, all of whom are living. Mrs. Burr makes her home with our subject and his wife. Richard Burr, the paternal grandfather of Mrs. Bedell, was a shoemaker by trade, as were various other members of the family, and died in Ohio when sixty-four years of age.

Of the two children born to Mr. and Mrs. Bedell, Laura G. came into the household July 29, 1869, and is now the wife of John W. McGee, who assists in the management of the farm. This daughter inherits largely the musical talent of her father, and became proficient as a singer and musician, employing herself as a teacher of these arts before her marriage. Miss Dolly Bedell was born July 4, 1877, and is a young lady of quite a practical turn of mind, preferring other studies to music. The household forms a pleasant family group, devoted to one another, and enjoying the friendship of a large circle of acquaintances.

Dr. Bedell for fourteen years after his marriage, farmed on shares with his father-in-law, and then purchased a part of the homestead. In the meantime his early proclivities for the study of medicine served to keep him posted upon matters and things connected with this profession, and led him to make use of the prescription for the cure of carcer which had been handed down through several generations of the Bedell family, and was first discovered by a great-nucle of our subject. The method of treatment has effected some wonderful cures, and our subject alone brought out safely thirteen patients out of fourteen who were afflicted with this terrible malady. In connection with this disease he has at-



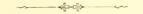


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tained an enviable reputation throughout this section, and has given to it his closest attention for the last five years. He has not sought notoriety or patients, and has been frequently appealed to by parties whose friends had been given up by the regular physicians. The most satisfactory results have attended his treatment, and he raised to health one lady who was considered upon her deathbed, not only acting the part of a physician, but also that of nurse. This happened not long since, and the patient is now nearly recovered.

Zachariah Bedell, the father of our subject, was born in New Jersey, June 14, 1812, and departed this life at his home in Woodstock, in the spring of 1878, aged sixty-six years. He was the son of John and Catherine Bedell, natives also of New Jersey, who spent their last years in the Keystone State, Margaret (Drake) Bedell was also born in New Jersey, April 28, 1813, and was the daughter of Jacob L, and Mary Drake, who were born in the same State, and died in Pennsylvania. Jacob Drake lived to be eighty-one years of age, while his wife was fifty-eight years old at the time of her death. The maternal great-grandfather and grandmother were Peter and Margaret A. Demuun, natives of New Jersey. The former was born May 1, 1764, and died Jan. 15, 1815; his wife, Margaret, was born June 3, 1764, and died March 9, 1846, surviving her husband thirty-one years. The mother of our subject is still living and continues at the old homestead.

Dr. Bedell is a strong temperance advocate, and politically, sides with the Prohibitionists. He has been given many proofs of the esteem and confidence in which he is held by his neighbors, occupying the various school offices, and being otherwise prominent among the counsels of his townsmen.



ILLIAM HENRY HARRISON VANAKIN.
In the year 1834, one of the passengers to
be seen on board a line boat on the Eric
Canal, was a bright, active young man, still in his
teens, accompanied by a pleasant, intelligent, elderly
woman. These people were our subject and his
mother, traveling from Phelps, Ontario Co., N. Y.,

to Southern Michigan, via the Eric Canal and Lake Eric to Detroit. Arriving at the latter place they proceeded at once to Wayne County, where they staid for awhile with a brother of our subject. While there, another brother, Simeon, with his two children, who had made the entire journey from New York with a pair of horses and a wagon, joined them, and shortly after they all continued their journey with the team, and three days later found themselves in Hudson Township, Bean Creek Valley.

Where the lively village of Hudson now stands, there was but one dwelling, the log cabin occupied by Beriah H. Lane and his family. This hospitable man warmly welcomed the Van Akins, and invited them to share his home until they should be able to locate themselves in a house of their own, Mr. Lane's cabin, though of small dimensions, having but one room below and a loft above reached by a ladder, often accommodated many guests. At that particular time the family consisted of ten members, including Mr. and Mrs. Lane, his children, his parents, his sister and her children. Besides that number, Mr. Lane had twenty men working on the dam, and they were also accommodated under that roof. Eleven days after commencing the construction of their cabin, the Van Akin family had it ready for occupancy, moving in before there were any doors, floors or windows, and with but two-thirds of the roof covered. At night, drygoods boxes placed before the entrance served to keep the wolves which prowled around the house from coming in, but did not keep out the noise of their hideous howling, with which the slumber of the inmates was often disturbed. Simeon Van Akin entered 196 acres, and W. H. H., our subject, 200 acres of Government land, all of which is now included within the incorporated limits of the city. As soon as they had completed their cabin, they commenced to clear the land ready for cultivation, and in 1835 the brothers and their mother bought a half interest in the sawmill with Mr. Lane, which they owned two years.

Prominent among the few remaining veritable pioneers of Lenawee County, who have witnessed its wonderful development, and who bore a conspicnous part in the great labor involved in its accomplishment, is W. H. H. Van Akin. He is of Dutch ancestry, and was born in Phelps. Outario Co., N. Y., July 2, 1816. The annals of his family history record the fact that in 1670, three brothers, surnamed Van Akin, came from Holland to America, and after residing for a time on Manhatan Island, proceeded to the present site of Kingston, N. Y. One of these brothers, it is said, settled in Columbia County afterward, and the other two in Deer Park, Orange County. Succeeding generations fived there until the grandfather of our subject, James Van Akin, removed to Pike County, Pa., where he bought a large tract of land, quite a body of which was in the valley of the Delaware River, and resided there until his death.

The father of our subject, John Van Akin, was born in Upper Smithfield, Pike Co., Pa., where he was reared and married. In 1796 he moved to Ontario County, N. Y., and located in the town of Phelps, being one of the very earliest settlers of that place. He bought a tract of timbered land of the Holland Purchase Company. The title of the land was in dispute, and when it was settled he was given a clear title to 100 acres, if he would give up the remainder. He cleared all of that tract and added 500 acres more to the original purchase, living there until his death, in 1854. The maiden name of his wife, the mother of our subject, was Margaret Westfall. She was born in Upper Smithfield, Pike Co., Pa., and was a daughter of Simeon and Sallie (Cole) Westfall, natives of Orange County, N. Y. She came to Hudson, Mich., in 1834, and this place remained her home until her death, which occurred while visiting her son in Wayne County, Feb. 21, 1861. To her and her husband were born nine sons and one daughter, all of whom grew up, married, and reared families.

The subject of this sketch was the youngest child of his parents, and was eighteen years old when he came to Hudson with his mother and oldest brother Simeon. He assisted in building the log cabin, which was located on the corner of the present Main and High streets. He entered 200 acres of Government land in the land-office at Monroe, and in 1848 removed to Pittsford, Hillsdale County, where he bought a tract of land on which he built a saw and grist mill. Besides operating the mill he

improved quite a tract of land, and creeted three houses, but after residing there ten years, he sold his mill and ten acres of land, and returned to Hudson, where he has since resided.

The marriage of Mr. Van Akin and Miss Julia A. Featherly occurred Sept. 19, 1839. She was horn in Gaylon, Wayne Co., N. Y., Jan. 10, 1816, and was a daughter of Frederick Featherly. Her grandfather, John Featherly, and his brother-in-law, Nicholas Stansell, were the first settlers of Wayne County. Mr. and Mrs. Van Akin have five children living, namely: Charlotte F., Cornelia A., William H., Charles H. and Lillie. Charlotte married Dr. H. Welch, of Ann Arbor; Cornelia is the wife of E. J. Smith, of Union City, Mich.; William ilves in Hudson, Charles in South Bend, and Lillie is the wife of A. J. Lawrence, of Hudson Township.

As representative of the intelligent citizens of this section of country, we present on an adjoining page of this volume a portrait of Mr. Van Akin.



WOHN RAINEY is a man who deserves much credit for the success he has achieved in life. When he came to this country from a foreign land, he had neither capital nor triends who could put him on his feet; but upon arrival in the United States he went to work with a will and, by dint of unflagging efforts, has made himself independent at a comparatively early age. Upon his arrival in Lenawee County he engaged in work by the month, for nine years, and during that time did not lose one week. For seven and onehalf years continuously he was in the employ of Perly Bills, the well-known attorney of Tecumseh, and this long term of service with one employer is a proof of the quality of the man. Mr. Rainey is now successfully engaged in general farming on a farm of his own, consisting of 120 acres on section 35 in Raisin Township. One hundred acres of this is under a most excellent state of cultivation. Mr. Rainey located here in 1871, and has since devoted his time to improving the farm in various ways, including the construction of good buildings, fences and ditches.

Mr. Rainey was born in County Antrim, Ireland,

on the 10th of January, 1840, and is the son of Irish parents who were farmers during their laves and are now deceased. His father's name was Robert Rainey, and the mother's name was Margaret Dunbar; the latter died in middle life, while the father lived to be about eighty years of age. Our subject was rearred to maturity at home, where he learned the trade of a mason and afterward that of shoemaker. He learned these trades very readily, as he is naturally adapted to any work requiring a mechanical turn of mind. In 1860 he came to America unaccompanied, and first located in Weshemaw County, Mich., where he remained for a time and then-removed to Lenawee County.

On the 28th of November, 1868, Mr. Ramey was married to Margaret Mitchell, who was born on the 16th of October, 1841, and was the daughter of Robert Mitchell, who is now a successful farmer in Raisin Township. The parents of Mrs. Rainey came to the United States from Ireland when she was but two years old, and became early settlers of Raisin Township, where she was reared and educated in the common schools. Mr. and Mrs. Ramey are the parents of five children, all of whom are at home engaged in assisting their parents and attending school. Their names are: Jane, who was born May 3, 1870; William P., Oct. 8, 1871; Anna. May 25, 1876; Ella. Dec. 8, 1878, and Mand, Feb. 20, 1884.

Mr. and Mrs. Rainey attend the Preshyterian Church, and give of their means to its support. In politics there is no Democrat in Lenawee County more firmly imbued with the principles of Democracy or more loyal to his party than Mr. Rainey.

EV, JAMES VINCENT is a retired Congregational minister, residing in Teenmsch, Mich. He was born on English soil, in Norfolk County, northeast of the city of London, on the 22d of November, 1812. His parents, who were John and Martha Vincent, passed their lives in England, dying before their son James came to America.

The boyhood of our subject was passed in London, where he was partly educated in the city schools, and he then took an extended course at a theological school in Coventry under Dr. Hewlett. Having completed his course there, he received a call from the British Colonial Society to go to Canada as a missionary. After coming to America he further prepared himself for his work by entering the Theological Institute at Toronto, and was graduated from that mistitution in 1843. He was then ordained and entered upon his ministerial work, which he pursued uninterruptedly for many years, and the various changes to which his profession seems to be more subject than any other have but strengthened and deepened his early grace and wisdom.

In the very beginning of his chosen career the Rev. Mr. Vincent took that almost necessary step to insure full success in his life work, marriage with a good woman who would strengthen, encourage and cheer him in his high and holy calling; such a one he found in Miss Jane E. Welch. of London, England, to whom he was married in October, 1843. The brief limits of this sketch forbid more than a mere mention of the various pastorates that our reverend subject has held. We cannot dwell as we would like upon his work and what he has accomplished, nor upon the many interesting experiences he has passed through, and the many incidents, pleasing and otherwise, occurring in his ministerial life.

Immediately after graduation from the Theological Institute he took charge of the Congregational Church at Newmarket, thirty miles north of Toronto, where he remained three years. He then assumed the pastorate of the church at Paris, his labors there extending over a period of ten years. In 1856 be came to the United States, having received a call from the Congregational Church at Warsaw, Wyoming Co., N. Y. From there he came to Michigan and was pastor at St. Clair for three years, when he was called to Illinois, where he ministered to the spiritual needs of the people of Polo for seven years. He then returned to Michigan, where he has since remained, and has had charge of the churches at Albion, Muskegon and Franklin, In 1884 he retired from the active duties of his profession to Tecumseh, where he has erected a neat and pleasant home, in which he hopes to pass the remaining years of his life in the pleasant companionship of his wife. Although living in retirement he preaches occasionally and with much of the fervor and eloquence of his earlier days. He is a scholarly man, and enthusiastically devoted to the great work which he has followed for over forty years. To our subject and his wife were born six children, three of whom died in infancy; two are now living. William L. was a soldier in the late war, and died while in the service of his country; he was a member of the 4th Michigan Cavalry. James E. is a lumber merchant of Saginaw, Mich., and Frances J. is the wife of Dr. Henry C, Wann, now of Chicago.

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LVIN D. COLE is the offspring of a popular and well-known family of Rollin Township. His father, Elvin C. Cole, in 1834, formed one of the caravan migrating to Southern Michigan from the Empire State, in search of a location where they might build up, without undue expense, a comfortable and permanent home. Most of the young men of that day who came to this section of country were without means. Young Cole, however, more fortunate, had a little purse of \$200, which he invested in land, taking the southeast quarter of section 8, in Rollin Township, which has been in his possession since that time. This was covered with heavy timber, mostly oak, and the land lay idle until in 1848, Mr. Cole having, after its purchase, returned to his native State and remained there until this date. He had, however, employed men to level the trees from ten acres, and with this small beginning, upon his return commenced the labors which after a series of years resulted in a valuable farm, with good buildings, a choice orchard, consisting of apple, pear and peach trees, with the smaller fruits, and the various other luxuries of a country home.

Elvin C. Cole was born in Hector, Tompkins Co. N. Y., Dec. 4, 1812, and was one in a family of six children born to Lewis and Hannah (Rogers) Cole. The mother died the year after his birth, and Lewis Cole was subsequently married, in 1822, to Miss Fannie Hazen, by whom he had three children. When starting out for himself Elvin went into Monroe County, where he afterward purchased a farm, upon which he lived until 1834; his subsequent movements we have already indicated. On the 7th of March, 1837, he was married to Miss Lydia, daughter of Philip and Magdalene Tunison, of Seneca County, N. Y., and they became the parents of one child, a son, Amos R., who is now numbered among the well-to-do farmers of Rollin Township, the county. Mrs. Lydia Cole died at her home in Covert, Seneca Co., N. Y., Dec. 17, 1843.

The second wife of Elvin C, Cole was Mary Ann, the daughter of Spencer and Sophia Allen, of Macedon, N. Y., and the widow of Darius Cole, of Rollin Township. They became the parents of one child also, namely, Allen, who is now a resident of Clinton County, Mrs. Mary Ann Cole died Sept. 17. 1849. On the 2d of May, 1852, Mr. Cole contracted his third marriage, with Miss Elvira L. Dayton, and they became the parents of two children, a daughter and son: Emma C. was born in Rollin, July 21, 1853, and is now the wife of John C. Schneider; Elvin D., our subject, was born Feb. 28, 1861. Mrs. Elvira L. Cole was born in Van Buren, Onondaga Co., N. Y., June 2, 1826. Her parents were natives of Middletown, Rutland Co., Vt., whence they removed after their marriage to New York State. Here the mother died July 21, 1837, in the town of Van Buren, and Mr. Dayton subsequently came to the West and died in Rollin Township, this county, Oct. 1, 1869, at the age of sixty-three years. The mother of our subject is a very intelligent and charitable lady, warmly interested in temperance and missionary work, and an active member of the W. C. T. U.

Elvin D. Cole spent the early years of his life after the manner of most farmers' sons, and being a bright and observant boy, made the most of his opportunities at school and received an excellent education. He experienced sufficient pleasure in agricultural pursuits to content himself with these as his vocation in life, and has taken pride in perfecting himself in the arts of husbandry. A little after reaching the twentieth year of his age he was married. March 9, 1881, to Miss Alice E., daughter of Freeman Rice, a well-known resident of Hudson Township. Mrs. Cole was born June 13, 1859.

where he was reared to manhood, and married a maiden of his own neighborhood, Miss Lucretia Van Voorhees. He came to the West about 1855, and died at his home in Hudson Township when sixty years of age. The mother had passed away previous to the decease of her husband, when fifty-three years old. Their family consisted of three children, Mrs. C. being the only daughter. Almeron F. is married and engaged as policeman in San Diego, Cal.; he served in the late war as a Union soldier. Ansel A. is married, and lives in Washington Territory.

Mr. Elvin D. Cole now lives on the old home place, of which he has had the management since his father was stricken with paralysis in 1886. Politically he is a straight Republican, and warmly interested in the success of the temperance movement. Mrs. Cole completed her education in the schools of Clayton and Hudson, and engaged as a teacher for some time before her marriage. They are the parents of one child, Ray F., born Sept. 13, 1885. The father of our subject joined the Baptist Church at the age of thirteen years, and has been an earnest Christian for over sixty-two years.



OHN L. KNAPP. The old Knapp homestead is familiar to the majority of the people of Rome Township. The father of our subject, Abram Knapp by name, came to this section of country with his wife and nine children in 1834, while Michigan was a Territory, and settling upon this farm, here spent the remainder of his days. He built up his home from the wilderness, felling the trees and cultivating the soil, and became a man prominent and popular in the community. He served as Justice of the Peace, was prominent in the establishment of schools and churches, and instrumental in setting many a man upon his feet, who, having come here without means, found the struggle more difficult than he was able to withstand.

Abram Knapp had married in his native State of New York, Miss Elizabeth Drake, who was a native of New Jersey, and whose ancestry was from Wales.

She died at the homestead Oct. 9, 1843, at the age of fifty years, while Mr. Knapp survived his wife many years, and died at the advanced age of eightyone. John L, was a youth of eighteen years at the time of his mother's death, and with the exception of four years spent with a hardware firm at Rochester, N. Y., lived with his father thereafter until the latter passed away. The property, including the farm of 160 acres, was willed to our subject and his younger brother, and afterward John L. purchased his brother's interest. He makes of agriculture a science, and while cultivating the soil he has given due attention to his mind, and especially exerted himself to educate his children. For twenty years the schools of Rome Township have been among the objects of his fostering care. Like his honored father, he has always had faith in the principles of the Democratic party. Religiously, with his estimable wife, he is one of the pillars of the Baptist Church in Rome Township,

There are among the last generation of Knapps many professional men, besides those prominent in business and polities. Spencer Cole, the noted New York divine, is cousin to Mr. Knapp, and among the other relatives is Kate Claxton, the brilliant act-Our subject remained unmarried until nearly twenty-seven years of age, and then chose for the companion of his home Miss Matilda, daughter of E. L. and Nancy (Whetmore) Selleck, of Adrian Township, to whom he was united on the 2d of April, 1851. Mrs. Knapp was born in Oneida County, N. Y., Sept. 12, 1826, and by her marriage with our subject became the mother of four children. Elizabeth, the eldest, was born March 18, 1852, and is the wife of Charles Brittian, a farmer of Adrian Township; they have one child, a son, Clarence W., who is now a bright lad eleven years of age. William P. was born March 22, 1857. and married Miss Mattie Gotham; they live in Palmyra, and have one child, a son, Earl G., six years of age. Carrie J. was born Jan, 9, 1863, and married James Barrow, of Blissfield; Frank A. was born Dec. 30, 1864, and works his father's farm on shares.

The children of Mr. Knapp have been well educated, completing their studies in the public schools and colleges of Adrian. The daughters were fitted for teaching, and followed this profession before their marriage. Mr. Knapp for over twenty years has been a member of the Masonic fraternity, belonging to Adrian Lodge.



ON. MANSON CARPENTER is one of the prominent figures in the history of Lenawee County, having made this his residence ever since coming here, a child with his parents, in 1836. He was born in Saratoga County, N. Y., Oct. 2, 1830, and is the son of Josiah and Nancy (Harkness) Carpenter. Josiah Carpenter was a native of Adams, Berkshire Co., Mass., and was born Nov. 17, 1801. He was brought up a farmer among the hills of the old Bay State, until he had attained the age of fourteen years. At that time he commenced to learn the tanner and currier's trade at Williamstown, but after four years' trial, concluding that farming would suit him better as a business, he returned to Adams, where he remained until 1826 engaged in agricultural pursuits. Removing to Greenfield, Saratoga Co., N. Y., in that year he purchased a farm, and lived there until the spring of 1836,

In that year Josiah Carpenter came to Michigan, among the pioneers of this locality. He located some 200 acres of land on section 35, in Woodstock Township, where he resided for many years. In the fall of 1836 he returned for his family in New York State, and brought them the entire distance in a wagon drawn by horses; his family at that time consisted of his wife and three children. Mr. Carpenter cleared up his farm, erected comfortable buildings, and settled down to the general in provement of his place. Even at that early day, Woodstock Township was being rapidly settled up and improved, and it became the duty of all to assist in general public improvements, such as making roads, bridges, organizing schools and churches, building school-houses, etc. When a new family came into the country, all turned out to assist them in erecting a house, and the men and women in those pioneer days vied with each other in acts of kindness when sickness or trouble overtook one of their number. In all good works Mr. Carpenter always took a prominent part, as was natural to a man of his temperament.

Josiah Carpenter married Nancy Harkness Jan. 11, 1828, by whom he had five children, recorded as follows: Anna A. was born in Greenfield, N. Y., Sept. 28, 1829, and died in infancy; Manson, the subject of this sketch; Nathan H. was born Jan, 21, 1833; Hannah A. was born May 8, 1835, and is the wife of Philip Kelley, of this county; Uriah was born in Woodstock, April 14, 1838, Mrs. Naney Carpenter was the daughter of Nathau and Ruth Harkness, and was born in Greenfield, Saratoga Co., N. Y., Feb. 24, 1796; she died in Woodstock, Nov. 3, 1851. Her father, Nathan Harkness, was a native of one of the New England States, and was born Feb. 24, 1769; he died in Greenfield, Saratoga Co., N. Y., March 13, 1817. His wife, formerly Ruth Kelley, was born in Massachusetts, April 19. 1768, and died March 14, 1837. They were both among the pioneers who at an early day penetrated into the wilds of Saratoga County. After his first wife's death, Josiah Carpenter was united in marriage with Clarissa A. Pratt, Nov. 21, 1852, by whom he had two children, as follows: Albert, born Aug. 16, 1853, and Nancy A., born Feb. 4, 1857, and now the wife of Marshall N. Beckey, of Salina, Kan. Albert died at the home of his father Aug. 7, 1884, leaving a wife and one child,

Josiah Carpenter's father, Uriah, was a native of Smithfield, R. L. and was born in 1769. In 1790. he removed to Adams, Mass., where he carried on farming until his decease, in 1829. His wife, Con-Polly Slack, of Rhode Island, was the mother of eight children, Josiah being the second. She was born in Swansea, N. H., in 1779, and died in Adams, Mass., in 1840. Josiah Carpenter died in Monroe County, Mich., April 13, 1887, at the residence of his son Nathan, Manson Carpenter remained at home with his parents until he was twenty-two years old, receiving his education in the district schools and assisting his father in the farm work, In 1852 he made a trip to the South, for the purpose of looking over the country, and returning to this county, he employed his time, from 1853 to 1860, in teaching school. After his marriage, May 9, 1862, he settled on his present homestead and re-commenced his agree dural pursuits. This was one of the oldest farms to the flowishin, Mr. Cut penter having assisted his rather yn abaring in on the timber that encumbered it was noticy stall a here, in 1836. His life has always of a way artike one, he having helped in emitte a transfer of many acres of ground, for his lation, human and others.

In politics Mr. Carpenter has always here a a member of the House of Repusedant A . of the Michigan State Legislature, at which more he had a the popularity of the man. He led efficients aveduring the sessions of that body in 1870 and 1881. having been placed on several important enough. for the deaf and dumb and on dollars to be see he took his place in the State Same, he have the committee on the Eastern asylumber the name and a member of the committee on souls and many others, during bit term of savyer the minor offices he has bold, on the County Bound of Supervisors, where he set and some treat is to of his constituents. For race than in the way to be dury he has been a citizen of Woodsheld, and bodie has ures introduced by him in the class. The office of the class of the cl

Manson Carpenter and Miss An et al. demonstrate united in marriege in this county, May 2 (1802). She is the daughter of Thomas and Nanoy et oursies on) Johnson, and was horn in Genesee County, X. Y., Aug. 24, 1828. Her father vesser astry of Lecland, and came to the United States when he are about twenty-one years of age, Settling in New York.

State, Thomas Johnson made that commonwealth ais home until 1855, when he came to Michigan and settled in Rome Township. Like most of the pomeers of this region, in clearing off his farm he beamed the timber, and was severely scalded while holding potests. He died in this county, Feb. 26, 1885, at the age of eighty one years, while his wife anymost of the unit of the presents of the died in the control of the presents of the care of eighty one years, while his wife anymost of the died in three of whom are now evene.

M_s and Mrs. Manson Carpenter are the parents of anne child, John J., who was born in Woodstock for reslip. June 3, 1864. He is now in Brown Conny, Dak, in the mercantile business, and also unarcaine a farm in that locality, which he owns of rectimation with his father. Also, Carpenter is meanter of the Baptist Church, and is a consist-air Christian woman. Warm-hearted and charitable she enjoys the love of all with whom she comes amounted. Mr. Carpenter has practically retired seen the nerive erres of life, although he manages the own form on section 35, where are carried on out stock and grain raising.

HALIAM DAVISON is engaged in general ferming in Woodstock Township, where he satiled about eighteen years ago, and has been essibled. He was born in Eric County, N.Y., Nov. 1947, and is the son of John and Elizabeth (bacg. s) Davison, the former of whom was a married tangland, and came to America about 1810, treating at Sciences, N.Y., where he drew the front for the first building in that city. He offered his sort waying beautiful and the War of 1812, but in consequence this not having been naturalized, they could not be accepted. About 1820 he removed to Niagara (comity, and after spending three years, went to Eric County, where he spent the remainder of his iffe, dying at seventy-five years of age. His wife was a marive of New York State, and subsequently coming to this county, died at the home of our subject, at the age of seventy-four years.

William Davison is one of a family of five childeen, four of whom are yet living. One remains in

Niagara County, N. Y., while two are in this State. Our subject was reared at the home of his parents, where he assisted in working the farm, which he afterward purchased and lived on one vear. In 1855 be was married to Harriet E. Dancer, both at that time residents of Erie County, N. Y. To them were born two children, Lorenzo D. and Cora. Lorenzo D. was born Sept. 13, 1856: Cora was born Aug, 15, 1859, and became the wife of D. Tiffin, by whom she had one child, and died July 26, 1884. Mr. Davison chose for his second wife Miss Lany, daughter of G, F, Harris. She became the mother of one son, Cassius, who was born Oct. 25, 1879; he resides at the homestead, and is receiving his education in the district school. Mr. Davison was a third time married, to Miss Mabel Bartlett, a native of Washtenaw County, Mich., where she was born in September, 1842. Mrs. Davison was the daughter of Phineas and Mary Ann (Roy) Bartlett, who settled in Washtenaw County at an early day, and remained until March, 1868, after which they lived at Woodstock Township, Lenawee County, until the death of the mother at sixty-three years of age. The father still lives on the farm with his youngest son, at the age of seventy-seven years. Mr. and Mrs. Davison became the parents of one son, Willie D., who was born Nov. 6. 1884.

After his first marriage, our subject lived three years in Eric County on a rented farm, and then removed to this county, where he was similarly engaged two years, going thence to Jackson County, where he bought a farm on which he lived one year. Selling that property, he bought another where he lived three years, after which he sold out and bought the old homestead in Eric County, N. Y., which he occupied one year. Disposing of this property, Mr. Davison came back to Michigan and rented land, which he operated one year, and soon afterward bought his present farm. This farm consists of 144 acres of excellent land under a high state of cultivation, and contains a good residence and commodious out-buildings with the appurtenances required for successfully conducting agricultural operations.

Mr. Davison is a lover of the equine race, and deals largely in blooded horses. He is anthority in

matters pertaining to horse flesh, and has some rare specimens in regard to style and action. In politics our subject is a Republican, and last spring was elected Treasurer of the township, the first Republican who secured the position. He belongs to the Brooklyn Lodge No. 459, F. & A. M., and has been connected with the Masonic fraternity for over twenty-four years. Unostentations in his mode of life, and conscientious in all his dealings, his acquaintances have learned to respect and wrust him, and he occupies an envuable position in society.



DWARD ROBERTS has been a resident of Michigan for nearly half a century, most of that time having been passed in Dover Township, where he was educated and grew to manhood, and where he has attained prosperity as a farmer and carpenter. His parents were John and Martha (Williams) Roberts, natives of Wales, who came to America in 1838, and soon afterward to Michigan. They spent five or six years in Monroe County, and then settled in Dover Township, Lenawee County, making it their permanent home until death. They were highly regarded by all in the community as honest and industrious citizens. They were the parents of four children, viz: Peter; John, who is now deceased: William, and Edward, our subject.

Edward Roberts, of whom our sketch is written, was born in England in the year 1836, and was therefore very young when he came to this country with his parents. As we have said before, he was reared in this township, and here, since he grew to manhood, he has been engaged successfully, not only in agricultural pursuits, but also in earpentering, which trade he has followed for many years while still managing his farm, which latter consists of 145 acres of fine land on section 26. It is admirably tilled, and he has a convenient set of buildings on the place.

Mr. Roberts has been twice married. His first marriage occurred in Dover Township, Miss Betsy, daughter of Almon and Rebecca Howard, being the other contracting party. She was born in New York State, May 16, 1832. Two children were born of their union: Almon, who married Eliza McKnight, and resides in Dover Township, and Betsy, who married Willard Bristol, of Seneca Township. Mrs. Roberts departed this life in Dover Township during the war, March 11, 1864. She was an estimable lady, and was highly regarded by her neighbors. Mr. Roberts' second marriage was with Martha Howard, a sister of his first wife, and, like her, a native of New York, born June 10, 1834. She died in Dover Township, June 16, 1875. She was true in all the varied relations of life, and her death was deeply felt by many besides those of her own family circle. Of her union with Mr. Roberts three children were born—Peter, Martha and Earl.

Mr. Roberts is a man of much influence in township affairs, and by the faithful discharge of his duties as an office-holder, he has gained the perfect confidence of his fellow-citizens. He has officiated as Highway Commissioner for three years, and held some of the other township offices. He is a prominent member of the Democratic party, as it is represented in this township.

ILLARD STEARNS. On account of the many public capacities in which he has acted, and the editorship for the past ten years of the Adrian Press, our subject is perhaps one of the most generally known men of Lenawee County. Besides engaging in the practice of law and the management of his paper, Mr. Stearns also discharges the responsible duties of Postmaster at Adrian. He has been a citizen of Lenawee County for thirty-seven years, and while he lays no claim to pioneership, he has almost earned the name of being one of the "oldest inhabitants."

In the spring of 1851 Mr. Stearns came to Franklin, this county, from Cherry Valley, Otsego Co., N. Y., where he was born on the 3d of October, 1838. In that village he lived with his grandfather, Peter Comrod, or with his mother at Middlefield Centre, in the same county, until he was thirteen years of age, and while there attended the district schools regularly. After he came to Michigan, and until he was eighteen years of age, he lived with his stepfather, Henry Bowen, with whom he worked

upon the farm during the summer and attended the district schools three months each winter. The winter he was eighteen years old he taught his first school in the Sebring District, in Ogden Township. During this term he boarded around among the parents of his pupils, and only two of the families had wheat bread, while, except at two places, he had from two to three of the smaller children for bed-fellows. In the following spring he entered the State Normal School at Ypsilanti, from which he was graduated in 1862. During his attendance upon this institution he taught school during his vacations. In July, 1863, he enlisted in the army, and was selected as First Lieutenant of Company 11, 11th Michigan Cavalry, With the exception of about two months in 1864, during which time he was on staff duty with Gen, Hobson, he was with his company until November, 1864, at which time he resigned. In 1865 he read law in the office of Norman Geddes, and the next summer read with Gov. Greenly,

In 1867 Mr. Stearns was graduated from the law department of the Ann Arbor University, and in the same year was admitted to the bar in Adrian and at once formed a partnership with Gov. Greenly, which continued until 1875. In 1871 he was the Democratic nomince for Superintendent of Schools for Lenawee County, and was elected to serve two years. He was the first Democrat to be elected to the county office in Lenawee for twenty years, and received ten majority in a vote of over 8,000. In 1872 he was the candidate of his party on the State ticket for Superintendent of Public Instruction, but the Greeley ticket met with disaster in Michigan that year, and he shared the fate of his fellow candidate. In 1875 he was elected Justice of the Peace in the city of Adrian, and held that office four years, and in 1878, at the Congressional District Convention for this district, he was voted for as the Democratic nominee for Congress, receiving eighteen out of the forty votes cast. In July, 1873, he became the editor of the Daily Press, and occupied that position for about a year. In April, 1878, he became the senior proprietor of the Weekly Press, and has retained that connection with the paper ever since, besides devoting considerable time to the practice of his profession. In 1880 Mr. Stearns

was elected a member of the Board of Aldermen in the Second Ward, and served until 1886. In June, 1885, he was appointed Postmaster by President Cleveland, and in December, 1885, his nomination was sent to the Seante and the confirmation was voted in May, 1886; Mr. Sterns is the incumbent of the office at the time of the writing of this sketch, In 1883 he was appointed Commissioner to the "World's Exposition," to be held at San Francisco, Cal. Mr. Stearns has taken a very active part in political matters, and has been a delegate to every Democratic State Convention for the past fifteen years, and has always taken a prominent part in their proceedings.

On the 5th of May, 1868, Mr. Stearns was married to Martha E., daughter of Philo and Elizabeth Porter, of Batavia, Branch Co., Mich. To them have been born four children: Harry P., March 23, 1869; Fannie L., June 12, 1871; Jennie, Aug. 1. 1875 and Virginia, Nov. 10, 1884. Mrs. Steams was born in Batavia, Mich., June 20, 1843, and was Schools. During her girlhood she was afforded which she improved to the utmost. Mr. Stearns never had a father's care. His parents, Willard. Stearns and Lucinda Counrod, were natives of Cherry Valley, and were married in January, 1837. His father was a hotel-keeper in the village of Cherry Valley, and there died on the 3d of July, Lucinda Stearns, the mother, was born April 11. 1811, and the care, education and support of her son devolved upon her, and right nobly did she discharge the trust. In 1851, at Cherry Valley, N. Y., she married Henry Bowen, of Franklin, this whom he had had by his first wife, who was her Their silver wedding was celebrated at their residence at Adrian, in 1876, and it was a very enjoyable occasion. She died suddenly on the 3d of February, 1879, of paralysis, her life hav-She was a devoted wife, a tender, loving mother, and a valued neighbor. Her pure character, boundless sympathy and kind, womanly disposition endeared her to all her acquaintances, and to her our subject very justly ascribes the credit of whatever of worth or success his life may show.

Mr. Steams takes a lively interest in fraternity mutters, and is a member of Adrian Lodge No. 8, 1, O. O. F., in which he has occupied the various chairs, including that of presiding offleer, and for several years he was the Master of Greenly Lodge No. 103, F. & A. M. On all matters of public policy he has convictions and opinions, and can be found espousing the cause of one side or the other. In his capacity as editor of a public journal he is fearless and outspoken, and after he once makes up his mind that he is right, like Davy Crockett, he "goes ahead," regardless of consequences. At all times and under all circumstances his paper has been an advocate of internal improvements, and the origin of many of the improvements of the city of Adrian can be traced to his journal. He is receptived by all as a progressive citizen, and a man of influence in the slapping of affairs.

DWIN J. SHEPHERD, junior member of the firm of Wagner & Shepherd, druggists at Adrian, is one of the rising young business men of the county within whose limits he has pessed his entire life, having been born in Dover Township on the 10th of August, 1859, and reared and educated in that vicinity. His father, James H. Shepherd, a native of New York State, came when a young man to this county with his parents. His paternal grandfather, Paul Shepherd, was a minister of the Presbyterian Church, and one of the pioneers in the Master's vineyard in Southern Michigan. He subsequently removed to Kansas, and was there during the border troubles. Eventually he returned to his home in this county, where his death took place about 1864.

James II. Shepherd not long after coming to this county, was married to Miss Roxana McMath, of Dover Township, whose father, Fleming McMath, was one of the carliest settlers. He was a prominent man in the community, and served as Justice of the Peace for many years. Mr. Shepherd after his marriage, conducted a flouring-mill at Canandaigua for some years, but subsequently refried to his farm in Dover Township, where he now resides. The parental household included four sons and two daughters, of whom Edwin J., our subject, was the second born. Like his brothers and isters, he pursued his primary studies in the district schood, and later attended the High School at Clayton, siter which he began his business experience by entering the drug-store of Samuel E. Hart, in the capacity of clerk. He remained with his first employer five years, which fact speaks well for both parties, and at the expiration of this time, desirous of a change of scene, he repaired to East Saginay, whence six months later, he returned to Adrian, and for eighteen months following was the employe of G. Weisinger & Son.

Mr. Shepherd, in 1884, decided to embark in business on his own account, and became associated with his present partner, with whom he has since continued. Their store is located at No. 3 North Main street, and they carry a full stock of druggists' goods, besides oil, paints, glass, etc., indeed everything usually handled in this line. Asskillful pharmacists, they have few equals in the city, and have made a long stride into the confidence of the people.

Our subject soon after establishing his present business, was married, in June, 1885, to Miss Lena B. Angell, who was born Feb. 21, 1865, and is the daughter of David and Mary II. Angell, of Adrian, Of this union there is one child, a son, James II., born June 9, 1886. Mr. Shepherd is a first-class business man, and takes an active intrest in the enterprises tending to further the best interests of the city. In polities, he votes the Republican ticket, and socially, is a 32d degree Mason, belonging to Adrian Lodge No. 19.

ORNELIU'S QUTICK. As a fine representative of the intelligent and successful farmers of Fairfield Township, and one who has ably assisted in its growing prosperity, we take pleasure in giving a brief biography of the gentleman whose name stands at the head of this sketch. Although this is only his adopted State, Mr. Quick

takes as much pride in its rank as one of the foremost of the great Central States, as though he were to the "manor born,"

Our subject is a native of New Jersey, where he we shorn in Hunterdon County, Sept. 30, 1822. His pyrents removed from there to Seneca County. N. Y., the following spring, and there his father, Peter Quick, departed this life in 1821. His mother, Many (Everitt) Quick, continued living in Seneca County after the death of her husband, and being an energetic, capable woman, retained her home, and gaye her children the henefits of a good common school schneaton. In 1856 she came with her two children, our subject and a daughter, Mary A., to becawe County, Mich., and lived here until the time of her death, in 1876. Mr. Quick has spent the greater part of his lite in agricultural pursuits, though, like many other farm-bred youths, he still pursuid his stadies, and for four winters he made as of the knowledge thus acquired by teaching segood in Fairfield Township. He is an active and prosperous furmer, and the owner of 120 acres of land, on which he has made many valuable improvements.

Mr. Quick has been twice married, the first time May 8, 1849, in Fairfield Township, to Samantha P. Cole. To them were born eight children, four of whom reached years of maturity—Frank, Myron H., Florence E, and Edith S. Frank married Miss Carrie Mead, by whom he had two children, Mabel and Frankie, and died in Fairfield Township when twenty-eight years of age; Myron married Nina F. Reed, and resides in Fairfield Township; Florence is the wife of H. W. Porter, and resides in Weston, while Edith is at home. After nearly twenty-one pleasant years of married life, Mrs. Quick dred, Jan. 3, 1870, and Mr. Quick was a second time married, in Fairfield Township, to Miss Nancy, daughter of Daxis D. Bennett of that place, who has since faithfully co-operated with him, both in his home and social obligations. They are both active members of the Paptist Church, with which he has been identified since 1844.

Our subject besides attending to his numerous farm duties, is much interested in literary matters, and has been correspondent of the Adrian *Times* for many years; he is also correspondent of the Michigan Christian Herald and other journals. He is a conscientious, earnest advocate of the principles promulgated by the Prohibition party, and always supports them by his vote. I'ntil 1884 he was identified with the Republican party. He is prominent in local affairs, and has honorably discharged the duties of Justice of the Peace, and of other minor offices of the town. His honesty and integrity of character are undoubted, and are appreciated in the community in which he lives. Mr. Quick was a candidate for Governor on the American ticket in 1880.



EORGE W. RUDESILL. The career of this highly respected resident of Woodstock Township is one of unusual interest, as he was thrown upon his own resources early in life and was fortunate in having been given the wisdom to make good use of his time. We have in him the pleasing picture of a man self-educated, well-informed, and one with whom it is both gratifying and profitable to converse. He has been a school teacher as well as a farmer, and followed both these callings in Medina County, Ohio. He has now a neat and comfortable home on section 30, and is surrounded in a goodly measure by the desirable things of this life.

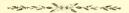
Mr. Rudesill is a native of the Buckeye State, and was born in Columbiana County, Aug. 21, 1829. His parents, Jacob and Jemima (Reed) Rudesill, were born in Westmoreland County, Pa., the father Nov. 11, 1805. He died in Medina County, Ohio, at the advanced age of eighty-two years, having survived his estimable partner fourteen years; the mother had died at the age of seventy-six years, Jacob Rudesill was a practical farmer and was also familiar with merchandising, in which he engaged considerably. The family is of German descent, and the great-grandfather of our subject crossed the Atlantic from the Fatherland during the Colonial days. He settled in Pennsylvania, and from him and his brother John, it is believed, sprang the family of this name in this country. He reared a family in the Keystone State, and among his sons was George, the grandfather of our subject, who when a young man settled in Ohio and engaged in keeping a hotel in connection with farming. He was one of the earliest pioneers of the Buckeye State, and there spent the remainder of his life.

The subject of this sketch was reared by his parents, and besides assisting in the labors of the farm, attended the district school and a select school. He was ambitious to learn, and in advance of his schoolmates in this respect. He determined to acquire a good education, and studied and worked to this end until twenty-six years of age, teaching during the winter season to pay his way, and doing farm work in the summer. The result proved that "where there's a will there's a way," and the time thus spent he can never regret.

Mr. Rudesill was married while a resident of Medina County, Ohio, Jan. 18, 1855, to Miss Ann J. Hanchett, who was born in Medina County, Ohio, Nov. 28, 1836, and was the daughter of Watson and Betsy (Bordon) Hanchett. Mr. Hanchett was a native of New York State, born in 1804 near the city of Syracuse, where he was married to a lady of the same locality, in March, 1833. They removed to Ohio about 1834, and reared a family of nine children, seven of whom are living. The parents died in Ohio, the father being about fifty-two years old and the mother forty-two. To Mr. and Mrs. Rudesill have been born nine children, eight of whom are now living: Betsey J, was born May 24, 1857, married Charles Sanders and became the mother of five children, one of whom is now deceased; Sylva M, was born July 8, 1861, and is the wife of William Royston, and the mother of two children; Burt was born Aug. 5, 1865, and is employed as a carpenter, making his home with his parents; Ella was born Feb. 18, 1868, and is now the wife of Albert Royston, of Eaton County: Hattie was born Oct. 31, 1870, and is attending school in Addison: Nettie was born March 27, 1874. and Milton, Oct. 4, 1879; these two attend the district school. Mabel, "the baby," was born Oct. 11, 1883.

Mr. Rudesill after his marriage settled on the farm in Medina County, Ohio, which was the propcrty of the Hanchetts, and in due time purchased the interest of the heirs and remained there eight

About 1862 he sold out and came to this county, settling first in Ridgeway Township. Four and one-half years later he traded his property there for his present homestead, which he has now occupied for a period of twenty years. He has ninetyone acres of good land, and by his qualities as a man and a citizen has established himself in the confidence and esteem of his neighbors. He was Justice of the Peace in Ridgeway Township during nearly all the time of his residence there, and has always been prominent in local affairs. He was an uncompromising Democrat, politically, until 1884. but since then has given his support to the Prohibitionists. He has taken a lively interest in the establishment of educational institutions, and has served on the School Board at different times. Contented in being useful, and living so that his children will not be ashamed of his record, he illustrates in an admirable manner the qualities of the honest man and the good citizen, of which class the bone and sinew of the community are formed.



DSON WALKER, one of the honored pioners of Lenawce County, is a representative of a fine old family, and a man of more than ordinary intelligence and ability. He has improved his opportunities for reading and study, and is a lover of good books. He keeps himself well posted upon current events, and is in all respects the reflective and clear-thinking man with whom it is pleasant to converse. He came to this section of country in the days of his youth and strength, which he gladly gave to assist in the development of its resources, while at the same time building up for himself a good home and a creditable position among his fellow-citizens.

Mr. Walker was born in the town of Dunmerston, Windham Co., Vt., Oct. 27, 1813. His father, Daniel Walker, was a native of Massachusetts, whence his grandfather, Jonas Walker, removed to Vermont during the early settlement of Windham County, where he engaged in farming and resided the balance of his life. There Daniel Walker was reared to manhood, but left the farm to learn the trade of a shoemaker, which he followed until about

1820. He then purchased a farm near Dummerston and devoted his time principally to agricultural pursuits until able no longer to labor, then repaired to the town of Putney, where he spent the remainder of his life.

The mother of our subject was in her girlhood Miss Mary Stockwell, and by her union with Daniel Walker there were born ten children, all of whom grew to mature years. Edson, of our sketch. was the fourth in order of birth, and with his brothers and sisters attended the common school until sixteen years of age. He completed his studies in the academies at Brattleboro and Chester, and when eighteen years old commenced teaching, employing himself thus during winter, and farming in summer until 1839. He then departed from his native State, and coming west to this county located in Palmyra Township and engaged as a farm laborer. After two months he was seized with ague, which unfitted him for manual labor, and he resumed teaching in Raisin Township, where he was thus employed several winters. In the spring of 1839 he again commenced laboring on a farm by the month, and was thus occupied until he had saved sufficient from his earnings to purchase forty acres of land at \$10 per acre. It was all heavy timber and lay idle until 1842, when he commenced felling the trees, and thereafter gave his attention principally to opening up the farm. He added to his first purchase as time passed on, and now has 125 acres of land under a good state of cultivation, with first-class buildings and an orchard of fine apple trees, besides pears, grapes, peaches and the small fruits.

Mr. Walker was first married, Jan. 1, 1842, to Miss Betsey Hoxic, who was born in New York, and was the daughter of John Hoxie, a well-known resident of that section. The young wife died six months after her wedding, and Mr. W., on the 10th of December, 1846, was wedded to Miss Marie J. Stewart. They became the parents of five children, recorded as follows: James S., the eldest, was born Dec. 17, 1847, and after completing his primary studies, took a course in Adrian College; during the progress of the Rebellion he enlisted, in 1864, in the United States Marine Service, and while in the discharge of his duties, was drowned in the Mississippi Feb. 14, 1865. Edson G. is married and

lives on the homestead; Mary L. is a resident of Chicago; Pliny F, was born Oct. 9, 1855, and died March 14, 1873, at the homestead, while Mattie J, resides at home, with her parents.

Mrs. Walker was born in Pittsburgh, Pa., July 4. 1827, and is the daughter of James A. Stewart, a nason of William Stewart, whom it is believed was of Scotch descent. He crossed the ocean in early manhood and located in Pennsylvania, purchasing a farm in Washington County, where he cultivated the soil and spent the remainder of his days. His son, James A., became an expert machinist, at which he was occupied until after his marriage. Thence he removed to East Liverpool, Ohio, in 1840, where he resided six years and carried on farming. He finally became a resident of Adrian, this State, where his death took place July 17, 1882. His wife, whose maiden name was Mary T. Stokes, was born in Beaver County, Pa., and was the daughter of Joseph Stokes, also a native of that State, where he spent his entire life. She came to Adrian with her family, but only lived a short time after the removal, her death taking place Aug. 17, 1847.

Mr. and Mrs. Walker are members in good standing of the Presbyterian Church, and numbered among the liberal and cheerful contributors to the enterprises designed to encourage morality and education among the people. Our subject east his first vote for Gen, Jackson, but afterward, being decidedly opposed to the extension of slave territory, left the Democratic party during the Kansas troubles, supported Fremont in 1856, and afterward identified himself with the Republicans until a short time since, when he decided to give his support entirely to the Prohibitionists.

DGAR A. PERRY. The Perry family have been favorably known throughout the south-western part of Lenawec County since the pioneer days. In 1842 Abel Perry, the father of our subject, left his early friends and associations in the Empire State, and journeyed to the wilds of Michigan, locating in Medina Township. He pur-

chased 640 acres of unimproved land, from about eight acres of which some discouraged settler had partly chopped away the trees. With the assistance of his boys, Mr. Perry, after the lapse of years, had eliminated from the forest a good-sized tract of hand, where he spent the remainder of his life. He only lived seven years after coming to the West, his death occurring in 1849, when he was sixty-five years of age. The mother, Susama (Anisworth) Perry, died in Onondaga County, N. Y., before the removal of the family to Michigan; both parents were natives of Onondaga County. They had a family of nine children, seven sons and two daughters, of whom Edgar A., of our sketch, was the youngest; they all came to the West with their father.

Our subject was born in Onondaga County, N. Y., Feb. 28, 1836, and coming to this county with the family, made his home with his father, and worked out until a youth of seventeen, when desiring to see something of the world, he started overland for California, March 31, 1852, with a company of twenty-one persons, including two women and five or six children. Their train consisted of eleven wagons, and after crossing the Missouri River they made very good headway, arriving at California on the 20th of August. Upon the whole the trip was quite pleasant and satisfactory, although the loss of one of their men by fever detracted considerably from their pleasure. They had no trouble with the Indians, although they made the trip at a time when emigrants were frequently surprised by the savages, and sometimes with serious results. The men of this expedition comprised the following-named persons: Lawrence Cottrell, Harvey Snow, William Thorp, Jesse Thorp, and Edgar A. Perry, our subject.

Mr. Perry returned from his California trip in the summer of 1863, via the Isthmus, and with a sung little sum of money. He set foot upon the soil of his old home in Medina Township on the 27th of February, and since that time has engaged in farming pursuits. For nineteen years he employed himself on land in Medina, and purchased his present farm in 1880. This embraces 284 acres of land, with a substantial residence, a barn and all the buildings required by the progressive agriculturist. In addition to this property Mr. porty 1 - s eighty acres in Medina Township

Our subject, on the 14th of Vugust, 185 i, look to hinself a wife and helpome) in the press of Miss Lucy I. Cooley, who was been to Medica Township, Dec. 25, 1845, and is the dombteen Justus and Chariser (Baker) Cooley, data with the Myork, and now residents of Medina, of 0.10 a sketch will be found elsewher a data of the sketch will be found elsewher a data of the Elmer A., who is furning in Dove Township as I Amos J., Sidney A., and Nellie I., at home with their parents. Mr. Perry, politically, six servicines Republican party, although leaving little to do with public affairs. His course as a farmer has been marked with thoroughness and skill, and as active in he is held in high regard.



AMES T. FINCH, who operator as a fraction twenty years in Adrian Township is not sense interferomactive labor, and occupying a pleasant home on section Lo, when the busineshmiself in light employment when so dispose L and use sample time to devote to the secrety of his many friends and acquaint more. Among these he is a general favorite, being of a kind and obtained desposition, controons in his manner, and in what from perament which invariably wins confidence and esteem. Mr. Finch came to this country during its early settlement, and is numbered among the upon who assisted in the development on their care saint the building up of its reputation as a desirable place of residence, both on second of its named advantages and the intelligence of its prophe.

Mr. Finch is a native of the Loupire State, where was born in Orange County, Jan. 16, 1814. His father, Philetus Finch, was a rative of loss and county, where he learned should him, which nearly-lowed during his early mandrood, and letter avess of his modest capital in a form in Steadon Courty. Of this he took possession in 1824, and orange of there until his death, after he heat attained to not you than fourseore years. The mother of our subject, who in her girlhood was Miss Elizabeth Paddock, died in 1830, when but forty years of age. The

parental household included six sons and one daughter, the latter of whom died when quite young, and one son also passed away in childhood.

Our subject left the home roof soon after the death of his mother, and took up his abode with his ones, in Artes County, N. Y., where he worked on a farn and availed himself of the instruction given in the district schools, during the winter season, and reaching his majority. He then commenced bearing the cooper's trade, which he followed hieracter until for yelive years of age. In the prime of 1555, he came to the Territory of Michigan, and after booking over the country, went back to New York after his family, and upon his return hieracted in Rome Toynship, upon eighty acres of wild family results to the first business, of course, was to pray he a shefter for his family. The possessed the hardy resolution of the men of those times, and was prepared for every emergency. He worked at his trade and cultivated the soil in the best manner he culd, and in due time found himself on the high read to prosperity. About 1853 he sold this proposery and noved to a farm in Adrian Township, which he hed purchased for his son, and where he me. Ityes.

The neutringe of James T. Finch and Miss Emeline Halseld was calchrated at the home of the bride in Yetes County, N. Y., in the spring of 1837. This haly was the daughter of John Halsted, of New York State, who migrated to Michigan shortly after his daughter's marriage, and taking up his resistence in Rome Township, continued there until his bath when eighly-two years old. Mrs. Emeline Finch was born in New York State, Sept. 30, 1808, and departed this life at her home in Rome Township, Jam. 22, 1846, at the old homestead. Of her union with our subject there are living the children whose record is as follows: Charles, born Aug. 30, 1838, is now a resident of this county; John was born Manch 5, 1840, and during the late war enlisted as a saidier in the Union army, from which to returned with life and health spared, and is now carrying on farming near Mt. Phillips, Kan.; Philedis was born Jan. 17, 1842, and culisted in the service about the same time as his brother John; after returning home he decided to seek his fortune

on the Pacific Slope, and is now in California. Emeline was born Aug. 24, 1845, and is the wife of Clark Decker, of Adrian.

Mr. Finch was a second time married, Sept. 12, 1848, to Miss Susan A. Hood, also a native of New York. She became the mother of two children: Loran C., who was born Sept. 17, 1849, is now a resident of Oscoola County, this State, where he is engaged in the manufacture of sash, doors and blinds; the other child, also a son, died in infancy. Mrs. Susan A. Finch died in September, 1852, and her remains were laid to rest in the cometery at Rome.

The third wife of our subject, formerly Miss Abbie Cole, was born in New York State, and was the daughter of James Cole, who removed from there to Ohio, and thence to Michigan, spending his last years in Adrian Township with our subject. His death took place when he was eighty-three years of age. Mrs. Abbie Finch died Aug. 31, 1878.

EORGE W. WOODWORTH. The beautiful farm of this gentleman is eligibly located on section 3, in Medina Township, and comprises 140 acres of valuable land, with firstclass buildings. One of its interesting features is a fish pond, constructed by its present proprietor, and stocked with German earp. In addition to the dwelling there is a well-appointed barn with an ample granary, a carriage shed, and the other outhouses required around the country home, all constructed in the best possible manner. A sawmill at some distance from these adds to the general income, turning out about 400,000 feet of lumber annually. The entire premises wear an aspect of thrift and prosperity which cannot fail to attract the attention of the observant traveler, and is at once an indication of the industry and enterprise of the original projector.

Our subject is the son of Orville and Amanda (Bennett) Woodworth, the former born in Columbia County, N, Y., Feb. 1, 1807, and the latter in Norwich, that State, April 11, 1812. They were married in 1830, and the elder Woodworth was

proprietor of a good farm near the town of Sennett. about five miles from the city of Anburn. After the birth of one child, a danghter Mary, now the wife of John Johnson, of Hudson, the father sold out his interest in the Empire State, and coming to this county took up a tract of land in Medina Township which is now included in the homestead of our subject. This he moved upon in 1835, and from that time devoted his attention to its cultivation and improvement. Here also three more children were born, all of whom lived to maturity. George W., of our sketch, was the third child, and was born in Medina Township, June 28, 1840. He pursued his early studies in the first log schoolhouse in the southwestern part of the township and at an early age became familiar with the various employments of the farm.

Mr. Woodworth, when not quite twenty-three years of age, was married, Feb. 23, 1863, to Miss Susan M., daughter of Abel and Catharine (Paul) Hall, the wedding taking place in Adrian. The parents of Mrs. Woodworth were formerly residents of Gorham Township, Fulton Co., Ohio, and are now deceased. Mrs. Susan Woodworth died at her home in Medina Township, Sept. 25, 1865.

The present wife of our subject was Miss Alice Mason, and they were married at Lansing, this State, Dec. 9, 1879. She is the daughter of W. S. G. and Mary A. (May) Mason, the father a native of Seneca County, N. Y., and the mother of Townsend, Sandusky Co., Ohio. After their marriage her parents lived for a time in the latter place, whence they removed to this county about thirty years ago and settled in Fairfield Township. They were the parents of five children, two sons and three daughters, Mrs. W. being the third child, She was born in Townsend, July 25, 1851, and her education was completed in the village of Weston, Mr. and Mr. Mason returned to Fulton County. Ohio, in 1875, where they are still living and residents of Chesterfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodworth have one child, a son, George W., who was born April 3, 1883. Our subject has been Supervisor two years, and socially is a member of the Masonic fraternity. He is quite prominent as a Mason and belongs to Morenci Lodez No. 95, in which he has officiated as Junior



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Warden, Senior Deacon and Master, holding this latter office for nine years. He has also been Overseer and Master of Morenci Grange ten years, Politically, he votes the straight Democratic ticket, Mrs. Woodworth is a member of the Methodist Church at Morenci,

Orville Woodworth, the father of our subject, was a public-spirited citizen, and did much to encourage the settlement of Medina Township with a worthy and intelligent class of people. He was ever the ready helper of those trying to help themselves, and contributed of his time and means to the various worthy enterprises upon which the prosperity of the young and struggling community depended, His third house, which he put up in the winter of 1847-48, was used as a hotel, and familiarly known as "Buckhorn Tavern;" this was before the days of railroads and before the town of Morenci had come into existence. He was expert with the rifle in those early days and hunting and fishing were his favorite pastimes. Over 500 deer fell by his uncrring ritle after he became a resident of this county. He lived to be quite aged, and died at the homestead on the 3d of October, 1870. The mother survived a little over five years, her death taking place Dec. 17, 1875.

RS. CHARLOTTE L. ROWLSON. Among the pioneer wives and mothers who came with their families to Southern Michigan during the early settlement of Lenawee County, the subject of this record is worthy of more than passing mention. She looked upon this section of country when it was little better than a wilderness, and by her patience, her labors and her courage, sustained the heart and hands of her hisband in his efforts to build up from the uncultivated soil a homestead for himself and his family.

Chancey Rowlson is remembered as a man of more than ordinary ability, well educated, capable and popular, and one who took a genuine interest in the building up of the struggling little community with its honest and worthy ambitions, from the crude material with which they had to work. He was born in Wayne County, N. Y., Feb. 6, 1808, and departed this life after having rounded up the sum of seventy-five years in honor and prosperity. June 30, 1883. He left his widow a fine estate, including a valuable farm of 184 acres, with all the necessary buildings and appurtenances, and upon which she now resides. It comprises part of sections 20 and 29 in Woodstock Township.

Harvey and Lucretia (Patridge) Rowlson, the parents of Chancey, were natives of Connecticut. but after marriage they migrated to the Empire State, where they engaged in farming, and where the father died. The mother subsequently came to this county, and made her home with her son, at whose house her death took place in 1864, after she had passed her eighty-second birthday. were the parents of four children, who, with the exception of Chancey, died young. He left New York State and made his home with his uncle in Vermont until 1838, when he came to this State and located at once in Woodstock Township, where he fived the balance of his days. Harvey B. Rowlson, editor and proprietor of the Hillsdale Standard (Republican), came to this county with Chancey Rowlson, with whom he remained five years, and then went to learn the printer's trade; he is considered one of the family.

Mrs. Rowison was born in Rutland County, Vt., Oct. 24, 1818, and is the daughter of James R, and Chloe (Savage) Norton, also natives of the Green Mountain State. They emigrated to Ohio during its early settlement, and there spent their last days, the father dying at the age of eighty-three years, and the mother surviving six years, dying aged eighty-four years. Harvey Rowlson was a farmer by occupation, but a carpenter by trade, and had served in the War of 1812. He was a very intelligent man, and took a lively interest in politics. He held for some time the position of Deputy Sheriff in Wayne County. The family was a patriotic one through its entire history so far as known, and was never behindhand when the country needed soldiers to assist in preserving its institutions. Mrs. Rowlson had nephews and other relatives in the army during the late "unpleasantness."

Miss Charlotte L. Norton was seventeen years of

age when her parents left her native State for Ohio, and there she developed into womanhood, receiving her education in the district school, which her future husband also attended. They were married in the Buckeye State, April 28, 1842, and at once set out for the new home in the West. Of the trials and hardships which they encountered, the tale is told often in this volume, for they were similar to that of all the pioneers. In bravery, patience and perseverance, the record is also similar, Mr. and Mrs. Rowlson were outdone by none of their neighbors.

Mr. Rowlson in his younger years had learned the clothier's trade, but worked at it only one year after coming to Michigan, when his farming operations engaged his time and attention. The little household in due time was brightened by the birth of five children: Hattie L. was born in Woodstock Township, Feb. 5, 1845, and is now the wife of Miles Bennett, of Jackson County, and the mother of two children; Harvey J. was born April 10, 1848, and married Miss Belle Kahowe; he is the father of two boys, and is farming on section 29, Fred was born Oct. 10, 1860, and married Miss Aurilla C. Rose; they have two daughters, and he is engaged in farming the home place. Sarah, the eldest daughter of Mrs. Rowlson, became the wife of Jackson Carpenter, and died Dec. 23, 1878, leaving an infant daughter; this child, now a bright little girl nine years of age, was reared by her grandmother, and is the pet of the household. She was named Sarah after her mother, whom she is said to strongly resemble. Martha died when two and a half years old.

Since the death of her husband, Mrs. Rowlson has had the principal management of the estate, and the land is worked by her son Fred. Mr. Rowlson was a member of the Republican party from the time of its organization, but never an office-seeker, preferring to leave politics to men who were less fond of agriculture. He was genial and benevolent, a true type of the Christian gentleman who is found doing good as he has opportunity, and when in the home circle and among his familiar friends illustrated the true worth of his character.

As representative of those "who have borne the

burden and heat of the day" in Lenawee County, we have pleasure in presenting on an adjoining page of this Album portraits of Mr. and Mrs. Rowl-



HRIST WALTER. The Swiss are noted for their love of liberty and attachment to their native country. This, together with the fact that one of their countrymen by his daring and sacrifice made it possible for his followers to continue in comparative peace and comfort upon their native soil, is probably the reason that Switzerland of all the European countries, is perhaps least represented upon American soil.

The subject of this sketch, now a resident of Medina Township, was born in that land of beautiful lakes and mountains, in the canton of Schaffhausen. Feb. 7, 1837, and is the son of George and Ursula (Kubler) Walter, natives of the same place, where they spent their entire lives. George Walter was a farmer of modest means, and the children of the parental household were taught early in life to make themselves useful about their humble home. They were named respectively: Sebastian, Magdalena; Jacob, now deceased; Barbara; George, deceased; Casper. Christian, George (2d), deceased, and Ursula. The father died on the 13th of December, 1858, aged sixty-six years. The mother survived her husband four years only, her death taking place in July, 1862. Our subject and two sisters were the only members of the family who came to America, and the sisters, Magdalena and Barbara, are residents of Chicago and Iowa respect-

The people of Switzerland, following the commendable custom of their German neighbors, place their children in school at a suitable age, where they are retained until fourteen years old. The parents of our subject had little of this world's goods to bestow upon their son, and accordingly gave him what is of still more value—a good practical education. Upon leaving school he went to work with his father upon the land belonging to the latter. The family were devoted to the Lutheran Church, and about this time also young Walter was confirmed, and thus practically made a mem-

ber of the same. About eighteen months later heleft home and worked for himself until the struggle for liberty in Italy began, and then entered the ranks of the Italian army. He fought at the battle of Naples in 1858, and thereafter followed the fortunes of war in Southwestern Europe four years; in addition to this he served in the army of Switzerland a year.

Our subject set sail for America in the spring of 1861, in good time to measure arms with the American soldiery, and was soon enrolled in the 37th Ohio Infantry. With his regiment he met the rehels near La Fayette, Va., and again at Princeton, where the regiment lost eight men. Soon afterward they moved to Vieksburg, and Mr. Walter assisted in digging the underground passage at that place. He was also in the engagements at Jackson, Miss., Champion Hills, Vieksburg, Chattanooga, Lookont Mountain, and Delta, Ga., and at the capture and siege of Atlanta. After a faithful service of three years he received his honorable discharge, Sept. 27, 1865, and with his comrades was mustered out.

After the third time being transformed from a soldier to a civilian, Mr. Walter made his way to Toledo, Ohio, and not long afterward was married to one of his own countrywomen, Miss Margaret Faelbeck, the wedding taking place at the home of the bride, March 23, 1868. Mrs. Walter is the daughter of Phillip and Margaret (Neinborn) Faclbeck, natives of Germany, who left the Fatherland in 1850. They first settled in Sandusky, Ohio, and subsequently removed to Black Swamp in the same State, where they are still living. Mr. Faelbeck was born Nov. 11, 1813, and his wife Jan. 24, 1825. They are the parents of nine children-Caroline, Margaret, Christian, Henry, Andrias, Catherine, Emma, Charles and Phillip, who are mostly residents of Ohio.

The wife of our subject was born Nov. 16, 1847, and was but three years of age when she was brought by her parents to America. She also was confirmed in the Lutheran Church when fourteen years old, and with her husband remains a loyal adherent to the religious faith in which she was trained by careful and conscientious parents. They were people in humble circumstances, and could only give to their offspring the heritage of a good name.

Miss Margaret had many friends, and carned her own living when old enough until she was married.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter settled in Toledo, Ohio, after their marriage, and there became the parents of ten blooming children, whom they maned respectively, Edward, John, Frederick, Mina, Nettie, Frank, Charles, Jacob, Phillip and Robert. Edward is now a promising young man of nineteen years, and engaged in the grocery business at Toledo. The rest of the children are at home with their parents, and attending school.

While in Toledo Mr. Walter was occupied as a drayman, and in 1875 he determined upon a change of location and occupation, and so set his face toward the Wolverine State. He invested his ready capital in a farm near Riga, this county, which he occupied two years, but this venture not proving entirely satisfactory, he sold out and returned to the Buckeye State, where he remained six years. At the expiration of this time he determined to try the West once more, and this time came to Lenawee County, where he has since been quite contented to remain. His snng farm of sixty acres is utilized apparently in the best manner, and he has not only been successful as an agriculturist, but in cultivating the esteem and confidence of his neighbors.

OBERT POWER. This gentleman, who occupies the responsible position of Superintendent of the Lenawee County Poor Farm, was born in Monroe, Mich. March 18, 1816. He is the son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Seaman) Power, natives of New York State, who came to Michigan in 1833, and settled in Monroe. They afterward came to Lenawee County, and here his father spent his declining years, dying in Palmyra Township in 1870; the mother is still living at the advanced age of seventy-four years. They were the parents of eight children.

The subject of this personal narrative was reared on a farm, and received a common-school education in his youth. His parents were in moderate circumstances, and he began early in life to make his own way in the world. He acquired a taste for farming while young, and has always been engaged in agricultural pursuits, his first efforts in this line being performed while in the employ of neighboring farmers.

At the commencement of the Rebellion, Mr. Power was too young to include his patriotic ardor by entering the army, but in February, 1865, being then only nineteen years of age, he enlisted in the 11th Michigan Infantry, and served creditably until the close of the war. He returned to Lengwee County, where he has since resided, with the exception of a year spent in Nevada. He rented some land, and for several years was engaged in farming, with excellent success. In the spring of 1880 he received the appointment of Superintendent of the Lenawee County Poor Farm, for which position his sound common sense and good judgment eminently fit him, and that he still retains this position shows that he has discharged its onerous duties with zeal and fidelity. He superintends the cultivation of the 154 acres of land that form the farm. and has under his charge an average of from fortyfive to sixty inmates throughout the year.

Mr. Power has been ably assisted in the discharge of his work by his wife, to whom he was married March 23, 1871, in Adrian, Mich. Her maiden name was Sarah Pletcher, and she is the daughter of Andrew and Polly (Gardner) Pletcher, who reside in Madison Township. She was born in Pennsylvania, Dec. 25, 1846, and is the mother of two children—Edith and Lottie.

Mr. Power takes great interest in public affairs, as every good citizen should, and supports the principles promulgated by the Republican party.

ARVEY I. BALDWIN was born in the town and county of Litchfield, Conn., on the 15th of October, 1828, and is at present attorney-at-law, in Palmyra, Lenawee County. His father, Isaac Baldwin, was born in the same town, while his grandfather was a native of England, who came to America in Colonial times and settled in Connecticut, where he bought a farm on Litchfield Hill, and there spent the last days of his life. The father grew to manhood and was married in Connecticut, to Sarah Gillette, who was

horn in Litchfield County, and was the daughter of Asa Gillette. The father was a resident of Litchfield until 1840, when he moved to Ohio and settled in Medina County, where he bought a farm in Westfield Township, and remained until 1867. In that year he came to Michigan, and settled in Allegan County, where he bought a farm and remained until his death in 1880. His wife died on the old homestead about one year later. They had five children, all sons, and all grew to manhood.

The subject of this sketch was the second child in the order of birth, and was twelve years of age when his parents moved to Medina County, Ohio, He attended the common schools in Connecticut quite regularly until he was eleven years of age, when he began to learn the trade of a printer in the office of the Litchfield Enquirer, and after his pareuts removed to Ohio he worked in various printing-offices, at the same time continuing his studies. At the age of eighteen years he began teaching in the High School in Westfield, Medina County, in which occupation he continued until 1855, when he came to Lenawee County and settled in Cambridge Township. He bought a farm on which he lived two years, then sold and removed to Palmyra, where he bought a tract of land on section 34, and resided until 1871, when he bought the Tiffinev property in the village of Palmyra, which has since been his home.

On the 16th of October, 1849, Mr. Baldwin was married to Catherine Miller, who was born in the State of New York, on the 25th of January, 1830, and they had two children: Charles and William; Charles was born in Westfield, Ohio, and William in Cambridge, Mich. Mrs. Catherine Baldwin died on the 13th of June, 1856, and on the 3d of September, 1857, Mr. Baldwin was again married, this time to Emily Miller, who was born in the State of New York, on the 25th of January, 1835. By this marriage one child was born, named Cora C., who resides at home with her father; her mother died Aug. 19, 1887.

Mr. Baldwin is one of the substantial citizens of Lenawee County, and takes a deep interest in all matters concerning its material welfare. He has been very successful in the practice of his profession, and as the result of his efforts has accumulated considerable wealth. He is a man of the highest integrity, and unimpeachable honor, and has faithfully discharged every duty which has devolved upon him. For thirty years he has served in the capacity of Justice of the Peace, and during that long term of service has rendered entire satisfaction. Educational affairs have claimed his attention to a large extent, and his practical knowledge of schools has been utilized in the capacity of School Director. Mr. Baldwin takes great interest in all religious affairs, and for thirty years has been a local preacher in the Methodist Episcopal Church, while during almost his entire residence in Palmyra he has been a Trustee and Steward in that church, In addition to his official duties and the practice of his profession he has for years had supervision of the real-estate interests in Michigan of Mr. Cutler, a large capitalist and land-owner of New Jersey, Mr. Baldwin was originally an old-line Whig, but when the Republican party was organized in 1856, as the successor of the Whig party, he became a Republican, and has remained one ever since. He is an eloquent advocate of temperance principles, and in that cause his voice is often heard. Mr. Baldwin is a citizen that any community is fortunate in possessing, and the various public places of trust and honor which have been conferred upon him, indicate that his neighbors appreciate him at his proper value.

EORGE II. BROOKS is one of the notable men of Medina Township, where he owns a good farm of 180 acres, and is principally engaged in dairying. Like scores of other enterprising and well-to-do residents of this county, he is an emanation of the Empire State, and was born in Seneca County, Sept. 12, 1836. His parents, James and Jame (Sebring) Brooks, were natives of New Jersey, whence they removed, when young, to seneca County, N. Y. The father of each had served in the War of 1812, Grandfather Brooks as General, and Grandfather Sebring as Lieutemant.

The parents of our subject spent the balance of their days in Seneca County, the father dying in 1863, at the age of sixty-one years, and the mother,

surviving her husband twenty-three years, died in 1886, when seventy-eight years of age. Of their nine children, George II, was the seventh. His education was acquired in the district school, and he followed farming, the pursuit of his father before him, choosing this for his vocation in life. When twenty-three years of age, and while a resident of New York, he was married in January, 1860, to Miss Elizabeth, daughter of John Swick, of Seneca County. The young wife lived only about eight months after her marriage. The second wife of our subject, to whom he was married in 1864, was Miss Mary, daughter of John Watrous. Of this union there were four children: Elizabeth (1st), deceased; Elizabeth (2d), Jennie and Nellie; the three surviving are at home with their parents.

The homestead of our subject is kept up after the manner of the well-to-do and enterprising citizen, the buildings being of substantial character and in good repair. The farm operations and the dairy are carried on after the most approved methods, and with convenient machinery. Everything about the premises indicates plenty and comfort. Mr. Brooks takes little interest in politics, but when casting his vote at general elections, supports Democratic principles.



NDREW NUFER, now a retired grocer of Adrian, has been an energetic and busy man all his life, devoting a great many years to railroading before entering the business from which he lately retired. He is a native of Germany, and was born in Bayaria, Sent. 13, 1828. At the age of five years he accompanied his parents, Peter and Susannah (Rose) Nufer, when they emigrated to America. Upon their arrival at New York City, they proceeded to Buffalo, and from there to Toledo, Ohio, and thence came to Monroe County, Mich., where they settled in the town of Monroe, in 1836. Two years later, in 1838, they purchased a tract of land upon which they moved, and remained until the children were grown. After his children were married he made his home with them until his death, which occurred when he was in his sixty-ninth year; the mother survived him, and lived to be eighty-three years of

Andrew Nufer is the eighth in a family of twelve children. When his parents moved to the farm in Monroe County, our subject left home, at the age of twelve years, and hired himself out for three shillings a week, and at this work and compensation he remained one year, after which he secured employment at \$6 per month, which was considered at that time very satisfactory pay. He then engaged in the butcher business, and later learned the trade of a blacksmith, which trade he followed for two years, and then began his career of railroading, entering the service of the Michigan Southern Road as a fireman, and in due time was promoted to the responsible position of engineer. After serving a considerable time on this road, he went to Long Island, and engaged as an engineer on the Long Island Railroad, and ran out of Brooklyn for two years. He then returned to the city of Adrian, and with little difficulty secured employment as an engineer on the Michigan Southern Railroad, and after the consolidation of that road and the Lake Shore remained in their employ until 1859.

In the latter year Mr. Nufer quit engineering, and engaged in the grocery trade in Adrian, in which he continued for two years, and then sold out. He then re-entered the service of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad, and after running an engine for several years, became foreman of the roundhouse at Adrian. He remained in that position for two years, and then resigned, and re-entered the grocery business, on Maumee street, where he continued for four years, in partnership with his brother, Leonard Nufer. During this partnership the firm purchased an eligible vacant lot, on which they crected a building designed for a packing-house; this they leased to parties for that purpose, but the enterprise was a failure. Mr. Nufer then embarked in the grocery business alone, which he successfully conducted for five years, and then disposed of his property and good-will to his son and son-in-law, and retired from active business

In 1853 Mr. Nufer was married to Miss Magdalena Rose, of Adrian, formerly of Monroe County, Mich. She is the daughter of Philip and Catherine Rose. By this marriage eight children were born. They are recorded as follows: Louiss; Lenora. who died in childhood; George A.; Lenora (2d), who married Joseph Michael; Clara. who married Frank Lehr; Mary, who married Benjamin Lehr; John F., and Agada Isabelle; the latter resides at home with her parents.

Politically, Mr. Nufer is a Democrat, and as such was elected Alderman for the First Ward of Adrian, and served one term. He began life without any means whatever, and has succeeded well in whatever he has undertaken. At the present time he is the owner of five good store buildings, besides a number of excellent dwelling-houses, and the income from these properties is much more than sufficient to supply himself and family with all the comforts and very many of the luxuries of life.



ON, GUERNSEY P. WARING. "By their fruits ve shall know them." Mr. W. has by this test become well and favorably known among the people of Lenawee County. He has been closely associated with the business interests of the township of Ridgeway for some years, and his whole life has been spent here, he having first seen the light on the farm on section 9. Aug. 31, 1852. He grew up under the training of good and intelligent parents, and from his mother partook of a generous amount of shrewdness, tact and ambition. He was the youngest of four children, and held in the highest esteem the good name and Christian spirit of his parents, while he has adopted the principles of right and reason inculcated in him by them.

Mr. Waring had the advantage of a good practical education, and after being graduated from the High School at Tecumseh, he began to turn his attention to business. In 1874, he succeeded his brother in the undertaking business he had established in Ridgeway, and conducted it in a successful manner. He purchased land approximate to the village, and later, to add to the general interest of the place, he erected a good, large double store, and a beautiful brick residence upon pleasant grounds. He has an excellent library of good

miscellaneous literature. Mr. W. has made himself a public-spirited character, and in the fall of 1880 was selected by the Republicans of the First District to represent this county in the State Legislature, the duties of which office he performed to the credit of himself and his constituents. He is of decided Prohibition principles, and was soon placed on the Committee of Liquor Traffic, in which committee he was a prominent figure. By his investigations while thus engaged in his duties in the State Legislature, he became more and more an advocate of the principles of temperance, and the suppression of the whisky traffic, and when he returned home he championed the cause of the party, and always voted with it.

September 16, 1877, Mr. Waring was married, at the First Methodist Episcopal Church in Ridgeway, to Miss Augusta, the accomplished daughter of Richard Cadmus, who was a pioneer of this county, a farmer by calling, and a worthy member of society. Mrs. Augusta Waring was born Jan. 22, 1849, in Macon Township, this county, and was reared well, receiving a fair common-school education. She died at her home in this township in 1883, aged thirty-five years. Mr. Waring was married a second time, in Macon Township, to Ella Cadmus, a sister of his first wife. She is a capable and intelligent lady and occupies a good position in the society of the township.

It will afford many people of this county pleasure to refer to the parental history of the subject of our biography. The father, Joshua Waving, was a native of Newburg, Orange Co., N. Y., and was born April 3, 1803. He came of a good family, who figured in the early history of the great milk and butter county of New York State, Joshua Waring was moderately well educated, and when a young man had learned the trade of a chair and cabinet maker, at which he was engaged for two years after his marriage. In 1831, with his young bride, and her brothers, Daniel and William, he set out for Michigan in the usual way, going via Canal and Lakes. When they came into this county the country was quite new, and Joshua took up his new home in the woods on section 9, the property now owned by Justus Lowe (see sketch of J. Lowe.) After he had settled on his new homestead the senior Mr. Waring erected a small shop in which he could ply his vocation as cabinet-maker, and thereby furnish the early settlers with such articles of furniture as were needed here in the early days of settlement. By this means he was enabled to have his heavily timbered farm improved, receiving labor in payment for his furniture. Later he devoted his entire time to farming, and finally removed to the village of Ridgeway in 1865, where he made his home until his death, which took place March 17, 1884.

Mr. Waring was devoted to the interests of the people in general, and especially to the church, being a liberal contributor to and a strong supporter of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He was a fine vocal musician, leading in devotional singing, and he took a great interest in prayer-meetings; his life was an example of moral rectitude. While vet living in Newburg, Joshua Waring, in 1832, was united in marriage to Ruth A., daughter of Gilbert and Ann (Penney) Lockwood, whose family history on both sides is that of a numerous, enlightened and successful people in York State and New England. The founding of the Lockwood family began with the Puritans in the United States, and their descendants have lived to do honor to the name and ancestry wherever they are found. The Penney family came direct from England to Orange County some four generations ago, when the original founder brought with him a family of twelve sons, and seemed a tract of land four miles square in that and Ulster County. The Penney descendants are numerous, being represented in many States, and are worthy citizens wherever found. In religion they were closely identified with the Methodist Episcopal Church, and a stone residence built in 1803 by William Penney, the maternal grandfather of Ruth A. Waring, on the large Penney estate in Orange County, was used as a place of worship by the Methodist Episcopal Church for forty years.

Mrs. Ruth A. Waring grew up a loving, intelligent woman, and became the devoted mother of four children, recorded as follows: Mary A. was born in 1835, was married to Edgar C. Van Vleet, and died in Ridgeway, Oct. 10, 1870; Gilbert L. was born Feb. 8, 1838, took for his wife Clara,

daughter of George Clark (see sketch), and present wife of Robert Houseman, and died May 7, 1874; Cornelius L. is at present train dispatcher for the Chicago & Western Michigan Railroad Co., with headquarters at Holland, Ottawa County; and Guernsey P., our subject.

Joshua Waring obeyed to the letter the injunction of the poet:

"So live that when thy summons comes to join

The innumerable caravan that moves To that mysterious realm, where each shall take His chamber in the silent halls of death, Thou go not like the quarry slave at night, Scourged to his dungeon, but, sustained and soothed By an unfaltering trust, approach thy grave

Like one that wraps the drapery of his couch About him, and lies down to pleasant dreams."

The mother of our subject is now living with him, and is seventy-two years of age, strong, active and intelligent. Mr. Waring is connected with the local and State executive committees for the suppression of the liquor traffic, and is popular in Probibition circles throughout the State.

DWIN A. BAKER, a native of Ontario County, N. Y., first came to the West in 1855, and after a residence of eight years in Jackson County, this State, moved to Rome Township, this county, where he lived five years and then returned to the Empire State, where he continued until 1870. Western life, however, possessed an irresistible charm, and he now returned to Southeastern Michigan, locating on a snug farm in Dover Township, where he has since remained and become prominent as a thorough and skillful agriculturist and a useful member of the community. His property includes 300 acres of land, pleasantly located on sections 7 and 18, Dover Township, section 13, Hudson, and section 21, Rome Township. all under a good state of cultivation and supplied with convenient farm buildings. In politics our subject is a live Prohibitionist, and keeps himself well posted upon the various interesting questions of the day.

Our subject, the second child of his parents, Miles and Delinda (Maltby) Baker, was born near the town of Hopewell, N. Y., Feb, 12, 1828. Miles Baker was also a native of Ontario County, while his wife, Delinda, was born in Vermont. The parents spent the balance of their lives, after their marriage, in the Empire State. The household circle was completed by the birth of four sons and three daughters, five of whom are living, two residents of Michigan and three of New York, Edwin A, continued on the farm until twenty-two years old, in the meantime receiving a good common-school education. Upon leaving home he settled in Wayne County, N. Y., where he followed farming five years and until first coming to the West. In the meantime he had been married in Ontario County, N. Y., and npon his first visit to the Wolverine State was accompanied by his wife and one child. He farmed in Jackson County for a period of eight years, then sold out and settled upon a tract of land in Rome Township, this county, where he remained five years, then returned to Wayne County, N. Y., and there purchased a farm which he occupied another five years, and thence returned to this county, where he has since made his home.

Mr Baker was first married in his native county of Ontario, N. Y., to Miss Diantha Ackles, a native of the Empire State, and who died after becoming the mother of one child, a daughter, Emma D., who is now the wife of Christopher Hutchins, a well-to-do farmer of Hudson Township. Mrs. B. came to the West with her husband, passing away at their home in Jackson County in the fall of 1855. The second wife of our subject, to whom he was married in Jackson County, was formerly Miss Ursula Ackles, a sister of the first, and also a native of Ontario County, N. Y. This union resulted in the birth of three children, namely: Alice L., Etta E. and Charles. Alice is the wife of William Vivian, a prominent business man of Burlington, Iowa; Etta and Charles are at home. Mrs. Ursula Baker departed this life in Wayne County, N. Y.

The third wife of our subject, formerly Miss Ella Capron, was a native of this county, and the daughter of Ebenezer and Sarah (Youngs) Capron, of Seneca Township. She was born Nov. 3, 1848, and by her union with our subject became the mother of two children—Musa P, and Edwin A, Her parents were natives of New York and Pennsylvania respectively, and the mother died in Seneca Township. Mr. Capron is still living, and a resident of the latter-named township. Mrs. Ella Baker passed to her eternal rest on the 9th of February, 1888.

OHN HURLBUT, manufacturer of carriages, buggies and other road vehicles, has, since 1857, been identified with the industrial interests of Adrian, at which time he was welcomed to the community as a valuable accession to its members. Like many of the representative men of this section, he came from the Empire State, where his birth took place in Wayne County, March 2, 1832.

The parents of our subject were John and Elizabeth (Post) Hurlbut, the former born in Palmyra, N. Y., in 1799. The latter was a native of Long Island, and after their marriage they settled in Palmyra, where the father followed carpentering and farming jointly for a time, after which he gave his attention principally to his trade until he finally returned to farm pursuits, which he followed until resting from his earthly labors. The parents spent the remainder of their lives in Palmyra, and died after reaching a good old age. They were people who possessed the best elements of which an intelligent community is composed, and the parental household included nine children, of whom six lived to mature years, four sons and two daughters, who married and reared families of their own, and of whom four are now living.

John Hurlbut was the third son and child of his parents, with whom he remained until a youth of seventeen, pursuing his first studies in the district school, and completing them in the Union School at Palmyra, N. Y. Upon leaving home he went to the town of Yates, Orleans County, and entered upon an apprenticeship at carriage-making, at which he served three years. He subsequently, however, took up other employments until 1857, and in September of that year started for the West. Upon

coming to this county the young town of Adman to his requirements, and he at once proceeded to establish himself here. A few days later found him in possession of a small shop, where he began the manufacture of carriages and buggies, and at the same time associated with him his brother Silas, which partnership continued for a period of fifteen years. During this time the firm had built up a large and thriving business, and the brothers, never afraid of work, had put their shoulder to the wheel, hours out of the twenty-four. They found a ready sale for their vehicles, which were put together and finished after the most approved methods. Since the retirement of his brother in 1871, Mr. Hurlbut has carried on the business alone, and is located on the northeast corner of Front and Main streets, the ground of which he purchased in 1860, but which he had occupied two years previously.

Mr. Hurlbut was married in New York, to Miss Cyrene Hubbard, who was also a native of that State, where she was born in Orleans County in 1837. They became the parents of two sons only: Willis X., who was born in December, 1864, and is now the able assistant of his father; and John T., who was born in December, 1872, and is pursuing his studies at Advian. Mr. Hurlbut was a second time married, in 1873, to Mrs. Charlotte (Seileck) Knapp, widow of Hiram Knapp.

Mr. Hurlbut is a man of decided views, and many years ago identified himself with the Republican party, the principles of which he still continues to uphold. He is a member in good standing of the Masonic fraternity, belonging to Adrian Lodge No. 19.

EORGE G. NIEDHAMMER, engineer at the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad shops at Advian, is filling a most responsible position in a highly peaseworthy manner. He was born in the Kingdom of Wurtemberg on the 10th of May, 1810, and is the son of Lewis and Barbara Niedhammer, who emigrated to America in 1828, George G., however, had preceded his parents to the country which held out better inducements than

his own land to the industrious and enterprising youth who cherished the worldly ambition of making for himself a name and a station in life of which his descendants might be proud. The parents joined their son in Harrisburg, Pa., where the father died a few years later. The mother subsequently came to this county by the advice of her son, he having located here previously, and spent her last years in Blissfield, where her death took place about 1848.

Our subject was next to the voungest in a family of six children, and in common with his brothers and sisters received a thorough education at the common schools. He was but sixteen years of age when he set out by himself for the United States, boarding a sailing-vessel at the port of Holland and landing in the city of Baltimore eight weeks later. From there he made his way to Harrisburg, Pa., and served an apprenticeship of three years at the baker's trade. At the expiration of this time he returned to Baltimore, working there as a journeyman until the fall of 1836, when he started for the West. His first work here was on a projected railroad from Palmyra to Kalamazoo, which was subsequently abandoned for a time, and upon its completion became familiarly known as the Jackson Branch of the Michigan Southern Railroad. He remained the employe of the company for a period of twenty years, in the meantime keeping his eyes open to what was going on around him. Besides acquainting himself with the proper construction of the roadbed and the laying of the rails, he also closely watched the machinery which propelled the engine, and in 1855, after some experience in this line, was given the position of stationary engineer in the shops of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad. In this capacity he has served over thirty years, being on the pay roll continuously during that time. His long continued service with one company is sufficient recommendation of his ability and his integrity of character. He probably has no better friends in the world than the members of that great corporation for which he did such faithful service so many years,

Mr. Niedhammer was first married in the city of Baltimore, Md., to Miss Caroline Manheart, who died four years later, leaving two children, Barbara and Caroline, the latter of whom is now deceased. The second wife of our subject, to whom he was married in 1858, in Adrian, was Mrs. Caroline Briggs, and they became the parents of four children—George, Fanny J., Mary A. and Charles W. They occupy a sung home on the corner of Erie and McVicker streets, and besides his residence property Mr. Niedhammer owns five lots elsewhere in the city while he also has a comfortable bank account. He is now seventy-seven years of age, but still hale and hearty, the result of good habits, by which he has kept his mind and conscience free, and bids fair to spend many more years among the people who have known him so long and well, and who value him according to his true worth.

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REDERICK W. SAMSEN, editor and proprietor of the Blissfield Advance, was born in the city of Toledo, Ohio, on the 31st of March, 1855. His father, Henry H. Samsen, was born in Germany, and his grandfather, Lewis Samsen, was also a native of that country, where he grew to manhood, married and lived until 1825, when he brought his family to America and settled near Toledo, where he bought a tract of timber land on the cast side of the Maumee River, twelve miles distant from the court-house. He cleared a farm and lived there a number of years, but spent the last years of his life with Mr. Samsen's father in Toledo, where he died in January, 1877, a number of years after the decease of his wife.

There were born to Lewis Samsen and wife six children, of whom the father of the subject of this sketch was the eldest; John lives in Wood County, Ohio; William died in Toledo; Lewis lives in Toledo; Eliza, now Mrs. Henry Schepler, lives in Toledo; Eliza, now Mrs. Henry Schepler, lives in Toledo; Eliza, now Mrs. Henry Schepler, lives in Toledo; Eliza, now Mrs. Fred Schnitz. Henry II. Samsen was about fourteen years of age when he accompanied his parents to America, where he assisted his father in clearing and managing his farm until he was nineteen years of age, at which time he went to Toledo and began learning the trade of a carpenter and joiner. After doing journeyman work for a few years he became a contractor and builder, in which he engaged in

Toledo until 1881, putting up some of the largest buildings in the city, when he removed to Denver, Col., where he now resides. In the city of Toledo he was married to Elizabeth Balzmier, also born in Germany; they are the parents of seven children, recorded as follows: Henry lives in Denver: Frederick W. is the subject of this sketch; Louisa Bitter also lives in Denver; John, in Pueblo, Col.; Amelia, near Denver, and Lewis and Eddie, with their parents.

Frederick W. Samsen received a common-school education in Toledo, and at the age of fourteen he entered the office of the Toledo Commercial, where he began to learn the art preservative of all arts. He remained in the Commercial office but two months, and then went to the office of the Toledo Blade, where he remained under instruction for over two years. In 1873 he went to Adrian, where he had charge of the Journal, then in March, 1874, he came to Blissfield, and with C. T. Hamblin, started the Blissfield Advance. This firm existed until July, 1880, when Mr. Samsen bought Mr. Hamblin's interest and has conducted the paper alone since that time. The Advance is independent in all things and a strong advocate of whatever is for the best interests of the people, regardless of polities. It is not only established on a firm financial basis, but also in the affections and good-will of the people. Mr. Samsen has displayed much ability in its conduct during the fourteen years of its existence, and has deservedly met with success.

In 1876 Mr. Samsen was married to Sophie Parker, who was born near Bryan, Ohio, Sept. 4, 1855, and they have two children: Lawrence B., who was born Sept. 3, 1878, and Ralph G., July 16, 1880. Mr. Samsen belongs to Blissfield Lodge No. 114, F. & A. M., and Blissfield Chapter No. 104, and is a member in good standing.

EORGE FERGUSON. One of the most beautiful and valuable farms on the eastern line of Lenawee County is located on the bank of the River Raisin about one mile above the town of Deerfield, and remains an almost imperishable monument of the industry of him whose name

stands at the head of this sketch. He was a native of Perthshire, Scotland, and was born Sept. 16, 1786. He departed this life at the homestead which he had built up in Deerfield Township on the 4th of January, 1867.

The subject of this history was the son of John Ferguson, also of Scotch birth and ancestry, who left the "dand of the thistle" in 1788, and emigrating to America located near the embryo town of Jackson. Washington Co., N. Y., during its pioneer days. He purchased a tract of timber land, cleared a farm from the wilderness and there spent the remainder of his life. His son George was little past infancy when he was brought by his parents to the luited States. He was reared to manhood in Washington County, N. Y., and assisted his father on the farm, remaining in the Empire State until after he had been married and had become the father of seven children.

In the early summer of 1833, George Ferguson determined to cast his lot with the pioneers of Michigan Territory. Disposing of his interests in New York State he started for this county accompanied by his family, traveling via the Eric Canal to Buffalo and thence by lake to the present site of Toledo, where there was then but a solitary house, There Mr. Ferguson engaged a man with a team to bring him and his possessions to Lenawce County, and the teamster compelled the children to walk the greater part of the way. Mr. Ferguson with his little family first stopped in Kedzie's Grove, moving into a log house with another family, and while residing there purchased the land which he in due time transformed into the homestead where he spent his last years. Upon this there was also a log house which the family occupied several years, the father in the meantime raising it and putting a

When Mr. Ferguson came to this section of country deer, wolves, bears and wild turkeys were plentiful, together with other game, especially coons, which were very destructive to the corn erop. He lived to see the country around him developed from a wild waste into valuable farms and beautiful homesteads, and contributed in no small degree in encouraging the immigration of an intelligent and thrifty class of people. Accompanying him in his

first journey here were the two daughters, Jane and Naney, who still occupy the old farm, and cherish the memory of their parents with that filial devotion which is their due as those who lived godly lives and set an example to those about them full worthy of imitation. This has been their home for a period of fifty-four years, and very few of the settlers who were here when they came are left to tell the tale of their early struggles and hardships. The farm includes 100 acres which, is nearly all under a state of cultivation and furnished with a good set of frame buildings.

George Ferguson, in early manhood, was united in marriage with a most estimable young lady, Miss Eleanor Gillespie, who was a native of Argyle, Washington Co., N. Y., and the daughter of Cornelius and Mary (Thompson) Gillespie. She did not live to be aged, her death taking place at the homestead in Deerfield Township, March 16, 1842, when she was about sixty years old.

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ON. GEORGE L. CRANE, formerly a member of the Michigan Legislature and for years prominent in the affairs of Lenawee County, came to Michigan Territory with his parents in the summer of 1833. His father, also George Crane, purchased 400 acres of land in Palmyra Township, and afterward took up more land from the Government until he became the owner of 2,500 acres. During the first year he put up a small frame house, the first erected in Palmyra Township, and two years later built the first brick residence in the township, manufacturing the brick on his own farm.

George Crane, 8r., took an active interest in the growth and prosperity of Lenawee County, being a stockholder and director in the first railroad going through it, and was foremost in all the other enterprises calculated to attract a good class of people to this section of country. No man was more warmly interested in the establishment of religious and educational institutions, while he was honest, pure and unselfish in all his dealings, and carried with him the confidence and esteem of all classes of people. Religiously, he lived as he had been reared, in the simple faith of the Society of Friends, and illustrated in his life the reliable traits of his substantial English ancestry. After building up a record upon which his children always reflect with pride, he departed this life at his home in Palmyra. April 17, 1856.

The mother of Hon, George L, Crane was in her girlhood Miss Charity, daughter of Benjamin and Elizabeth Lincoln, and was born in Taunton, Mass., on the 7th of August, 1782. Her mother was Miss Elizabeth White, a direct descendant of Peregrine White, the first white child born in New England. Mrs. Crane became the mother of seven children. and died at her home in Palmyra Township, Sept. 1863. George L., who was born Nov. 20, 1810. was the fourth child and eldest son. He remained under the home roof until twenty-four years of age. receiving a liberal education, and learning surveying of his father, while becoming familiar with farm pursuits. He was twenty-three years of age when he came with the family to this county, and in 1835 started out for himself, locating on a tract of land in Madison Township. Of this he has since been in possession, clearing 200 acres and putting up a good frame house with barns, sheds, etc., and planting an orchard of choice fruit trees.

For twenty years Mr. Crane followed surveying, using his father's compass and outfit, while he invested his surplus capital in real estate, and at one time was the owner of 1,000 acres of land. The greater part of this he subsequently sold, having now about 286 acres. In 1842 he was elected Supervisor of Madison Township, serving three terms, and was several times elected County Surveyor, but never qualified. He filled nearly all the offices in his township, but resigned several, preferring to give his attention to his own extensive business interests. He was one of the pioneer anti-slavery men of the county, always an active defender of the oppressed, and to this day reverts to his work in this direction with a feeling of pride and satisfaction.

On the 1st of October, 1835, the marriage of George L. Crane and Miss Leah Ramsdell was celebrated at the home of the bride in Perrinton, Monroe Co., N. Y. Mrs. Crane is the seventh daughter of Gideon and Hannah Ramsdell, and was born in Perrinton, April 27, 1815. Her father, a native of Cummington, Mass., and of Scotch parentage, was born Jan. 30, 1780, and removed to New York State when twenty years of age; he died at Perrinton in 1860. His wife, the mother of Mrs. Crane, was born in North Adams, Mass., Nov. 11, 1783, and was the daughter of Jeremida and Rachel Smith, of English and Scotch extraction.

The two children of George L. Crane and wife are Lucy R, and Calvin II. The former was born Sept. 24, 1837, and is now the wife of John F. Jones, of Adrian; Calvin II. was horn May 20, 1842, and is numbered among the most prosperous farmers of Madison Township. A biography of him will be found on another page in this Albava.

RUEN E. PEEBLES, a member of the farming community of Madison Township, is also proprietor of the Fairfield Cheese Factory, which forms one of the important industries of that section, and which was established in the spring of 1882. This factory turns out about 150,000 pounds annually, which find a ready sale both in this vicinity and adjacent points east and west. The farm property of Mr. P. is located on section 34, and includes eighty acres of fertile land, which has been brought to a good state of cultivation. The buildings will bear fair comparison with those appertaining to the comfortable homesteads around it, and Mr. Peebles, as a business man and a citizen, is justly held in respect, both on account of his personal worth and his public spirit.

Our subject is a native of this county, having been born in Rome Township, Dec. 16, 1840. He has had a thorough experience in farm pursuits, from his boyhood having been employed largely in plowing, sowing and reaping, to which he always took kindly, having a natural love for rural life and its employments. He remained under the parental roof until reaching his twenty-sixth year, in the meantime, in addition to farming, having learned the carpenter's trade, at which he became very proficient, and displayed more than ordinary talent as a mechanic. Upon leaving home, he repaired to Hillsdale County, where he became interested in the manufacture of cheese, and resided five years. He afterward carried on cheese-making for R. Baker, of Fairfield, with whom he remained until setting up in business for himself.

While a resident of Reading, Hillsdale County. Mr. Peebles was united in marriage, Dec. 3, 1869, with Miss Emma E. Worden, the wedding taking place at the home of the bride in Ogden Township. Mrs. Peebles is the daughter of W. II. and Naomi (Merrill) Worden, who have been residents of Fairfield Township for the last eleven years. She was born in Fulton County, Ohio, March 6, 1851, and is now the mother of three children—Bessie E., Mabel A, and Maude A. Mr. Peebles confines his attention mostly to his farm and factory, having little to do with political matters, but takes an interest in the success of Republican principles, in support of which he casts his vote at the general election. Socially he is a member of the Masonic fraternity, belonging to Fairfield Lodge No. 125.

The parents of our subject, John B. and Lydia (Bidwell) Peebles, were natives respectively of Barry County, N. Y., and Massachusetts, After marriage they settled first in Barry County, and thence removed to Lorain County, Ohio, whence a few years later they migrated to Michigan, locating in Rome Township, this county, about 1834. Here the elder Peebles carried on farming a number of years, after which he became a resident of Ogden Township, where he lived nearly forty years. Late in life he left the old homestead and took up his abode in Adrian Township, where his death took place Oct. 16, 1886, while the mother died a month later, November 15; they were aged respectively eighty-three and eighty-two. The ten children of the parental household were named William, Maria, Louisa, Lepha, Wallace, Bruen E., Rachel, John, Henry and Oscar. Nine of these are living and mostly residents of Michigan.

RVIN J. WHELAN, Jr., one of the very successful farmers and raisers of stock, including good grades of sheep, cattle and swine, has a beautiful house on section 15, on part of his farm of 204 acres on sections 15 and 10.

Most of this large farm, which is part of the old homestead in Franklin Township, secured by the father in the spring of 1832, and located on the following year, is under the plow.

The subject of our sketch was born on the farm where he now lives, Feb. 18, 1840 (for parental history see sketch of John and Freelove Whelan in biography of Edward Wisner), and is the youngest but one now living of a family of five. He received a good practical education, and was united in marriage in Coldwater, Mich., Nov. 11, 1867, with Miss Laura Billington, who was born in Franklin Township, April 11, 1848. Mrs. Whelan is the daughter of Wilson and Julia (Whelan) Billington. natives of New York State, who came to Michigan when young people, and were united in marriage in Franklin Township, this county, where they settled on a farm, which became their home, except an interval of five or six years, for the remainder of their days. The father died May 18, 1874, aged about sixty-eight years. In politics he was a Democrat. Mrs. Billington is now living in Tipton, this township, aged sixty-four years.

Mrs. Whelan of this notice, was reared by her parents, and is the mother of three children—Alton, Alma and Hoyt. Mr. Whelan is independent in polities.

R. J. D. TRIPP. This well-known resident of Franklin Township occupies a snug home on section 34, consisting of a few acres of choice land, a neat and modern dwelling, and the out-buildings required for the shelter of the horses required in his business, and the high-bred animals which furnish the milk for the consumption of the honsehold. The more than ordinarily interesting family history of our subject is essentially as follows:

Dr. Tripp was born on the other side of the Atlantic, in Bristol. England, Nov. 28, 1825, and is the second son of Rev. Henry Tripp, a native of the same city and of pure English ancestry. Henry Tripp when a lad of fourteen years went aboard a man-of-war as a sailor, and during the period of his seven years of sea life, crossed the Atlantic nine-

teen times. His vessel was commanded by Commodore Decatur, with whom he sailed to Tripoli. and after his return from this voyage he refused to make another and thus escaped being blown up with the vessel, which was soon afterward destroyed. Upon resuming the life of a landsman he repaired to his native city, and there married Miss Elizabeth Stoneham, an English lady of good birth, and turned his attention to religious matters. His zeal and piety served to make him a highly valued member of the Baptist Church, and possessing much natural talent as a speaker and writer, he was ordained as a minister, and sent by the church at Bristol to the Island of Jamaica, as a missionary, where he served eight years. This was his initial work in the ministry, and volunteering his services at a time when the church experienced great difficulty in obtaining men courageous enough to deal with the natives, who at that time were closely allied to savages, he labored earefully and conscientionsly.

Mrs Elizabeth Tripp accompanied her husband to Jamaica, and died there of vellow fever. Henry Tripp subsequently returned to England and contracted a second marriage in his native city of Bristol, with a sister of his first wife, and she became the mother of our subject. Mr. Tripp now remained on his native soil until after the birth of three children, and in June, 1831, sailed with his family for the United States. It will be borne in mind that Michigan at that time was a Territory in its undeveloped state, but notwithstanding this, Rev. Henry Tripp upon his arrival in New York City proceeded directly westward and pitched his tent in the unbroken wilds of what was subsequently Cambridge Township, this county. He selected his location near the body of water which is now familiarly known as Sand Lake, taking up a tract of Government land and improving a farm of 160 acres. Mr. Tripp was present at the meeting called to organize Franklin Township, adjoining Cambridge, and he it was who suggested its present name, after Benjamin Franklin, and this name was given in accordance with his request,

The father of our subject subsequently removed from Cambridge to Franklin Township, where he spent his declining years and where his death took

place July 19, 1863, after he had summed up his fourscore years. He did not lay aside his pious zeal upon coming to this new country, but was mainly instrumental in the organization of the Baptist Church of Franklin Township, He cherished strong convictions upon the question of American slavery, to which he was bitterly opposed, and cast the first Abolition vote in Franklin Town-Upon the organization of the Republican party he became one of its most earnest supporters, and kept himself well posted upon State and National affairs until the day of his death, mother of our subject preceded her husband to the silent land a few years, her death taking place Aug. 1, 1859, when she was sixty-five years old. She was a lady possessing all the womanly virtues, and was a most suitable companion and helpmeet for her husband.

Dr. Tripp spent his childhood and youth under the parental roof and was a little lad five years of age when he crossed the Atlantie and came with his parents to this county, where he has since made his home. One of the most important events during his early manhood was his marriage with Miss Lucretia Beebe, which took place at the home of the bride in Franklin Township. Mrs. Tripp was born in New York State, whence she came to Michigan with her parents when a child. Of this union there was horn one child, a daughter, llattie L., who is now the wife of Allen Buck and a resident of Otsego, this State, Mrs. Lucretia Tripp departed this life at her home in Franklin Township, Feb. 15, 1850.

Dr. Tripp soon after his first marriage began studying medicine, to the practice of which he seemed naturally adapted, and soon took up the duties and responsibilities of a physician. The completed his studies in the medical department of the Michigan University, and by a thorough course of reading keeps himself well informed upon the important matters pertaining to his profession. He was married the second time, in Medina Township, Aug. 17, 1841, to Miss Lois Mann, who was born in New York State and in early childhood came to this State with her parents. Doctor and Mrs. Lois Tripp became the parents of seven children, of whom those surviving are, Elbert W. and George

J., married, and Lotta, Willis J., Alma and Nellie, at home with their parents. The Doctor has inherited largely the high morality and sense of justice which characterized in so marked a degree his honored father, and politically is a solid Republican. In his practice he has been faithful and conscientious, and has all the business to which he can conveniently attend. As a critizen he is rated among the leading men of Franklin Township.

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LBERT WHITE for twenty years was engaged in the milling business in this county, but upon relnquishing it on account of illhealth, and after a brief experience with other pursuits, finally settled down upon a farm on section 12, in Madison Township, where he has resided since the winter of 1885. He owns a sung homestead of sixty-six acres with good improvements, and which on all sides displays the hand of thrift and industry.

Our subject is the son of Charles White, one of the earliest pioneers of this county, who came to this section before his marriage. He was a native of Caynga County, N. Y., and born near Caynga Lake, while the mother was the daughter of James and Elizabeth Wheeler, who at an early day had located upon a 200-acre tract of land which now constitutes a part of the site of the city of Adrian.

Charles White and Miss Emeline Wheeler commenced life upon a small farm in Hillsdale County, but finally located near Cutler's Corners, where the death of the father occurred in 1848. The mother is still living, making her home with her daughter at Minneapolis, and has now reached the seventy-fifth year of her age. The six children of the parental household were named respectively: George, Albert, James, Anna, Mortain and William M. Albert, our subject, was the second born, and began life in Hillsdale County, June 14, 1839.

Albert White remained on the home farm principally until sixteen years of age, and then set out for himself by beginning an apprenticeship at the miler's trade. After becoming master of this he was employed by the firm of W. H. Stone & Co., of Adrian, with whom he remained for a period of

fourteen years, a good recommendation to both employer and employe.

The wife of our subject was in her girlhood Miss Ann S. Henion, and they united their lives and fortunes on the 1st of January, 1862. Mrs. White is the daughter of Abraham A, and Polly (Walworth) Henion, natives of Seneca County, N. Y., whence they removed to Wayne County, Mich. They remained there, however, but a comparatively short time, and then returned to the Empire State, but in 1843 they resolved to once more seek the West. and finally settled in Rome Township, this county. The death of the mother took place in the town of Morenci, in 1855. The father surviving spent his last days in Dover Township, where his death occurred in 1864. Their family included eight children, who were named respectively: John Peter, Dudley, Anna S., Julia, Mary J., Millard and Frederick, Mrs. White was born in Palmyra, N. Y., Jan. 22, 1840, and was three years of age when she came to this county with her parents. She remained under the home roof, becoming familiar with all needful household duties and eminently fitted for her future career as a wife and mother. Of her union with our subject there have been born two children-Herbert O. and Emma. Mrs. White has been identified with the Baptist Church since 1853, and our subject, politically, is a Republican of the first water.



SCAR ABBOTT is a citizen of Dover Township, prominent in public affairs, and one who well represents the agricultural interests of this community. He is the son of Ezra and Emily (Tuttle) Abbott, natives of the State of New York, who were among the early pioneers of this township, leaving their home in Oneida County, N. Y., and coming to this State in October, 1835, settling in Dover Township, on section 26. Here they lived many years, actively assisting in the development of the township. In the fall of 1860 they removed to Adrian, but Mr. Abbott did not long survive his change of residence, dying in January, 1861. He was a prominent Mason. His widow is still living. Nine children were born of their

union, the record of whom is as follows: Nancy is the wife of II. D. Foster, of Clayton, this county: Aaron also lives in Clayton: George died in Dover Township in 1870; Ornan is a farmer of Lansing, Mich.; Ezra died in Dover Township, Dec. 20, 1886; Olive, who was the wife of A. J. Fisk, died in the latter-named township in 1859, and Elon died there Jan. 10, 1885; Jerome died in Ingham County, this State, Sept. 13, 1885; Oscar is the subject of this sketch.

Oscar Abbott was born in Oneida County, N. Y., Feb. 2, 1835. He was but eight months old when his parents brought him to this State, consequently nearly the whole of his life has been passed in this township, and he was educated in the common Since attaining manhood he has been principally engaged in agricultural pursuits here, and has been very successful in the management of his fine farm of 240 acres, on sections 23 and 26. His farm ranks as one of the best in the county, and in the fall of 1877 he took the first premium for it, over seven competitors, in the Lenawee County Fair. Mr. Abbott has also paid great attention to the raising of eattle, making a specialty of Short-horns, and has entered for premiums at fairs held in the city of Adrian, and in Morenci, this county. He has kept as many as forty head of cattle, and 185 head of sheep. In 1883 Mr. Abbott erected a fine dwelling-house, which is an ornament to the township,

Mr. Abbott was married in Hudson Township, June 11, 1859, to Miss Catherine Bartholomew, daughter of Abraham and Jane (Hauver) Bartholomew, natives of New York. They came to Lenawee County in 1855, settling in Dover Township, where they have resided most of the time since, Mrs. Abbott is their only child, and was born in Cayuga County, N. Y., Sept. 4, 1843. Of the union of Mr. and Mrs. Abbott there have been born three children—Alice L., George E. and Della; the latter is a teacher.

Mr. and Mrs. Abbott are justly held in high regard in this community. In politics, Mr. Abbott is prominently identified with the Democratic party of the State. He is often called upon to give to the town the benefit of his experience in business matters, by filling some public office. He has ably discharged the duties of Justice of the Peace for seven years; of Highway Commissioner for the same length of time, and Drain Commissioner for one year, besides filling at different times, some of the minor offices within the gift of his fellow-citizens. Mrs. Abbott and daughter Della are members of the Baptist Church at Dover Center, while Miss Alice L is a member of the Methodist Church,

HARLES SHALER. The homestead of this gentleman is pleasantly located on section 26, Macon Township, where he has eighty acres of land under good cultivation and suitable farm buildings. This he purchased and located upon in the spring of 1855, and when the land around him was largely in an uncultivated condition. In addition to general agriculture he is much interested in stock-raising, and has been fairly successful in his undertakings.

The early home of Mr. Shaler was on the other side of the Atlantic, in the Kingdom of Bayaria, where his birth took place July 12, 1835. His parents, Christopher and Barbara (Hostetter) Shaler, were also natives of Bavaria, where they were reared and married and continued until after the birth of four children, Charles, our subject, being the eldest. When he was eleven years of age the family immigrated to the United States, and located first in Brookfield Township, Trumbull Co., Ohio. After farming there a few years, the father determined upon a change of location, and coming to Southern Michigan, took up his abode in the woods of Macon Township, this county. He was of an industrious and persevering disposition, and labored for a few years to surround himself and family with the comforts of life, and rested from his labors on the 8th of November, 1865, when fifty-eight years of age. The mother survived her husband nearly twenty-one years, her death taking place at the home of her son Charles, July 31, 1886, when she had arrived at the advanced age of eightytwo years; in religion they were of the Lutheran faith.

Mr. Shaler received his education in the common schools, and remained under the parental roof until

reaching manhood. He was married in Milan Township, Monroe County, this State, Nov. 12, 1865, to Miss Rosa Hanlon, who was born in the city of Rochester, N. Y., June 8, 1843. Mrs. Shaler came to Michigan with her parents when a small child, and from that time until her marriage lived in Monroe County. Her parents, Peter and Susan (Johnson) Hanlon, are still living, and continue residents of Milan Township. They were born and reared in County Fermanagh, Ireland, whence they the birth of three children; they located first in Rochester, N. Y. Since coming to Michigan the father has been engaged in farming pursuits, and has met with success in his undertakings, making a comfortable living for his family. They were reared in the Catholic faith, to which they still ad-

Mr. and Mrs. Shaher have two children, namely: Minnie F., who was born Aug. 4, 1868, and Chara A., Aug. 5, 1871; both continue at home with their parents. Mr. Shaher east his first Presidential vote for James Buchanan, and still continues a member of the Democratic party. The homestead is pleasantly located, and provided with good buildings, while everything about the premises indicates thrift and enterprise.

OHN F, SCHREDER is the manager of the Edward R, Smith farm, which comprises 450 acres of land on section 16 of Clinton Township, devoted exclusively to the raising of stock. Mr. Schreder has occupied his present position for twelve years, and for the last six years has had full charge of the extensive stock interests of this large farm, filling his position with faithfulness and marked ability.

Our subject was born in Raisin Township, Feb. 15, 1852. When he was five years of age his father came to Clinton Township, and here John F. received his education, remaining in the home of his father until he was twenty-one. After that time he found employment elsewhere for a year, and then returned to the home farm and operated it on shares with his father for two years. He then

established a home for himself, marrying in Tecumseh, Dec. 15, 1875, Miss Jennie M. Stevenson, daughter of William and Lydia (Morton) Stevenson. She was born in County Antrim, Ireland. July 12, 1851. Her parents were born, reared and married in that county, and there ten children were born to them, In April, 1866, they came with all their children but one to the United States, and located in what is now Clinton Township, where the father purchased eighty acres of land. There the parents made their home until death, the father dving in March, 1878, aged nearly seventy-five. and the mother May 28, 1878, aged nearly seventyone. Mrs. Schreder is the youngest but one of the six daughters and four sons born to her worthy parents. She was educated principally in her native land. Six children have been born to her and her husband-Lovica C., Lovina J., Charles F., Lydia M., Maggie M. and Blanche R.

Our subject and his wife are attendants at the Presbyterian Church. Socially, they occupy a high position in the community. In politics, Mr. Schreder is an influential member of the Republican party. His assured success in his line of business makes him an authority in regard to the rearing of stock, and his opinion is often sought by others.

OHN McCLELLAND BURNETT. The father of the subject of this biography looked upon the face of the country in Southern Michigan soon after the first white man had explored it, and after it had commended itself to him as a desirable place to enter upon the cultivation of the soil and to build up the future homestead. It was then the home of the deer and other wild game, and a place from which the savages had not long departed. Robert Burnett, Sr., (for family sketch see biography of Robert Burnett, Jr.) founded a home on the eastern line of Lenawee County, which was subsequently laid off into Deerfield Township, and his farm was located on section 10. Here he began in earnest his life labor, and to this home he brought his bride, who was, in her girlhood, Miss Amelia Pratt. They labored together through difficulties and hardships, and here

their children were born. The youngest of these was John McClelland, of this sketch, who began life on the 4th of September, 1849.

In 1856, when our subject was a little lad of six years, the household met its first heavy affliction, in the death of the father, which took place in February, 1856. The children were kept together at the homestead, and John attended school in winter and made himself useful about the new farm during the season of sowing and reaping. He assisted in clearing the land and tilling the soil, and remained with his widowed mother until she no more needed his filial offices. She passed away at the homestead, Jan. 6, 1872, and is held in affectionate remembrance by her children and friends as one who performed life's duties in a creditable and praiseworthy manner.

The marriage of John Burnett and Miss Addie R. Kilburn took place at the home of the bride in Deerfield Township, April 27, 1872. Mrs. Burnett was born in Bloomfield, Crawford Co., Pa., Jan. 27, 1853. Her father, Elijah Kilburn, was a native of Great Barrington, Berkshire Co., Mass., and born April 4, 1813. His father, also Elijah Kilburn, is supposed to have also been a native of Great Barrington, where he spent his entire life. The father of Mrs. B., when a young man, migrated to Pennsylvania, where he was married and lived in Bloomfield until the spring of 1882, when he removed to Centerville, where his death took place Nov. 6, 1887. He was a farmer all his life, and was a man upright in character and of the highest moral principle. The maiden name of his wife was Vanillia Bates. She was born in Maysville, N. Y., and died May 26, 1854. Mr. and Mrs. Burnett have two children: Nelson, born Nov. 19, 1874, and Marian, Aug. 29, 1881.



ILLIAM DERBY-HIRE, who for many years has been prominent in all good works in Rollin Township and vicinity, being identified with the cause of temperance, besides institutions, educational and religious, owns a good farm on section 9, and is in the enjoyment of all the comforts and many of the huxmries of life. He is a

native of Cortland County, N. Y., and was born Nov. 16, 1821, at the homestend of his father, Daniel Derbyshire. The latter was born in Saratoga County, that State, July 8, 1784, and died at his home in this township, Jan. 4, 1856.

The paternal grandfather of our subject, James Derbyshire, was also a native of the Empire State, and of English ancestry; he was farmer of modest means, and spent his last years in Madison County. He was the son of William Derbyshire, Sr., who married a Miss Knapp, of Westchester County. N. Y., and became the father of four children. Daniel Derbyshire married Miss Fanny Mosher, who was born May 2, 1788, and died in Onondaga County, N. Y., Aug. 9, 1849. Their son William, our subject, when twenty-nine years of age, was married, April 22, 1851, to Miss Rosanna Wood, a native of Madison County, N. Y., where she was born Dec. 20, 1830; she died at her home in Rollin Township, this county, Dec. 19, 1861.

Mr. Derbyshire, on the 10th of September, 1862, was a second time married, to Mrs. Maria (Newitt) Wood, daughter of John and Belinda (Burdick) Newitt, and widow of Charles Wood of this county. She was born in Madison County, N. Y., Dec. 29, 1834, and by her marriage with Charles Wood became the mother of three children: The eldest, Harriet M., was born Sept. 22, 1852, and is now the widow of Crosby Wing, late of this township; Elizabeth was born Feb. 8, 1855, and became the wife of Edwin Tuttle, of Jackson, this State; they have three children. Orilla was born Nov. 25, 1858, and is the wife of Hiram Babcock, of Rollin Township, and the mother of one child. William and Mrs. Maria Derbyshire are the parents of four children, recorded as follows: Daniel Z, was born in Rollin Township, Oct. 28, 1863, and in 1886 was married to Miss Della Lyons; be is engaged in farming, and a resident of Rollin Township; William N. was born Aug. 18, 1867, and when not attending school employs his time sometimes at the farm, and sometimes in town, in a bank or store; Glenn B., who was born Jan. 12, 1874, and Paul, Feb. 11, 1876, continue with their parents.

Mrs. Derbyshire has been quite prominent in charitable work, laboring with the Ladies' Missionary Society, of which she was the first President

after its organization, and with the W. C. T. F., of which she has been President two or three years, Several of the family belong to the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which Mr. Derbyshire has been Class-Leader and Steward for a period of twenty years. He has served as Township Treasurer, besides filling other local offices. He was a delegate to the first temperance convention of Lenawee County, and casts his vote with the Prohibition party. The Derbyshire family was first represented in this country during the Colonial days, and the great-grandfather fought in the Revolutionary War. His son James espoused the Quaker religion, and as this sect were always opposed to war, the later descendant of the Derbyshires excused himself from becoming a soldier from conscientions scruples.



OHN V. GOHEEN, a general farmer and stock-raiser of Clinton Township, is living on the old homestead which was once Government land, and was taken up by his father, John Goheen, in 1831, in the early history of Lenawee County. This farm, of which Mr. Goheen is the joint proprietor with his sister, comprises 160 acres of valuable land on the northwest quarter of section 13, this township. It is under good cultivation, with suitable farm buildings and a very comfortable and convenient dwelling which is finely located.

Mr. Goheen is a native of New York, where he was born in Groveland Township, Livingston County, Oct. 12, 1829, and was the fourth child and second son of the seven children born to John and Elizabeth (Headly) Goheen, for whose history see sketch of E. W. Goheen. Four of those children are yet living: E. W. of the sketch referred to; Deborah, wife of C. W. Culbertson, of Clinton Township; John V. and Miranda.

Our subject was but two years of age when he came with his parents to this county, which was not then far advanced from its original state of nature; in its dense forests, settlements were few and far between; Indians still remained in their old haunts, and wild animals of all kinds were to be seen. As the years of his childhood and manhood have since

been passed here on the land that his father wrested from the land of nature, our subject may be truly said to have "grown up with the country." He was fairly well educated in the pioneer schools of Tecumsch Township, of which this township then formed a part. After he attained his majority, he took charge of the home farm for a time, and after the death of the parents, it became his and his sister's, as before mentioned. He is a practical and sagacious farmer, and manages his various interests with good indement.

Mr. Goheen was married, Oct. 11, 1883, to Miss Esther Murphy, who was born in County Antrim, Ireland, Aug. 31, 1859. She came to the United States in 1880, and has ever since that time lived in Clinton Township. (For parental history see biography of Thomas Murphy.) Mr. and Mrs. Goheen are Presbyterians, and socially they are highly regarded in this community; Mr. Goheen is a solid Republican in politics.

Miss Miranda Goheen, who shares with her brother the old homestead farm, was born March 27, 1835, on this homestead of which she has been a life-long resident. She is a lady of much intelligence and ability, and occupies a prominent place in social circles in her native town.

SAAC F. TURNER. As Lenawee County is so much indebted to the tillers of the soil for its prosperity, we take pleasure in giving a brief sketch of one who well represents the agricultural interests of this community. Isauc Turner was born in 8t. Lawrence County, N. Y., Jan. 27, 1833, and is the son of Reuben N. and Phebe (Foster) Turner, both natives of New York State. They were married and settled in 8t. Lawrence County, later moving to Westchester County in the same State.

Several years after his marriage, Reuben Turner's attention was attracted to the growing agricultural interests of the neighboring State of Michigan, and he resolved to try his fortunes here. Accordingly in the spring of 1848, when our subject was a lad of fifteen years, Mr. Turner removed with his family to Lenawee County, settling first in Seneca Township, and after living in Madison, Medina,

and other townships in this county, finally settling in Adrian. This continued to be the home of the parents until death, the father dying Aug. 18, 1882, and the mother July 18, 1878. Mr. Thruce was fairly presperous in his work, and he and his wife gained the respect and esteem of the people among whom they made their home.

Isaac F. Turner received the educational advantages afforded by the common schools. After he grew to manhood, he continued to make his home with his parents most of the time until his marriage, assisting his father, and profiting by his experience and practical wisdom. He was married, on the 15th of December, 1864, to Miss Sarah Eliza, daughter of Cornelius N. and Pamelia (Oudekirk) Vail, of Madison Township, now deceased, the father dying Nov. 17, 1871, and the mother Nov. 10, 1884. They had six children, as follows: Ellen E., Jennie E., Eliza, John E., James B. and Mary A. Mrs. Turner, their third child, was born in Madison Township, Sept. 26, 1845.

Mr. and Mrs. Turner first 'made their home in Dover Township, but in the spring of 1880 Mr. Turner bought a farm in Madison Township, where they now reside. He bas been very successful in the management of this farm, which consists of eighty acres of fertile, well-tilled soil. He has a comfortable dwelling, pleasantly located, and good farm buildings, with the necessary appliances for farming. Of their union five children have been born, namely: Martha E., Charlotte A., Reuben C., Nellie and Arthur I.

Since moving to this town, Mr. Turner has identified himself with its interests, and his worth as a citizen has been duly acknowledged by his fellowtownsmen, as is shown by his having held many of the town offices. In politics Mr. Turner is Democratic.



EACON WALTER S. SEARS bears the distinction of being the oldest man connected with the passenger department of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad, and is at present located in the city of Adrian. He began his railroad career on the New York & New Haven Railroad, and continued with

it about four months, when in the spring of 1849 he opened rock works on the Hudson River Railroad for Capt. Mason, who superintended the building of the famous bridge across the Harlem River, He was next connected with the Rome & Watertown Railroad, with which he remained until the spring of 1850.

In June of that year Mr. Sears was tendered a position with what is now known as the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad, and has been continuously in the service of the company controlling this line since that time. In December following he was promoted to conductor of the working frain. which position he occupied until May following, when he was appointed freight conductor, to run a train from Toledo to Chicago, Fifteen months later he was given charge of his first passenger train, running from Toledo to Chicago, and thus officiated until the fall of 1860. His next position was as Yardmaster at Toledo, which he held three years and then resumed his former duties as passenger again appointed Yardmaster of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern, which position he still holds,

Mr. Sears, in earlier years, took an active part in polities, and during the campaign of 1848, "stumped" the State of New York with John Van Buren. He is essentially a self-educated man, his schooling being limited to the instruction given by his Sunday-school teacher during the brief period of his boyhood. He made the most of his opportunities, however, and by a thorough course of reading obtained a useful fund of information, and was enabled to give scope to the natural literary ability with which nature endowed him to a generous degree. He has been a regular contributor to the Railway Conductors' Monthly since it was established, and frequently delivered an address before the various railroad associations. He is an honored member of the Railroad Conductors' Association of the United States and Canada, and also of the Passenger Conductors' Association of Philadelphia, which was organized in 1871. In 1874 he identified himself with the Mutual Aid and Benefit Association of the State of Illinois, which has its headquarters at Chicago,

Mr. Scars was born in the town of Rome. Oneida

Co., N. Y., Oct. 19, 1823, and is the son of Richard Sears, a native of Massachusetts, who died when Walter S. was a fittle had six years of age. The mother was left with a family of eight children, five hops and three girls, of whom our subject was the youngest. Walter lived with an elder brother until eleven years old, and then set out to "paddle his own canoe," being from that day entirely dependent upon himself. It proved a good schooling, compelling him to be industrious and self-reliant, and was no doubt the means of his success in life. He is now the owner of a comfortable property, and prepared to pass his declining years surrounded by the good things of life.

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EORGE H. ORAM, proprietor of 103 acres of land on section 33, Adrian Township, is carrying on agriculture successfully, and in company with his cousin Arthur, is engaged in the sale of agricultural implements at Adrian. He is a son of one of the pioneers of Adrian Township, who came here in 1852, when George II, was less than a year old, having been born Sept. 21, 1851, in England. The father of our subject was also an Englishman by birth, and crossed the Atlantic when a young man, soon afterward coming west and locating in this county. The first year of his residence in Adrian he established himself as a market gardener, and after the season had closed returned to the old country for his family, bringing them to this county in 1853.

George Oram, 8r., upon returning to Michigan, secured employment in the shops of the Lake Shore Railroad Company, where he continued eight years, and in the meantime accumulated a little capital. This he invested in what was then known as Hooks Mills, which he operated two years, then sold out and removed to the city of Adrian, where he spent his last years, his death taking place on the 7th of May, 1863, when he was fifty-one years of age, he having been born Feb, 3, 1812.

The father of our subject was married in England, to Miss Mary, daughter of John Parsons, a market gardener of Brighton. She was born Aug. 26, 1816, and crossing the Atlantic with her hus-

band continued in this county after his death until she, too, passed away, at the home of her son George II., on the 12th of October, 1877. The parental household included three children: Elizabeth, Mrs. Wood, who was born Jan. 9, 1840, and died in July, 1875; she left four children, all now living and residents of Adrian Township. Julia Oram was born March 8, 1842, married W. Wickham and died July 3, 1869, leaving one son, Walter II., who is now in Adrian; George II., our subject, was the youngest child.

Mr. Oram continued with his parents until they no longer required his filial offices, and during the later years of their lives had the entire management of the farm. In 1877 he purchased his present homestead, and in June, 1878, was married to Miss Josephine, daughter of Henry F. Daly, who came to Michigan in 1850, from New York State, where he was born in Lockport, Niagara County, and is now fifty-nine years of age. He came to Michigan, then went to Wisconsin, Illinois and Colorado, after which he returned to Michigan and settled in Adrian in 1852. He was married to Miss Marie McCamber, who was born in Rose, Wayne Co., N. Y., April 20, 1834. Of this union there were six children, three now living in Adrian, and three in Detroit-Henry, Josephine, Eva, Edwin, Thad, B. and Linnie. The father of Henry F. Daly, also Henry Daly, was born in Washington County, N. Y., and was Constable and Collector at Lockport, that State, for sixteen years.

Mrs. Oram was born May 24, 1856, and remained with her parents until her marriage. Of this union there were born four children, namely: Libbie, who died in infaney; Mary L., who was born Feb. 17, 1880; Ethel, Jan. 16, 1882, and George Harry, May 19, 1885. Mr. Oram, like his father before him, is thrifty and industrious, and like him is one of the most reliable members of the Republican party.

RRIN R. PIERCE is one of the most sucful business men in Lenawee County, and one of the most extensive shippers of poultry and eggs in Southern Michigan. This business reaches to a greater extent than is realized by the majority of people, his shipments of poultry alone amounting to nearly \$50,000 during the last year. From these figures one can judge somewhat of the important position poultry raising occupies among the industries of this section of the country. Mr. Pierce commenced this business here in 1868 in company with his father, and since the death of the latter has conducted it alone. He is a native of Massachusetts, and was born in the historic town of Cambridge, Sept. 16, 1849. His grandfather, Abner Pierce, owned a farm there, and besides managing that death largely in live stock and hogs. As far as known his entire life was spent in that place,

The parents of our subject, Abner Gorham and

Laura (Priest) Pierce, were natives of Massachusetts, born in Cambridge and Nottingham respectively. The father spent his early life in the place of his nativity, receiving a good education in that town so famed for its educational institutions, After attaining manhood he engaged in farming and gardening, and found a ready sale for his products in the Boston market. In 1850 he removed to Palmyra, Wayne Co., N. Y., and there operated a distillery and dealt in stock. In 1858, being obliged to resign that business on account of failing health, he disposed of his property and moved to Farmington, in the same county, where he purchased a tract of land and engaged in farming. In 1861, on account of sickness in his family, he sold out and returned with them to Cambridge, remaining there six months. He then went back to Palmyra, and remained until 1866, engaged as a dealer in poultry and country produce. The succeeding two years he spent in Chicago, Ill., and then came to Hudson, where in company with his son, our subject, he established the business referred to above. He bought a fine residence on Main street. which he occupied until his death, March 25, 1886, His wife survived him but a short time, her death occurring in the following May. They were the parents of four children-Harriet, Charles, Orrin and Laura. Harriet is the wife of Calvin Rice, of Chicago, Ill: Charles died at Farmington, N. Y., at nineteen years of age; and Laura died in the same place when twelve years old. The father, mother and their two children are now in rest in the Palmyra Cemetery. They were Universalists in belief,

and in politics Mr. Pierce was a Democrat. He was strictly honest in all his dealings, and a careful and very successful business man.

Orrin R. Pierce, the subject of our sketch, was but twelve months old when his parents removed to New York, and his home was with them until his marriage. After that event he rented a house in Hudson for a few years, when he bought the property where he now resides, on Main street, and in 1882 erected his present fine residence. It is a frame structure of a modern style of architecture, replete with all the conforts of life, and in 1887 he erected one of the finest stables in the county, Mr. Pierce was marrie l, in 1875, to Miss Mary Williamson, a native of Palmyra, N. Y., and daughter of Henry and Mary A. (Cottrell) Williamson. To our subject and his wife have been born two bright and interesting children—Laura and Grace. Mrs. Pierce is a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In polities Mr. Pierce is a Democrat. He is a man of good financial ability, excellent, judgment, and has inherited his father's thet for business. Like him he has prospered in all his transactions, being, in fact, almost uniformly successful.



OHN C. ROGERS, a leading and influential agriculturist of Woodstock Township, is the owner of one of the neatest and most pleasantly situated farms in that portion of the county. The most unobservant passer-by cannot help noticing that he takes great interest in the appearance of the place, and the air of neatness which pervades it is commendable.

Mr. Rogers is a native of the State of New York, where he was born in Saratoga County, June 1, 1833, and is the son of James L, and Charrila (Curtis) Rogers. His father was born in the same county in 1790, and while a resident of that State, principally followed the business of a cloth-dresser. In 1845 the latter came to Michigan, and after a short stay in St. Joseph County he came to this county in the same year, and located in Woodstock Township, in the corner of the three counties. He

made that place his residence until 1854 when he sold out, and purchased 265 acres of land where John C, and his brother, James H, now live. On this farm he took up his abode and remained there until the date of his death, which occurred Feb. 7, 1882, when he had reached the remarkable age of ninety-two years. He was a man who retained all his faculties, both mental and physical, in a remarkable degree up to the time of his death. His wife survived hum about five years, dying in March, 1887, at the age of ninety.

John C. Rogers was one of a large family of children, and remained at home under the parental roof until Sept. 22, 1859, when he was united in marriage with Miss Frances Farnsworth. He then erected a residence on a portion of the old homestead, into which he removed, and where he has since continued to live. He has a fine large farm which is under most excellent cultivation, and his residence and other buildings are handsome, neat and comfortable. Though possessing but little means at the time of his start in life, he has acquired by diligence and energy an easy competence, and is ranked among the leading farmers of the township of Woodstock. His wife is the daughter of Charles and Anna (Bush) Farnsworth, and was born in Hillsdale County, Mich., Aug. 13, 1838. Her father was a practicing physician of great ability, who was born in Hawley, Franklin Co., Mass., Feb. 18, 1802, from which State he removed to New York and thence to Ohio. After a short residence in the Buckeye State he concluded to follow the "star of empire" and go West, Coming to Michigan in 1837, he settled in Hillsdale County, where he remained until his demise. Possessing a good elementary education, drawn from the excellent schools of New England, he studied medicine, and entered upon the duties of his profession while still a young man. He was a thorough student to the day of his death, a deep thinker and a reliable physician. After coming to Michigan he accumulated a large quantity of land, but never suspended his practice of medicine. He was among the most prominent men in Hillsdale County, and was peculiarly active in church and temperance work, and frequently when a minister failed to make his appearance, filled the pulpit on the Sabbath quite creditably. Universally respected and loved, he died Oct. 13, 1851, mourned by all who knew him. He was married, Sept. 14, 1828, to Miss Anna Bush, who became the mother of nine children, three of whom are still living.

Mr. and Mrs. Rogers are the parents of three children, recorded as follows: Nettie M. was born July 22, 1862, and married Chester Binns, a salesman in the store of C. A. Smith, of Addison; they are the parents of two children, Bertha and Carl. Florence E, was born Aug. 28, 1864, and is the wife of Albert Lombard; an only son, John Arthur, who was born July 4, 1873, was taken from his parents by death, Aug. 5, 1884. He was a bright boy, intelligent, quick-witted, and of a kind and loving disposition, and during the short time he was spared to his parents by our Heavenly Father, he gave rare promise of a noble manhood. His presence is sadly missed around the domestic fireside of the family home, and the vacant chair recalls in the minds of his parents fond and dear memories of their departed boy,

Mr. Rogers, politically, is a Democrat, and has held several local offices in the township and school district. Although a warm advocate of the temperance cause, he cannot see his way plain to vote with the Prohibition party. Being imbued with the principles of the old Jeffersonian democracy, his fidelity to party is stanch and unyielding. In everything that is for the good of the community, whether in civil, religious or social circles, he and his estimable wife are found among the foremost workers. Mrs. Rogers is a member of the Congregational Church, at Somerset, Hillsdale County,



ORACE W. COMSTOCK. The family of which this well-known resident of Raisin Township is a worthy member, was first of the following property of the following the first prepresented in Lenawee County by his father, Warner M. Comstock, a native of Ontario County, N. Y., where he was born Sept. 8, 1802. He was the son of John Comstock, who was born in Massachusetts in 1774, and the latter was the son of Nathan Comstock, who settled in Farmington, Ontario Co., N. Y., in 1788. John Comstock was well

educated, and perfected himself in the study of law which he practiced in Ontario County several years. He came to this county in 1830, and took up a quarter section of land in Palmyra Township. Subsequently he sold this farm and purchased a small place in Raisin Township near the "Valley," where his death took place in June, 1851.

John Comstock was the very first settler of Lockport, N. Y., taking up, in company with his brother Zeno, the land upon which nearly all of that city now stands. His brother Darins also came to this county in the pioneer days. In 1801 John Comstock was married to Miss Rowena Bradish, who was born in Cummington, Mass., Sept. 30, 1786, and coming to this county with her husband, died in Raisin Township Feb. 8, 1870. Their son, Warner M., lived with his father until he was nineteen years old, and completed a good education in a Quaker school in Ontario County, N. Y. He was subsequently assistant engineer over a section of the Erie Canal, where he was employed until the water was let in as far as Lockport. Afterward he engaged for a time in the grocery business at the locks, furnishing supplies to the boats. Upon coming to Michigan, in the spring of 1835, he brought with him a stock of goods and carried on a store at the village of Palmyra until removing the following year to Adrian. He engaged in general merchandising at Adrian several years, and was appointed the first station agent at that point for the Michigan Southern Railroad, which ran to Monroe. He was also Deputy Postmaster, and subsequently appointed Postmaster by Millard Fillmore, serving four years. In 1852 he purchased a farm in Raisin Township, where our subject now resides.

The marriage of Warner M. Comstock and Miss-Mary M. Perry was celebrated in Ontario County, N. Y., Jan. 7, 1825. Mrs. Constock was the daughter of Capt. William and Miriam (Barnard) Perry, of Holley, Orleans Co., that State, and became the mother of six children, one son and five daughters, of whom Horace W., of our sketch, was the eldest, and was born in Lockport, N. Y., Dec. 19, 1825. Marian B., the eldest daughter, was born Sept. 28, 1829, and became the wife of Hon. Jerome B. Chaffee, of Colorado, and died at Adrian Nov. 11, 1837; Ellen R. was born Dec. 26, 1832, and is the

wife of Jonathan F. Seymour, of Adrian; Almira 8, was born Jan, 1, 1835, and married Alfred II, Wood, of Adrian. Two daughters died in infancy. Mrs. Mary M. Comstock was born in Canada, July 28, 1805, and died at Adrian Jan, 14, 1876, having lived with her husband over half a century. He subsequently married, June 3, 1877, Miss Louisa Sheldon, of Adrian, and died at this place in 1887.

Horace W. Comstock accompanied his parents from his native town of Lockport, N. Y., to this county, where his early years were passed in an uneventful manner in attendance at the district school and assisting his father around the homestead. Upon reaching his majority, he became clerk for the Superintendent of the old State Road, now the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern. He was in the employ of this company three years, when he became connected with the St. Louis & Indianapolis Railroad as private secretary for the Superintendent, and was also purchasing agent. Fifteen years of his life were thus employed, during which time he seeured the marked approval of his superior officers and the good-will of all those with whom he was connected. Later he took a position with the Gould system as private secretary of Mr. H. M. Hoxie, now deceased, and who was for some years third Vice President of the Wabash Railroad, and general manager of the Gould southwest system. After the death of his father he returned to the old homestead, and has since given his time and attention to the management of its affairs. He carries on general farming, and gives particular attention to sheep-raising, in which he has been very successful. He possesses the energy and good judgment characteristic of his ancestors, and is a worthy representative of one of the best families in the State.

The wife of our subject, formerly Miss Fanny Comstock, to whom he was married Oct, 19, 1864, was born in Raisin Township, Dec. 28, 1842. She remained under the parental roof until her marriage, receiving a good education, and is now one of the most prominent and estimable ladies of Raisin Township. Her father, Jared Constock, was one of the early settlers of Lenawee County, a man of much force of character and great industry, and one who was intimately associated with the growth and development of Raisin Township. The family in

religious matters belonged to the Society of Friends, of which Mrs. Comstock continues a devoted member. She is a very intelligent and well-informed lady, and much of the time while her husband was traveling upon railroad business, journeyed with him and made the most of her opportunities for gathering useful information. Mr. Comstock, socially, belongs to Blue Lodge No. 19 in Adrian. A. F. & A. M., and politically, is a solid Republican.

Jarrel Constock, the father of Mrs. C., was married in early manhood to Miss Catherine Hall, a native of Connecticut and of New England parentage. She was reared in the doctrines of the Episcopal Church, but subsequently identified herself with the Quakers, in whose faith she died at the advanced age of eighty-four years. She also was a lady of fine mental capacities, which have descended in a generous measure to her daughter Fanny.

ERSHOM B. BENNETT, the subject of this sketch, is a brother of J. R. Bennett, a sketch of whom appears clasewhere in this work. He was born Jan. 2, 1823, in Shelby, Orleans Co., N. Y., and lived at home engaged in farming until he was twenty-four years of age, when he took possession of a farm given him by his father, upon which he lived three years. He then bought a property in Rollin Township, which he held about thirty years, then sold out in 1880, and removed to Adrian, where he lived one year, Accustomed, however, for so many years to compare sense and surroundings, city life was not to his taste and he again sought the country, removing to his present homestead, where he is now leading a retired life.

On the 23d of October, 1845, our subject was united in marriage with Miss Maria Rawson, who was born Aug. 26, 1822, and was the daughter of Theodore Rawson, of Massachusetts, a farmer by occupation. He emigrated to the West, and the rest of his life was spent in this State, where he died at the home of our subject at the ripe age of eighty-four years. The maiden name of his wife

was Elizabeth Bussey, to whom he was narried Feb. 2, 1813, and who also died in Michigan. She came of a family of hardy pioneers, early settlers of Massachusetts and New York, and farmers by occupation. All her people were long-lived, many of them attaining to more than threescore years and ten; the mother of our subject's wife was seventy-two years old at the time of her death. Silas Rawson, grandfather of Mrs. Bennett, was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. The family are descendants in a direct line from Edward Rawson, one of the old Puritans, whose history is recorded among the events of those times.

Our subject has four children, of whom the record is as follows: Elbert R. was born March 21. 1848, and is a minister of the Gospel in charge of the Baptist Church of Grand Rapids, Mich; he married Gertrude Mills, and they have three children, two girls and one boy. He is a finely educated man, being a graduate of Kalamazoo College, and of Rochester Seminary, and has been a succeesful minister for fifteen years. Emma M. was born Jan, 19, 1852, and married Stephen D. Whitmore who died March 6, 1881, leaving two children, Edson G. born Aug. 3, 1873, and Lulu, Dec. 24, 1877; he was pastor of the Baptist Church; his widow and children are at present at home with her father. George L. was born Dec. 22, 1859, married Miss Stella D. Mason, and is a lawyer, Circuit Court Commissioner and Assistant Prosecuting Attorney at Adrian; he is a graduate of Ann Arbor University. Edson J. was born June 11, 1861, and died Sept. 19, 1865,

From early youth our subject has always taken a very active part in politics. He served four years as United States Revenue Assessor, from 1862 to 1866, and his inherent aptitude for polities is evidenced by the fact that when nineteen years old he made out a ticket, in connection with another boy one year older than himself, which was elected by a large majority. On local issues he is a Republican. He is a liberal-minded, public-spirited man, who has always occupied a prominent position in the community where he lives, and has been actively interested in every movement for the good of the people and the general improvement of society. The family occupy a very high social position in

the community, and have a large circle of admiring friends. The town and township of Rollin were named by Deacon Matthew Bennett, the father of our subject of the Rev.David Rollin, in honor, who was his intimate and esteemed friend.



culturist and stock-raiser of Rollin Township, and a man of unbounded influence in his community. His father, Albern Raymond, was born in Steuben County, N. Y., where he carried on the trade of a carpenter and joiner, combined with farming. In the spring of 1837 he came to Michigan and took up eighty acres of Government land. Like all pioneers of that early day, he had to clear a space in the forest to make room on which to erect a log cabin for himself and family. He remained here until his death, which occurred while he was yet in the prime of life, his years numbering only forty-two. His widow is now living in this township with her fourth husband, Newman Perkins; her third husband was Hon. Henry Jewell, of Clayton, and her second husband was James Learnard.

S. H. Raymond, of this sketch, was born on the old homestead, which he now occupies, Aug. 31, 1840, and was one of a family of four children. His early life was passed on the homestead, where he was carefully trained in principles of truth, honesty and perseverance. Reared in a home where these principles were put into practice in daily life, they are as much a part of Mr. Raymond's character as are his birthrights of physical and intellectual force. The year succeeding his father's death, our subject worked by the month in Franklin Township, and there, on the 8th of March, 1861, he married Miss Martha A. Pawson, who was born in Lenawee County, April 21, 1842. Subsequently, he bought out his father's heirs, and afterward purchased more land as his means justified, until he had acquired his present farm of 210 acres, the tillable part being adapted to the raising of all cereals. By energy and perseverance, he has improved the land, and his farm is now one of the most beautiful spots in the township, and shows on every hand the taste and thrift of its proprietor. Within a few years he has erected a very handsome house and commodions barns, that are unsurpassed in this county for utility and convenience. He deals in a fine grade of stock, and his horses, cows, sheep and hogs, elicit the admiration of all stock-raisers.

The wife of our subject is of English descent, and her parents came to Michigan at an early day, passing the greater part of their remaining years in Franklin Township, where they died, both well advanced in years. Her father was twice married; by his first marriage he had six children, including Mrs. Raymond, and of his second marriage there were seven children. The union of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond has been blessed by the birth of three ehildren-Ida S., Lottie M. and Albern H. The eldest was born April 11, 1862, and died September 1 of that year; Lottie was born Feb. 3, 1861, and Dec. 5, 1883, married Stephen W. Page; they are now living on the farm of our subject, which they manage on shares. Albern, whose birth occurred Nov. 25, 1865, is at home; he finished his studies in the graded school at Addison.

Politically, Mr. Raymond is a Republican with strong temperance ideas, and once voted the Prohibition ticket. He has held the position of Highway Commissioner, to which office he was elected in 1876, serving three terms, and in 1879 was elected Township Clerk, and served until 1882. For five years he was Supervisor of the township, and during the year 1886 was Chairman of the board; he has been Notary Public since receiving his appointment Jan. 15, 1883, and for more than twenty years has been connected with the schools in an official capacity. He has ever performed the duties of the offices entrusted to him with credit and fidelity, and in nowise tarnished the record of the Raymond family. Every scheme for benefiting the public he has assisted, and was largely instrumental in getting a new railway through the township, while he also aided in getting the M. & O. R. R. through here.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond are devout and consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, following religiously in the footsteps of their immediate ancestry, all of whom worked hard for that denomination, with the exception of Mr. R.'s father, who was a Quaker. They are loved, honored and respected by the whole community, who take a worthy pride in having such excellent people in their midst.

ARTIN KEUSCII is a general farmer and stock-raiser, and a representative eitizen of Clinton Township, where he owns a valuable farm of 160 acres, finely situated on section 9, the most of it under the plow and yielding abundant harvests. The farm is well supplied with ample buildings, and has every appliance for carrying on agriculture successfully.

Mr. Keusch is a native of Germany, where he was born Feb. 18, 1855. His father, Martin Keusch, was born of German parentage in the Province of Alsace, now of Germany, but he spoke both German and French with equal facility. He grew to manhood in his native country, and there married Magdalena Christ, likewise a native of Alsace. own way in the world than in his native land; accordingly after the birth of two children, he brought his family to America, and located in Detroit, Mich. He afterward removed with his family to Freedom. in Washtenaw County, and located on a farm where he lived for many years. In the latter part of their lives, the parents came to Clinton Township to live with their son Martin, and in his home the mother died in 1869 at the age of seventy-two years. The father afterward went to Chelsea, Washtenaw County, and there died in 1873 at the good old age of seventy-seven years. He had been a good citizen, and well deserved the respect in which he was held by all. Our subject lived in the home of his parents until he attained his majority, and was carefully trained by them in ways of usefulness and honesty, while he was educated in Freedom Township.

Mr. Keusch's marriage with Miss Bridget Morrisroe took place in Clinton, Feb. 15, 1858. She was born in Ireland, and came to America with her parents when a child, where the family lived for some time in Canada. Thence they went to New York, and later came to Palmyra Township, whence in 1861 they removed to Clinton Township, where the father died in the same year. The mother now lives in the village of Clinton, and is seventy-one years old.

After marriage Mr. Keusch and his wife lived for some time at Adrian, and also Freedom, and in 1866 they removed to their present place of residence, where Mr. Keusch has since been very successful in conducting the various branches of agriculture to which he has turned his attention, and has accumulated considerable property. To Mr. and Mrs. Keusch have been born four children: Emeline; John, who is Township Treasurer; Mary Ann and Philip M. Mary is deceased; the others are living at home, and are intelligent and well educated. Mr. and Mrs. Keusch and their children are communicants in the Catholic Church.

Mr. Keusch has ably discharged the duties of the various town offices to which he has been elected by his fellow-townsmen, and in politics he is prominently identified with the Democratic party. He and his family occupy a high position in the social life of the community.



HARLES PERRY. This gentleman is the owner of one of the most beautiful homes in Medina Township, comprising an elegant residence, a neat and substantial barn, with earriage-house and other out-buildings, ample grounds, well kept, and all the other embellishments of the complete country estate. He has now but forty acres of land, having with true fatherly generosity given to each of his three sons a good farm of eighty acres. This amount was given him by his own father upon reaching his majority, and he was fortunately endowed with the excellent judgment and the industry which enabled him to take good care of his property and increase it, both in extent and value. Our subject, like a large majority of the citizens of Medina Township, is a native of the Empire State, and was born near the town of Lysander, Onondaga County, April 25, 1822, His parents, Abel and Lucina (Ainsworth) Perry, were natives respectively of New York and Vermont. The mother had removed with her father's family to the former State, and after her marriage with Abel Perry, continued in Onondaga County for a period of twenty-two years; here also the mother died in April, 1838.

Abel Perry, after the death of his wife, came with his family to Medina Township, this county, where he purchased a quarter-section of land, which is now occupied by his sons. Abel and Alonzo. He departed this life at the homestead in Medina Township, in 1849. The parental family included ten children, one of whom, George W., was born in Steuben County, N. Y. The others, Amos, Sally, Maria, Charles, Mary Ann, Ira, Henry, Abel, Alonzo and Jonas, were born in Onondaga County, Jonas died in infancy; George died in March, 1886, and Amos in March, 1887.

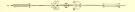
Charles Perry attended school while in his native county, being a youth of seventeen years when he came to Michigan. Subsequently he attended a private school in Adrian, and being naturally fond of reading, has become a highly intelligent man. Upon leaving school he settled contentedly down with his father upon the farm, and remained there until reaching his majority, when he took possession of the eighty acres given him by his father, and commenced clearing the land and cultivating the soil, being successful from the start. After a few years he purchased another tract of forty acres which was partially cleared, and subsequently bought eighty acres near the town of Wright, in Hillsdale County. This, followed by another purchase in the same locality, completed the sum of his real estate, which finally included 288 acres.

Mr. Perry was married, May 19, 1844, at the residence of the bride's parents, in Gorham Township, Lucas (now Fulton) Co., Ohic, to Miss Phila, daughter of Hiram and Margaret (Skinner) Farwell, Mr. Farwell was a native of Wheatland Township, Monroe Co., N. Y., and his wife, Margaret, was born in Canada, on the farm upon which the battle of Lundy's Lane was fought, in the War of 1812, and which was owned by Ebenezer Skinner, the maternal grandfather of Mrs. Perry. Mr. and Mrs. Farwell, after their marriage, in Monroe

County, N. Y., continued to reside near the town of Wheathand about ten years, and then removed to Fulton County. Ohio, settling in Gordam Township, where Mr. F. put up the first house. He was a carpenter by trade, but in common with the pioneers now begun farming, having taken up a tract of 320 acres from the Government. He also worked at his frade until his land began to yield sufficient returns. Mr. and Mrs. Farwell were the parents of eleven children, namely: Phila, Edwin, Dolly A., Elizabeth, David, Jane, Amanda and her twin sister, who died in infancy. Ellen, Scott, and a twin brother who died in infancy.

To Mr. and Mrs. Perry there were born six children, namely: Hiram, Esther, Charles Mortimer, Abel L., Henry L. and David; the last two twins, David died when fitteen months old; Hiram and Esther died upon the same day, with endora infantum, at the ages of five and three years respectively; Charles M. married Miss Rose Palmer, and is carrying on farming in Wright Township, Hillsdale County; they have two children—Inez and Ray, Abel L., also a resident of Wright Township, married Miss Ida Garland, and they have two children—Clarence and Lee; Henry married Miss Etta Blanchard, and resides at the homestead.

Mr. Perry, politically, is a decided Republican, and has served as Justice of the Peace for eight years. He has been Highway Commissioner and Town Treasurer, and served upon the petit jury a number of times.



RANKLIN F. PALMER, senior partner of the firm of Palmer & Son, dealers in hardware, Hudson, Mich., has a reputation throughout the country as a reliable and successful business man. The firm carries a good stock, and is well patronized not only here, but by people from other towns. Mr. Palmer was born in Walworth, Wayne Co., N. Y., April 1, 1830, and his father, Fenner Palmer, was born in Granville, Washington Co., N. Y., Dec. 5, 1799. In 1824 he took up his residence in Wayne County, and there married Julia Ann Godard, a native of Vermont.

The parents of our subject remained residents of

Wayne County until 1832, when they decided to remove to Michigan with their family, that they might take advantage of the cheap land which could be purchased from the Government at a merely nominal price in the newly and sparsely settled regions of Lenawee County. The first part of their journey was made on the waters of Eric Canal to Buffalo, and thence on Lake Eric to Detroit. At the latter place Mr. Palmer hired an ox-team to convey his family and their possessions to Lenawee County, whither his brother John had preceded him the year before; and in his log cabin with his family, Mr. Palmer and his family made their home until he could construct a similar habitation on his own land, which his brother had selected for him in Ridgeway Township, and had entered for him from the Government. This land, on which Britton Station now stands, was two miles from the home of any other human being, and in order to get to it he had to follow a trail marked by blazed trees. When he built his cabin other pioneers came from six or eight miles away to help him in its erection. Such was the spirit of mutual helpfulness that actnated the daily lives of the noble pioneers of this country. The cabin had a slab floor, a shake roof, and a door fashioned from the boxes in which the household goods had been brought. It was roughly constructed, as Mr. Palmer could afford neither time nor means to finish it very elaborately, and the children lying in bed at night, could gaze through the wide cracks, and watch the stars in their courses.

Fenner Palmer cleared sixty acres of his land and tilled it with much profit for fourteen years, then sold it at a good price and removed to Rausom, Hillsdale County, where he bought 200 acres of timbered land. He was then in ill health, and his sons attended to the removal of the timber and to the cultivation of the soil, and when Mr. Palmer finally disposed of it in 1866, it was a fine large farm and well cultivated. He then removed to Lenawee County and bought a farm in Macon Township, on which he resided five or six years, then selling it he came to Hudson and lived in retirement, having accumulated a competency. There, surrounded by all the comforts which had been procured by his own judicious management and hard

labor, and in the enjoyment of the respect and trust of his neighbors, he passed away from the scenes of earth July 10, 1886. He was prominently identified with the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he had been a member for fifty-four years. He always took an interest in politics, and became a member of the Republican party on its organization, having been a Whig prior to that. His wife, a most estimable lady, retains her home in Hudson, although she spends most of her time with her children. To them were born eight children, six sons and two daughters, namely: Franklin F., Sevilla E., Charles G., Mary C., John B., George Rodney, Oliver II. and Benjamin D. Sevilla married John Henry, and lives on the home farm in Macon; Charles owns the homestead in Ransom, Hillsdale County; Mary married E. W. Rose, and lives at Grand Crossing, Ill.; John lives in Hudson; George Rodney died in Manchester, Mich.: Oliver lives in Petersburg, Monroe Co., Mich., and Benjamin lives in St. John, Mich.

Franklin F. Palmer, of this sketch, was but two years old when the family came to Michigan, and as he grew up witnessed the development and growth of the county from the forest primeval, where for years wild deer and other game roamed at will, to its present highly civilized condition. Here he grew strong and vigorous, nurtured by wholesome fare and the healthful outdoor exercise necessitated by work on the farm, and the pleasures of hunting deer, wild turkeys and other game, which he enjoyed in common with other boys of his day, as he became a hunter as soon as he was large enough to shoulder a gun. He was of great assistance to his father in clearing his land and farming, and he remained thus engaged until his marriage, in July, 1851, in his twenty-first year, with Miss Mary J. Hannibal, a native of Oswego County, N. Y.

This important step in his life made it necessary to establish a home, and accordingly our subject contracted to clear ten acres of land, receiving as pay forty acres heavily timbered. He built a log house on his own kand, and in that humble dwelling he and his young bride bravely began life together, mutually assisting and encouraging each other in their work. Mr. Palmer immediately set to work with great energy and ambition to clear his land, but his unremitting toil was too much for

him; his health gave out, and for three years he was sick and unable to do anything. After he recovered from that long illness he went to Ransom Center, and opened a grocery store with a stock valued at \$300, having bought the goods on time, and again commenced the up-hill work of gaining a competency. He continued there in that business until 1865, when he removed with his family to Hudson, and established himself in the dry-goods trade. Later he exchanged his stock of goods and store for a farm of 220 acres in Jackson County. He did not settle on that farm, however, but soon exchanged it for a stock of hardware, and a house and lot in Hudson, and since then, in company with his son Durvin D., an intelligent and enterprising business man, he has built up a large and increasing trade.

To Mr. and Mrs. Palmer have been born three children—Durvin D., Maud Alzina and Eva D. Durvin D. married Miss Martha Nichols; Maud is the wife of James Colville, and lives in Rockford. HL. while Eva is at home with her parents. Mr. Palmer is a member of Lodge No. 18, R. A. M., Hillsdale, Mich. He and his family are agreeable, pleasant people, and occupy a high place in social circles in this community.

URTON KENT, ex-Surveyor of Lenawee County, and Deputy Surveyor of the city of Adrian, was born in the State of New Hampshire, in the town of Londonderry, July 24, His father, Hon. Richard Kent, was born in Newburyport, Mass., Oct. 30, 1786, and was the son of Mariner and Sarah Kent, of Newburyport. Mariner Kent was the son of Richard Kent, Jr., and grandson of Richard Kent, Sr., of England, He was born Aug. 14, 1757, and moved to Londonderry, N. H., in 1798, where he died Dec. 7, 1842; his wife, Sarah Kent, died the same year. Richard Kent, Jr., was born in 1710, married Miss Hannah Norton, of Boston, in 1734, and died at Newburyport, in 1794; his wife, Mrs. Hannah Kent, died in 1790.

Burton Kent's father, Richard Kent, was brought up a farmer, but received a good education, being a graduate of the Londonderry Academy. He taught school for several years, and at intervals practiced surveying. He was the owner of a farm about two miles east of the village of Londonderry, and it was there that he reared his family. About the year 1809 he married Miss Lois, daughter of David and Nancy Ela, of Londonderry, who was horn in that place, April 1, 1788, and died in Adrian, Mich., Feb. 5, 1876. Her father was a native of the same place, and her mother was the daughter of Deacon Samuel Fisher, who came to this country in 1740, in the nineteenth year of his age.

Richard Kent and family moved from New Hampshire to Lenawee County, Mich., in 1835, locating two miles west of Adrian, where he engaged in farming, and also undertook the surveying required in his neighborhood and various parts of Lenawee County. He remained on this farm until his death, which occurred in August, 1867. At the time of the removal of our subject's parents to Michigan, there were six children, all of whom accompanied them except one son, who stopped in Cincinnati, Of these children, Burton Kent was the second son, and was twenty years of age when he came to Michigan. He was educated principally in his native State, first in the common schools and afterward at Pinkerton Academy, one of the best endowed institutions in that part of the country. After completing his term at this academy, he engaged in teaching, and after his arrival in Lenawee County, he taught several terms at Hndson and other places. He acquired a knowledge of engineering and surveying under the instructions of his father, who was considered one of the best engineers in the county, and performed service in that line during the twenty years of his residence in Lenawee County. Our subject served as County Surveyor for a period of thirty years, and no line of his establishment has ever been set aside or relocated, Mr. Kent carried on farming until he was about forty-tive years of age, when he retired from that occupation, although he owned one of the finest farms in the county, consisting of ninety-two acres, on which are good buildings.

On the 4th of December, 1844, Mr. Kent was married to Miss Caroline A., daughter of Thomas B. and Ruth B. Palmer, natives of Masonville, Delaware Co., N. Y. This marriage has resulted in the birth of two children—Augustus P. and Eleanor E. Augustus P. was born May 19, 1847, and is the editor and proprietor of the Daily and Weekly Review, of Elkhart, Ind.; he is a graduate of Hamilton College, N. Y. Eleanor E. was born in Adrian, Nov. 9, 1852, and is the wife of Augustus E. Curtis, the Principal of the city High School, of Adrian, who formerly held for eight years the sune position in the High School of Saginaw City. Our subject was a Democrat until 1860, at which time he joined the Republican party, and has since been affiliated with it.



AN R. MILLER. This cheerful and companionable old gentleman, for a period of forty-four years a resident of Raisin Township, is one of the earliest pioneers of Lenawee County. Though his form is bent and his hands rugged from his struggles with the soil of the uncultivated region to which he came in the morning of his manhood, neither age nor labor has soured the bright and courageous spirit which made its advent into this section of country when such an element was most needed. Mr. Miller has had an experience which, if fully illustrated, would fill a volume; and both young and old can always derive pleasure and profit by spending an hour at his fireside and listening to his tales of early life in Southern Michigan.

Our subject was born in Plattsburg, N. Y., Aug. 29, 1819, and is of Irish extraction, his ancestors having come from the North of Ireland in 1719, with a colony of over 100 families, mostly Presbyterians, and settling in Londonderry, N. H. They introduced the foot spinning-wheel, the manufacture of linen and the culture of potatoes. His father, John Miller, was born in Londonderry, in 1783, and lived in the Old Granite State until the breaking out of the War of 1812, when he enlisted as a soldier, and served as Orderly Sergeant until its close. He had, however, been doing military duty since 1808, and was once seriously wounded by a bnekshot. After the war he settled in Plattsburg.

N. Y., and followed his trade of stone-cutter on the locks of the Eric Canal. After a brief residence in the city of Albany he came to Michigan and settled on section 36, in Raisin Township, building up a comfortable home, where his death took place on the 7th of April, 1857, when he was seventyfive years of age.

The mother of our subject, who in her girlhood days was Miss Matilda Hilliard, became the wife of John Miller in 1818. She was the daughter of Miner and Abigail Hilliard, of Danby, Rutland Co., Vt., the former a soldier of the Revolutionary War. He received a Captain's commission and married Miss Ruth Hill, a cousin of the celebrated Ethan Allen. Capt. Hilliard after the war returned to his native State of Vermont and there spent the balance of his days. His daughter Matilda was born in Danby, in 1795, and coming to this county with her husband, John Miller, survived him twenty-one years, her death taking place on the 24th of Angost, 1878.

Van R. Miller was thrown upon his own resources when a boy of eleven years, and began to earn his bread by the sweat of his brow. He engaged at farm work, and has followed that vocation now for a period of over fifty years. When a youth of nineteen he left his native town and went over into the Province of Ontario, Canada, locating near Norwich, in Oxford County, and not long afterward made the acquaintance of Miss Phebe West, to whom he was married on the 28th of November' 1842. In the spring of 1844 he purchased an oxteam, and gathering together his family and personal effects, wended his way around by London down to Port Sarnia, and thence over the old State road to Ann Arbor, this State, landing in Raisin Township, this county, ten days later. Here he traded his wagon and oxen for forty acres of timber land, giving \$50 " to boot," and at once began the erection of a log cabin of which the family took possession, and then commenced the task of cutting the heavy timber around him. This in the wet season was nearly under water, and many a man would have been dismayed at the task before him. Mr. Miller, however, "had come to stay," and he determined to conquer or give up his life in the attempt. A few years of this arduous toil brought

its results, and in due time he had quite a respectable little farm in a good state of cultivation.

Mr. Miller accomplished a vast amount of work in the course of a few years, and besides the labors around his cabin home, assisted in building most of the bridges of the township, and contributed to the expense of ditching and improving the roads. He served as Highway Commissioner of Raisin Township for fifteen consecutive years, and being a man in whom the community had perfect confidence, was called to various other positions of trust and responsibility.

The wife of our subject was the daughter of Benjamin West, of Norwich. Canada, and was born there on the 7th of March, 1824. Her father was born in Dutchess County, N. Y., Nov. 14, 1782, and died in Raisin Township, this county, in November, 1858. Her mother was a native of Elba, Greene Co., N. Y., and was born Sept. 27, 1789; she also spent her last years in Raisin Township, her death taking place in February, 1849, Mrs. Phebe Miller was a most excellent and amiable lady, greatly beloved by her husband and friends, from whom she was removed by death, Sept. 7. 1886, when sixty-two and one-half years old. Of her union with our subject there were born five children, namely: John H., Charles W., Emily M., Hiram L. and Mary A.

John 11. Miller, the eldest son of our subject, during the late war served as a soldier in Company B, 18th Michigan Infantry, and died of smallpox in Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 15, 1863, when a little over twenty years of age; Emily is the wife of L. V. Judson, a well-to-do farmer of Raisin Township; Hiram L., also a soldier, and in the 11th Michigan Cavalry, died of measles at Lexington, Ky., Feb. 25, 1864, lacking two days of being sixteen years of age; Mary A. is at home. Charles W. Miller, the second son of our subject, has known no other home than this county, his birth having taken place in Raisin Township on the 4th of June, 1845. Here he spent his boyhood days and has been content to remain thus far, having now a good home on section 35, comprising fifty acres of land with good buildings. He inherited the sturdy industry and resolute character of his father, and by well-applied industry has now a snug property. On

the 29th of August, 1869, he was married to Miss Edna Ingersoll, who was born in Hillsdale County, Feb. 21, 1852, and is the daughter of J. E. and Maria (Hammond) Ingersoll, natives of New York State, whence they came to Michigan before their marriage. They subsequently located in Palmyra Township where they now reside. (See sketch of J. E. Ingersoll.) Mrs. M. was fourteen years of age when her parents removed from Hillsdale County, and remained with them until her marriage, She is now the mother of four children: Albert E., born Oct. 5, 1871; Elmer G., March 9, 1873; Earnest L., June 27, 1880; and a daughter not named, born March 4, 1888. With the exception of four years Mr. and Mrs. Miller have, since their marriage, lived upon the farm which they now occupy.

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ICHARD DEGREENE. Had an indolent and irresponsible man come into possession of the fine tract of land occupied by the subject of this sketch, the result of its entivation would probably have been vastly different from that which is now presented to the eye. Here we now have a complete homestead with all the evidences of thrift and presperity which are so pleasant to look upon and which have been accomplished only by persevering industry. It comprises 165 acres of land, and is pleasantly located on sections 5, 6 and 7, in Rollin Township.

Mr. beGreene is the offspring of a mee old English family belonging to the better classes of Yorkshire, and is the son of Ralph N, and Henrictta (Ness) DeGreene, who spent their entire lives upon their native soil. The father was a banker in good circumstances and died in the city of Malton, aged about sixty-eight years, while the mother survived her husband, dying at the age of sixty-three. Richard received a good education and was carefully rearred in the religious faith of the Church of England, of which his parents were devoted members and to which he still adheres. Upon completing his education, he decided to seek his fortune in America.

Mr. DeGreene was about twenty-three years of age when he crossed the Atlantic, having been born in October, 1813. Upon landing in New York City he made his way directly to Southern Michigan and purchased first forty acres of land in Rollin Township, upon which he labored six years, when he sold out and purchased another farm, to which he subsequently added and cleared the greater portion himself. It is hardly necessary to say that he worked early and late through summer and winter, and from comparatively nothing to begin with, made his way up to a good position among the other well-to-do men of Lenawee County. He had no horses for several years, the clearing of the land and cultivation of the soil being accomplished by the aid of toxen.

Mr. DeGreene wisely refrained from taking upon himself the responsibilities of a family until he was assured that he could provide comfortably for them. In 1842 he judged that he had reached this point, and accordingly in the spring of that year was married to Miss Elizabeth Hathaway, a native of Berkshire County, Mass., who came to the Territory of Michigan with her parents in 1834, where her father, James Hathaway, was one of the first settlers of Rollin Township. He cleared a good farm and died at the age of sixty-eight years. He had married, in the Bay State, Miss Dorothy Bowerman, a native of his own county, who survived her husband many years and died at the advanced age of eighty-six. They were Quakers in religious belief, as is also their daughter, the wife of our subject.

Mr. and Mrs. DeGreene commenced housekeeping in a modest dwelling and in due time became the parents of four children. The eldest, a son, Norman, was born in 1843, and died at the age of eight years; Albert, born in 1847, was accidentally killed when twenty-three years of age, and left a widow and two children; one of these, a son, makes his home with his grandfather, our subject. Emma was born in 1850, and became the wife of Edwin Wilson, who is a contractor on the Santa Fe Railroad; they have four children living. Mary was born in 1852, married John Sorby, of Addison, and they have five children living and one deceased, The children have received the advantages of a good education, being educated at the Raisin Valley Seminary and the Addison graded schools.

Mr. DeGreene after becoming a naturalized citi-

zen, identified himself with the Republican party and has since given to it his honest and conscientions support. He bears the reputation of being an unquestionably honest man, and in all respects a good citizen.

OHN BELAND took up his residence in Macon Township in 1854, shortly after his marriage in Mercer County, Pa. His farm is pleasantly situated below the ridge, which is recognized by the residents of that locality as one of the most pleasant portions of Lenawee County. At the time Mr. B. settled here there were no neighbors nearer than a mile and the land had been comparatively little cultivated.

Mr. Beland first purchased twenty acres of land on section 22, Macon Township, to which he afterward added at two different times forty acres, so that he now has a snug farm of 100 acres, the most of which is under a fine state of cultivation. He has made it a point to live within his income, and has effected one improvement after another as fast as he could pay for them, until he has now a neat and substantial residence, a good barn and all the necessary out-buildings. He has been chiefly engaged in attending to his own concerns, living the life of a quiet, inoffensive citizen, enjoying the esteem and confidence of his neighbors and uniformly voting the straight Democratic ticket.

Our subject was born in the little Kingdom of Bavaria, Nov. 7, 1823, and was there reared and educated. His father, also John Beland, was a farmer of modest means and spent his entire life in Bavaria. He had married in early machood Miss Theodora Krenseng, who also was born and dued in the same Province as her husband. The father was sixty-three years old at the time of his death, while the mother survived her husband many years, her death taking place at the advanced age of ninety-eight years. They were Lutherans in religion, and people who commanded the respect of their friends and neighbors.

Mr. Beland was the third child and eldest son of the parental family, which included seven children, and is the only one who came to the United States, and the only surviving member of the family. He remained in his own country until thirty years of age and set out, in 1853, to seek his fortune in a country which promised more to the industrious and enterprising man than he could hope to obtain in his native Bavaria. He embarked on a sailing-vessel at Brennen, and after a voyage of forty-three days landed, April 21, in New York City. He did not remain long in the metropolis, however, but made his way to Mercer County, Pa, where he was engaged as a farm laborer and remained in that locality seventeen months. In the meantime he made the acquaintance of Miss Catharine Denninger, and they were married April 21, 1854.

Mrs. Patterson was also a native of Bavaria where she was born Sept. 7, 1829, and came to the United States upon the same vessel with her husband. They remained in Pennsylvania until the fall of 1854, then removed to Southern Michigan and have since been residents of Macon Township. Their family included eight children, namely: Maggie, Eva, Anna, Lizzie, Henry, Fred, Adam and John W. Their eldest daughter, Maggie, became the wife of John Gettz, of Saginaw City, and died Ang. 28, 1884, leaving two children—Frederick and Henry. The eldest son of our subject married Miss Ida Martin and is operating a farm in Macon Township. The family are all members of the Lutheran Church, in which Mr. Beland officiates as Trustee.

ACOB FINGER. A brief sketch of the life of this gentleman shows what may be accomplished by courageous industry and perseverance, if combined with good judgment-Mr. Finger is a self-made man, having started in life a poor boy, and by his own energetic spirit has worked his way, unaided, to his present prosperous condition.

The subject of this narrative is the son of a farmer and was born in Taghkanick, Columbia Co., N. Y., March 17,1820. It is parents were Jacob and Christiana (Traver) Finger, both thought to be also natives of Columbia County, where their lives were

spent. His paternal grandfather, John Finger, spent his last years at Taghkanick, the birthplace of our subject. Mr. Finger was reared in his native town and was educated in the district schools, meanwhile assisting his father in his labors on the farm until sixteen years of age. He was ambitious and anxious to become independent, and was therefore willing to do anything his hands could find to do. He secured a position as a farm laborer, for which he received at first less than \$6 a month. He was active and industrious, and as his strength and stature inereased, so did his wages, until he realized the then munificent recompense of \$18 per month. He expended his money judiciously, and in a few years had accumulated sufficient property to support a wife comfortably. On the 7th of November, 1840, he was married to Miss Maria Schutz, a native of Livingston, Columbia Co., N. Y., daughter of Peter and Mary (Coen) Schutz, and grand-daughter of John Coen.

After marriage Mr. and Mrs. Finger removed to Dutchess County, where they remained four years, and then returning to Columbia County they remained but a short time before removing to New Jersey, where he rented a farm for six months, but not being satisfied he removed to Rensselaer County, N. Y., where he spent the next eighteen months. The next year he spent in Columbia County, and subsequently removed to Dutchess County, remaining there until 1866, when he came with his family to Michigan. Here he bought 160 acres of land on section 32, in Riga Township, Twelve acres of land had been cleared, and on the place was a small log house into which he moved with his family and lived a year and a half. Then having an opportunity to sell to advantage he sold this farm and bought another heavily timbered, on section I of the fractional part of Riga Township, which he now owns. He built what is called a frame log house, weather-boarded, and a good frame barn. He now has forty acres of the land in a fine, tillable condition, and in 1882 he bought a place just across the road from this homestead, in which he is now living, the homestead being occupied by his son.

To Mr. and Mrs. Finger have been born three children, two of whom are now living, namely:

Margaret, wife of Adelbert Lewis, of Riga Township, and Ellis, who is living on the homestead, Franklin was born in Columbia County, N. Y., Nov. 28, 1842, joined the 7th New York Heavy Artillery, and died in the service Aug, 11, 1864. Politically, Mr., Finger is a Republican and a firm believer in the principles of that party religiously, he is a member of the Church of God, while socially, he fulfills all the obligations of an honest man and a good citizen. He has always been a great reader and an intelligent thinker, and can unhesitatingly give the reasons for his beliefs, politically and otherwise.

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LISHA EDDY is a pioneer settler of Lenawee County who witnessed its growth to its pres-- ent splendid development, and has played no insignificant part in the long and ardnous struggle which was necessary in subduing the wilderness to a condition of successful husbandry. Mr. Eddy very early in life was thrown upon his own resources, and it devolved upon his own head and hands to carve out the fortune of life. No page in this Albi u is more cheerfully given than this one, on which is recorded the evidence that whatever he found to do he did it with all his might, and has reaped the inevitable reward which comes to industry, economy, good management, and that integrity and honesty which must be the basis of all permanent success. In his sixty-third year Mr. Eddy can, with a clear conscience, look back over a life's work without self-reproach, and with much gratification.

Elisha Eddy was born in Wayne County, N. Y., on the 22d of April, 1824. His father, John Eddy, was born in Massachusetts, and his grandfather was also a native of the Bay State, whence he migrated to Wayne County, N. Y., in the early settlement of that county. He bought timbered land, which he cleared and cultivated for many years, and died there. His wife was Sarah Baker, also a native of Massachusetts. The father of Mr. Eddy grew to manhood in New York State with his parents, and married in Wayne County. He bought timber

lands which he cleared and reduced to cultivation, and resided there until 1832, when he disposed of his farm and started for the Territory of Michigan, coming by the way of the Eric Canal and the Lakes to Monroe, and then overland to Lenawec County. He joined friends in Fairfield Township, and remained with them until he selected a location. He soon bought 110 acres of land on section 31, in Blissfield Township, of which about eight acres were cleared, and contained a log house and a log barn. He removed his family here in 1832, and here continued to live until April, 1849, when he died in his fifty-first year.

The maiden name of the mother of the subject of this sketch was Mary Barnhart. She was born in Burlington County, N. J., on the 9th of January, 1800, and her father, William Barnhart, was born in the same State, while her grandfather, Jacob Barnhart, was a native of Germany, who came to America when a young man and settled in New Jersey. He removed to Wayne County, N. Y., where he joined his son and spent the last days of his life. The father of Mrs. Eddy was married in New Jersey to Sarah Brown, a native of that State, and of German-English descent. He removed to Wayne County, N. Y., about 1810, where he improved the farm, and made a home until his death. He was the father of six children.

The subject of this sketch was the second child in his father's family, and though but a little lad when he came to Lenawee County with his parents, remembers well the incidents of pioneer life, and when deer, wolves, bears, wild turkeys and other game were plentiful. His father's log cabin had a large open fireplace, in which all the cooking was done for years, as in those days on the frontier stoves were unknown. As soon as Elisha was large enough, he began to assist in the work upon the farm, and remained with his parents until after the death of his father. In October, 1851, he was married to Lydia Crockett, who was born in Huron, Wayne Co., N. Y., on the 22d of November, 1830, and was the daughter of Nathaniel Crockett (see sketch of John ('rockett). During the first year after marriage they lived on the old homestead, and then purchased 100 acres of land on section 10, in Ogden Township, of which twelve acres were improved, and contained a log house into which they moved. He cleared about forty acres and lived upon his farm for seven years, then sold it and bought 113 acres on section 3 of the same township, upon which he erected good buildings and lived until 1882, when he leased the place to other parties and returned to the old homestead, which he now owns and occupies. In March, 1886, his dwelling was destroyed by fire, and on the ruins of the old he erected his present residence, which is a commodious building, and contains all the modern conveniences of a farm house.

Mr. Eddy in his political affiliations is in harmony with the Republican party, and whatever attention he gives to politics is in the interest of that party. He is remarkably well situated, both in respect to the number of acres and the quality of improvements on each of his farms. The remainder of his life will be spent in ease and comfort, and in the enjoyment of the accumulations of years gone by,

APT, SPENCER RUSSELL, a well-informed and successful agriculturist of Lenawee County, is a descendant of a worthy and noted New England family, his grandfather, John Russell, being a native of that part of the country, though he spent his last years in Ontario County, N. Y., whither he had removed in the early days of its settlement. His wife survived him many years and died in Clyde, Ohio, in the one hundredth year of her age. She was born in the year that witnessed the signing of the Declaration of Independence, and the patriotism which characterized the people of that time has been transferred to her descendants, losing nothing of its original strength in its transmission, Gen, James B. McPherson, who so gallantly gave up his life for his country in the hard-fought battle before Atlanta, which occurred during Sherman's famous march to the sea, was her grandson, and when the monument erected in Washington to commemorate the fallen hero, was unveiled, she received an invitation from President Grant to be present at the exercises. This lady was

three times married; her third husband, Isaac Slocum, was brother to Frances Slocum, who was stolen by the Indians when four years old, and was not discovered by her relatives until quite an elderly lady.

The father of our subject was born Aug. 30, 1803, and spent the first ten years of his life in Hopewell Township, Ontario Co., N. Y., but at that age, having the misfortune to lose his father, he was bound out to a farmer in Steuben County, with whom he remained until twenty-one years of age. He then visited Ohio, where he bought a tract of land in York Township, Sandusky County, and returning to New York, worked by the month to pay for the purchase. Subsequently he married Elizabeth Beach, a native of Ontario County, and with her he removed to Ohio, and settling on his land, built a log house in which, a few years later, our subject was born. He improved a farm and erected good frame buildings. His wife's death occurred in 1852, but he continued to reside there until 1863, when, being elected Judge of Probate, he removed to Fremont; his death occurred in Clyde, Ohio, in April, 1874.

The subject of our sketch was the third of the eight children in the parental family, and was born in Clyde, Sandusky Co., Ohio, April 17, 1836. He remained there until manhood, receiving a good public-school education, and afterward pursued a course of study at Berea College. After completing his education he taught school one winter, but he has made agriculture his life work. Spencer Russell, at the sound of the war cry, enlisted on the 10th of September, 1861, as a private in Company A, 72d Ohio Infantry, Capt. Eaton commanding. At the battle of Shiloh he was elected by acclamation to the Second Lieutenancy and a short time later was promoted to the position of First Lieutenant. After the siege of Corinth he was again promoted, Captain of the company, but on account of broken health he was compelled to resign, which he did in September, 1863.

Capt. Russell resumed operations in Sandusky County until 1868, when he moved to Lenawee County and purchased his present farm on section 30, Hudson Township, one-half mile from the village. His marriage with Hamah Sanford was solemnized Sept. 15, 1864. Mrs. Russell was born in Sandusky County. Ohio, and is the daughter of Elias Sanford, a native of Connectient, and born in 1848, while his father, Zachariah Sanford, was born in Saybrook, Com. From Connectient he removed to New York State, and settled in Genesce County, and from there removed to Sandusky County, Ohio, where he improved a farm in Townsend Township, where his death occurred in the spring of 1862.

Mrs. Russell's father died when only twenty-four years of age. He married Adeline Stevens, who was horn in the State of New York, Feb. 8, 1826, and is now living in Clyde, Ohio. She was for many years a successful teacher in Sandusky County. Her father, Israel Stevens, was a native of Massachusetts, and her grandfather, Phineas Stevens, was a Revolutionary soldier and served until the close of the war. Her mother, Hannah McDowell, was of Scotch-Fish extraction, and Gen. McDowell, of the late Civil War, was a direct descendant of this family. The great-grandfather, John McDowell, was the first Presbyterian minister to preach in Newfane, Mass.

Mrs. Russell received her early education in the public schools of Ohio, and that, with a two-years course at the Ohio Fennde Seminary, at College Hill, six miles distant from Cincinnati, completed her technical education. She was engaged in teaching from the time she left the district school at the age of fifteen years, until her entrance to the seminary four years afterward, and one year after marriage she spent in the same pleasant work. Mrs. Russell is well known as a poetess of rare power and merit, and she writes for her own pleasure, and not as a vocation. Her poems have had a wide circulation, many of them having been published in "St Nicholas" and "Happer's Magazine."

To Mr. and Mrs. Russell have been born three children—James McPherson, Lucile and Spencer. The daughter is now attending school in Ypsilanti; Spencer is learning the trade of machinist and is developing considerable musical talent, while James McP. is at home with his parents. This intelligent and interesting family occupy a prominent position in the community, contributing as they do so largely to its social, moral and intellectual development. Our subject and his wife are attendants and supporters of the Congregational Church. In politics, Capt. Spencer Russell is a Republican, and socially he is a member of the DeGolyer Post, G. A. R., of Hudson, Mich.

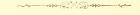


ILLARD CROCKETT is one of the well-to-do men of Ogden Township, and living nearly all his life in Lenawee County, has been one of the men who converted it from a wilderness of forest trees to a county of productive farms and prosperous towns. During his life he has always been active and industrious, and whatever he found necessary to do in the work of making a comfortable home, he has done with a will. In his business career he has shown himself to be a man of good judgment, as well as of fine executive ability. His farm is on section 26, in Ogden Township.

Mr. Crockett was born on the 1st of December, 1834, in Wayne County, N. Y., and is the sixth child of Nathaniel and Mary Crockett (see sketch of John Crockett). He was in his second year when he came to this county with his parents, and attended the first school ever taught in this section. This school was in a log house furnished in the most primitive manner. The benches were made of slabs, in which holes were bored and pins driven in for legs. The room was heated by a large fireplace, from which the smoke was conducted by a chimney made of sticks and mortar. As soon as he was large enough, he assisted his father in the work of chopping down the trees, clearing the land and tilling the soil. He remained with his parents until 1853, when, concluding to go to California, he embarked at New York, and going by the way of the Isthmus of Panama, arrived at San Francisco thirty days after starting. He went directly to the mines in Sierra County, where he engaged in mining until 1859, when he returned and located on the old homestead, which he farmed about seven years, and then located on the farm he now owns and occupies, consisting of 120 acres, seventy of which are cleared and under cultivation. When he became the purchaser of this farm it was entirely covered with timber and stumps. He has erected good and comfortable buildings and thoroughly drained the land,

In 1863 Mr. Crockett was married to Hannah Rice, who was born in Ogden Township; they have had six children-Addie, Jennie, Alva, Clara, Cassius and Russell. Mrs. Crockett's father, Samuel L. Rice, was born in Seneca County, N. Y., and his father was Adam Rice, who was an early settler in Seneca County, where he made a farm and resided until his death. The father of Mrs. Crockett grew to manhood in Seneca County, and resided there until 1835, when he came to the Territory of Michigan, and settled in what is now Ogden Township. He entered Government land on section 24, and erected a log house in which he and his wife commenced housekeeping, and where he was a resident until his death, on the 17th of July, 1884. In January, 1834, he was married to Margaret Sebring, who was born in Lyons, Wayne Co., N. Y., on the 18th of June, 1819, and was the daughter of Cornelius and Elizabeth Sebring, natives of the State of New York. Her parents died when she was quite young, and she was reared by an elder sister, with whom she came to Michigan in 1835. Mrs. Rice still resides on the homestead,

Although it has required many years of toil, serrifice and privations, to bring their farm to its present state of cultivation, Mr. and Mrs Crockett never flagged in the work required, and they have the satisfaction now of being surrounded by all the comforts of life. They occupy a pleasant home, and the buildings for the shelter of their stock and the storing of grain, are commodious and ample. They are surrounded by prosperous and intelligent people, whose esteem they enjoy to the fullest extent.



D. LANCASTER, of the firm of Laneaster & Co., dealers in gents' furnishing goods, is at present located on the north side of Chicago street, Clinton, at which place he established in business in May, 1887. He was formerly connected with Mr. Demuth, who has been in the grocery business here for some years.

The subject of this biography was born in the township of Bridgewater, Washtenaw County, April 2, 1834, and is the son of Denis Lancaster, who came from the North of Ireland when eleven years of age. He had lost his father when a child, and after landing in America he lived for some time in Canada, whence he removed to Lockbort, N. Y., and worked on the Eric Canal for fourteen years. In December, 1831, he came to Bridgewater Township, Washtenaw County, and located on Government land, on which he lived until his demise, Dec. 2, 1868. He secured 240 acres of land, on which he labored perseveringly and brought it to a high state of improvement. On the 9th of June, 1833, he with Miss Harriet Frederick. She came with her parents from York State when a young woman, and her marriage was the first in the township; she is yet living at Clinton, in her seventy-fifth year. She and her husband were members of the Episcopal Church.

Our subject is the only surviving member of seven children—three sons and four daughters. He was reared and educated in Bridgewater Township, and was there engaged as a farmer until thirty-three years of age, when he came to Clinton, where he has since been in business. He conducted a livery stable for two years, and was afterward a clerk for some years, meeting with good success. He was married in May, 1857, in Clinton Township, to Miss Mary E. Rowland, who was born Sept. 6, 1839, in this county, where she grew up and was educated. Her parents were early settlers here, and are now deceased.

Mrs. Lancaster is the mother of three children, two of whom are dead. Jennie V, is the wife of C, S, Borrough, who is connected with his father-inlaw as one of the company. They have one child, Frank. Mr. and Mrs. Lancaster are members of the Episcopal Church, while in politics, Mr. L. is identified with the Democratic party.

AJ. GEORGE T. RICE, who won his title by doing good service in the Union army during the late Rebellion, came to this county after the close of the way, and is now officiating as Postmaster at Rollin. He was born in the town of Maccedon, Wayne Co., N. Y.,

Dec. 16, 1823, and from there after his marriage went to Marietta, Ohio, where he worked at his trade of a carpenter, and where he enlisted July 22, 1861, in Company B, 31st Ohio Infantry, under Capt, John Fell. After four years' faithful service, he received his honorable discharge in July, 1865, at Camp Dennison, Ohio, and after a brief—stay in his native State, took up his residence in this county, where he has since remained.

Our subject is the son of Nathan and Dorcas (Tibbets) Rice, natives of Rhode Island. Nathan father, his father having died when he was a boy, He learned the carpenter's trade, and engaged moderately in farming. During the War of 1812 he was drafted for services, but preferred to pay his fine of \$80 and let some other man serve in his place. He came to the West in 1847, and died at his home in Rollin Township, Nov. 16, 1872, at the age of eighty-seven years. The mother died in Wayne County, N. Y., when forty-four years of age. The parental family included nine children, but three of whom are living-William, Judson, and George T., our subject. Nathan Rice was a second time married, to Mrs. Silinda, widow of Russell Scovel, and she now makes her home with our subject, at the advanced age of eighty-two years, having been born July 1, 1805, in Pompey, Onondaga Co.,

George T. Rice at the age of eighteen years commenced his apprenticeship at the earpenter's trade, and made his home with his brother William until he attained his twentieth year. He was soon afterward married, June 27, 1847, to Miss Minerva J. Ripley, who was born in Summit Township, Schoharie Co., N. Y., Sept. 2, 1824, and was the daughter of John and Elizabeth (Elliott) Ripley. Her father was a shoemaker by trade, which he followed all his life, and died in Macedon, N. Y., when seventy-seven years of age. Mrs. Ripley survived her husband many years, dying also in Macedon at the age of eighty-eight years. They were the parents of four daughters and four sons, five of whom are now living, as follows: Ann S., Minerva J., Ruth A., Philetus S, and Theron P.

Our subject and his wife continued in their native State until 1852, when they removed to Mari-

etta, Ohio, where Mr. Rice worked at his trade until the outbreak of the Rebellion. He was a true patriot, and entered the army from a sense of duty and a desire to witness and share in the triumph of the Union arms. He was very fortunate, escaping wounds, sickness and imprisonment, and almost without exception was ready each day to report for duty. He was first promoted Second Lieutenant, then First Lieutenant, subsequently Captain, and finally Major, with which rank he was mustered out. His meritorious conduct on the field, and his modest and manly bearing at all times, won him both the approval of his superior officers, and the warm friendship of his comrades. He was dignified without being overbearing, and in all respects the high-minded and patriotic soldier.

Maj. Rice, after the close of the war returned to his family in the Empire State, whence one year later he made his way to this county, and followed his trade in Rollin Township until 1873. He then purchased a stock of general merchandise, and opened a store at Rollin, which he has since conducted successfully, and built up a good patronage.

Our subject and his wife are connected with the Baptist Church, and are both earnest workers in the church and Sunday-school. Mrs. Rice is prominent in the missionary society, and has given much time to benevolent and charitable enterprises. Their eldest child, Julia E., was born in Macedon, N. Y., and died there when an infant of seven months; Clara was born in Marietta, Ohio, and died there when eight months old. Harriet E., also born in Marietta, came with her parents to Rollin Township, and died when an interesting maiden of seventeen years. She had been the light and life of the home circle, and her death was a grievous blow to the stricken parents.

Maj. Rice for the past three years has been a member of the G. A. R., belonging to Dagolier Post at Hudson. In early life he identified himself with the Masonic fraternity at Marietta, Ohio, and has also been a member of the Sons of Temperance. Upon leaving Marietta, he became prominently connected with the Republican party in this county. Up to 1860 he voted the Democratic ticket, but the various questions attendant upon the approaching conflict induced him to change his views, and he has

since given his support to the Republicans. He was Justice of the Peace four years in Rollin Township, and has also served as Treasurer and School Director. He was appointed Postmaster in 1869, and has held the office ever since. The fact that he has retained his position under a Democratic administration speaks well for his ability as an official and his popularity as a citizen.

In establishing his mercantile business Maj. Rice had a capital of only \$1, and his credit. He has now one of the best appointed storerooms in the township and commands a lucrative trade, carrying a full stock of everything required in the village or country household. He opened his store on the 10th of October, 1873, and at present carries about \$2,000 worth of stock.

LVINZA WHELAN, one of the successful agriculturists and stock-raisers of the township of Franklin, is located on his father's old homestead, on section 15. His birth occurred Feb. 16, 1835, and he is the cldest son and third child in order of a family of five sons and two daughters. His father was John Whelan (for whose history see sketch of E. C. Wisner in this ALBUM).

Mr. Whelan received his education in the district schools of his home, where he resided until he became of age. He was united in marriage in Adrian, Mich., Jan. 17, 1856, with Miss Adelia L. Witherell, who was born in Jefferson County, N. Y., Nov. 2, 1836. She is the only daughter of Wilson and Elizabeth (Cheeseman) Witherell, natives of Connecticut and York State, respectively. The parents were married in Jefferson County, N. Y., where they spent several years, during which time there were born to them three children, Mrs. Whelan and two sons. They then came to Michigan and located in Franklin Township, where for some years the father was engaged running a sawmill. They afterward went to Manchester Township, Washtenaw County, and there the father made his home on a farm until his death, Nov. 21, 1885, at the age of seventy-three. His wife is yet living with her youngest son Dudley, on the farm in Manchester Township, and is seventy-three years old.

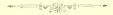
Coming to Michigan when a girl, Mrs. Whelan received part of her education in Franklin Township, residing with her parents until her marriage. She is the mother of two children: John B., who was educated at Teeumsch and Ann Arbor University, and is now an attorney connected with H. M. Duffield, of Detroit: he married Miss Myra, daughter of B. F. Reynolds, of Teeumsch, where also she was educated. Howard is at home with his parents. After marriage Mr, and Mrs. Whelan located on their present farm of 140 acres. Theirs is one of the finest and best improved farms of the township, and has correspondingly fine farm buildings. Mr. Whelan is independent in religion and politics.

ROF. WILLIAM E. TRIPP represents the educational interests of Westom in a worthy and efficient manner, being Principal of the High School, which position he has held since the fall of 1881. He is well fitted, both by nature and acquirements, for his responsible duties, and takes a thorough interest in everything pertaining to his calling.

Prof. Tripp is a native of this county, having been born in Franklin Township, March 27, 1853, and is the son of Dr. John D. and Lois (Mann) Tripp, who are so well known in Southern Michigan, and of whom a sketch appears on another page of this work. As a boy he was studious and attentive to his lessons, and when a youth of eighteen, entered the Union School at Tecumseli, where he took a two-years course and was graduated with honors. Later he crossed the Mississippi for the purpose of seeing something of the western country, and spent a year in the vicinity of Winfield, Kan. Upon returning to Michigan he engaged as traveling salesman for a Detroit firm, being occupied thus until assuming his present position. The Weston High School accommodates about 400 pupils, including the sons and daughters of the first residents of the township. The Professor is prominently identified with the County Board of School Examiners, and holds a State certificate as teacher,

The marriage of Prof. William E. Tripp and Miss

Isabella Ayers was celebrated at the home of the bride on the 1st of March, 1884. Mrs. Tripp is the daughter of Dr. S. C. and Julia (Jewell) Ayers, natives of Ohio, who came to Seneca Township, this county, in 1868. They removed to Fairfield Township in 1874, and the father died in Weston, Jan. 18, 1885; the mother is still living. Their daughter Isabella was born in Spring Hill, Ohio, Dec. 7, 1860. To the little household thus established there have been born two bright children, both daughters—Lois A, and Julia G. Professor and Mrs. Tripp occupy a comfortable home and enjoy the society and friendship of a large circle of acquaintances.



ONATHAN ROWLEY, an enterprising and successful farmer of Hudson Township, was born in the town of Brutus, Cayaga Co., N. Y., May 21, 1822. His grandfather, Jonathan Rowley, was a native of Connecticut, whence he removed to New York, and bought a tract of land in Brutus Township, Cayaga County, in the early days of its settlement, upon which he remained until his decease.

The father of our subject, Constant Rowley, was came with his parents to Cayuga County, where he grew to manhood, and went from there to take part as a soldier in the War of 1812. When he was on his father-in-law's farm, and in that house the subject of our sketch was born. He soon after bought a tract of timbered land, and lived there until 1835, when he sold out his possessions, and for the Territory of Michigan, coming via the Eric Canal and the Lake to Detroit. He bought a yoke of oxen and a wagon at Detroit, and started for the region known as Bear Creek Valley, taking their provisions with them in the wagon. He located on section 12 of what is now Hudson Township, where he bought a tract of timbered land. The only family in the neighborhood had come there a few weeks before, and Mr. Rowley and his family staid with them until he could put up a house on his own land. He commenced at once to cut the trees to make room for his house, which he had ready for occupancy in two weeks. It had a puncheon floor, a stick and mud chimney, and until cold weather blankets'served as a door. He cleared two acres of land that fall which he sowed to wheat, and he lived there until 1849, then removed to Lansing and bought a farm within five miles of the village, where he remained until death. Mr. Rowley was married three times. His first wife, mother of our subject, whose maiden name was Polly Meech, was a native of Connecticut, and a daughter of Joseph and Sally (Boardman) Meech, also natives of that State, and early pioneers of Cayuga County; she died in Cayuga County in 1829. Mr. Rowley married for his second wife Mrs. Emeline (Smith) Freeman, who died in Hudson Township. His third wife was Mrs. Mehitable (Williams) Pierce, and she also died in Hudson Township, having settled there after her husband's death.

Jonathan Rowley, the subject of this biography, is the only surviving child born of his father's first marriage, a daughter having died in infancy, and coming to Michigan when thirteen years old, he well remembers many incidents connected with his journey. Detroit was then a small place, and the country between there and Lenawee County was a wilderness with now and then a log cabin in the woods. Deer, wolves and wild turkeys were abundant, and occasionally a bear was to be seen. Mr. Rowley has lived to see the wilderness transformed into a beautiful and productive farming country. He remained under the parental roof until twenty years of age, when he commenced life for himself with no other capital than health, strong hands and willing heart. He was ambitious to establish for himself a home, and with this object in view set to work to earn the means. He took contracts to chop timber and clear land, and as he was industrious, frugal, and free from bad habits, he had saved money enough to purchase, in 1844, the land where he now resides, and now possesses 155 acres of valuable land. A small space had already been cleared, on which was a log cabin 12x14 feet, and when our subject married, six years later, it was in that humble abode that he and his young wife began housekeeping, content to commence as their means would allow without going into debt. Their furniture was homemade; their bedstead was constructed by boring holes in the logs of the house and using one corner post, while their table was homemade, and sawed logs set on ends sufficed for chairs. In a comparatively short time they were enabled to furnish their home comfortably, and in 1861 a frame house took the place of the cabin. In all undertakings Mr. Rowley has been successful, and his beautiful farm and the dwelling he now occupies are monuments to the industry and perseverance of himself and wife. Their present residence which was completed in 1887, is a large frame house built in the modern style of architecture, with all conveniences; it is nicely furnished and heated by a furnace.

The marriage of our subject with Miss Abigail Pierce took place Jan. 9, 1850. She was born in Aurelius, Cayuga Co., N. Y., Nov. 4, 1831, and is the daughter of Allen and Mehitable (Williams) Pierce, who settled near Buffalo, N. Y., soon after marriage. Here Mr. Pierce died of cholera in the July previous to Mrs. Rowley's birth. After the death of her husband Mrs. Pierce returned to Cayuga County and resided there until 1841, when she came to Michigan and settled in Lenawee County. Subsequently she married for her second husband Constant Rowley, as above mentioned, and after death she made her home with our subject and his wife until her decease.

To Mr. and Mrs. Rowley have been born three children—Clara, Adelbert and Alfred. Clara is the wife of John Thompson, of Clayton: Adelbert married Addie Curtis, and lives in Hudson; and Alfred is at home. Mr. Rowley's career is an exemplication of the success to be achieved by energy and determination. He and his good wife are now enjoying the reward of their early toils, living happy and contented, and are held in high respect and esteem by the community.

OSINGRAVE M. ECCLES, M. D., a talented young physician, practicing his profession in Blissfield, was born March 3, 1858, in Iona, Elgin County, Province of Ontario, Canada. His paternal grandfather, Daniel

Eccles, was a prosperous linen manufacturer, owning a factory in County Tyrone, Ireland, where he passed his entire life. He was a member of the Church of England, and reared his family in the Episcopal faith.

The father of Dr. Eccles, also named Daniel, was born in County Tyrone, and even as a boy showed the superior mental ability that characterized him as a man. He was finely educated in Dublin, and at the age of twenty-five years he could find in the home of his nativity. He located first in Lambton County, Ontario, Canada, thence removed to Iona, where he engaged in mercantile business until he received the appointment to the office of Clerk of the Court, which he retained until his death, March 1, 1866. He had married in his adopted country, Susan Luckham, a lady of much culture. To them were born five children, four of whom grew to maturity, the subject of this sketch being the third child. Mrs. Eccles has continued to reside in Iona ever since her husband's death, She is the daughter of an officer in the English army, whose regiment was for a long-time stationed in Kingston, Canada, and there his daughter, Mrs. Eccles, was born. He resigned from the army and lived retired during the last years of his life, in Warwick, Lambton County, Canada,

Dr. Eccles passed the early years of his youth in his native town, where he acquired the rudiments of his education in the public schools. When he was fourteen years of age he entered the High School at Park Hill, Strathroy, where he remained one and a half years. During that time he commenced the study of medicine, and when he was seventeen years of age he entered the medical department of Trinity University, at Toronto. After pursuing the thorough course of study required at that university, he was graduated from there in the spring of 1879, well equipped for his came to Blissfield and began the practice of his profession. The year following his settlement here, Dr. Eccles was married in St. Thomas, Canada, to Miss Carrie Helen Pritchard, a native of London, Province of Ontario, Canada, the date of their marriage being April 24, 1880. Their pleasant wedded life was of brief duration as she died Jan. 6, 1884, leaving one child, Mabel.

Although the Doctor is a young practitioner, he has already gained an assured position among the best representatives of the medical profession in this State. He is a close student, devoting the few leisure hours allowed him by the demands of his increasing practice to the study of the best medical and scientific authorities, keeping well abreast of the times, and taking advantage of any new thoughts or discoveries that will in any way aid him in his work. He is a member of the Southern Michigan Medical Society, and is one of the health officers of Blissfield, which position he has held during the last three years.



EORGE P. ROBERTSON. In the early days of Odgen Township the surface of the country during certain seasons of the year was covered with water, on account of the dead level of the ground. This made the work of the list settlers doubly laborious, for besides clearing the land of the heavy forests, much ditching was necessary to drain the land. But wet land, when once drained, is very productive, the soil generally deep and alluvial. Now that Ogden Township is thoroughly drained, a farm located therein is very valuable on account of its producing qualities, and it is such a farm that the subject of this sketch owns on section 16, Ogden Township.

Mr. Robertson was born in Preston County, Va., on the 15th of March, 1835. His father, James Robertson, was born in Berkley County, in the same State, where he was reared to agricultural pursuits, and married Elizabeth Herkert, who was born in Virginia, and was the daughter of Peter Herkert. In 1844 he concluded to better his condition if possible, and selling his small possessions in Virginia, he started with horses and wagon for Ohio. He was very unfortunate in collecting the deferred payments on the property he sold in Virginia, and it was necessary for him to take a new start in Ohio. For seven years he farmed rented land in Wayne County, and then removed to Medina County, where he bought kind on credit, and lived there

five years. This land he sold at quite an advance and came to Michigan, settling in Ogden Township, Lenawee County. The township had been settled for some time and still there had been but little clearing and ditching done, and much land could be readily bought at from \$10 to \$12 per acre. He bought about 400 acres, 120 of which had been "deadened" and partly cleared. Having a family of industrious sons, and being an effective worker himself, he soon added to his landed estates until he and the boys at one time jointly owned 1,700 acres. He remained a resident of Lenawee County until 1881, when he removed to Florida and settled in the town of Anthony, where he engaged in improving town property and loaning money.

The subject of this sketch was nine years old when his parents removed to Ohio, and he assisted his father on the farm until they came to tais county, when he accompanied them. He remained with his parents until he was twenty-one years of age, when he began life for himself on forty acres of his present farm. It was then timber and brush land, and not being drained presented a marshy appearance. It is said that pioncer visitors in Michigan prospecting for land, when passing through Ogden Township in a wet season, were accustomed to say that they would give as much per acre for blue sky as for Ogden Township land, They now admit their mistake and concede that Ogden Township land is the best in the county. Taking these facts into consideration one will partially realize the labor Mr. Robertson has performed in transforming that tract of land into its present condition. He has added to the original purchase from time to time, and now owns 120 acres which are drained with 3,000 rods of tile, and his farm buildings rank with the best in the county. In 1884 he bought a residence in Blissfield, to which he removed his family in order that his children might enjoy better school advantages; he spends the greater part of his time, however, on the farm.

In June, 1855, Mr. Robertson was married to Miss Mary F. Richardson, who was born in Ohio, and they have had four children—Perley E., Alice, Cora and Lester B. Having attained success in business it is now the ambition of Mr. and Mrs. Robertson to give their children a good education, and with that object in view they will reside for some time in Blissfield. The children appreciate the interest their parents take in their welfare, and respond by giving their whole time and attention to the studies assigned them.

Bristol Co., Mass., May 8, 1838, and is the grandson of William Freeman, who was for many years a resident of Attleboro, where he died about 1804, at seventy-four years of age. The father of our subject, also William Freeman, was born in Attleboro, March 10, 1796, and was but eight years old when his father died. At that time hand boms were in use and he learned the trade of a weaver, though he generally followed farming.

William Freeman bought a farm near his native place, where he lived until 1843, when with his wife and six children he started for Michigan via steamer to New York, then by the Hudson River and Erie Canal to Buffalo, whence he went by water to Toledo, and took the Erie & Kalamazoo Railroad to Palmyra. Not having the means to purchase land for himself, he worked the farm of George Cranes, in Palmyra Township, six years, and after one year's work on another farm in Ogden Township, he bought eighty acres of timber land on section 5, for which he paid \$1,000. At the end of three years he sold this lot and purchased eighty acres of heavily timbered land, again paying \$1,000. He built a frame house on this land, and brought it to a good state of cultivation before his death, which took place March 3, 1886. In 1818 William Freeman was united in marriage to Miss Betsey Thayer, a native of Taunton. Mass. They became the parents of nine children, when Mrs. Freeman died April 5, 1848. William Freeman was a second time married in 1850, to Mrs. Lydia Shumway, of Fairfield, this county; she departed this life on the 8th of August, 1871.

The subject of our sketch was five years of age when he came to this county with his parents, and has lived to see the country developed from a wilderness to a fine, well-improved farming section, assisting materially with his strong arm to bring about the result. He attended the pioneer schools of the county and assisted on the farm alternately, as most farmers' sons did. At the age of seventeen he went to live with his brother Bradford, receiving for his services 88 per month, except in the winter season when he went to school. He lived with his brother until his marriage and then rented land for three years, when he located on his father's farm, which he now owns and occupies. This farm consists of eighty acres of well-improved land with substantial farm buildings.

Mr. Freeman was united in marriage, Dec. 31, 1868, with Sarah M. McAdam, who was born in Ogden Township, March 25, 1848. Her father, Michael McAdam, a pioneer of the county, was born in County Fermanagh, Ireland, April 23, 1816. Michael was the fifth in a family of eleven children, and was reared by his parents to the age of eighteen, when he came to America with his brother, and on their arrival in Adrian engaged as laborers on the Erie & Kalamazoo Railroad, just east of Palmyra. He afterward contracted to build three miles of roadbed for the Michigan Southern Railroad, but before the completion of the work he returned to Adrian and engaged in the warehouse of Henry Hart and John Rice. In January, 1847, Michael purchased of his brother 160 acres of land on section 4 in Ogden Township, which he has now under a high state of cultivation and embellished with a substantial brick house as well as good barns and sheds. April 12, 1827, he was united in marriage with Miss Esther Baker, who was born April I, 1828, and is the daughter of Thomas Baker of this county. They are the parents of seven children, of whom Sarah M., the wife of our subject, is the eldest.



HOMAS HENDRYX, well known throughout Franklin Township and vicinity, is now retired from the active labors of life and spending his declining years at a comfortable homestead on section 30. Here he has eighty acres of choice land, finely improved with substantial modern buildings, a choice assortment of live stock, and the usual appurtenances of a first-class country home. He came to this locality in the spring of 1864, and during a period of twenty-four years, in which, he has moved among the people of his township, he has established himself in their regard and confidence, and is numbered among the most worthy citizens.

The father of our subject, John Hendryx by name, was a New England farmer of modest means and served as a soldier in the War of 1812. I'pon leaving his native State of Rhode Island, he migrated to Central New York, and was there married to Miss Dolly Smith, a native of Connecticut, and like her husband of New England parentage. After their marriage the young people spent some years in Madison County, N. Y., remaining there until after the birth of their son, our subject, which took place in June, 1807. In 1810 they removed to Steuben County, during the period of its early settlement, before the soil had been brought to a state of cultivation, and when wild game was plentiful. The father took up a tract of land which he partially improved, then sold out and purchased another tract not far distant. He subsequently abandoned farming and engaged in milling, which proved a very unfortunate venture as he met his death in the mills, being caught in the gearing and instantly killed. He was stricken down in his prime, being forty-five years of age.

Mrs. Headryx, the mother of our subject, survived her husband some years, and was married the second time, to James Griffith, with whom she lived until his death, in 1838. She then removed to the home of a daughter in Ohio, and was there the third time wedded, to Mr. Loveland, with whom she removed to Pennsylvania, and spent her remaining years, dying at the ripe old age of ninety-five. The Hendryx and Smith families were both remarkable for longevity, many members of the past generation living to be nearly a hundred years old.

John and Dolly (Smith) Hendryx became the parents of eleven children, seven sons and four daughters, of whom Thomas was the lifth in order of birth. All survived until reaching years of maturity, were married and became parents, while four sons and one daughter are now living. The eldest, Jeremiah S., of Tecumsch, is eighty-seven years of age, and the youngest, who makes his home at Fruitport, has passed his sixty-sixth birthday. Thomas continued at the farm in Steuben County, N. Y., until lifteen years of age and then went to learn the trade of a cabinet-maker under the instruction of his elder brother, with whom he remained one year. He completed his trade with Daniel Pomeroy, and afterward located in Coshocton, N. Y., where he followed his trade for a time, then engaged in merchandising until failing health compelled him to sell out. He then went South and spent one year in Florida, being greatly benefited. He came to Michigan in the spring of 1864, and took possession of the farm which he now occupies.

The marriage of Thomas Hendryx and Miss Harriet Bishop was celebrated at the home of the bride, in the city of Auburn, N. Y., Oct. 22, 1828. Mrs. II. was born in Utica in 1812, and is the mother of seven children, namely: J. Dwight, Charlotte A., Mary, Charles W., Hattie A., Dell and Edson T. Mr. Hendryx cast his first Presidential vote for John Q. Adams, and has since voted for sixteen Presidents. He identified himself with the old-line Whigs during his early manhood, and on the abandonment of that party, allied himself with the Republicans.

ARREN J. HOLDRIDGE, one of the bighearted, genial men who invariably gather around them a circle of warm friends in whatever spot they may make their abiding-place, has been one of the favorite citizens of Raisin Township for a period of fifty years. He owns a good farm of 120 acres on section 23, which came into possession of the Holdridge family over fifty years ago, having been entered from the Government by the grandfather of our subject, in 1836. This section of country was then practically a wilderness from which the Indians had not long disappeared, and where wild game abounded comparatively undisturbed by the depredations of white men. Its condition to-day indicates the labor of years and the outlay of thousands of dollars.

The father of our subject, Eleazer S. Holdridge,

was born in Onondaga Comty, N. Y., Sept. 14, 1814, and departed this life in the city of Adrian, May 4, 1873, after some years' retirement from active labor. He had been accustomed to farming pursuits all his life, and before leaving his native State; was united in marriage with Miss Mehitable Stone, a Vermont lady who survived her husband nearly cleven years, her death taking place in February, 1884, at their home in Adrian. She and her husband were greatly devoted to each other, and the young wife cheerfully followed her chosen partner in his western wanderings. They came with our subject's grandparents, Felix and Deborah (Slocum) Holdridge, who were born in New York State and lived there until coming to the West.

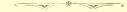
The life which the young and old people had anticipated spending together for many years was broken in upon by one of the saddest tragedies that ever occurred in the history of Michigan. After they had settled comfortably in their pioneer home, occupying the same ground where the homestead of our subject is now located, the grandmother, Mrs. Deborah Holdridge, started out one morning in quest of rushes which were utilized in those early days for cleaning the wooden-ware of which the table dishes were largely composed. Not returning, her husband and son went in search of her, and it soon became evident that she had lost her bearings and had wandered into the dense woods, where was a swamp which had never been crossed probably by the foot of man or beast, the mud and water being from one to three feet deep. The alarm was in due time given to the entire neighborhood, and hundreds of people set out, and thereafter for weeks there was kept up an untiring but unsuccessful search. After the others had done their part so bravely and faithfully, the husband and son, inspired by an undying hope, continued their efforts to find the lost wife and mother, and after the lapse of weeks, received word that the lifeless body of an aged lady had been found by two hunters in an Indian hut in a secluded spot six miles from her home. As there were no marks of violence, it was believed that she entered there exhausted and finally starved to death. The remains were tenderly cared for and conveyed to a place of sepulture not far from the spot where her husband and children made

their home, and it is hardly necessary to say that the bereaved and deeply afflicted family received the unbounded sympathy of all in their hour of trouble. Mrs. Holdridge was a lady of great force of character, a model wife and mother, and her death in any ordinary manner would have been deeply mourned, but under these distressing circumstances the affliction seemed almost more than they could bear. Her husband, Felix, survived many years, his death taking place in 1855, after he had arrived at an advanced age. He was a man of kindly and generous impulses and an active worker in the Baptist Church. He received a practical education which had been advanced by his love of reading, and for some years before his marriage he had been engaged in teaching school; his remains were laid by the side of those of his lamented wife.

Warren J, Holdridge was born in Raisin Township, Aug. 1, 1838, at the homestead where he has since passed the greater part of his life, and when of suitable years he commenced assisting in the lighter labors of the farm, while in the winter he attended the brief terms of the district school. He had grown up with the idea of settling either on or near the old homestead, and his youth and early manhood were passed in a comparatively uneventful manner. In 1860 he was united in marriage with Miss Mary I. Boss, who was a native of Blackman Township, and born Nov. 4, 1842, Mrs. Holdridge was born after the death of her father. and ten months later she was completely orphaned by the death of her mother. She was then taken into the home of her uncle, George S, Boss, of Ridgeway Township, where she remained until her marriage. Mr. Boss and his aged wife now reside on a part of the Holdridge farm, and are kindly cared for by our subject and his wife. The latter soon after their marriage located in Blackman Township, and thence, seven years later, removed to the part of the old homestead which they now occupy. This includes 110 acres of good land with first-class improvements, and under the management of Mr. Holdridge yields annually some of the best crops of this section of country. Mr. and Mrs. II, identified themselves with the Presbyterian Church of Raisin Township many years ago, in which our subject officiates as Elder, and to the support of which he

has contributed liberally and cheerfully. Politically, he is an uncompromising Democrat, and served a long term as Justice of the Peace in Raisin Township.

To our subject and his wife there were born seven children, of whom three are deceased. The eldest living son, Frank II., has located upon a claim in Finney County, near Garden City, Kan., where he will in time become the possessor of a good property; Bert married Miss Bertha Krantz, and occupies a tract of land of 320 acres in Kearney County, Kan.; Viola M. and Warren B. continue at home with their parents. The children have been well educated and are admirably fitted for their station in life.



I SAAC D. PACKER, at present a resident of Morenci, was born in Berks County, Pa, April 2, 1819, and is the third son of a family of six sons and six daughters born to Eli and Ann (Thomas) Packer, who were both natives of Pennsylvania, the latter born in the city of Philadelphia, The parents of our subject were married in their native State, where they resided until 1851, when they removed to Fulton County, Ohio, and settled in Goshen Township. Thence they removed to Isabella County, Mich., where they spent the remainder of their lives, acquiring by their unostentatious and consistent walk in life, the approbation of the community.

Being among the oldest of a large family, our subject was called upon early to depend upon his own resources and also to assist his parents in the support of the family, which he continued to do until he was twenty years of age. He then learned the trade of a shoemaker, but not caring for the occupation he soon abandoned it and engaged in farming, which he continued until about 1873. In 1851 our subject migrated from his native State to Lenawee County, settling in Medina Township, where he purchased a tract of land and resided for twelve years. He afterward sold this farm and purchased another in Seneca Township, two and one-half miles northeast of Morenci, on which he passed about six years, when he sold out and removed to Morenci. After a residence here of two years, Mr. Packer bought another farm in Seneca Township, on which he made his home until 1873, when he returned to Morenci and has since resided in this place.

Our subject was married in Howard Township, Centre Co., Pa., to Miss Lavinia, daughter of James and Susan (Hayes) Carskaddon, the former of Irish descent, while the latter was of Scottish ancestry. After their marriage the parents settled in what is now Clinton County, Pa., where they resided until the death of the father. The widow bore up bravely under the trying dispensation and some time afterward removed to Medina Township, where she spent the remainder of her days. They became the parents of three children, the wife of our subject and two boys. Mrs. Packer was born at her parents' home in Pennsylvania on the 1st of November, 1821. To our subject and his wife have been born a family of twelve children, whom they named as follows: Martha A., Lucy A., Margaret J., Susan H., Ellen M., Charles H., Minerva L., Harvey C., Minilla E., Ida L., Isaac D, and Myrtie V.

Mr. Packer is a member of the Masonic fraternity and also of the I. O. O. F. Mrs. P. is a member of the W. C. T. U., of Morenci, of which she was President six years. They are both members of the Disciples' Church.

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OHN CROCKETT, one of the pioneers of Lenawee County who has seen Michigan transformed from a dense forest into one of the best cultivated States of the Union, was born in New York State on the 29th of July, 1826. His father, Nathaniel Crockett, was born in the State of Maine, and being left an orphan at an early age, he was reared to manhood under the care of an aunt, and was quite young when they removed to the State of New York, where he grew to manhood.

During his residence in New York Nathaniel Crockett married Mary White, and in the year 1836, with his wife and seven children undertook the journey to Michigan, coming by the way of the Eric Canal to Buffalo, and by the Lakes to Toledo, Ohio. While at Toledo the father left the family and went out in search of a yoke of oxen, which he

secured after four or five days of absence. Having brought a wagon with him the oxen were hitched and the family started overland, bound for Lenawee County. The journey was necessarily slow and tedious, but was accomplished after many inconveniences and hardships. In Ogden Township, on section 25, he purchased 150 acres of land, which at the time was heavily timbered. Immediately the family set to work to erect a residence, which was built of logs and covered with shakes, but this gave place seven or eight years later to a more commodious log house. For fifteen years all the farm work, milling and marketing was done with oxen. The family lived on this farm until 1857, having cleared the most of it and brought it to a high state of cultivation, and then moved to Iowa and settled in Delaware County, where they were among the very first settlers. He took Government land which in a short time he sacceeded in transforming into a good farm, and lived there until his death. which occurred about 1875. The maiden name of his wife was Mary White, who was also a native of Maine; she died at the home of her son David, in Ogden Township.

The subject of this sketch was the second child in his father's family, and was ten years old when he came to Lenawee County. He remembers distinctly the incidents of the overland journey. and of pioneer life in this section of Michigan, Deer, wild turkey and bears were plentiful at that time, and as soon as he could shoulder a gun he began hunting, in which he was very successful. He lived with his parents until he grew to manhood and then began to work by the month, but at the end of the first month be became sick and had to be cared for for a time. He next took a contract for clearing timber from lands and building fences. and chopped 175 cords of wood to pay for the first horse he ever owned. About 1856 he bought for \$750 eighty acres of his father's old homestead, sixty acres of which are under cultivation. He has resided on this farm ever since, and has erected a good dwelling-house and all other necessary farm buildings.

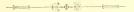
March 12, 1855, Mr. Crockett was married to Paulina, daughter of Mowry S, and Minerva Potter, who was born in Herkimer County, N. Y. They





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have been blessed with six children, upon whom they conferred the names of Elma, Hattie, Nora, Gladys, Orrin and Willie: the two last-named are deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Crockett are comfortably situated, and having passed through all the ordenls of pioneer life, keenly appreciate the value to them of what they possess.



DWIN D. PEIRSON, late of Hudson Township, and one of its most valued citizens, became identified with its interests at an early date, and furnished to the struggling little community a portion of the bone and sinew of which it stood in so much need during those trying days. Many of the men to whom Lenawee County is indebted for its prosperity are passing away, and in no more fitting manner can their services be recognized than by the perpetuation of their names and deeds for the benefit of future generations. We present also in connection with this sketch a portrait of Mr. Peirson.

The subject of this sketch was born in the town of Richmond, Berkshire Co., Mass., Dec. 10, 1819, and was the direct descendant of Matthew Peirson, who emigrated from England to America in 1637, and it is believed, settled on Long Island. His son, Col. Henry Peirson, the next in line, spent his last years on Long Island, and was buried at Bridgehampton. He was the father of Theophilus, of whom nothing definite is known. Nathan, the son of the latter, was the great-grandfather of our subject, and was born Aug. 9, 1722. He located in Berkshire County, Mass., in 1772, and was one of the earliest pioneers of that section. He improved a large farm and resided there until his death, Feb. 5, 1810. Eugene D. Peirson, son of the subject of this sketch, has in his possession a deed to an eighth part of Montauk Point, L. I., which was granted to Nathan Peirson in 1786. He also has eleven silver buttons and one cloak hook that belonged to this ancestor, and have been handed down through several generations.

Zachariah Peirson, the grandfather of our subject, owned a good farm near the town of Richmond, Mass., where he spent his entire life. He was a man of great force of character, prominent in the affairs of his county, and a member of the Massachusetts Legislature. He died of apoplexy, Nov. 15, 1827. His great-grandson, Eugene D., already spoken of, has in his possession a silver cup awarded to this gentleman by the Berkshire Agricultural Society for having the best cultivated farm in the county; it bears the date 1816. The parents of Edwin D. were William and Nauey (Richards) Peirson, the former of whom was born in Richmond, Mass., May 2, 1793, and died April 17, 1862. He was well educated, and like the majority of the Peirsons, followed farming after the most scientific methods. He also taught school, and filled the various local offices, being Selectman, Clerk, etc., and also represented his county in the State Legislature.

The subject of this record was reared at the country home of his parents, in the outskirts of Richmond, and received his first book lessons at their hands. They were both well educated, and had been experienced teachers. Later, he attended the district school until fourteen years of age, and then took three terms at a select school. A few days before reaching his eighteenth birthday, he commenced teaching at Great Barrington, Mass., and the following summer invested his earnings in wool, which he had made into cloth at a factory in Pittsfield. In the fall of 1838 he started West via Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, and the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers, to St. Louis, Mo., and from there, with his gun on his shoulder and samples of his cloth in his pocket, started on foot for Illinois, traversing the State from Springfield to Bloomington. He sold his cloth for eash or traded it for coon skins, for which he found a market in St. Louis. He invested his capital in buffalo skins, and started for his Eastern home, where he found ready market for the "robes" among the New Englanders, to whom they were a great novelty, especially as they had come direct from the "far West."

After this experience, Mr. Peirson settled down for a time in his old neighborhood, where he first taught school, and then purchased a stock of goods and engaged in general merchandising. He was not suited with the result of this venture, as buying for cash and selling on credit was not entirely profitable. Accordingly, seven months later he sold out, and going to North Adams, engaged as bookkeeper in connection with a furnace, at which he was employed one year. On the 7th of April, 1847, he was married, and after visiting with his bride for a time among his old friends in Richmond, he started to seek a home in the West once more. The intention of Mr. Peirson had been to go into Wisconsin and buy Government land, a tract of this lying near the present site of Milwaukee having come into market, but a brother of his wife had settled in Hudson Township, this county, and they came this way to visit them. Mr. Peirson was pleased with the outlook here, and purchased 142 acres of timber land on section 7, in Hudson Township, at \$6 per acre, paying all but \$300 in eash. He immediately put up a frame house, 18x 24 feet in area, the total cost of which, besides his own work, was \$132. In five years he had the land all cleared and fenced, and now paid a visit to the friends of his youth.

In 1854 Mr. Peirson sold this farm and took up his residence in the village of Hudson, where he purchased ground and put up five dwelling-houses. In 1858 be traded one of these for the old farm, and returning there remained until 1865. In the meantime, he planted one of the largest orehards in the county, embracing an extent of thirty acres. When selling the farm a second time he reserved five acres, upon which he built, and occupied the new dwelling until 1881. He then returned to Hudson Village, which remained his home until his death, which took place Dec. 16, 1885.

Mrs. Peirson, whose maiden name was Clemenza Eunice Wells, still resides in the village. She was born in Ontario County, N. Y., Jan. 4, 1823, and is the daughter of Daniel P. and Sarah (Wells) Wells, who were numbered among the well-to-do people of Ontario County. Her father was a farmer by occupation, and came to the Territory of Michigan in 1830, settling upon the present site of Battle Creek, where he opened up a good farm and there spent the remainder of his life. The maternal grandparents of Mrs. Peirson, Charles and Sarah (Warren) Wells, were natives of Rhode Island, and spent their last years at North Adams, Mass. Mrs. Peirson was between two and three years old when her mother died, and she was rearred by her maternal

grandparents, residing with them until her marriage, She received a thorough education in the schools of North Adams, Mass, and when seventeen years of age began teaching. She was thus well fitted to become the wife of a man more than ordinarily capable and intelligent; and right worthily she fulfilled the duties which devolved upon her in later years,

To Mr. and Mrs. Peirson there were born four children, one of whom, Charles Dwight, died in infancy; Ida E. is the wife of Charles Fitts, of Blissfield; of Eugene Douglass, a sketch appears elsewhere in this volume; while Eva Clemenza is at home with her mother. They occupy a tasteful and home-like residence, the legacy of the kind and thoughtful husband and father, whose name is held in tender remembrance by all who knew him.

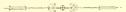
EHIAL H. BRAMBLE, a retired farmer, and at present a resident of Tecumsch, was among the number of those who, at an early period in the history of this State, migrated from Seneca County, N. Y., and took up their abode with the pioneers of this county. Mr. B. was born in the town of Lodi, June 22, 1817, and is the son of Clement Bramble, a native of Manlius, N. Y. The paternal grandfather of our subject, Moses Bramble, left his native State of Maryland when a young man, and removed to Seneca County, N. Y., where he spent the remainder of his life.

The mother of our subject, Mrs. Elizabeth (Prindle) Bramble, was born in Orange County, N. Y The parental family included seven children, four sons and three daughters, all of whom lived to attain their majority, and were all married, settling mostly in the Empire State; but three of them are now living. The father died when Jehial H. was but six years old. The latter remained with his mother but a year afterward, and was then taken into the home of a distant relative, where he remained until twelve years of age. During the next two years he lived with another relative, and then started out in the world for himself. He worked for a time on a farm and served an apprenticeship at coopering, and finally making his way to Port Byron, followed his trade for a period of seventeen

years, a large part of the time being engaged in the manufacture of pork barrels for the Troy markets.

Mr. Bramble finally drifted into the State of Michigan, in the meantime making a brief stay in Ohio. He was married in 1847, and had left his wife in New York, while he was looking about for a permanent location. After a brief stay in this county he returned to his native State, and in the spring of 1850 came back, accompanied by his familv, and located on a tract of land in Macon Township. He worked at coopering and farming probably two years, and then disposing of his land, he purchased near the present limits of Franklin a farm of 140 acres, of which he still retains the ownership. Upon this he effected good improvements. and occupied it until the fall of 1879, when, renting the farm, he removed to the village of Teenmseh, and is spending his declining years in the ease, and quiet to which he is so justly entitled,

The wife of our subject, formerly Miss Anna Wixson, was born in Steuben County, N. Y., Jan, 20, 1824, and is the daughter of Reuben and Hannah Wixson, who passed their early years in the East, and subsequently came to Michigan. Mr. and Mrs. B. spent the first years of their married life in New York State, and the household circle was completed by the birth of four children, of whom only one is living, Clement II., the youngest born, who now operates the homestead; Elizabeth became the wlfe of B. F. DuPugh, and died in 1868; Phebe and Minnie died at the ages of twenty-four and twenty respectively. Mr. Bramble, politically, is a stanch advocate of Republican principles, and for many years served as School Director in his district.



AMES II. ROGERS. The farming and stock-raising element of Woodstock Township finds one of its most worthy representatives in the subject of this sketch, who is located on section 19. Like most of the early residents of Lenawec County he commenced at the foot of the ladder in life, and by a course of steady perseverance and industry has attained to a good position socially and financially. He has been no unimportant factor in the building of the township of the township of the township of the township of the story.

ship, and as a man who takes pride in the reputation of his neighborhood, has never been niggardly in giving substantial encouragement to the enterprises calculated to enhance its standing and to commend it to an intelligent class of people as a desirable place of residence.

The Rogers family, as known in New York State, the birthplace of our subject, was one of standing and prominence, honest, industrious and thrifty, and almost invariably well-to-do. William Rogers, the great-grandfather of our subject, and who stood at the head of the family in the United States. emigrated from Ireland in the Colonial days, and settled in Saratoga County, N. Y., where he followed his trade of a millwright, reared a fine famwife spent the remainder of his days. Among his sons was John, the grandfather of our subject, who spent his entire life in the Empire State, and died at the good old age of seventy-six years. Grandmother Rogers was some years older than her husband, and passed away before his decease, at the advanced age of eighty. They were the parents of twelve children, eight daughters and four sons, James L., the father of our subject, was born in Saratoga County, N. Y., and like his ancestor there carried on farming the greater part of his life. He married, Jan. 25, 1818, in Saratoga, Miss Charrila Curtis, and they settled in Saratoga County and became the parents of a large family of children, most of whom grew to mature years and settled in

James H. Rogers was born Dec. 20, 1825, and after moving to Michigan the parents made their home with him until their death. The father died Feb. 7, 1882, in his ninety-second year, having been born in 1790, and his mother died in March, 1887, in the nmetieth year of her age. Arriving in Woodstock Township in the spring of 1845, our subject purchased land on section 6, which he disposed of and bought a farm on section 18 in the year 1854, of which he has since retained possession. It is hardly necessary to state that the property bore little resemblance to its present condition, being but slightly cultivated, and with no improvements worthy of mention. Mr. Rogers saw nothing before him but years of continuous labor,

But heroically taking off his coat he set about the task of subduing the soil, and in the course of time began to realize that his hand-to-hand struggle with the elements of soil and climate was likely to result in victory for himself. He not only made good headway in the cultivation of the land, but put up here and there a building from time to time, until the neighbors began to remark that "Rogers was a very smart man and would do to put in office," He was accordingly elected Justice of the Peace and held the position six years. had usually voted the Democratic ticket and was always a defender of temperance principles. the meantime he represented other township interests as Clerk and Treasurer, and has always been looked upon as a man of good judgment, whose opinions it would be safe to follow.

Mr. Rogers, usually very prudent, carried out this principle in regard to his domestic affairs, refraining from taking upon himself the responsibilities of a family until he felt assured that he could provide comfortably therefor. He married in the fortieth year of his age, April 2, 1865. Miss Marietta Wilson, who was a native of Livingston County, N. Y., where she was born Jan. 16, 1832, and is the daughter of John and Harriet (Langs) Wilson, of Northumberland County, Pa. Mr. Wilson was a carpenter by trade and came to the Territory of Michigan in 1835, settling in Woodstock Township, where he carried on his trade in connection with farming and spent the remainder of his life, dying at the age of sixty-eight years; the mother survived her husband four years and passed away at the age of sixty-two. They left eight children, of whom but two are now living, the wife of our subject and her sister Minerva, Mrs. R. P. Darling, who is a resident of Woodstock. Mr. Wilson was a true pioneer, and like the brave men around him battled manfully with the difficulties of life in a new settlement, taking an interest in the welfare of the struggling little community and becoming prominent in local affairs.

Mr. and Mrs. Rogers commenced life together on the farm where they still reside, and which their united efforts have transformed into a beautiful and desirable homestend. The children who came to brighten the household circle are recorded as

follows: Kate N. was born Nov. 14, 1866, and died four days before her seventeenth birthday; John W. was born Oct. 12, 1868, was educated at the district school, and occupies himself on the farm with his father; Eugene C. was born Sept. 30, 1871, and is pursuing his studies in the district school, while he lives at home with his parents, Mr. Rogers handles blooded stock principally, keeping Durham cattle and Berkshire hogs, raising them for breeding purposes. His animals are registered in the American herd-book, and will bear comparison with the best of their kind in the county. The conveniences for their care and shelter indicate the supervision of the intelligent farmer and stock-raiser, who studies the best methods of economy and avails himself of the experience and instruction of his worthy compeers.

HLARD F. DAY, a retired farmer and resident of Hudson Village, was born in Chesterfield, Cheshire Co., N. H., Sept. 14, 1817. His father, samuel Day, one of the pioneer settlers of Hillsdale County, this State, was born in the same town, June 23, 1784. The latter's childhood and youth were spent in the agricultural districts, where he obtained a limited education in the district schools. In the meantime he was reared to habits of industry, and upon reaching his majority started out for himself and was employed as a farm laborer for four years before his marriage.

After this most interesting and important event of his life Mr. Day rented a tract of land in Cheshire County, where, after several years of hard labor he found himself in but little better condition financially than when he started. He had now quite a family upon his hands and resolved that he must make a change of location. He had but little means and having been in communication with friends near Dayton. Ohio, he prepared in the spring of 1834 to remove his family and their personal effects thither. They chose the cheapest route, hiring a team to convey the family and goods to the Eric Canal. They crossed the Connecticut



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River at Brattleboro, Vt., and from there proceeded over the Green Mountains to Schenectady, and at that point boarded a canal boat which conveyed them, via Buffalo, to Fairport, Ohio. They visited with friends seven miles from the latter place and there learned that land in the vicinity of Dayton was held at high prices and but little more desirable than the Government land which was being disposed of at a less figure in the Territory of Michigan.

Mr. Day, in view of these facts, early in the month of May, 1834, hired his friend to take him and his family to Lenawce County, and during the trip hither encountered the Worden family and later Mr. Treadwell and R. H. Whitehorne, who were bound for the same locality. At Baker's Cormers, in Madison Township, they found a vacant tion proceeded to explore the Bean Creek Valley, Mr. Day selected the west half of the southwest quarter of section 11 in what is now Pittsford Township, Hillsdale County, and sent the money to Monroe to enter the land from the Government. He then returned to the spot where he had left his family. He hired a team to transfer the goods while the family trudged along on foot. When we take into consideration the fact that the greater part of their way lay through an unbroken wilderness in which a simple trail was the nearest approach to cut their way through with their axes, the tedidescribed.

Our travelers arrived at Bean Creek about 11 o'clock one very dark night early in the month of June, and after some difficulty found that there was nothing but a foot log by which they could cross the stream. Mr. Worden waded in the water, and kindly offered to earry Mrs. Day, the mother of our subject, over the same way, but she preferred to crawl over the log on her hands and knees. They were made comfortable in the log house of a Mr. Kidder, and remained there until Mr. Day could remove to a building of similiar description which he had found in the neighborhood. He had entered

eighty acres near the Kidder settlement, but found that there were 160 acres of land on section 13, the cast half of the northwest quarter and the west half of the northwest quarter, which he could obtain, made a claim to it, and as soon as possible put up a comfortable log house which, although making no pretensions to elegance, served right well as a pioneer home. The roof was covered with bark and the floor to the loft was made of the same material. In this unpretentious dwelling the Pittsford Township courts convened, and our subject. Willard F., acted as presiding dustice of the Peace.

Mr. Day after entering his land had money enough left to buy a yoke of oxen to assist in the farm work, and which were considered quite a luxury, as both horses and oxen were scarce and few men could afford them at first. The next question was to get something to eat. There was plenty of wild meat roaming around in the shape of deer, turkey and other game, and Willard F, had already acquired a reputation as a good shot. He kept the family supplied with the choicest of meats, but bread was not so plentiful. In order to increase the family income he secured a job of clearing and fencing five acres of land at \$10 per acre, the first quite a bonanza, as the family were entirely out of provisions and money, and knew not where else they could procure any subsistence outside of wild meat.

Samuel Day, not long afterward, was stricken hard labor. Fortunately in his younger years he had learned to make baskets, and having plenty of material he turned his knowledge of this art to good account. While he sat at home and manufactured baskets his eldest son, Warren, operated as traveling salesman, journeying with his wares, by the aid of a yoke of oxen, to Monroe, where he sold them for cash. His sons were energetic workers like himself, and in due time there was a large tract of land cleared around the cabin and they found their financial condition assuming a firm basis. The Day homestead finally came to be known as one of the most thoroughly cultivated and valuable in that section of country. Samuel Day lived to see his children grow up around him enterprising and prosperous, and the wilderness transformed into pleasant fields and well ordered homesteads. He rested from his earthly labors on the 5th of June, 1856, when about seventy-two years of age.

Samuel Day in his early manhood was united in marriage with Miss Lucy Cutler, the mother of our subject, who was born in Chesterfield, N. H., Sept. 29, 1782. She came to the West with her husband and died on the 9th of November, 1880, having nearly completed a century of years. She was a woman strong both physically and intellectually, and fulfilled her duties as a wife and mother in the most praiseworthy manner. She was very courageous, and met the hardships and dangers of pioneer life with that brave and fearless spirit which was so much needed in those times of difficulty and danger. When they came to Michigan the settlers were often annoyed and frightened by wolves, but after the extermination of these they commenced keeping a flock of sheep and also raised flax. The mother spun and wove both woolen and linen cloth for the use of the household, and spent very few idle hours while providing for the wants of her family. Both parents were members of the Congregational Church for many years and their kindness and hospitality, both to friend and stranger, were proverbial.

The seven children of samuel and Lucy Day are recorded as follows: Warren, their eldest son, was born May 16, 1812, and died in Hudson Township in 1885; William was born May 5, 1815, and served in a company of Michigan Infantry during the late war; he died while in the army, at Nashville, three years after the time of his enlistment. Willard F., of our sketch, was born 8ept. 14, 1817; Mary A., born Oct. 23, 1819, died when an intersting young lady twenty-two years old; Wilson L. was born July 12, 1821, and is farming in Pittsford Township; Winslow H. occupies the old homestend; Fanny A., the widow of Augustus Kent, lives in Hudson Village.

Our subject spent his boyhood years in the Old Granite State, and was a youth of sixteen when his parents came to the Territory of Michigan. The land which his father had purchased was covered with timber from which it was the custom to cut the trees, roll the logs together and burn them,

Thus hundreds of fine black-walnut logs which a few years later would have brought a handsome price, were destroyed simply to get rid of them. Some of them were also split into fence rails, but as may be supposed no great number of these were needed at once, as the clearing necessarily proceeded slowly. Besides the deer, wolves and wild turkey already mentioned, a bear was occasionally seen, and sometimes without being seen, would abstract a pig from the pen and make off with it. Mr. Day made his home with his parents until his election as Register of Deeds for Hillsdale County, and then took up his abode in the town of Hillsdale. Two years later, having served his term of office, he returned to Pittsford Township and purchased a farm on section 12, where he engaged in general agriculture and stock-raising three years. In 1864, he sold out the farm he then occupied, and coming to this county was for a number of years interested with his brother Winslow H., in general farming and stock-raising in Hudson Township. He now owns one-half of the old homestead in Pittsford Township and 326 acres in Wright Township, Hillsdale County.

Mr. Day while a resident of Pittsford Township, Hillsdale County, was married, March 19, 1861, to Miss Eliza H. Holcomb, who was born in Varysburg, Wyoming Co., N. Y., Sept. 3, 1833. Her parents, Chaney and Elmira (Richards) Holcomb, were natives of New York, and now residents of Wyoming County, that State. Mrs. Day came to Michigan with her cousin. William Richards, and lived with him in Somerset Township, Hillsdale County, until her marriage. Of her union with our subject there were born two children: George W., who was born Feb. 27, 1862, and died when a youth of sixteen years, Dec. 18, 1878; and Willard F., Jr., who married Miss Grace Bradley, of Toledo, Ohio.

Mr. Day has held various local offices of trust, and was elected Constable and collector of taxes for Pittsford Township, when twenty-one years of age. Later he officiated as Town Clerk, Justice of the Peace and Supervisor, and has always labored for the best interests of his community. From the time he became of age until he removed to Hudson Township he filled some office in Hillsdale County,

and always with great credit to himself. Since becoming a resident of this county he has served the people as Justice of the Peace for Hudson Township, member of the Village Board, and as one of the Village School Board.

ORGAN M. FLORANCE. Among the representative men and successful agriculturists of the township of Ridgeway, is our subject, well worthy to be handed down as such, as well as an old settler, having come to this county in 1833, when a child five years of age. He was born in Middlesex Township, Yates Co., N. Y., June 11, 1828.

The father of our subject, Nathan Florance, was a native of France, and came of French parentage and ancestry. He came to the United States when a young man and was a black-mith by trade, for some years making a specialty of horseshoeing, at which he was very skillful. His wife, Juliet C. Brewster, came of New England ancestry extending back to the early settlement of the United States, Nathan Florance, after his marriage, went into Middleses Township, Yates County, and there lived until his death, which occurred at the age of thirty-four years, when his son, our subject, was only five years of age.

Morgan M. Florance was the youngest but one Mich., dving in Charlotte in June, 1856. After the death of his father our subject was reared by Augustus Montgomery, now of Ridgeway Township, with whom he came to Michigan in 1833, and lived with him until fourteen years of age. At this time his mother came here and was married to her second husband, and Morgan M. lived with them about two years. He then went to learn the shoemaker's trade, but thinking it a too shiftless trade for him, he abandoned it and began to work as a laborer. By hard work and strict economy he secured fifty-seven acres of land, which he yet owns, and on which his house is built, which is a part of his large and well-improved farm of 124 acres that constitutes the northwest fractional one-quarter of section 18, of the township of Ridgeway. His farm, which was a wild, unbroken wilderness, he set about to improve, and has succeeded well; he now has on it a good house and fair farm buildings.

December 29, 1852, Mr. Florance was married to Miss Juliet H. Tobey, who was born in York Township. Livingston Co., N. Y., in 1832, and is a daughter of Benjamin and Olive (Tinney) Tobey, natives of Massachusetts, who, after marriage, removed to York State and lived for some time in York Township, Livingston County. In 1844 they came to Michigan, settling on 160 acres of land in Raisin Township, and later went into Adrian Township, where the mother died in 1857 at the age of sixty-four years. The father then went to Ovid Township, Shiawassee County, where he died in September, 1865, at the age of eighty-six years.

Mrs. F. was reared at home until her marriage, and is the mother of five children: Floyd G., who took to wife Eva Kelley, and now lives in Holloway, where he is a clerk in H. H. Osgood's store; Faunic E., wife of Charles W. Culbertson, a farmer, who lives in Ridgeway Township; Thomas T. and Monite E., who live at home, and Volna E., who is now deceased. Mr. Florance has been Highway Commissioner, and politically, is a stanch Democrat.

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HARLES F. FIELD, publisher of the Tecumsch Xores, and a comparatively young man spent his boyhood in the town of Manchester, this State, where his birth took place Sept. 23, 1851. His parents, John and Aley J. Field, were natives of Wayne County, N. Y., whence they came to this State in 1849. The mother is still living; the father is dead.

Young Field, after completing his primary studies, entered the High School in Manchester, from which he was graduated in June, 1871. He subsequently took a classical course in the University of Michigan, and for several years afterward taught school in Clinton, Manchester, and other towns in the vicinity. Since reaching manhood he has taken a warm interest in educational matters and for two years was Township Superintendent of Schools at Manchester. While in Clinton he held the office of Township Clerk and was also a member of the School Board.

Mr. Field on the 31st of December, 1878, was united in marriage to one of the most accomplished young ladies of Clinton, namely: Miss Katie, daughter of Joseph S, and Elizabeth Kies, of Clinton. Mrs. F. was born Dec. 20, 1854, at the home of her parents in Clinton. The young people commenced life together in a modest manner, and in June, 1881, Mr. Fields purchased the good-will and business of the Clinton News, equipped the office with new material, and embarked on the tempestuous sea of country journalism. After an experience of two or three years, believing there was a larger field for his business in Tecumseh, he removed the Clinton News to this place in April, 1884, and founded the Tecumseh News, of which he is now publisher and proprietor. The News is a five-column quarto weekly, devoted to local and general matters with a page for Clinton affairs. It is independent in politics, and enjoys a healthy and steadily increasing eirculation.

In Tecumseh Mr. Field has been elected Township Clerk for two years and is at present Village Treasurer and Secretary of Tecumseh Masonic Lodge. Politically, he is an uncompromising Democrat, and religiously, an Episcopalian, in which church he officiates as Sunday-school Superintendent. He advocates his principles in a gentlemanly and fearless manner, and has hosts of friends and well-wishers.



C. HENDERSHOTT. Among the young and enterprising general farmers of Clinton Township our subject occupies a prominent position. He is a native of this place, and now owns and occupies the comfortable homestead where he first saw the light on the 28th of November, 1814. Caleb Hendershott, the father of our subject, came from the good, substantial Pennsylvania Dutch stock. He was born in Jersey Township, Northumberland Co., Pa., in April, 1806, and was reared to the occupation of a farmer, which calling he pursued in his native town until 1832, when he came to Michigan. In that year he

purchased eighty acres of land from the Government on section 12, Clinton Township, and later he bought twenty-five acres more, so that at the time of his death his homestead comprised 105 acres of good tillable land. He was married in 1834 or 1835, to Miss Elizabeth Shipman, who came to Michigan with her parents when she was a young woman. After taking the vows that made her and Caleb Hendershott one, they settled on the homestead on section 12, where they spent the remainder of their lives. Mrs. Hendershott passed away in 1849, while her husband survived her many years, his death occurring April 1, 1886, after he had rounded out fourscore years. Nearly sixty years of his long and useful life were passed on the homestead where he first located, and in that time he saw many and wonderful changes. When he came here a young man the country was but sparsely populated, and its solitude was seldom broken, except by the tread of the Indian, the wild animals of the dense forests, or the ringing sound of the pioneer's ax. The red man is seen no more; wild animals are scarce; the forests have fallen before the march of civilization, and smiling villages stand in the places of the wilderness. He and his good wife, filled with the strength of youth, courage and hope, struggled bravely with the hardships of pioneer life, and not only succeeded in their own personal aims, but were of the number who materially aided the young Territory in establishing itself as one of the future great States of the Union. They were the parents of five sons and two daughters, one of the latter and two of the former of whom are now living.

The subject of our sketch was the sixth child in order of birth, and was reared on the homestead, where he remained with his parents until his marriage, which took place in Clinton Township, May 6, 1873, with Miss Henrietta Hendershott. She was born in Northumberland County, Pa., April 25, 1845, and was the daughter of Even and Margaret (McBride) Hendershott, who came to Michigan from Pennsylvania in the spring of 1868 and located in Clinton Township, where the father died; her mother is still living here at a ripe old age, Mrs. Hendershott, the wife of our subject, lived with her parents until her marriage. To her and

her husband have been born three children, two of whom are living. Roscoe C. and Elmer; Blanche is deceased.

Since the death of his father our subject has owned and occupied the old homestend, where he is closely following in the footsteps of his sire, and possesses in a large degree his energy, good judgment and perseverance. He is honest and upright in all his dealings, and possesses the confidence of the community. He and his wife are pleasant, companionable people, and valued adjuncts to the society of their neighborhood; in politics Mr. Hendershott is Republican.

OHN W. TOLFORD, an extensive land-owner, residing on section 36 of Dover Township, where he has lived, as boy and man, for over half a century, is a native of New Hampshire. His father, Hugh Tolford, was born in Grafton County, that State, and his mother, Hannah (Currier) Tolford, was born in Massachusetts. They first made their home in Danbury, N. II. In April, 1833, they left their pleasant home amid the rugged, "rock-ribbed" hills of the Granite State, and set forth with their little family to make a home in the unknown wilds of the great Territory of Michigan. On their arrival here, they made their home for awhile in Madison Township. The next year, 1834, Mr. Tolford bought some land on section 36, of Dover Township, and removed here with his family. They made this their abode till death, the father dving Jan. 23, 1861, and the mother March 19, 1866. They had five children who lived to maturity, namely: Phillip, who lives in Madison Township; Sarah E., the widow of the Rev. John Thomas, and a resident of Adrian; John W.: Lydia J., the wife of D. J. Furman, of Dover Township, and Joshua P., who married Harriet Camp, and lives in Medina Township. Thomas and Mary are deceased.

Our subject was born in Danbury, Grafton Co., N. H., Jan, 14, 1826, and was about seven years of age when his parents brought him to Michigan. He received a common-school education, and did not lack a thorough drill in farm duties, which, with the sterling integrity and sound common sense that he inherited from his hardy New England ancestry, have led him to success where many another man would have found nothing but failure. He owns 350 acres of land, and has a good set of farm buildings, and everything wherewith to carry on farming to the best advantage. Besides this, he gave eighty acres to his oldest boy.

Mr. Tolford has been twice married, first, in Madison Township, to Sally A. Ten Brook, who bore him one child, Frank, now married to Jane Leacox, and a resident of Madison Township, Mrs. Tolford died Oct. 31, 1852. She had been to her husband a most praiseworthy helpmeet. Mr. Tolford's second marriage was to Miss Matilda Stumbaugh, daughter of John and Susanna (Miller) Stumbaugh. They became residents of Seneca Township in 1818, and there died. Mrs. Tolford was born in Southampton, Franklin Co., Pa., Sept. 11, 1835. Six children have been born of her union with Mr. Tolford-John C., Hugh P., Sarah J., Mary A., Robert J. and George W.; the latter died when two years old. John C. was first married to Katie Ellis; after her death he married Elizabeth married Anna Lucas, and resides in Weston, Mich.; Sarah J, is the wife of R, A, McKnight, and resides in Auburn, Neb.: Mary A. is the wife of E. T. Crowe, and lives in Butler County, Ind.; Robert J. lives at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Tolford are excellent people, and held in high regard in the community. Mr. Tolford is a man of much force of character, and bears an unblemished reputation; he wields a good influence in the township. He is a stanch adherent of the Prohibition party, doing all that in him lies to make that party an important political factor in the country. He has filled the office of Justice of the Peace for seven years.

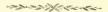
RANK R. PEARSON is successfully engaged in farming on section 21, Woodstock Township, to which he came in 1864, and has since resided. He was born in Livingston County, N. Y., April 24, 1838, and is the son of

David and Jane (Pickering) Pearson, of whom a sketch appears elsewhere in this work. Our subject was reared on the home farm until twenty-one years of age, engaging in general farm duties in the summer, and attending the district school in the winter, while he also spent some time in the select schools. At the age of twenty-one he engaged in work by the month, and was thus employed some years.

On the 28th of January, 1862, our subject was united in marriage with Miss Adelaide Sanford, who was born on the 28th of January, 1844. She is the daughter of Lewis and Delilah Sanford, of whom a sketch appears elsewhere in this Album. For the first two years after his marriage, our subject lived on a farm belonging to his father-in-law, and in 1864 he came to his present farm, as above stated.

Mr. and Mrs. Pearson have a family of three children—Lewis D., Delbert F. and Eugene W. Lewis D. was born Nov. 9, 1864; Delbert F., Jan. 20, 1869, and Eugene W., Aug. 24, 1873. They are living with their parents, and the two youngest are attending the district school.

Mr. Pearson is a man of more than ordinary intelligence and ability. He is one of the best informed men of the community, and advances his ideas modestly, but firmly, and in clear and forcible language. He had some experience out West, and is of a genial temperament, making him an agreeable companion. In politics he is a Democrat, and invariably gives to the measures advanced by that party his earnest support. He is also an unflinching advocate of the cause of temperance.



ENRY II. RAWSON, one of the most prominent men of Rollm Township, first eame to Southern Michigan on a prospecting tour in the fall of 1839, and in his travels he journeyed thirty-three miles without seeing a house. A few weeks later he returned to his native State, but did not abandon his first intention of locating in the West. Accordingly, seven years later, in October, 1846, he returned to this section of country, and purchasing sixty-two acres of land in Rollin Township, he pitched his tent and prepared to cultivate the soil and build up a home. Here he has remained

since that time, adding to his landed interests until he is now the proprietor of eighty acres of land, with a commodious dwelling, and the various barns and outhouses necessary for the successful prosecution of his calling. The residence, although put up twenty-five years ago, is good for many years to come, as the old-fashioned methods of building resulted generally in more substantial structures than those of the present day.

Mr. Rawson, upon coming to Lenawee County, at once identified himself with the various interests of his township, being a man of more than ordinary intelligence, and capable of discharging the duties of the various local offices. He represented the township in the County Board of Supervisors, officiated in the various school offices, and was Township Clerk thirteen or fourteen years. He and his estimable lady belong to the Society of Friends, and are devout Christian people, who have shed a healthy moral influence upon the community around them. Mrs. Rawson was at one time an active member of the W. C. T. U., but of late years, on account of ill-health, has been obliged to abandon the work in which she has always taken a warm interest. Mr. Rawson, during his early manhood, was identified with the old Whig party, but later endorsed Republican principles.

Our subject was born in Ontario County, N. Y., March 9, 1817. His father, Theodore Rawson, was a native of Massachusetts, and all his life engaged in agricultural pursuits. He was united in marriage with Elizabeth Bussey, by whom he had ten children. The parents spent their last years in Rollin Township, the father dying in his eighty-fourth year, and the mother several years earlier, also quite aged. Young Rawson continued at the homestead until nineteen years of age, and then worked by the month eight seasons. In 1844, October 30th, he was married to Miss Mary J., daughter of William Cornelius, a sketch of whom will be found in the biography of E. M. Cornelius, presented elsewhere in this work. Mrs. Rawson was born in Dutchess County, N. Y., March 16, 1824, and came with her husband to Michigan in 1846.

Mr. Rawson purchased his first land in Rollin Township in 1846, and here their seven children were born, four of whom lived to mature years, the others dying in early childhood. The eldest son living, Alonzo P., was born May 4, 1848, and married Miss Harriet, daughter of John and Margaret Tuttle, of Hillsdale County; they had two children, one of whom is now deceased, and are residents of Hillsdale County, George II, was born May 19, 1857, and married Miss Josie, daughter of Walter Jones, of Raisin Township; they have two children, a son and a daughter, and also live in Hillsdale County. Martin L. was born Nov. 8, 1859, and married Miss Sadie Hadley, of Hillsdale County; they have one child, a daughter, and live in Rollin Township, Edward M. was born March 11, 1864, and married Miss Celia, daughter of Amos R. and Elmira B. Cole, and resides with his parents. Mr. Rawson has been familiar with farming pursuits all his life, and takes pride in his agricultural operations, while he gives much of his spare time to the embellishment of the homestead, which is notable as being one of the most attractive in Rollin Township.



DWIN C. PORTER, son of one of the carliest pioneers of Lenawee County, occupies a sing home adjacent to the village limits of Weston, where he lives partially retired from active labor, and surrounded by all the comforts of life. He was born and reared in Fairfield Township, and is the son of Asaph K. and Rachel (Glazier, Porter, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this volume.

Our subject first opened his eyes to the light at the well-known old homestead in Fairfield Township, Feb. 24, 1837, and was the first-born in the eabin home of his parents. He grew up amid the wild scenes of pioneer life, being carefully trained to habits of industry and economy, and continued a member of his father's household until twentytwo years of age. Mr. Porter began farming on his own account in Fairfield Township, on a tract of land not far from the old homestead, where he continued until about 1887. He then sold this property and purchased the ground which he now owns, and which is quite valuable. Its near proximity to the village of Weston makes it desirable as a residence, while the soil, by a process of careful cultivation, yields abundantly the choicest products of this region.

Mr. Porter was married, March 27, 1860, shortly after his twenty-third birthday, to Miss Mary C., daughter of Oramel A. and Cornelia (Willey) Sackett, the wedding taking place at the residence of John J. Knapp in Fairfield Township. The parents of Mrs. Porter were natives of Dutchess County, N. Y., where they were reared and married. Mr. Sackett was born Jan, 20, 1807, and departed this life at his home in Blissfield, Sept. 11. 1879. His wife, Cornelia, had preceded him to the other life thirty-one years before, her death taking place in the summer of 1848, at Blissfield. The parental household included three children: Eliza, the wife of M. L. Rice, a well-to-do farmer of Washtenaw County, this State; Daniel, who died when two years of age, and Mary C., Mrs. Porter, who was born in Blissfield Township, Sept. 26, 1838, and continued with her parents until the death of the mother. Of her union with our subject there have been born two children, Herbert W. and Cora. The former married Miss Florence Quick, and is in business as a druggist in Weston, while the daugh-

Our subject, politically, is an active Prohibitionist, and religiously, a member in good standing of the Baptist Church. Mrs. Porter was rearred a Methodist, to which faith she still adheres. The Porter family is well known throughout Lenawee County as representing its best elements of citizenship.

OHN BOYD. There are few men in Macon Township who stand higher in the good opinion of an intelligent community than the subject of this biography. He has been prospered in his efforts at securing a handsome home and a competency, and the beautiful farm which attracts the eye of the admiring traveler is but the just reward of honest toil, frugality of living, and wise management. The residence, one of the most elegant in Lenawec County, is built of brick, with two stories and basement, and combines comfort and beauty to perfection. The adjacent farm

buildings are fully in keeping with the residence, and the live stock, embracing cattle and horses, sheep and swine, is of the most excellent grade, while the farm machinery is of the latest and most improved pattern, combining everything required by the modern and progressive agriculturist.

A large proportion of the most thrifty and intelligent farmers of Michigan were born and reared on the other side of the Atlantic, and to the North of Ireland especially is Lenawee County indebted for many of her most enterprising and prosperous citizens. Mr. Boyd was born in County Antrim. Jan. 11, 1830, and comes of old Scotch ancestry, who fled from their native land to escape religious persecution in the seventeenth century. His father, Samuel Boyd, was also a native of the same county, where he followed farming in a modest manner, and married Miss Jane Kyle, a lady of ancestry similar to his own. His grandfather, Samuel Boyd, Sr., also a native of County Antrim, married Miss Jane Carson, a Scotch lady, who lived to be eighty years of age. They spent their lives after their marriage in County Autrim, and were stanch Presbyterians,

Samuel Boyd, Jr., the father of our subject, continued a resident of his native county until most of the family had emigrated to the United States. Not long after setting foot on American soil, they made their way to New York State, locating in Livingston County, to which our subject had come in 1848, he being the first of the family to locate in that county. He was but a youth of eighteen years when he left his native land and arrived here nearly penniless and among strangers. He was hopeful, however, as long as he had his stout hands and courageous heart, and at once employed himself at whatever he could find to do, working for some time as a farm laborer.

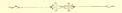
We now go back to the incidents which transpired in connection with the voyage of the father of our subject to the New World. They took passage on a sailing-vessel at Belfast, and eleven weeks later were driven ashore off Jersey Beach by a severe storm, which destroyed and sank the vessel, but not, however, until the passengers had been taken off safely. Before this the Boyd family had all become sick with the measles, which they had

caught from other passengers, and which came very near proving fatal, being aggravated by the exposure at the time of shipwreck. They lost all their personal effects, but John Boyd was a man of great courage and did not allow these troubles to dismay him so long as his family was spared to him. They soon found friends, and ere long recovered from the disaster of shipwreck and illness.

Our subject, in the fall of 1853, left his home in Livingston County, N. Y., and made his way to this State, purchasing eighty acres of land on section 35, Macon Township, this county. He located in the wilderness, and proceeded to cultivate the soil and build up a homestead, upon which he remained until 1865, then purchased his present farm, taking possession of it in the spring of 1866. Here he has lived since that time, putting forth his best efforts for the improvement of his property, and adding each year those embellishments which tend to enhance its beauty and value. The lowland has been drained with about 1000 rods of tiling, and more than 87,000 has been expended on the residence and out-buildings.

Our subject was married in Tecumseh, this county, Feb. 9, 1857, to Miss Margaret Boyd, a distant relative, who like himself is a native of County Antrim, Ireland, and was born in February, 1828. Her parents were David and Rosa (Boyd) Boyd, also natives of the North of Ireland, where the father died when comparatively a young man and when his daughter, Mrs. Boyd, was but a child. He served during the French War, being frequently in the thickest of the fight, and for many years was a sailor on board a British man-of-war. After his death the widow came with her family to the United States, locating first in New York State, and later coming to Michigan. The mother lived to be eighty-eight years of age, and died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Boyd, Sept. 7, 1875. The wife of our subject received her education in the common schools and remained with her mother until her marriage.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd's eldest son, Thomas, after leaving the primary school, took a course at Valley Seminary, and later entered the Commercial College in Detroit, where he was graduated as a firstclass book-keeper, and is now employed by the firm of Savage & Farmen, extensive breeders of Norman horses and other fine stock. Margaret J., the daughter, is also fairly educated, and remains at home with her parents. The family belong to the Reformed Church of South Macon. Mr. Boyd is a Republican politically, and has served as Supervisor of Macon Township, and for some time has been a Justice of the Peace.



AVID PONTIUS for the past twenty-live years has been pursuing the even tenor of his way as a quiet and unobtrusive citizen among the people of Clayton, where he became a resident in the spring of 1886. He owns a snug Dover Township, which is supplied with all the appliances required for its proper care and cultivation, and which yields him annually a handsome income. He has been quite prominent in local affairs, serving as Justice of the Peace four years, and School Inspector several terms. He and his family are members and regular attendants of the Methodist Church, of which he has been a liberal and cheerful supporter for many years, and has for the past thirty years been an active worker in Sundayschools and churches, holding the office of Superintendent of Sunday-schools at least twenty years, Politically, he votes the Democratic ticket.

The parents of our subject, Henry and Mary (Smith) Pontius, were natives of Northumberland County, Pa., whence they removed to Seneca County, N. Y., and from there, in 1854, to this county, locating in Dover Township. The father, while on a visit to his daughter in Grand Haven, Mich., died Oct. 23, 1869, while the mother died at the homestead in Dover Township, Oct. 18, 1878. The parental household included nine children, two sons and seven daughters, of whom David was the sixth in order of birth. He was born while his parents were residents of Seneca County, N. Y., near the town of Fayette, April 11, 1830. Young Pontius spent his boyhood and youth amid agricultural scenes and employments, and has always been content with a farmer's life. He was twenty-four years of age upon coming to this county, and had for a year occupied the position of Superintendent of the State Agricultural Farm, in Seneca County, Arriving in Southern Michigan in the spring of 1861, with his wife and two children, he first purchased forty acres of land on sections 10 and 15 in Dover Township, subsequently adding to this, until he has a handsome property of ninety acres, a part of which was included in his father's old home place.

Mr. Pontins was married in his native county, Feb. 13, 1851, to Miss Cordelia daughter of Daniel In and Mary (Phillips) Bryamt, natives of New Jersey. Her parents removed to Seneca County, N. Y., early in life, and the mother died there, April 23, 1870. Mr. Bryant is still living, being in his eighty-eighth year. The parental family included nine children, one son and eight daughters, Mrs. Pontins being the third daughter. She was born in Variek, Seneca Co. N. Y., Oct. 6, 1827, and was there reared to womanhood, receiving careful training from a judicious mother, and a fair education in the common schools.

Mr. and Mrs. Pontins have two children only, both daughters: Alice C, is the wife of R, B, Sutton, a prosperous farmer of Dover Township, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this Alague; they have two daughters—Maggie and Florence, Idia A, Mrs. Lucius Judson, is a resident of Clayton, and the mother of one child, a daughter, Alice H. The father of Mrs. Pontins was prominent in the affairs of Seneca County, N, Y., serving many years as Supervisor of his township, and also as County Clerk and Treasurer, discharging the duties of these offices in a manner creditable to himself and satisfactory to all concerned.



AMES B. COLVIN. Among the ideal farmers of Southern Michigan our subject ranks among the first. For many years after coming to this State he made a specialty of sheepraising, but of later years he has devoted his attention to general farming. During the time he was engaged in sheep-raising he made a specialty of fine merinos, of which he sometimes had very large

thocks, and was considered the most extensive raiser in Southern Michigan. He has in his possession to-day many first prizes awarded to his flock at agricultural and stock exhibitions. Mr. Colvin has always been an enthusiast in the cultivation of stock of various kinds, and his knowledge of the qualities of horses is very full and comprehensive. He has crected upon his farm perhaps the finest residence outside of Adrian. It is built of brick and is of the modern style of architecture, while the material entering into its construction is all of the best. His barns are said to be the best arranged and largest in capacity in the county.

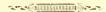
Mr. Colvin was born in Groveland, Livingston Co., N. Y., May 5, 1826, and is the son of William Colvin, who was born in County Antrim, Ireland, March 4, 1791. When a boy he learned the hatter's trade, which he followed until he came to America in 1818. The latest recollection Mr, Colvin has of his ancestors is of one Dr. Colvill, a clergyman, who went with his wife from Scotland to County Antrim, Ireland, during the reign of Charles II. of England, and built Gilgorm Castle, where he lived and died. This eastle is still in good preservation and parts of the walls of its park are still standing. William when a boy often visited the old castle, and remembers seeing in the family vault, under the chapel, the leaden coffins of his ancestors, the Doctor, his son and grandson. As is often the case, the ancestral name of Colvill in time was allowed through carelessness to be called Colvin, by this and other branches of the family, both in America and Ireland, but the name Colvill is still retained by a brother in Philadelphia, several of whose family are engaged in mercantile pursuits.

In 1830 William Colvin came to Michigan with Robert Boyd and Fulton Jack, who accompanied him from Ireland. He located eighty acres of land on section 11, Raisin Township, and returned to his home in Groveland, N. Y. In the spring of 1832, he again came to Michigan and purchased more land on sections 16 and 22, and returning to New York was a passenger on the new steamboat "Washington," which then plied between Detroit and Buffalo. During their passage down Lake Erie a terrible storm arose and the boat was blown ashore and wrecked near the lower end of Long Point. There were over thirty passengers on board but only one life was lost, that of a young man, who became so alarmed by the situation that he attempted to swim ashore. In May, 1834, Mr. Colvin brought his family to Michigan, and settled on his first purchase, where he lived until his death, which occurred Oct. 6, 1879. In 1811 William Colvin married Miss Letitia, daughter of James and Jennie Smith, of Carnlea, County Antrim, Ireland, by whom he had eight children, three sons and five daughters, recorded as follows: John was born Dec. 15, 1814, and is a farmer in Ionia County, Mich.: Jeanett was born June 15, 1817, and is now the widow of Jacob Snyder, of Macon; Mary was born July 15, 1819, and is the wife of John Potter, of Oakland, Cal.; these were born in County Antrim, Ireland, Jane was born in Brighton, N. Y., Sept. 6, 1822, and is the widow of the late Hugh McConnell, of Fairfield, this county: William was born in Groveland, N. Y., Feb, 19, 1824, and is a stock-raiser of Larned, Pawnee Co., Kan, ; James B. is our subject; Elizabeth was born in Groveland, N. Y., Feb. 6, 1829, and died in Raisin Township, in September, 1837; Caroline N. was also born in Groveland, N. Y., May 1, 1831. The mother of these children was born in Carnlea, County Antrim, Ireland, July 10, 1791, and came to America with three small children in 1820, two years after the coming of her husband. She died at the old homestead in Raisin Township, Dec. 5, 1878.

James B. Colvin was brought up a farmer, but received a liberal education, having attended the best schools of the county during the time of his school days. He lived with his father until he was seventeen years of age, when he began life for himself. For a period of eight years he worked by the day or month, five years of this time being in the service of Judge C. A. Stacy. In 1853 he purchased a farm of 120 acres on section 6, in Raisin Township, and in 1865 he purchased fifty acres on section 9, in the same township, upon which he moved in 1867, and to which he has added until he now owns 225 acres. On the 27th of January, 1856, Mr. Colvin married Miss Harriet A., daughter of William and Matilda Tilton, of Raisin Township, by whom he has had three children, as follows:

Josephine L. was born Sept. 25, 1857; Herbert J., Oct. 12, 1860, and Nora B., June 27, 1870.

Mr. Colvin has traveled a good deal during his life, particularly through the western part of this country, and having been a close observer is able to impart a vast amount of information regarding that part of Uncle Sam's domains. Politically he has nearly all his life acted with the Democratic party, but is a man of strong Prohibition proclivities. Upon all subjects he is liberal minded, and manifests a very generous public spirit in regard to matters concerning the welfare of the people.



RS. JANE PEARSON. In this aged and beloved lady we have an illustration of all the womanly virtues, as exhibited in a long and useful life, during the changes of which she has borne herself with the patience and fortitude which have endeared her to a large circle of friends and acquaintances. She has had a long and interesting experience, dating over a period of more than threescore years and ten, and embracing the vicissitudes of life in a new country during its transformation from a wilderness to the abode of a civilized and highly cultivated people. Previous to her settlement here, she with her husband had crossed the Atlantic Ocean on a sailing-vessel, a trip which in those days was no ordinary undertaking, accompanied not only by inconvenience but danger, and barren of the safeguards and comforts which are now thrown around the ocean voyager. In contemplation of the many changes through which she has passed it is not to be wondered at that the whole seems more like a dream than the real events of one life's brief span,

Mrs. Pearson was born among the hills of Yorkshire, England, March 25, 1815, and is the daughter of Richard and Ann (Jordan) Pickering, who were natives of the same county, where they spent their lives; the family was one of prominence in that region. The paternal grandfather was a gardener by occupation, but the father of Mrs. Pearson followed farming in Yorkshire. He was the possessor of a good property and died at the age of seventy-six years, while his wife was seventytwo at the time of her death, which occurred a few years before that of her husband. The home circle comprised five children—Mary, Harriett, Jane, Hannah and Robert.

Mrs. Pearson received a common-school education and remained under the parental roof until reaching womanhood. She was married in her native county to one of her own countrymen, David Pearson, who was born not far from the childhood home of his wife, on the 18th of March, 1812. In his native England he was employed around the seashore at fishing and otherwise, but when twentyfive years of age, not being satisfied with the results of his labors, he determined to change his location and occupation, and in the spring of 1837 set out with his family for the United States. He located first in Livingston County, N. Y., and employed himself at farming two years, then, in the fall of 1839 he left the Empire State for this county. Mr. Pearson soon after his arrival in Woodstock Township, bought eighty acres of timber land, from which by the exercise of years of labor, he cleared a good farm and put up suitable buildings. He invested still further in real estate, and the property now comprises 112 acres of land well-tilled and producing in abundance the choicest crops of Michigan. The parents of Mr. Pearson left England in 1839 and joined their son in this county, where they spent the remainder of their days, the father dying in 1840, at the age of seventy-six years, and the mother a good many years later when ninety-nine years of age.

The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Pearson are recorded as follows: Frank was born April 24, 1838, and married Miss Adelaide, daughter of Lewis Sanford, who is represented elsewhere in this work, and has three children; Hannah P. was born Sept. 12, 1840, and is the wife of G. H. Hutchins; Ann Elizabeth was born Ang. 12, 1843, and is the wife of Charles Hacket, of Napoleon, a painter by trade; Charles W. was born May 11, 1846, married Miss Eva Richardson, and is the father of several children; Alfred R. was born June 13, 1848, and married Miss Eola Salsbury; he is farming in Nebraska and has three children. Harriet M. was born June 28, 1850, married Darius Iveson, and lives in Nebraska; Fletcher was born Nov. 28, 1853, married

Anna Iveson, and also resides in Nebraska; Emma J. was born Dec, 31, 1855, and was married to Rev. A. R. Keeler, a minister of the Methodist Episcopial Church in Kent County; Lewis F. was born June 18, 1859, and married Miss Mary E. Parker, daughter of George Parker, of this township; he is a farmer and occupies the homestead with Mrs. Pearson.

David Pearson, upon becoming a naturalized citizen, identified himself with the Republican party. He took a genuine interest in the prosperity of his adopted country, and aided according to his ability the enterprises calculated for the good of the community. He was a valued member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, with which he, together with his estimable wife, became connected many years ago. In this he officiated as Class-Leader and Steward, and was one of the pillars of the society. After reaching the sixtieth year of his age he rested from his earthly labors on the 8th of March, 1872, mourned by his family, to whom he had been an indulgent father and husband, and the community, by whom he was held in universal respect.



HOMAS J. PILBEAM. This gentleman, who all his life has been identified with the farming interests of Ridgeway Township, is the son of an intelligent Englishman who came across the water in early manhood and cast his lot among the pioneers of the Northwest. The latter was a native of County Kent, and is still living in Ridgeway Township, being now in the seventy-second year of his age and retired from active labor.

Mr. Pilheam is pleasantly located on section 1. Ridgeway Township, where he owns sixty acres of land, finely improved, of which he took possession in 1872. Adjoining this property, in Dundee Township, Monroe County, is also an improved tract of eighty acres, which Mr. P. purchased in 1882, and where he has also creeted good buildings. His farming operations have been conducted with rare good judgment, and the hand of taste and refinement has evidently been employed in every de-

tail. The proprietor is a man most pleasant to meet and converse with, being well informed, intelligent and genial, and in all respects evidencing the gentleman "to the manor born."

Our subject first opened his eyes to the light at his father's homestead in Ridgeway Township, Aug. 25, 1844. The father, William Pilbeam, was a native of County Kent, England, and was there married to Miss Hanna Hause, who came with him across the Atlantic and cheerfully shared with her husband the vicissitudes of life in a new country. They not only had to contend with a foreign soil but different manners and eustoms, unlike those to which they had been reared. They possessed, however, those elements of character which are everywhere recognized as belonging to the honest gentleman and gentlewoman, and soon gathered about them scores of warm friends among the early residents, who shared alike their trials and for the most part their successes.

Thomas J. Pilbeam remained under the home roof until a youth of eighteen years and then began life on his own account. He was married, at the home of the bride in Ridgeway Township, to Miss Adelaide Hall, who was born in the village of Tecumsch, and had spent her life thus far in Ridgeway Township. Mrs. P. only lived a few years after her marriage, her death taking place at her home in Dundee Township in 1876. Of her union with our subject there were three children, the youngest of whom, an infant, followed its mother soon after its birth. The two surviving children are Mary Edith, who was born March 12, 1873, and Ida L., Jan. 1, 1875. They are now living in Tecumsch, this county.

The second marriage of Mr. Pilbeam took place Nov. 28, 1876, with Miss Adeline, daughter of Jacob and Sasan (Hanlon) Masten, who are now residents of Milan Township, Monroe County. They came to the West in their youth and were married in Monroe County, where they have since lived. The father followed farming and has accumulated a good property. Mrs. Adeline Pilbeam was born in Milan, July 9, 1855, and received her education in the district school. She was trained by a careful mother to all needful housewifely duties, and by her union with our subject has become the mother

of five children—William J., Jessie L., Myrtie E., Shirley and Minerva. Mr. P. meddles very little with politics or public affairs, but upon occasions of general elections he easts his vote with the Republican party.

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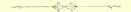
HARLES W. PELHAM, working upon the maxim that a rolling stone gathers no moss, still clings to the old homestead of his father, where he first opened his eyes to the light over forty years ago, on the 13th of March, 1842. His father, Richard Pelham, was one of the pioneers of Michigan Territory, coming to this section of country when the track of the deer and the wild Indian still lingered upon the sod. He took up eighty acres of Government land in Woodstock Township, and here spent the remainder of his days.

Richard Pelham, the father of our subject, was born in Greene County, N. Y., Aug. 8, 1810, and was a resident of his native township until a youth of eighteen years. He then went over into Delaware County, in the same State, and formed a matrimonial alliance with Miss Abigail Avery, to whom he was married in 1831. Four years later they set out with their little family for the Territory of Michigan, and here endured the privations and hardships incident to pioneer life. Richard Pelham, as an intelligent, industrious and publicspirited man, ever maintained an interest in the welfare of his adopted township, and was prominent in local affairs, serving as the first Justice of the Peace in this part of the county, which office he held for many years and received much credit for his wise and oftentimes original methods in dealing with offenders. He was also Commissioner of Highways and Assessor, and in addition to his quite extensive farming interests followed his trade of a millwright. The Pelhams as a family were largely devoted to farming pursuits, although they also engaged in merchandising.

The parental household of our subject included five children, recorded as follows: Hannah S. was born in December, 1831, and became the wife of James Peterson, of Jackson County, and the mother of ten children, eight now living; Henry was, born Feb. 20, 1834, married Miss Helen Bolton, and became the father of six children, of whom but three are living; he is carrying on farming in Dakota, Loretta was born April 18, 1836, married James R. Terpeney, and has two children, Harman L. Q. was born July 18, 1838, married Miss Fannic McConnell, and had four children, two of whom are now deceased; Charles, of our sketch, was the youngest child. Henry Pelham, the paternal grandfather of our subject, died when a young man in Greene County, N. Y., in 1813. The grandmother, Margaret (Gray) Pelham, survived her husband, remaining a widow for over fifty years, her death taking place when she was eighty-four years of age, in Ulster County, N. Y.

Mr. Pelham remembers many of the incidents of thirty-five years ago, and the steady development of the wilderness into smiling fields and comfortable homesteads. He received a fair education in the district school, and when young was taught to be of use around the farm. As may be supposed his present home loses none of its attractions on account of having been his boyhood's tramping ground. I pon reaching manhood he was married to a maiden of his own township, Miss Mary Matilda Lapham, and they are the proud parents of a blooming family of nine children, who with one exception are all at home with their parents. One daughter, Meta, is the wife of Oliver Holmes, of Wales, Erie Co., N. Y., and the mother of two children.

Mr. Pelham east his first Presidential vote for McClellan and has, with few deviations, continued a Jacksonian Democrat.



ENRY PULVER, one of the pioneers of Michigan, came to this county when a young man of strong hands and stout heart, and put his shoulder to the wheel during the building up of a settlement from the wilderness, looking not only to his own interests, but to those of the people around him. After a well-spent life, during which he has been a worthy illustration of honesty, temperance, and all the other qualities that

go to make up the good citizen, he has retired from active labor and is spending his declining years in ease and comfort in the village of Onsted.

Mr. Pulver has a fine property on section 20, in Cambridge Township, comprising eighty acres of land in a high state of cultivation, with good buildings, live stock and machinery, and all the appurtenances necessary to the complete modern country estate. This land Mr. Pulver purchased in 1855, and made it his home until his removal to Onsted, in 1886; it is now operated by Samuel White, under the supervision of the owner. Mr. Pulver was born in Dutchess County, N. Y., May 8, 1825, and was twenty-three years of age when he came with his father to this county. The latter, Michael Pulver, was also a native of the Empire State and had farmed in Dutchess, Wayne and Onondaga Counties. Upon coming to Michigan he located in the woods of Cambridge Township, not far from the present site of the village of Onsted, where he made some improvements and lived until 1868, then removed to a new farm of 160 acres near Grand Traverse. Here he died in 1872, when seventy years of age.

The mother of our subject was in her girlhood days Miss Mary Knickerbocker, of Columbia County, N. Y. The parental household was completed by the birth of nine children, eight sons and one daughter, of whom five of the former are vet living and one still unmarried. Henry, of our sketch, was the sixth child, and remained under the home roof until reaching his majority. On the 13th of January, 1851, he took for his wife Miss Harriet E. Greenleaf, who was born April 24, 1834, and was reared in Cambridge Township. Of her father, John Greenleaf, mention is made in the sketch of Charles W. Greenleaf, which will be found on another page in this work. Mrs. Pulver died at the homestead in Cambridge Township in August, 1864.

Our subject was subsequently married, July 22, 1865, to Miss Elizabeth Stephenson, who was born in Cambridge Township, April 14, 1839. Her parents, John and Mary (Brears) Stephenson, were among the early pioneers of this section and died in Cambridge Township some years ago. Father Stephenson was a very capable and intelligent man, and followed the business of veterinary surgeon the last twenty-five years of his life. He was born and married in Yorkshire, England, from which he emigrated in the thirties and from that time was mostly a resident of Cambridge Township. He was sixty-five years old at the time of his death in 1875, and his wife was sixty-eight when she died, in 1881.

Mrs. Pulver received a good education in the district schools and continued with her parents until her marriage. She is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Onsted, and Mr. Pulver, politically, votes the straight Republican ticket.

DWIN PICKFORD, who has one of the best appointed farms in Rome Township, orossed the Atlantic from England when a young man twenty-four years of age, to seek his fortune in the New World. He was born in Somersetshire, March 2, 1828, and first set foot upon American soil in the summer of 1852. He was married in his native county, and was accompanied by his young wife on his ocean voyage. After a brief time spent in New York City they proceeded westward and located in Rollin Township, this county, staying three years with the brother of Mr. Pickford. Our subject then purchased a tract of land in the same township, upon which he labored ten years and then traded the property for his present homestead. This comprises 120 acres of land in a fine state of cultivation, with good buildings which were mostly put up by the present proprietor.

During his residence of twenty years in Rome Township Mr. Pickford has distinguished himself as a public-spirited and enterprising citizen, and by the building up of his own valuable home alone has contributed much toward the reputation of this section of country. He comes of stanch English ancestry, and his father, John Pickford, a native of Somersetshire, spent his entire life near the place of his birth, and died at the age of fifty-five years. He was a farmer by occupation and when twenty-two years of age was married to Miss Mary Joyce, who survived her husband many years and died in

England, at the age of seventy-five. They were the parents of five children, three of whom are living, one in England and two here.

The wife of our subject, who in her girlhood was. Miss ('eeclia Pope, was also a native of Somerschire, and was born Sept. 22, 1831. Her father. James Pope, kept a public house in Somerschlire and also carried on farming. He was diligent in business, providing comfortably for his family, and died at the age of fifty-two years in his native shire. The mother, who was formerly a Miss Belding, passed away previous to the death of her husband, at the age of forty-six years. The Pope family principally followed the trades and merchandising.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Pickford are recorded as follows: Cicero J, was born May 2, 1854, and married a Miss Lamocaux, of Rome Township; they have three children. James E. was born Nov. 22, 1857, and continues at home with his father; Harriet B, was born Sept. 5, 1860, and became the wife of Jesse Chase, who served as a soldier in the Union army and died in 1871, leaving a wife and three children: Mrs. Chase receives a pension from the Government. Austin, who was born Nov. 8, 1865, and Leslie J., Sept. 24, 1869, are at home with their parents. The children received a good education in the district school, and Mr. Pickford, with the boys who are voters, supports the Demoeratic party. He concerns himself, however, very little with politics.

R. NELSON II. KIMBALL, of Adrian, is a member of the medical profession, to which he has devoted many years, and in which he has become a prominent figure. He was born in the town of Martinsburg, Lewis Co., N. Y., Sept. 10, 1820. His father, Jarvis Kimball, was a farmer by occupation, and died when our subject was but two years of age. When left an orphan our subject was adopted into the family of Arba Jones, of Martinsburg, N. Y., who emigrated from that State in 1837, and settled in Seneca, Lenawee County. While yet residing in

Martinsburg young Kimball attended the district schools, where he began the education which was completed in after life.

In 1839, at the age of nineteen years, our subject went to Tecumseli, where he engaged to learn the carpenter's trade, under the instructions of Charles Van Volkenburg. After working at this for some years at various places, including Galena, Ill., and Adrian, Mich., he entered the office of Drs. Spalding and Barnard in 1817, and began the study of medicine. He prosecuted his studies in their office until he was fitted for entering the Cleveland Medical College, from which he was graduated with eredit to himself in 1850. Since that time he has been continuously and successfully engaged in the practice of his profession in the city of Adrian and vicinity. Ever since the beginning of his professional career Dr. Kimball has been a close student, with quiet and unassuming manners.

Besides occupying a prominent position in his profession, Dr. Kimball has served with honor and he was Alderman for the Second Ward of Adrian, during which period he acted as Chairman of the committees on sewers, paving, gas and fire department. For three terms he was at the head of the municipal government of Adrian, having been elected Mayor by a complimentary majority, and in the administration of the affairs of this office gave universal satisfaction. He has also served as Chairman of the Board of Health of Adrian. For a long period of years he was surgeon for the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad Company, and in that capacity performed good service for the company, as well as many humane acts for the unfortunates who became victims of railroad disasters. He was City Physician of Adrian for a term of two years, and was a member of the old Adrian Guards from 1845 until 1861, at which time the

On the 14th of May, 1850, Dr. Kimball was mited in marriage with Miss Abbie J. Jones, daughter of Samuel and Lydia Jones, and a sister of John F. Jones, all of Adrian. There have been no children by this marriage. Mrs. Kimball was born in De Rnyter, Madison Co., N. Y., Sept. 6, 1827, and while yet living in that State received a good education. She came to Michigan with her parents in 1840, and settled in Adrian. Dr. Kimball is one of the leading members of the Episcopal Church of Adrian, to which he is quite liberal in his support. He and his wife are both highly esteemed for their social qualities and their genuine benevolence.

ARTIN DELAND is worthily filling his niche in life as an industrious and well-todo member of the farming community of the dominant of the fairfield Township, where he has 146 acres of land, occupying the greater portion of the southeast quarter of section 14. He has been essentially the architect of his own fortune, as he began the struggle of life on his own account with comparatively nothing. He is now in possession of a fine homestead, a snug bank account, and has hosts of friends. He has been a solid member in the development of Fairfield Township, acquitting himself as one of its most thorough and skillful agriculturists, and is in all respects a conscientious and praiseworthy citizen.

Many of the early pioneers of this country were emanations of the solid old Empire State, and of that class of people were the parents of our subject, Joseph and Sally (Baker) DeLand, natives of New York, who after their marriage came to the West and located in Fairfield Township, where they labored to build up a good homestead, and surround themselves with the comforts which they had honestly earned. Joseph DeLand departed this life at the homestead March 15, 1879, while the mother is still living, and remains near the spot where she and her husband first settled, and where their children were born. These, five in number, were named respectively: Mary A., Charles G., Albert, Martin and Salina A. Mary A. died when fourteen years of age; the others are mostly residents of this county, and settled in comfortable homes of their own.

Martin DeLand was born in Fairfield Township Jan, 25, 1845, and spent his boyhood and youth after the manner of most farmers' sons, assisting his parents around the homestead during the seasons of sowing and harvesting, and attending the district school in winter. With the exception of eighteen months spent in Clinton County he has been a resident of Fairfield Township his entire life, and continuously engaged in agricultural pursuits.

Mr. DeLand continued under the parental roof until after twenty-four years of age, and was then married in Ogden Township, July 4, 1869, to Miss Carrie Smith, who was born in Fulton County, Ohio, July 23, 1847. Her parents, William and Rachel (Hughes) Smith, were natives respectively of Ohio and Pennsylvania. The father was a sailor by occupation, and died on board a boat on which he was Captain on the Eric Canal about 1852. The mother is still living, and a resident of Fairfield Township. The parental household included five children; namely: Margaret A. Obediah, Carrie, William H. and Melissa. Two of these died in childhood; the others lived to mature years, and those surviving are residents of this State.

Mr. and Mrs. DeLand after their marriage settled in Fairfield Township on section 13, where they continued until taking possession of their present homestead. The family circle includes five children, namely: Emery A., Forest, Orlando S., Ernest R. and Vernon C. The first and fourth died in infancy. The others are at home with their parents, completing their education and preparing to take their proper station in life as the children of worthy and reputable citizens, Mr. DeLand votes the straight Democratic ticket, and takes a genuine interest in township affairs. He has served as Highway Commissioner two years, and occupied other positions of trust and responsibility. Socially he belongs to Fairfield Lodge No. 125, F. & A. M.

ARREN GILBERT is numbered among the most prominent and wealthy farmers of Rome Township. He came to this State in 1843, and engaged largely in stock dealing, which, together with the cultivation of a large extent of land, became the source of a snug little fortune, which he is now living to enjoy in the most sensible manner. His landed interests include 700

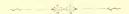
acres, with a full set of handsome and substantial frame buildings, and all the other accessories of the modern country homestead.

Our subject was born in Richmond, Ontario Co., N. Y., April 3, 1822, and is the son of Elias Gilbert, Jr., who was born near the city of Hartford, Conn., Nov. 29, 1776. The paternal grandfather of our subject, Elias Gilbert, Sr., served in the Revolutionary War, and besides being a soldier, was a farmer, tanner and currier. In 1852 he accompanied his son Elias to Davenport, Iowa, and there died at the age of ninety-five years. He was marof whom Elias, Jr., was the eldest born of the second marriage. The latter, upon reaching manhood, was first married to Miss Polly Steele, who was born in Connecticut, in 1781. She removed with her husband to Ontario County, N. Y., and died there this marriage there were born four children. Elias Gilbert, Jr., became the father of the following children: Polly, Amanda, Marietta, Warren, of our sketch, Theodosia and Ann E.

Warren Gilbert remained with his parents in his native county, and assisted his father at farm work until reaching his majority, then starting out for himself he came to Grand River, Clinton County, this State, in October, 1843, and purchased a tract of land, farmed one year, then traded it for ninety-three acres in Rome Township. To this he added by degrees, and was uniformly prespered in his labor of tilling the soil and stock-raising. In this latter industry he has had an experience of twenty-five years, and formerly gave considerable attention to sheep-raising; one season he sheared 2,000 head.

Mr. Gilhert, in 1845, was married to Miss Almira M. Reed, who was born in Ontario County, N. Y., Sept. 29, 1825, and is the daughter of Wheeler and Hannah Reed, natives of Vermont. From the Green Mountain State Wheeler Reed's parents removed to Ontario County, N. Y., where they spent the remainder of their days. Wheeler and Hannah Reed were the parents of fifteen children, several of whom came to Michigan and settled in this county. To Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert there were born three children: William Goodell, their cldest son, was born April 18, 1846, and married Miss Albina Eddy; they settled on the Gilbert homestead and engaged in stock-raising, but he died March 26, 1884. Theodosia Gilbert is the widow of William M. Sheppard, and has one child, Warren G., sixteen years of age; Frank W. married Miss Mary, daughter of William White, of Cambridge, and is carrying on farming in Rome Township.

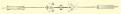
Mr. Gilbert has supported the Republican party since its organization. He has always taken a lively interest in local matters, and has been Pathmaster in Rome Township since the first year of his residence here.



H.I.IAM STOCKWELL was one of the brave pioneers of Lenawee County, and left a comfortable home in one of the oldest States of the Union, to come into the unbroken wilderness of this State, while yet a young man, willing to labor hard to clear a small trate for cultivation, that he might in after years reap the advantages of its fertile soil and salubrious climate. He was born in Ira, Cayunga Co., N. Y., July 21, 1809, and departed this life Nov. 28, 1871. His father, Eleazer Stockwell, was born April 21, 1763, and was a pioneer of Cayunga County, where his last years were spent.

when quite young, ere he had formed any new ties, he started for the then far western Territory of Michigan. Coming to Hudson, he entered eighty acres of land from the Government on sections 2 and 3 of this township, on which he built a log house, and set up housekeeping by himself. He commenced clearing his land, and succeeded admirably, but the duties of the house were too arduous and he grew tired of his lonely life. He accordingly repaired to his old home in 1839, and on the 2d of May, that year, he was married to Eliza A. Horton, who was born in Ulster County, N. Y., Nov. 1, 1811. After marriage he returned to Hudson accompanied by his bride, whom he at once installed as mistress of his log cabin. Then prosperity smiled upon him, and he soon had a fine farm under cultivation, and replaced the humble log cabin by a substantial frame house. Here he and his good wife spent the remainder of their lives, his death occurring as already stated, and Mrs. Stockwell's July 5, 1882. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and Mr. Stockwell of the Presbyterian. To them were born two children, Stephen William and Sarah Madeline, both of whom are now living on the homestead. The former was born in Hudson, Nov. 9, 1843; the latter in Sterling, N. Y., while her parents were there on a visit, May 28, 1846.

There are but few tracts of land in this county that have not changed owners since being purchased from the Government, but the Stockwells still own and occupy the land that their father entered so many years ago in the early history of this county. These worthy descendants of those honored pioneers are well sustaining the reputation earned by their parents for honesty, integrity, and high moral worth, and the Stockwell name still stands as a synonym for all that is good and honorable.



TEPHEN W. CURTIS. Among the enterprising farmers of Hudson Township, not one is more prospered in his work than the subject of this sketch, who is a native of Ira, Cayuga Co., N. Y., and was born March 17, 1831. He is a descendant of the Rev. Stephen Curtis, a Baptist divine of New England origin, The reverend gentleman when he first went to New York lived for a time in Washington County, then went to Otsego County, where he bought a large farm, and became engaged extensively in farming while still exercising his office of minister. Although he bore the title of Reverend, he was well adapted for a business life, and accumulated quite a property. He continued to make his home in Otsego County until his death, which, however, did not take place at his residence, but on his return from a visit to his sons, in Michigan, in 1837. The maiden name of his wife was Polly Loomis, and they became the parents of eight children.

David Curtis, the father of our subject, was born during the residence of his parents in Cambridge, Washington County, Feb. 9, 1802, and was very young when they removed to Otsego County, where he grew to manhood. He joined the State Militia as soon as old enough, and soon received an officer's commission. From Otsego County he removed to Cayuga County, and buying a farm engaged in agricultural pursuits eight years. He then returned to Otsego County, where he remained until his removal with his family to Michigan, in 1840, They came via canal and lake to Toledo, Ohio, thence by rail to the western terminus of the railway in Adrian, and from there to Hudson Township. Here they settled on section 11, on land that Mr. Curtis had bought in 1833, but had never before seen. He rented a house near by for the home of his family, and a few acres of improved land. During the following spring and winter he built a dwelling on his own land, and commenced the removal of the forest trees, and at the time of his death, May 15, 1877, he had a comfortable home and a well-improved farm. His wife, whose maiden name was Charlotte St. John, was born in Chagrin Village, Ohio, Oct. 17, 1807, and died Jan. 10, 1876.

The subject of this sketch was nine years old when he came to this county with his parents, and remembers well the condition of the country, which was then in a half wild state, while deer, bears, wolves and other wild animals had not yet abandoned the forests which still covered large portions of the country. At the age of sixteen he started out in life for himself, having with great enterprise established himself in business as a traveling provision dealer, driving a wagon into the country to supply the inhabitants with fresh meat. That business led him into dealing in live stock, and in 1850 he bought a carload of cattle and took them to Albany, N. Y., where he disposed of them. He continued to ship cattle for a number of years while still conducting his provision trade, but on account of ill-health he was finally obliged to discontinue this profitable business. Since then he has devoted his attention to general farming, raising and feeding stock. He resided on the homestead until after his father's death, when he then disposed of it, and has since occupied his present farm, on section 10, which is under admirable tillage and is well adapted to the needs of a stock-raiser.

Mr. Curtis was married, in September, 1857, to

dennette Ladd, a native of Victor, Ontario Co., N. Y., and the daughter of John Ladd. After a few years of wedded life he was called upon to mourn the death of her who had been to him an amiable companion, her death occurring Feb. 18, 1866, at the age of thirty-four years and six months. She left two children: Adaline, who is now Mrs. A. D. Rowley, of Hudson; and George W., who also resides in Hudson.

The maiden name of Mr, Curtis' present wife was Martha J, Sutton. She was born in Medina Township, this county, Oct. 13, 1843, and is the daughter of John D, and Abigail (Knapp) Sutton. Her marriage with our subject occurred Feb. 19, 1868, and to them have been born three children, two of whom are now living—William J, and John, Freddie M., the second child, was born Feb. 25, 1873, and died in December of the same year.

The parents of Mrs. Curtis were the first couple married in Medina, and there also her father's death occurred, July 25, 1877. He was a promineut member of the Republican party of that township, as in early life he had been a Whig. Mrs. Curtis' mother is now living on the old home place, in Medina. She was born in Cayuga County, N. Y., and came with her parents, John and Mamre (Hotchkiss) Knapp, to Michigan, in 1835, where her father erected the first building in Medina. He wife died at ninety-two. Mrs. Curtis is a member of the Baptist Church, and heartily co-operates with others in carrying on its useful work. Mr. an honorable man. In politics he acts with the Republican party, but would never consent to run for office, although many times solicited to do so. He is now President of the farmers' picnic, that is annually held at Devil's Lake.

1NFIELD SCOTT is perhaps the youngest resident of Medina Township represented in this work, but being the son of one of its earliest pioneers, it is by no means out of place that he should receive due recognition. He is at present pleasantly located on section 31, just starting for himself, and has before him the prospect of a home and competency. He is operating on sixtyeight acres of land, with the opportunity to distinguish himself among the other men who have stepped into the places of so many of those who have gone the way of all the earth, but who have left behind them a record worthy of imitation.

The subject of this sketch is the only child of Luther and Betsy (Tabor) Scott, the latter the second wife of her husband, and both natives of New York State. He was born in Medina Township, Sept. 6, 1867, and spent his boyhood and youth useful about the farm in summer. He developed into manhood in Medina Township and before reaching the nineteenth year of his age, was married June 15, 1886, to Miss Mary, fourth daughter of Jonathan Hartman, of Mill Creek Township, Williams Co., Ohio. The mother of Mrs. Scott was in her girlhood Miss Eliza Schisler, and of her marriage with Mr. Hartman there were born six children, three girls and three boys. The Hartmans are among the most worthy residents of Mill Creek Township, occupying a comfortable homestead in Alvordton,

Mrs. Scott was born June 1, 1866, and reared in Wright Township, where she received her education, Of her marriage with our subject there has been born one child, a daughter, Delthy.

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ANIEL ROOT is an enterprising farmer of Hudson Township, where he is also engaged in the manufacture of sorghum sugar and molasses, having established here the first factory for that purpose erected in the State. It is sown one of the most important industries in this section of Lenawee County.

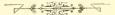
Mr. Root was born in Eaton, Madison Co., N., Y., Nov. 3, 1828, and is the son of Justus Root, a native of Grafton, Conn., where the grandfather, Solomon Root, carried on the occupation of a farmer. It is thought that the latter was a life-long resident of Connecticut. The father of our subject was eight years old when his father died, and he then went to live with an elder brother in Madison County, N. Y. He married there Surah Griswold, a native of Eaton, whose father, William Griswold, a native of New England, was an early settler of that town. Mr. Root bought land in Eaton, and engaged in farming there the rest of his life, his death occurring about the year 1868, six years after the death of his wife.

The subject of this sketch was the fourth in the parental family of eight children, and received his education in the public schools of his native place. When not attending school he assisted his father in the farm work; then, at the age of sixteen he commenced to learn the trade of a carpenter and joiner, and after the first six months worked as a journeyman for two years. He then turned his attention to the calling to which he had been bred, and buying the old homestead, which was his birthplace, engaged in the culture of hops with much profit. He continued his residence there until 1863, when, concluding to try farming in Michigan, he sold the old farm and came to this county, where he purchased 100 acres of land in Rollin Township, and soon after bought forty acres more. In 1869 he established the manufacture of sorghum, which he has since engaged in with great success. He first crushed the cane by a two-horse power sweep, but in 1882 his business had so increased that his accommodations and machinery were altogether inadequate. He therefore erected a building, 26x50 feet, and in 1883 creeted another 24x50 feet. In the first building he put in a forty-horse power engine and a 100-horse power boiler, and now has the largest manufactory of the kind in the State. In 1885 he made 13,000 pounds of sugar, receiving from the State a bounty of two cents a pound. Besides this industry he also makes each year a considerable quantity of choice apple butter, which finds a ready market.

Mr. Root was married, March 26, 1854, to Miss Lucinda Patterson, who was born in Madison Madison Co. N. Y., Nov. 11, 1831. Her father, George Patterson, was a farmer residing in Madison, where his death occurred in August. 1849. His wife, whose maiden name was Clarisa Howard, was a native of New York Mills. Oneida Co., N. Y. Her father, Ansel Howard, a native of New England, was an early settler of Madison, where he in-

proved a farm, on which he spent the remaining years of his life. His widow came to Michigan, and spent her last years here. To Mr. and Mrs. Root three children have been born, namely: Warren G., Arthur H. and Burdette N. Warren married E. Georgine Williams, and resides with his parents; Arthur is at present in Dakota, while Burdette is attending school at Fayette, Ohio.

Our subject and his wife are stanch and influention members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. They are held in deservedly high respect by all who have the pleasure of their acquaintance and friendship. In polities Mr. Root is a firm believer in the policy pursued by the Republican party, and advocates its measures by voice and vote.



OSS PARSONS. Prominent among the agriculturists of Lenawee County is the subject of this sketch, who has since his marriage been located on a fine farm in Woodstock Township, where, besides general farming, he gives his attention to the raising of fine stock, particularly horses. He was born on the 12th of June, 1832, in Verona, Oneida Co., N. Y., and is the son of Hiram and Sarah A., (Loss) Parsons, the former of whom was born in Greene County, N. Y., Dec. 26, 1803.

Hiram Parsons was reared to farm life, and in the winter engaged in hauling lumber from the Catskill Mountains, remaining until 1828, when, on the 24th of September of that year, he was united in marriage. He afterward lived in different places in New York State, at one time operating a brickyard and sometimes farming until 1842, when he sold out his interest in his native State and came to Michigan, bringing with him his household goods, and landing in Adrian May 23, 1842. located in Saline, where he farmed a few months and then removed to Franklin. After a few months spent in that place he came to Woodstock Township, and purchased 120 acres of improved land, on which he spent the remaining years of his life, dying Oct. 7, 1850. He was active in politics, giving his support to the old-line Whigs, but refused to accept any office at the hands of the party. The mother of our subject was born Nov. 10, 1807, and died March 2, 1884, at the home of her daughter in Adrian. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church for a period of fifty-nine years.

The maternal grandparents of our subject were natives of New York State, whence they removed to Michigan in 1853, and died in Calhonn County. The grandmother reached the great age of minetysix years, and the grandfather lived to be almost as old. She was about eight years of age at the time of the Revolutionary War, and distinctly rememhered the eall for troops on that occasion. The paternal grandfather of our subject was Timothy Parsons, who died when the father of our subject was but twelve years old; his wife, Huldah Parsons, died in New York State.

Our subject is one of a family of five children, who are mostly living in this State. He was eighteen years of age at the death of his father, and resided with his mother on a farm until 1855, when she removed to Brooklyn, Mich. On the 6th of April, 1858, our subject was united in marriage with Miss Helen M. Hollister, who was born in Genesee County, N. Y., Nov. 2, 1835, and died in this county in the thirty-fourth year of her age. To them were born four children, as follows: Nellie E. was born Jan. 4, 1861, married Benjamin Tayer, and resides in Adrian; Frank L. was born July 10, 1863; May, Dec. 6, 1865, and Edwin A., Nov. 13, 1868; May died Aug. 9, 1868. Our subject was a second time married, Aug. 17, 1869, to Miss Angie Templer, who was born in Schenectady County, N. Y., Nov. 28, 1847. She is the daughter of James A. and Ann (Liddle) Templer, of Columbia, Jackson Co., Mich., and formerly of the same county in which their daughter was born. The father was born Sept. 14, 1819, and the mother Dec. 10, 1824. the former of Dutch ancestry while the latter was of Scotch descent. They followed agricultural pursuits and were distinguished for their estimable qualities, occupying a prominent position in the community in which they lived. The mother died May 13, 1875, while the father is still living,

The second wife of our subject was one of a family of six children, of whom five are now living.

One brother, Thomas, is in California, and John is

in Dakota; Maggie, a sister, is in Colorado, and the other sister, Kate, is in Donglas, this State. Of bis second union there were born to our subject four children, who are recorded as follows; Carl was born June 30, 1870, and is a bright and intelligent young man attending school at Hudson; La Vern was born Oct. 11, 1872; Sarah A., March 22, 1878, and Ethel, May 27, 1880. These are bright and interesting children, whom their parents are giving the advantages of a good education.

Our subject has been connected with the schools of his township since 1859, with the exception of three terms, and his nucle, George Taylor, taught the first school opened in this county. In polities Mr. Parsons votes the Democratic ticket, and has held several offices, the duties of which he has discharged conscientiously. He was Constable eight years, Township Clerk one year, and Justice of the Peace eleven years. He has also been Supervisor two years and is now Notary Public. He has thus served his county in a variety of offices, and has secured the esteen and confidence of his acquaintances by his straightforward and busines-slike methods. His home is situated on the bank of Silver Lake, and its architecture and appointments give evidence of the taste and culture of its proprietor.

EACON JOHN PHILLIPS is an honored and venerable citizen of Hudson, where he is spending in retirement the closing with many a lesson for the ambitious youth of the present day. In this brief sketch of the life of Deacon Phillips we have an interesting glimpse of pioneer life as he experienced it in Western New York, and also a bit of historical information in regard to that part of the country as it was in the early part of this century. In reading it we can scarcely realize that the flourishing city of Rochester, which to-day has a population of over 90,000 inhabitants, can have grown to its present dimensions from that little hamlet in the woods, within the lifetime of men now living, John Phillips was born in Bennington County, Vt., June 26, 1802, and is the son of Samuel Phillips, who was also born in Bennington County, and married Elizabeth Lyons, a native of the same State. In 1811 they left their home in Bennington County, where they had settled after marriage, and went to the western part of New York, where they made their home in North Penfield, near Webster, in Monroe County. The removal was made with an ox-team, and it took six weeks to perform the journey. Mr. Phillips bought a tract of timbered land three-fourths of a mile from the shore of Lake Ontario, where he built a log house with one room on the ground floor, and a bare loft above it with a ladder leading to it. He at once commenced the clearance of his farm, and had cleared unite a tract and erected a good frame barn at the time of his death, in 1820. He and his wife were endowed with indomitable energy and perseverance, and were highly respected by their pioneer neighbors. Her death occurred on the old homestead many years later, at the age of eightyfour years. Nine children were born to them, seven of whom grew to maturity.

Our subject was the fourth child in the parental family, and was quite young when he left the home of his birth in the Green Mountain State, and went with his parents to Western New York, but he remembers very distinctly the incidents of the long journey, when, drawn by oxen, they pushed through the heart of the Empire State nearly to its western boundaries. Bears, deer and wolves were plentiful, and our subject commenced hunting as soon as he was large enough to shoulder a gun, and he used to kill deer, tan the skin and wear pantaloons made from it. One time when a boy twelve years of age he accompanied his father to Rochester, a distance of sixteen miles, to dispose of some wheat. Rochester was then, in 1814, but a small hamlet, with no road leading to it from their home, and they were obliged to take an ax to cut out a road for themselves. On their arrival in Rochester they exchanged their twenty bushels of wheat for sixty pounds of nails.

In that pioneer home in the forests of Western New York, our subject grew to a strong and vigorous manhood, ambitious and spirited, and resolved when he was a hoy struggling with poverty, that he would make money enough to retire from active

work when he attained the age of fifty-five years, He worked on the farm for his father until the latter's death, and then at eighteen years of age bought the interest of the other heirs in the old homestead, and commenced farming for himself, his good mother keeping house for him until his marriage, and continuing to make her home with him until her death. He added by purchase to the acreage of his land, and continued in agricultural pursuits until 1834, when he exchanged his property for a store building, a dwelling and a stock of goods in Webster, and then turned his attention to mercantile business. He kept a large and varied assortment, including almost everything in general use in the country. He was a man of many resources, and did not confine his attention to one business, but with characteristic enterprise found time to engage in others, successfully carrying on the manufacture of potash, besides manufacturing staves, which he sold in New York and other cities. It was his custom to go twice a year to New York to buy merchandise.

In 1857, our subject celebrated his fifty-fifth birthday, and during that year, having a good opportunity to sell, closed out his business for cash, and removed to Fairport, Monroe County, where he lived in retirement in accordance with the boyish resolve made so many years before to obtain money enough for that purpose. For a man of his energy and ability his unaccustomed idleness soon grew irksome, and he once more turned his attention to the calling in which he had been engaged in early manhood. He bought a farm of 100 acres, two miles from Canandaigua, which, six months later he sold at an advance of \$2,300, and bought a home in Canandaigua, where he resided until after the death of his wife. The maiden name of the lady to whose ability and invaluable assistance he was greatly indebted for his success in life, was Miss Pamelia Wood. She was the daughter of Levi and Bethany Wood, natives of New England, and pioneers of Orleans, Ontario Co., N. Y., where her birth occurred in the town of Macedon, Seven children were born to them, of whom the record is as follows: Elizabeth, the widow of William H. Mc-Knight, lives in Bloomington, Ind.; Laura married David I. Daniels, and lives in Wacousta, Mich.; Zelora lives in Chicago: Mary, the widow of George Goodnow, lives in Hudson: Dorr lives in Osseo; Jennie, wife of Almon Pratt, lives in Webster, N. Y.; Ray lives in Hazen, Prairie Co., Ark. In 1866 Mr. Phillips sold his home in New York, and coming to Michigan, settled three and one-half miles south of Hillsdale, where he resided until 1877, when he came to Hudson and bought his present place of residence.

Deacon Phillips' second marriage occurred Aug. 29, 1866, with Mrs. Eliza (Smith) Clark, a native of Le Roy, Genesee Co., N. Y., daughter of John and Rhoda (Woodard) Smith, and widow of Seymour Clark. Mrs. Phillips' father was born in Killingworth, Conn., and was the son of Samuel and Sarah (Buell) Smith, both natives of the same State. Samuel Smith, a farmer and miller, went to New York about 1810, and was a pioneer of Genesce County, where he bought land near Le Roy, and spent his last years there. The father of Mrs. Phillips grew to manhood in Connecticut, and when a young man he started on foot with a pack on his back for the then far West, and selected a location one mile north of Ft. Hill, near Le Roy, N. Y. He then returned to Connecticut and succeeded in inducing his parents to return with him. He was afterward twice married, first to Electa Lovejoy; his second wife was the mother of Mrs. Phillips. He improved his farm and resided on it until his decease. He obtained quite a reputation as a hunter; wild game was plentiful, and meat was more easily obtained than bread-stuffs.

Mrs. Phillips was married to her first husband, seymour Clark, Nov. 2, 1845. He was born in the State of New York in 1818, and was reared in Genesee County, whence he came in 1839 to Adrian, and engaged in business. He returned to New York in 1845 for the purpose of getting married, and then returned to Adrian with his bride. They remained there for some years, then removed to Palmyra, where he operated a mill until 1855, when he removed to Hillsdale County and bought a farm three and one-half miles from Hillsdale, upon which he died March 16, 1861.

Mrs. Phillips is a valued member of the Congregational Church. Mr. Phillips has for many years taken an active part in promoting the cause of re-

ligion in connection with the Baptist Church, of which he is a Deacon. Both he and his wife occupy a warm place in the hearts of the people among whom they have come to spend their last years. Mr. Phillips takes the same keen interest in the public affairs of his country as he did in his younger days, and in politics he has been a Republican ever since the formation of that party.

AMES M. SCARRITT, senior member of the firm of Scarritt & Steuerwald, is one of the well-known editors and proprietors of the Hudson Post, a popular and newsy sheet, for which he has built up a large circulation and patronage. He is well read and well informed, and generally successful in what he undertakes. He comes of an excellent old family that originated in England, but the first representative of whom he has a record, crossed the Atlantic in Colonial days and legated in Connections.

Jeremiah Searritt, the great-grandfather of our subject, and a native of Leicestershire. England, was by trade a tanner and currier, and a shoe manufacturer. After crossing the Atlantic, he settled in Connecticut, where he reared a large family, among whom was James, the grandfather of our subject, who was born in New Haven County, and served in the last two years of the Revolutionary War, After the independence of the colonists was established, he married and settled in his native county, and there his son, James, Jr., was born.

James Searritt, Jr., married Miss Sylvia Plumb, and in 1806 left the Nutmeg State with his family and settled in the township of Smyrna, Chemango Co., N. Y., the journey having been made, it is supposed, with an ox-team. He was one of the early settlers of that region, and continued his residence there until his death. His son James, the father of our subject, was born Jan, 1, 1799, and was but a boy when he emigrated to the wilds of Chemango County, N. Y., where he developed into manhood. While still a had he commenced working in a grist-mill in Smyrna, the management of which he soon learned to perfection, and later put up a saw and grist mill of his own in the same town, which he

conducted for many years. He subsequently traded his mill property for a farm in that vicinity, upon which he took up his residence, and died on the 1st of December, 1870. The mother of our subject was Miss Polly Wooldridge, who was born near Poughkeepsie, N. Y., and died at the homestead in Smyrna after having become the mother of five children, four of whom are now living.

The subject of this biography was born in Smyrna, N. Y., Sept. 1, 1834, being the third child and second son. He attended school as opportunity offered until fourteen years old, and then sought employment in the office of the Democratic Reglector, the name of which was subsequently changed to the Hamilton Republican. With this paper he was connected three years as office boy and compositor. Of a roving disposition, he sought and obtained employment in numerous printing-offices in many cities and towns in different States.

Mr. Scarritt's first venture in business was the establishment in 1855, of the Sherburne Transcript, the publication of which he continued two or three years, when, proving an unprofitable venture, he turned his attention to farming. At the expiration of a year thus employed, he resumed newspaper work as foreman in the office of the Rural American in Clinton, N. Y. In 1861, in consequence of the failure of the company publishing this, Mr. Scarritt, with a partner, purchased the office material and established an office in Mexico, Oswego County, that State, where they started the Mexico Independent, which is still flourishing. After a residence of five years in Mexico, Mr. Scarritt disposed of his interests there, and became editor and proprictor of the Clyde Times, which had been devoted to the interests of the Democratic party, and was then nearly defunct. He made it an organ of the Republican party, and it soon revived, and in time enjoyed a large patronage. In 1871 Mr. Scarritt retired for a short time from editorial work, and the year following, in March, 1872, came to Michigan and purchased the Hudson Post.

This paper at the time was in a very dilapidated condition, and its resuscitation was a more difficult task than the establishment of a new journal would have been, for the new proprietor was obliged to combat the old prejudice consequent upon its almost total failure as a news journal. His ability, however, was soon recognized, both as a citizen and a business man, and he has certainly displayed great tact and enterprise in bringing the paper to its present position. Its columns are admirably managed, embracing all the happenings of the city, and indeed of the entire western towns of Lenawee and eastern towns of Hillsdale County. The mechanical department of the office includes an assortment of first-class material, type, presses and engine of modern make, and will compare favorably in this respect with any establishment in the county. In the hands of himself and his able coadjutor, Mr. Steuerwald, the Post has become almost indispensable to the people of this section.

The marriage of James M. Scarritt and Miss Clarisas Almeda Tackabery was celebrated at Sherburne. Chenango Co., N. Y., July 31, 1854. Mrs. Scarritt was born in Eaton, Madison Co., N. Y., Feb. 2, 1834, and is the daughter of Middleton and Clarissa (Clark) Tackabery, natives respectively of Ireland and Vermont. This union resulted in the birth of two children, daughters—Clara A. and Mattie M. The former is the wife of Louis E. Palmer, of Rochester, this State, and Mattie M. married the partner of our subject, Mr. Charles Stenerwald.

The maternal grandfather of our subject was John Wooldridge, a soldier of the War of 1812-14. He married Miss Sally Gilbert, and removed from Amenia, Dutchess Co., N. Y., to Smyrna in Chennago County, where he spent his last days.



EACON ASAPH K. PORTER. The long, varied and useful life of the subject of this history, who came to Lenawee County in the pioneer days, began in the town of Covert, Seneca Co., N. Y., on the 26th of March, 1812. He was reared amid the quiet pursuits of farm life, and received a common-school education in his native town. As a youth he developed a spirit of ambitions adventure, coupled with resolution and industry, and readily entered into the scheme of leaving the older State of New York for the Ter-

ritory of Michigan, in the spring of 1833, when it was beginning to be opened up by the enterprising emigrant.

Young Porter was accompanied to this region by his father and two or three other men, who, when they left Seneca County, N. Y., intended to settle in Huron County, Ohio. Not finding the outlook particularly desirable, they started on foot westward into Seneca County, that State, where our subjeet purchased eighty acres of land, but continued the journey with the rest of the party into Southern Michigan. They continued their course through the woods, walking the entire distance until they arrived at the unpretending little hamlet of Adrian. In the meantime they had been lost for several hours in the woods, having missed the trail, and spent the night in Cottonwood Swamp. They finally found themselves near the big bend of the Raisin, where a cabin or two had been put up and they there obtained something to eat.

This section of country pleased the travelers exceedingly, and Asaph Porter located the northeast quarter of section 7, in the present town of Fairfield, while his father selected 400 acres adjacent, They then returned to their home in New York, Asaph in the meantime stopping in Seneca County, Ohio, and selling the land which he had purchased on his way west. In November, 1833, Mr. Porter returned to Michigan Territory with his brother-inlaw, Hartwell Russell, and taking up his abode on his Fairfield land has here resided since that time. He cleared 100 acres, put up good buildings, and ere many years passed by was recognized as one of the most useful members of the community. He was one of the founders of the Baptist Society, and actively engaged in the erection of the church edifice which stands on the northeast corner of his farm. Not long afterward he was elected Deacon, which office he has now honorably filled for upward of forty years.

Deacon Porter felled the first stick of timber which was cut upon the farm he now owns, and in the fall of 1835 put up a log house, the object of which was readily guessed. A few months later, upon returning to his native State, he was married to Miss Rachel Glazier, who was born in Peckskill, Westchester Co., N. Y., May 10, 1818, and was the daughter of Walker and Cornelia Glazier, of Covert, Seneca County. Soon after marriage the young couple set out upon their bridal tour, which was made after the primitive fashion of those days, overland with teams. They took up their residence in the little log cabin and became the parents of nine children, of whom three are now deceased, namely: James T., Sarah C. and Emma L. The six surviving are Edwin C., a prosperous farmer of Fairfield Township: Walker G., who served in the Union army during the late war, and is farming not far from the old homestead; Lewis T., a farmer of Chesterfield Township, Fulton Co., Ohio; Jane, the wife of M. L. Foster, of Woodbridge, this State; Rosalia, Mrs. E. C. Chandler, of Steubenville, Ohio, and Ezra II., living on the homestead. The father of Mrs. Porter was born June 16, 1789, and died in New York, Sept. 7, 1873. The mother was born April 1, 1791, and died while a resident of New York, March 18, 1856,

Lewis Porter, the father of Deacon Porter, was born in Connecticut, May 24, 1786, where he coutinued until reaching manhood, and learned the trade of carpenter. His parents in the meantime had removed to Tompkins County, N. Y., and Lewis upon leaving his native State, stopped for a time in the Catskill Mountains, but subsequently joined his parents. Later he purchased a farm in Seneca County, but followed his trade, hiring men to clear his land. He was employed as a builder and contractor for several years, but finally abandoned the business and spent his last years in agricultural pursuits, dving in New York, Dec. 9, 1862. He had married, about 1808, Miss Samantha, daughter of Asaph King, of Covert, N. Y., and they became the parents of six children, Asaph K., of our sketch, being the eldest son and third child. Mrs. Samantha Porter was born Aug. 15, 1791, and died at the old homestead in Covert, Seneca County, March 21, 1817. Lewis Porter was subsequently married to Miss Thirza Cole, and there were added to the parental household six more children. This lady died at the homestead in Covert, Oct. 20,

The little log cabin which Deacon Porter erected in the wilderness of Fairfield Township has long since given way to a more modern dwelling flanked by the other buildings required by the modern and progressive farmer. The home is replete with all the comforts of life, and the premises beautified by handsome shade trees, which the Deacon set out over forty years ago. Not the least attractive feature is a fine orehard, and choice smaller fruits are harvested annually in abundance. The property of Deacon Porter includes 134 acres in Fairfield and Seneca Townships. His labors have been amply rewarded with a good home and a competence, while his personal worth and his value as a citizen and business man have drawn around him hosts of warm friends.

AMES T. BOYCE. The farm of this gentleman is pleasantly located on section 24, in Macon Township, and embraces a tract of 100 acres mostly under a good state of cultivation. The present proprietor settled here in the fall of 1877, and gives his entire attention to the improvement and embellishment of his homestead. He is a man thoroughly respected by his neighbors, being honest and industrious, meddling little with public affairs, and one of the substantial factors in the community, who may always be found in his place and attending to his own concerns.

The infant years of our subject were spent on the other side of the Atlantic, in County Antrim, Ireland, where his birth took place Sept. 10, 1836, When a lad of eleven years, he accompanied his father, John Boyce, to the United States, and the family located in the city of Baltimore, where they resided five years. Thence they came to this county, locating in Tecumseh in the fall of 1844. The father afterward purchased a small farm in Clinton Township, where he labored until his last illness. and departed this life in June, 1873, when seventyeight years of age. He had married in early manhood, Miss Jane Tilford, who is still living at seventy-two years of age, and makes her home with her younger son, Samuel Boyce, of Clinton Township.

Mr. Boyce, upon starting out in life for himself, served an apprenticeship at the carpenter's trade in the city of Baltimore, and followed this several years after coming to this county. He was married in the fall of 1868, in Tecumsel, to Miss[Esther Kyle, who is a native of his own county in Ireland, and born in 1837. Mention is made of her parents in the history of Henry McCarbery, on another page in this volume.

Mrs. Boyce was among the youngest of her parents' family, and was twelve years old when they came to the United States. They located first in Livingston County, N. Y., whence, about 1857 they came to Michigan. Mrs. Boyce was here reared to womanhood, and by her marriage with our subject became the mother of nine children, of whom two are deceased. Those surviving are: Maggie, the wife of Onie Curry, a prosperous farmer of Milan Township, Monroe County: Mary, the wife of Arthur Underwood, of Ridgeway Township; Robert, at home: William, who married Miss Ettic Craig, and is farming in Republic County, Kan.; Carrie, Mande L. and Verna G.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyce are members in good standing of the Presbyterian Church, of which Mr. B. has been Deacon since its first organization in Macon Township. Politically he is a solid Republican.

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BRAM LOYSTER is the pioneer darryman of Michigan, now owning and operating with his son one of the largest creameries in the State, the first of the kind ever established here. It still holds high rank over all competitors, as its butter is of the first quality and commands the highest market price, while it is the source of a large income to its owners, bringing them in, in connection with their egg trade, the enormous sum of \$100,000 per year. The establishment of this creamery has resulted very profitably to the farmers in this part of the country, who obtain high prices for their cream, and has added to the prosperity of the community in general.

Mr. Loyster was born in Niles Township, Cayuga Co., N. Y., April 7, 1831. His grandfather, for whom he was named, was a pioneer of that town and there spent his last years. The father of our subject, Peter Loyster, was born in the State of New York in the year 1800, and married in Cayuga County, Angeline Yan Auken, who was also a native of that State, and was born in 1802. After marriage they settled in Onondaga County on a farm near the Caynga County line, which after a few years Mr. Loyster sold, and purchased another across the line in Niles Township, where he and his wife died some years later in the prime of life, his death occurring in 1840, in his fortieth year, and hers four years later, at the age of forty-two. They had been industrious and frugal and had accumulated some property, so that their nine children were not left without means of subsistence.

Abram Loyster was the fourth child of that family, eight of whom are still living, so sadly bereft of a father and mother's care. After the death of his mother he continued to live in the home of his birth, with his brothers and sisters, until he was twenty years of age. In the meantime he attended the district school and the academy at Moravia, where he acquired an excellent education, well fitting him for the vocation of a teacher, which he followed with much success for seven terms of winter school in New York State, during the remainder of the year being engaged in farming and carpentering. In 1858 he came to Michigan, and located in Wheatland, Hillsdale County, where he bought a farm and engaged in agricultural parsuits, varying that occupation in the winter season by assuming his profession of teacher, and thus continuing until the fall of 1862. He then sold his farm and bought land in Pittsford Township, which remained his place of residence until the spring of 1864, when he disposed of his property very advantageously, and came to Hudson Township, where he engaged in a dry-goods store for a short time. He then bought an interest in a hardware store, which he sold two and one-half months later at an advance, and after that was engaged in the dry-goods business for a time. In 1871 he turned his attention to produce commission business, and has since continued in it, having built up a large trade. 1881, in connection with his son, he established the Hudson Creamery, which they have managed very successfully. Their butter soon gained a reputation in New York and Boston markets, and their business is constantly increasing,

The marriage of our subject with Miss Lucy Smith occurred Oct. 1, 1857. She has encouraged her husband in various enterprises, and has rendered their home a pleasant abiding-place for him and their children. She was born in Ira Township, Cayuga Co., N. Y., while her father, Nathaniel Smith, was a native of Amsterdam, in that State, and there married before his removal to Cayuga County. He was an early settler of Ira Township, where he bought a tract of heavily timbered land and built a log house, in which Mrs, Loyster was afterward born. He improved a farm and erected a good set of frame buildings, continuing his residence there until 1867, when he came to Michigan and spent his last years with his children, dying in the home of his daughter in Medina Township. The maiden name of his wife was Maria Voorhees: she was a native of the State of New York, and came to Hudson with her husband, dying here one year later, in 1868. (See sketch of Peter V. Smith for further parental history.) The grandfather of Mrs. Loyster spent his last years in Cayuga County, N. Y.

To Mr. and Mrs. Loyster have been born four children-Herbert E., Mary L., Martha A. and G. Harvey. Our subject and his wife are prominent members of the Baptist Church, of which religious organization Mr. L. has served as Trustee and Treasurer for some years. Mr. Loyster voted for Gen. John C. Fremont, the first Presidential candidate of the Republican party, and has ever since offered. His well-known ability and unswerving integrity of character have made him a prominent factor in shaping public opinion and in conducting the affairs of the town. He has served as a member of the Common Council, and as a member of the School Board, of which he has been President for some years, and has done much to perfect the present system of education employed in Hudson Township.

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OHN H. MOORE, M. D., a resident of Ogden, where he has an extensive practice, was born Oct. 4, 1839, in Middlesex County, Ontario, Canada, and comes of Scotch ancestry. His grandfather, also John Moore, was a native of Scotch land, and there married and reared a family of six

children, one of whom died in Southampton, England. The names of his other children are William, Neil, Dongald, John and Janet. In 1833 he came to America with his family, and settled in Ontario, Canada, on land in the midst of the primeval forest, which, at the time of his death, he had cleared and well improved.

Dougald Moore, the father of our subject, was born in Argyleshire, Scotland, in the year 1815, and was eighteen years old when he came to America with his parents. He married in Ontario, Canada, Janet Henderson, a Scotch woman, who was born in Inverness-shire in 1819, and after their marriage they settled in Middlesex County, Ontario, and engaged in farming for a number of years. They then removed to Strathroy in the same county, as they were anxious to give their children the advantages of its superior schools. There the kind wife and mother died in the year 1878. She was a superior woman, true in all the relations of life, as wife, mother and friend. To her and her husband were born nine children, eight of whom grew to maturity. The father now resides with a daughter in Adelaide, Middlesex County, where he went after the death of his wife.

John H. Moore is the eighth child of his parents, and received his early education in the district school in his native town. At the youthful age of sixteen he commenced teaching, and after he had followed that profession two years, he entered the High School at Strathroy. He was a brilliant student, and was graduated in the class of 1879, with high honors, when he resumed the vocation of school teacher, and taught four years. In 1883 he commenced the study of medicine with Dr. Machlin at Poplar Hill, Middlesex County, Ontario, and after receiving from him a good knowledge, practical as well as theoretical, of his chosen profession, he came to Michigan and further prepared himself by attending three courses of medical lectures at the Michigan College of Medicine in Detroit, an institution justly celebrated for the high rank its graduates have attained in the medical world. Dr. Moore was graduated from that college in the spring of 1886. with the highest honors, standing at the head of his elass of forty-eight students. He subsequently traveled in the Eastern States until October of that year, when he spent a month in Chicago, and from there came to Ogden Centre in the month of November.

Here Dr. Moore established himself in his profession, and has met with marked success. He devotes himself assiduously to the duties of his calling, and is deservedly popular among his patients. He is regarded as a physician of great promise by his elder brethern of the medical fratemity.

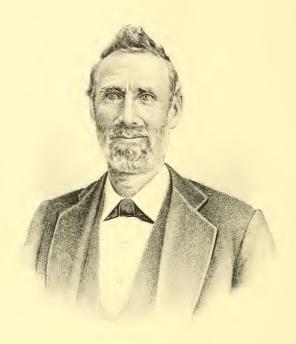


ENRY FINGER. Supervisor of Riga Township, was born on the 6th of June, 1837, in the little village of Willersdorf, Hesse-Casel, Gernany. His father, also Henry Finger, was a farmer in that village, owning sixty-six acres of land. He lived with his wife, Elizabeth Inhof, his whole happy life on this farm, which he had received from his father. Henry Finger and his wife Elizabeth had nine children born to them, six of whom grew to maturity.

Henry Finger, of this sketch, was the youngest son in the parental family, and at six years of age was sent to the village school until he was fourteen years old, when he was confirmed according to the Lutheran Church. His father then sent him to the county seat to a private school, where he made a special study of history and geography, and here it was the love for American institutions was kindled in him by reading the history and the Constitution of the United States of North America. After he had finished his education in said school his father kept him home to assist him on his farm until he had passed his nineteenth year, when his parents consented to his wishes to emigrate to America, which by this time had grown to be his paradise.

On the 26th of April, 1857, Mr. Finger left his beloved home and parents, besides his eldest brother and three sisters, with high hope and a desire to see his elder brother Christopher, who had emigrated thirteen years before. On the 8th of May he sailed from Bremen, and arrived in New York City June 22, 1857, happy and full of enthusiasm for his new country, his future home, but without the knowledge of the English language. Mr. Finger





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commenced to work in a furniture establishment in New York City, where he spent two months, when his brother Christopher came from Boston, Mass, to see him, and induced him to go with him to Boston. Arriving in that city he found employment in a piano factory, and passed almost two years in the Hub. He then returned to New York City where he worked with Steinway's and other piano firms.

In October, 1859, Mr. Finger married Miss Catharine Elizabeth Ungemach, a young lady from his native home, well known to him from childhood, as their parents had been neighbors. She was born July 16, 1836, and came to America in 1858, where she landed in New York. Her father, John Ungemach, was a farmer who owned a small farm of forty acres, on which he lived with his wife, Anna Maria Eskel, and where he reared a family of four ehildren, of whom Catharine Elizabeth was the eldest daughter. With this young lady Mr. Finger joined in partnership for life, and the marriage has proved to be a happy one. They had four children born to them-Christopher II., William C., John and Henry. Henry, however, died when four years old. In 1863 Mr, Finger was drafted, though he did not go into the war, but furnished a substitute.

In those days Mr. Finger was a witness of the well-known riot in New York City, which made him disgusted with a portion of the city population, and he concluded to live again in the country as soon as he could command the means to procure a good country home. At last, in March, 1876, he left New York City, and came to Michigan, the State of his selection, where he arrived at Ottawa Lake a perfect stranger, and rented a farm for one season. During that summer he bought forty acres of land with a log house on it, and about one-half of the wood cut down, in Riga Township, Lenawee County, and in the fall of 1876 he moved with his family upon this place to make his permanent home. His ever faithful wife and his already active boys assisted him bravely in his undertaking, and within four years he had cleared the place, and was in good condition for farming. He then bought two other tracts of land of forty acres each, and afterward erected homes on it for his two older sons, who had become of age in the meantime,

In 1883 Mr. Finger was elected by his townsmen Supervisor of the township. He discharged the duties of his office according to the dictates of his conscience, and was thereupon chosen again in 1884. In 1885 he declined the office in order to pay more attention to his farm, so his townsmen offered him the Treasurer's office, which he accepted. In 1886 he was again elected Supervisor, and reelected in 1887, but Mr. Finger now thinks he has served the public his full share. In politics he is independent, and has been always nominated in his township by both Republicans and Democrats.

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EVI R. PEHRSON, attorney-at-law, is a prominent member of the legal fraternity, a man of superior attainments and well versed in the intricacies of his profession. He is practicing in Hudson Township and vicinity, where his knowledge of law and evident honesty have won the confidence of the people. He is of English descent. The first of his ancestors to come from England to America was an early settler of Long Island. He reared a large family of children, and they scattered and settled in different States of the Union. The grandfather of our subject, Zachariah Peirson, spent his last years in Richmond, Berkshire Co. Mass.

William Peirson, the father of our subject, was born in that pleasant town among the Berkshire hills, and spent his entire life there engaged in tilling the soil, his death occurring in 1858. He was a Democrat and an influential citizen, holding various offices of trust, including those of Selectman and Town Clerk; he also represented his district in the State Legislature. The maiden name of his wife was Nancy Richards, a native of Framingham, Mass. She died while en route to Utah with her brother, Willard Richards. She and her busband were the parents of eight children, seven of whom grew to maturity, but our subject, the fourth child, is the sole survivor.

Levi R. Peirson was born in Richmond, Mass., March 29, 1827, and received his early education at home, his mother being his instructor. Having been a teacher previous to her marriage, it was her pleasant task to lay the foundation of her children's education. Later in life he attended the district school and then the academy at Great Barrington. He was a brilliant scholar, ambitious and studious, and in 1841 commenced the study of law with Judge Bishop, of Lenox, Mass., being then but fourteen years of age. Three years later he commenced teaching at Mt. Washington, Mass., to earn money to prosecute his studies, and alternately taught and studied as his means allowed. He remained a resident of Western Massachusetts until 1849, when in the fall of that year he came to Hudson, and in the following winter took charge of a school in Wheatland, Hillsdale County. A part of the time during the next four years he occupied the position of a clerk. In 1855 he bought a lot in Hudson, and in 1856 built the house where he now resides.

Mr. Peirson was married, Nov. 27, 1857, to Mrs. Harriet (Allen) Doty, a native of Monroe County, N. Y., and daughter of Nathan and Mary Allen. Her father was a direct descendant of Ethan Allen, of Ticonderoga fame.

In 1861 our subject entered the law department of the university at Ann Arbor, from which he was graduated in the spring of 1862. He at once opened a law office in Hudson, and that spring was elected Magistrate, an office which he held eight years. He was also appointed Notary Public the same year, and has served continuously ever since. He has always taken an active interest in the welfare of the town, and has served acceptably in the various offices he has been called upon to fill. In 1867 he was President of the Village Board, and at that time drafted the charter of the city and most of the ordinances pertaining to the laws of Hudson; Maplegrove Cemetery was also laid out while he was President of the board. He has been City Attorney several terms, and has acted as Supervisor of Hudson. Mr. Peirson is a Democrat in principle, but voted twice for Abraham Lincoln. He is a man of decided convictions, and when he thinks he is right it requires a good deal to change his opinions.

Although neither "storied urn nor animated bust" is necessary to perpetuate the memory of

such men as Mr. Peirson, yet as representative of the prominent residents of Lenawee County, we are pleased to present on an adjoining page of this ALBTY a portrait of this gentleman.

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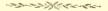
ILLIAM H. MARSHALL, a farmer and merchant residing on section 10, Ogden Township, was born in Seneca, Ontario Co., N. Y., on the 8th of February, 1844. His father, Robert G. Marshall, was born in the same State, and being left an orphan at nine years of age, was cared for by an elder sister until he was able to provide for himself. He was reared to the occupation of farming, and remained in Ontario County, N. Y., until 1848, when he sold his farm and came to Lenawee County, settling in Ogden Township, where he bought a tract of 160 acres of heavily timbered land. He built a log house, and commencing at once to clear the farm, within a few years he had ninety acres under cultivation, and had built a large frame barn. A few years later he traded the farm for an interest in the large grist and saw mill at Metamora, Ohio, which about five years later was consumed by fire, and he was again a poor man. He then returned to Lenawee County, and purchased ninety acres of land in Ogden Township, on section 36. Of this he cleared nineteen acros, and placed ten acres under cultivation.

In October, 1861, when fifty-two years of age, Robert Marshall enlisted in Company F, 67th Ohio Infantry, and immediately went South. He was in the service twenty-three months, when he died and was buried on Folly Island, S. C., within sight of Ft. Sumter. A part of the time while he was in the service he was Commissary Sergeant, and for a considerable time was a Color Sergeant. The maiden name of his wife was Lucy N. Rice, and she was born in Ontario County, N. Y. After her husband's death she bought a home on section 27, Ogden Township, and died at the residence of her son, J. A., in 1882. They had a family of five children who grew to maturity: Catherine A., the wife of J. II. Garnsey, a merchant of Metamora, Ohio, was born in Ontario County, N. Y.; William H. is the subject of this sketch: Eliza was also born in Ontario County, and married E. E. Dow, a whole-sile groceryman of Toledo, Ohio; Eleanor was born in Ogden Township, and married Thomas Mills; while James A. lives in Ogden Township.

William H. Marshall was but four years old when his parents came to Lenawee County. He attended the district schools and helped his father on the farm and in the mill until a year after the war broke out, and on the 7th of August, 1862, he calisted in Company C. 18th Michigan Infantry, and served until the 14th of July, 1865, when he was mustered out with his regiment at Jackson, Mich. During the time he was in the army he served in the States of Kentucky, Tennessee and Alabama, and the most important engagement in which he participated was at Athens, Ala., where 200 men of his regiment were captured. He, like many others, became detached from his regiment, and was met by three rebels who fired at him, putting a ball through his coat sleeve, and another into the flat part of his gun stock. He came very nearly being captured several times, but finally made his way back to Decatur. The fight began early in the morning, and lasted until afternoon, and he did not reach Decatur until the next morning, after traveling all night and hiding as best he could to keep away from the enemy, He had four rounds of ammunition left out of sixty. with which he went into the battle. He has in his possession now the same gun which he carried at that time, which shows the print of the ball which struck it on the stock. He also participated in the battle at Decatur, where the army to which he belonged fought Hood's army for four days. During the service he contracted a disease, and has never fully recovered his health. After his return from the army he resumed the occupation of farming, and soon afterward purchased property in the village of Nashville, which he subsequently sold, and with the proceeds purchased land on section 2 of the fractional part of Ogden Township.

In 1869 Mr. Marshall was married to Julia E. Crockett, who was born in Ogden Township, and was the daughter of Nathaniel Crockett (see sketch of John Crockett); she died on the 2d of January, 1879. Mr. Marshall was married again in 1881, this time to Addie E. Harrington, of Ogden Township, and the daughter of James Harrington. The names of the children born of this union are: Blanchie, Maude Edna and William II.

Mr. Marshall is a member of Blissfield Lodge No. 258, I. O. O. F., and is a charter member of David Becker Post No. 25, G. A. R., in both of which lodges he takes much interest. Like all men who were good soldiers and came out of the army with a good record for gallantry and bravery, he delights to go to the post room and fight the battles over again from memory. In 1887 Mr. Marshall erected a building on the northeast corner of section 10, Ogden Township, into which he put a fine stock of groceries and general merchandise, where he is doing a good business. The work on his excellent farm is performed by hired help under his direction and supervision.



SEORGE W. FENTON, son of one of the early settlers of Pittsford Township, Hillsdale County, was born at the old homestead on section 35, on the 6th of April, 1845. His father, Horace Fenton, a native of Rutland, Vt., was born Oct. 6, 1804, and was the son of Capt. Seth Fenton, who was born June 17, 1784. The greatgrandfather of our subject, John Fenton by name, was a native of England, and crossed the Atlantic in company with two brothers during the Colonial days. They settled in New England, and Seth Fenton became Captain over a company of Vermont dragoons. Upon leaving the Green Mountain State in 1839, he went to the vicinity of Granville. Bradford Co., Pa., and purchased a farm where he carried on agriculture the remainder of his life.

The paternal grandmother of our subject was in her girhood Miss Jane Keeler, and married Capt. Seth Fenton Dec. 1, 1803. She also spent her last years in Bradford County, her death taking place June 2, 1855, about three years previous to the decease of her husband, Feb. 20, 1858. They reared a fine family of eleven children, and Horhee, the father of our subject, in common with his brothers and sisters, was educated in the district school. He possessed much mechanical genius and early in life became master of the trade of carpenter and builder. He left home at twenty years of age and migrated

to Buffalo, N. Y., working at his trade there for a time and later in Batavia. He was frugal and industrious, and before very long had saved enough money to buy a house and lot in Buffalo. From this he subsequently unfortunately parted, trading it for western lands which in the end proved a poor speculation.

After this backset, the father of our subject returned to his old home in Vermont, where he was soon afterward married. Feb. 4, 1827, to a maiden of his own neighborhood. The first year they were married he purchased a house and lot which he paid for, and in the spring of 1830 he commenced business with borrowed capital. He built a sawmill on the banks of Otter Creek and began the manufacture of lumber, which venture proved highly successful, and he paid for his mill the first year. He continued in his native county until 1837, and then, accompanied by his wife and four children, started for the newly admitted State of Michigan. They made their way by team to Whitehall and thence via the Champlain and Erie Canals to Buffalo, where they embarked on a lake steamer and afterward proceeded by rail from Toledo to Adrian, then the terminus of what was afterward the Michigan Southern & Northern Indiana Railroad.

The father of our subject upon coming to this county lived for a time with his brother Seth W., in Madison Township, and in the meantime began to seek a location. He finally purchased a part of section 35, in Pittsford Township, which was covered with timber. No road led to this land, and those seeking it found their way only by a trail marked by blazed trees. Mr. Fenton put up a log house and in this humble dwelling the subject of this sketch was born. Stoves were a luxury unknown in those days in that region, and the mother cooked by the fireplace. Mrs. Fenton was a true pioneer wife and mother, industrious and frugal, and besides her household duties, spun and wove wool and flax and manufactured the cloth from which was made the household apparel, the father in the meantime making the shoes for himself and family. In connection with the clearing of his land, Mr. Fenton worked at his trade as he could, and put up some of the first buildings in Hillsdale County and Hudson Village and Township, The

parents continued on the farm until Oct, 25, 1847, then moved to Hudson Village, where the father followed his trade and was the leading mechanic and builder of Hudson, putting up the majority of the buildings erected there during his lifetime. He was a man of much force of character, self-made and self-educated, and one who kept himself well posted upon current events. He wrote an extended history of his life, giving a detailed account of all the interesting incidents from his earliest recollection. He left his native State as he states in his history for the reason that in 1835 the Vermont Legislature passed a law to the effect that all mechanics should pay for the privilege of working by the day, or in other words, they should be placed on the grand list to the value of \$500 taxation, besides an additional tax on all the property they possessed. This appeared to Horace Fenton an act of decided injustice and he determined to escape it. He was universally respected and proved a valued accession to the pioneer community of Hudson Township, where his death took place on the 9th of April, 1876.

The mother of our subject was in her girlhood Miss Rheuemma L. Abbott. She was born in Thetford, Vt., not far from the early home of her first husband. After his death she was married to Bigelow C. Fenton, and died in Granville, Pa., Jan. 14. 1887. Of her first marriage there were born five children, three of whom survive-George W., Horace S, and Mrs. Mary A. Lyon-and are residents. of Hudson, Mich. George W. Fenton was the youngest member of the parental household and the only one born in this State. He was two and onehalf years old when his parents came to Hudson Village, and his early education was conducted in the select schools of the town. At the early age of ten years he commenced to learn the trade of a printer and assisted in setting up the type for the first issue of the Hudson Gazette, in March, 1858. He has since been connected with this office with the exception of the year 1868, when he published the Morenci Gazette, at Morenci, in this county, and during the years of his newspaper and literary life, has gathered a large amount of historical matter pertaining to Hillsdale and Lenawee Counties, He is essentially an antiquarian, and has preserved

many valuable and interesting relies of the early days, including a large collection of archaeological and mineral specimens, and besides these has one of the largest and linest collections of coins and paper money in the State.

The wife of our subject, formerly Miss Florence A. Bailey, is a native of Montville, Geanga Co., Ohio, and was born on the 2d of November, 1850, Their marriage was celebrated in Hudson, Feb. 17. 1875. Mrs. Fenton is the daughter of Elijah B. and Aurelia W. (Fenton) Bailey, natives respectively of Tompkins County, N. Y., and Morgan Township, Ashtabula Co., Ohio, The paternal grandfather of Mrs. Fenton, Nathaniel Bailey by name, was one of the pioneer settlers of Geanga County, Ohio, and spent his last years in Montville, Elijah B. Bailey was reared in New York State and married in Ashtabula County, Ohio. After reaching his majority he purchased 200 acres of land in Montville, from which he opened up a good farm where he remained until his death, which occurred March 21, 1874. His wife, the mother of Mrs. Fenton, was the daughter of Ambrose and Betsey (Nichols) Fenton, but although their ancestors were of the same name, as far as can be traced the two families are in nowise related.

To our subject and his wife there have been born two children—Horace S., July 2, 1876, and Charlie A., July 22, 1878. Mr. and Mrs. Fenton enjoy the acquaintance and friendship of the best people of Hudson Village and Township, and are members in good standing of the Seventh-Day Adventist. Church.



AN RENSSELAER J. OSBORN, a well-to-do and retired farmer of Adrian, is a native of New York, where he was born in Montgomery County, April 2, 1816. He comes from a fine old family, whose brave deeds and noble principles have made them noteworthy generations back, and is of New England origin, his paternal grandparents, Joel and Theda (Tieden) Osborn, being natives of Massachusetts.

The father of our subject, Asa Osborn, was also a native of the Bay State, where he was born in Berkshire County, Dec. 20, 1775. He was a

farmer by occupation, and took an active part in the War of 1812. He married Eunice Northrop, who was born in Saratoga County, N. Y., March 10, 1781, and was the daughter of Daniel and Sarah Northrop, After their marriage, which took place Feb. 26, 1807, they settled in Batavia, N. Y., which was then a dense wilderness, their house being the fifth one built in the place. In that house was preached the first Methodist sermon ever heard in Batavia. Three years later they removed to Charleston, Montgomery County, remaining there until 1836, when with their three children, two sons and one daughter, they came to Lenawee County, Mich., and settled on a farm in that portion of Fairfield Township that was afterward ceded to Ohio. There they spent their remaining years, Mrs. Osborn dying in 1815, and Mr. Osborn in 1861. One son, Truman, died in Steuben County, Ind., in 1841. Two of their children are now living, the daughter, who married Rev. A. Foster, April 19, 1841, and is now living in Minnesota, and our subject,

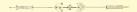
Van Rensselaer J. Osborn passed his youth in his native town, and there received a good commonschool education. After coming to Lenawee County he engaged in agricultural pursuits in that part of Fairfield Township which was afterward ceded to Lucas County, Ohio, but after the "Toledo War" was incorporated in Fulton County, that State, and was designated Royalton. In 1857 Mr, Osborn engaged as a commercial salesman for the firm of Northrup & Richard, manufacturers of gloves and mittens, continuing in their service twenty-two years. By his geniality, honesty and ability, he secured a large run of trade for the firm, and his salary, which the first year was \$1 per day and expenses, was gradually increased, until, during the last five years that he was in the employ of the firm, his services commanded \$2,000 a year and expenses. Before he began traveling Mr. Osborn cleared sixty of the eighty acres of land that he then owned, taking out all stumps, and erecting good buildings. He has increased the area of his farm by the purchase of another eighty acres; this property is now rented.

September 24, 1840, Mr. Osborn was united in marriage with Miss Ursula A. Warner, of Adrian, and daughter of John and Hannah (Brown) Warner, natives of New York. Mr. Warner was born Jan. 1, 1797, and Mrs. Warner, Nov. 3, 1794. From New York they came to Adrian, Mich., in 1834. and became the parents of nine children, four boys and five girls, three of the latter of whom are still living. Mrs. Osborn's maternal grandfather was Phineas Brown, a soldier of the Revolutionary War. He died in Royalton, Ohio, in 1842. Mrs. Osborn was born in Ontario County, N. Y., March 30, 1824, and she was ten years of age when she came to Michigan with her parents. To her and her husband six children have been born, as follows: Jonathan B, was born July 18, 1842, on the old homestead in Ohio; he entered the Union army, and served three years as a member of Company I, 47th Ohio Infantry, taking part in twenty-six battles and skirmishes, and was at the capture of Vicksburg, Dexsey A, was born Aug, 20, 1844, and is the wife of J. H. Baylor, of East Portland, Ore.; Theda was born in 1847, and died in 1858; Julia A. was born Nov. 14, 1852, and became the wife of C. M. Weaver; she died June 25, 1885, at Hillsdale, Mich, Charles W, was born Aug, 20, 1855, and died in July, 1875; and Mary died in infancy.

Mr. Osborn resided on his farm until 1865, when he removed to Adrian, where he has since been a resident. Previous to their removal they lived in two States, three counties, three townships, four Methodist Episcopal Conferences, four districts, one mission and eight circuits, remaining all the while in the same house, this being a prominent feature of pioneer life. In the summer of 1887 Mr. and Mrs. Osborn made an enjoyable trip over the Northern Pacific Railway to Yellowstone Park, Wyo., thence to Portland, Ore., and on to San Francisco, Cal.; they returned by the way of Salt Lake City, Denver and Kausas City, to Adrian.

While living in Ohio, Mr. Osborn served as Township Trustee several years, as Clerk and Assessor of his township three years, and also as School Director for a number of years. After coming to Adrian he was elected Adderman for the Fourth Ward, serving for two years. Politically mr. Osborn is a Republican, and conscientiously endorses the principles of that party, believing them to be the only ones which will perpetuate our excellent form of government. Mr. Osborn is an influential member of the Methodist Episcopal Church,

which he joined in 1834, and has served as Class-Leader, Steward and Trustee, both in Ohio and Michigan. Mrs. Osborn is also a member of that church, having united with it in 1840, since which time she has labored faithfully and carnestly in the good work carried on by that denomination. Mr. Osborn is a most valuable citizen of Adrian, living in a great measure for others, contributing much to the advancement of the community, whose citizens cordially indorse him as a man whose judgment it is safe to seek and abide by.



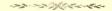
ENRY RHINEMILLER is a man whose enterprise and business ability have given him a prominent place among the leading farmers of Lenawee County, Mr. Rhinemiller was born in Huron, Eric Co., Ohio, Jan. 5, 1837. His father, John Rhinemiller, was born in Breitenbach, Ker-Rothenburg, Hessen, Germany. He grew to manhood in his native country, receiving the benefits of its fine educational system. After his school education was completed he learned the trade of a cooper, and then as a journeyman he pursued his trade in many parts of Europe, including a sojourn in Paris; he thus had an opportunity of seeing many famous places. He married in 1827 Anna Brundow, a native of the same country as himseff.

Having heard much in his journeyings of the United States of America, of its hospitalities to foreigners, and of its many opportunities for a poor man, John Rhinemiller determined to seek a home for himself and family in this great country, and accordingly in 1833, with his wife and children, he embarked on an American bound vessel, Their voyage was made particularly memorable to that little family of emigrants, seeking a new home in a faraway country, by the birth of their third child on the ocean. At length the long voyage of fourteen weeks was ended, and they landed in New York City, whence they proceeded, via the Hudson River, Erie Canal and Lake Erie to Black River, in Lorain County, Ohio. When they arrived there, strangers in a strange land, Mr. Rhinemiller had but fifty cents of available capital, but he had plenty of courage and willing hands. He bought a tract of land on time, but was not then able to put up the necessary, buildings so that he could at once settle on it. so he worked out by the day to support his family, employing his spare time in clearing his land. In 1834 he sold this farm at an advance and removed to Huron, Erie Co., Ohio, where he bought a tract of wild land, heavily timbered, at \$5 an acre. He built a log house for himself and family, one and a half miles from the present site of Huron Village, and in that home the subject of this sketch was born. By active and persistent toil he reclaimed this land from its native state, and built a good set of frame buildings. He met with a serious loss in the burning of his first frame house six weeks after which he lived until 1865. He then removed with his wife to the village of Huron, where they spent the remaining years of their lives, he dving June 9, from him, as she died in January, 1879. They reared a family of eight children, six of whom are now living-William, Eliza, Christine, Henry, John and Joseph; those dead are Martha and Tina.

Our subject was the fourth child of his parents, and the first of their children born on American soil. In his early youth he attended the pioneer schools of his native place, which were held at first in the primitive log school-house. He lived with his parents until he was twenty-four years old, rendering his father valuable assistance in clearing his land and tilling the soil. After leaving the parental home he went to Green Bay, Mich., and engaged in fishing on the lake, which occupation he followed ten years. On the 17th of August, 1869, he was married to Miss Anna C. Smitt, a native of Vermillion, Eric Co., Ohio, where she was born Feb. 9, 1854. Her father, Henry Smitt, was born in Brunswick, Germany. He came to this country when a young man, and located in Vermillion, Eric Co., Ohio, and there carried on his business of a tailor until his death, July 20, 1853. His wife, whose maiden name was Margaret Krupp, was born in Hessen, Germany, and now resides in Huron, Eric Co., Ohio.

In 1873 Mr. Rhinemiller came to this county and bought a farm of ninety acres in Ogden Township, seventy acres of which were cleared. He cleared twenty acres more of his land, erected a large frame house, and otherwise improved the place. In 1882 he sold this property and bought the farm where he now resides. This contains 101 acres of good land, fifty acres of which are within the incorporated village of Blissfield. He has rebuilt and enlarged the house in which he and his family now reside, and made many other improvements which add greatly to the appearance of his fine and well-kept farm. On another page of this work is shown a view of Mr. Rhinemiller's beautiful homestead.

The pleasant home of Mr. and Mrs. Rhinemiller has been blessed by the birth of three children, two of whom are now living. Nellie Maora and Martha Viola; an infant died unnamed. Mr. and Mrs. Rhinemiller are good and consistent members of the United Brethren Church. Although they have not long been residents of this community, they have gained the full respect and confidence of its people. In politics Mr. Rhinemiller is a Republican, and as a good citizen he takes a lively interest in whatever promotes the advancement of the town, morally, socially or financially.



OHN J. PATTERSON, a prominent and industrious farmer of Woodstock Township, was born in Orange County, N. Y., Jan. 24.

1834, and is the son of Joseph and Catherine (Jager) Patterson. His father was a native of Treland, born July 27, 1793, but not being pleased with his condition in the Emerald Isle, at the age of nineteen he crossed the seas to the New World and located in Orange County, N. Y., where for some years he followed his trade of a weaver.

Removing to Wayne County, in the same State, Joseph Patterson made that his home until the spring of 1848, when he came to Michigan and purchased eighty acres of land in Woodstock Township. This was mostly in a wild state, and the cabin erected upon it at the time was but a small affair. He subsequently built a better house, and lived there until his death, which occurred April 18, 1871, when he had reached the age of seventy-eight years. His wife was a native of New York, and was born

Feb. 2, 1804; she died on the old homestead Sepl. 2, 1873. They had a family of eight children, whose record is as follows; Benjamin and Maria, the eldest children, are dead; William L. resides in Lenawee County; Catherine married Theron Andrews, and lives in Hillsdale County; Robert C. married Mehala White, and also lives in Hillsdale County; John J., our subject; Joseph married Lucy Hollen, and resides in this county, as also does Mary L., who married Charles Ellsworth.

The subject of this sketch remained at home until he was twenty-seven years of age. In his boyhood days he attended the district schools and laid the foundation for an excellent education. As he grew older he assisted his father in all the farm work, and was a great help in developing the resources of the property. On the 28th of March, 1861, he led to the marriage altar Miss Eliza A. Ellsworth, who was born in Woodstock Township, Lenawee County, Dec. 31, 1837, and is a daughter of Alexander and Lydia (Hand) Ellsworth. Her father was a native of Pennsylvania, born Feb. 6, 1811, and was the son of Richard and Margaret Ellsworth, who came to this county and died here. full of years. Alexander settled in Woodstock Township in the year 1836, and took up eighty acres of Government land. His wife, who was born July 14, 1814, died July 16, 1839. Mr. Ellsworth died in this county at the age of fifty-three, Jan. 28, 1864,

Mrs. Patterson being unfortunate enough to lose her mother when an infant was reared by her maternal grandfather, Nehemiah Hand. That gentleman was a native of New York, and was born April 12, 1788. He removed to this county in 1835, and located in Woodstock Township on the place where Mr. Patterson now lives. This farm was his home until March 27, 1869, when he crossed the dark river of death. His wife, Elizabeth (Robinson) Hand, was born Feb. 27, 1796, and died in Woodstock Township, April 3, 1879.

After his marriage, John J. Patterson rented the farm of Mr. Hand and worked it on shares, which he continued until the death of the old people placed the property in the hands of Mrs. Patterson. Grandfather Hand and his wife were the parents of three children, but all of them preceded their father and mother to the silent land. Eliza Ann was born in July, 1819, and died Angust 28 of the same year; Leonard R. was born March 26, 1828, and died July 13, 1844, and the other was the mother of Mrs. Patterson. To the eighty acres of land belonging to his wife, Mr. Patterson has added 160 acres which he has cleared and brought to a high state of cultivation. The present handsome residence in which he lives was erected in 1883, and is a model of comfort and elegance. Fine barus and other necessary buildings are liberally provided for all the uses of the farm, which is one of the finest in the township.

The subject of this sketch is an active and progressive agriculturist, and takes great interest in the improvement of his property. He carries on general farming and stock-raising and has been very successful in his operations. In politics he votes with the Republican party, but is in nowise a politician, nor does he seek office. He and his estimable wife wisely prefer the happiness of the domestic hearth to the fugitive honors of petty office, and theirs is a home in the truest sense of the word.

HARLES J. MILLER. In the spring of 1847, one John Miller, with his wife and five children, left his native soil in the Duchy of Baden, Germany, and crossed the seas to America, where he thought he could better his condition and rear his family in greater comfort than in the land of their nativity. After a safe voyage to this "land of great expectations" they disembarked at New York City, and proceeded to Eric County, Ohio, locating in Margaretta Township, where Mr. Miller bought some land partly improved.

John Miller was a hard-working, industrious man, and in a few years had considerably improved his land, and made a comfortable home for his family. He was just beginning to enter upon more prosperous days when his death occurred in the year 1852. Thus when they had been but five years in this, to them strange land, his family were deprived of his earc; but the mother, a thrifty, practical woman,

took up the burden of support, and with the assistance of the elder children, well performed her part, training her children to good habits and to ways of usefulness. Her maiden name was Magdalena Krerger, and the names of her children are: Nicholas, whose whereabouts is unknown; Christopher, living in Blissfield; Magdalena, the wite of William Langewell, of Blissfield; Caroline, the wife of Luther Smith, of Blissfield Township, and Charles J. The good mother is still spared to her children, with whom she makes her home.

The subject of this sketch was the youngest child of his parents, and was born in Baden, Germany, June 18, 1844. After his father's death, which occurred when he was eight years old, he continued living with his mother, assisting her in the farm work until 1862, when he went forth to fight the battles of his adopted country, being then but a lad of eighteen years. In December of that year he enlisted in Company D, 16th Ohio Cavalry, joining the regiment at Cleveland. The regiment was sent first to Nashville, Tenn., remaining there a week, when it was sent to Murfreesboro, and thence proceeded to Chattanooga to join Sherman's command, serving thenceforth under Gen. Kilpatrick. The regiment then went from Chattanooga to Atlanta, taking part in many important engagements, and was also in the ranks during the famous march of Sherman's army from Atlanta to the sea. After that the regiment went to Fayette, N. C., where, in an engagement, Mr. Miller received a gunshot wound and was in the hospital until June; he then joined his regiment at Raleigh, N. C., and there reeeived his honorable discharge when it was disbanded. He returned home, and after a short visit with his friends in Ohio he came to this State and bought the place where he now resides on section 18 of Blissfield Township. At the time of his purchase there were twenty acres of the land cleared, and two log houses built on it, in one of which he commenced keeping house by himself. He now has fifty acres of well-cleared land, under good tillage, and has erected a good set of frame buildings.

After he became a landed proprietor Mr. Miller did not long remain single, and for twenty yearshe has had the counsel and assistance of a good wife, to whom he was wedded Aug. 29, 1867. His wife, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Lincoln, was born March 16, 1845, and comes of good New England stock. Her parents, Edward and Rachel (Packard) Lincoln, were natives of Vermont, where they were reared and married. In 1841 they left, the "Green Mountain State" and came to Michigan, locating in Madison Township, this county, which thus became the birthplace of their daughter, Mrs. Miller. In 1845, the year following their settlement, Mr. Lincoln died, and Mrs. Lincoln now lives in Watseka, Iroquois Co., Ill.

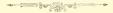
To Mr. and Mrs. Miller have been born two children—Nettic and Walter. Mr. Miller is a man of integrity, and as a citizen of the United States has been true to all the obligations of citizenship. He has firm faith in the Republican party and supports it by his vote, while he is an honored member of Scott Post No. 43, G. A. R.

ILLIAM W. LUCK, the agent of the I nited States and Pacific Express Company, at Adrian, is a native of New York State, and was born in the city of Auburn, July 17, 1819. His parents were William and Jemima (Partridge) Luck, the former a native of New York and the latter of England, whence she was brought to this country when a mere child. After their marriage they lived in various places, including Buffalo, Palmyra and Hudson, N. Y., and in the year 1846 they came to the State of Michigan and settled in St. Clair, on a farm, where they remained until the death of the father in 1875. The father was born in 1797 and the mother in 1800; the latter died in 1881. They were the parents of ten children, five boys and five girls, eight of whom lived to maturity, while five still survive.

William W. Luck spent his boyhood days in various towns in New York State, and attended school in the city of Buffalo. After he attained to manhood he was variously engaged for several years, when, having a curiosity to investigate the western country, of which he had heard so much, he made a trip across the plains to the gold and silver mining country, where he remained for two years. Upon his return he entered the employ of the United States Express Company, at Monroe, Mich., in May, 1854. He served at Cleveland, Toledo, and other places, coming to Adrian in 1864, and took possession of the office of that company as its agent, which position he still holds, and has faithfully filled for a period of twenty-three years; altogether he has been in the employ of the company thirty-four years. This long term of service, for a company which make integrity and fidelity its test, is a testimonial that speaks louder than words.

Mr. Luck has been married twice, his first wife living but two years. He was married to his present wife, whose maiden name was Mary G. Benson, on the 23d of August, 1856. She is a native of England, but was brought up in Hudson, N. Y., where she was also married. They have had five children, only one of whom is now living, and is the wife of E. D. Williams, of Chicago. Two died in infancy, and two daughters grew to womanhood, and then died.

In politics Mr. Luck is a member of the Republican party, and as such was elected Mayor in 1876. He is a consistent member of the Episcopal Church, and since 1865 has been a member of Temple Lodge No. 168, A. F. & A. M. His long continued service as an express messenger and agent has made him one of the most competent and thoroughly posted in the country. Mr. Luck is thoroughly systematic and methodical in conducting the business of the office, and the books are model exhibits of his skill as book-keeper.



ENRY J. WIRT is one of the leading agriculturists of Lenawee County and an extensive land-owner, residing on his fine farm in Medina Township, on sections 10, 11 and 15. His parents were James and Rachel (Rathburn) Wirt, natives of New York, whence they removed in 1850, from Orleans County to Lenawee County, Mich., and engaged in farming, where Mr. Wirt, the father, died about two years after his settlement. The good mother was spared to her sons for many years after the death of the father, her

death occurring Dec. 28, 1885. To her and her husband were born two sons: William F., who lives in Hillsdale County, and Henry J.

The subject of this sketch was born in Chautauqua County, N. Y., May 6, 1829. The industrial training and other lessons he received from his parents contributed to make him a useful and an honorable eitizen. He was reared on a farm, and adopted the calling of a farmer when he had his own way to make in the world. He came to Lenawee County, Mich., and in the fall of 1857, in connection with his brother, he bought a farm of 200 acres in Medina Township, which they afterward divided and on which Mr. Wirt has ever since lived. He began life for himself with nothing but his own strong arms to depend upon, but by a vigorous use of these, directed by his shrewd common sense and great talent for business, he has been unusually successful in accumulating a goodly quantity of this world's goods. He has become one of the largest land-owners in this part of the country, holding a tract of nearly 500 acres in Medina Township. His farm is well managed and in a good condition, and he conducts his farming operations after the best methods. He has convenient and commodious buildings, and every appliance for facilitating the work. Mr. Wirt has paid much attention to sheep-raising, and now owns a fine flock of 300 sheep, while he has ten head of horses and thirty head of cattle.

Mr. Wirt was first married to Mary M. Salsbury, of Medina Township, who bore him three children: Minnie, the wife of Gerry Acker, of Medina Township: Nettie and Hattie. Mrs. Wirt died Nov. 2, 1873. She had been an excellent wife and a most tender mother, and her kindly influence had been felt far beyond the home circle. Mr. Wirt's second marriage occurred in Hudson Township, to Clara Fox, a native of that township, and the daughter of Thomas and Plumey (Foster) Fox. One child has been born of this union, a daughter named Mary E.

Mr. and Mrs. Wirt occupy a prominent position in the social life of this community. They are members of the Baptist Church, and are influential in the management of its affairs, and socially they are members of Medina Grange, P. of H. Mr. Wirt's manifold duties do not give him much time to devote to public affairs, though he is interested in them and does all in his power to secure the advancement of the township. He is much interested in schools and schooling, and has done much in various official positions that he has filled, as a member of the School Board, to advance the cause of education in this township. In politics he is a strong Republican.

HARLES D. WOOD occupies the old homestead of his father on sections 12 and 13, in Rollin Township, where he was born on the 4th of December, 1845. Here he has passed the greater part of his life, which has for the most part been spent in a quiet and uneventful manner, as an honest man and a good citizen. It is hardly necessary to slate that the lapse of years has made many changes in the face of the country around him, and also in the tract of land which his father entered from the Government in 1836, while Michigan was yet a Territory. From an unproductive waste it has now become a finely cultivated farm, with substantial modern buildings and other appurtenances of a well-appointed country home.

The parents of our subject, Wilson and Sally (Strong) Wood, were natives of New York State and Vermont respectively. When Wilson was thirteen years old, his family removed from Livingston County to Orleans County, N. Y., and obtained land from the Government, and here he remained until twenty-five years of age. His brothers and sisters were named as follows: Jonathan, who lived and died in Orleans County, N. Y.; Welinda, who married Burtis Hoyt, and died in Jackson County, Mich.: Loretta, who married Abram Miller, and both died in Orleans County; and William, who married Mary Ann Wetherwax, and lives in Orleans County, N. Y.

A few years after marriage Wilson and Sally Wood concluded to change their location, and selling out their household goods and farm property, loaded their personal effects upon a wagon and with their children came overland to Southeastern Michiean. They were also accompanied by the family of Sylvester Cantield, who located near the Wood family, in Rome Township. After securing a quarter section of Government land, Wilson Wood put up a log cabin, and cleared about five acres of land the first year. He was armed with the true pioneer spirit, and labored early and late in preparing the soil for cultivation and adding those little comforts and conveniences to the homestead which made it to the family the most desirable spot which they had known. In due time the entire tract was cleared and enclosed, and the father had time to give more of his attention to the welfare of the people around him. He was a man of generous impulses, liberal and public-spirited, and became quite prominent in local affairs. He served as Highway Commissioner and School Director, being especially interested in the maintenance of the institutions which should give the young the advantages to which they were entitled. At the close of a long and useful life, he passed away peacefully at his home in Rollin Township, on the 1th of September, 1884, at the age of seventy-two years and twenty-seven days.

Mrs. Sally Wood only survived her husband a few months, her death taking place also at the homestead. Feb. 24, 1885, at the age of seventyfour years and one month. The Wood family for generations have been mostly engaged in agricultural pursuits, although there were among them a of our subject, served in the Union army two years. and one of his great-uncles was a soldier in the War of 1812. Charles D, at the age of twenty-one years commenced working the farm on shares, and on the 3d of December, 1871, brought a bride to the old home, having been married to Miss Ada O. Cook, of St. Joseph County. Soon afterward he rented the entire farm and operated in this manner until the death of his father, after which he came into possession of the property. The present residence was creeted about 1878. There is a goodly assortment of live stock on the farm, and its operations generally are conducted in a thorough and skillful manner.

The wife of our subject was born June 14, 1855, in Eric County, Pa., and is the daughter of Samuel

II. and Olive Ann (Cochran) Cook, who came from the Keystone State to Michigan about 1860, locating in St. Joseph County. The mother died in Mishawaka. Ind., about 1869, aged forty-eight years, while Mr. Cook is still living and carrying on farming in St. Joseph County, this State. Mr. and Mrs. Wood have one child only, a daughter, Lela Olive, who was born Sept. 9, 1875. She is a bright and interesting child, still attending the district school, but developing unusual musical talent, and it is the design of her parents to give her the best advantages for becoming proficient in this art.

The children of Wilson and Sally (Strong) Wood, four in number, were named respectively. Lucy Jane, Dan M., Delos S., and Charles D., our subject. Delos S, died at the age of six years. Dan M. served all through the war in the late Rebellion, and is now residing in this township. Mrs. Wood has a half-brother-by her mother's first husbandnamed Elus M, Shelby, who married Rachel Lewis, and resides on a farm in Fawn River Township, St. Joseph County. She has also a sister, named Jennie P., who married J. O. Lendahl, and resides in Denver, Col., where her husband is engaged in mereantile pursuits. Her mother's sister, Rebecca Cochran, married Richard Thornton, a Universalist minister; she is now a widow and lives in Toledo, Ohio. An uncle, Thomas Cochran, resides in Alden, N. Y., and is a retired farmer.

AMUEL G. WOTRING is an intelligent and respected farmer of Ogden Township, and is the scion of a long line of honorable ancestry. He was born in West Union, now Aurora, Preston Co., W. Va., May k. 1840. He has the record of his family back to his greatgrandfather, Abram Wotring, who, it is thought, was born in Germany, but in early life sought a new home in the United States. He first settled in Maryland and spent many years there, but subsequently removed to Preston County, in the western part of Virginia, and was one of the pioneers of that place. He took up a large tract of land there, which is still owned by his descendants. He

was a tanner by trade, and erecting a tannery, carried on the business and superintended his farm, residing there till his death.

The grandfather of our subject, who bore his father's name, went with his parents from Maryland to Preston County, and after his father's death inherited the old homestead and carried on the two occupations, tanning and farming, until his death. His son, also Abram Wotring, the father of our subject, was born in March, 1810, and reared on this same farm in West Virginia. He learned the trade of a blacksmith, and followed it till 1842 in his native town, then removed to Taylor County, where he bought a farm on which he crected a shop, and continued his previous occupation of blacksmithing until too old for such laborious, though profitable work; he still lives there, aged seventyseven years. He was the founder of the village of Aurora, which is situated on a part of the tract of land his grandfather had taken up. He platted it and laid out the town, naming it West Union, but the name was afterward changed to Aurora. The mother of our subject, whose maiden name was Ruth Hood, was a native of Preston County, and is also living at an advanced age. Her father, Julius Hood, was born in Virginia, where he was also reared and married, but in the early settlement of Ohio he went to that State to take up land, making the journey from Virginia on foot, and while there was taken sick and died.

Samuel G. Wotring was the fourth child in order of birth of a family of nine children, six of whom are now living. He attended school during his youth, and after that learned the trade of blacksmithing of his father. When the ery of Rebellion arose and there came a requisition for troops to suppress it, he enlisted May 1, 1861, in Company B, 2d Virginia Infantry, and served through the entire war, being honorably discharged in July, 1865. The company served as infantry until June, 1863, then mounted and became the 5th Virginia Cavalry. He participated in the many engagements of his regiment, the most important of which were: Laurel Hill, Carrack's Ford, Schaefer Mountain and Monterey, McDowell Cross Keys, Cedar Monntain, Second Bull Run, Kelley's Ford, Waterloo Bridge, Gainesville, Sulphur Springs, Rocky Gap and Droop Mountain. After being mounted he was constantly engaged in skirmishing and fighting. At the close of the war he returned home, and resumed his trade in Grafton, living there till 1872, when he came to Ogden Township, and bought eighty acres of land on section 15, on which he resided till 1876, when he traded it for the farm he now owns and occupies. He carried on blacksmithing in connection with farming till 1887, when on account of trouble arising from a wound received while shoesing a government mule, from the effects of which he has never recovered, he was obliged to abundon his trade, and now devotes his attention entirely to his farm.

January 18, 1866, Mr. Worring was united in marriage with Miss Mary Smell, a native of Taylor County, W. Va., where she was born Sept. 18, 1843. She is a daughter of George and Sarah (Siggons) Smell, both natives of Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Wotring have six children living: George L., James W., Sarah E., Edna E., Engene F., and Harry L. Perry, their tifth child, died in infancy.

Mr. Wotring was a brave soliber, and is an equally good citizen, still as much interested in his country's welfare as when he took up arms in her defense. In politics he is a Republican, and he is a charter member of the David Becker Post, G. A. R.

HLIAM QUEAL, Esq., is one of the best known citizens of the town of Cambridge, where he has lived for a period covering more than forty years, and has long held the position of Justice of the Pence. Although now successfully engaged in farming, he was for a time occupied in other business at Springville. He was born in the city of Utica, N. Y., Oct. 9, 1812, and is the son of John Queal, a native of Ireland, who acquired the trade of boot and shoe making while still a young man, and came to the 1 nited States with his wife, locating in Oneida County, N. Y., where Mrs, Queal soon afterward died.

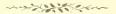
Some time after this event, John Queal was again married, in Rome, N. Y., to Miss Hannah Camphell, a native of the Empire State, and a short time afterward settled at Utica, where the father of our subject en_aged in the manufacture and sale of boots and shoes. This business he continued for many years, until he retired from active participation in the cares of business, and ten years later died in that city at an advanced age. He was a Christian man in every sense of the word, a Deacon of the First Baptist Church, and a power for good in the community in which he lived. He was an old-line Whig in politics, a follower of the great Henry Clay, the sage of Ashland. His wife survived him some years and died in the same city, at the age of fourscore years; she was a hirthright Catholic.

William Queal, the subject of this personal sketch, is the eldest of a family of nine children, two sons and seven daughters, who all lived to maturity. He was reared at home, and having acunited a primary education at the Utica Academy, he entered the study of the Rev. Stephen R. Smith, at Clinton, N. Y., where he was educated for the ministry in the Universalist Church, After gradnation he was engaged in the service of that church in the village of Mottville, Onondaga Co., N. Y., and other villages in the same State, which he visited in the interests of his denomination for some three years. In 1836, still in the interests of the church, he made a trip to Chicago, HL, and there in a block of land in the new village, on which to erect a building in which they could organize a society to be known as the First Universalist Church. In 1836 our subject preached the first sermon ever delivered by a clergyman of that denomination in the city of Chicago, and held meetings there for some time, which were well attended. Having effeeted the organization of a society to hold property according to the laws of the State of Illinois, and accomplishing the object of his mission, Mr-Oneal returned to New York State, and took charge of the church society at Bristol, Ontario County, where he remained eleven years.

During this time the subject of this personal history spent one year in Indiana, on account of his failing health, and in 1848, suffering severely from bronchial trouble, familiarly known as the chergyman's sore throat, he came to Michigan for recuperation. Here, having never recovered the natural

power of his voice, he was compelled most unwillingly to withdraw from the ministry, having come to the conclusion that a person who knew enough to preach could get a living by other means. He then purchased some fifty acres of land on section 23, Cambridge Township, a part of the Geddes farm, where he has since erected some fine buildings. While improving this place, never neglecting its cultivation, he carried on the business of manufacturing and selling boots and shoes in the village of Springville. He is one of the oldest Justices of the Peace in the county, having been in that office nearly ever since he has been in Michigan. He is accounted among the solid and reliable men of the county, and is plain spoken and independent in his views, both religiously and politically. He and his brother, the Rev. Robert Queal, of Decatur, Mich., are the only living male representatives of their father's family,

January 14, 1835, Mr. Queal was united in marriage at Aurelius, Cayuga Co., N. Y., with Miss Samantha Moore, a native of that county, born Dec. 1, 1812. Her father, Henry Moore, was a mative of Long Island, and her mother, Rachel (Stewart) Moore, of New York. Mr. and Mrs. Queal are the parents of two living children: Ellen G., who was for eight years connected as a teacher with St. John's High School, located in Clinton County, Mich., and was educated at Adrian and Tecumseh, this county, and Mary Alice, who followed the profession of a teacher for a short time in Cambridge Township, but is now the wife of George Dewey, a farmer of this township, Mr. William Queal is now living on his farm with his family, one mile east of Springville on the Monroe Turnpike, and his postoffice address is Springville,



SAIAII C. MILLER, in 1834, put up one of the first log houses on section 18, in Rollin Township, upon land which he had secured from the Government, and which he in time transformed into a productive and valuable farm. His early home was near Hartford, Comm., where his birth took place July 24, 1810. It will thus be seen that he is quite well advanced in years, but as the result

of a correct life and good labits he is still hale and hearty, and retains the independent spirit, coupled with the contempt of idleness, which were the distinguishing characteristics of his earlier years.

The father of our subject, Jonah Miller by name, was also a native of Connecticut, and spent his entire life engaged in farming pursuits. When our subject was only seven years old his father migrated to Wayne County, N. Y., where he was a resident several years. The family subsequently came to Michigan, but finally returned east as far as Ohio, where the father died in Fulton County, at the age of seventy-six years. Jonah Miller had married in his early manhood a lady of his own county, Miss Sarah Curtis, who died in York State at the age of fifty years. She was the mother of ten children, all of whom lived to become men and women, and seven are now surviving. Isaiah continued at home until nearly reaching his majority, and after working by the month for three years in his native county, set out for the Territory of Michigan, landing in Rollin Township in May, 1833. The first season he employed himself in cradling grain and manufactured his own cradle with which to work. With the exception of ten years spent in mercantile pursuits in Hudson, Mr. Miller has been a continuous resident at this place for fifty-four years.

On the 13th of September, 1833, a few months after taking up his residence in this county, our subject was married to Miss Deborah F. Pratt, who was born in Wayne County, N. Y., April 13, 1815, and was the daughter of Joseph and Rebecca (Wilbur) Pratt, who came to this State and settled two miles northeast of Adrian, in 1827, and there both the parents died, the father aged fifty years, and the mother in her eightieth year. Mr. and Mrs. Miller became the parents of seven children, all of whom lived to mature years, and three still survive. Adelia S, was born in 1837, and married E. H. Cogswell, who is engaged in mercantile pursuits in Hudson; Rachel was born in 1844, and is the wife of Thomas Scott; they have one son, Charles M., about four years old, and a daughter. Ada F., a very intelligent and accomplished young lady who is attending Hillsdale College, and expects to gradnate in the class of '88. Before entering this institution she had been engaged as a teacher two terms among their old neighbors in Cambridge Township. She has also developed a fine talent for music, and gives much attention to this art. Mary J. was born in 1847, and became the wife of Henry Adams, a well-to-do farmer, residing near Wheatland, Hills-dale County. A granddaughter of Mr. Miller, Mrs. Sarah Van Doran, the child of their daughter Lydia, is another member of the family in whom they take much pride, and who is now an interesting maiden of seventeen years, pursuing her studies in the High School at Adrian.

Mr. Miller, politically, is a straight Republican with a learning towards prohibition. Both he and his estimable lady are prominently connected with the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mrs. M. is an earnest Christian worker, and has for several years been connected with the W. C. T. U., and with the Ladies' Missionary Society, being one of the first in the organization of these associations.

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ORNELIT'S GILSON enjoys the reputation of being a self-made man, and one of the best farmers of Lenawee County. His early home was in Brownwille, Jefferson Co., N. Y., where his birth took place Jan, 13, 1829. At the age of lifteen years he started out for himself, working on a farm at 88 per month. As he was industrious and free from bad habits, he was enabled to save his earnings, and when reaching manhood purchased, in company with his brother, fifty acres of land in Jefferson County. It was rough and stony, but by the exercise of hard labor they brought it to a very good state of cultivation, and it remained in their possession until the summer of 1850.

Before the end of this year the brothers sold their land, and our subject migrated to Ottawa County, Ohio, settling near Elmore, where he took possession of eighty acres of timber land, which he had secured at the time of releasing his claim to his first purchase. Here he cut away the trees to make room for a house, and at the same time rented a tract of improved land adjacent, where he raised crops two years, and in the meantime worked his own land as far as possible, so that at the expiration of this time he settled upon it, and thereafter resided until 1879. He had also added to his real estate, and at one time was the owner of 466 acres.

Mr. Gilson, in the summer of 1879, disposed of his interests in the Buckeye State, and coming to Southern Michigan purchased the land included in his present homestead. He has 207 acres which he has brought to a fine state of cultivation, and in 1882 the original dwelling was superseded by a fine brick residence. He had already put up a good barn and other outhouses, and the improvements generally rank with the best in the county, as may be seen by examining the view of Mr. Gilson's homestead shown elsewhere in this volume. When we consider the fact that he commenced absolutely without capital, and is now little past the prime of life, it must be acknowledged that he has made excellent use of his time.

The father of our subject, Jeremiah A. Gilson, was born and reared in Albany County, N. Y., whence he removed in early manhood to Jefferson County during the early settlement of that region. He house in which his son Cornelius was born. He labored in the wilderness for a number of years, during which time he cleared a good farm, and in 1851 removed to Ottawa County, Ohio, where his death took place in September, 1871. His wife, whose maiden name was Mary Van Curley, was also a native of the Empire State, born in the Mohawk Valley, and was a few years younger than her husband. She passed away eleven years before his decease, in February, 1860. They were the parents of eleven children, nine of whom lived to become men and women.

Cornelius Gilson has a distinct recollection of many of the seenes and events of his childhood, his attendance at the district school, and the various operations of the farm where his father raised flax, which the mother spun and wove into cloth from which the garments of the various members of the household were made. Although not immediately under the parental roof he lived near his family, and upon reaching manhood was married in Ottawa County, Ohio, Nov. 8, 1853, to Miss Esther Maria Smith, who was born in Farmington, Trumbull County, Dec. 13, 1831, Jonathan Smith, the father of Mrs. Gilson, was a native of Connecticut, and the son of Austin Smith, who removed from the Nutmeg State to Ohio in 1825, making the ionrney overland with ox-teams. Austin Smith during his early life had followed the sea, but after going to Ohio purchased a tract of land. Subsequently he resumed his former calling on the lakes until disabled by an accident, and was then given the position of lighthouse keeper at Ft, Clinton, of which he remained in charge until becoming quite well advanced in years. Later he retired to Elmore, in Ottawa County, where his death took place about 1868. His son Jonathan was a youth of sixteen years when the removal was made to Ohio, and he lived there in Trumbull County until 1836. After taking up his residence in Ottawa County he rented land a few years, then purchased a tract in Harris Township, where he still resides. His farm now embraces 110 acres, nearly all under cultivation, and with excellent farm buildings.

The mother of Mrs. Gilson was formerly Miss Mary M. Ingraham, daughter of Benjamin Ingraham, of Connecticut, in which State she was born in 1808. Mr. Ingraham left New England when a young man, and was one of the earliest settlers of Ottawa County, Ohio, where he spent the last years of his life. The paternal grandmother of Mrs. Gilson, Hannah M. White, was also a native of the Nutmeg State, and the daughter of William White, a man well known and possessed of a good property.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilson became the parents of six children, recorded as follows: Alice, their eldest daughter living, is the wife of Wira Dolph, a well-to-do farmer of Blissfield Township; Ophelia was born Sept. 10, 1854, and died Sept. 12, 1871; Cornelia was born Dec. 17, 1855, and died Feb. 24, 1875; Hattie M. resides at home; William married Katie, daughter of Dr. Howland, of Blissfield, and they have one child, a son, Clarence Arza, now in his second year; James Edgar, the youngest son, resides on the homestead.

At the age of seventeen, Mrs. Gilson having acquired a good education, began teaching a district school of thirty-eight pupils at nine shillings per week and board, it being customary in those days for the teacher to board with each family a time proportionate to the number of punils under in-

struction. She was very successful, and re-engaged for the winter at \$1.50 per week and board; she taught the three following summers at the same salary.

Mr. Gilson cast his first Presidential vote for Gen. Scott during the existence of the old Whig party, and after its abandonment identified himself with the Republicans. He is a member of the Farmers' and Mechanics' Club of Summerfield and Deerfield.

HARLES C. WAKEFIELD is a resident of Morenci, where he is engaged in the business of a banker. Almost twenty years have elapsed since the organization of this enterprise, and it has flourished beyond what the most sanguine of its promotors at that time could have anticipated. By advancing money to the farmers, it has aided materially toward furthering their present prosperity, and may justly be considered a potent factor in the development of Lenawee County. The bank does a general banking business in all its modern functions, and the gentlemen who conduct it are too well known and highly regarded socially and commercially to require adulatory commendation at our hands.

The father of our subject, Dennis Wakefield, was born in Thompson, Windham Co., Conn., and was a son of Moses Wakefield, who died in 1816. Dennis Wakefield came to Lenawee County in June, 1834, locating on 420 acres of Government land in what is now Seneca and Medina Townships. He settled near where the town of Morenci now stands, and was a farmer by occupation. He was interested for a time in the mercantile business, and also in the operation of a saw and grist mill, in partnership with G. W. Wilson & Franklin Cawley, under the firm name of G, W, Wilson & Co. He was also connected with his son, Charles C., in the banking business at Morenci, and continued to live in Seneca Township until his death, which occurred June 2, 1886. He was united in marriage in Seneca Township in July, 1839, with Miss Abigail F. Crosby, who was born in Thompson, Conn. Of that union there were two children—Charles C, and Leigh Richmond. The mother of these children died in Seneca Township in March, 1845.

Mr. Wakefield was subsequently married to Miss Charity Seofield, in 1847, and by this union there were also two children, Ann A. and William N., both of whom are now deceased. Their mother died in April, 1851, and Mr. Wakefield was a third time married, in October, 1853, to Miss Amanda Crover, who survives her husband. Our subject is the only surviving member of the family, and was born in Seneca Township, Feb. 16, 1841. He was reared on the farm, receiving his early education at the common schools, and afterward he attended Hillsdale College about one and one-half years, Upon completing his studies, he engaged in the mercantile business in the spring of 1862, in Pioneer, Ohio, which he continued six years. He then sold out, and returning to Morenci, soon established the bank which he has since conducted. He founded this institution, known as the Banking House of Charles C. Wakefield & Co., in January, 1869, having had the building erected in the summer of 1868. He was also engaged in the hardware business at Morenei for about six years, as a member of the firm of Wakefield & Salsbury, but he retired from the firm in 1887, having disposed of the business, He is also the owner of a tract of land of about 250 acres in Lenawee County, and another of 250 in Fulton County, Ohio.

Mr. Wakefield was united in marriage. Nov. 3, 1864, in Morenci, with Miss Josephine O. Rogers, who was born in Pioneer, Ohio, on the 5th of April, 1846. She has borne to her husband five children: Cassius E., Abbie G. and Eva E., now living; and Lulu J. and Dennis K., deceased. In politics Mr. Wakefield is a Republican, but he is not in any sense of the word an office-seeker, preferring to devote his time and attention exclusively to his business.

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LEMENT II. BRAMBLE. This gentleman is a thorough and skillful farmer, an intelligent business man, an extensive reader and close student, and combines the business and social qualities which have constituted him a valued mem-

ber of society and an important factor among the various interests of Franklin Township, of which he has been a resident his entire life.

Mr. Bramble was born Oct. 21, 1861, at the homestead he now occupies, of which his father took possession over thirty years ago. He was the youngest member and only son of a family of four children and is the sole survivor. His property embraces forty acres of land on sections 24 and 25, and he also controls 100 acres belonging to his father. In addition to general farming he is giving much attention to the breeding of high-grade stock and Poland-China hogs, intending eventually to make this his chief business. He is still young in years, and illustrates in an admirable manner the advantages of education, which will apply as much to agricultural pursuits as to any other calling. It is a great mistake to suppose that the farmer needs little or no "book-learning." Whatever may be a man's calling in life, he who is the most intelligent and best informed always has the advantage over his unlettered brother.

Mr. Bramble commenced his studies in the distriet school in his native township and completed them in Kalamazoo College, in 1884. Upon his return home he began operating the farm with his father, J. H. Bramble, a well-known resident of Lenawee County, who is now living in the village of Tecumseh, retired from active labor. Our subject not long after starting out for himself brought a bride to his home, having been married Oct. 26, 1887, to Miss Nellie E. Heath, who was then a resident of Spring Lake, Ottawa County. Her parents, L. D. and Susan (Gross) Heath, were natives of New York and Pennsylvania respectively. Mr. Heath has been a prominent business man of this section and was for many years connected with the Grand Haven Lumber Company, of which he was Vice President and General Manager for a number of years. He came to Michigan when a young man and proved to be of the metal which was most needed during the early settlement of the State.

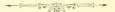
The wife of our subject was born in Spring Lake, Ottawa Co., Mich., July 14, 1866, and like her husband, completed her education at Kalamazoo. She is well fitted, both by nature and education, for her position as the wife of one of the most promising young men of the county. Mr. Bramble, after completing his studies, was engaged some time as a teacher in Kalamazoo County. Both are members in good standing of the Baptist Church at Tecumsch and enjoy the esteem and confidence of hosts of friends. Mr. B. votes the straight Republican ticket and has already been called to fill several offices in his township. He will keep up the reputation of the estate known as the "Evan Side" after the manner in which his honored father established it.

R. E. T. WHITE is one of the representative men of Raisin Township, and is located on section 4, where he is now devoting his time to farming and poultryraising, and in the latter branch of business is making Leghorns and Hamburgs a specialty. He has shown much enterprise in this line, and has been very successful, being awarded numerous first premiums at many poultry and fat stock shows, at which he has exhibited his fowls. Dr. White is a native of Monmouth County, N. J., where his father was a mason by trade, but later in life engaged in the occupation of a farmer. He came to Michigan in 1836, and purchased the land on which our subject now resides. Upon this farm the father resided until death, which occurred on the 1st of September, 1854, aged seventy-three years, two months and twenty-seven days. He married Anna Taylor. a native of New Jersey, who survived her husband eleven years, and died on the old homestead Oct. 19, 1870, aged seventy-six years, one month and twenty-one days. The parents of our subject reared four children, of whom E, T, was the youngest. He was born near Trenton, N. J., on the 4th of October, 1829, and came to Michigan with his parents when quite young. He was reared at home, and began his education in Tecumseh. He next began reading medicine under Dr. Patterson, of Tecumseh, then a prominent member of the medical profession, but now deceased, and afterward he entered the medical department at Ann Arbor College, and was graduated from there in 1856. Immediately upon leaving college he went to Adeline, Ogle Co., Ill., and began the practice of medicine,

remaining there for six years. Upon leaving Adeline he went to Dixon, Ill., where he practiced for some time, and then removed to Napoleon, Jackson Co., Mich. After remaining there three years he came to the farm of his father, in Raisin Township, withdrew from the practice of medicine, and began devoting his time to his present calling.

Dr. White was married at Mt. Morris, Prof. Harlon of the college at that place performing the ceremony, on the 15th of September, 1857, to Miss Sarab Newman, a native of Pennsylvania, who was born near Chambersburg, on the 10th of March, 1829. For some time previous to her marriage she resided in Maryland, where she was educated. To Dr. and Mrs. White were born four children, two of whom are living: Alvah, residing in Kansas, and Charlie, at home. The names of the deceased were Elwood P, and Katie.

Dr. White has always pursued an independent course in politics, but has been a vigorous advocate of the doctrines of prohibition, and the principles of the political party of that name. He and his wife are leading members of society, and devote much of their time to matters connected with the public welfare. They have established themselves in the esteem of the people among whom they live. Dr. White is a gentleman much noted for his social qualities and the affable manner in which he receives all visitors to his homestead. He is a man of large general information, and one of the most companionable men in this section of the county. He and his wife are very hospitable people, and have a very happy manner of making their guests feel completely at home.



OHN GAMBEE, a farmer on section 22, Dover Township, is a son of Daniel and Sarah (Gambee) Gambee, both natives of Pennsylvania. The latter were married in the State of New York, and settled in Variek, Seneca County, where Mrs. Gambee died. Mr. Gambee again entered into matrimony, the maiden name of his second wife being Lydia Shirk. After this he removed to Akron, Ohio, where he died. By his first marriage he had thirteen children—John

Gideon, Susan, Daniel, Washington, William, Eliza, Frances, George, Lavina, Sarah, Mary and Catherine.

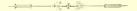
John, the subject of this sketch, was born in Varick, Seneca Co., N. Y., Dec. 25, 1816. He was reared on a farm, and being the eldest of a large family, his assistance was needed at homemost of the time, consequently his education, which was obtained in the common schools of his native town, was somewhat limited. At the age of twenty-one he left the parental roof and worked for neighboring farmers by the month for two years, and then commenced farming on his own account. The first farm he purchased was located in his native town, and he there carried his labors on for twelve years. He sold that farm and bought another in the same county, which he occupied for three years, when he again sold out.

Mr. Gambee was married in Fayette, Seneca Co., N. Y., Jan. I, 1849, to Sarah Pontius, who was born in that place Dec. 2, 1825, the daughter of Henry and Mary (Smith) Pontius, Mr. Pontius was born in Northumberland County, Pa., and his wife was a native of the same State. After their marriage they settled in Fayette, Seneca Co., N. Y., where they lived until the fall of 1854. At that time they came to Lenawee County and settled in Dover Township, which was their place of residence until their death, Mr. Pontius died near Grand Haven, Mich., while on a visit to his daughters, and Mrs. Pontius died in Dover Township, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Gambee. They were the parents of nine children-Anna, Eliza, Sarah, William, David, Caroline, Margaret, Mary C. and Emma.

In 1853 Mr. Gambee came to Michigan on a visit, and perceiving the many opportunities to gain a good living offered to wide-awake men of resolution and industry, he decided to become a resident of the State. He returned to New York for his family, and the next spring removed with them to Lenawee County, locating in Dover Township. In 1857 he purchased the farm now occupied by II. Swords, but he subsequently sold that property and purchased 140 acres on section 22. On this place he has erected a fine dwelling-house and all other convenient buildings, set out shade

trees, and made many other valuable improvements. His farm now contains eighty acres of land which is under a good state of tillage.

Mr. and Mrs. Gambee have one child, Edwin P., who married Miss Ella M. Hoxter, and resides in Dover Township. Mr. Gambee is an honorable and useful citizen, and in his political views is a Democrat. He has ably discharged the duties of School Director in the district where he resides, laving the educational interests of the community at heart. His estimable wife is a sincere and consistent member of the Presbyterian Church and gives much of her time to religious work.



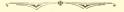
EVI L. STOCKWELL. Among the intellient, industrious, and independent farmers \(\) of Medina Township, no one is held in higher estimation by his fellow-townsmen than the gentleman whose name is at the head of this sketch. Mr. Stockwell was born in Ira, Cayuga Co., N. Y., July 18, 1823, and passed the most of his boyhood on his father's farm in his native State. When fourteen years of age he came with his parents to Lenawee County, Mich., and remained with them in the home they established here until he was eighteen years old, assisting in the farm work. At that age he left his father's home and worked by the month or job for twelve years. At first he was employed in farming, but at the age of twentyfour decided to learn the tanner's trade, and from that time for nine years he was actively employed as a tanner, having first mastered the details of the trade in the village of Medina.

While Mr. Stockwell was engaged in that Insiness his marriage with Miss Helen Atwood occurred, on the 3d of July, 1853. She was the eldest daughter of Rodney and Louisa (Ayers) Atwood, natives of Perry, Wyoming Co., N. Y., where she was also born March 17, 1833. In the spring of 1853 Mr. and Mrs. Atwood had removed with their family to Hudson Township, Lenawee County, where Mrs. Atwood died in March, 1862. Mr. Atwood afterward sold his property there and removed to Pentwater, Mich., where his death occurred in the fall of 1866. They were the parents

of eight children, four sons and four daughters. Since her marriage with our subject, Mrs. Stockwell's wise forethought and judicious management have greatly aided their joint labors in building up a home. At the expiration of nine years in the tannery business Mr. Stockwell abandoned the trade and resumed the calling to which he had been reared. He bought eighty acres of land on section 14 of Medina Township, and has ever since been prominently identified with the agricultural interests of this township. He has added to his original purchase until he now owns a line farm of 160 acres, upon which he has erected a good set of convenient and well arranged barns, and made other good improvements which have increased the value of his farm.

The union of Mr. and Mrs. Stockwell has been blessed by the birth of nine children, as follows: Martin R., who married Lina Hause; Cora E., Mrs. Edson Burroughs; Mary A., Mrs. Wilbur McNair; Amanda L., Mrs. Fred Herron; Almeron P.; Esther M., Mrs. Frank Reeder; Elmer E., Nellie H. and Lewis S.

Mr. Stockwell is a veteran in the ranks of the Republican party, and was greatly instrumental in introducing the policy and doctrines of that party into this township, while it was he who brought the first Republican tickets into this township that were ever east here. He has acceptably filled many of the minor offices of the township. Mr. Stockwell has built a vault on the farm for the family, at an expense of \$500, but as yet has had no occasion to use it, as there has not been a single death in the family up to the present writing.



oHN H. TINGLEY. Among the brave and adventurous spirits who east their lot with the pioneers of Southern Michigan while it was yet a Territory, the subject of this sketch was one of the most enterprising and conrageous, and located first in Adrian Township, in 1833, taking up 240 acres of Government land. This he sold a year later, and purchased the land which is now occupied by his brother Namuel, on section 11,

Upon this he labored two or three years, then turned it over to his father and brother, and coming into Rollin Township, purchased 180 acres, all wild land as had been his purchases before. Upon this he has remained continuously since that time, embracing now a period of over fifty years. He has tilled the soil to good advantage, and gathered around him all the accessories of a comfortable and convenient home, including a commodious residence, a good barn, stables, sheds and all other necessary out-buildings, and stocked the farm with good grades of domestic animals.

The labors of Mr. Tingley, like those of hundreds around him, were carried on patiently and preseveringly, and in the results he has little of which to complain. In addition to his own immediate interests, to which he has necessarily given the most of his time and attention, he found opportunity to interest himself in the welfare of the people around him, and because of his ability and honesty was frequently chosen by them to represent their interests in the various township offices. The establishment of schools and churches ever found in him a cheerful and ready helper, and will remain as monuments to his public spirit and generosity long after he shall have been gathered to his fathers.

The early home of John H. Tingley was not far from the Atlantic coast in Sussex County, N. J., where his birth took place on the 25th of December, 1810. His parents, Samuel and Rebecca (Holcomb) Tingley, were also natives of New Jersey, but spent their last years in Adrian Township, this county. Various items of interest connected with the history of the family will be found in the sketch of Samuel Tingley, his brother, on another page in this volume. After becoming comfortably established in Rollin Township, he married one of its most estimable young ladies, Miss Polly Lamb, the wedding taking place at the home of the bride in the spring of 1837. Mrs. Tingley was born in Genesee County, N. Y., Aug. 16, 1821, and is the daughter of Roswell and Nancy (Mills) Lamb, natives of Williams and Berkshire Counties, Mass., respectively. The mother died April 22, 1838. Mr. Lamb has been twice married since, but at present is a widower. He resides in this township with his youngest son, Sylvestus; notwithstanding his great age, ninety-three years, he is still hale and hearty.

To Mr. and Mrs. Tingley there were born eight

To Mr. and Mrs. Tingley there were born eight children, of whom the record is as follows: Jane E. was born in Rollin Township, Aug. 16, 1839, and died March 20, 1859; John H. was born June 8, 1841, and died Oct. 30, 1868; he had married Miss Mary J. Rice, and was the father of one child. Homer was born March 1, 1845, married Miss Helen, daughter of Harvey Howd, and they are the parents of three children living, one son and two daughters; he is farming in Hillsdale County. Zachary T, was born March 31, 1817, and married Miss L. Marlatt; they have six children, and are residents of Rollin Township, Nancy was born May 8, 1849, and married Marion Hare; she is the mother of one son, and resides in Rollin Township. Samuel D, was born May 27, 1851, and married Miss Elizabeth, the adopted daughter of L. C. Lombard: they have two children, a son and daughter. Mary A. was born Dec. 7, 1853, and Joanna, Nov. 15, 1856.

Mr. Tingley east his first Presidential vote with the Whig party, and continued with that party until 1856, since which time he has supported the principles of the Republicaus. Mrs. Tingley is a lady unusually charitable, kind and hospitable, and with her two daughters, Mary A, and Joanna, is an active worker in the Ladies' Missionary Society.

ONATHAN HARE, now a retired farmer of blissfield Fownship, is a pioneer settler, having come to this section of country in 1841.

When he first came to Lenawee Country, the greater portion of it was covered with forests of heavy timber, through which deer and wild beasts roamed unrestrained, and there was but one road extending through the country, the western terminus of which was at Hillsdale. Mr. Hare was born in Schenectady Country, N. Y., on the 13th of June, 1804, where his father, George Hare, was also born, and it is thought that Nicholas Hare, the grandfather, was born in Gotham, Columbia Country, and was an early settler of Schenectady Country. He

bought a tract of timber land in the township of Duanesburg, and made a farm on which he resided until his death.

The father of our subject was reared to manhood in his native county, and engaged in farming. He married Miss Wealthy Wood, who, it is thought, was born in Albany County, N. Y., and was of German ancestry. There were four children born to them, of whom the subject of this sketch is the third child. He assisted his father in farming, and lived with his parents until he had grown to manhood, when he commenced life for himself by buying a lease to forty acres of land, which he farmed until 1844. He then sold the lease and came to Michigan, settling in Lenawee County, where he bought eighty acres of land in Dover Township, twenty acres of which were cleared and the balance timber land, and paid \$1,050 for the tract. There were two log houses on the place, into one of which the family moved. He lived there until 1862, when he sold out, and removing to Raisin Township bought thirty-three acres of improved land, which he farmed until 1859. that year he sold this land and removed to Branch County, where he engaged in mercantile business at Sherwood, in which he continued for five years, when he disposed of that business, and going to Blissfield bought the place which he now occupies on Pearl street.

In 1835 Mr. Hare was married to Martha Morrison, a native of Schenectady, N. Y., and they have had six children: Cynthia, the wife of Daniel B. Nicholas, now living in Morenci; Amanda M.; Catherine A., who died at the age of twenty-eight years: Adeline, who died at the same age; Chloe, the wife of John Fuller, of Blissfield; and Daniel II., who died at the age of sixteen. Mrs. Hare was born in Duanesburg, Schenectady Co., N. Y., on the 30th of August, 1816. Her father, David Morrison, was born in the same county, and her grandfather, John Morrison, was a pioneer of the town of Princeton, that county, who reared a family and died there. Her mother, whose maiden name was Cynthia Dodge, was also born in Schenectady County, where she spent her entire life. The paternal great-grandfather of Mr. Hare was a native of England, who came to America accompanied by

two brothers, and settled in New York State, where they followed farming in Columbia County, and accumulated quite a large property.

Mr. Hare, who is in his eightly-fourth year when this sketch is written, has retired from active business life. He arrived in Michigan at a une when it was a wilderness, and for more than forty years gave his best efforts in developing that part of the State where he lived, and he can now look back over that time with wonder and satisfaction at what has been accomplished by him and his fellow pioneers. Mr. Hare cast his first Presidential', yote for John Quincy Adams, and since the organization of the Republican party has been identified with that political organization. He has always been an enterprising citizen, and highly esteemed and respected for his many good qualities.



ILLIAM E. SCHRIBER, M. D., a practicing physician of Blissfield, is a native of this State, having been born in Detroit, June 28, 1859. His father, John W. Schriber, was born in Catskill, N. Y., and grew to manhood in that State. He learned the trade of a cigar-maker in New York City when a young man, and followed it there until about 1857, then removed to Sturgis, Mich., and there managed a hotel for a time, Subsequently he removed to Detroit, and accepted the position of foreman in the tobacco manufactory of Scotten and Granger. In 1861 he returned to New York City and was there in the employ of the Lorillards, tobacco manufacturers, two years. He then returned to Michigan and worked at his trade in Jackson and Detroit until 1870, when he established himself in business in Petersburg, Mich., continuing there until 1873. From then until 1875 he was engaged in business in Blissfield, after which he managed a hotel for awhile in Metamora, and then moved to Detroit, where he now resides.

John W. Schriber married Ellen Seamans, a native of Providence, R. I., and daughter of Daniel Seamans, who was born in Wales. Mr. Seamans emigrated to America and lived for a time in Providence, R. I., then pushed westward to Monroe County, Mich., and located in Petersburg, where his last years were spent. Mr. and Mrs. Schriber had eight children, six of whom are now living.

Our subject is the fifth child in the parental family and is essentially a self-made man, having supported and educated himself since a youth. In early life he attended the public schools of Petersburg, Blissfield and Toledo, alternating his periods of study with various employments. In 1874 he became a clerk in a drug-store in Ogden Center, and commenced the study of medicine with Dr. Parker, In 1876 he studied with Dr. Hal Wyman, and snpplemented the knowledge thus obtained by attending lectures at the Michigan College of Medicine in Detroit during the winter of 1878-79. the spring of 1879 he began the practice of medicine in Riga, but after continuing there eight months, he removed to Ogden Center and practiced his profession until 1886. In the meantime, during the winter of 1882-83 he took an additional course of study at the Michigan College of Medicine, and was graduated from there in the spring of 1883. In the fall of 1886 he formed a partnership with Dr. Parker, of Blissfield, where he is steadily gaining a substantial reputation as a physician, and founding a successful career in his profession.

The marriage of Dr. Schriber with Pearlie Robertson took place July 29, 1883. She was born in Ogden Township, and is the daughter of George P. and Mary Robertson (see sketch of George P. Robertson). Of their marriage two children have been born—Harry and Lynn. Dr. Schriber is a member of both the American and Southern Michigan Medical Associations.

OHN 11. HAWKINS. One of the most beautiful homes in Rollin Township is located on section 20, and comprises 172 acres of land under a high state of cultivation, with an elegant residence upon which have been expended several thousand dollars, and which, with its surroundings, is the object of admiration by all who pass through that section of country. The hand comprising part of this farm was entered from the Government about 1834 by the father of our sub-

ject, and has continued the property of the family now for a period of nearly fifty-four years.

The subject of our sketch was born at the homestead near where he now resides on the 6th of February, 1843. His father, John R. Hawkins, was born near the city of Oxford, England, in 1809, and came to America when a young man twentyone years of age. In 1831 he sought the wilds of Southern Michigan and took up a quarter section of land in Rollin Township, this county. After clearing and preparing the soil for cultivation he added to his real estate until he became the possessor of 250 acres. He was a man of fair education, and had occupied the position of clerk in a hardware store in his native town before crossing the Atlantic. He died at the old homestead about 1882, when seventy-three years of age.

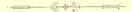
The mother of our subject was in her girlhood Miss Hannah T. Hayward, a native of New York, and the parents were married at Farmington, that State. The mother passed away the year before the decease of her husband, and was seventy-two years old at the time of her death. The home circle included six children, one of whom died in early childhood, and one sister died when about fifty years of age. The remaining four are residents of this county. John H., our subject, continued with his parents until twenty-two years old, becoming familiar with the various employments of the farms and acquired his education principally in the district school. He completed his studies with two terms in Raisin Valley Seminary, and for a time afterward was engaged in teaching.

Mr. Hawkins was married, Dec. 31, 1865, to Miss Mehitable, daughter of Robert and Surah (McKenzie) Monier, the former a native of Stenben County, N. Y., while the latter was born in Newark, N. J. They came to the West during the early years of their married life, and died in Rollin Township at an advanced age. Mrs. Hawkins was born in Steuben County, N. Y., July 27, 1843. She continued with her parents until her marriage and became the mother of four children: Nellie M., who was born May 5, 1877; John R., July 26, 1881; one babe died umanned, and Herbert H. died aged about four weeks. Mrs. Hawkins is warmly interested in the temperance movement and a leader in

the W. C. T. U. in Rollin Township. She is an adherent of the Friends' Church at Rollin Center, where she regularly attends with her children.

After his marriage Mr. Hawkins worked the home farm on shares for a time, then rented land elsewhere in Rollin Township a year. At the expiration of this time he returned to the homestead and for eight years thereafter was engaged in the manufacture of cheese. In the meantime he had purchased a tract of land on section 20, of which he took possession in 1874.

Mr. Hawkins cast his first Presidential vote for George B. McClellan, and voted the Democratic ticket until about ten years ago, when he began to realize the necessity of a vigorous fight against the evils of intemperance, and accordingly turned his attention mainly to this subject, lending his influence in favor of prohibition. He has been a member of the A. F. & A. M. for a period of twenty-two years, and at present belongs to Lodge No. 26, at Italson.

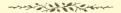


ARVIN A. LADD is the present Postmaster of Springville, where he also carries on the blacksmith trade. Although he is still a young man he has made himself a position both in social and political circles in Cambridge Township. He came to Springville in 1874, and has since conducted the business in which he is now engaged in a manner that entitles him to the name of a progressive and skillful mechanic.

The subject of this sketch was born in the township of Newfane. Ningara Co., N. Y., Oct. I, 1853, and came with his father, Ira Ladd, to Michigan in 1854, where the latter located a farm in what is now the township of Adrian, which has since been his home. He has put his place in a fine state of cultivation and to-day is classed among the most progressive farmers in the county. While in the State of New York, Ira Ladd was united in marriage with Miss Ann Bingham, a model woman, who died in this county in 1859.

Marvin Ladd spent the first years of his life at home with his father, working on the farm and attending school at the Raisin Valley Seminary, in Raisin Township, where he completed his education. When he had attained the age of seventeen years he removed to Wyandotte in this State, where he was employed for two years in the agricultural implement works, and acquired the knowledge of the use of tools and mechanical construction. He then came to Springville and later, in 1874, established himself in business. On the 27th of November, 1877, Mr. Ladd was mitted in marriage in Cambridge Township, with Miss Delia Lamb, who was born in Woodstock Township, March 15, 1860. She had lost her parents when she was but a child nine years of age. This union has resulted in the birth of one child, Ira G.

Mr. Ladd was a nominee of the National Greenback and Democratic parties for the office of County Clerk and polled a strong vote, owing chiefly to his personal popularity. He has also held the office of Township Clerk and is in politics a Democrat. Mr. Ladd is a fair specimen of the self-made man of America, progressive, thorough and go-ahead.



ENRY McCARBERY. The homestead of this gentleman, which is pleasantly located on sections 35 and 36, Macon Township, attracts general attention from its fine location, its handsome residence and out-buildings, and the many evidences of cultivated taste and ample means. It comprises 300 acres of land under fine cultivation, well stocked with good grades of domestic animals. Everything about the premises is well kept and in good order, and the farm in all respects is considered one of the most valuable in Lenawee County.

Mr. McCarbery located on this place in the fall of 1861, when it was in marked contrast with its present condition, being unbroken and without improvements. His first purchase consisted of forty acres, to which he added by degrees as his means allowed, and each year has seen something added to enhance its beauty and value. The reputation of Lenawee County has been built up and sustained by just such men as the proprietor of the McCarbery homestend.

The boyhood of our subject, until he was fourteen years of age, was spent in County Antrim,

Ireland, where his birth took place in 1834. He was the third in a family of five children, who were deprived of their father by death in the fall of The latter, Charles McCarbery, was also of Irish birth and parentage, and was fifty-five years of age at the time of his decease. The mother, who in her girlhood was Miss Elizabeth Coupple, after the death of her husband kept her children together, and not many months afterward emigrated with them to the United States, locating first in Groveland Township, Livingston Co., N. Y. In the fall of 1854 the mother and family came to this State and located in Tecumseh, where they resided six years. The household not long afterward was broken up, and the mother went to live with her son James in Macon Township, where her death took place in October, 1872, when she was eighty years of age.

Our subject, while a resident of Livingston County, N. Y., was married, Oct. 31, 1854, to Miss Nancy Kyle, the wedding taking place at the home of the bride, in Mt. Morris. Mrs. McC. was born not far from the early home of her husband, in County Antrim, Ireland, Aug. 3, 1833. Her father, Robert Kyle, a native of the same locality, was of old Presbyterian stock, and was reared to manhood not far from the place of his birth, in County Antrim. There also he married Miss Nancy Gregg, of similar ancestry, and in 1849 they came to the United States with their children, locating in Livingston County, N. Y. Mr. Kyle engaged in farming there some years and in the meantime his daughter Nancy, the wife of our subject, had become a resident of this county. Her parents joined her in 1860, and the father spent the remainder of his days in this State, dying when eighty years of age. The mother afterward made her home with her son-in-law, our subject, until her death, which occurred in the fall of 1883, when she was eightytwo years old.

Mrs. McCarbery was sixteen years of age when her parents came to this country, and attained to womanhood while a resident of Livingston Country, N. Y. Of her marriage with our subject there have been born five children: Lizzie is the wife of Masa Vandeventer, a well-to-do farmer of Milan Township, Monroe Country; Charles II. is a mechanic and resident of Detroit; Nancy was the first wife of Lavern Osterhout, of Ridgeway Township; Bert and William are at home with their parents.

During the year 1880 Mr. McCarbery met with a great affliction in the loss of his eyesight. He is remarkably fortunate, however, in being blessed with a most excellent wife, who continues his most faithful friend and counselor, and by her natural intelligence and enterprise has been largely instrumental in the building up of the homestead and in conducting it upon a solid financial basis. She has necessarily been invested with much responsibility and has proved herself equal to the emergency, Mrs. McC. is a valued member of the Christian Church, and our subject, politically, is a stanch Democrat.



II.A8 A. SCOFTELD, senior member of the firm of Silas A. Scofield & Son, furniture dealers and undertakers at Morenci, established himself in this business in 1851, and conducted it alone until January, 1881, when he admitted his son, Ernest W., into partnership. He was born in Lysander, Onondaga Co., N. Y., Oct. 5, 1826, and was reared on a farm until he was about fifteen years of age. From the age of twelve years he worked the homestead on shares, and accumulated some 8350, which he gave his father for the balance of his time until he attained his majority.

The subject of this sketch left home to begin life for himself with five cents in his pocket, and engaged in elerking in the store of Buck & Norton, in Plainsville, Lysander Township. If he should prove as good as the ordinary clerk he was to receive for the first year \$10, and \$70 the second year, including board and washing. The first year, however, he received for his services \$150, and this sum was doubled by his employers for his seeond year's work, which proves that young Scofield was a valuable clerk to them. Before the expiration of his third year he went to Baldwinsville to attend the academy located there, intending to remain one year and return in the spring to his old employers. He, however, received an unexpected offer from his brother-in-law, and engaged in peddling looking-glasses, pictures and picture frames. After remaining in his employ for a short time, he engaged in the same business for himself, his first contract being for \$6,000 worth of looking-glasses, pictures and frames. He still engaged in peddling and met with remarkable success, but he had only been engaged on his own account for a short time when he met with a distressing accident, which his physicians informed him would cause his death, Contrary to their expectations, however, he recovered, and in six weeks was out on the road selling his goods again. Soon afterward he bought a onethird interest in the business with his brother-inlaw, and they carried on quite an extensive trade. But suddenly Mr. Scofield determined to try his fortune in the West, and disposing of his interest in the business, when about twenty years of age, he started from Watertown, N. Y., with his horses and wagon, peddling his wares as he went. He set out for Gorham Township, Fulton Co., Ohio, where he had relatives residing. The following spring he located in Adrian, Mich., where he engaged in the furniture business on his own account, and resided there until the fall of 1851, when, as before stated, he came to Movenci and established himself in his present business, the only one of its kind in the village. Since coming to Morenci our subject has cleared 160 acres of land, and has erected thirtyfive buildings in Morenci and Scofield. This latter place is located in Monroe County, Mich., and was laid out by Mr. Scofield. He built a depot, furnishing the funds himself, and laid a side track to that place. He furnished the Canada Southern the State line of Ohio to the Detroit River, and also furnished forty miles of telegraph poles.

In his capacity of undertaker, Mr. Scofield has laid to their final rest 3,293 people up to Jan, 22, 1888. While at Scofield he furnished employment for 350 men for one winter. He has taken out three different patents on the following-named machines: A machine for bending tunber, an automatic rug machine and a pillow-sham holder. He also erected in the summer of 1877, in Morenci, a brick block 25x110 feet, two stories in height, and completed the entire building in ninety days. He has almost the exclusive control in his line of business for a long distance in either direction from Morenci. In his undertaking business Mr. Scofield does not believe in accepting more than a fair remuneration for his services, as is unfortunately too often the case, and this fact, besides the manner in which he conducts this business, accounts for the large patronage which he receives in that line. His furniture rooms are finished in the most approved style, and contain a full line of furniture, carpets, etc. They have also a manufactory connected with the establishment, which was crected in the place of one destroyed by fire last winter, entailing a loss of \$10,000. In twenty-nine days from the time of the fire Mr. Scofield had this new shop built and the machinery running.

Our subject was married in Morenci, Jan. 1, 1850, to Miss Emily A. Wakefield, who was born in Thompson, Conn., June 29, 1831. She is the daughter of Hiram and Rachel Wakefield, of whom a sketch appears elsewhere in this Aeut'u. To Mrand Mrs. Scofield have been born a family of six children, three of whom are now living—Sarah C., Ernest W. and Blanche. Sarah C, is the wife of F. E. Cawley, of Morenci; Ernest W. married Miss Mirtie Packer, of Morenci, and Blanche is at home with her parents. The names of the deceased were Andrew W., Josephife and Vernon. Andrew died when eight years of age, Josephine at nineteen, and Vernon when about sixteen.

Mr. Scofield is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and religiously is a member of the Congregational Church, while Mrs. S. is a member of the Methodist Church. Ernest W. was educated in the Morenci schools, and was graduated at the Business College at Detroit. He was also graduated in the art of embalming, and when iffteen years of age had attended about tifteen funerals. He is considered an expert in embalming and is fully up to the times in all the latest methods in that particular line.

1CHOLAS WOTRING. This gentleman is a highly respected citizen of Ogden Township, and the owner of forty acres of land on section 22. He is the son of Jacob Wotring, a native of Hagerstown, Md., and grandson of Abram Wotring, who was one of the first settlers of Pres-

ton County, Va., where he took up a tract of land in the wilderness. Baltimore, Md., and Winchester, Va., 150 miles distant, were the nearest markets for supplies. Here the family were almost entirely dependent on their own resources for the procurement of food, clothing, and other necessaries of life. They raised flax and kept sheep, thus securing the materials for their clothing, which they spun, wove, and made up themselves. Wild game, such as deer, bears and turkeys, was plenty, and furnished them with a good supply of meat, which, augmented by the produce of the farm, insured them a substantial living. He improved the farm and spent the last years of his life there.

Jacob Wotring, the father of our subject, was six years old when his parents moved to Preston County, and there he grew to manhood, and marrying, settled on a farm which was still in its primitive wildness. This farm, which he improved, and where he spent the last years of his life, was two miles from the village of Aurora. His wife, whose maiden name was Sarah Harsh, was a native of Maryland, and a daughter of Frederick Harsh, who was a native of the same State, and an early pioneer of Preston County, Va.; she died on the old homestead near Aurora. They were the parents of four children, namely: Peter, who died in Preston County; Frederick, who died in Ogden Township; Elizabeth, who died in Preston County; and Nicholas.

The subject of our sketch was born in Preston County, Jan. 3, 1820. As in his father's younger days wild game of all kinds was plentiful, so it was in his youth, and he well performed his share of procuring supplies for the family larder, as well as in assisting his father in clearing the land and tilling the soil. He lived with his parents until the death of his mother. After his marriage he bought his father's old homestead and resided there twelve years, then sold out and bought another farm which was partially improved. He made new improvements and lived on it till 1865, when he again sold out, and subsequently removed to this county. Here he bought forty acres of land, for which he paid \$17.50 per acre. It was all timber land, and without drainage; he even had to cut down the trees to make room to put up a hewn log house,

He now has about twenty-five acres of his land under cultivation, and has creeted good, substantial buildings.

Mr. Wotring was married, April 21, 1842, to Miss Susanna Rhinehart, who was born in Preston County, Va., April 11, 1824, and is a daughter of Thomas Rhinehart. (For parental history see sketch of J. S. Rhinehart.) Mr. and Mrs. Wotring, are valued members of the Lutheran Church, which Mrs. Wotring joined before marriage, and her husband soon after. They are pleasant, social people, having the respect and esteem of their neighborhood. In politics Mr. Wotring is a Democrat.

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NTHONY POUCHER. The early life of this highly respected resident of Madison Township was spent in Columbia County, N. Y., where his birth took place on the 26th of June, 1824. There he remained until twenty years of age, and in 1844 came to Lenawee County, of which he has since been a resident. He located in Madison Township ten years later, and for a period of over thirty years has been closely identified with its growth and prosperity.

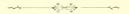
The property of Mr. Poncher includes eighty acres of good farming land on section 27, where he has erected suitable buildings and is provided with all the machinery required by the skillful and enterprising agriculturist. He is now passing down the hill of life, but is still energetic and industrious, and furnishes an example to many a man of fewer years. He commenced life for himself comparatively without means, and is entirely familiar with its difficulties in a new settlement and under adverse circumstances. He has never been afraid of hard work, and by his kindly disposition and worthy life has fairly carned the esteem and confidence of his neighbors.

The parents of our subject. Andrew and Elizabeth (Miller) Poucher, were natives of the same county as their son, where the former was born in 1788, He came to this county about 1846, and purchased six acres of land near what is now the intersection of Scott and Manmee streets, Adrian, and a small tract west of the present college building. This

land he cultivated until the spring of 1854, after which it was haid off into town plats and city streets. The father was remarkably energetic and industrious, and a man who delighted in the prosperity of the people around him and contributed as he was able to bring this about. He afterward owned large tracts of land in various townships in the county, and passed his last years near Morenci, where his death took place in 1883.

Our subject was the fifth child of his parents, whose family included six children. He remained under the home roof until starting for the West, and his subsequent course for a few years we have already indicated. After laying the foundation for a future home and desirous of a helpmeet to preside at his fireside, he was united in marriage with Miss Margaret Clapper, on the 15th of November, 1849. Mrs. Poucher is the daughter of John W. and Catherine (Best) Clapper, natives of Columbia County, N. Y., who came to this section in the spring of 1844. Mrs. C. died at her home in Palmyra Township, Feb. 7, 1849, and Mr. Clapper was subsequently married and removed to Clinton County, Iowa, where his death took place Oct. 14, 1856. The wife of our subject was also born in Columbia County, N. Y., June 24, 1826, and remained with her parents until her marriage, Of this union there have been born three children, whose record is as follows: George S, is farming in Fairfield Township; Irvin M. married Miss Addie Moore, and is a resident of Ionia, this State, where he has established a commercial college, or business school, and is meeting with good success; Elmer R, took to wife Miss Ettie May Howell, and

Mr. Poucher has always taken a genuine interest in the progress and welfare of his community, and has occupied the various local offices, the duties of which he discharged in a conscientious and creditable manner. He is decidedly Democratic in politics, and with his estimable lady enjoys the esteem and confidence of the people among whom he has passed in and out for so many years. He has taken great pride in the embellishment of his homestead, and besides the confortable farm buildings has a darge orchard of choice fruit, the trees of which he reared from suplings, and all the other appurtenances which contribute so much toward the confort of a home. He has been particularly fortunate in his choice of a life companion, his estimable wife having stood by bim in all his efforts to obtain a worthy position among his fellowmen, both socially and financially. Her family, like his own, were of German ancestry, and both possess the substantial and reliable traits of their progenitors. Their children have received careful home training and the education which has enabled them to take their rightful position in an intelligent community.



IAL NILES. Mr. Niles has had considerable experience in the affairs of the world, but under all circumstances, whether enjoying the smiles of prosperity or struggling against adversity, he has been cheerful and hopeful and always even tempered. He is now comfortably situated, and expects to enjoy much sunshine in all the future that there may be for him. He came to Michigan in the fall of 1838, from Onondaga County, N. Y., and is now located on section 36, Madison Township.

Mr. Niles was born in Ontario, Ontario Co., N. Y., in what was then Onondaga County, on the 10th of April, 1822, and is the son of Samuel and Alathear (Woodworth) Niles. The father died in 1824, and the mother came to Lenawee County in 1838, and died in Madison Township in June, 1880, at the advanced age of ninety-six years. Rial Niles was the eighth in a family of nine children, seven of whom grew to maturity, and spent his early life in the State of New York. When eighteen years of age he came to Lenawce County and worked for various persons by the month until he was twenty-one 'years of age, when he learned the trade of a mason, which occupation he followed until about 1850. He then bought a farm in Madison Township, and gave his attention to farming until 1856, when he disposed of his property and removed to Adrian, where he engaged in the drug business for the next fifteen years. Disposing of his drug-store he went to Kansas and engaged in the banking business at Baxter Springs, but during

the three years that he remained in that place he was unfortunate in his financial transactions. He then returned to Adrian, and clerked in a drugstore three years, after which he returned to Madison Township. He was appointed a postal clerk on the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad, and held that position until July, 1887, when he was relieved on account of the change in the administration of the Government; since that time he has given his attention exclusively to agricultural pursuits.

On the 24th of March, 1856, Mr. Niles was married to Mary IL., daughter of Asa and Hannah (Waters) Phetteplace, who came to Lenawee County in 1833, from Niagara County, N. Y., and settled in Madison Township, where they both died; they were the parents of six children. Mrs. Niles was born in Niagara County, N. Y., on the 28th of August, 1824, and of her union with Mr. Niles there have been two children—Elsic and Chara, Elsic died in Kansas when twenty-one years of age, and Clara resides at home with her parents.

Mr. Niles has held the position of Alderman for three terms in Adrian, was Mayor of Baxter Springs, Kan., two years, and a member of the Board of Aldermen, and has been Constable in Madison Township. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, in the affairs of which he takes an active interest. In politics he votes and acts with the Republican party, and his fidelity to that party can be understood when it is known that he preferred to surrender his position in the postal service rather than yield one jot or tittle of his political manhood. He is an excellent citizen in all respects, and engages in every progressive movement inaugurated in his community.

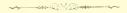
OHN HENRY, formerly one of the successful general farmers of this county, was born in Monroe County, N. Y., Feb. 4, 1833, and died in Hudson, this county, in August, 1866. His father, Roswell Henry, a native of New York State, was a great-nephew of Patrick Henry, Roswell Henry was by occupation a farmer, and married in his native State Miss Ann Bloomer. They settled on a farm, where they lived and died, both well advanced in years.

The subject of our notice was rearred on a farm with his parents, and on attaining his majority he quit the roof-tree and came to Michigau, making his home in Macon Township. He became owner of two farms in Lenawee County, locating on the first in 1854. He afterward occupied two different farms, both of which he purchased new, and on which he made considerable improvements, placing good buildings thereon, and advancing them to a high state of cultivation. Mr. Henry was a lifelong Republican, a worthy citizen, an indulgent and affectionate parent, and was rearred in the doctrines of the Methodist Church.

Mr. Henry was married in Ransom Township, Hillsdale Co., Mich., Jan. 21, 1853, to Miss Savilla E., daughter of Fenner and Julia (Goddard) Palmer. natives of Vermont and Connecticut respectively, who went to New York State, where they were united in marriage. After the birth of two children, Franklin and Mrs. Henry, the latter born March 22, 1833, they came in May of the same year to Michigan and located in Ridgeway Township on a tract of wild Government land, over which roamed the red man and wild game and beasts of prey in abundance. Their family numbered eight children. six sons and two daughters, one of the latter of whom is now deceased. After the children had grown up their parents came to Hillsdale County and purchased a large tract of land in Ransom Township, where they lived for some years and later removed to Hudson, this county, where the father died as already stated. The mother is yet living in Hudson at an advanced age, and is the excentrix of the will of her late husband.

Mrs. Henry was rearred at home and received a good education in the district schools, in which she was afterward a teacher. She became the mother of five children, one of whom is deceased; Mary E., Mrs. Charles East, lives on a farm of 100 acres in Macon Township; Charles R. took to wife Miss Flora Parsheel, a graduate of Ann Arbor, as is her hisband; they now live at Au Sable, where Mr. Henry is an attorney. Julia, Mrs. George L. Cornville, now lives in Tawas City, Mich.; Mr. Cornville is

an attorney and now County Clerk of Iosco County, Ada, Mrs, Willard Phillips, resides in Mannehester, Mich., where her husband, Prof. Phillips, is Principal of the High School. Mrs. Henry and family belong to the Methodist Church.



IRAM WAKEFIELD, after a well-spent life of fourseore years, has retired to Morened Village to spend the remainder of his days in the enjoyment of those comforts which a lifetime of industry and integrity has secured, Mr. Wakefield's birthplace was at Thompson, Windham Co., Conn., where he first saw the light Dec. 6, 1807. He was reared on a farm, enjoying the usual educational advantages, and remained until 1835, when he came to Medina Township with his wife and one child, and settled on Bean Creek, where they remained until 1864, engaged in farming. At that date they sold this farm and and removed to Morenei, where they have since lived.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Wakefield took place in Thompson, Conn., in 1830. Mrs. W., whose maiden name was Rachel Crosby, was born in Thompson, Conn., on the 9th of December, 1810. They have but one child, Emily A., who is the wife of Silas A. Scofield, of Morenci, of whom a sketch appears elsewhere in this Albi M. The parents of our subject were Moses and Nancy (Kimball) Wakefield, the former of whom died at Thompson, Conn., when our subject was but seven years old. The mother came to Medina Township in the autumn of 1835, and subsequently removing to Morenci, died there when about eighty-five years of age. The parents of Mrs. Wakefield were Charles and Abigail (Fairbanks) ('rosby, who were natives respectively of Connecticut and Massachusetts. They subsequently removed to Ypsilanti, Mich., where the father resided until his death. The mother remove I to Medina Township and died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Wakefield.

Mr. Wakefield has been a member of the School Board for twelve years, while he and Mrs. W. are worthy and consistent members of the Methodist Church, with which they have been identified since 1837, while Mr. Wakefield has been a Class-Leader for twenty-four years. Throughout his life Mr. Wakefield has lived peaceably with his fellowmen, and is a man without enemies. He is a kind and indulgent parent, a liberal-minded man and an obliging neighbor, and has gained a place in the esteem and affection of the community as the result of an exemplary life.

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ORNELIUS BANCROFT. Among the adventurous company that led the way into the almost interminable wilderness that then covered Rome Township, was the family of which the subject of this sketch was a member. Coming here as early as 1835, Mr. Bancroft has witnessed the immense development that has attended their efforts. The forest has given way to finely cultivated farms; towns, cities and villages have sprung up upon the former sites of Indian encampments, and civilization has taken the place of primeral solitude.

Cornelius Baneroft is a native of Lockport, Niagara Co., N. Y., where he was born Aug. 27, 1830. He is the son of Neley and Sarah (Stone) Bancroft, the former a son of Capt. Joseph Bancroft, and a grandson of Moses Bancroft, Neley Bancroft was a native of Auburn, Worcester Co., Mass., where he was born May 22, 1799, and resided in the county of his nativity until 1827. November 1 of that year he was united in marriage with Sallie Stone, of Bennington County, Vt., who was born April 6, 1800, and removed to Lockport, N. Y., where he engaged in farming. In 1835 he came to Michigan, locating on land on section 18, in Rome Township, and in October he put up a house 18x26 feet, making it comfortable for his family. His nearest neighbors were some four miles distant, while within one-half a mile east of them, bears and wolves maintained their dominion, and boldly made attempts to scare and drive away the settlers by their hideous howling and frequent visits. He did not build a fireplace in his house, for he was told that a large stove could be had in Adrian, and going to that place as soon as possible, purchased, for the sum of \$39.87, the first cook stove that was ever set up in the western part of the county.

Settling down to agricultural labor, the father of our subject cleared up some sixty acres of land, on which he erected good buildings and set out an orehard, the trees of which he raised from seed brought from New York. On the 9th of March, t852, he sustained the loss of his wife, leaving him with one child, Cornelius. On the 4th of December, 1852, he again entered into marriage bonds, this time with Ann Moore, a native of Bradford, Orange Co., Vt. He made his farm his residence until July 7, 1870, when he passed away to his heavenly home. He was a man of much indomitable courage and energy, as became the son of a Revolutionary sire, and endured the hardships and trials of pioneer life without complaining. While coming from Toledo to Adrian with his goods and family, the day being warm, he took his coat off and laid it upon his wagon, but it slipped off and was lost. A thorough search was instituted, but neither the coat nor the \$100 that was in the pocket was ever heard of. Following this was the loss of eattle by disease, at various times breaking up his team, and placing him at a disadvantage. The burning of his house and all its contents on the 18th of March, 1841, capped the elimax. Friends and neighbors to the number of almost 100 turned out a few days after the fire, and nearly completed a new house for him in one day. The timber was taken from the stump, one side hewed, and placed in position. It is proper to mention this incident, as it shows the true-hearted pioneer of those days in a happy light.

Cornelius Baneroft grew up in his father's family, assisting in clearing the land and developing the resources of the place. On the 27th of May, 1855, he was united in marriage with Harriet M. Moore, a native of Bradford, Orange Co., Vt., where she was born Sept. 11, 1835. She was the daughter of William C. and Lucinda W. (Wells) Moore, the former of whom was born in Bradford, Vt., March 4, 1810, and died at Union, Branch Co., Mich., April 12, 1873. Her mother was born in Marshfield, Washington County, April 30, 1814. Mrs. Bancroft's family being imbued with a natural love of country, several of her brothers served in the Fedral army during the Rebellion. William II, enlisted in 1861 in the three-months service, and re-culistic country is serviced.

ing in the 9th Michigan Cavalry, served out his time, David W, enlisted in the 4th Battery, and served some three years. In the fail of 4844, William C, Moore brought his family to Michigan, and settled in Washtenaw County, but in 1852 he disposed of his place and removed to Union, Branch County,

Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Bancroft are the parentsonine children, recorded as follows: William W.
was born Feb. 20, 1856, and married Emma L., the
daughter of Ebenezer Thompson, of Clayton: Mary
E. was born Oet, 3, 1860, married John H. Wells,
the son of Gideon L. Wells, and is a resident of
Medina Township: Rosa E. was born March 25,
1863, married George E. Barnett, of Newbury, Vt.,
Dec. 7, 1887, and now lives in Boston: Wallace G,
was born May 15, 1865; Herbert O., May 15, 1867;
Sarah A. Aug. 14, 1869, and George H., May 6,
1873; the last four live at home. Two children,
Henrietta L. and Ella J., died in infancy, the former
July 22, 1858, and the latter Feb. 21, 1860.

Mr. Bancroft is an influential member of the Baptist Church and a truly Christian man. Ruling his life by the precepts of his religion, he not only enjoys the confidence, but the love and respect of those with whom he comes in contact.



ARRETT F. HARRIS, an aged and highly respected resident of the village of Woodstock, was one of the pioneers of •Muchigan Territory, coming to this county in 1836. He was then a young man twenty-two years of age, strong in health, youth and hope, and selecting a tract of timber land in the newly organized township of Woodstock, went to work with a will to cultivate the soil and build up a homestead.

Mr. Harris commenced in a modest way, on eighty acres of land, living in a log cabin until 1840, but he prospered in his labors, and began gradually to add to his real estate until he had 200 acres, which he brought to a good state of cultivation. The cabin in time gave place to a modest frame dwelling, and this was followed by other buildings and improvements, until the country around began to look upon the once impecunious young man with undisguised respect. He had fought his way un-

aided save by the involuntary encouragement that is ever given to true worth, integrity and industry, and before reaching the meridian of life was accounted among the most valued factors in the little community. Schools, churches, and other worthy institutions received his uniform support, and no man was more ready to contribute to the furtherance of the enterprises calculated to build up the community, and secure its recognition as an intelligent and progressive people. Now, toward the sunset of life, he has the abundant satisfaction of hosts of friends and a good conscience, for which many men would give millions of money.

Mr. Harris was born in Ulster County, N. Y.,
July 19,1813, and is the son of Abran and Polly
(Waldron) Harris, the former born Feb. 13, 1783,
in the same county, and the latter Sept. 23,1776. In
1840 Abram Harris left his native county and removed to Indiana, settling near Ft. Wayne, where
he lived upon a farm until his death, which occurred
when he was fifty-nine years of age; the mother was
of German descent, and died at the age of sixtyseven. They were the parents of six children, of
whom our subject is the sole survivor, though all
but one lived to mature years. Abram Harris when
a boy was bound out to serve an apprenticeship at
shoemaking, but before his time expired his fatherin-law purchased his freedom from the contract.

Garrett F. Harris made his home with his parents until twenty-two years of age, in the meantime employing himself as a laborer, but in 1836, determined upon a change of location, he made his way to this county, and purchased a part of the land included in the old Harris homestead, which is widely known to all the older residents of the county. At first he was obliged to go twenty miles to mill and market, making his way laboriously with an oxteam, though these privations and hardships were the common lot of the pioneers. They, however, maintain they were happy in their cabin homes, and it is certain that in those times there were exercised to a greater extent than at the present, the gentle virtues of hospitality, kindness and charity.

Mr. Harris contributed to the erection of nearly every church and school building in his township and vicinity, and took pride in the growth and progress of the community. He was married first on

the 2d of January, 1836, to Miss Magdalia Auchmoody, who died Aug. 15, 1840, aged twenty-one years, leaving two children. Abram, the elder, was born in Woodstock Township, Dec. 8, 1837, and married Miss Mary Hewett; they have four children, and are living on a farm in Clinton County, this State. Mary was born July 3, 1839, and married Jacob Every, a farmer of Jackson County. On the 10th of December, 1840, Mr. Harris was again married, to Miss Phebe Brooks, who was a native of Delaware County, N. Y., and daughter of Merchant and Mary (Every) Brooks, who also were natives of Delaware County, and came to Michigan in 1835. The father took up a tract of 200 acres of Government land, and built up a homestead from the wilderness, where, with his estimable wife, he spent the remainder of his days. Mrs. Harris was one of eight children comprising the parental family, five sons and three daughters. Of this group but five are now living, two sons and two daughters besides Mrs. Harris. William H. now occupies the homestead; Uriah lives on a farm in Woodstock Township; Margaret, Mrs. Nelson Kelly, lives near, and Angeleck, Mrs. Jefferson White, lives at Clark's Lake. The paternal grandfather, Joseph Brooks. married a Miss Rollin, and they spent their lives in Delaware County, passing away when ripe in years, On the maternal side, Joseph Every married Miss Margaret Acker, and coming to Michigan with his wife in 1837, they spent the remainder of their days in Woodstock Township, this county, both dving at an advanced age. Joseph Every brought with him to this State his mother, who lived to see ninetynine years. The grandfather of this old lady was the carpenter who drove the first nail in New York City.

The household of our subject was completed by the birth of eight children, of whom the record is as follows: The eldest, a daughter, died unnamed; Magdalena, who was born March 5, 1843, died April 16, 1881; she had been married to William Davison, and was the mother of three children. Wessel D. was born April 16, 1846, and married Miss Nelie Turner; they have three daughters and one son. Merchant B. was born March 5, 1849, and married Miss Olive Nichols; they have seven children. William Henry was born Nov. 6, 1851, married

Miss Eliza Swartout, and has three children; Elma E. was born June 26, 1855, and is the wife of James Horton, and the mother of one child; Sophronia was born Oct. 16, 1858, married F. Peterson, and is the mother of four children; Lora was born March 9, 1864, and married Miss Edith Sanford; he farms the homestead on shares, and is the father of two children, a son and daughter.

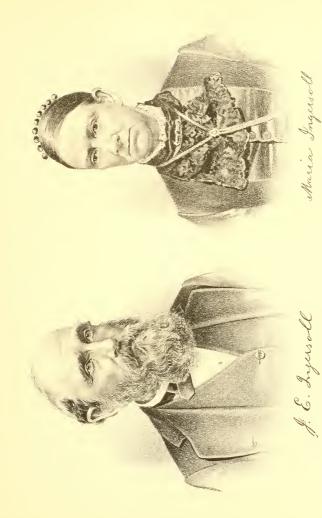
Mr. Harris has always been a Baptist in religion, and in polities is an uncompromising Democrat. He has worked energetically for the party, and has never seen the day when he was ashamed of his principles.

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ONATHAN E. INGERSOLL came to Michigan in the fall of 1842, and located first on a farm in Hillsdale County. He had about \$70 in money, and during the following fall and winter put up a house, purchased a cow and a hog, and wheat enough for his father's family to live upon until after the next harvest. He was joined by the family in the spring of 1843, and his father being crippled with rheumatism, Jonathan E. had the principal charge of the family and provided the means for their maintenance.

For two years following Mr. Ingersoll had no team of his own, and was obliged to hire his plowing done. Under these difficulties he struggled along for two years, when he began to gain a foothold, and in due time he found himself on the road to prosperity, with a good farm of 110 acres containing a comfortable dwelling, barn and other outbuildings. After a trip to California and a residence there of two years, in which he engaged in mining, he, in 1856, sold his farm, and coming to this county invested \$11,000 of his capital in the farm in Palmyra Township which he now owns, and which included 200 acres of valuable land on sections 5 and 6. He is a fine illustration of the self-made man, as he began his career dependent upon his own resources, and is now numbered among the wealthy and prominent men of Lenawee County; a portrait of Mr. Ingersoll will be found on the adjoining page of this Album.

Our subject was born in Victor, Ontario Co., N. Y., May 20, 1820, and is the son of Stephen





Ingersoll, a native of Lynn. Mass., where he was born April 17, 1782. The paternal grandparents, Aaron and Lydia Ingersoll, were of English descent, the former the son of William Ingersoll, who emigrated to America in early manhood, accompanied by three brothers, and located in Massachusetts, The family was afterward largely represented in the Bay State, as they all married and reared sons and daughters. Stephen, the son of Aaron, married Miss Joan, daughter of Deacon Isaac and Mary Root, of West Stockbridge, Mass., and they became the parents of nine children, of whom Jonathan E., our subject, was the fourth son and eighth child. Stephen Ingersoll resided in his native State until reaching manhood, in the meantime learning the miller's trade. He then migrated to Ontario County, N. Y., where he secured a tract of land, upon which he operated until the spring of 1843, the date of his removal to this county. He spent the last years of his life in Hillsdale County, this State, his death taking place in the summer of 1858. His wife, Mrs. Joan Ingersoll, was born at Stockbridge, Mass., Jan. 23, 1780, and died at the homestead in Hillsdale County, April 20, 1853, She was the daughter of a Revolutionary soldier, and both her parents were natives of Massachusetts,

In the fall of 1875 Mr. Ingersoll repeated his trip to California. The journey in 1852 had been made overland with horse-teams, and he started home by the Niearagna route, leaving San Francisco on the steamer "Yankee Blade," then one of the best vessels on the Pacific Coast. After twentythree hours' sail she was wrecked on a reef during a dense fog, about five miles off shore. There were 1,300 passengers on board, and with the exception of fifty persons, who were lost by the swamping of small boats and other causes, all were safely landed. Mr. Ingersoll was among the last to leave the wreck, twenty-two hours after the vessel struck. The following day a small coasting steamer came along and conveyed 800 of the passengers to San Diego. Eight days later another steamer arrived which carried them back to San Francisco. On the 20th of October the survivors set out once more, and after a passage of twenty days arrived safely in New York harbor, whence Mr. Ingersoll not long afterward found his way to the farm which he had left in Michigan. His later trip to Sacramento was accomplished from Chicago in live days; this time he merely went on a visit to his children and returned the same season. The lapse of twenty years had effected a vast change both in the methods of transportation and in the country along the Pacific Coast. While he had been quietly farming in Michigan, civilization had been working its way westward, and flourishing cities had grown up where perhaps there was nothing but a hamlet or a building which served as a stopping-place for the traveler.

The marriage of Jonathan E. Ingersoll and Miss Maria Hammond was celebrated at the home of the bride in Ransom, Hillsdale County, Dec. 31, 1844, and the young people commenced life together on the partially cultivated farm of our subject. The, nine children who in due time completed the house. hold circle are recorded as follows: Edgar J, was born in Ransom, May 17, 1816, and is now in Palmyra; Lydia A. was born July 20, 1847, and married Harrison Crommer; she is now in Ransom, Hillsdale County. Cyrus B. was born Dec. 13, 1848, and is engaged at farming in Jefferson, Hillsdale County; Phebe P. was born Jan. 3, 1850, and married Christopher C. Crommer, of California; she is now a resident of that State. Edna M. was born Feb. 21, 1852, and is the wife of Charles Miller, of Raisin Township; Esther F, was born Jan. 1, 1856, and married Frederick W. Nichols, of Palmyra; John S. was born Oct. 13, 1858, and is engaged at molding in the car works, in the city of Detroit; Heber D. was born Sept. 15, 1863, and is carrying on farming in Colorado; Thomas II. was born Dec. 22, 1865, and resides at home.

Mrs. Maria Ingersoll, the wife of our subject, was born in Frectown, Cortland Co., N. Y., June 15, 1824. Her father, John Hammond, was born in Long Island, Aug. 18, 1791, and was married in Cortland County, N. Y., to Miss Permelia Dickinson, a native of Connecticut, born Jun. 18, 1796, They emigrated to Michigan in 1838, and in 1841 Mr. Hammond settled on a tract of timber land in Ransom Township, Hillsdale County. He erected a log house and cleared the land around him, building up a comfortable home, where he remained until his death, in 1881. The mother's death took place on the 3d of November, 1838.

ETER JACOB, a successful farmer and a fine representative of the German element in our population, is a self-made man in every sense of the term. When he landed in America a lad eighteen years of age he was not only without a cent in his pocket but he owed his brother for his passage; since then he has achieved independence by his resolute will and persistent toll

Mr. Jacob was born in Hessian Germany, Jan. 4. 1837, and is the son of John and Martha (Lapp) Jacob, both natives of Germany, where they passed their entire lives. Our subject attended school, receiving a good, practical education until he was fourteen years of age, and he then commenced to make his own way in the world, working out by the year on a farm. The first two years his wages were \$7 per year, with his board, and some wool for clothing. His wages were advanced at the end of two years, but while he remained in Germany the best wages he ever received were \$15 a year, in addition to the wool for clothes. He remained in the Fatherland until 1855, when a brother who had emigrated to America sent him money enough to pay his passage to this country, and in June of that year he set sail from Bremen. In the following August he landed in Quebec, a stranger in a strange land, without money and in debt for his passage. It was his intention to come to the United States, so he resolutely sought work that he might obtain money enough to pay his fare, and found employment near Hamilton, where he remained two months. He then set out for Eric County, Ohio, and there became employed on a farm, receiving \$110 besides his board, for his first year's work, which must have seemed to him a large sum of money. His wages were afterward increased to \$156 a year, and he continued working there until 1860.

In December of that year Mr. Jacob took the first important step toward establishing a home, by his marriage with Margaret Reas, also a native of Hessian Germany, where she was born Nov. 13, 1841. Her mother died in that country and she came to America when about nine years old with her father and stepmother, George and Julia (Schultz) Reas. They located in Eric County, Ohio, but

Mr. Reas now resides in Fulton County, that State. Shortly after his marriage, in 1860, Mr. Jacob resolved to come to Michigan and invest in some of the cheap land of this State, accordingly, accompanied by his bride, he came to Ogden Township, and with the money that he had carefully saved he bought forty acres of land, the price of which was \$550; that tract is included in his present farm. His first move was to cut trees to make room for a log cabin, which he soon had ready for occupancy. but by that time he had used up all his money and was obliged to go to work by the month for others to earn money to support himself and wife. During that time, with unusual enterprise and energy, he worked on his own land evenings and rainy days, and after a time he and his brother bought a pair of steers with which they both did their farm work and marketing. The first hogs he raised here were turned loose in the forest, and fatted on acorns. He afterward killed them and earried them ten miles to market, where he sold them for two and one-half cents a pound dressed-weight. He continued working out by the month until he had land enough of his own cleared to employ his whole time. After four years he was able to buy a yoke of oxen for himself, which he sold two years later, and then bought the first pair of horses he ever owned. In 1864 he bought forty acres of land joining his first purchase, and since that time he has cleared the first forty acres that he bought, and now has it all enclosed and well improved. In 1877 he bought twenty acres more, paying \$560 for the tract, and in 1883 he bought another tract of thirty acres, paying \$75 per acre for the same. He now owns a fine farm of 130 acres, the greater part of it improved, while his buildings are among the finest in the township, as may be seen from an examination of the view of his homestead found elsewhere in this volume. He has always engaged in mixed husbandry, and has paid much attention to raising stock. On the 8th of July, 1887, Mr. Jacobs sustained a severe injury by being run over by his runaway team with a self-binder, and is crippled for the remainder of his life, and unable to do any kind of farm labor.

Mr. Jacob has two brothers in this country, John and Christopher, both living in Ogden Township.

To Mr. and Mrs. Jacob have been born seven children—Mary A., Margaret A., Louisa F., George Lewis, John Benjamin, and two children who died in infancy.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob are people whose upright conduct in the daily affairs of life well merits the esteem and confidence in which they are held by their neighbors. They and their children are members of the Evangelical Church.

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HOMAS A. LIDDEL. The subject of the following record ranks among the prosperous farmers and stock-growers of Macon Township, and has been located on section 6 for the last fifty years. He comes of excellent Scotch ancestry, from whom he inherited the qualities of industry and perseverance, which have secured for him a good position financially and the involuntary respect of his neighbors. The patronymic, it will be observed, is spelled differently in this work, in accordance with the tastes of the individual who bears it, Thomas A., our subject, preferring the more modern method.

Mr. Liddel was born in Florida Township, Montgomery Co., N. Y., July 28, 1832, and is the son of Robert Liddel, who was a native of Schenectady County, and the eldest son of Thomas Liddel. Sr. The latter was probably born in Scotland, but he was reared in Schenectady County, N. Y., and upon reaching manhood married Miss Janet Robison, who was also of Scotch ancestry. They spent the balance of their lives on a farm in Schenectady County, Grandfather Liddel dying at the advanced age of eighty years. His wife survived him some time, and was a hundred years old at the time of her death. Thomas Liddel was a Scotch Presbyterian of the old school, and carried out in his life and character the principles to which he had been strictly reared in his childhood and youth,

Robert Liddel, the father of our subject, was reared at the home of his parents in Schenectady County, N. Y., where he remained until a youth of eighteen years. He then took up his abode with his uncle in Princetown, and assisted the latter in his occupation as a drover and stock dealer, Young Liddel soon developed excellent judgment in connection with this business, which he afterward pursued the remainder of his life. He was married in his native State, to Miss Janet Adair, who was the daughter of an excellent Scotch family, her father being Alexander Adair, who had married a Miss McKee. The parents of the latter were natives of Scotland, and upon emigrating to the United States located in Montgomery County, N. Y., during its early settlement. The Indians at that time still roamed unrestrained over the country, committing depredations and making life a terror to the pioand killed by the savages. The other daughter, who afterward became the grandmother of our subject, was a witness of the atrocious deeds of the savages, and was herself captured and held for the efforts of a white man, who directed her to refuse to learn to speak in the language of the savages, and later purchased her liberty with some trifling object which took their fancy. She was nine quently married to Alexander Adair, and spent the remainder of her days in Montgomery County, N. Y. She was only middle-aged when her death occurred, and Mr. Adair died at the age of fifty-five

After his marriage Robert Liddel engaged in general merchandising for some years in Montied by his wife and two children, he started for the Territory of Michigan, and upon reaching this county took up eighty acres of land on section 6, in Macon Township. This property he subsequently exchanged for the present homestead of our subject, but which then bore little resemblance to its present condition. The parents labored and toiled after the manner of the pioneers, and in due time had built up for themselves and their children a comfortable home. Here the death of the mother occurred Dec. 24, 1864, at the age of sixty-five years. Robert Liddel, for his second wife, married Mrs. Susan Miller, and finally removed to the village of Clinton, where he died May 1, 1879, when seventy-nine years old. Robert Liddel and his first wife were members of the Presbyterian Church; the second wife was a Methodist. Politically, he was an old-line Whig until the abandonment of that party by the organization of the Republicans, when he cordially endorsed the principles of the latter, and continued with them until his voting days were over.

The subject of our sketch received his early education in the district school, and continued with his parents until reaching his majority. He selected a wife from among the maidens of his own township, being married on the 5th of March, 1856, to Miss Mary A., daughter of Robert and Mary L. (Biddle) Richart, natives of Pennsylvania and of Scotch ancestry. Mr. Richart was a mechanic, and continued in his native county of Northumberland until after his marriage and the birth of two sons and four daughters. Mrs. Liddel, the fifth child of her parents, was born Aug, 30, 1829, and continued under the home roof until her marriage with our subject. The family came to Michigan in 1846, loeating in Macon Township near Pennington Corners, where the father followed his trade until resting from his earthly labors, his death occurring May 21, 1875; the mother survived a little over two years, dying Oct. 21, 1877. They were eighty and seventy-five years of age respectively. Mr. Richart, politically, was Republican after the organization of that party.

William Riehart, the paternal grandfather of Mrs. Liddel, was born in Montour County, Pa., and married Miss Martha Moody, whose birthplace was not far from his own. They spent their entire lives in that locality, where they followed farming, and died at an advanced age. They were members of the Presbyterian Church. The maternal grandparents. Israel and Martha (Lowry) Biddle, were also natives of Pennsylvania, and spent the most of their lives in Montour County; they also were Presbyterians. Both families were prominent in their community, where they built up comfortable homes and enjoyed the confidence and esteem of the people around them.

To our subject and his wife there have been born three children: Marilla R., who makes her home with her parents, and is very skillful as a seanstress; Mary E., the wife of Charles Wilkins, who is earrying on a farm in Macon Township, and Try, the wife of David Sloan, who is in the butchering business at Pennington Corners. Mr. Liddel takes a warm interest in the success of the temperance movement, and politically, has identified himself with the Prohibitionists. They, like their respective parents, are in sympathy with the Presbyterians,

As representative of the homestcads of this region we present in our illustration department a view of Mr. Liddel's residence and its surroundings.



HOMAS C. ISLEY, a prosperous farmer residing on section 1. Palmyra Township, was born in Ramsey, Huntingdonshire, England, on the 15th of November, 1825. His father, William Isley, was born in the same shire, where he was reared to manhood and was married to Mary Hamden. He made a business there of ditching and draining lands, and remained in England until 1853, when he followed his son to America, and spent the last years of his life in Evansville, Ind., with his oldest daughter; his wife, the mother of the subject of this sketch, died in England. Of their children, six grew to maturity, and five came to America: Ann married William Bedford, and resides at Evansville, Ind.; John lives in Lagrange County, Ind; Thomas C, is our subject; Mary remained in England; Martha is the widow of Matthew Wilson, and lives in Cleveland, Ohio; Sarah married William Bedford, and died in Evansville, Ind.

Thomas C. Isley was reared in his native town, and as soon as he was large enough he assisted his father in the support of the family, and resided with his parents until 1852. On the 11th of October of that year, with his wife and one child, he set sail from Liverpool, and landed at New York on the 28th of December following, after a long and stormy passage, with but four shillings in his pocket. He wished to go to Albany, and in order to secure the money to pay the expenses of the trip, sold a portion of his clothing. He went by the railway until within twelve miles of his destination, where the track was washed away, and he had to walk the remainder of the distance. When he arrived in Albany, he had but \$1 left. Strangers assisted him until the following February, when he found work,

and then he could only work three days in the week at fifty cents per day. In March and April he worked full time in a brickyard chopping wood at seventy-five cents a day, and in May was given full charge of the yard. In July operations at the yard were suspended and he migrated to Cleveland, arriving there with only 88, but he succeeded in finding friends who were from his native town in England, and through them secured employment at \$1 per day.

Mr. Isley remained a resident of Cleveland eleven City Council as Deputy Inspector of Wines and Liquors, and at the same time was a clerk in the custom house, and a part of the time clerked for B, A. DeWolf, a commission merchant. In 1860 he purchased a farm of forty-seven acres in Olmstead Township, Cuyahoga Co., Ohio, thirty acres of which were under cultivation, and the remainder heavily timbered. He rebuilt the house which was located upon it, and cleared more of the land, and with the exception of one year lived there until 1866, when he sold out, and coming to Lenaresides. There were a few acres of this land partly cleared, while he now has seventy acres in cultivation, and has planted a large number of cherry and fruit trees, besides erecting good buildings, inbarn. He owns another farm of torty acres in Blissfield Township, which is under cultivation, and is equipped with good buildings.

In January, 1849, the subject of this sketch was married to Ann DeCamp, who was born in North-amptonshire, England, on the 14th of May, 1829, and was the daughter of John and Mary (Brown) DeCamp, both of the same shire, where they spent their entire lives. Mr. and Mrs. Isley have had eleven children, seven of whom are living: Charles, William, George: Belle, the wife of Malvin Bowen: Edward, Thomas and Fred. The oldest one was born in England, and the others in America, and they are all living near their parents. Two children, twins, died in infancy in Cleveland, and two daughters died in Lenawe County.

Mr. and Mrs. Isley are members of the Protestant Methodist Church, and it is mainly due to their efforts that the Wellsville Church, a handsome structure, was built. He and his wife were among the original members of this congregation, which he has served in the capacity of Class-Leader, Trustee, Steward, Superintendent and Sunday-school Librarian. Mrs. Isley was one of the original members of the Ladies' Mite Society, and served for some years both as its President and Treasurer, Mr. Isley's success in life is largely due to his own strict integrity and honor. He has lived a Christian life, and has always taken a great interest in such movements as tended to the elevation of himself and the community in which he lives.

As illustrative of the change from "the little old log cabin" surrounded by the forest primeval," we present on another page of this Anava a view of Mr. 18key's residence with its environments.



BRAHAM BATEMAN. Probably no citizen of Rome Township is more worthy of he whose name stands at the head of this sketch. His whole course through life has been that of a conscientious and high-minded man, and from a humble position in life he has risen socially and financially until to-day he is in the enjoyment of a comfortable home, with plenty laid by for his old age, and is fully established in the esteem and confidence of the people among whom he has moved for a period of twenty years. Among the other good things which have fallen to his lot, is an amiable and estimable companion, who, like her husband, is held in the highest regard by all who know her. Mr. and Mrs. Bateman are universally spoken of by young and old as those whose place in the community could scarcely be filled by others, and who by their kindness and hospitality have made for themselves a warm place in the affections of the people

The first record of the Bateman family indicates them to have been of German origin, but the direct ancestors of our subject were natives of England. Abraham Bateman was also born on the other side of the Adlantic, about 1819, and is the son of Daniel and Ann (Heirst) Bateman. The father was a flax dresser by trade, and died in the city of Leeds, at the age of fifty-six years. The mother had preceded her husband to the silent land, her death taking place when she was forty-four years old. Of the ten children comprising the parental household, two died in infancy.

Abraham Bateman received most of his "book learning" in the Sabbath-school, and this of a very limited character. At the early age of seven years he went to work in a factory, where he learned cloth dressing, and picked up a little more knowledge at a night school, which was conducted by a benevolent old soldier. He was thus employed until about seventeen years of age, then entered a cloth house and followed his trade until 1845. Five years later he resolved to make a decided change, and engaged passage on board a sailingvessel bound for America. He arrived in the city of New York the latter part of May, 1850, and not long afterward made his way to Southern Michigan, where for a period of eighteen months he was employed as a farm laborer in Ridgeway Township, From here he went into Franklin Township, but a few months later returned to Ridgeway, and until 1868 labored industriously to acquire sufficient capital to establish himself on a piece of land which he might call his own. In the fall of 1868 he arrived at this point, and purchased the land included in his present farm. It had then but a few imperfect structures which could scarcely be called buildings, but he went to work with a will, and in due time added those conveniences and improvements essential to the well-ordered homestead. He brought the land to a good state of cultivation, built fences, and in due time put up a new house and repaired the barn, working early and late, and cultivating within himself the spirit of contentment without which no man under any eircumstances can be happy. The soil yielded bountifully to his efforts and one improvement after another was added to the farm, until the passing traveler now gazes with admiring eyes upon one of the best appointed homesteads in Rome Township.

Mr. Bateman was first married in 1842, while a resident of his native country, to Miss Rachel Rath-

bun, whose birth took place in Yorkshire, not far from the home of her husband. By a former husband she had become the mother of two children, but no children were born to this second mion. She departed this life at the home of her husband in Franklin Township in 1868, at the age of sixty years.

Our subject was a second time married, in 1868, to Mrs. Elizabeth (Curtis) Ligden, daughter of Samuel and Sarah (Lewis) Curtis, and widow of James Ligden. She was born in East Kent, England, in 1817, and is not ashamed of the fact that she has always been a hard-working woman, employing herself at whatever came in the way of her duty in her earlier as well as her later years. Her father's family included fifteen children. By her first marriage she became the mother of eight children. She came with her brother to this country in 1853, arriving here almost totally without means, and she labored as she had done all her life. After a few years she began to experience her reward and can now look about her comfortable home, where she enjoys a large share of the good things of life to which she is most justly entitled. Her three living children are residents of Rome Township.



ON, JOHN K. BOIES. Occupying some of the highest positions in the gift of the people of this county, serving the State in honorable and responsible capacities, and having always been connected with the financial and mercantile interests of this portion of the State of Michigan, there is no more prominent figure in the history of Lenawee County than the gentleman whose mame heads this sketch.

John K. Boies was born in Blandford, Hampden Co., Mass., Dec. 6, 1828, and is the son of Lemnel and Experience (Keep) Boies. His father was born, lived and died in the same rugged township, among the granite hills of Western Massachusetts, and was a farmer by occupation. Lemnel Boies was the son of David Boies, an agriculturist of the same locality, who reared a family of seven sons and two daughters, among whom was Rev. Artenus Boies, a prominent elergyman in his day,

who filled a pastorate in Philadelphia, and Charleston, S. C., and died while in charge of Pine Street Church, Boston, and also Judge Joseph Boies, of Washington County, N. Y. The family is descended from a respectable French family, of the name of DeBoies, who were French Huguenots, and had emigrated to America from their native land during the persecutions that followed the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes, in the year 1685, About the year 1813, Lennuel Boics was united in marriage with Miss Experience Keep, a daughter of Samuel and Flavia Keep, of Long Meadow, Mass. She was the youngest of a family of eight children, and descended from Puritan stock. One of her brothers was the Rev. John Keep, who was in his day an eminent divine in Western New York and Northern Ohio, and who early enlisted in the fight against the institution of slavery, in the pulpit and on the stump. He was one of the founders of Oberlin College, in Ohio, and was a Trustee and financial agent of the college for many years. When, in the panie of 1836, it was hard pressed for means to continue its existence, he visited England in its behalf, and raised there among philanthropists and anti-slavery men the necessary amount to save it from collapse. He was Chairman of the Board of Trustees when the question came up on the admission of colored students to the college on the same terms as the white candidates, and the board being equally divided, he gave the casting vote in its favor. Oberlin College has since become one of the leading educational institutions in the

Being the descendant of Huguenot and Puritan fathers, both of whom exerted in so signal a manner their wisdom and energy in planting the seeds
of piety, freedom and learning upon the bleak
shores of New England, no one can feel pronder of
his ancestors than the subject of this sketch. It is
a remark obvious and just, that no people on earth
owe more to their forefathers than the descendants
of the early New England families. The courage
and devotion manifested by the zealons and freedom seeking people generally, throughout all the
American Colonies during the opening scenes of
the Revolution, and the long continued trials of
war, are entitled to the protound respect and ad-

miration of all. Against pressures of social inthuences in the large Colonial towns, where bribes and offers were freely made by the emissaries of the Crown, and where predictions of anarchy and mercenary; against the temptations held out by the wealthy and ruling classes, and threats hurled at them by the most powerful of the Tories or Royalists, these New England men, these noble women, were proof. In them, conscience seems to have been as hereditary as intelligence, and the fine accumulative results of the moral struggles and trials of many generations of honest lives appear to have been transmitted to their descendants, in whom originality as well as practicability of conception are combined with an ambitious and general support of action. These qualities which have been noticed in Mr. Boies' individuality are thus

John K. Boies lived on the farm at Blandford. breathing in the fresh air of his rugged mountain home until the death of his father, when the place was sold and his mother removed her family to Westtield, in the same State, in the Connecticut River Valley. In this picturesque spot John K. was reared, and was educated in the Westfield Academy. At the age of fourteen years he commenced the battle of life, working on adjoining farms during the summer and going to school during the winter, All his ambition at that time being centered in the idea of acquiring a collegiate education, and having his uncle's record in Oberlin College before him, in the spring of 1845, when but seventeen years of age, he removed to that Ohio town, and matriculated there in the college with the ultimate intention of studying law. But, "Man proposes and God disposes," for in the following December vacation he came to Hudson, in Lenawee County, Mich., on a visit to his brother, Henry M., who was then a merchant in that village. Hudson, at that time hardly more than a hamlet, had just begun to show signs of becoming an important point for trade, its limits. Solicited to remain and engage in business with his brother, and attracted by the novelty of life in a new country, after a few months' experience in business life, he was so well pleased with

it that he concluded to forego his idea of college life and legal studies, and give his attention to business of a mercantile nature.

At the age of eighteen Mr. B, visited the city of New York and purchased a large stock of goods for his brother's store, transacting the business satisfactorily to all concerned. Remaining with his brother until he had attained his majority, he then formed a partnership with him under the firm name and style of H. M. Boies & Bro,, which was changed subsequently by dropping the initials from the name. This tirm continued in the mercantile trade, erecting in 1855 a fine three-story brick building on the corner of Main and Church streets. until the year 1857, when they sold out to what would now be called a farmers' eo-operative organization or stock store company. The financial panic which suddenly swept over the country about that time interfering with the pecuniary success of their successors, in 1858 J. K. Boies & Co. bought out the concern, and resumed business at the old corner store, where they carried it on in uninterrupted succession for thirty years, until January, 1888, when they sold out to F. H. Brown & Co. During the continuance of the firm it did an immense business, sometimes their sales rising as high as \$160,000 per annum. They had always been heavy dealers in grain, pork, wool, and all other kinds of farmers' produce, transacting a business reaching up some years to \$300,000. This part of his business has been by its nature treacherous, and has oftentimes subjected him to heavy losses, but he has the satisfaction of *knowing that he has always met his financial obligations in full and never had a note go to protest. In 1855 he was instrumental in starting the first bank in Hudson, his partners being Henry M., his brother, and Nathan Rude, under the firm name of Boies, Rude & Co. This institution proved successful and has continued to enjoy the confidence of the community ever since. The death of Henry M. Boies and Nathan Rude dissolved the firm, and it was succeeded by that of Boies, Eaton & Co., the members of the present firm being John K. Boies, Stephen A. Eaton and John H. Boies.

Mr. Boies was for several years a Director of the Michigan State Insurance Company of Adrian,

He is at the present time Vice President of the Lenawee County Savings Bank at Adrian, and Director in the Standard Accident Insurance Company of Detroit. He is also President and principal owner in the Hudson Milling Company, and one of the owners of the Hudson Woodenware Manufacturing Company, He carries on two farms near Hudson, and has considerable real-estate interests in Hudson and elsewhere. Politically, Mr. Boies has been an adherent and supporter of the Republican party, and has filled many offices of honor and trust in the gift of the people. He was elected to the position of President of the village of Hudson in 1863, and re-elected to the same office in 1867. In the year 1864 he was chosen a member of the House of Representatives of the Michigan State Legislature, to which office he was re-elected in 1866, and served for two years as Chairman of the Committee on Banks and Incorporations in that body. In 1868 he was further honored by being sent to the State Senate for two years, and in 1870 he declined a re-election on account of the sickness of his wife, which afterward proved fatal. In 1874 he was again elected to the position of Senator, During both these terms he was Chairman of the Committee of Finance, and used his influence in that place against lavish appropriations and in favor of retrenchment of expenses and reduction of taxation. He was the author of the law providing for the application of the surplus funds in the State Treasury to the payment of unmatured bonds, under the provisions of which much of the State indebtedness, including the entire war debt, was paid off and interest stopped.

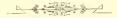
It has been well said by one of the leading State papers that as a legislator Mr. Boies was honest, clear-headed and sagacious. During his last term he was chosen President pro tem of the Senate. For four years he was an active member of the Republican State Central Committee, and has three times been chosen to preside over State Conventions of the Republican party. In 1871 he was appointed by Gov. Baldwin a member of the State Board of Control of Railroads, which position he held till he resigned it on his election to the Senate in 1874. In 1878 he was re-appointed by Gov. Crosswell, and has held the position till the present

time. In 1880 he was appointed by President Garifeld a member of the United States Board of Indian Commissioners, serving in this capacity until he tendered his resignation in 1885. He was chosen by the Board of Supervisors to represent Lenawee County at the meeting of the State Board of Equalization, at the capital, in August, 1886.

On the 22d of October, 1852, Mr. John K. Bojes was united in marriage with Miss Sarah Amelia Speer, a native of Palmyra, Wayne Co., N. Y. They were the parents of three children, as follows: Eve A., now Mrs. Frederick A. Wing. of Hastings, Neb., who was born Nov. 4, 1853; Clara E., now Mrs. Herman V. C. Hart, of Adrian, who was born July 16, 1857; and John Henry, who was born July 16, 1864. On the 5th of January, 1870, Mrs. Sarah A. Boies was called to the other world, "That suburb of the life clysian, whose portals we call death," leaving a bereaved family to mourn their loss. On the 26th of August, 1875, Mr. Boies again entered into a matrimonial alliance, with Miss Mary Colton, a daughter of Rev. and Mrs. T. G. Colton, of Hudson. Bessie, now seven years of age, is the daughter of this marriage.

Mr. Boies was for several years a Trustee of Olivet College. He has been a member of the Congregational Society of Hudson for many years, and served sixteen years as Trustee, and most of that one of the Trustees of the public schools of Hadson. Ever interested in the moral and religious growth of the village, he has contributed toward the erection of all the church editices of the town, He has always been in favor of public improvements in Hudson, and been willing to aid them to the extent of his ability. A good, sincere, Christian gentleman, he has ever essayed to square his life by the Holy Scriptures. His charity toward all worthy objects is proverbial, and he is in every respect a "man to all the country dear," In every political campaign for the past twenty-five years he has taken the stump in behalf of his political principles, and his ability and effectiveness in that line have been universally conceded by friends and opponents. He has several times addressed by invitation those monster gatherings of farmers and their families, known as the farmers' picnics at Devil's Lake,

It will be seen by the readers of this sketch that Mr. Boies has led an active, busy life. Day by day, ily and constantly employed. For over thirty years he has owned and operated the bank, the store, the farm, the real-estate investments and many other financial interests, and has given his personal attention to all these cares, and yet has had time to read many books and periodicals, and keep well posted on the issues and topics of the day. He has a wellstocked library, and is a lover of books, which he reads rapidly and very quickly masters their contents. During the busy years of his life he has happy home, and has never denied himself or family any reasonable comfort or privilege for the sake of adding to his pecuniary store. He has traveled considerably with members of his family, and his children have been given liberal advantages for securing an education. It has been pleasant for him, notwithstanding many cares and labors, to meet people, to invite them to his house, to talk with them of the past, present and future, and to contribute his quota to the general enjoyment and welfare of the community.



LARENCE E. JUDSON, telegraph operator and Station Agent at Lenawe Junction, is comparatively a young man, being born in Raisin Township, this county, Feb. 4, 1850. He is the eldest son of Lucius V. and Mary O. (Horton) Judson. The early education of Mr. Judson was conducted in the district school, and advanced by attendance at Raisin Valley Seminary and Adrian College, and when eighteen years of age, he commenced teaching.

In 1870 Mr. Judson came to Lenawee Junction, where he began operating the telegraph, and at once evinced a peculiar adaptation to this business. In the winter of 1872 he migrated to Sandusky, Ohio, and entered the employ of the Lake Shore Railroad Company at that point, from which he was transferred in the summer of 1873, to White Pigeon, and from there to Lenawee Junction, where he was given

full charge of matters pertaining to the station, and has since remained in the employ of that great corporation

Mr. Judson, in 1875, when twenty-five years of age, and having haid by something for a rainy day, was united in marriage with Miss Harriet E. Calkins. Mrs. Judson was born in Padmyra Township, this county, and is the daughter of Lorentus and Sophia (Hollister) Calkins (see sketch.) She received a good education in the common schools and Raisin Valley Seminary, and remained a member of the parental household until her marriage. Of her union with our subject there have been born two children: Glenn M., Jan. 20, 1879, and Linn C., July 15, 1887.

Mr. and Mrs. Judson occupy a tasteful and commodious frame dwelling near the Junction, which is finished and furnished in modern style, and as a home, is complete in all its surroundings. Mr. Judson mixes very little in public affairs, but when election season comes around, votes the straight Democratic ticket.

EREMIAH WILSEY, who has been a resident of this county his entire life, is the possessor of a neat homestead on section 26 in Woodstock Township, to which he has given his close attention for more than twenty years, and is carrying on the pursuit with which he has been familiar since his earliest recollection. The son of one of Michigan's early pioneers, he was born in Woodstock Township, June 17, 1839, and has a vivid recollection of many of the scenes and incidents of life in a new settlement. Being in nowise behind the youths of his day in the laudable ambition of becoming an independent land-owner, able to sit under his own vine and fig tree, he has by years of industrious labor realized a part, at least, of his early ambitions. His farm with its improvements is highly creditable to him, both as an agriculturist and a member of a progressive community.

In reverting to the family history of our subject, we find that his father, also Jeremiah Wilsey, was born in Dutchess County, N. Y. Feb. 15, 1801, and was the son of Henry and Sabrina Wilsey, the former a farmer by occupation. When Jeremiah, Sr., was five years old his parents removed to the vicinity of Troy, Bradford Co., Pa., where he resided until he was thirty-one years old. In the fall of 1832 he emigrated to Ohio and purchased a quarter section of land in Huron County, which he sold four years later, and in January, 1837, came to this county and purchased forty acres of new land in Woodstock Township. This property he disposed of in the spring of 1848, and purchased a quarter section of new land not far from the old. latter tract lay along the old Territorial road, and Mr. Wilsey put up good buildings and distinguished himself both as a solid farmer and a useful man in the township. His last residence was located upon the north side of the road spoken of, and from the front door can be seen two-thirds of the lake. He made a comfortable and pleasant home of his lakeshore farm, and resided there until his death, which occurred on the 9th of April, 1876.

Jeremiah Wilsey, Sr., was twice married, his first wife being Miss Martha Baxter, of Troy, Pa., who died in 1829. She left two children, Martha and Jeshuron, both now deceased, the former, Mrs. John Gates, dying when about forty years of age, in Clinton Township., and the latter when twenty-one. Mr. Wilsey, on the 4th of March, 1830, was married to Mrs. Betsey (Sanders) Lucas, widow of George Lucas, and daughter of Londwick and Mary Sanders, by whom he had seven children. The eldest, Jane, is now the widow of Ira Reynolds, and lives in Fremont, Neb.; Eliza married James Parkhurst, of Woodstock, who is now deceased; Betsey, Mrs. Henry W. Kane, is a resident of Woodstock; Ann, the wife of Lyman Griffith, died in Fremont, Neb., Sept. 11, 1873; Jeremiah of our sketch was the fifth child; Henry, during the late war, served as a soldier in Company I of the old 4th Michigan Infantry, was captured by the rebels at Gettysburg, and died in prison in 1864; William is carrying on farming in Woodstock Township. Mrs. Betsey Wilsey was born in Middle Smithfield, Pa., Dec. 22, 1805, and removed with her parents to Ovid, Seneca Co., N. Y., where her mother died in 1840, aged fifty-two years. Her father subsequently came to this county and died in Woodstock Township, Aug. 29, 1859, at the advanced age of eighty-three years.

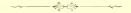
Mrs. Wilsey was married to her first husband, George Lucas, Dec. 9, 1827, and by him became the mother of one child, a son, Isaiah, who was born in Ovid, N. Y., and is now farming in Woodstock Township, Mrs. Wilsey died at her home on the 6th of January, 1885.

The subject of this record assisted his father in building up the primitive homestead, and was married, April 30, 1868, to Miss Eliza J. Babcock, who was born in Genesee County, N. Y., June 18, 1849. Her parents, Harry and Calista D. (Fordham) Babcock, were natives respectively of Rensselaer and Genesee Counties in the same State. Her father was born Jan, 14, 1815, and is still living, a resident of Branch County, this State. He was the son of Renben Babcock, who died in Genesee County, N Y., at the age of eighty-seven years. Mrs. Calista Babcock was born Nov. 21, 1818, and was the daughter of Hezekiah and Betsy (Blodgett) Ford-She departed this life in Jackson County, this State, about 1875, when fifty-seven years of The maternal great-grandparents of the wife of our subject were Isaiah and Margaret Blodgett, natives of New York State. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Wilsey, five in number, all living at home, were born as follows; May D., July 24, 1873; Hugh H., Sept. 27, 1875; Ina B., Feb. 9, 1878; Grace E., Sept. 25, 1884, and Lucy A., June 3, 1887.

Mr. Wilsey was about twenty-two years of age at the breaking out of the Rebellion, and not long after the first call for troops, enlisted in Company I. 4th Michigan Infantry, under the command of Capt. J. D. Slocum. The regiment was detailed to the Army of the Potomac, and young Wilsey during his service of three years and nine months participated in many of the important battles of the war, He was captured by the rebels at the battle of Gettysburg, and lay in prison at Belle Isle and Andersonville, for twenty-one months. After being paroled, he was mustered out in Detroit at the expiration of his term of enlistment. He experienced many hairbreadth escapes and endured with manly courage the vicissitudes and hardships of life in the army, many of which are still unwritten and untold.

Upon his return from the army Mr. Wilsey farmed with his father until 1868, and then removed to his present homestead, where he has effected great improvements. The land had been indifferently cultivated, and the buildings were of the rudest description. Mr. Wilsey put up the present dwelling and barn, besides adding the other structures necessary for the shelter of stock, and has been uniformly prosperous in his struggle with the soil. He takes little part in politics further than voting the straight Republican ticket and keeping himself posted upon matters of general interest.

As representative of the buildings in this section of country, we take pleasure in presenting on another page of this Album a view of Mr. Wilsey's homestead.



UGENTES BEDELL, is a progressive general farmer now living on section 29 of Cambridge Township, where he has lived for the last thirty-four years. He came to this county in 1851, but for about four years made his home in Teeumsch Township. He is a native of Newton Township, Sussex Co., N. J., where he was born May 1, 1823, and is the son of Jacob Bedell, a native of the same State. His grandfather, Abraham Bedell, was a native of France, and came to this country with the French troops when a young man under Gen, D'Estaing, during the Revolutionary War, and finally settled in Sussex County, N. J., where he married Polly Osborne, and spent the last years of his life.

Jacob Bedell was reared in his native State, and on attaining manhood became a brickmason. was united in marriage with Elizabeth Ohout, who was born and reared in that same county. When Augustus was about three and one-half years old his mother fell from the top of a flight of stairs, and was killed. Jacob Bedell was a private soldier in the United States army during the War of 1812 and was for a long-time stationed at Sandy Hook, N. J. He died in Tompkins County, N. Y., in 1876. having attained the age of ninety-three years. He had been twice married, his first wife leaving him three children, and the last one, Augustus. The latter was left an orphan at a very early age, commencing life for himself while quite young by working for various farmers around them.

While still a single man Augustus Bedell came

to Michigan, and in 1854 was united in marriage with Adenia Onsted, who was born in Sussex County, N. J., Dec. 4, 1824, and who had come to Michigan in 1836 with her parents, John and Ann (Hines) Onsted, who both died in Cambridge Township, having passed their threescore and ten years. Mr. and Mrs. Bedell are the parents of one child, Edith A., wife of John Watters, formerly of Washtenaw County, Mich., but who now resides on the Bedell homestead. They have two children—Vevia M. and Lelia B.

When Mr. Bedell came to this place it was entirely unimproved, but by labor and perseverance, united with considerable business tact, he has succeeded in building up a fine place where he can pass the remainder of his days in comfort. He and his estimable wife are both members of the Baptist Church, and in their daily conduct exemplify a Christian life. Mr. B. is in politics a Republican, although not unwisely partisan.



ILLIAM WILSEY, son of one of the well-known pioneers of Lenawec County, cultivates 120 acres of good land on sections 26 and 27, in Woodstock Township, and in point of enterprise and industry is equal to the other members of the family, which has been identified with the interests of this section since Michigan was a Territory. He was born in Woodstock Township on the 20th of April, 1844, and has remained almost constantly among the scenes of his boyhood and youth.

Jeremiah Wilsey, the father of our subject, was born in Dutchess County, N. Y., Feb. 15, 1801, and removed with his parents to Bradford County, Pa., when a child five years of age. After he had become a man of thirty years he went into Huron County, Ohio, and from there in January, 1837, migrated to Michigan, which had just then been transformed from a Territory into a State. He purchased a tract of land in Woodstock Township, and remained a resident there until his death, which occurred April 9, 1876. A more extended notice of the ancestors of our subject will be found in

the sketch of his brother, Jeremiah Wilsey, on another page in this Album.

The mother of our subject, who in her girlhood was Miss Betsey Sanders, was first married to George Lucas, and became the mother of one child, Isaiah, who was born in Ovid, N. Y., and is now numbered among the farmers of Woodstock Township. She was the second wife of Jeremiah Wilsey, to whom she was married on the 4th of March, 1830, and they became the parents of seven children, who were named respectively, Jane, Eliza, Betsey, Ann. Jeremiah, Henry and William, Mrs. Betsey Wilsey was a native of Pennsylvania, and born in Middle Smithfield, Dec. 22, 1805. Her father, Loudwick Sanders, removed first to Seneca County, N. Y., where the mother died, and subsequently he came to this county and died in Woodstock Township, Aug. 29, 1859, at the age of eighty-three years. Mrs. Betsey Wilsey died at the home place Jan. 6. 1885, in the eightieth year of her age.

William Wilsey continued under the parental roof until twenty-four years of age, and then started out for himself. To himself and his brother had been given the old homestead, eighty acres each, and William subsequently added to his portion until he now has 130 acres of valuable land all in a body, and he has one of the best barns in the county, erected in 1884, at a cost of \$2.500. covers an area of 65x40 feet, and is twenty-five feet in height, besides having a basement ten feet in heighth. His course as a farmer has been characterized by skill and thoroughness, and the consequence is he has one of the most valuable and fertile tracts of land in the county. On another page of this volume is shown a view of Mr. Wilsev's residence with its surroundings. Our subject east his first Presidential vote for Gen. Grant, and although meddling very little with politics uses his influence in support of the Republican party.

James A. Parkhurst, the husband of our subject's sister Eliza, was a farmer by occupation and a mechanic of no small skill. At the outbreak of the Rebellion he enlisted as a Union soldier, serving three years. He came out safely from the conflict, and died at his home in Woodstock Township on the 5th of October, 1876, leaving a widow and three children. Mrs. Parkhurst presides ably over

the domestic affairs of her brother. Her children are recorded as follows: Jennie E, was born July 7, 1865, and married Thomas Marr, and they live with Mrs. Parkhurst; Betsey W, was born April 20, 1871; and Henry R. April 5, 1873. They are at home with their mother.



REDERICK BAY, the present Supervisor of Ogden Township, was born in the township, in which the resides on the 12th of February, 1843. He is the son of Daniel Bay, who was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, and attended school in that country quite steadily until fourteen years of age, when he learned the trade of a shormaker, and at the age of twenty joined the army, in which he served eight years. During that time he improved his opportunities for study, and acquired a good education.

In 1832 Daniel Bay came to America, accompanied by his wife and two children, and landed at Baltimore, Md., in September of that year, where they remained during the winter. In the spring of 1833 they started for the Northwest Territory, traveling with a hired team to Cleveland, Ohio, and then by sailboat to Monroe, whence they came by team to Lenawee County, and arrived at Blissfield on the 6th of May of that year. I pon his arrival at his destination he was \$15 in debt, but he located near Blissfield and worked at his trade until he discharged his obligations. In 1835 he purchased forty acres of land on section 11 of what is now Ogden Township, at \$4 per acre, on which he built a log house and cleared two and one-half acres, and then secured employment with the Eric & Kalamazoo Railroad Company in order to obtain money to pay for his land. He worked two seasons for this company, clearing the timber from land for a roadway, but the last payment which was made to him was in money which proved to be worthless when he attempted to use it in making a payment on his land, for it was what was known as " wildcat" money. He did not give up or become disconraged, but persevered until he paid for his land, and added thereto until he secured 160 acres, nearly 100 acres of which were cleared and equipped with good frame buildings. He died on the homestead on the 11th of February, 1877. During a great many years of his life he was a member of the United Brethren Church, being among the very first to join that church in Ogden Township, and assisted very materially in building the house in which services were held. At the time of his death he was in his seventy-fifth year.

Catherine Biddle, also a native of Wurtemberg, and she died on the homestead on the 9th of July, 1886, at the age of eighty-two years. All her life her home to Adrian, twelve miles distant, with a package in each hand and one on her head; while during the seasons her husband, was at work on the railroad, she would take her children and visit the neighbors and wash and do other work by which she supported the family, thus enabling the husband's earnings to be saved for the payment of the lands. They had seven children who grew up to man and womanhood, recorded as follows: Caleb lived in Baltimore, Md., and served in both the Mexican War and the war of the Rebellion; he was present at the capture of the city of Mexico, Jacob went to California in 1852, and served in the late war in the 4th California Infantry, and while in the service he was killed by the Indians; Sophia resides with the subject of this sketch; Barbara married Clark Boone, and died in Blissfield: Daniel lives in notice: William lives on the old homestead, Caleb Ogden Township.

Frederick Bay was next to the youngest child in the family, and in his youth attended the district schools and assisted his father in clearing his farm until the breaking out of the war. On the 16th of April, 1861, he enlisted in the Adrian Cadets, Company K, 1st Michigan Infantry, and was the first person in Ogden Township to enlist. He participated in the first battle of Bull Run, the details of which are familiar to every reader of the opening events of the war. At Alexandria, Va., he partook of poisoned provision, from the effects of which he suffers to this day. He was discharged at the end of three mouths, the term of service for which his regiment enlisted, and returned home, but on the 29th of July, 1862, he enlisted in Company C,186h Michigan Infantry, and served until the close of the war, the field of his operations being Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama and Georgia. Receiving his discharge from the army on the 11th of July, 1865, he returned home, and remained with his parents until his marriage, a year later. He purchased forty acres of land on section 2, Ogden Township, on which he resided until 1872, and then disposed of it and purchased 125 acres on the same section, where he now resides.

On the 17th of November, 1866, Mr. Bay was married to Athaleen Bradley, who was born in Franklin Township, Lenawee County, and was the daughter of Adam and Almira Bradley, pioneer settlers of Franklin Township. She died in 1872, leaving one child, named Lera. His second marriage occurred Oct. 27, 1874, with Eleanor E. Farr, who was born on the 16th of May, 1855, and was the daughter of Sylvester and Julia Farr, natives of New York State. Their family consists of five children—Alena A., Marion E., Eleanor E., Frederick B. and Ethelbert S.

Mr. Bay has always acted with the Republican party, to which he is loyal, both with his ballot and in devotion to his principles. He has served four terms in the responsible office of Township Supervisor, and in the discharge of the duties of that office has given universal satisfaction.

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DWIN DRIGGS is one of the most energetic and enterprising men of Palmyra Township, and can truly be termed a "rustler" in business. He is a breeder of full-blood Hereford cattle and Hambletonian horses, and resides in the village of Palmyra. He was born in Elyria, Lorain Co., Ohio, on the 21st of January, 1834. His paternal grandfather, Elisha Driggs, was born on the 1st of February, 1760, and by trade was a tanner and shoemaker. He served as a soldier in the War of 1812, and was killed in the battle of Ft. Meigs, July 2, 1813.

The father of our subject, Joseph Driggs, was

born in Otsego County, N. Y., July 28, 1800, and was a drummer boy in the War of 1812. He was present at Ft. Meigs when his father was killed, 'He was reared to farming and removed from New York State to Lorain County, Ohio, in 1833, and settled in Elyria Township, where he purchased timber land from the Government and erected a log house, in which the family lived for some time, He cleared a farm from the wilderness here and erected a good frame building in 1844, in which he lived until 1863, in which year he sold the farm and came to Rome, this county. Here he bought a farm upon which he resided until 1881, and then removed to Adrian, where he lived retired until his death, in July, 1883. The maiden name of his wife, the mother of our subject, was Cornelia Pierson, a native of Connecticut, a daughter of William and Betsy Pierson. She died in the city of Adrian, Oct. 30, 1879. She was the mother of five children, namely: William, who lives in Elyria; Edwin, our subject: John, of Kalamazoo County; Cornelia Small, who resides in Reading, Hillsdale County, and Charity C., who died in Adrian.

Our subject, the second child of the family, was reared upon the farm and educated in the public schools. Quite carly in life he became interested in live stock, and when he was nineteen years of age he started with a drove of horses for Chicago. On his way to that city he stopped at the "tayern," in Palmyra, then known as the Pomeroy House, and while there said that if he ever bought a farm in Michigan, he would buy the one on which the house was located. This promise of his was made good twenty years later, when he came to this State and purchased the farm which he now owns. His first venture as a stock-raiser was with Short-horn cattle, and in 1860 he exhibited the first herd of this breed ever shown at Cleveland, Ohio. The same year he exhibited this herd at Detroit and also a herd of Herefords belonging to Mr. Thomas Aston, of Lorain County, Ohio, which was the first herd of this stock ever placed upon exhibition in the United States.

At the breaking out of the war, in company with three others, Mr. Driggs engaged in buying horsefor the Government. He also contracted to furnish meat for the soldiers in Ohio and the prisoners confined on Johnson Island. During three years of the war he was a member of a company of Home Guards, of which he was Captain for a considerable length of time. This was called into active service at the time John Morgan made his raid into Indiana and Ohio, and assisted materially in his capture.

In 1866 Mr. Driggs removed from Ohio to this county and settled in Adrian, where he engaged in buying and selling stock. In 1874 he purchased the farm on which he now lives, and which comprises 245 acres of valuable land. He keeps over 100 head of the linest full-blood Herefords, which he has exhibited at nine different fairs. He also has superior Hambletonian horses, thoroughbred Suffolk hogs and full-blood fowls of several varieties.

On the 8th of October, 1866, Mr. Driggs married Miss Maggie Hastings, a native of Eric County, Ohio, and who was born on the 15th of November, 1847. Mrs. Driggs is the daughter of Robert and Maggie (Johnson) Hastings, and remained at home with her parents until womanhood, receiving an excellent education in the common schools, and being accredited an unusually bright and studious pupil, In the material affairs of life, since marriage, she has ably seconded the efforts of her husband, and to her is largely due the successes which have been attained. To Mr. and Mrs. Driggs have been born five children, who have inherited principles of integrity and industry from their father, and the virtues which have distinguished the mother. They are recorded as follows: Hugh H. was born Nov. 25, 1867; Charles E., May 31, 1870; Harry A., July 13, 1872; Gracie B., April 6, 1876, and Carl L., Nov. 23, 1887. Mr. Driggs is a Democrat, politically, and his estimable lady is a member of the Presbyterian Church.



RASTUS BROCKWAY, who departed this life April 18, 1881, was one of the pioneers of Ogden Township, to which he came when Michigan was a Territory. He was born in the State of New York, on the 13th of April, 1802.

His first ancestor in America was Watson Brockway, who settled in Lynn, Conn. There were subsequently three William Brockways, the third being the grandfather of the subject of this sketch, and he lived and died in Lynn, Conn. The father of Erastus and one brother emigrated to New York State in 1788, and settled in what is now Lina, Livingston County.

Erastas Brockway was rearred in his native State, and when a young man moved to Ohio and located in Eric County, where he resided until 1835, then started for the Territory of Michigan. He made his way into the wilderness, and settled in what is now Ogden Township, this county, where he entered eighty acres of land from the Government, which is the same upon which his widow now lives. It was then covered with a dense forest of heavy timber, and the country was inhabited by deer, wolves, wild turkey and other game. Mr. Brockway creeted a log house on this land, and for the construction of a roof used basswood bark. A considerable time before his death he put up a frame residence for the confort of his family and good barns, and other out-buildings for the domestic animals with which he stocked the farm.

Mr. Brockway was married three times. His first wife was Mary Cowell, who died on the 30th of 11, 1815, with Sally Ann Teeple, who was born in the State of New York, and died on the 29th of July, 1851; his third marriage was in 1852, with Miss Elizabeth Teeple, sister of his second wife. The first children are recorded as follows: Clark was born June 23, 1831, and died October 12 following; Oliver W. was born May 5, 1833, served in the 18th Regiment, Michigan Volunteers, and died in Andersonville Prison, March 22, 1864; Martin B., who was born near Petersburg, this State, served in the 4th Regiment, Michigan Volunteers, and was a prisoner of war twenty-one months, the greater part of the time in Andersonville. Bessie married James Gilliland, and lives in Adrian; Mathew M. served in the 15th Ohio Regiment, lost a limb while in the army, and now lives in Ogden Township. By the second marriage there were three children: William S., of Ogden Township; Norman C., who lives in Montana Territory, and Erastus, Jr. By the third marriage there was one child, who died in infancy.

Erastus Brockway, Jr., who lives on the old homestead with his stepmother, was born on the 1st of June, 1851, and was reared on the farm. He was married in 1873 to Miss Loetta Luke, who was born in Ogden Township, and is the daughter of John C. Luke. By this marriage there have been born two children-Lucien and Pearly, Mrs. Elizabeth Brockway was born in Sencea County, N. Y., on the 26th of February, 1813. Her father, Peter Teeple, a native of Schoharie County, N. Y., was a soldier in the War of 1812, and his father, Henry Teeple, was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. The latter was an early settler in Genesee County, where he spent his last years. Mrs. Brockway's father was a farmer, and spent the last years of his life in Seneca County, N.Y. Her mother's maiden name was Mary Murphy, and she was born either in New York or New Jersey, and was the daughter of Isaac Murphy, a farmer. She also died in Seneca County. Mrs. Brockway was the oldest of a large family of children. She went to Waukegan in 1849 with a married sister; in 1851 she came to Michigan, and was married to Erastus Brockway, Sr., the following year. She has thus been a resident of this State for a period of thirty-seven

oll N A. BENNETT. Among the worthy and well-known citizens of Cambridge Township, there are probably none who stand in higher estimation than the gentleman whose name heads this sketch. Having first located here in October, 1833, he has made this his home for more than thirty-four years. His residence is on section 32, where he has some eighty acres of land, all well improved and under a high state of cultivation, and which has been in his possession since 1866.

Mr. Bennett is a native of Scioto County, Ohio, and was born March 17, 1830. His father, Rev. Moses, Bennett, a native of York State, was a minister in the Baptist Church, and was married while a resident of the Empire State to Miss Elizabeth Winkler, Shortly after this, Mr. Bennett and his young wife removed to Scioto County, Ohio, among the very first who settled in that locality. There he came to spread the tidings of the Gospel and labor in the work of the Master. He endured all the experiences of the pioneer preacher, working all the week in the field for a maintenance for himself and his family, and then walking often a long distance to preach on the Sabbath in schoolhouses or private dwellings. In October, 1835, he eame to Michigan and located in the then unbroken timber of the township of Rollin, and in a short time was re-established in his work as local preacher. He helped to organize the first Baptist Church in Rollin Township, and was the incumbent of the pulpit for some time. Here he made his home until his death, which occurred Sept. 3, 1844, when he was fifty-seven years of age.

Mr. Bennett was prominent among those who so largely contributed to the spread of the Gospel in this portion of Michigan. His unceasing labors for many long years in the Master's vineyard, and his humble piety and Christian walk in life, endeared him to the thousands who from time to time listened to his discourses and fervent prayers as he told the story of the Cross, and pointed their wayward feet to the realms of cternal bliss. His widow survived him, and after living many years as the wife of John Greenleaf, on May 10, 1877, passed to her home above. Her death occurred at her son's house in Greenville, Montenha Co., Mich.

John A. Bennett is the eighth of a family of eleven children, six sons and five daughters; four sons and two daughters are still living, all being married, with their families around them. The subject of this notice was but a little child of five years when his parents came to this county, and losing his father while yet in early boyhood, since that time he has been compelled to earn his own livelihood. On the 28th of April, 1853, in the township of Rome, he was united in marriage with Miss Rhoda M. Smith, a native of the county of Kent, England, where she was born Feb. 13, 1829, and the daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Read) Smith, both descendants of the noble yeomanry of England, Joseph Smith was a shoemaker by trade and followed that business for many years in the

country of his birth; but in June, 1837, not being satisfied with the limited resources of England, he determined to try his fortune in the new and fertile country on this side of the ocean. Coming directly to this county, he located on a farm in Cambridge Township, on which some slight improvements had been made. There he tilled the soil and made his home until the 20th of April, 1861, when he was stricken by the hand of death at the age of seventy-five years. His estimable wife survived him until Sept. 22, 1865, when she had attained nearly fourscore years. She was a member of the Baptist Church, although her husband affiliated with the Church of England.

Mr. and Mrs. Bennett are the parents of the following children; George E., who married Helen E. Maxwell, and is now a resident of Rome Township; Eugene T., who married Miss Frances L. Thompson, and is also a resident of Rome Township; Elizabeth M., the wife of Eugene Turner, living in Woodstock Township, and J. William, who is at home assisting his father in his agricultural pursuits. Mr. and Mrs. Bennett are both active members of the Free-Will Baptist Church, in which society he is a Deacon and has been for some years, A just, upright and worthy man, he and his sons endeavor by practice as well as precept to influence their friends and neighbors in all good works. Though formerly affiliating with the Republican party, they are all now Prohibitionists.

ENJAMIN KELLEY. It gives us great pleasure to present to his many friends a brief biography of Benjamin Kelley, one who has done much to benefit his feilow-citizens and to promote the interests of Lenawee County. Although Mr. Kelley has passed most of his life in Michigan, he is of New England origin, having been born in Sidney, Kennebec Co., Me., Sept. 7, 1823. His parents, Libni and Deborah (Estes) Kelley, were also natives of Maine, whence they removed a few years after their marriage to Wheatland, Monroe Co., N. Y., and a few years later to Lenawee County, this State. Mr. Kelley

beated on section 23, Raisin Township, where he has been very successful, and by perseverance, good judgment and wise management, has become a large landed proprietor. He and his wife are now living on their old homestead in the enjoyment of an honorable old age, and are true exemplars of the peaceful faith of the Quakers, of which society they are members.

Our subject was a lad of thirteen when he came with his parents to this State. His boyhood and early manhood were passed under the home roof of his parents, where he received a careful training which well fitted him for the active part he was to play in after life. He early showed good business qualities, and applied them in various ways with good success. Mr. Kelley was united in marriage. May 23, 1847, with Miss Jane Malinda Hoxsie, in Palmyra Township, and to her cordial co-operation he owes a large measure of his success in life, She was born in March, 1827, and came with her parents, John and Phebe (Slade) Hoxsie, to the township of Palmyra in the year 1834. Her father was an enterprising and successful farmer, owning more than 800 acres of land; both parents are now deceased.

Mr. Kelley now has his home at Holloway Station, a part of Raisin Township, where he has been engaged, among other pursuits, in buying and selling all kinds of stock since the year 1874, having previously engaged in the same business at Adrian and Teeumseh since the year 1850. In this business he has done much for the county at large, as by his frankness and honorable dealing in every business transaction he has secured the confidence of the people, who flock to him to sell their fatted animals, as he is always ready to act as the "middle man" to accommodate the small stock-raisers and the extensive dealers and butchers. Mr. Kelley has invested largely in real estate, having now in his possession 235 acres of well-improved land in the most productive part of Raisin Township, and 130 acres of valuable land in the township of Ridgeway.

Our subject is a very public-spirited and enterprising citizen; his highest ambition is to place Holloway Station in the front rank of the towns of Lenawee County, and he has labored earnestly to that end, sparing neither time nor money, building several houses and erecting a large merchandise house. But the oft-told tale of misplaced confidence in other men applies to Mr. Kelley, as that enterprise was on the whole a failure, and he suffered severe monetary losses; but to show his confidence in the future prosperity of Holloway, he has erected a beautiful residence there.

Mr. and Mrs. Kelley are worthy members of the Society of Friends, Mr. Kelley being an Elder in the church. Their kindly manners and unostentations charities have endeared them to the hearts of the community. They are childless, but this has not made them unmindful that the unfortunate have a humane claim upon them, and they have gladly opened their home and their hearts to four children, whom they have fostered and educated as their own. The names of their foster-children are Louisa Milligan, Zora Hoxsie, Madison Graves and Fanny G. Kelley.

Mr. Kelley takes an active interest in all public affairs, and supports the Republican party by voice and vote. He has been Road Commissioner for seventeen years, and Justice of the Peace for some time. When parents tell to a future generation the tales of pioneer heroism, the pictured faces of such men as Mr. Kelley, shown in this ALBUM, will be gazed upon with praiseworthy pride and regard.

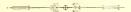
AMES B. HOOD. Among the natives of the Empire State who have helped to huild up this great commonwealth of Michigan, none, we venture to say, is more deserving of notice than James B. Hood. He is the son of Robert M. and Lydia (Lautenschlager) Hood, both natives of Pennsylvania. After their marriage they settled in Seneca County, N. Y., which continued to be their place of abode until their death. Here, in the town of Varick, our subject was born to them, Sept. 25, 1825, the eldest of four children, as follows: James B., Susan, Charles and Margaret.

Mr. Hood passed his youth in his native county, but at the early age of eighteen years, he determined to go forth into the world and fight life's battles for himself, and, having chosen farming as the occupation by which he could best earn his daily bread, he turned his face westward, and came to Michigan as the State where he could most advantageously pursue his chosen calling. The first year in this State he spent in Wayne County, but in the spring of 1844 he came to Lenawee County, and settled in the township of Rome, where he lived for seventeen years. In 1861, purchasing a farm in Adrian Township, he moved to that place and lived there until the year 1874. Then, conceiving it to be for his best interests, he sold his possessions and bought a farm in Madison Township. Here he has made a pleasant home for himself and family, possessing a well ordered farm of eighty-five acres of land under a good state of cultivation. On another page of this work may be seen a view of Mr. Hood's residence with its surroundings.

In these years of toil Mr. Hood has had the kindly help and wise counsel of a good wife, to whom he was married in Rome Township, Oct. 8, 1846. Her maiden name was Lourica Knowles, and she was born in Romulus, Seneca Co., N. Y., July 11, 1828. When she was eight years old, she came to Michigan with her parents, who settled in Rome Township, and here she lived until she exchanged her parental home for that of her husband. Her parents were Hezekiah and Anna (Smith) Knowles, natives of New England. . After leaving their old home they first settled in Seneca County, N. Y., and from there, in the year 1836, they immigrated to Rome Township, this county, where her father died in March, 1845; her mother died in Adrian Township, April 12, 1870. They had nine children, one boy and eight girls.

Six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Hood: Irving A., who married Miss Mary Van Doren, and resides in Kansas: Robert A., who married Miss Lucretia E. Todd, resides in Adrian; Margaret A., the wife of Alfred T. Hoag, and residing at Seneca Falls, N. Y.; Charles O., who married Miss Emma Wickham, and resides in Madison Township; Josephine, who died when four years of age, and Cora A., the wife of Augustus H. Hseman, of Madison. Mr. Hood's success in life proves the wisdom of his early choice of a vocation, which, notwithstanding the trials and cares attendant upon it, affords so many pleasant compensations.

In politics Mr. Hood alliliates with the Demoeratic party. Since the removal of Mr. and Mrs. Hood into this town, their genial manners, neighborly acts of kindness and undoubted integrity of character, have gained for them the esteem and respect of the community.



ETER C. DiGRAFF, who is a general merchant in the town of Palmyra, was born in Ulster County, N. Y., on the 12th of December, 1841. His father, Cornelius De Graff, was born in the same county, on the 22d of April, 1814. The paternal grandfather, Peter De Graff, was of French and German extraction, a wagon-maker by occupation, and carried on that business in the town of Old Paltz, Ulster County, where he lived and died.

Cornelius De Graff learned the trade of wagonmaker with his father, for whom he worked until after his marriage, and did journeyman work in different parts of the county until 1811, when, accompanied by his wife and five children, he started for Michigan, making his journey via the Erie Canal to Buffalo, and by the lake to Toledo, and from there by rail to Palmyra, this county, where they landed on the 5th of October. Here for two or three years Mr. De Graff worked at his trade, and then was engaged for two years as clerk in a mercantile establishment. At the expiration of this time he embarked in business on his own account, and thus continued up to the time of his death. In the meantime he and his son had purchased a farm adjoining the village, and they carried on both farm and store. The father also officiated as Postmaster, and was otherwise prominent in local affairs.

The parents of our subject were married on the 11th of February, 1836. The mother, formerly Miss Catherine Van Wey (formerly spelled Vanwyah), was born in Ulster County, N. Y., on the 6th of December, 1811. Her father, Henry Van Wey, also a native of New York State, was a farmer by occupation, and settled in Palmyra a few years later than the De Graff family. Here he spent the last years of his life, and passed away Oct. 22, 1872. The maiden name of his wife, the maternal grand-

mother of the subject of this sketch, was Elsie Freer. She was born in Ulster County, N. Y., and by her marriage with Mr. Van Wey became the mother of five children.

The subject of this sketch was the youngest child of his parents, and was in his third year when they came to the State of Michigan. He attended the village schools until he was large enough to assist his father in the store. In the latter he remained until 1860, when he opened a store of his own. In September, 1861, he was married, and on the 27th of December, 1862, he enlisted in Company F, of the 7th Michigan Cavalry, and served during the entire war, being discharged on the 16th of December, 1865. His service was in the Army of the Potomac, and from 1863 to 1865 he had supervision of the brigade mail. During the time he was in the army, his father and his wife had charge of his business affairs, which they conducted successfully. In 1868, in connection with his father, he bought a farm on section 22, in Palmyra Township, and has since combined farming with mercantile pursuits, while for fourteen years prior to the Cleveland administration Mr. De Graff was Postmaster at Pal-

The wife of our subject, Mrs. Melissa F. (Hill) De Graff, was born in Cattaraugus County, N. Y., on the 18th of March, 1842, and is the daughter of Ebbin S. and Caroline E. Hill (see sketch of W. B. Hill). They have had two children—Carrie B. and Deane C. Mr. and Mrs. De Graff are leading members of the Presbyterian Church, to which they are liberal contributors. Our subject is a comrade of Corbett Post No. 360, G. A. R., and is quite regular in his attendance upon master and camp fires.

LEERT D. LAWRENCE, a resident of Tecumsch, Mich., hails from the Empire State, where he was born in Seneca County, Dec. 17, 1845. Calvin Lawrence, hisfather, was born in Massachusetts, April 15, 1844, and was by occupation a merchant. He married Miss E. P., daughter of John Weeks, Esq. She was

born in New York, July 29, 1817, and her marriage with Calvin Lawrence was celebrated June 14, 1840.

After marriage, Calvin Lawrence and his bride settled in Syracuse, N. Y., where Mr. Lawrence was engaged in mereantile business until his removal to Lenawee County, Mich., in 1848. He came with his family directly to Tecumsch, and established himself in the dry-goods business, carrying on a thriving trade for many years. After the death of his wife, which occurred Ang. 8, 1865. Mr. Lawrence disposed of his business, and retired from active life, living in comfort and ease until his death in 1884. To him and his wife were born five children: Edmond and Edgar, twins, who died in infancy; Charles A., residing in Tecumsch Township; Elmira, deceased, and Albert D.

The youthful days of our subject were passed in Tecumseh, where he attended the village school, and learned the tinner's trade in Adrian, serving a regular apprenticeship of three years with Buck & Farrer, dealers in hardware. He continued in their employ until the spring of 1863, when he laid aside all personal interests and private inclinations, to answer the Government call for more troops to assist in suppressing the Rebellion. Our subject enlisted in Company B, 9th Michigan Cavalry, and was sent to join the western division of the army stationed in Tennessee. He took part in Morgan's raid, and then crossing the mountains into East Tennessee, he was engaged with Gen. Burnside's army in Tennessee campaigns during the winter of 1863-64. Later he took part in the Georgia raid, and the second Morgan raid. Then, under Gen. Sherman's command, he marched on to Atlanta, and after the fall of that city, was taken prisoner at the Macon and Milledgeville Cross Roads. After a fifteen-days confinement in Macon Prison, he was sent to Andersonville, where he was held until the arrival of Wilson's army, when he was taken to the Florida coast and kept under gnard a few days. After the surrender of Gen. Lee, he was sent in a boat, via Hilton Head and Cape Hatteras, to Charleston, S. C., and from there to Annapolis, Md.; thence by rail to Columbus, Ohio, where he was honorably discharged. Mr. Lawrence then returned to Tecumseh and pursued his former occupation,

working in one shop, the shop meantime changing owners several times,

Mr. Lawrence was married, March 2, 1871, to Miss Florence Sanford, of Kalamazoo, Mich. She was born in Jackson, Mich., Sept. 17, 1853, and is the only daughter of Henry and Laura (Wells) Sanford, early settlers of Raisin Township. Mr. Lawrence is a member of the G. A. R., and was elected Captain of Company C, 1st Regiment, State Troops, which rank he has held several years.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence are highly esteemed by their neighbors and friends, and their neat, cosy home on Chicago street is an attractive spot for those wishing to be well entertained.



AYDEN W. MAYNARD, a farmer residing on section 5, Dover Township, is a native of Adrian Township, this county, and the date of his birth was July 20, 1833. His parents were John and Charlotte (Merchant) Maynard, the former born in Connecticut, Dec. 4, 1798; the latter born in New Hampshire, it is thought, Oct. 12, 1801.

After their marriage, the parents of our subject made their home in Binghamton, N. Y., remaining in that city till the fall of 1832, when Mr. Maynard came to Lenawee County to select a suitable place to locate, as he had decided to make his home in Michigan. He finally selected Adrian as being superior in some respects to other places, and in the spring of 1833 his family came and settled on section 32 in Adrian Township, where the parents continued to reside till death. Mr. Maynard died Aug. 21, 1840, while Mrs. Maynard survived the death of her husband many years, dying Jan. 24, 1879. They enjoyed the esteem of all who knew them, and were much respected in the community where they made their home. Nine children, two of whom died in infancy, were born to them; the record of the other seven is as follows: Samantha is the wife of Asa Smith, of Adrian Township; Susan is the wife of Erastus Hart, of Wisconsin; Mary M. was the wife of Silas Thompson, and died in Adrian Township in May, 1858; John O. married Caroline Hood, and lives in Adrian Township; Hayden W.;

Albert Q. married Marietta Willey, and lives in Adrian; Morton A. married Dora Brashears, and lives in Kansas City, Mo.

Hayden W. Maynard was the fifth child of his labors of the farm, and attended the common school, He was thus employed until he attained his majority, and he then worked out until the spring of 1856. when he ambitiously determined to go to Minnesota and secure some land by pre-emption. He accordingly visited that Territory, and selected a tract of which he pre-empted and resided on for some years. The soil was very fertile and yielded him rich harreturned to Michigan to marry, and thus secured the much needed assistance of a good wife, whom he found in the person of Lucy L. Abbott, to whom he was married in Rome Township, March 9, 1859. She was born in Adrian Township, Oct. 2, 1835, and is the daughter of Theodore and Electa (Gillet) Abbott. Mr. Abbott was a native of New Hampshire, and was born in 1807; he died on the old home place June a, 1868. Mrs. Abbott was she also died on the home place in Rome Township. Oct. 5, 1858. They had five children, of whom the following is the record: Lucy L.: Thankful, the gar, who married Juliette Dailey, and resides in Rome Township; John M., who married Ida Shepherd, and resides in Dover Township, and Theo W., who married Delia Lohr, and lives in Hudson Township.

After his marriage, Mr. Maynard continued to reside in Minnesota for five years, after which he removed with his family to Rome Township, in this State. After a two-years residence there, he came to Dover Township in 1863, which has since been ais home. His farm of ninety-two acres is one of the best in that part of the county, and his fine brick residence is an ornament to the township, as may be seen on examining a view of Mr. Maynard's homestead shown elsewhere in this Aria u. Mr. and Mrs. Maynard have one son, Asa N.; he married Iza Sharell, and lives in Dover Township.

During the late Civil War, when the last call for

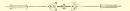
volunteers was issued, Mr. Maynard was drafted, but not being able to go in person, he procured a substitute for 8850. The substitute was sent to Detroit, where he remained for fifteen days, when the war came to an end, and he remained in Detroit.

In politics Mr. Maynard is a firm Democrat. He has ably discharged the duties of Township Treasurer for four years to the satisfaction of the citi-Zens.

LEWELLYN HARRNESS. The conception which some exacting people have of the model country home is amply carried out in the surroundings of this gentleman. He resides on a farm, the property of his father, beautifully located on section 21, in Rollin Township. It embraces 100 acres of highly cultivated land, with a fine residence, tastefully constructed, and convenient harms and other out-buildings, a choice assortment of five stock, and the various embellishments which are naturally suggested to the individual of cultivated tastes and ample means. One of the attractive features is a fish-pond, which Mr. II. proposes to stock with earp and other desirable specimens of the finny tribe, and which will prove useful as well as ornamental.

Mr. Harkness is a young man, having been born Feb. 26, 1864, and has spent all his life in Rollin Township near the place of his birth. His father, John U. Harkness, is a son of one of the pioneers of this county, and was born in Raisin Township. He is a man widely and favorably known, and is now Superintendent and Treesurer of Erlan College, Richmond, Ind. It is hardly necessary to say he is a well-educated man, and has been prominent in the county for many years. John U. Harkness, in 1862, was married to Charity C. Comstock, a native of Rollin Township, her birth having occurred on the place our subject now occupies. To Mr. and Mrs. Harkness were born three children—Lina, Bentah, and Llewellyn, our subject. Lina and Beubah are at home with their parents.

Our subject spent his boyhood days on his father's farm, pursuing his early studies in the disrict school until sixteen years of age, then entered Adrian High School, where he took a course in the grammar department, and from there was sent to Raisin Valley Seminary, where he finished his studies. Since that time he has given his attention to agriculture, which he sensibly believes in making a science. The old-fashioned notion that anybody can manage a farm, is fast losing ground under the enlightenment of the age, and we invariably find that the most successful men in this line of business are men both of intelligence and education. Young Harkness, in order that nothing should be lacking to complete the model homestead, installed there, at an early stage, one of the most accomplished young ladies of Rollin Township, having been married, March 4, 1885, to Miss Susan L., daughter of Amos R. and Elmira (Beal) Cole, natives of New York and Michigan, respectively, and now residents of Rollin Township. (See sketch in another part of this Album.)



AMUEL BRYANT, a leading agriculturist of Dover Township, is of English and Seoteh descent. His father, John Bryant, was born in Leeds, England, where the first twenty-five years of his life were spent, while his mother, Margaret (Watson) Bryant, was born in Perth, Scotland. When sixteen years of age she came with her parents, William and Margaret Watson, to America, where they settled in Wheatland, Monroe Co., N. Y., but subsequently removed to Ohio, and settled in Haron County, where they died.

The parents of our subject settled in Wheatland, N. Y., whence in the fall of 1836, with their family, which consisted at that time of three children, they came to Michigan and settled in Dover Township, on section 32, on a tract of 200 acres of Government land. They continued to live there until the decease of the father, which occurred March 23, 1856; his widow survives at an advanced age. They were the parents of ten children, of whom the following is the record: Samuel, the subject of this sketch; William W. married Elizabeth Smith, and lives in Dover Township; John married Sephronia Vedder, and lives in Seneca Township; Margaret is the widow of William Ashley, who died in Septem-

ber, 1879; she resides in Dover Township, Wallace married Caroline Tuttle, and lives in Seneca Township; Alexander married Elizabeth Holmes, and lives in McLean County, Ill.; Winfield S. is married and lives in Greenwood County, Kan.; George married Emma Leacox, and lives in Dover Township; Charles T. married Hannah Holmes, and lives in McLean County, Ill., and Helen M. died in Dover Township, when three and one-half years old.

Samuel Bryant was born in Wheatland, Monroe Co., N. Y., July 22, 1833, and was about three years old when he came with his parents to Lenawee County. He attended the common schools, and being a lad of more than ordinary ability, made rapid progress in his studies. Being the eldest son of a farmer, much of the lighter work of the farm fell to his share, and to satisfy his thirst for knowledge his studies were pursued by the light of a candle, or, more frequently, by the light of a hickory fire, until far into the night. In this manner he acquired a good, practical education, and was engaged in teaching in various townships in Lenawee County, to the satisfaction of all concerned. He remained at home until he was twenty-four years old, at the dying request of his father, and assisted in putting up good buildings on the old homestead. In August, 1860, he bought 120 acres of partly improved land on section 2, Dover Township, and in 1861 he took possession of the farm where he has since resided.

Mr. Bryant was married in Medina Township, Oct, 24, 1866, to Miss Helen M., daughter of David M. and Jane M. (Wheeler) Johnson. Mr. Johnson was born in Monroe County, N. Y., and Mrs. Johnson in Monroe County, Mich. They first settled in Macon Township, Monroe County, whence they removed to Fairfield Township, Lenawee County, afterward moving to Branch County, Mich., where they have since lived. They are parents of seven children, namely: Helen M., Willis J., Warren G., Flora A., Mertie B., Curtis P. and Stella, Willis died in Reading, Hillsdale Co., Mich., in April, 1879, when nearly twenty-seven years old; Warren G, lives in Nebraska; Flora is the wife of Leslie Squires, of Reading, Mich.; Mertie is the wife of Nelson Buchanan, of Reading; Curtis P. married

Orpha Rugg, and lives in Reading, while stella lives at home. Mrs. Bryant was born in Macon Township, Monroe Co., Mieh., Feb. 28, 1848. She received a liberal education and before marriage was successfully engaged in teaching in Branch and Lenawee Counties. Of her union with Mr. Bryant five children have been born, namely: Elmer C., Stanley, Clifford, Grace and Alice. Clifford died in infancy; Elmer C. is a graduate of the Adrian High School.

Mr. Bryant commenced life a poor man, his only inheritance being his strong hands, willing heart, and a large portion of industry and determination. At the beginning of his career his pocket-book was empty, and the first \$10 he earned he had the misfortune to lose. From this humble beginning, by his patient industry, excellent financial judgment and good business tact, he has worked his way to his present prosperous condition, being owner now of 180 acres of well-tilled land, on which he resides, surrounded by the comforts of life. A view of Mr. Bryant's pleasant homestead is presented on another page of this Album as representative of the buildings of this section of country. In all his labors he has had the assistance of his energetic and accomplished wife, whose counsel he has always appreciated.

Mr. Bryant has served as Inspector. In politics he is a Republican and supports the principles of that party with fervor. Mr. and Mrs. Bryant are very pleasant and agreeable people, and have hosts of warm and devoted friends. Their hospitality is imbounded, and their hearts ever respond to the calls of the needy. Truly can it be said of them "The stranger is welcome within their gates."

EORGE ANSON BAKER, one of the early settlers of Lenawee County, Mich., was born in Jersey, Stenben Co., N. Y., Feb. 5, 1819. His grandfather, a Baptist preacher, spent his last years in Canada, and there Elisha Baker, the father of our subject, was born, reared and married. During the War of 1812 he was imprisoned by the British, because he would not light against the

United States. He was afterward pressed into the service of the British, and was wounded at the battle of Lake Champlain. After that he was discharged, and then removed to Steuben County, N. Y., where he bought 160 acres of land and died in June, 1819. The maiden name of his wife, mother of our subject, was Ruth Amelia David. She was born in Vermont, and went with her parents to Canada. After the death of her husband she returned to Vermont, from her home in Steuben County, N. Y., and hought a small place in Sheiburne. There she married a second time in 1827, and lived for a number of years, then removed to Michigan, and spent her last days in Monroe County with her children.

Our subject was only three months old when the death of his father occurred, and he remained with his mother until her second marriage, when, though only in his ninth year, he began earning his own and her husband to Cleveland, Ohio, where he spent the winter, and came in the summer of 1835 to the Territory of Michigan, locating in Monroe County, Bedford Township, which was then in its primitive wildness. Indians still lingered there, while deer, bears, wild turkeys, prairie chiekens, and other game were plentiful. He lived there until 1840, then returned to Vermont, going by Lake Eric to Buffalo, thence by Eric Canal to Albany, and from there on foot to Salisbury, Vt., where he spent the winter. The following summer he retraced his steps as far west as Danville, Ohio, where he lived with a brother until the next spring, and then secured work on a farm in Fitchville, Huron County. Later he bought eighty acres of land in Richmond Township, in the same county, on which be built a log house and barn, and cleared about thirty acres. After living there three years, he sold out and bought a tract of timbered land in Huntington, Lorain County, upon which he erected a frame house. In 1850 he disposed of this property, and removed to London, where he engaged in mercantile business, keeping a general merchandise store there one year. He then returned to Monroe County, Mich., and bought land in Bedford, the township in which he had first located several years previously. The land was unimproved, but he

placed it under cultivation, and erected a good set of buildings.

In the spring of 1852, lured by the accounts of wonderful fortunes in California awaiting the seeker, Mr. Baker started for that El Dorado of the Pacific Coast, traveling across the plains. On arriving at Salt Lake City, July 8, he became sick, and his comrades proceeded on their way without him. He soon felt able to travel and started on his way, rejoicing in the thought of overtaking his companions, but he had over-estimated his strength, and fainted and fell by the wayside. A Mormon who happened along, picked him up and bore him to the house of another Mormon, who proved to be from Monroe County, and acquainted with many of Mr. Baker's friends. He kindly cared for him until his recovery, and when he again started on his journey, he gave him a letter of introduction to friends in San Bernardino, Cal. Two months later he left Salt Lake City with a party of Mormons, bound for that place, but they underwent many hardships during their journey. The Indians and Mormons in disguise stole the most of their cattle and their provisions, and they nearly perished, traveling ninety-six miles at one time without a mouthful to eat, and arriving in San Bernardino in November, weary and worn after their two months' eventful journey over mountains and plains, he remained two weeks. Mr. Baker then went on to Los Angeles, where he spent two weeks, after which he proceeded by steamer to San Francisco. He remained three years in California, mining and farming alternately, and on the 5th of January, 1855. he started on his return trip. After arriving in Monroe County, he settled on his own farm, where he lived until 1866, when he sold out his possessions and removed to Springfield. After spending a year there he came to Blissfield and bought the farm on which he now resides,

Mr. Baker was married, March 29, 1849, to Mary M. Sizer, a native of Hunter, Greene Co., N. Y., where she was born Nov. 20, 1826. Her grandfather, Fletcher Sizer, a cabinet-maker by trade, was born and spent his entire life in Hampshire County, Mass., dying there at the age of seventy years. The maiden name of his wife was Lydia Ba-sett, also a native of Chester; she died in Huron County, Ohio, aged eighty-four years. Anson Sizer, Mrs. Baker's father, was born and grew to manhood in Chester, when he removed to New York State and there married, and resided until 1834. then removed to Huron County, Ohio, and was a pioneer of Greenwich Township. He built a log cabin in the wilderness, and cleared several acres of land, then sold and moved to Richmond and settled in the woods. After clearing several acres of land he removed to Wood County, where he purchased a tract of wild prairie land, and improved a farm, remaining there until his death. The maiden name of his wife was Julia A. Abbott, daughter of John and Clarissa (Sizer) Abbott, pioneers of Huron County, Ohio. They died in Huron County, he at the age of sixty-three years, and she at the ripe old age of eighty-four years.

Mr. and Mrs. Baker have one child, Carrie M., wife of Rev. Nathan N. Clark, a Methodist Episcopal minister, belonging to the Detroit Conference. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Clark are Harland G. and Mial V. Mr. and Mrs. Baker are esteemed members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, while in politics Mr. Baker is a Republican with strong Prohibition sympathies. He is a valuable addition to the citizenship of this community, and his many and varied experiences, as detailed by himself, make him a pleasant companion.

EORGE II. BACK. As a prosperous farmer and as an old resident of Blissfield, it affords us pleasure to give a brief biography of this gentleman, and also to record a few facts connected with the lives of his own, and of his wife's ancestry. The great-grandfather of our subject was the first of the family mame to settle in America, coming to this country in Colonial times. His son, Judah Back, the grandfather of our subject, it is thought was born in Connecticut, and his last days were spent in Chaplin, Windham County, that State. He served as Lieutenant in the Revolutionary War. His wife, whose maiden name was Priscilla Gates, was also a native of Connecticut.

Erastus Back, the father of our subject, was born on the old homestead in Chaplin, which he inherited after the death of his father, and occupied until 1835. At that time he sold his property there and started for the "far West," accompanied by his wife and five children, their outfit consisting of six horses and three wagons: On the 1st of March they commenced their long journey, camping and cooking by the wayside, their wagons furnishing them shelter from the storms, and in this manner they traveled as far as Cleveland, Ohio, There they were informed that it would be impossible to cross the Black Swamp, and accordingly they went on a boat as far as Toledo, then a small town, where they disembarked, teams and all, and followed the Territorial road to Williams County, Ohio, On the way they crossed the present site of Morenci, Mich., which was then a dense wilderness, though there were two or three log cabins near by,

Previous to his removal from Connecticut, Mr. Back had bought a tract of land six miles south of the Territorial road, near what is now Bridgewater, Williams Co., Ohio, There was no road built to the place, and before he could reach his land he had to construct a bridge across the little St. Joseph River, during which time the family went into camp. With the aid of a friendly settler and his oxen, they finally reached their land. While on this trip our subject and an elder brother were sent ahead of the party to build a fire; matches were not in general use at that time, and fire was obtained by means of a flint. He had no tow with which to start the fire, but he tore a pocket from his coat, sprinkled powder on it, and with the assistance of his flintlock gun soon had a fine blaze. It was while sitting by the camp-fire that he first heard the howl of a wolf, a sound with which he soon became familiar.

A family named Smith lived near, and Mr. Back and his family moved into and occupied a part of their house, while he built a log cabin on his own land. He split shakes to cover the roof, and puncheon for the floor. The door was split from a tine black walnut log, and hung on wooden hinges; from the same log he split a board to make the table. No sawed lumber nor any nails were used in the construction of this cabin, but the shingles, or shakes, as they were called, were held in place by the weight of poles. After they had been there a short time provisions gave out, and our subject,

with some assistance, hollowed out a boat and went down the 8t, Joseph River for supplies, getting them at Ft. Wayne. The father lived about ten years after settling there, and in the meantime, assisted by his sons, cleared about sixty acres of land.

The maiden name of the mother of our subject was Annie Flint, a native of Windham County, Conn. This excellent lady lived nearly ninety ful life with her eldest son in Bridgewater Township. She was the mother of seven children, all of whom grew up, and are recorded as follows: Christiana married Joseph Foster, and spent her entire life in her native county, Windham, Conn.; Sally married Chandler Holt, and lives in Bridgewater Township, Ohio; Gilbert lives in Bridgewater, Ohio; cut; William lives in Doniphan County, Kan.; George II, is the subject of this sketch, while Joseph lives in Bridgewater, Ohio. An incident of historical interest in connection with the Foster family, into which the eldest daughter, Christiana, married, deserves mention here. Joseph Foster's grandfather, Timothy Foster, of Dudley, Mass., and twelve sons, including the father of Joseph, served in the Revolutionary War. His service, and that of his twelve sons in the war, aggregated nearly seventy years. The youngest, the father of Joseph, was fourteen

Our subject, George H. Back, was in his fifteenth year when he moved with his parents to Ohio, Adrian, fifty miles distant, was the nearest milling point for some time, and our subject used to make the trip with an ox-team, it taking him nearly a week to go and return; two of the nights he was obliged to camp in the woods. After the mill at Hillsdale was built, he and his neighbors patronized that, the distance being only one-half as great as to Adrian. When twenty-one years of age Mr. Back bought a tract of timbered land adjoining his father's, where he crected a log house and commenced improving the land. After his marriage he and his wife commenced housekeeping in that humble abode, Their furniture was homemade, while they had no stove, and for two or three years Mrs. Back did all her cooking by an open fireplace. By putting into practice the habits of industry and economy to which he had been reared, and assisted by his wife, who proved a most excellent helpmeet in those days of labor and frugality, he soon had sixty acres of land cleared, and had substituted a commodious frame house for the log cabin. There they resided until 1851, when they sold and removed to Blisstield Township, where he bought a farm two miles northeast of the village, and continued to reside there until 1858. He then purchased the farm where he now lives, which comprises fifty acres of land, all lying within the village limits. The house that was on the farm at the time that he bought it, was burned, and he afterward built the one which he now occupies.

Mr. Back was married, Feb. 26, 1845, to Almira Davis, who was born in Rush, Mouroe Co., N. Y.. Feb. 18, 1826. She was the daughter of Ethan and Alice (Case) Davis, the formera native of Connecticut, who removed with his parents to Monroe County, N. Y., in the early settlement of that county. He married and resided there until 1885, when with his family he came to the Territor of Michigan, becoming, a pioneer of Dundee, Monroe County; his last days were spent in Petersburg, that county.

Alice (Case) Davis was a native of New York, and spent her last years in Petersburg, dving at the advanced age of eighty-four years. She was well fitted for the wife of a pioneer, being characterized by vigor, energy and a brave heart, undaunted by the perils before her. Mrs. Back well remembers the journey to Michigan, and relates several incidents connected with it that show the bravery of her mother. It was during the Toledo War that the journey was made, and while passing through Ohio, Mrs. Back, then a girl of seven or eight years, with some of the other children, was walking ahead of the team; some men drove up and asked where they were going. She replied, "To Michigan." "Don't go there," they said, "for there is a war there." The children hastily returned to the wagon and repeated to their parents what the men had told them. When the men came up, Mrs, Davis said, "You are cowards! I am going to Michigan to help them fight."

Mr. and Mrs. Back became the parents of six

children, three of whom are living: Emeline, the wife of George Davenport, of Blissfield Township; Clark, who lives in Blissfield Township, and Aaron, who lives in Roscommon County, Mich. Those deceased are: Alice, who became the wife of M. L. White, Miron A, and Elmer E.

Mr. Back is a man of resolute will and energetic character, and in his younger days possessed great powers of endurance, in illustration of which we will relate one or two circumstances that occurred in his early life. In 1837, Mr. Back had a severe attack of toothache; he tried the usual remedies, but obtained no relief. After passing a sleepless night, he started early in the morning on foot for Sylvania, fifty miles distant, the nearest place where a doctor could be found, and arrived at the doctor's house just as the family were eating their evening meal. The doctor left his supper and pulled the tooth, then he invited his patient to spend the night with him. Mr. Back accepted the invitation, and in the morning asked for the amount of his bill. The doctor said he would not charge a dog anything that would walk 100 miles to have a tooth extracted. Mr. Back vividly remembers another long walk that he took when a young man. At that time all the grain used to be cut with a sickle; he thought he could use a cradle if he had one, and induced his father to let him start in search of one He walked to Jonesville, thirty miles distant, purchased a cradle, and then started on his return. After he had walked several miles the cradle became a burden, and he left it at a neighbor's, and continued on his way, reaching home before dark, having walked the entire sixty miles in one day,

Mr. Back has in his possession some family relies which he prizes highly, and which are rare curiosities in these comparatively new western towns, though very often to be found in the ancient villages of New England. Among these is the clock which his grandfather had made at the time of his marriage. It is very tall, reaching to the ceiling overhead, and still keeps good time. He also has a paper, the Urster Gazette, dated Jan. J. 1800, published at Kingston, X. Y. The paper is draped in mourning, and contains a notice of Washington's funeral. Mr. and Mrs. Back have been influential and esteemed members of the Methodist Episcopal Church for forty-

six years, and the greater part of that time Mr. Back has served as Class-Leader and Sunday-school Superintendent. His children are also members of the same church.

OLOMON M. NEWTON. Among the pioneers of Lenawee County were the grandfather and father of the subject of this biography, and in this connection we are pleased to relate some of the interesting incidents of their early settlement. It is well to commentate the names of those hardy bands of men who first broke the way for progress and civilization into this wilderness, and whose courage and endurance have brought it to its present high state of development.

Mr. Newton's paternal grandfather, John Newton, was born in the State of Vermont, Jan. 14. 1772, and married for his second wife Miss Hannah Hadley, who was born Feb. 6, 1775; she became the mother of four children, three girls and one boy. After her death he was again united in marriage, in 1810, with Miss Rebecca Radway, a native of Vermont, where she was born May 26, 1783. By this marriage there were born seven children, six boys and one girl. Mr. Newton, in 1815, purchased fifty acres of land in the woods at Truxton, N. Y., which he cleared; but on the 2d of May, 1830, he started from Syracuse on the Erie Canal to Buffalo, and thence to Cleveland, Ohio, by steamboat, and by the Ohio Canal to Clinton. From the latter city he reached Milton Township, Wayne Co., Ohio, by means of two yoke of oxen and a wagon, and there rented a farm of forty acres, on which he built a log house of the usual primitive architecture, into which he moved and made his home for nine years, At the expiration of that time he went with his son, Jeremiah T., to Medina County in the same State, where he followed the profession of a physician, and died May 11, 1848, at the age of seventy-six years. His widow, Rebecca Newton, made her home with her son Jeremiah in Ogden Township until her decease, Nov. 23, 1878, when she had attained the advanced age of ninety-five

Jeremiah T. Newton, the father of our subject,

was born March 10, 1819, in Truxton, Cortland Co., N. Y., and was but eleven years of age when his parents removed to Wayne County, Ohio, On reaching manhood he purchased fifty acres of wild land in Spencer Township, Medina Co., Ohio, upon which he built the usual pioneer cabin. The floor was made of split puncheons and the roof of shakes, which were held in place by poles, as nails were an unknown quantity in that wilderness. Into this he removed his parents in the fall of 1839, and Sept. 17, 1843, he was united in marriage with Miss Clarissa Benfer, and installed her in his cabin as its mistress. He remained in this house with his an addition to it of the same unique construction. moved into it and commenced housekeeping on his own account. The chimney of the house was on the outside of it, and was built of sticks, stone and mud. The fireplace in one end of it was made of bog oak with clay plastered upon the inside of it, and split logs on the outside from six to seven feet high to protect it. Besides the door the cabin had one window in which were six panes of glass, 8x10 in size, which was considered a luxury in those days. Their cupboard was made by boring six holes in the log wall, into which were driven as many pins, which supported three boards, table was made by Mr. Newton, whose only tools were an ax, saw and plane, and who could only work at it at night when he could not see to do of the young couple consisted of a bedstead, one chair, a stool made by himself, three plates, three cups and saucers, three knives and forks, three pewter teaspoons, one iron spoon, one gallon crock and a coffee-pot.

Jeremiah Newton and his wife lived upon this place until the 1st of March, 1853, when having made considerable improvements upon the place, he sold it, and removed to the wilds of Ashland County, in the same State, and settled in Sullivan Township. He there purchased forty acres of land, about twelve of which had been cleared, and building a log house moved into it, taking his mother with him. He lived on this place about eleven years, and cleared up the remainder of the farm, but in 1864 he sold the property and bought eighty

acres of land in Ogden Township, Lenawee County, of which about twenty-five acres had been cleared of the timber. They had made the journey from Ashland County with teams and wagons, and spending five days upon the road arrived in this county Aug. 20, 1864. Here Mr. Newton spent the remaining years of his life, his death taking place July 23, 1884. He was an honest man and possessed of sound and excellent judgment. He started in the world a poor man, but his industrious habits gained him a competency which enabled him to leave a comfortable home to his wife and two sons who survived him.

Mrs. Newton, the mother of our subject, was born in Centre County, Pa., May 24, 1824. Her paternal grandfather was, it is thought, a native of Pennsylvania, and spent the last years of his life in that State. Her father, George Benfer, was born, reared and married in Pennsylvania, and continued to reside there until 1830. In that year, with his wife and four children, he started for Ohio, journeying in a wagon drawn by one horse. He located in the forest of Spencer Township, Medina County, where he bought a tract of timber land, on which he built a board shanty for the shelter of his family until he could erect a more substantial log cabin. He cleared a large farm upon which he erected good buildings, and he lived to see the county well developed. The maiden name of his wife, who was a Pennsylvanian, was Mary Duffy; she died in their home in Medina County.

Mrs. Newton is the mother of three sons: James. living across the border in Ohio; George Franklin, who died at the age of twenty years, and Solomon M., her youngest child and the subject of our sketch, with whom she resides. He was born in Sullivan Township, Ashland Co., Ohio, Nov. 9. 1855. He was but nine years of age when he came with his parents to live in Michigan, so that the most of his life has been spent on this homestead in Ogden Township. Inheriting a fair share of the energy and capabilities of his parents, since he has had charge of the farm he has made many excellent improvements, and has been very successful in his work as a farmer. Mr. Newton was married, Nov. 9, 1878, to Miss Augusta M., daughter of James and Elizabeth Hendee, who was born May 14, 1857, in Spencer Township, Medina Co., Ohio. One child, Ellis A., was born of their union, whose place of nativity was Amboy, Fulton Co., Ohio, and the date, July 7, 1884. After a few brief years of pleasant wedded life Mrs. Newton died, Jan. 11, 1885. Mr. Newton contracted a second matrimonial alliance, Dec. 24, 1887, with Miss Hattie Miller, who was born in Amboy, Fulton Co., Ohio, April 14, 1868.



ESSE PENTECOST, an extensive general farmer and stock-raiser on section 18 of Franklin Township, has lived here since December, 1851, when he purchased 120 acres of land, and now owns about that amount. Mr. Pentecost was born in Somersetshire, England, June 23, 1817, where his father, who was an English farmer, spent his entire life and died when over eighty years of age. The mother, Elizabeth (George) Pentecost, was a native of the same county as her husband, where she lived to the advanced age of ninety-seven years.

The subject of our biography is the only living child of the family, and grew up in his native county, where he was married first to Elizabeth Shepherd. In 1848, and after the birth of three children, they came to the United States, and a few months later made their way to Michigan, and located in Franklin Township. Mrs. Pentecost died here June 15, 1882, when sixty-two years of age. She was the mother of seven children—Joseph, William S., Mary A., John S., Sarah E., Charles S. and Carrie E.; all but Joseph are married.

Mr. Pentecost was a second time married, in Franklin Township, Nov. 25, 1884, to Mrs. Nancy (Slater) Matthews, who was born in this township, Oct. 15, 1836. Mrs. P. is the daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (McKinstry) Slater, natives of Ovid, Seneca Co., N. Y. In 1829, after the birth of two children, Joseph Slater came to Michigan with his family, and located on a piece of Government hand in Franklin Township, on the old turnpike, which was his home until his death, in 1881. He was one of the most reliable and respected men of the township, and occupied a high standing in society.

Mrs. Pentecost of this notice is the fourth child of a family of seven born to her mother. She was reared in Franklin Township, and was first married to Mr. Henry Matthews, a native of Seneca County. N. Y., who came when a young man to Michigan, and took up land in Franklin Township, this county, where he lived for some years, and then purchased another farm on which he lived till his demise, which occurred Dec. 3, 1876. He left a wife and three children: Emma D., the wife of B. J. Slater, of Tecumseh; Florence, the wife of M. J. Cumming, a resident of Jackson City, Mich., and Abbie L., who attends school in Tecumseh. Mr. Matthews was a man of integrity and much respected by his fellow-townsmen, and in politics he was a Republican. Mrs. Pentecost owns some well-improved farming land in Franklin Township, and is a woman of sterling sense and active and energetic habits. Mr. Pentecost is a Democrat in his political affilia-



ANIEL D. BALUSS, a prominent educator and prosperons farmer, residing in Ogden Township, has the honor of being a native of this great commonwealth, his birthplace being Fairfield Township in this county. His grandfather was a farmer, and an early settler of Wayne County, N. Y., where he spent his last years. During the Revolutionary War he took an active part in the struggles of the Colonies for independence.

Cornelius W. Baluss, the father of our subject, was born in Wayne County. N. Y., in 1816, and having the misfortune to lose his father when quite young he was reared by an uncle, a farmer living in Wayne County. In 1837 he married Sarab Durkee, and soon afterward came to this county, and located in Medina Township. He lived there nearly two years, then removed to Fairfield Township, and bought from the Government 120 acres of land. It was heavily timbered, and he had to fell trees to make room to build a log cubin. In this cabin our subject was born March 23, 1845. The father remained on this last farm until his death in 1861. In the meantime he had cleared quite a tract of land, and creeted a good set of

buildings. His first wife, the mother of our subject, was a native of Wayne County, N. Y., and died at the homestead in Fairfield Township in 1854. They were the parents of six children, of whom our subject was the fourth. By a subsequent marriage Mr. Bahas became the father of two children.

Daniel D. Baluss attended the pioneer schools of his native township when young, diversifying the time by hunting wild game, which at that time was abundant. He was sixteen years old when his father died, after which he supported himself, and found time and means to complete his education, At first he worked on a farm in Adrian Township, and attended the Union School there for seven months. Subsequently be pursued his studies in Adrian College for nearly five years, occasionally teaching during that time. After leaving college he studied law with his brother, Hamilton Baluss, at Wayne, Mich., for two years, and practiced with him about one year, when he resumed his vocation as teacher. His success was so marked, not only in imparting knowledge but as a disciplinarian, that his services have been in constant requisition. He has already taught twenty-three terms, and was, in the fall of 1887, engaged in teaching his fifth term in the High School of Metamora. In 1870 he located on his present farm, which comprises 100 acres, only two of which were cleared at the time of purchase. He now has eighty-five acres cleared, and sixty-five well drained. Besides attending to his professional duties as teacher he oversees his agricultural interests, except in the winter season, and for three years was also engaged in the manufacture of brick and tile. His farm, which is embellished by a fine brick house and convenient farm buildings, with the air of thrift which surrounds them, prove him to be as successful a student in agriculture as in mental acquirements, and he reaps as abundant and satisfactory harvests from his manual labors as from his intellectual.

The marriage of Mr. Baluss with Amenda A. Houghthy took place Jan. 17, 1869. She was born in Ogden Township, and is the daughter of William Houghtby (of whom see sketch in this Alau x). To Mr. and Mrs. Baluss have been born five children—Arthur D., Fred C., John W., Grace S. and Harry, Mr. and Mrs. Baluss are influential members of

the United Brethren Church, where Mr. B. was Secretary of the Raisin Circuit Conference two terms, and is Superintendent of the Sunday-school. He is prominently identified with the interests of the town, and every project for its advancement, intellectually, morally or socially, has his approval and hearty support. He is a Republican in politics, but sympathizes with the Prohibitionists, and was their candidate for County Surveyor. He can well support the principles of the latter party, as he has always been a total abstainer from tobacco and liquors.



ON. JOHN R. CLARK, of the firm of Clark, Mason & Co., of Adrian, pork packers and dealers in produce, fruits and lard, is one of the leading pioneer citizens Lenawee County, into which he made his advent in 1836. His long residence justly entitles him to being called an "old citizen." The old settlers take pride in reviewing the changes that have been made, and the improvements completed since they first came into this section of Michigan more than half a century ago. The past rises up before them in characters of life-like fidelity, reminding them of days long since moldering with the dead, and of friends of years ago entombed in mother earth. They recall the day when, weary and foot-sore, but exuberant with youth, hope and determination, they came upon the seene, and gazing out upon the landscape, rejoiced at the spectacle which greeted their vision. The scene itself is pictured to them as they saw it then, in all the exquisite beauty of its rural simplicity; immense forests, wherein the foot of man had not left its impress, or boundless prairie, adorned in the colors of its variegated blossoms. No genial spirit welcomed them to the hospitalities of a home, no cheerful notes of gladness were sounded at their approach. But the wand of progress touches wilderness, which vanishes before it; it touches the rolling prairies and they are changed into fruitful fields; it touches the solitude and peoples it with a race whose career has been marked with success at every milestone on the route. What a wonderful change has been worked

by the industry and ingenuity of man. The forest has yielded to the woodman's ax, the wilderness becomes a source of wealth, and the harvest song is heard where once the war cries of the savages resounded.

John R. Clark is a native of the State of New York, and was born in Ontario Township, Ontario County, which township is now known as Walworth, and the county as Wayne, on the 4th of September, 1822. His father, Barzillai Clark, was born in Hartford, Conn., July 31, 1780, and from there he was taken at the age of six years to Hudson, N. Y., and thence to Pompey, where he lived until 1807, when he removed to Ontario County, N. Y., and purchased a farm, spring of 1836 he came to Michigan, arriving in Adrian May 3, but he never did any active business after his arrival, being not only a cripple but a constant and great sufferer from asthma; he died in Adrian, Nov. 12, 1847. He was the son of Harding Clark, a native of Connecticut, who was one of Washington's Rangers during the Revolutionary War. April 24, 1808, Barzillai Clark married Miss Patience, daughter of Timothy and Patience Leach, formerly of Monmouth, N. J., by whom he had two sons, Elihu L. and John R. Mrs. Patience Clark was born near Monmouth, N. J., Feb. 19, 1789, and died in Adrian, Jan. 26, 1878. Her father was a prominent business man of Monmouth, being largely interested in the manufacture of lumber. He died about the year 1800, when her mother with a large family moved to Western New York, and purchased land.

John R. Clark lived with his father until he was about fitteen years old, and attended a district school in the State of New York. He came to Michigan with his parents in 1836, and has resided in Adrian ever since. He was graduated in Adrian in 1840, at Brewster's Select School, in the building now owned by W. A. Whitney and occupied as a residence. In 1840 he entered his brother's store as a cterk and remained until 1845, when he became a partner in the business and remained until 1847, in which year he bought his brother's interest. In the fall of 1847 he erected a brick store on Maumee street, in which he carried on general merchandising until 1853, when his health failed. He then

sold out to Col. L. F. Constock and A. H. Wood, and purchased and moved upon the Pease farm on section 10, in Madison Township. During the years 1854 and 1855 he erected the finest farm house in the county. In 1855 he formed a partnership with A. H. Wood, and embarked in the dry-goods business, which they continued until 1859, when he bought out his partner's interest and carried on the business until 1863, then closed out and gave his attention to farming and stock-dealing.

In 1866 Mr. Clark became interested in the erection of the Madison Cheese Factory, and was its President and manager for three years. He was elected Supervisor of Madison Township for five years. In 1858 he was elected a member of the House of Representatives of the Michigan Legislature, and was Chairman of the Committee of Mines and Minerals, and served on four other committees. In 1874 he sold his farm to A. II. Russell, and moved to the city of Adrian, where he now resides. In 1871 he engaged in the wholesale cheese business with Henry F. Shattuck, and afterward engaged in packing pork. In 1877 Clark & Shattuck admitted to the firm as a partner Lafavette Ladd, and continued until 1878, when E. L. Baker was admitted, and the firm of Clark, Baker & Co. entered upon a prosperous career in the wholesale provision, cheese and pork-packing business. In 1875 Mr. Clark was elected Alderman of the Fourth Ward of Adrian, and was re-elected in 1877. Politically, he was in early life an old-line Whig, and cast his first Presidential vote for Henry Clay. Since the organization of the Republican party he has affiliated with it, and given it his warmest and most earnest support. Since becoming a resident of Lenawee County, he has taken an active part in political affairs, and to his good judgment is due the shaping, to a large extent, of the campaigns which have resulted favorably for his party.

April 8, 1846, Mr. Clark was married to Miss Emily E., daughter of Joseph E. and Adelia M. Wadsworth, of Adrian, by whom he has had four children, recorded as follows: Helen L. was born in Adrian, June 1, 1848, and became the wife of Peter L. Bailey; she died Oct. 30, 1873, Maria Isabelle was born in Madison, Sept. 16, 1865, and two children died in infancy. Mrs. Emily E. Clark, the wife of our subject, wasborn in Manchester, Ontario Co., N. Y., Oct. 23, 1825, and came to Michigan in 1837, with her parents, who settled in Adrian. Her father was born in Pompey, Onondaga Co., N. Y., Oct. 19, 1801. Her mother was Mrs. Adelia M. Wheeler, who was born in Connecticut, Nov. 23, 1805, and died in Adrian, May 8, 1860.



AMES WELCH, an old and highly respected citizen of Seneca Township, is the owner and occupant of a well-tilled farm of 120 acres on section 1. Forty-two years ago he came to Michigan and made a settlement upon the place where he is at present living. He is a native of Ireland, and was born in County Carlow, Dec. 25, 1814. His parents, Andrew and Mary (Ruth) Welch, were both natives of the same county, and lived and died on their native Isle, the mother in 1827. They had a family of six children, of whom James was the only boy.

When the subject of our sketch was a youth he was allowed all the opportunities possible to avail himself of the facilities of education which the time and country afforded. This, of course, was limited in its extent, but after coming to America, with a view to repair this lack in his earlier education, Mr. Welch attended school for some two terms. He remained in the Emerald Isle until he had reached the age of fifteen years. An uncle, John Ruth, had some time before emigrated to America, and was located at Sackett's Harbor, Jefferson Co., N. Y., from which place he continued to write beautiful descriptions of America, and to urge the family to come to the New World, James, not feeling satisfied with the government which has ruled, or misruled, Ireland so long, and finding nothing in his native country to satisfy his ambition, determined to better his condition by emigration. Consequently, in company with a companion, Patrick Burris, he started for "the land of the free." Sailing from New Ross, April 22, 1830, after a voyage of thirty days he and his friend were landed at Quebec on the 2d of June. Not being able to find his uncle, he commenced his labors on this continent at Kingston, Canada.

While wandering around not knowing what to do, Mr. Welch concluded to go down to where a number of men were engaged in building a canal. On his arrival there, some inquiries were addressed to him, and on his stating from what part of old Ireland he had come, he discovered some acquaintances of his father. These, taking an interest in the young lad, sent him to their chief engineer, John Lemmon, who was in the neighborhood, with a strong recommendation, and he was at once furnished with work. Subsequently the engineer and Mr. Welch became great friends, the latter at one time saving his employer's life when they had broken through the ice on the St. Lawrence River, on their way to Kingston. With this gentleman the subject of our sketch remained as long as his employer lived. Just before his death, the latter requested that after he had been laid away in mother earth, Mr. Welch would make a trip to Ireland and carry the last words of his friend and employer to Mr. Lemmon's father. Having liberally supplied our subject with means, and giving him full directions as to the place where the old gentleman lived, he arranged that young Welch should go in the company of a Capt. Briscoe and family in his voyage across the water. In the meantime Mr. Welch made a trip to Sackett's Harbor, on a visit to his uncle, and upon his return, found to his utter dismay that the appointed companions had gone. Being now without work, he entered a wagon-shop at Sackett's Harbor to learn the trade, and remained some eighteen months. He then removed to Akron, Summit Co., Ohio, where he followed the same trade for thirteen years, during which time, by close economy and shrewd business tact, he had accumulated considerable property. Making a trade of what village lots he had for a farm in Portage County, in the same State, he removed to the latter and for two years followed the plow in that locality. The new settlements in Michigan attracting his attention, in 1846 he sold out his Ohio property, and coming to Seneca Township, settled where he now lives. The land at that time was nearly all in a wild state, but he has been very successful in clearing it and bringing it to a high state of cultivation. He has

erected a fine house and all the necessary farm buildings, all of which betoken considerable taste on the part of the owner; he also possesses some property in the village of Weston.

On the 20th of February, 1836, Mr. Welch was united in marriage with Susan, a daughter of George and Mahala (Briggs) Worthring, and a native of Orleans County, N. Y. Her parents were natives of Shelby, in the same county, and were married while residents of New York State. Removing to Ohio with their little family, after a few years' stay they came to Michigan in 1846, and settled in Seneca Township. Mr. and Mrs. Welch are the parents of fifteen children, recorded as follows: Mary Ann is the wife of E. R. Mason, and resides in Fairfield Township with her three children-Arvilla, Jay and Charlie: Andrew J, is deceased: Ruth is the wife of George Franklin, and resides at Weston with her child, Cora Belle; Nancy M. is at home; Lydia is living at Rensselaer, Ind., with her husband, Martin E. Baylor, and two children, Maud E, and Earl: Emma is at home: Charles V. married Nellie E. Barger and is a resident of Fairfield Township: Viola, Mrs. Peter Marlatt, of Lyons, Ohio, has four children-James E., Alta O., Mirali and a babe; Henry married Mary B. Kellogg, who is the mother of three children-Susie M., Charles M. and Pearl E .- and is a resident of Seneca Township; John J. and James B. are deceased; William A. and Carrie E. are at home; Edmund D. married Mary E. Langford, and is the parent of two children-Iva and William H .- while Susan I, is deceased.

Mr. and Mrs. Welch are members of the Baptist Church and excellent Christian people. Mr. Welch affiliates with the Republican party in politics, but has no desire for public office.

ETER WYMAN. Among the prosperous and successful members of the farming community scattered over the fertile fields of Michigan the subject of this brief sketch holds an honored position. A native of Fairfield Township, of which he continues a resident, he was born here June 23, 1837. He received

a good common-school education, his days of study being varied with home duties on the farm. He remained with his parents and assisted in the care and the cultivation of his father's land until attaining his majority.

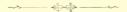
At this time, young Wyman having received a thorough training in agriculture from his father, deemed himself competent to start in business on his own account. But not thinking it wise to commence such an undertaking alone he sought a help-meet, and on the 18th of October, 1860, on the nineteenth anniversary of her birth, he was married to Miss-Lydia D, Paul, in Ogden Township. Mrs. Wyman is a native of this township, and was born Oct. 18, 1841. She lived with her parents until her marriage, and received good industrial training in domestic duties. Two summers she spent in teaching in her native township.

After marriage Mr. Wyman successfully managed his father's land for three years, and then bought a farm of eighty acres in Fairfield Township, which he afterward sold, and subsequently purchased the farm where he now lives. This is pleasantly located on section 19, and comprises 108 acres of finely cultivated land, on which he has crected a tasteful dwelling, good barns and all the necessary out-buildings for carrying on his vocation.

The parents of Mr. Wyman were Sheldon and Lydia (Carpenter) Wyman (for parental history see sketch of Sheldon Wyman). Mrs. Wyman's parents were William and Maria (Marlott) Paul. Mr. Paul was born in Ontario County, N. Y., and died in Ogden Township, this county, Dec. 3, 1818. Mrs. Paul was born in the vicinity of Buffalo, N. Y., Sept. 18, 1820, and is now living on the old honestead in Ogden Township. They were the parents of three children: Lydia D., the wife of our subject, was the eldest; Seth resides in Ogden Township; and Jane, who is the wife of Levi Johnson, lives in Madison Township. Mr. and Mrs. Wyman have had one child, Otis F., who died when three weeks old.

Mr. Wyman is a practical, systematic farmer, and carries the same good judgment into local and general affairs that he does into his own private occupations. He takes an active interest in the welfare of his township, in which he has served one term as Supervisor, and was School Inspector under the former system.

Politically Mr. Wyman is a Democrat, and as an honest, upright citizen, straightforward in all his transactions, either in business or society, has uniformly commanded respect and esteem.



AMES KIMBALL, one of the old settlers and representative farmers of the township of Franklin, is now spending the declining years of an active life on his farm, which he located on in 1844. He was born in Stoddard Township, Cheshire Co., N. H., Jan. 4, 1806, and is the son of Darius Kimball, who was a native of Massachusetts, and came of Scotch ancestry. The name was formerly Campbell, and the change was made after they came to this country. The father was reared and married in Massachusetts, his wife being Catherine Brown, of the same State, daughter of Samuel Brown, of English descent. Mr. Brown was a Lieutenant in the Revolutionary War, and was wounded at the battle of Bunker Hill, so that a year later he was compelled to withdraw from the army, and died about seven years after in consequence of the wound received, which was made by a musket ball passing through the shoulder. James Kimball's paternal and maternal grandfathers also fought in the Revolutionary War,

Some years after their marriage Darius Kimball and his wife lived near Boston, Mass., they then went to New Hampshire, and lived for some years in Cheshire County, thence to Susquehama County, Pa., and later to Livingston County, N. Y. During most of this period the father was engaged as a carpenter. In 1846 the parents came to Michigan, where their son, our subject, had come two years before, and died in Franklin Township at the home of their children; the father was ninety-five years of age, and the mother a few months over one hundred years.

Mr. Kimball is the sixth of a family of four sons and three daughters, four of whom are now dead. He was reared in York State, where he was married first to Miss Eliza Case, a native of Livingston County, that State. She had no children and lived

only a few years after coming to this county, dying at the age of thirty-four. Mr. K. was the second time married, in Genesee County, to Miss Sarah Greytrax, who was born in Livingston County, N. Y., Aug. 16, 1825, and came to Michigan when a young woman. When quite young she lost her mother in Livingston County, N. Y.; her father is now living in Genesee County, Mich., ripe in years. Mrs. Kimball is the mother of three sons and one daughter: Eugene; Hattie, the wife of Andrew Wilson, who is now farming in Franklin Township; James and Sidney; the three sons reside at the homestead, Mrs. Kimball's father married Eliza Norton, who died in Groveland Township, Livingston Co., N. Y., when her daughter, Mrs. K., was about nine years old. Mrs. K. was the eldest of a family of four daughters and two sons, of whom one son and two daughters are yet living. She was well educated, and for some years after she came to this State, in 1844, she taught in Jackson, Lenawee and Genesee Counties. For some time she attended at Spring Arbor, now Hillsdale. She is a member of the Congregational Church; Mr. Kimball is a life-long Republican.

In after years, when a future generation shall listen in silent wonder to the recital of the trials and triumphs of their fathers, they will view with pleasure such pictured faces as that of Mr. Kimball, whose portrait is herewith presented.

ON. CHARLES BROWN, a retired merchant, living in the village of Medina, was born in Cayaga County, N. Y., Jan. 8, 1808. His parents were Solomon and Sarah (McCraeken) Brown, both supposed to be natives of Massachusetts. They married and settled on a farm in Venice. Cayaga Co. N. Y., where they lived in peace and contentment until death claimed the husband and father. After his death Mrs. Brown resided for a time in Wyoming County, in the same State, but afterward returned to Venice, and there spent her remaining years. They were the parents of twelve children, having an equal number of sons and daughters.

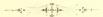
Our subject was the minth child born to his par-

ents. He remained under the parental roof until twenty years of age, assisting as duty demanded, and receiving an excellent education at the public schools. He then commenced teaching, and was engaged in that profession for a period aggregating ten winters and three summers. In the intervening time and subsequently, he was employed in various occupations, remaining a citizen of Cayuga County until the fall of 1830. He subsequently resided in Genesee, Livingston and Wyoming Counties, and in 1851 he went to Wisconsin where he spent the winter. In the following spring he came to Lenawee County and found employment as a clerk in Medina, which position he held one year, and during the next six months he was engaged in mercantile business in Newaygo County. A year and a half later he formed a partnership with Baxter Lyon, and under the firm name of Lyon & Brown, carried on a large mercantile trade in Medina. He continued in business here until 1882, when he sold out, and since that time has lived a comparatively retired life.

Mr. Brown has been twice married. His first marriage took place in Cattaraugus County, N. Y., with Paulina Walker, who was born in New York, and died in her native State. Mr. Brown was again married, in Medina Township, to Mrs. Elizabeth B., daughter of Benjamin M. and Lydia (Spalding) Stanley, and widow of Charles G. Farnsworth, who died in Medina Township in 1866. She had by her marriage with Mr. Farnsworth two children-Elizabeth F. and Edmund G. Elizabeth was the wife of L. P. Wilkins, and died in Medina Township in 1860, while Edmund married Mary J. Roosa, and lives in Medina. The parents of Mrs. Brown were natives of New England. They had five children, all girls, of whom Mrs. Brown, who was the third, was born in Jaffrey, N. H., Nov. 3, 1815. She came with her first husband to Lenawee County in 1839, and settled in Medina, where she has lived most of the time since.

Our subject is well known and honored throughout Lenawee County as a man and citizen, and has honorably filled various public positions. In his own township he served twenty-four and one-half years as Postmaster, and as Township Clerk fourten years, while for three years he was County Superintendent of the Poor. In the fall of 1874, Mr. Brown was elected to the House of Representatives, and served acceptably two years. He was instrumental in putting through a measure in the house for the relief of Mary J. McDermott, an orphan girl who lived in Lenawee County, who was about to be defrauded of her rights in an estate. He has been Notary Public for a period of thirty-two years.

Mr. Brown is a strong Republican, conrageously and fearlessly upholding the principles promulgated by that organization. His long and active life has been pre-eminently one of usefulness to his fellowmen, while his earnest advocacy of all plans for the public good, and his well-known benevolence, have earned for him a warm place in the hearts of all who know him.



OYAL A. YOUNGS, a prominent and respected resident of Lenawce County, is located on a fine farm of 100 acres of well-simproved and highly cultivated land on section 29, Seneca Township. He has erected a beautiful house and convenient and commodious outbuildings, and is now well equipped for the work in which he is engaged.

The parents of our subject were Davis and Ama (Smith) Youngs, the former a native of New York, and the latter of Rhode Island. They left their home on the Atlantic Coast and came to Lenawee County about 1852, settling in Seneca Township, where they spent the remainder of their days. They experienced the vicissitudes common to the early pioneer in this section of country, and became useful and respected citizens, living to see a family of eight children grow up around them useful and honored citizens.

Our subject was next to the youngest of the four sons and four daughters who comprised the parental family, and was born in McKean County, Pa., Dec. 12, 1835. He remained with his parents enjoying what educational advantages were offered in the district schools of that time, and came with the family to Lenawee County when seventeen years of age. Since that time he has been a con-

stant resident, engaged exclusively in agricultural pursuits.

On the 4th of September, 1859, our subject was united in marriage with Miss Clarinda, daughter of Andrew and Polly (Gardner) Pletcher, who were natives of Centre County, Pa. In 1847 they left the Keystone State, and coming to Lenawec County ettled in Seneca Township, where they still reside. They became the parents of four children, two sons and two daughters, of whom Mrs. Youngs, the second child, was born at their home in Pennsylvania, Oct. 15, 1837.

Mr. and Mrs. Youngs have had born to them a family of eight children, of whom they suffered the loss of five in infancy. The names of the living children are Fred, Irving and Herbert. Fred married Miss Mary Scott, and resides in Sencea Township. Mr. Youngs records his vote in favor of the Republican candidates, and accords the party his hearty support. He is no seeker after political honors, though he has accepted the office of Drain Commissioner, which he retained four years. He is a public-spirited and liberal-numded citizen, deservedly enjoying with his estimable wife the respect and confidence of all who have the pleasure of their acquaintance.



ILLIAM H. CHENEY, the son of one of the earliest pioneers of Ogden Township, has the management of his father's old homestead in Fairfield Township and twenty-two acres of his own adjacent in Ogden Township, which latter he has brought to a time state of cultivation, and creeted thereon a good set of frame buildings. His family consists of his wife and four children, the latter being named respectively: Ora L., Ara and Asa (twins), and Della A. Mr. Cheney is Republican in politics and a member in good standing of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is the scion of an excellent old family, is thrifty, economical and industrious, and a fair sample of the honest man and good citizen.

John Cheney, Sr., the grandfather of our subject, was born in New Hampshire, in 1765, and

when a young man learned the shoemaker's trade, which he followed mostly through life. He left the Old Granite State in 1803, and with his family removed to Scipio, Cayuga Co., N. Y. Six years later he took up his residence in Parna, Monroe County, locating upon a farm where he spent the remainder of his days, his death taking place about 1840. In 1788 he was married to Miss Lucy Finch, by whom he had ten children, John, Jr., the father of our subject, being the eighth child and fifth son, and now the only survivor of the family. Mrs. Lucy Chency was born in New Hampshire, in 1770, and died in Parna, N. Y., in 1810.

John Cheney, Jr., was born in Tunbridge, Vt., Sept. 4, 1802, and only lived with his parents until seven years of age, receiving a very limited education. When a lad of fourteen he commenced working by the month, and in 1829 he purchased a farm in Parna, which he occupied until the spring of 1833, when he came to the Territory of Michigan, and located in Madison Township, this county.

In 1847 Mr. Cheney sold his property in Madison Township, and purchased land on section 13, in Fairfield Township, where he now resides. He subsequently became the owner of eighty acres on section 24 and seventy-five acres in Ogden Township. It will thus be seen that he was a man of much force of character, perseverance and industry, winning his own fortune by the labor of his hands.

John Cheney, Jr., while a resident of New York State, was married, Jan. 1, 1827, to Miss Louisa, daughter of Asahel, Sr., and Elizabeth Finch, and sister of Asahel Finch, Jr., a former pioneer resident and business man of Adrian. Of this union there were nine children, the record of whom is as follows: The cldest son, Edward S., was born in Rochester, N. Y., July 9, 1828, and died while a Union soldier from disease contracted in the army, March 24, 1863; Evelyn F. was born in Parma, N. Y., and is now at home; George P. was born in Madison Township, this county, and died Sept. 15, 1854, when twenty years of age; Delfina A. became the wife of William Jenkins, of Ogden Township, and died April 17, 1879; Alpherous is farming in Lucas County, Ohio; Cullen T., in Fairfield Township, this county, and John N., in Ogden Township: De Witt B, died April 7, 1864, when nineteen years of age; William II. of our sketch was born in Fairfield Township, July 12, 1847.

The mother of our subject was born in Genoa, Cayuga Co., N.Y., May 3, 1807, and died in Fairfield, July 31, 1879. Her father, Asahel Finch, Sr., was born in Catskill, N. Y., Dec. 4, 1775, subsequently became a resident of Ogden, Monroe County, and finally removed to Waukesha, Wis., where his death took place in 1859. The maternal grandmother of our subject, Mrs. Elizabeth Finch, was born in Durham, N. Y., Aug. 1, 1778, and died in Milwaukee, Wis., in 1845.

William Cheney was a lad fourteen years of age when he began to take a man's place in assisting his father to operate the homestead. He remembers well the face of the country at that time, when deer, wild turkeys and other game were plentiful. The wolves frequently serenaded their cabin home at night, but seldom did any mischief as long as the chickens and small domestic animals were safely housed. Young Cheney continued under the parental roof until his marriage, and then, with his bride, took up his abode upon the place which he has since occupied. They commenced housekeeping in a log cabin on the place, and which, with a small frame barn and four acres cleared from the timber, constituted the improvements. The present condition of the property is in fine contrast with the past, and the neat homestead, bearing the evidence of taste and comfort, is one which invariably attracts the eye of the passing traveler.

The wife of our subject, to whom he was married Nov. 1, 1874, was in her girlhood Miss Harriet Walker, daughter of Seth and Amelia (Luther) Walker, and born in Adrian Township, April 9, 1854. Seth Walker was married to Miss Amelia Luther in Adrian, April 7, 1852, and resides in Fairlield Township, where they have lived for thirty years. They had five children, two sons and three daughters, of whom Mrs. Chency is the eldest; the sons are both deceased.

ARCUS BENNETT, a resident of Lenawer County for the last twenty-one years, is one of its oldest and most highly respected citizens, and has now rounded more than threescore years and ten. He is eminently an illus-

tration of the self-made man, as at an early age in life he was thrown upon his own resources and compelled to look out for himself. His boyhood years were spent in New York, where his birth took place at the modest home of his parents on the 5th of May, 1810. He left the parental roof when fifteen years old and engaged as a boat hand on the Eric Canal, where he was employed nine seasons. Afterward he took up farming pursuits at \$10 per month, still remaining in his native State, but latterly residing mostly in Niagara County.

Mr. Bennett, in 1834, migrated westward to this State, and first took up a tract of land in what was then Monroe County, now Lucas County, Ohio, where he cultivated the soil and made his home until 1866. In the spring of that year he purchased a tract of land in Madison Township, this county, where he took up his abode and has since remained. This property, which is now in the possession of his son, comprises 102 acres of fertile land, upon which he has labored industriously, and which now produces in abundance some of the richest crops of Michigan.

The first marriage of our subject took place in Niagara County, N. Y., in September, 1836, the maiden of his choice being. Miss Olive Odell, a naa daughter, Sallie, who is now the wife of C. M. C. Cook, of Lansing, Mich. The young wife lived less than three years after her marriage, her decease taking place in what is now Lucas County, Ohio Jan, 29, 1839. Mr. Bennett was subsequently married, June 22, 1841, again in Niagara County, N. Y., to Miss Emeline Lusk, who was born in Bloomfield, Ontario Co., N. Y., Dec. 28, 1814. Of this union there were born three children, of whom the following is a record: Their eldest son, Perry, during the late war enlisted as a Union soldier in Company F, I tth Ohio Infantry, and was killed in battle, while storming the fort, with his comrades, at Jonesboro, Ga.; his remains fill an unmarked grave nearthat battle-field. Alanson is a practicing attorney of Adrian; Lyman was born May 25, 1847, and was married in Madison, Nov. 2, 1871, to Miss Emma Grant, a native of Adrian, born March 27, 1851; they have one child, a daughter, Bessie M.

Mr. Bennett, while a resident of Lucas County,

Ohio, met with a serious accident, by which he nearly lost his life, a tree having fallen upon his head, which left a sear that remains to this day. He was picked up senseless and for many days his recovery was despaired of. Owing, however, to the skill of his physician and good nursing, he slowly recovered, and happily escaped with his brain uninjured.

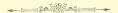
HENRY ULOTH, an intelligent and enterprising young farmer and stock-raiser of Ogden Township, was born in a far-away country across the sea, but he left it at such an early age that he has no recollection of his birthplace, and knows no other home than this, his adopted country, to which he owes his allegiance. He was born in Germany, July 5, 1855, and is the son of George and Magdalena (Burk) Uloth, (For parental history see biographical sketch of Adam 11. Uloth.) His father was a journeyman carpenter in his native country, but after working at his trade there for several years he decided in the year 1856 to remove with his wife and two children to the I nited States, and try his fortunes as a farmer. His first settlement in this country was made in Lorain County, Ohio. In 1864 he removed to Michigan, where he made a settlement in the forests of Ogden Township, and the struggle to subdue the forest began, which resulted so disastrously to him

Our subject was but a year old when he crossed the ocean with his parents to make a home in this country. The latter were poor and could not afford him many advantages, excepting a thorough practical training in the hard labors of a farmer's life in a newly settled country. This was good discipline, however, developing powers of endurance, self-reliant habits, and boldness of character. He remained at home until he was sixteen years old, and then began life for himself, working by the month on a farm until he was twenty-two, and carefully saving his carnings until he had enough to buy twenty acres of land on section 28, of this township, which still forms a part of his present farm. Fifteen acres of this land were cleared at the time of

his purchase, and the practical training he had already received in farming, combined with his indomitable energy and perseverance, has enabled him to bring it all to a high state of culture. Nor does he confine himself to the tillage of the hand, but has also engaged with much success in stockraising.

Mr. Uloth was married, March 26, 1877, to Miss Ella, the accomplished daughter of Erastus and Eliza J. (Mackey) Tiffany. She was born in Adrian Township, Feb. 18, 1860, while her parents were natives of Roxbury, Delaware Co., N. Y., where they were reared and married. In the year 1855 they removed to Wisconsin, and after residing there a short time came to Lenawee County and located in Adrian Township; there the father died in 1859, three months before the birth of his daughter Ella. His widow married a second time, and spent her declining years in Fairfield Township, dying Dec. 23, 1875. She was the daughter of Elias and Eliza A. (Simmons) Mackey, the former a native of New York State. He was a farmer by occupation, and removed to Lenawee County before the war, residing for some time in Rome Township, after which he removed to Adrian Township, where his demise occurred. His widow, now about seventy years of age, resides with Mrs. Uloth, her granddaughter. She is the daughter of Noble and Sarah (Randall) Simmons, and was born in New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Uloth have one child, Clarence. They are consistent members, in good standing, of the Evangelical Church, while in politics Mr. Uloth is a Republican. His integrity of character is unquestioned, and in every respect he is a good citizen.



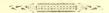
AMUEL WHITE is a native of Suffolkshire, England, where he was born July 20, 1810, and is the second of four children born to John and Elizabeth (Stanford) White. They were of the race of hardy yeomanry who have made the name of England synonymous with strength and honor throughout the world. The father was by trade a carpenter and Joiner and died in middle life, having barely attained the age of forty-four.

His widow survived him many years, her life being lengthened out to nearly eighty-five years.

Samuel White learned his father's trade and lived in his native county until shortly after his marriage with Ann Smith. That most excellent Christian woman, commencing early in life her influence for good on the life of her husband, induced him, in 1830, to emigrate to the United States. On reaching these shores they located in Wayne County, N. Y., where for a time Samuel followed his trade, but being imbued with the idea of making a settlement in a new country and carving out a future for himself, in 1836 he came to Michigan. On coming to this locality he at first located on section 16, of Cambridge Township, at that time covered with heavy timber, and sturdily commenced to clear the land and make a farm. Endowed by nature with a strong frame and sturdy mind, with the natural obstinacy of disposition that properly belongs to the energetic Anglo-Saxon, he entered upon his work with the necessary vim, and has achieved the success for which he aimed, having succeeded in making his farm one of the most highly cultivated in the county. Here he resided for many years and here, in 1877, he had the misfortune to lose his wife by death, at the age of sixty-six. She was one of the women who are chiefly noted for their domestic virtues, being a loving mother, affectionate wife and kind neighbor. She was the mother of eight children, three of whom are yet living, and married,

In 1879 Mr. White married Mrs. Losina S. Archer, who was a native of Middletown Township, Delaware Co., N. Y., and was born April 19, 1814. She is the daughter of Joshua and Susanna (Rawson) Parker, both of whom were natives of the State of Massachusetts, but who removed to Delaware County, N. Y., shortly after their marriage; they subsequently resided in Wayne County, Mrs. White is the youngest of eleven children, and was but ten months old when the family removed to Wayne County, where both parents died, the father at the age of fifty-five and the mother when sixtysix years old. Losina Parker was united in marriage with her first husband, Nelson Lapham, in New York, where he carried on farming. After his death, which occurred in Wayne County, N. Y., she married William D. Archer. After his last marriage Mr. White removed to his present farm on section 26, Cambridge Township, where he has a fine place of 130 acres, although he still continue to own the old farm of the same extent. Both of these places are in a high state of cultivation and evince by their care the pride the owner takes in them.

Mr. White has been for the most of his life identified with the Democratic party, but is now a leader among the Prohibitionists. He enjoys the esteem of all his fellow-citizens and has held many of the offices of the township, notably that of Township Clerk, which position he filled for more than fourteen years, a criterion which shows the appreciation in which he is held in the land of his adoption. He and his wife are members of the Free-Will Baptist Church.



EORGE W. BLIVEN, one of the well-to-do-farmers of Lenawe County, is a fine illustration of the self-made man, as he began life for himself mostly dependent upon his own resources. He came to this section of country in the pioneer days, and has been an interested witness of the growth and development of Southern Michigan, while at the same time he has contributed in no small degree to the building up of this county and assisting it to its present enviable position.

The subject of this biography was born in Great Barrington, Berkshire Co., Mass., March 16, 1821, and is the son of Samuel and Mary (Bliven) Bliven, natives of Westerly, R. I. Samuel Bliven was born Feb. 28, 1792, and is the son of George Bliven, a native of the same place, who was a farmer by occupation and served as a soldier in the Revolutionary War. With the exception of the time spent in the army, he passed his entire life at the place of his birth. His son Samuel, when a boy of thirteen or fourteen years, went to sea in the sloop "Benjamin" on a lishing expedition to the Straits of Belle Isle, on the northern coast of Newfoundland. Thence he shipped on board a merchant vessel and thereafter visited England, France, and many of the Southern ports in this country. He made one voyage from New York to the Russian ports in the Baltic Sea, and in all spent about ten years of his life on the ocean. During the War of 1812 he served in a Connecticut regiment of minute men, and for his services now draws a pension from the Government.

In 1819 Samuel Bliven left his native State, and after a brief residence in Connecticut and Massaclausetts, migrated to the vicinity of what is now the city of Cleveland, Ohio, and purchased a tract of land which is included within its present limits, Some years later, in 1833, he came to the Territory of Michigan, and purchasing 125 acres of land on sections 20 and 21, in Blissfield Township, built up a good farm which he still occupies. He was always a very industrious and energetic man, never afraid of putting his shoulder to the wheel, either for himself or his neighbors, and as the result of a temperate life and correct habits, enjoyed remarkably good health until after he had passed his threescore years. He has remained here since the death of his wife, in 1816, and is now under the kind care of his son and daughter, and is over ninety-five years

The mother of our subject, who became the wife of Sannel Bliven, Feb. 1, 1818, was the daughter of Jonathan and Amy (Bliven, Bliven, of Westerly, R. I. The parental household included seven children, viz: George W., now a resident of Blissfield; Joseph F., on the home farm; Albert H., who died in Blissfield, July 29, 1855; Samuel M. died in San Francisco, Cal.; Mary A., and a son and daughter who died in infancy. The mother was born in Westerly, R. L. June 11, 1795, and died in Blissfield, Nov. 10, 1846.

George W. Bliven accompanied his parents when they came to this country, the journey being effected by the usual mode of travel of that early day. Their outlit included two pairs of horses and two wagons, and they camped and cooked by the wayside, sleeping in the wagons at night. Deer, wolves and wild turkeys were plentiful, and whatever else they might lack in the way of provisions they were always supplied with choice meat. Young Bliven assisted his father in clearing a farm, and remained under the home roof until reaching manhoot. He had been quite a hunter and trapper during his youth, and made considerable money dealing in furs. He traveled over the country when it was a wilderness, and as a fur dealer laid the foundations of his fortune.

Upon reaching his majority young Bliven left the farm and engaged with the Erie & Kalamazoo Railroad Company (now Michigan Southern) as track repairer, being occupied thus three or four years. He had now saved quite a little sum of money, and he invested this in a tract of land near Ottawa Lake. He never occupied it, however, but made considerable improvements and sold out a few years later at an advanced price. This venture stimulated him to further investment in this line, and he became one of the most extensive landowners in this part of the country, his subsequent operations being confined mostly to Southern Michigan.

Mr. Bliven, May 13, 1854, was married to Miss Anna E. Goodale, at the home of the bride's parents, near Deerfield, Mich. Mrs. Bliven was born in Baldwinsville, Onondaga Co., N. Y., Feb. 7, 1833, and is the daughter of Hiram and Sarah E. Goodale, the former a native of Fabius, N. Y., and born Oct. 4, 1800. He was the son of Nathan Goodale, a New Englander by birth, who left his native hills and located in the wilds of Madison County during its earliest settlement, where he improved a farm, and died in 1823. He had married a Miss Mattoon, also a native of New England, who was called to her reward ten years before the decease of her husband. Nathan Goodale served as a soldier in the War of 1812 and was a pensioner during the last years of his life. His son Hiram, the father of Mrs. Bliven, was reared in his native county, and when fourteen years of age went into Monroe County, and from there a few years later to the town of Baldwinsville, in Onondaga County. He was a natural mechanic and became an expert millwright. His early advantages for learning were exceedingly limited, but after learning to read he became well-informed, and continued thus to keep himself posted upon all matters of general interest. He was married in Baldwinsville and lived there until 1845, when he came to this county and purchased a quarter section of timber land upon its eastern line, in Deerfield Township. Mr. Goodale put up a block house, cleared the forest away, and

cultivated the soil until the illness which resulted in his death, May 5, 1856. His wife, Mrs. Sarah E. (Keene) Goodale, was born in the town of Homer, Cortland Co., N. Y., in 1810, and was the daughter of Samuel B. and Comfort (White) Keene, natives respectively of New Hampshire and of Cortland County, N. Y. After the death of her first husband, Mrs. Goodale was married to Joseph Tenant, and died at her home near Deerfield, Aug. 28, 1866.

Mr. and Mrs. Bliven became the parents of six children, four now living; they are recorded as follows: Alice J., Mrs. Haskell Warren, is a resident of Beadle County, Dak.; Edward G. is at home with his parents; Cora J. is the wife of William Sisson, of Adrian; Eghert B. died at the age of seven months; Lucy J. E. remains at home; Agnes Mabel was born Dec. 20, 1865, and became the wife of Charles B. Phillips, Jr., of Toledo, Ohio; she died March 14, 1886, leaving one child, Kenneth L., who lives with his grandparents.

ILLIAM B. WHITE, one of the leading and influential agriculturists of this township, resides on his fine farm of 260 acres on sections 15 and 16, Cambridge Township. Only one acre of it is on section 15, and on that is erected his excellent residence, which is well surrounded with all necessary out-buildings. Mr. White is known as one of the leading stock-raisers of this locality, as he gives most of his attention to that line of farming, with very satisfactory results. He is a native of Wayne County, N. Y., where he was born near Palmyra, Dec. 25, 1834, and is the son of Samuel and Ann (Smith) White, a sketch of whom will be found on another page in this Albevy.

When William White was about eighteen months old his parents came to this county and located on section 15. Cambridge Township. Here he was reared and received his education in the log cabin school-house, whose hallowed walls enshrine the halcyon memories of so many of our eminent men. In the days of his youth he took up the trade of his father, that of a carpenter, which he followed for a few years, afterward turning his attention to farming.

William B. White was united in marriage, Oct.

31, 1860, with Miss Ellen, daughter of Calvin and Pattie (Howard) Lewis, natives of Vermont and New York States respectively. Her parents were married in Livingston County, N. Y., where the mother had been born and reared. Calvin Lewis removed from Burlington, Vt., to New York when a lad of fourteen years, and during the struggle between the United States and Great Britain in 1812, was in the army and saw considerable service in the field. He was the son of Timothy and Pattie (Bradley) Lewis, the former an old Revolutionary soldier, a native of New England, who after passing a few years in Michigan, removed to Illinois and died at Belvidere, in that State, at the age of ninety-four years. His son, Calvin Lewis, born in 1793, was the fourth of eight children. Returning to the State of New York, on his discharge, he was there married and followed farming until the death of his wife in 1840, leaving him with seven small children, when he removed to the western part of the State. In 1854, with his children, he migrated to Michigan, and made a settlement in Cambridge Township, purchasing a large farm where he remained until 1866, when he removed to Pent Water, Mich., with part of his family, While a resident of that place he was stricken by death, March 9, 1868. Like most of those who came of New England stock Mr. Lewis seems to have been one of those in whom conscience was as hereditary as intelligence, and while striving to earn a competency by all honorable means he would never swerve from the true path of rectitude and honor.

Mrs. White is a native of Wyoming County, N. Y., and was born March 10, 1836. She is the youngest of the family, her mother dying when she was about a year old. Mr, and Mrs. White are the parents of three children, recorded as follows: Mary I, was born Dec. 13, 1861, and is the wife of Frank W. Gilbert, who lives in Rome Township: they have one child, an infant unnamed. Ann M. was born March 1, 1864, and attended the State Normal School at Ypsilanti; she is at present at home, Arthur E, was born Nov. 21, 1870, and is attending school at Raisin Valley.

Mr. White's career as a pioneer citizen has been one eminently successful. Coming here at an early age he has grown up amid these surroundings, proving himself in every way worthy and useful to the community in which he resides, while his neighborand old friends unitedly hear testimony to his sterling worth, integrity, and valuable services as a citizen. In politics he is a sincere Democrat.

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EW18 WESTFALL. The subject of this sketch was born in Sussex County, N. J., on the 16th of April, 1818, and was the son of Daniel Westfall, a farmer, who was born in New Jersey of Holland ancestors. The father removed to Caynga County, N. Y., and settled in what is now known as the township of Niles, where he bought a farm of 100 acres, which was but partially improved. It was one of the first settled farms in that section, and contained a good frame house for that time; on this farm he resided until his death. The maiden name of his wife was Polly McKibby, also a native of New Jersey, and of Scotch ancestors. She died on the homestead in Niles, in 1865, aged eighty-six years.

The subject of this sketch was but seven years old when his parents removed to New York, and he remained with them until he grew to maturity, and was educated in the common schools. When a young man, he taught school for a time, and then went to Skaneateles, Onondaga Co., N. Y., where he learned the trade of joiner, and then followed that occupation for seven years. In 1852 he moved to Sandusky, Ohio, and was employed in the railroad shops at that place. While there, he became afflicted with spinal affection, which in a measure incapacitated him for manual labor, and in 1866 he sold his property in Sandusky, and returning to New York, settled on the old homestead in Cayuga County. Here he resided until the spring of 1872, when he came to Blissfield Township, and bought the old school-house property, which he transformed into a dwelling-house, and in the same lot built the house where he resided until his death, Aug. 25, 1885, and where Mrs. Westfall still lives. He had accumulated quite a property, and after coming here did little manual labor.

On the 31st of May, 1851, Mr. Westfall was

married to Miss II. Louisa Morrison, who was born in Vernon, Oneida Co., N. Y., June 23, 1830. Her father, Owen Morrison, was born in Colerain, Franklin Co., Mass., and his father, David Morrison, was born on the farm on which his grandfather and great-grandfather were born, David Morrison was a farmer, and spent his entire life in Massachusetts. The father of Mrs. Westfall grew to manhood in his native town, where he received an excellent education, and taught school. He studied with an elder brother, with the intention of becoming a physician, but as his health would not permit him to engage in the practice of that profession he turned his attention to farming. When about twenty years of age he went to Oneida County, where he married, and followed farming in Vernon Township until his death, which occurred on the 25th of March, 1862. Mrs. Westfall's mother, whose maiden name was Lanra Barrett, was born in Connecticut, and was the daughter of Gains Barrett, a native of Connecticut, and a pioneer of Oneida County, where he died at the age of eighty-one years.

Mr. Westfall was a member of Science Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Sandusky, Ohio, Mrs. Westfall is an active member of the Presbyterian Church, while her parents were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.



LEWELLYN HART. The gentleman whose name appears at the head of this sketch is a farmer and stock-raiser, residing on his pleasant homestead on section 10, Hudson Township. He was born in Royalton, Niagara Co., N. Y., Sept. 29, 1840, and is the eldest son of John and Elvira Hart (for parental history see sketch of Albert Hart.)

Our subject came to Michigan with his parents when four years old, and he can distinctly remember when deer, wild turkeys and other game were plentiful. The first school of the township was held in the log house situated on his father's farm, with its chimney of dirt and sticks, its puncheon floor and slab benches. In this primitive building our subject received his first instruction in the "three R's," and as soon as large enough he assisted his father in clearing the farm and tilling the soil. He remained at home thus engaged until his marriage, which took place in November, 1882, when he was united to Miss Mary S. Jackson, a native of Addison, Lenawee County. Her father, W. W. Jackson, was born in Victor, Ontario Co., N. Y., Oct. 3, 1813, and his father, Jacob Jackson, it is supposed, was born in Monroe County, N. Y. He was a farmer by occupation and resided in that county until 1830 or 1831, when he emigrated to the Territory of Michigan and located in Madison Township, where he took ap a tract of land and improved a farm, and there spent the last years of his life.

The father of Mrs. Hart was seventeen years old when he came to this county with his parents, and after he had grown to manhood he settled in Adams Township, Hillsdale County, where he was an early settler. He resided there until 1853, then sold his farm and again started for a new country. He penetrated the forests of Wisconsin and settled in what is now Adrian Township, Monroe County, being a pioneer of that place also. He had great natural ability and was possessed of a good education, and the Tomah paper speaking of him, said: "He soon attained a high position in church and State," He was appointed County Judge by the Governor in 1858, and was Chairman of the Town Board fourteen years, besides serving in the State Legislature seven years: The efficient manner in which he discharged his official duties was a credit to himself and an honor to the people who elected him. He was a prominent and active member of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, and the village of Jacksonville in Monroe County, was named in his honor. Mr. Jackson improved a farm near there, which he occupied until his removal to Tomah, Wis., where he lived retired the last few years of his life, dying May 19, 1886. The mother of Mrs. Hart, whose maiden name was Amanda Gilson, was a native of Wayne County, Mich., where her parents, Simon and Mary (Courtwright) Gilson, were pioneers, coming here from Pennsylvania, Subsequently they removed to Hillsdale County, where they were early settlers, and from there they went to Tomah, Wis., where both died.

After marriage Mr. Hart and his wife settled on the farm they now occupy. It comprises 160 acres of valuable land, on which are a good dwelling and substantial farm buildings. He is successfully engaged in farming and stock-raising, having fine graded cattle, Short-horns being his favorite breed. To Mr. Hart and his wife has been born one child, Carroll. Politically, Mr. Hart has always been independent, believing in the best men for the best places, but usually voting with the Republicans.

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A AMUEL BLIVEN, of Blissfield Township. was born in Westerly, R. L., on the 28th of February, 1792. His father, George Bliven, was born in the same place, and was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. He was a farmer, and spent his entire life in Westerly. Samuel Bliven, when a boy thirteen or fourteen years old, went to sea in the sloop "Benjamin," on a fishing expedition to the Straits of Belle Isle, on the northern coast of Newfoundland. Afterward he shipped on board a merchant vessel, and went to England, France, and many of the Southern ports in this country. He made one voyage from New York to the Russian ports in the Baltic Sca, and spent in all about ten years of his life upon the ocean. He was a soldier in the War of 1812, in a Connecticut regiment of minute men, and now draws a pension for his services. About 1819 be went to Stonington, Conn., where he lived about one year; he then went to Berkshire County, Mass., where he followed farming for about six years. In 1827 he migrated to Cleveland, Ohio, and purchased a farm within the present limits of that city. He lived there about seven years, and in 1833 came to Michigan and purchased 125 acres of land on sections 20 and 21, in Blissfield Township, where he now resides.

Mr. Bliven has always been an active man, and has bought and sold several pieces of land, both in this and Monroe County. He has always enjoyed remarkably good health, and until after he was sixty years of age, never was sick enough to keep him from his labor, excepting while he had his regular spells of ague, during the first few years of his residence in this county. During the past twenty years he has suffered with rheumatism, but

he is now, in his ninety-sixth year, able to do considerable work.

On the 1st of February, 1818, Mr. B. married Miss-Mary, daughter of Jonathan and Amy Bliven, of Westerly, R. L. by whom he had seven children, recorded as follows: George W. was born in Great Barrington, Mass., March 16, 1821, and is now a resident of Blissfield; Joseph F. was born in the same place, April 1, 1823; Albert H. was born in Lee, Mass., May 13, 1825, and died in Blissfield, July 29, 1855; Samuel M. was born in Cleveland, Ohio, Jan. 8, 1832, and died in San Francisco, Cal.; Mary A. was born in Blissfield, April 8, 1839, while one son and a daughter died in infancy. Mrs. Mary Bliven was born in Westerly, R. L. June 11, 1795, and died in Blissfield, Nov. 10, 1846.

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MARLES BLANCHARD is the only living member of one of the pioneer families who took up their residence in Michigan Territory over fifty years ago. For forty years he has been a resident of Medina Township, and is the proprietor of a good farm of 200 acres on section 25. His parents, John W. and Phebe Blanchard, were natives of New York State, the father born in 1800 and the mother in 1805. The paternal Michigan and settled first in Oakland County, Here John W. was married to Miss Phebe Wixom, and they spent the remainder of their lives in Oakland County, the mother dying in September, 1846, and the father two years later. They were the parents of four children—Lewis M., Marshall, Charles and Elizabeth.

Charles Blanchard was born June 27, 1835, in Oakland County, and received a common-school education mostly in Medina Township. For a period of eight years he was a member of the family of his uncle, Horace Garlick. He purchased 130 acres of land on section 26, and some time afterward was united in marriage with Miss Clarissa Ophelia Baldwin, the wedding taking place at the home of the bride, April 10, 1855. Mrs. Blanchard is the daughter of Charles M. and Martha K. (Mitchell) Baldwin, natives of Massachusetts, the father born Feb. 28, 1806, and the mother Feb. 1, 1816. They were married July 24, 1834, and settled in Fairfield Township, this county. Two years later they removed to a farm on section 24, Medina Township, where Nelson Baldwin now resides. The father secured his land from the Government and later added to his possessions by purchase from another party. Mr. and Mrs. Baldwin spent the remainder of their lives at the homestead which they had labored together to build up, Mr. Baldwin departed this life on the 3d of April, 1852, while his widow survived him about twelve years, her death occurring Aug. 27, 1864. Their seven children were: Emma Louisa, Clarissa Ophelia, Cyrus Mitchell, an infant son who died unnamed. Nelson, Edgar E, and Charles Eurotus. The eldest and the youngest are deceased. Cyrus, during the late war served as a Union soldier in Company A, 18th Michigan Infantry, and is now carrying on the drug business in Morenci. The other members of the family living are residents mostly of Michigan.

Mrs. Blanchard was born in Medina Township, April 3, 1837, and was here educated in the common schools, also taking a course in the Barrows Academy, the first school of any importance in the township. She remained with her parents until her marriage and became the mother of eleven children. These were named respectively: Lura Emma, Charles Eurotus, Ernest W., Cyrus M., Willard A., Ethel W., Walter M., Effic E., Bessie O., Rena M. and Roscoe W. Lura, Ethel and Ernest are deceased; Charles E. married Miss Mary Maybin, and is engaged at farming in Morenci; Cyrus M. is a prosperous lumber dealer at Ft. Scott, Kan.; Willard A. was graduated from the Morenci High School, and commenced teaching when eighteen years old, which profession he has since followed successfully; Walter M. is at home: Etlie is a pupil of the High School at Morenci; Bessie and Rena are still attending the district school, and Roscoe is at home.

The Blanchard farm comprises 200 acres of valuable land, and Mr. B. has been successfully engaged as a stock-raiser for the last twenty years. He has a fine herd of twenty-eight thoroughbred Short-horns, with the young bull, "Duke of Ardria," at the head,

He is also giving much attention to the breeding of road and draft horses, of which he has a fine stable, including the celebrated stallion, "Harry B.," of the Knox family, and "Donald Dinnie," the latter a thoroughbred Clydesdale. Besides these there are thirteen high-grade mares and geldings. He also includes sheep-raising in his operations, dealing mostly in thoroughbred Shropshires. His flock includes "Sir Arthur Thorp," imported from England in 1887. Mr. Blanchard takes great pride in his stock and gives careful attention to their treatment, having his animals well sheltered and fed, for which purpose his barns and sheds are constructed in the most substantial and convenient manner. He was an expert hunter in his younger days and excelled as a sportsman, of which recreation he was extremely fond.



OHN McCLENAHAN, well known throughout Adrian Township, occupies the old homestead of his father, upon which the latter settled in the pioneer days. The majority of people have an involuntary respect for the longtime resident of a community, and especially for those in possession of the property bequeathed them by their ancestors, and it is indeed a matter of surprise that any man is ever willing to part with such a legacy. No greater respect can be shown a parent than deference to his ideas and wishes, and none can be more greatly honored than by the perpetuation of his labors held intact and preserved from the hands of strangers. Our subject has clung to this idea thus far in life, and it is quite likely that nothing but the most stringent circumstances will cause him to part with his legitimate inheritance.

The McClenahan homestead comprises 160 acres of land under a good state of cultivation, and with fair improvements. The stock and machinery will bear good comparison with that of the neighboring agriculturists, and the home is surrounded by an air of plenty and comfort which is extremely pleasant to contemplate. Its present proprietor, John McClenahan, is a native of Union County, Pa., where his birth took place Ang. 21, 1857. His father, Andrew McClenahan, was the son of an Irish gentleman, a millwright by trade, who crossed the Atlantic and took up his abode in Eric County, Pa., where he put up the first mill in that locality, He also married and reaved a family, and took up a large tract of land, upon which he labored industriously until quite aged, being strong and vigorous, and died when about seventy-nine years old. His wife had died some years previously.

Andrew McClenahan, upon leaving the home roof. proceeded east to the Susquehanna Valley, and located with his nucle of the same name, near Lewisburg, with whom he remained until about 1862, thence went to Ohio, and purchased a farm in Seneca County, which he occupied six years. Not quite satisfied with his operations in the Buckeye State, he proceeded northwest to Michigan, and locating in Adrian Township, purchased the following year an improved farm of 160 acres. He entered upon the cultivation of this land with his characteristic energy, and prepared to spend here the remainder of his days. He took an active interest in everything concerning the progress and welfare of the community, and identified himself with the Methodist Protestant Church, in whose interests he was particularly industrious. He labored in the Sunday-school, and officiated as Steward and Trustee. He was soon recognized as a most valuable addition to the community, but was not permitted to carry out his plans, being cut down in his prime, his death occurring at the age of forty-two years, in the spring of 1877.

Andrew McClenahan married for his first wife a Miss Hutchison, of Pennsylvania, who became the mother of one child, and died there before his removal from the State. This child, a daughter, Jane, is now the wife of John B. Sipley, of Cass County, Mich. His second wife, the mother of our subject, was Miss Margaret McCalmont, the daughter of a highly respected farmer of Centre County, Pa. She was born in that county, and like her predecessor only lived a few years after her marriage, her death taking place near Tiffin, in Ohio. Of the second marriage there were born four children, and they adopted a boy, Andrew Ranek, who is now living

with the subject of this sketch. Eleanor, Emcline and Maggie are living with their brother, our subject, who is unmarried.



ICHAEL P. LONG. The subject of this sketch is at present filling the office of Justice of the Peace in Adrian. Since becoming a citizen of Lenawee County he has held many offices of responsibility and trust, the duties of which he has discharged to the satisfaction of the people. During the war of the Rebellion he made an enviable record as a soldier, and contributed his best efforts in making the reputation which the State of Michigan carned for the part she took in suppressing the rebellion and overthrowing the confederacy.

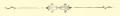
Mr. Long was born in the city of New York, on the 12th of August, 1835, and is the son of Dennis and Margaret Long, who removed from New York City to Chicago when our subject was but four years of age. The father was a merchant most of his life, but spent his late years on a farm in Du Page County, Ill., while he also conducted a mercantile business in the town of Geneva, the county seat of Kane. He departed this life in St. Charles, Kane County, in December, 1862, while the mother of our subject died in 1857. Two of the three children who composed this family are now living, of whom Michael is the youngest. In his youth Mr. Long secured a very fair education, and after he became a young man he devoted three winters to school teaching, after which he attended the Ansel Smith Academy, located in Kane County,

Very soon after the breaking out of the war in 1861, Mr. Long came to Michigan and settled in Cedar Springs Township, on what is now the site of the village of that name. In the month of June, that year, he enlisted in the army, being mustered as a private soldier in Company E, 3d Michigan Infantry, in time to participate in the battle of Bull Run, and during his term of service in that regiment passed through the various grades of non-commissioned officers until he attained the rank of First Sergeant, at which he remained until the regi-

ment was consolidated with the 5th Michigan Regiment, after the battle of the Wilderness. Soon after this Mr. Long was tendered a Captain's commission in the re-organized 3d Regiment, which he accepted, and in that rank served during the remainder of the war, and was mustered out of the service a Captain and Brevet Major of the regiment.

At the close of the war Mr. Long returned to the North, and located in Adrian, where, in 1871, he obtained a position in the office of the Register of Deeds, and in that capacity served for two years. He was then appointed Probate Register, and, in 1876, on account of his efficiency and experience, he was elected by the people to the office of Register of Deeds of Lenawee County. At the close of his first term, having served so acceptably and faithfully he was complimented with a second election, which gave him as chief of that office four years' service. In 1881 he was elected to the office of Justice of the Peace, and at the close of his first term was re-elected, and is the incumbent of the office at the time of the writing of this sketch, also serving as Police Justice, being the last to hold that office during the existence of the old charter. In 1886 Mr. Long was elected to the office of Coroner of Lenawee County, and in all these public positions he has brought to the discharge of their duties intelligence and a fair sense of justice.

In 1866 Mr. Long was married to Lizzie C., daughter of William F. and Emily J. Cole, and born on the 24th of September, 1837. Mr. and Mrs. Long are members of the Presbyterian Church, and are active participants in all the affairs which relate to the interests of the society in which they move.



ARRETT VROOMAN is one of the original pioneers of the Northwest, and is among those who came to this section of the country when the Indians were yet in possession. His experience has been varied, and he is familiar with the hardships which the first settlers had to endure. He was a great fur dealer in early times, and in pursuit of that occupation he traversed the Territory now comprehended by the States of Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa and Minnesota. He was in the

last-named State before railroads were thought of, and camped with Indians where the city of Mineapolis now stands, and when that locality had no other designation than St. Anthony's Falls. When he was a fur trader the Indians made his house a place of visiting, and would come in great numbers early in the morning and remain all day, and on these occasions he would trade them heads and other articles pleasing to them for furs. Mr. Vrooman is a man who has displayed great energy all his life, and is yet full of vigor and enterprise. He is a great reader and keeps himself thoroughly informed upon all subjects which affect in any manner the people and the country.

Garrett Vrooman was born in Lenox Township, Madison Co., N. Y., on the 17th of January, 1818, and his father, John A. Vrooman, was born in Montgomery County, N. Y., about 1792, while the grandfather, Daniel Vrooman, was born in Holland, and coming to America with his parents joined in the early settlement of the Mohawk Valley. The great-grandfather erected a block house, which served as a fort, and though he was attacked by Indians and several of the members of the family were killed, he fought bravely and determinedly, and his improvised fort was not captured. The grandfather was a farmer and cleared a farm in the Mohawk Valley where he spent the last years of his life. The father was reared on a farm in Montgomery County, where he resided until 1837, when he sold his property and removed to Ohio, settling in Lucas County. He and the subject of this sketch bought a tract of timber land in Sylvania Township, and the father lived there until his death in 1877, at the age of eighty-five years. The maiden name of the mother of the subject of this sketch was Elizabeth Bingham; she was born in Connectient, and was the daughter of Capt, Rial Bingham, who enlisted at Hartford, Conn., in the Revolutionary army, and served with the rank of Captain during that war. He drew from the Government a warrant for 600 acres of land, which is now included in the city of Syracuse, N. Y. He located on that land soon after the war and died there. There were ten children, eight of whom grew to maturity.

The subject of this sketch was the eldest son

and second child of the family. When he was a mere boy he commenced work on the Erie Canal, being employed at \$1 per month, in driving a horse. When he was about twelve years old his father bought a boat which he and his brother managed on the canal each season until he was nineteen years of age, when he came to Ohio with his parents. The journey was made by the way of the Eric Canal and the Lakes to Toledo. He and his father bought eighty acres of heavily timbered land in Sylvania Township, paying \$600 therefor, and lived in a log cabin until they could build a frame house. The father had made potash in New York State, and immediately commenced its manufacture here, meeting with a ready sale for all he could produce. They cleared nearly the entire tract, and resided there until 1842, when he sold his interest to his father and brother and bought 100 acres of timber land in Richfield Township, Lucas County, which he cleared and lived upon until 1863. In that year he sold out, and going to Detroit, engaged in equipping men for the army until 1865. He then bought in Raisinville Township, Monroe County, and lived there until 1871, when he sold out and removed to Metamora, where he engaged in the manufacture of potash. While residing there in 1871 he bought the farm upon which he now resides, and commenced clearing the land, and erected a house which he occupied in

On the 12th of November, 1843, Mr. Vrooman was married to Sallie, daughter of Renben Treadway, a native of Jefferson County, N. Y. He removed thence to Genesee County, and from there to Allegany County, where he resided until 1836, when he came to the Territory of Michigan, and settled in what is now Riga Township, Lenawee County. His son, Martin Van Buren Treadway, was the first white child born in that township. He was a soldier in the Union army and lost his life at Resea, Ga. The father of Mrs. Vrooman now lives in Richfield Township, Lucas Co., Ohio, Mr. and Mrs. Vrooman have two children: F. Hiram lives at Alpena, Mich., and A. Eleanor is the wife of Henry E. Prentis, and lives in Metamora, Ohio,

Mr. Vrooman's early experiences, if compiled and published, would make an interesting chapter in the history of the Northwest, as they date back to before the days of railroad transportation. In 1852 and for a year or two afterward he engaged in boating on the Wabash, Eric and Miami Canals. In his travels through the region of country drained by the Mississippi it was his privilege to be a passenger upon the first trip made by the steamboat "War Eagle," commanded by Capt. Harris, on that river. He relates reminiscences of those days in an intelligent and interesting memner, and it is a pleasure to the student of history to listen to his descriptions.

AMES PATTERSON. This gentleman ranks among the thrifty general farmers and stock-raisers of Macon Township, to which he came in the spring of 1872, and where he has since resided. His first purchase was seventy acres of land on section 26, only a part of which had been cultivated. Like a large majority who came to Southern Michigan, Mr. Patterson is of foreign birth and parentage, and has proved one of the most valued factors in the farming and business interests of this section.

Mr. Patterson was born in County Antrim, Ireland, in 1831. His father, James by name, was the son of Alex, Patterson, who was also born in Ireland, where he married and reared a family, and spent the remainder of his days engaged in farming in County Autrim. James Patterson, Sr., was born and reared in County Antrim, where he engaged in agriculture, and upon reaching manhood, married Miss Anis McGowen, who was also a native of the North of Ireland. They reared a family, and in 1852 joined their son in America, and for a time were residents of Baltimore, Md. James, our subject, had preceded his parents to this country when a youth of sixteen years, in 1847. He had learned the trade of a machinist, and was engaged for a time as a boiler-maker in Baltimore. In 1858, he resolved to seek his fortune in the West, and coming to this county, located in Macon Township, to which place his parents had come three years before. The father had purchased eighty acres of land on section 35, taking up a tract of uncultivated land which he transformed into a good farm, and

where his death took place in February, 1879, at the age of seventy-nine years. The mother of our subject survived her husband some years, and continued at the home-stead in Macon Township. Her death occurred in March, 1885, when she was eighty-six years old. The parental family included seven children, who are now all dead except the two eldest.

Mr. Patterson was married while a resident of Baltimore, Md., to Miss Catherine Dunham, who died there after the birth of one child, a daughter, Maggie J. Mrs. Catherine Patterson was born in County Antrim, Ireland, whence she emigrated to the United States when a young woman, and located in Baltimore, where she made the acquaintance of her future Insband. She was a lady of many excellent qualities, and greatly mourned by her Insband and friends.

After the death of his wife, Mr. Patterson came to the West, and on the 1st of January, 1860, he was married to his second wife, Miss Rachel Lupton, of Ridgeway Township. Mrs. P. was born in this township, June 3, 1843, and is the daughter of Thomas and Mary (Cooper) Lupton, natives of Yorkshire, England. After the birth of one child, her parents came to the United States, and located in Ridgeway Township, this county, in a tract of unbroken timber. The father built up a good home in the wilderness, and there both parents spent the remainder of their days, the mother dying in 1862, and the father in 1885. Mrs. Patterson was reared to womanhood in Ridgeway Township, remaining under the parental roof until her marriage with our subject. Of this union there have born five children, namely: Mary M., the wife of William Scheder, a prosperous farmer of Clinton Township, and Irvin, Robert, Jemima and Clarance, who are at home with their parents,

Mr. Patterson after his second marriage settled in Lagrange County, Ind., where he engaged in farming until after the outbreak of the late war. In July, 1862, he enlisted in Company F, 88th Indiana Infantry, and marching with his comrades to the front, participated in many of the important battles of the war. In the engagement at Murfreesboro in September, 1862, he received a ball in the right hip, and was confined in the hospital several months. This practically unfitted him for further duty, and he was discharged at Louisville, Ky., on account of disability.

Mr. Patterson, upon his return from the army, at once removed his family from Lagrange County, Ind., to Ridgeway Township, this county, taking up a tract of land, on which he resided until 1871, when he sold out and purchased his present farm. Here he was welcomed as a valuable addition to the community, and ranks among the representative citizens of the county. Politically, he votes the straight Democratic ticket. Mrs. Patterson was a charter member of the Presbyterian Church in Macon Township, and is still numbered among its most devoted adherents.



ON. HENRY WYMAN. The subject of this sketch is now eighty-five years of age, and has been a pioneer citizen of two States which stand foremost among those of the West—Indiana and Michigan. He became a citizen of Indiana in 1831, and settled in Anderson, Madison County, in 1832, where he was an honored citizen, and the compeer of Col. Ninevah Berry, Jacob Stillwell, Andrew Jackson, James Hazlett, Allan Makepeace, and others equally distinguished in the opening and building up of that section of Indiana.

Dr. Wyman, in all the pioneer movements in Madison County, displayed a master hand, and on account of his ability and knowledge of the wants of the people, was selected to represent the district of which Madison County is a part in the Lower House of the State Legislature. Besides this official position he was for many years a Justice of the Peace in Anderson. In 1887 be visited that place, which had grown to be a city of much pretensions, both as a manufacturing and railroad point, and besides has several of the largest natural gas wells of the Indiana gas district. On this oceasion a banquet was tendered him, which was attended by all the old citizens, and the occasion was an exceedingly delightful one to all who particinated. The Doctor remembers it as one of the happiest events of his life, for it revealed to him the respect and esteem in which he is held by the



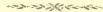


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people among whom he lived so many years. His life in Michigan has been crowned with success, and like the people of Indiana, his neighbors in Michigan conferred many honors upon him. In the year of 1845 he was elected as the representative of Lenawee County to the Michigan Legislature, and drafted and succeeded in having enacted into a law, the first bill ever introduced in the United States on the subject of drainage. This law was afterward repealed, but it has since served as the basis of all the ditch and drainage laws which have been enacted in the United States. Dr. Wyman has been successful in the practice of his profession wherever he has lived. He has now retired from the active practice of medicine, but the name of Wyman will continue to hold an honored place in the profession, for his mantle has fallen upon his sons, who are worthy successors, and they have gained an excellent reputation as skillful physicians, though they have chosen other fields for their work. Dr. Wyman is exceedingly well preserved, and presents the appearance of one who is in the prime of life.

Dr. Henry Wyman was born in Keene, Cheshire Co., N. 11., on the 2d of April, 1803. His father, Jonathan Wyman, was born in Concord, Mass., and his grandfather was killed at the battle of Concord on the 19th of April, 1775, Dr. Wyman's father was six years old at that time, and his mother dying soon after, he lived with an older sister. He served an apprenticeship and learned the trade of a baker, at which he worked for a time in the city of Boston. When a young man he went to New Hampshire, and lived until 1804, and then went to Jefferson County, N. Y., where he was a pioneer settler. He bought timber land and cleared a farm, and resided in Rodman Township, that county, until his death. The maiden name of his wife, who was the mother of the subject of this sketch, was Abigail Adams, a native of New Hampshire, where she was born in Nelson Township, Cheshire County. She died in Rodman Township, defferson Co., N. Y. The subject of this sketch was reared on a farm, and received his rudimentary education in the common schools, and his academical education at Lowville. In 1825 he began the study of medicine at Lockport, N. Y., and in 1832 removed to Anderson, Madison Co., Ind., where he began the practice, and lived there until 1841, when he went to Mississippi, and resided until 1843. In that year he removed to Blissfield, where he lived four years, and in 1847 returned to Anderson, Ind., where he remained until 1864, when he again returned to Blissfield, and engaged in the practice of medicine until he was seventy-five years of age, when he retired.

Dr. Wyman's first marriage occurred in 1835, his wife being Prudence Berry, who was born in Clark County, Ind. She died in 1837, leaving one child, Oliver C., who is now engaged in the wholesale drygoods business in Minneapolis, Minn. His second marriage, in 1841, was to Zelinda Carpenter, a native of Potsdam, N. Y., and the daughter of Clement Carpenter (see sketch of Joel Carpenter). She died on the 14th of November, 1877. By this marriage three children were born; Hal, C., a prominent physician in the city of Detroit; Hugh S., a physician in Alaska, and Carrie S., the wife of F. B. Lamb, of Blissfield, Dr. Wyman was formerly a Postmaster of Blissfield. His long public and private career is one to be emulated by the young men of to-day. No page can be found in this work devoted to a more worthy object than this which contains a sketch of the events in the life of Dr. Wyman.



AMES LANNING. Among the venerated citizens of Raisin Township no name is more worthy of perpetuation than that which stands at the head of this sketch. He is widely and favorably known throughout this part of Lenawce County, as having been one of its pioneer settlers and representative farmers. He came to the Territory of Michigan in the fall of 1833, and secured a tract of land from the Government, upon which he expended years of labor and thousands of dollars, and built up one of the most valuable homesteads in Raisin Township. property is located on section 6, and Mr. Lanning still occupies the land upon which he first settled, but which to-day bears little resemblance to the condition in which he found it,

Mr. Lanning began his operations in the wilder-

ness, one of his first duties being the erection of a shelter for his family. He selected one of the pleasantest spots on his new purchase, and put up a small log house, which he covered with clapboards and in which he laid a puncheon floor. The old-fashioned fireplace occupied nearly one end of the building, and the chimney was put up outside of mud and sticks. This structure served as a shelter for the little household several years, and then a more modern one was substituted.

Mr. Lanning, however, in putting up his first residence, accidentally placed his house across the line on land belonging to other parties, so that he was obliged to either remove it or to purchase. He chose the latter alternative, and after considerable strategy, in order to get ahead of another party, added forty acres to the eighty he had already secured, and which transaction, by the way, he has never regretted. After he had his land paid for there was only \$5 left to him with which to begin the necessary improvements. He made an occasional dollar as a huntsman, being quite expert with the rifle, and upon the present site of flourishing farms and beautiful homesteads, has many a time killed three or four deer in a day. He had brought with him two pounds of lead and one pound of powder, and this he economized in such a careful manner, that it did service in the slaughter of fifty deer, besides numbers of small game.

The subject of this history was born in Huntington, Sussex Co., N. J., Oct. 5, 1810, and is the son of Cornelius and Charity (Young) Lanning, natives of the same county as their son, and the parents of nine children, three sons and six daughters. Of these three are now living and residents of Lenawee County. Cornelius Lanning carried on farming in Sussex County, where both parents spent their entire lives, and where the father died in 1825. The mother survived her husband ten years, and also passed away at the old homestead, her death taking place in 1835.

James Lanning continued in his native State until a youth of nineteen years, then repaired to Ovid, Seneca Co., N. Y., where he remained working on a farm by the month, until the fall of 1832, when he removed to this county. The second year of his residence here, he and his family were

at one time on the verge of starvation for the want of flour, the nearest mill being at Teeumseh, to which point people came from forty miles away, and everybody was obliged to await his turn in grinding. The Lanning family were reduced to potatoes and pork, and Mr. L. finally agreed to assist the miller twenty-four hours if he would get out his flour for him. The miller complied, and slipping the grist in between some others about 3 o'clock in the morning, the troubles of our subject for that time were at an end. This was only one of the many difficulties to which the pioneers were subjected. They complained but very little in those days, however, each man being determined to make the best of circumstances, and Mr. Lanning in this high resolve was not a whit behind any of his neighbors. In due time perseverance brought its rich reward, and he could look around him upon a comfortable home, with the satisfying reflection that for it he was indebted to no man, but that he had honestly earned it by the sweat of his brow.

Our subject before reaching his twentieth birthday, and while a resident of Seneca County, N. Y., was first married to Miss Margaret, daughter of Peter Bodine, of Ovid, and their first child, a son, named George, was born there Aug. 6, 1831. He is now a resident of Raisin Township, this county. The next, a daughter, Rachel Ann, was born Feb. 18, 1833, and became the wife of William Allen, a well-to-do farmer of Lenawee County; Mary E. was born March 30, 1837, and is the wife of William Mattis, who owns a good farm near Franklin, in this county; Peter B. was born Feb. 20, 1840, and died the 5th of June following. The mother of these children, who was born in Ovid, Seneca Co., N. Y., July 18, 1808, died at the homestead in Raisin Township, this county, Feb. 25, 1840.

Mr. Lanning remained a widower over seven years, and on the 31st of May, 1847, was a second time married, to Miss Maria, daughter of Julius and Martha (Willet) Dalley, of Readington, Hunterdon Co., N. J. Her parents are now deceased, the death of both taking place in New Jersey, where the mother passed away in 1823, and the father, surviving his wife for a period of twenty-seven years, in 1850. Mrs. Maria Lanning was born in

Readington, N. J., May 13, 1814, and came to the West with her sister-in-law, Elizabeth Dalley, about 1846. Of her union with our subject there were born two children, as follows: Martha II, was born March 3, 1848, and on the 12th of March, 1868, became the wife of Chauncey Vedder, a prosperous farmer of Franklin Township; Joseph was born Feb. 20, 1853, and married Miss 1da Shurtz, Nov. 12, 1871; he is carrying on farming on the old home place, which he has leased.

Mr. Lanning, who has kept his eyes open to what was going on around him in the world, determined that his children should receive the advantages of a good education and careful home training. They grew up intelligent and obedient, and have taken their stations as worthy members of an intelligent community. They are all married, and established in confortable homes of their own, and the chief pleasures of this affectionate family are the periodical visits between parents and children, which contribute so much to the happiness of the two lives now going down the sunset hill of life, happy in the feeling that they have not lived in vain.

Mr. Lanning east his first Presidential vote for Gen. Jackson, and since exercising the right of suffrage, has been a stanch adherent of the Democratic party. As a worthy representative of the farming element of Lenawee County, we are pleased to present in connection with this biography a portrait of Mr. Lanning.

ILLIAM BRESIE is an honored citizen of Tecumseh and one of the worthy representatives of the farming interests of this township. He has had a varied experience in life since he commenced his hand-to-hand conflict with the world, at the age of thirteen. Mr. Bresie was born in Livingston County, N. Y., April 25, 1817, while his father, Nicholas Bresie, a farmer by occupation, was born in the beautiful Mohawk Valley, of that State. He married Naomi, daughter of Leonard Case, Esq., and a native of Hebron, N. Y. After marriage they settled in Livingston County, where their entire wedded life was spent, and there

they reared a family of five daughters and three sons, four of whom are still living.

The subject of this sketch, who was the third hood on a farm and received his education at the common schools. He was a more than ordinarily intelligent and active lad, and when a mere boy of thirteen sought to make his own living, and for several years was engaged in different employments. He at length became engaged in hotel-keeping and stage driving, and at one time managed a hotel in Dansville, Livingston County, for six years. The next seven years he spent in the employ of the New York & Eric Railway Company, first as baggagemaster and then as conductor of an express train. He then engaged in the service of the Michigan Southern Railway Company, having charge of the sleepers between Cleveland, Ohio, and Buffalo, N. Y., in which capacity he was employed for ten years. He was in several wrecks, but escaped unburt, and leaving that position he went to Indianapolis, and joining a friend, took charge of a line of sleepers between Indianapolis and Chicago. He afterward became connected with a street railway at Cleveland, Ohio, a track running beyond the city limits, called the Glenville Street Railway, and operated that successfully ten years. He then came to Michigan and purchased a farm of forty acres in Tecumseh Township, near the village. Returning to Cleveland he spent three years there, and in the meantime disposed of his railway stock. He then removed with his family to his farm in Teeumsch, where he resided several years, finally trading it for his present one, which contains forty acres, nearly all of which is within the city limits, and now devotes his entire time to agricult-

Mr. Bresie was married, March 20, 1839, to Miss Mary A. Johnson, of Livingston County, N. Y., daughter of Eli and Sarah (Park) Johnson. Mr. and Mrs. Bresie became the parents of four children, as follows: William R., of Decatur, Ill.; Elizabeth, the widow of John Crowell; Sarah, who married a Mr. Betts for her second husband, and Amanda, who died at the age of three years.

Mr. Bresie served acceptably several years as Supervisor of Tecumseh Township, and was subsequently elected a member of the City Council of Tecumseh and served four years. During this time he was appointed janitor of Tecumseh Cemetery, a position he has efficiently filled and still holds. Mr. Bresic commenced the battle of life without means, and has steadily worked his way upward, winning for himself the confidence and esteem of the community. He is an energetic and public-spirited man, and has materially assisted in huilding up the township. He is a regular attendant of the Baptist Church, and in politics is rather conservative.

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HLIAM E. JEWETT, M. D., who has been a practicing physician in the city of Adrian since 1872, and has largely identified himself with the social and material interests of the city, is a native of the State of New York, and was born in Sangerfield, Oneida County, on the 8th of December, 1842. His parents were Eri and Harriet (Winchell) Jewett, also natives of the Empire State, of which his paternal grandfather, Jonathan Jewett, was an early pioneer. Jonathan Jewett lived for eighty-two years on the same farm, which was land taken up by his father, and died at the age of ninety, June 11, 1872, at the same hour that the doctor's youngest child was born. The maternal grandparents, William F. and Submit Winchell, were natives of Connecticut, and removed from Goshen, that State, to the vicinity of Sangerfield, N. Y., during the early settlement of Oneida County.

Eri Jewett, in 1855, removed with his family to Ohio and settled on a farm near Austinburg, in Ashtabula County, where they remanned until 1868. Thence they removed to Constantine, St. Joseph Co., Mich., and to Vistula, Ind., in 1871, where the parents passed the remainder of their days. Our subject, until 1857, attended the district school and assisted his parents in their work on the farm. During that year he entered Grand River Institute, in Austinburg, a noted seat of learning in those days, which was founded in 1832, and is still flourishing. He worked on a farm and taught school during vacation until after the outbreak of the

Civil War, and in May, 1862, enlisted as a private in Company 'K, 87th Ohio Infantry, serving in Virginia in the Army of the Potomac.

Young Jewett was taken prisoner at the surrender of Harper's Ferry, Sept. 15, 1862, but not long afterward was paroled and exchanged. At the expiration of his term of service in October following, he was mustered out, and re-enlisted in June, 1863. This time he was rejected by the examining surgeon, and now determined to turn his attention to the study of medicine. In 1864 he entered the office of Dr. E. A. Munger, of Waterville, N. Y., and the year following attended the medical college at Cleveland, Ohio. From there he went to the Homeopathic Medical College in New York City, from which he was graduated on the 1st of March, 1867. He spent the winter of 1867-68 in the colleges and hospitals of New York City, and made the best use possible of his time and opportunities for gaining a full knowledge of the profession which he intended to follow.

Dr. Jewett, in May, 1868, opened his first office in Constantine, Mich., and on the 24th of November following was united in marriage with Miss Clara A., the accomplished daughter of Henry E. and Lucinda Root, of Constantine. This union has been blessed by the birth of two children— Henry R., who was born Oct. 24, 1870, and William E., June 11, 1872.

In February, 1872, Dr. Jewett took up his residence in Adrian, and is now in the enjoyment of a large and lucrative practice. In July of that same year, be identified himself with the Masonic fraternity, and is a member of Adrian Lodge No. 19. He has attained to a high position, having taken the degrees of the Chapter, Council and Commandery of Knights Templar. In these bodies he has been honored with the highest offices in their gift, having been Master of Lodge, High Priest of Chapter, Thrice Illustrions of Council, and Eminent Commander of Commandery. He is also an officer of the Grand Commandery of Michigan and a member of Michigan Sovereign Consistory, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rites, Valley of Detroit. He is also a member of Woodbury Post No. 45, G. A. R. He cast his first Presidential vote for Lincoln, and has since continued an active supporter of the

Republican party. In 1877 and the following year he served as Alderman of the First Ward. He is physician to the State Industrial Home for girls, located near the city, and in religious matters belongs to the Presbyterian Church. Possessing considerable musical takent, Dr. Jewett several years ago became proficient as an organist, which office he has filled in several churches.

Dr. Jewett is a successful physician and a publicspirited citizen, ever active in promoting the welfare and prosperity of Adrian and vicinity. Kindly and generous in his relations with other physicians, and benevolent to the poor in his large clientele, he enjoys the confidence of the community to a marked degree, and his best friends are those who know him the most intimately.

AMES R. LIDDLE. Among the thrifty stock-raisers and general farmers of Macon Township, this gentleman occupies a prominent position, and is the owner of 100 acres of finely improved land on section 6, where he has operated successfully for a long period of years. He has spent nearly all his life in the Wolverine State, having been born in Saline Township, Washtenaw County, in 1835, and there reared to farming pursuits, which he has since followed with more than ordinary success.

The father of our subject, Robert Liddle, Esq., like so many of the men who came to the Territory of Michigan and assisted in developing its resources. was a native of Seneca County, N. Y., where he spent his boyhood days and made the acquaintance of his future wife, Miss Jeanette Adair, who was born and reared in the same county. After their marriage and the birth of two children, Robert Liddle and his wife started on the long and tedious journey to the Territory of Michigan, in the hopes of bettering their condition eventually upon a different soil and in a newer country. After several weeks' travel in the manner common to the emigrants of those days, by canal boat and sailing-yessel on the Lake, and overland by ox-teams, they unloaded their goods in the woods of Macon Township, and there began the experiment, the result of which no one could then foretell. The father of our subject put up a log cabin, felled the trees around it to some extent, and finally exchanged his claim for 160 acres on section 6. He continued here, meeting with fair success, and in 1864 the family met with their first great affliction in the death of the wife and mother, which necessarily made a great change in the household. She had been a good woman in all that the term implies, and was sixtyive years old when called to her long home. Robert Liddle was subsequently married again and died at the homestead in April, 1879. He and his first wife were members of the Presbyterian Church, while his second wife was a Methodist.

James R. Liddle was the third child of the first marriage of his father, and was the first one born in this State. He began early in life to lay his plans for the future, being quite a youth when he commenced the improvement of a tract of land, although not married until over thirty years of age, The wedding took place at the home of the bride, Miss Matilda Kuder, Nov. 27, 1867. Mrs. L. was born not far from the early home of her husband, Nov. 13, 4845, and is the daughter of Joshua and Rebecea (Gamble) Kuder, natives respectively of Pennsylvania and New York. Mr. Kuder left his native State upon reaching manhood, and became a resident of Groveland Township, Livingston Co., N. Y., where he was soon afterward married, and a year later emigrated to Michigan, settling in Clinton Township about 1837. He built up a good farm in the wilderness of Clinton Township, upon which he remained the rest of his life, his death taking place in 1881, when he was fifty-two years old. The mother, aged sixty-six, still lives on the old homestead with her children. She, with her husband, united with the Dutch Reformed Church some years before his death, Mr. Kuder, politically, was a stauch Democrat, and a man generally re-

Mrs. Liddle was the third child and only daughter of her parents, whose household included seven children. Of her marriage with our subject there have been born two sons and three daughters, namely: Frank R., Edith, Jennie, Sumner and Pearl, all at home with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. commenced life together at their present home-

stead, which has become endeared to them by so many pleasant associations that it is quite natural to suppose they would scarcely exchange it for any spot on earth. Mr. L. mixes very little with public affairs, but upon occasions of important elections, votes the straight Democratic ticket.

AR D. WATERMAN is a promising representative of the farming interests of Dover Township, where he owns and occupies a fine farm on section 10. His parents were Ira and Frances (Holmes) Waterman, the former born near Kinderhook, N, Y., and the latter near Stonington, Conn. They began their wedded life in Chenango County, N. Y., and from there they removed to Romulus, in Seneca County, that State, which remained their home until death. They were people who led upright, conscientious lives, and died respected by all. They had eight children—Eliza A., Mary A., Ira D., Dennison R., L. Louisa, Charles, Emily and Harriet

Ira D. Waterman was born in Chenango County. N. Y., Nov. 23, 1812, and was about eight years old when his parents removed to Seneca County, where he grew to manhood. In 1840 he left the home of his youth to go out into the world to make an honorable living for himself by the work of his own hands. He turned his face westward and came to Lenawee County, Mich., but he only remained a short time, and then returned to Seneca County, N. Y., but he had not, however, given up the idea of making a home in Michigan, where he thought the chances were much better than in his native State. for making something more than a living by farming, and after working two years in Seneca County. he returned to this State and settled in Dover Township, where he has ever since resided. He first bought eighty acres of land, and afterward added to the original purchase until he, at one time, owned nearly 300 acres. He disposed of a part of that land advantageously, his farm now containing 120 acres, which is fertile and well tilled. He has erected a good set of buildings, with all the modern conveniences, and conducts his farming by the most approved methods.

Mr. Waterman was married to the lady of his choice in Adrian. Mich., March 15, 1845, and to her assistance he is greatly indebted in building up their pleasant home. Her maiden name was Jane Low, and she is the daughter of Stephen and Rebecca (Thorne) Low, natives of New England. After marriage her parents settled in the State of New York, where they lived for several years, and finally removed to Ohio, where they died. They were the parents of six children—Phebe, Ann. Jane, David, Daniel and Deborah. Mrs. Waterman was born in Eric County, Ohio, Sept. 4, 1820.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Waterman has been blessed by the birth of three children, of whom the following is the record: Margaret is the widow of John D. Ramsdell (of whom see sketch); Frances is the wife of William Judson, of Ohio; Isaac married Jennie Ramsdell, who died in Clayton, Mich., Oct. 21, 1887; he is engaged in general merchandising in Clayton.

Mr. and Mrs. Waterman have passed many years of life together, "sharing its joys and dividing its sorrows." All these long years of wedded life have been passed in this town, where by their many acts of neighborly kindness they have endeared themselves to those around them, and are held in respect by old friends and those of the rising generation. In polities Mr. Waterman advocates the principles of the Democratic party, and takes an active interest in all public matters.

T. RATHBUN resides on section 36, Farfield Township, and is engaged in agriculting one on a farm of fifty acres, on which he has erected substantial and commodious buildings of the modern style of architecture. The parents of our subject were Rufus H. and Eleanor (Robbins) Rathhun, natives of New York, where they were married in Ontario County. Immediately after marriage they came to Lenawee County and settled in Palmyra Township. His business was principally farming, although he engaged at times in the occupation of a carpenter. They afterward removed to Madison Township and thence to Williams County, Ohio, where they remained only six weeks,

however, and came to Hillsdale County, Mich. At the end of about two years they returned to this county and settled in Ogden Township, where they lived about four years and then settled on section 36, Fairfield Township, where the mother was called to her final rest Dec. 4, 1883. The father survives, and makes his home in Fairfield with our subject. To them were born five children—our subject, Emity, Eliza J., Reuben and Arletta.

Mr. Rathbun was born in Palmyra, this county, on the 1st of May, 1836, and is the only surviving member of the family. He was about seven years of age when his father settled in Fairfield Township, and received such an education as the public schools of that day afforded. He has been chiefly engaged in agricultural pursuits, though in connection with his farm he conducted a mercantile business for about ten years, carrying a stock of general merchandise; his store was located on his farm. He has been a resident of Fairfield Township since his childhood, with the exception of seven years, when he lived close by in Ogden Township

On the 13th of December, 1855, Mr. Rathbun led to the altar the lady of his choice, Miss Caroline E., daughter of Josephus and Sarah (Biddle) White, natives respectively of New York State and New Jersey. Mrs. Rathbun was born in Brighton, Monroe Co., N. Y., July 7, 1830, and bore to her hisband three children—Clara D. Melven and Alta D. Clara D. is the wife of Artemus Swick, and lives in Ogden Township; they have one child, Cora M; Melven died in Fairfield Township when six years of age, and Alta is the wife of George Mobas, of Fairfield Township.

Josephus White, the father of Mrs. Rathbun, was born Ang. 5, 1808. He was reared with his parents until the age of thirteen, when he went to Canadaigna and worked on a farm four years, after which he learned tailoring in Dansville, and followed that occupation some years. In 1834 he went to Clarkston, N. Y., and became a minister in the Free-Will Bajutist. Church, and later to Boston, Eric County, where he was ordained in 1839. In consequence of some opposition in the church, he gave up the ministry and commenced farming in Canden, Lorain County, and in 1846 he sold out

and came to Michigan, purchasing a farm in Ogden Township, on which he resided antil his death, Oct. 4–1880.

The mother of the wife of our subject was born Oct. 24, 1806, and died in Ogden on the 2d of May, 1878. Besides Mrs. Rathbun she had one daughter, Demaris C., born in Concord, Eric Co., N. Y., March 9, 1840, and now the wife of James Hodges, of Ogden. For nearly seven years, while he carried on his store in Fairfield Township, Mr. Rathbun was Deputy Postmaster. In politics he is a Republican.

citizens of Ogden Township who is engaged in business here as a general merchant. He is a native of Ogden Township, having been born here April 25, 1859, and comes of New England ameestry. His grandfather was born in Connecticut, and when a young man left that State and settled in New York, locating in Herkimer County, where he was married to Katie Hubbard, and resided until 1817, when, accompanied by his family, he emigrated to Ohio, the entire journey from New York being performed in a wagon drawn by oxen. Here he located in Huron County, being among the early settlers of that region, and after renting land in Bronson Township and then in Newark, he bought land in Sherman Township, where he resided until his death.

William J., the father of our subject, was born in Bronson Township, Huron Co., Ohio, April 20, 1819. He was reared in his native county, and there, Jan. 3, 1847, he married Lucinda Case, who was born in Richland County, Ohio, May 14, 1830, Three years after marriage they moved to Lagrange, Ind., and two years later they returned to Ohio and lived in Huron County until 1858, when they came to this county and located in Ogden Township, where they resided until Mr. Johnson's death. July 1, 1874. His widow now resides in Fairfield Township. They were the parents of the following-named children: Amos S., Savilla, Lester, Frazey and Sterry A.

The subject of this sketch was the fifth child of

his parents and grew to manhood in his native township, receiving his education in the common schools. When school was not in session he assisted his father in the duties of the farm until he was eighteen years old; he then worked by the month on the farm. He was next employed in a cheese factory for one season and then elerked in a general store for two years. At the expiration of that time he established himself in his present work in partnership with his father-in-law, James Carney, a man of much business experience and capability.

Mr. Carney is a descendant of one John Carney, who came from Ireland to America and settled in Livingston County, N. Y., where he engaged in farming until his death. His son George, the father of James Carney, was born in Livingston County, where after his marriage he lived in Dansville, and engaged in farming for several years. In 1845 he removed to this State and settled in Tecumsel, where he had purchased a home, but in 1881 he returned to New York and now resides in Sparta Township, his birthplace. His son James was born in Dansville, Livingston Co., N. Y., April 23, 1827, and came with his father to this county. He enlisted in the service of his adopted State as a defender of his country Dec. 13, 1862, serving as a member of the Michigan Cavalry. On the 11th of June, 1863, he was captured by the confederates, and for a long time endured the horrors of imprisonment. He was first taken to Libby Prison where he remained three months, and was then transferred to Andersonville, where he was confined until June 12, 1865. He was one of eighty-four men of his regiment who went there together, and one of the eight men of that regiment who left Andersonville alive.

After the war closed Mr. Carney returned to Ogden Township, and shortly afterward was married, July 16, 1865, to Miss Mary E. McComb, a native of that township, where she was born Sept, 9, 1844; she was the daughter of William and Mary (Glasgow) McComb. After his marriage he continued to reside in Ogden for some time, employed in a sawnill, then removed to Coldwater in this State, and kept a hotel. In 1870 he removed to Ashtabula County, Ohio, and engaged in the livery business, but in 1875 he returned to this State and bought a home in Ogden Center, which has since been his residence. In 1884 he formed a partnership, as before stated, with his son-in-law in their present business, and in 1887 they erected a commodious building 24x60 feet, and 21-foot posts, the second story forming a large hall. In this building they conduct their business, which is in a prosperous condition.

Our subject was married, March 4, 1883, to Miss Dora A, Carney, who was born May 13, 1866, in Ogden Township, and is the only child of Mr. and Mrs. James Carney.

Mr. Johnson has a thorough knowledge of all the details of the business in which he is engaged; and with youth, energy and good business habits on his part, coupled with the maturer judgment and wider experience of the elder partner, the success of the firm is assured. He has acceptably performed the duties of Postmaster since 1884. He is an important social factor in this town and is an active member of Ogden Center Grange No. 666; in politics he is an ardent Republican.

YRENUS SANFORD. This genial and companionable old gentleman and his excellent wife occupy a pleasant and comfortable home, surrounded by all the comforts of, life, a home which forms a picture exceedingly pleasant to look upon. A long and useful life, and the consciousness of having done his duty as far as his knowledge lay, has given to the countenance of Cyrenus Sanford an interesting and contented expression, which at once attracts stranger and friend, and indicates him to be one in whose society there can spring nothing but good. He has been fortunate in his undertakings in life, happy in the selection of his companion, and amply blessed with the esteem and confidence of his fellowmen.

The sanford family was many years ago familiarly known in New York State, where the parents of our subject, Isaac and Rachel (Wilber) Sanford, were born, reared and married in Dutchess County. After uniting their lives and fortunes, they settled in Cayuga County, became the parents of thirteen children, and there spent their last days. Their son, Cyrenus, was the fifth child of the household, and was born in Cayuga County, March 19, 1815. He remained there on the farm until a youth of nucteen years, then started out for himself and engaged in running a stage from Auburn to Corthandville, which occupation he followed for a period of seven years. In 1841 he left the Empire State, and migrated to Huron County, Ohio, where he engaged in farming and also operated a threshing-machine, until about 1851. The latter industry in those days was usually the source of a good income, and attracted considerable attention as a vast improvement upon the old method of tramping out the grain by horses, and the later one of using the fall.

Mr. Sanford, upon leaving Ohio, came directly to this county, and purchased eighty acres of land in Fairfield Township. By a rigid course of economy and industry, he in due time found himself upon the highway to prosperity, and invested his surplus capital in additional real estate, until he became the possessor of 189 acres. This he gradually improved until it was all brought to a good state of cultivation. In 1876, the first humble dwelling gave place to a handsome brick regidence, and this, with the adjacent barns and other outbuildings, the fine fruit, and the choice assortment of live stock, forms a most desirable homestead, and one where there is seemingly little more to be asked for.

Mr. Sanford was first married, March 24, 1839, in Moravia, Cayuga Co., N. Y., to Miss Louisa Gardner, and they became the parents of five children, one of whom died in infancy. Lydia M., the eldest daughter, is now the wife of Albert C. Daniels, of Fulton County, Ohio; Mr. Daniels carries on a cheese factory, and owns a half interest in a grist and saw mill, besides owning another sawmill, a farm, and a house and lot in Lyons. Frances A, is the wife of Schuyler Bradley, of Fairfield Township; Louisa V, is the wife of James H. Herrick, a merchant of Clyde, Ohio; James M. married Miss Carrie Wilson, and is farming in Fairfield Township. Mrs. Louisa Sanford accompanied her husband to Ohio, and died there in Huron County in 1844.

Mr. Sanford was married the second time, in Huron County, Ohio, to Miss Julia A. Demming. She came to Michigan with her husband, and died at their home in Fairfield Township, in 1865, leaving no children. The present wife of our subject, to whom he was married in 1866, in Morenci, this county, was formerly Mrs. Ann E. (Fletcher) Kendall, daughter of Alfred and Rhoda M. (Penoyer) Fletcher, and widow of George Kendall, who died in Fulton County, Ohio. Of her marriage with Mr. Kendall there were born two children. The elder, Carrie L., is the wife of Edgar A. Sanford, of Fairfield Township; Marvin D. married Miss Nettie Mizner, and is a musician in the regular army, belonging to the 2d United States Cavalry.

Mrs. Sanford was born in Ontario County, N. Y., June 14, 1836, and by her marriage with our subject is the mother of two children. The elder, Cora I., is the wife of Oscar J. Mead, of Fulton County, Ohio, while Florence I, continues at home with her parents. Mr. Sanford has held the office of Constable in his township, and uniformly votes the Republican ticket. During his early manhood he became interested in veterinary surgery, which he practiced in Huron County, Ohio, Fairfield Township, this county, and adjoining townships, successfully for a period of forty years. He is now practically retired from active labor, but still retains the deep interest which he has always felt in the growth and progress of this county, and to which he has contributed his full quota as an industrious and enterprising citizen. Mrs. Sanford is a most amiable and intelligent lady, held in the highest respect by her neighbors, and a consistent member of the Disciples' Church.



OHN D. RAMNDELL. We are glad to present to the many friends of the late John D. Ramsdelf this brief and imperfect sketch of his life. "A loved and loving husband, brother and friend, has died where manhood's morning almost touches noon, and while the shadows still were falling toward the West. He had not passed on life's highway the stone that marks the highest point, but being weary for a moment he lay down by the wayside, and using his burden for a pillow, fell into that dreamy sleep that holds his

eyelids still." We can not forbear quoting the above beautiful words in connection with the death of Mr. Ramsdell, they are so appropriate.

Mr. Ramsdell was born in Macedon, Wayne Co., N. Y., July 15, 1847, and was the son of David and Catherine M. (Marshall) Ramsdell, natives of the same place, where they continued to reside for some years after marriage. In 1847 they came to Lenawee County, and made their home in Madison Township, where they continued to reside until their death, Mrs. Ramsdell passing away May 6, 1872, and Mr. Ramsdell, December 2 of the following year. Mr. Ramsdell was the first man who made a regular business of selling milk in Adrian, where he built up quite a flourishing business in that line. To Mr. and Mrs. Ramsdell were born three children-Elizabeth, John D. and Jennie, Elizabeth died in Madison Township, Dec. 18, 1869, at the age of twenty-five years: Jennie was the wife of Isaac Waterman; she was born Nov. 18, 1854, and died in Clayton, Oct. 21, 1887.

The subject of this sketch was an infant a few weeks old when his parents brought him to Lenawee County, where his youth was passed, chiefly in attendance at school. He received the rudiments of his education in the Union School at Adrian, where he was fitted for eollege, and then took a course of instruction at Adrian College, and afterward attended Hillsdale College. He was well equipped mentally for his life as a business man, and for the part he afterward took in public affairs in the township where he was bred and passed the most of his life. After he grew to manhood he was engaged principally in the dairy trade, assuming his father's business after the death of the latter, and continuing in it for some years until nearly the time of his own death. He increased the business very much, and at the time of his death he owned 100 cows in con-

On the 6th of July, 1872, Mr. Ramsdell was married to Miss Maggie Waterman, at the residence of the bride's father in Dover Township. She is the daughter of Ira D. and Jane Waterman (see sketch of I. D. Waterman), and was a faithful wife, devoted to her husband's interests.

Mr. Ramsdell's worth and business ability were duly recognized by his fellow-townsmen, who hon-

ored him by election to the offices of Township Treasurer and Highway Commissioner. In politics he was prominently identified with the Republican party of Madison Township. In his death, which occurred at the residence of Ira D. Waterman, May 10, 1882, the community lost a valued citizen, and a large circle of friends sympathized with his wife in her bereavement.

OBERT CAIRNS. Within the boundaries of Lenawee County may be found rich and productive farms, embellished with beautiful residences and commodious farm buildings, indicative of the prosperity, thrift and good taste of the possessor. On such a farm in Tecumseh Township lives Robert Cairns, the subject of our sketch. He is of Scotch and German ancestry, his paternal grandfather, William Cairns, being a native of Scotland, while his mother's ancestors were Germans.

The parents of our subject were William and Abigail (Wilson) Cairns, natives respectively of Pennsylvania and New Jersey. After their marriage they settled in Seneca County, N. Y., remaining there until their removal to Monroe County, Mich., in 1836. After six months' residence there they came to Lenawee County, and located on the present site of Clinton, just west of the village. Subsequently they removed to a farm in Tecumseh Township, where the father died in 1840, leaving a widow and eight children. After the death of her husband, Mrs. Cairns continued to occupy the farm in Teeumseh Township, and by her energy and unremitting toil succeeded in keeping her family together until they were grown up. Her death occurred in 1878, in the eighty-third year of her age, at White Pigeon.

Robert Cairns was born on a farm in Seneca County, N. Y., July 28, 1819, and was the third child of his parents. His early education was obtained in the district schools, but as the nearest school-house was not less than seven miles from his father's home. his advantages were necessarily limited. When his father's death occurred he was

twenty years of age, and the succeeding ten years he remained with his mother, assisting her in supporting the family, and helping to educate his younger brothers and sisters.

December 27, 1852, Mr. Cairns was married to Miss Alvira Rundell, a native of New York State, whence she came to Franklin Township with her parents when quite young. After their marriage they settled on a farm of eighty acres in Franklin Township, to which Mr. Cairns added by further purchase, as his means justified, until he had doubled the original aereage. He improved the land, erected twenty-three years. He then purchased a farm of eighty acres in Tecumseh Township, near the city limits, where he now resides. The buildings that were on it at the time of purchase were very poor, and the farm needed much attention. He now has the land under a high state of cultivation, while the buildings have been entirely remodeled or replaced by new ones. His house is a handsome frame structure, fitted up in modern style, and is one of the neatest and most tasty residences in the vicinity, while his farm is equipped with machinery of the latest improved patterns. It contains three large barns, one for horses, one for cattle, and a third for hay, and there are also immense granaries for the storage of his farm produce, while everything around them indicates the thrift and good management of the possessor.

The career of Mr. Cairns is an example of what persevering industry may accomplish. He started out with the resolution of knowing no such word as "fail," and the result has exceeded his most sanguine expectations. His course has been honest and upright, his transactions fair and square, and he early gained the confidence and respect of all with whom he came in contact. Commencing at the lowest rung of the ladder, with the able assistance of his capable wife, who has equally shared his labors, he has steadily climbed upward, until now he is one of the heaviest tax-payers in Tecumseh Township. The lowest valuation placed upon his farm would be not less than \$200 an acre, and he has \$10,000, or more, on interest. Mr. Cairns has evidently a Midas-like touch, everything that he comes in contact with turning into gold. Young men just starting out in life may acquire the same magical touch, by following the same hard road to fortune that Mr. Cairns has pursued, and living the same temperate life that he has led, he being a strictly temperate man, and finally reach, as he has, the realization of their dreams of wealth. Mr. Cairns is living a somewhat retired life, though he still has charge of his farm. In politics he is a stanch Republican.

One great grief has overshadowed the wedded life of Mr. and Mrs. Cairus; this is the death of their only child, M. Alice, who died Dec. 27, 1880. She was a brilliant scholar, highly accomplished, and of a most loyable disposition. In her death her parents sustained an irrepurable loss, but her memory is still fresh in their hearts, and their home is filled with many mementoes of her former presence among them.

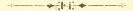
many extensive land-owners who from small beginnings in the way of landed possessions, by innate energy and business tact have been able to add many acres to their original purchases. Among such is the subject of this sketch, who is now the owner of one of the largest farms of the county, which is finely improved and cultivated, and provided with commodious buildings. Our subject is one of the enterprising and progressive farmers of Lenawee County, who have made the most of their opportunities, and taken advantage of modern progress. His barns and out-buildings are first-class in all respects, finely arranged for the shelter of stock and the storage of grain, and everything about the premises indicates the supervision of an enterprising and intelligent man. Mr. Lee is known to the township of Ridgeway as one of the most successful of all her good farmers. He settled in the township in 1850, and began by purchasing a small farm, to which he has added until he has now a tract embracing over 200 acres.

Mr. Lee was born in Yorkshire, England, on the 5th of March, 1828. His father, Robert Lee, a native of the same place, was a small farmer, and lived and died in Yorkshire on the old Lee homestead, on the 19th of December, 1865, at the age of eighty-two years. He was reared and educated in

the shire of his birth, and there married Elizabeth Smith, who is yet living on the old homestead in England, with her son, George Lee, and is ninetyseven years of age. The parents were members of the Episcopal Church, or, as it is more popularly known there, the Church of England, and were very strict in their religious doctrine. The subject of this sketch was the sixth of a family of ten children, the first five of whom were daughters, and the last five sons. He grew to man's estate in the shire of his birth, and in the month of April, 1850, he left his native shores and sailed for America, landing at New York after a voyage of two weeks. Immediately be proceeded to Tecuniseh, Mich., and when he arrived here he had left but \$1 in money. He began work on a farm as a laborer, receiving for compensation \$10 per month for the first six months, after which he received an increase of wages. He gave an exhibition of his skill as a plowman, receiving the first premium, and was awarded a similar prize at the State fair at Detroit. As the result of his labor and economy he accumulated 8700 in gold, with which he purchased sixty acres of land in Macon Township, on section 12, and here he and his good wife began the work of building up a home. They improved the farm, and erected a comfortable residence, and by subsequent purchases Mr. Lee has added to his acreage until he now owns 232 acres, constituting one of the best farms in Lenawee County.

On the 3d of March, 1854, Mr. Lee was married to Miss Ellen East, of Raisin Township. She was born in Boxmore, near London, on the 10th of November, 1834, and is the daughter of James and Jane (Fensem) East, both of whom were reared and educated in the village of Boxmore, England, and there lived until they were married. They came to the United States in 1851, and located in Macon Township, where the father made large improvements on his farm, and died in January, 1882, when seventy-six years of age. The mother, who is eighty-one years of age, lives with her son Charles in Macon Township, on the old homestead. Mrs. Lee, the wife of the subject of this sketch, was about sixteen years old when her parents came to America, and located in Michigan, and she remained with them until the date of her marriage. She became the mother of ten children, only four of whom survive, namely: Albert N., who married Maggie Gregg, and lives in Milan Township, Monroe County; Minnie, the wife of Samuel Boyed, of Macon Township, where they live on a farm owned by her father; Arthur, who is unmarried and at home.

Mr, and Mrs, Lee are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he serves in the capacity of Steward. He is a believer in the doctrines of the Republican party, and for many years has been one of its stanch supporters. In his politics and religion he is liberal and broad minded, and in all matters which have a tendency to improve his surroundings and those of the community he takes a lively interest.



AMES M. RICHARDSON, for many years a successful general farmer of Franklin Township, is pleasantly located on section 31, where he has eighty acres of finely cultivated land and a good set of frame buildings. He came to this county in 1853, locating first in Cambridge Township, and purchased his present farm in 1862. Here he has since made his home and effected most of the improvements which attract the attention of passing traveler as the result of thrift and industry, coupled with excellent taste and ample means.

Our subject is a native of the Empire State and was born near the town of Junius, Sencea County, March 26, 1825. His father, James Richardson, a native of Cayuga County, was the son of James Richardson, Sr., also a native of New York State and of German descent. Both father and grandfather followed farming all their lives, and lived to an advanced age, the former dying in Cayuga County, and the latter in Lenawee. James Richardson, Jr., was the third child in a family of eight, and continued on his father's farm until his marriage, which took place in Aurelius Township, Cavuga County, the maiden of his choice being Miss Lydia Ellsworth. She was the daughter of a well-to-do farmer, and the young people after their marriage continued the vocation of their parents before them, remaining in their native State until quite well advanced in years. They then joined their son, James M, our subject, in this county, and made their home with him the remainder of their lives. Both died at an advanced age, the father in the winter of 1863, when seventy-two years of age, and the mother in September, 1871, at the age of seventy-seven years. The former was a Methodist religiously, and the latter a devoted member of the Baptist Clurch. Mr. Richardson was a Democrat of the first water and defended his principles with all the energy of his character.

James M. Richardson, the subject of this history. was the fifth in a family of five sons and three daughters, the latter of whom are deceased. The sons are yet living, the brothers of our subject being residents, one of New York State, one of Montana, and one of Lenawee County, James M., after reaching his majority, started in the spring of 1849, for the Pacific coast, taking passage at New York City on the 15th of March, with a company made up of gentlemen from Ontario and Monroe Counties, who proposed to engage in mining in California. Upon arriving at the Isthmus they were delayed a month for want of a conveyance, and then proceeded from there to San Francisco on the old coaster "Brigantine," arriving at their destination in the early part of July.

Mr. Richardson, with some of his companions, soon afterward set out for the mining regions, and mined on the Mokelmine, Calaveras and Stanislaus Rivers for about four months. He then engaged in the fishery business in Stockton for a short time, when he returned to San Francisco and took passage for Trinidad Bay, where with about twenty others they founded a town which they named Trinidad. They then began prospecting for the precious metal, and after about a week, during which they had several encounters with the Indians, they were successful. They returned to Trinidad in order to make preparations to work the mines. While prospecting they discovered gold on the ocean beach, on what is called Gold Bluffs, in latitude 41 ° 33', and beginning in the fall of 1851 operated them for one year. Feeling satisfied with his wanderings, Mr. Richardson resolved to return to the friends he left behind him, and accordingly took passage for home, feeling well paid for his adventure as he saw many strange sights and met people from almost all parts of both continents. He had in the meantime suffered an attack of cholera at Panama, but in later years enjoyed the best of health, which he attributed in a large measure to the breathing of the salt sen air.

Mr. Richardson was married in Ontario County, N. Y., Nov. 2, 1852, to Miss Oral Lovell, who was born in Seneca County, July 13, 1824, and is the daughter of Jonathan and Charila (Sellick) Lovell, both of whom died when their daughter, Mrs. R. was but a child. The father was a farmer by occupation, and both were natives of the Empire State, Mrs. R., after the death of, her parents, made her home with an elder sister for some years. She received the advantages of a good education, and became an expert seamstress, which occupation she followed until her marrige.

Our subject and his wife commenced their life together at Gorham, Ontario Co., N. Y., and in due time became the parents of eight children, two of whom died young. Mary is the wife of Alvin Coleman, a prosperous farmer of Franklin Township; David A. married Miss Abbie E. Pitcher, and is engaged in farming not far from his father's homestead; Liva A. continues with her parents; Alice J. married Elmer E. Rexford, and lives with her husband on a farm in Franklin Township; Edwin J., a mechanic, and Albert J. make their home with their father. The two sons deceased were Charles M. and Francis B., who died of scarlet fever within twelve hours of each other. Mr. Richardson is a life-long Democrat, politically, and with his estimable wife, is a member in good standing of the Methodist Protestant Church,



| EORGE F. FORD, one of the most extensive land-owners in this section of the county, residing on section 4 in the fractional part of Riga Township, is a native of the "Old Bay State," where he was born in the town of Cummington, Hampshire County, March 2, 1838. Cummington is famous alike for its beautiful scenery and as being the birthplace of the poet, William Cullen

Bryant. Our subject is a descendant of an old and honorable family, some of whose offshoots were among the pioneers of this place.

The first of the family to locate in Cummington, so far as known, was Hezekiah Ford, the great-grandfather of the subject of this sketch, who died there in 1775. His son, Ansel Ford, was born, reared, and married in Cummington, and there followed the occupation of a farmer until about the year 1838, when the same ambitious spirit, doubtless, that had moved some of his progenitors, caused him to become a pioneer in turn, and he pushed on farther westward until he reached Fulton County, Ohio, and here became one of the very first settlers of the town of Gorham. He bought a tract of land heavily timbered, and here he spent the remainder of his life, preparing it for cultivation. His son Charles, the father of the subject of this sketch, was born in Cummington, Jan. 22, 1809. He grew to manhood in his native town, and there married, May 20, 1835, Miss Fidelia Bates, a native of Cummington, who was born July 4, 1813. After their marriage they made their home in their native town for some years, Mr. Ford engaging in the manufacture of scythe snaths. In 1840 he visited Ohio, the home of his father, but returning remained a resident of Cummington until 1850. He then removed to Ohio and settled in Richfield Township, Lucas County, where he bought 320 acres of land upon which was a log house at the time of purchase; he now has 200 acres cleared and a good set of frame buildings. In the month of May, 1879, near the anniversary of their wedding day, he was called to mourn the loss of his good wife, with whom he had spent forty-four years. She was the mother of seven children, six of whom are still living, all grown to maturity and recorded as follows: Levi B. married Nancy Leonardson; George F.; Eugene F. married Pamelia Wilson, and lives in Riga Township; Lucius L. lives on the old homestead; Lavina B. married John Leonardson, and lives in Richfield, Lucas Co., Ohio, while Ellen M. married Squire Garnsey, and lives in Toledo, Ohio: Charles died in infancy. The sketches of Levi B, and Eugene F. appear elsewhere in this work.

George F. Ford was the second child of his parents, and was twelve years old when he left the

home of his childhood, with its beautiful scenery and pleasant associations, and came with his parents to Ohio. They made their new home in the forests of Richfield Township, near the State line between Ohio and Michigan. Thus he has been a witness of the wonderful development of that part of the State of Ohio from a wilderness, where deer and other wild game were abundant, to its present condition. Now the forest has given way, at least in part, to fertile, well-tilled fields, smiling villages and flourishing cities, with their varied manufacturing interests. He received his education partly in the town of his birth in the district schools, and partly in the pioneer schools of Richfield. During the intervals of attendance at school, and after his school days were over, he assisted his father in the hard task of clearing the land and preparing it for cultivation. In 1860 he taught one term of school, which vocation he gave up to enter the army.

Mr. Ford was married, Nov. 14, 1861, to Miss Sarah J. Walters, who was born in Hancock County, Ohio, April 28, 1842. Her father, John Walters, was born in Worcester, Pa., and came to Ohio with his parents, who settled in Richland County. Some years after his marriage with Eliza Lowry, of Pennsylvania, he removed to Hancock County and bought a farm and a mill. From there he removed to Riga Township about the year 1859, and lived there until 1864, then returned to Findlay, Ohio, where he and his wife passed their last years. After his marriage Mr. Ford, with his wife, still continued to make his home with his parents.

On the 27th of May, 1862, Mr. Ford laid aside all private duties and considerations to enlist in the decrease of his country. He became a member of Company A, 84th Ohio Infantry, and served the term of enlistment, three months, when he received an honorable discharge September 20, and returned home. He re-enlisted in 1863 in the State Militia, receiving a commission as Second Lieutenant from Gov. Todd. He again enlisted, Feb. 8, 1865, in Company A, 189th Ohio Infantry, being mustered in as Sergeant, and served until July, 1865, when he was discharged. During this last term of enlistment he was in the hospital on the sick list, and when he returned home his health was so much impaired by the hardships of a soldier's life that he was in-

capacitated for the hard labor of clearing land and tilling the soil; he therefore turned his attention to carpentering, and many of the buildings in this vicinity are monuments of his skillful workmanship. He was greatly prospered in his new calling, and since 1880 has lived quietly on his farm, attending solely to his landed estates. He erected his buildings here in 1867, and removed with his family one year later. He now owns 390 acres in this township and forty acres in Lucas County, Ohio.

To Mr, and Mrs. Ford have been born seven children, all living and recorded as follows: Florence F, is engaged in teaching, which occupation she has successfully pursued for four years; Charles R, is a farmer in Riga Township; George W., Willie B., Verne E., Bessie and China A, are all at home with their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Ford are highly respected in the neighborhood as earnest Christians, whose daily lives are guided by principles of truth and rectitude. They became members of the Christian Church many years ago, but Mr. Ford has of late years identified himself with the Methodist Church, and has been Superintendent of the Sunday-school of that church for nine years. As Mr. Ford was a good soldier so is he now a good citizen, and takes an active interest in public affairs.

EORGE SISSON, senior member of the firm of Sisson & Cannon, proprietors of the Deerfield Flouring-Mill, has for long years been one of the prominent figures in the business and agricultural interests of Lenawee County. He was born in that part of Genesee County, N. Y., which is now included in Wyoming County. Sept. 2, 1822, and has wisely preserved the family record back for several generations.

The family originated in England, and was first represented in this country by three brothers, who crossed the Atlantic during the Colonial days, and located in Rhode Island. One of these, the grandfather of our subject, continued in Rhode Island until after his marriage, when he removed to Central New York during the period of its early settlement, and later to Indiana, settling near the Wa-

bash River. Here he also was a pioneet, and he remained buttling with the primitive soil until he succeeded in building up a good homestead, where he spent the remainder of his life. Before leaving Rhode Island there had been born to him one son. Cook, the father of our subject, who after the removal to Genesee County, N. Y., married in that locality Miss Lovisa Carlton, and carried on the trade of carpenter and millwright in the Empire State until 1829. That year he left his family behind and emigrated to the Territory of Michigan, and settled in the hamlet of Tecumseh, building and settled in the hamlet of Tecumseh, building he first mill erected there. In 1832 he sent for his family and purchased a tract of land two and one-half miles north of the village, a part of which was in heavy timber, while all was free from any improvements whatever.

Cook Sisson, in the spring of 1833, erected a cheap frame house, into which he removed with his family, and thereafter followed his trade and cultivated his land until the building of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad through this seriou, when he was employed by the company in building station houses along the route. He made his home on the little farm until the death of his wife, in February, 1886, and after this bereavement lived with his son, our subject, until his death, which occurred two months later. His age at the time of his decease was eighty-seven years, and that of the mother, eighty-five. Mr. and Mrs. Sisson formed a worthy portion of the pioneer element, and contributed their quota to the building up of their township and the encoragement of its various worthy enterprises. They were the parents of three children: George, our subject; Llewellyn, a resident of Deerfield, and Lewis, who dided in the city of Buffalo, N. Y., when two years of age.

George Sisson was a lad ten years of age when he came to this county, and remembers well the incidents of the long journey from the Empire State. They first traveled to Buffalo, forty miles, with a team, then boarded a lake steamer which conveyed them to Detroit, at which point the family was met by the father with a team, and they drove through the woods to this county. Detroit was then but a small place and but a few senttering cabins marked the presence of human beings along the road to

Tecumsch. Deer, wolves, and wild turkey were plentiful, and young Sisson at an early age learning to shoulder the gun, in this way supplied the family larder with choice meats, although they frequently lacked for wheat bread and various other provisions which at that day were considered luxuries. He became an expert hunter, and for several years could stand in the door of the cabin and shoot black squirrels from the trees.

Our subject assisted his father in clearing the farm, and at times worked in the carpenter shop. His educational advantages were extremely limited, but being bright and observant and fond of books, he pursued a course of instructive reading, and thereby gained a good fund of general information. After his marriage he continued a year at the homestead, then put up a house on a 40acre tract which he owned in Tecumseh Township, and occupied it with his family eight years, Thence he removed to Deerfield Township, and in company with his brother-in-law, William Silvers, purchased ten acres of land, put up a dwelling and a steam sawmill, and engaged in the manufacture of lumber. They were prospered in this venture, and purchased 200 acres of land on section 4, which was afterward sold to Ben Cannon. They had cleared a portion of it, and subsequently Mr. S. purchased the interest of Mr. Cannon in the property, and after selling his mill and five acres of this land, engaged in farming, making his residence on section 9 until 1885. By this time he had about 200 acres of land under a good state of cultivation, and in addition to the dwelling had erected two large frame barns, which, however, were both destroyed by fire in 1875. In 1885 Mr. Sisson sold his farm and purchased a half-interest in the mill property with which he is now connected. Two years previously he had purchased a residence in the village, and has now a comfortable and tasteful home with pleasant surroundings, a fine family and hosts of friends.

Mr. Sisson, on the 3d of September, 1844, was married to Miss Caroline L. Silvers, who was born at Seneca Falls, N. Y., March 31, 1826. Her father, John P. Silvers, whom it is supposed was also a native of Seneca County, N. Y., was the son of Benjamin Silvers, one of the pioneers of that section of country. The latter purchased a tract of timber land, from which he improved a farm, and met his death by accident when his son, John P., was a mere boy. The latter inherited the homestead in Seneca County, and occupied it until 1833, when he sold out and came to this county. He settled one mile south of what was then but the beginning of the village of Clinton, upon 200 acres of timber land, which he cleared and converted into a good farm, and where he made his home until his death, in April, 1881.

The mother of Mrs. Sisson was formerly Miss Jenette Hooker, also a native of the Empire State, and who died soon after the removal of the family to this county. The family included five children, recorded as follows: The eldest, George V., is conducting a hotel in Deerfield: Jenette is the wife of E. K. Bliss: Benjamin is engaged in farming; Lydia is the wife of Charles Fitch, a railroad conductor, while John assists his father in the mill. With the exception of Lydia, who lives in Norwalk, Ohio, the children of Mr. Sisson are all residents of Deerfield. Mr. S. cast his first Presidential vote for Harrison, and was an old-line Whig until the organization of the Republicans, since which time he has given his support to the latter.

The mother of Mr. Sisson was of Welsh ancestry. Her father, Jacob Carlton, was one of the earliest pioneers of Gene-see County, N. Y., where he secured land from the Holland Purchase Company, which he improved and lived upon the remainder of his days.

EORGE W. CARTER, carriage manufacturer of Iludson, represents the oldest established business in the village. He commenced here in a small way in 1854, erecting a frame building 26x30 feet, one story in height. He ironed carriages and carried on general blacksmithing and shoeing, until three years later he began the manufacture of carriages. His business rapidly increased, and in 1861 he erected a brick building, 52x55 feet, two stories in height, and in 1871 a similar two-story building, 30x32 feet. He has constantly kept em-

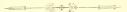
ployed a number of hands, and by doing good honest work, has established a most excellent reputation.

Mr. Carter was born in Junius, N. Y., Nov. 22, 1831, and his paternal grandfather was a native of England, who on coming to America, located in New York City. It is said that on the voyage from England, he, with two others, left the vessel in a small boat and wandered so far away that they were unable to overtake the vessel. After drifting up by another vessel, and landed safely in New York. Mr. Carter was a well-educated man, and was first employed in office work, and later in teaching; he lost his life by drowning. The father of our subject was quite young when his parents died, and he then found a home with strangers. He learned the trade of a blacksmith, and about 1830 settled in the town of Junius, and there followed his trade until 1836, when he removed to Lyons, Wayne County, where he did journey work for a time, Subsequently he opened a shop in the town of Rose in the same county, and carried on his trade until 1844, when he came to this county and bought a tract of partially improved land in the eastern part of Hudson Township. There was a set of log buildings on the place at the time, and he built a shop where he worked at his trade and attended to the improvement of the farm. He erected a good set of frame buildings, and remained there until the death of his wife, when he sold out and bought in Dover Township, north of Clayton, where he remained a resident until his death at eighty-six years of age. The maiden name of his wife, mother of our subject, was Zelpha Gillett. To them were born eight children, of whom our subject was the fourth.

Mr. Carter of our sketch received a commonschool education, attending a district school in Wayne County, N. Y., and afterward in this town. He was thirteen years old when he came to Michigan with his parents, and out of school he found plenty to do in assisting his father on the farm, Being possessed of natural mechanical ability, he preferred the vocation of a mechanic rather than that of a farmer, and accordingly worked in the smithy with his father until he became a thorough master of that branch of mechanics. He resided with his parents until 1854, when he removed to Hudson and established himself in business, as stated above.

Mr. Carter was married, Jan. 1, 1857, to Mary D. Pratt, a native of Newcastle, Pa., and daughter of Jesse and Mary Pratt. Mr. and Mrs. Carter have five children living, namely: Belle. Arthur, Ettie May, George W. and Edna. Alice A., the chiest child, who was born in November, 1857, married F. D. Brown, and died in October, 1881.

Mr. Carter is an energetic, wide-awake business man, whose good judgment and clear foresight make hin a valuable factor in the business community of Hudson. His present residence, a commodious brick house, built in 1867, is pleasantly located on Main street, and there he and his family live in comfort and happiness, having the respect and esteem of their neighbors and acquantances. Mr. Carter has always been a Republican, and cast his first vote tor J. C. Fremont.



ENRY W. BURKE. Prominent among the agriculturists of this section of country stands the gentleman whose name heads this list, and who has one of the finest farms in Lenawee County. His farm contains 190 acres of well-improved land under a high state of cultivation, and he has erected thereon a handsome residence and commodious farm buildings, and is prosecuting with enviable success his calling as a general farmer.

Our subject first saw the light in Tioga County, N. Y., Oct. 17, 1828, and is the son of Joseph and Catherine (Davenport) Burke, the former a native of the same county, and the latter of Tompkins County, N. Y. After their marriage the parents lived in Tioga County until 1835, when they removed to Hillsdale County, this State, where the father entered eighty acres of Government land, and lived two years. He then hought 100 acres one and one-half miles north of that place, on which he resided until his decease, which occurred at the age of seventy-five years. His wife followed to the silent land a few months later, when sixty-eight years of age. They were estimable people, revered

in their community, and faithfully labored to train in correct habits their large family.

The subject of this sketch is one of a family of eleven children, of whom six are yet living. He was reared to farm life, and remained with his parents until twenty-three years of age. On the 17th of December, 1854, he was united in marriage with Miss Louisa E. Jewell, who was born in Onondaga County, N. Y., Feb. 10, 1837. She is the daughter of John M. and Celesta (Crawford) Jewell, who were natives of New York, and came in 1848 to Ohio, where Mrs. Jewell died at the age of fortyfive years. Mr. Jewell came to Michigan during the Civil War, and lived here until his decease. which occurred at the age of sixty-nine years. Mrs. Burke is one of a family of four children born to her parents, and is the only one at present living. She comes of a family noted for their honesty and integrity, and has reason to be proud of her ancestry.

The family group of our subject was completed by the birth of five children, named as follows: Herbert E., Charlotte Ann, Joseph, Henry Elmer and Catherine E. Herbert E. was born in Hillsdale County, Oct. 26, 1856, and married Miss Mary Bryant; they reside on the old homestead and have three children, two boys and one girl. Charlotte Ann, Mrs. J. Ryder, was also born in Hillsdale County, Dec. 17, 1857, has one son, and lives in Rome Township; Joseph was born Jan, 19, 1862. married Miss Eva Cane, and farms on shares forty acres of land owned by his father; Elmer was born April 7, 1864, and lives at home; Catherine E. was born in this township, Jan. 31, 1867, married Fred D. Southard, and has one son, Fred C., who was born Nov. 15, 1887; Mr. Southard operates a farm in connection with Mr. Burke.

After marriage, our subject located on land in the wilderness, which he purchased, and engaged in bringing it under the plow. He built thereon a log cabin and labored diligently seven years, when, secing an opportunity to better his condition, he sold out and bought 102 acres of his present farm. In addition to the 190 acres in this township, he owns forty acres of land which he subsequently purchased at Devil's Lake, Wis.

In polities Mr. Burke was an old-line Whig, and on the abandonment of that party identified himself with the Republicans. He has no political aspirations and is not actively engaged in politics, but votes for the candidate for local positions whom he considers best adapted to perform the duties of the office.

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SA FOSTER, deceased. The name of this gentleman is remembered by the residents of the southern portion of Lenawee County as that of one of its most worthy citizens and reliable business men. He located in Blissfield in the spring of 1866, and was one of its most successful manufacturers and merchants until 1875, when failing health compelled him to retire. He afterward gave his attention, as far as his strength permitted, to the peaceful pursuits of his farm until closing his eyes upon earthly scenes, Oct. 12, 1885, He was born Sept. 18, 1846, and was therefore at the time of his death sixty-nine veray of age.

The early home and birthplace of Mr. Foster were in the town of Russia, Herkimer Co., N. Y. His father, Samuel Foster, was born April 15, 1788, and spent the greater part of his youth in Schoharie County, whence he removed later to Herkimer County, and purchased a farm in Russia Township, which he occupied until 1833. Thence he moved to Madison County, purchasing a tract of land in Eton Township, where he spent his last days, his decease occurring in January, 1846. He had in early manhood taken for his wife Miss Polly Ten Eyeck, who was also a native of the Empire State, and died at her home in Herkimer County several years previous to the death of her husband. They reared a family of sons and daughters, training them in the stanch old principles of their forefathers, and fitting them for worthy and upright citizens who became an honor to the name,

As a Foster was a youth of seventeen years when his parents removed from Herkimer to Madison County. He was bright and ambitious, with an excellent head for business even at this rarly age, and now in company with his father purchased a farm, which he sold a year later at a fair profit, and then removed to Onondaga County, investing the proceeds of his sale in a tract of land in that section. This in ductime he also transferred to other parties, finding a more desirable place in Wayne County, which he purchased and retained possession of as his home until 1866. Upon selling this he turned his attention to the State of Michigan, and investing his capital in manufacturing and merchandising, located at Blissfield, with the results which we have already indicated.

Mr. Foster is remembered as a most estimable and upright citizen, one who, by his shrewdness and foresight, together with his habits of industry and sobricty, and the strong sentiment of morality which pervaded his life and acts, scenred him an enviable position in the community, both socially and financially, and stamped upon his career that most sought word-"success." His career furnished a worthy example of what a man can accomplish through his own resolution and his strict observance of those laws which should be indelibly impressed upon the memory and hearts of the youth of our land. He provided well for his household, was prompt to meet his obligations, and left behind him a record of which his descendants may be justly proud.

In early manhood politically Mr. F. had identified himself with the old Whig party, but upon its abandonment cordially endorsed the principles of the Republicans, with whom he afterward affiliated, and in whose doctrines he firmly believed. He held various offices of trust in his township, and represented it in the County Board of Supervisors.



HARLES BURLESON. There came to Southern Michigan over fifty years ago a young man seeking a permanent location, armed with little save his strong arms and stout heart. With these he proposed to battle with the untried soil in an undeveloped country. He pitched his tent in the newly laid-off township of Macon, and taking up a tract of Government land, proceeded to fell the trees, and with an ox-team and rude implements to prepare his land for cultivation. He constructed a small cabin where he kept back-clor's hall for a time, and after he felt justified in

taking the step, sought a companion and helpmeet in the person of Miss Amy Arnold, a lady who had enigrated to the Territory with her parents at an early day. This lady in due time became the mother of our subject Charles Burleson, who was born Sept. 8, 1837, and mostly since that time has continued to reside upon the homestead which his father established in the wilderness. The property is pleasantly located on sections 8 and 17, Macon Township, and includes 195 acres of some of the best land in this county.

Job Burleson, the father of our subject, and a native of New York State, was reared to farming pursuits and received a limited education. He possessed all the elements required by the pioneer, laboring to build up a home and secure a comfortable living for his family, and was a man universally respected wherever known. He arrived in Michigan in the spring of 1832, and labored diligently and successfully, being permitted to see the country develop around him and his children taking their places as useful members of the community. He spent his last days with his children, passing away in April, 1881, when seventy-eight years of age. The wife and mother died in middle life, when our subject was a boy nine years of age. The parental household included eight children, five sons and three daughters, who after the death of their mother continued with their father until they were married.

Charles Burleson remained with his father until his marriage, which took place in Washtenaw County, this State, Dec. 15, 1871. The lady of his choice was Miss Susan Larzelere, who was born in Manchester Township, that county, Jan. 15, 1848, and is the daughter of Hiram and Mary A. (Pitcher) Larzelere, natives of Seneca Falls, N. Y. Mr. L. during his early manhood occupied himself as a boatman on the Eric Canal some years, being at one time owner and Captain of a craft. Later he engaged in general merchandising at Seneca Falls, and about 1832, with his small family, set out for the Territory of Michigan. They made the journey in a sleigh during very cold weather, and took up their residence in Washtenaw County, where a few years later the first Mrs. Larzelere passed away. The father was subsequently married to a sister of his first wife, and they became the parents of four children, of whom Mrs. Burleson was the youngest born and is the only one living. Mr. L. and his wife died some years ago at their old home in Manchester Township.

Mrs. Burleson remained under the parental roof during her childhood and youth, receiving excellent home training and a fair education in the pioneer schools. Of her marriage with our subject there have been born three children, George, Lilburn and Benjamin, all at home with their parents. Mr. and Mrs. B. for some time after their marriage were residents of Franklin Township, but in 1882 our subject secured possession of a part of the homestead which had been rendered dear to him by many associations. He has effected good improvements, keeping the buildings in repair, and adding each year something to the beauty and value of the property. He carries on general farming, and lives easily and comfortably, enjoying the good things of life. Politically he is independent, aiming to support the men whom he considers best qualified to have in charge the interests of the people.

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OHN VELIE MUNGER, a prominent and well-to-do farmer of Hudson Township, was born at Stillwater, Saratoga Co., N. Y., July 17, 1829. He is a son of John and Maria (Velie) Munger, both of whom were natives of the Empire State, and pioneers of the wilds of Michigan, having come to this State when it was yet a Territory, in 1835.

The father of the subject of this sketch was born in Saratoga County, N. Y., May 26, 1796, while yet that part of the State was but sparsely settled and largely covered with primeval forests. When he was some four years old, the family removed to Eric County, Pa., where they made their home until 1835, at which time his father started for the Territory of Michigan, where he hoped to build up a new home in the wilderness. He was accompanied by his wife and eight children, including our subject, and came by way of the lake to Toledo, Ohio. On arriving at the latter place, he left his family and started on foot for his future home in

Hillsdale County. He had visited the Bean Creek Valley the year previous, and had entered some Government land on section 36 in what is now Pittsford Township. On his arrival in Hillsdale County, he procured a voke of oxen and a cart, and returning to Toledo for his family and household goods, brought them to their new home. His land at that time was thickly covered by the forest that had grown and luxuriated for centuries undisturbed. Knowing that it would take some time to clear enough of it to raise a crop to support his family, he rented a tract of improved land, on which they lived for that year. During this time he disencumbered a portion of his own place of its leafy covering, and prepared the land for cultivation. Putting up a log cabin in 1836 he therein installed his family, and entering upon the arduous duties of a frontier farmer patiently endured the hardships and privations attendant on a

On this farm, which he had literally hewn out of the forest, the father resided until 1855, when he sold out and removed to Amboy Township, Lee Co., Ill., where he purchased 160 acres of prairie land of the Government, and commenced to break up a new farm, but two years later was called upon by the Angel of death to cross the dark river. His wife, who was before marriage Miss Maria Velic, was also a native of Stillwater, Saratoga Co., N. Y., and first drew the breath of life on the 25th of May, 1804; she died in Amboy, Ill., in 1875.

John V. Munger, the subject of this sketch, was but six years old when he came to Miehigan with his parents, and is a living witness of the great changes that have taken place since his early days. The deer, wolves, beers and wild turkeys that were so plentiful here in his boyhood, have entirely vanished, and the forest wilderness has given place to beautiful farms and thrifty towns and villages. He remained beneath the parental roof, attending the pioneer schools and assisting his father in his agricultural labors, until he was some nineteen years old, wher he commenced an apprenticeship to the trade of carpenter and joiner. Having completed that trade, he has followed it ever since, with the exception of about ten years, when he was engaged in the manufacture of extension tables. In 1855 he removed to the village of Hudson, and purchasing a house on West Main street, took up his residence therein, and remained there intil 1876, when he moved into a fine brick mansion which he had just erected. He made this latter house his home until February, 1888, when he commenced agricultural pursuits upon the Kenyon farm, where he is now living.

The subject of this sketch has been twice married. April 21, 1855, he entered into a matrimonial alliance with Miss Emily Allen, a notive of Seneca County, N. Y., and the daughter of Robert Allen, settled in Hillsdale County in 1855, locating in Jefferson Township on a farm, and sometime subthey died. Mrs. Munger was called away by death wife of Lewis Graham, of Wheatland Township, The second marriage of Mr. Munger took place May 10, 1882, at which time he esponsed Miss Louise M. Kenyon. She is a native of this township and county, having been born on the farm where she now lives Feb. 15, 1810, and is a daughter of Sylvester and Eliza (Goodrich) Kenyon, Her manhood among the green hills and valleys of his native State. May 11, 1834, he was united in marriage with Miss Eliza, a daughter of George and ton, Vt., Feb. 22, 1814. On the 14th of May following his marriage, Sylvester Kenyon started with his young bride for the West, to seek in the wilderness a new home. He came by way of the Eric to Tecumseh, Lenawee County. Arriving at the embryo village, he left his wife and started on foot for the Bean Creek Valley, and found at Lanesville, now Hudson, but one log cabin, then occupied by Beriah Lane. Mr. Kenyon purchased a tract of land of Mr. Lane, adjoining the present site of the village, but after paying for it, he had but a few shillings left in his pocket, and therefore returned to Tecumseh, and worked on the territorial road to carn money enough to carry them through the winter.

Before the snow began to fly, Mr. K. removed during the winter felled some of the timber that covered the ground. The next season he raised a erop of corn and potatoes among the logs and stumps, which he had not yet time to destroy. After bringing his place to a high state of cultivation, he remained upon it until his death, which occurred March 29, 1879. Mrs. Ehza (Goodrich) Kenyon died Dec. 24, 1879, nine months after the death of her husband. They left three children, the eldest, Mrs. G. G. Williams, now a resident of Vanderbilt, Otsego Co., Mich., but still owning the east half of the Kenyon homestead; Mrs. J. V. Munger, of Hudson, and Mr. Martin Kenyon, now a resident of Pittsford, Hillsdale Co., Mich. Mrs. Kenyon died on the homestead, Mrs. Clamania Goodrich was born in Wells, Vt., June 16, 1790, and after her marriage settled with her husband at Williston, where they remained until 1836. At that time they started for the Territory of Michigan, by way of Lake Champlain to Troy, N. Y., and from there by Erie Canal and the Lake to Toledo. From the latter place they proceeded by team to Pittsford Township in Hillsdale County, where they settled upon a farm, where her husband died June 2, 1850. Mrs. Goodrich died on the

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ALLACE BRYANT, a well-to-do farmer of Seneca Township, came to this section of country in the spring of 1867, and from comparatively little means has made his way up to a good position socially and financially, having a fine property and being a man generally esteemed in his community. His family history in its main points is as follows:

The parents of our subject, John and Margaret (Watson) Bryant, were natives respectively of England and Scotland, John Bryant emigrated to America after reaching manhood and located in Wheatland Township, Monroe Co., N. V., where he made the acquaintance of his future wife, who was a girl of cleven years when she crossed the Atlantic with her parents. The young people were married

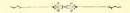
in Scottsville, Monroe County, where they remained three years, and then John Bryant having suved enough money to buy 200 acres of land in Michigan, made his way to this county, walking the whole distance from Detroit. Our subject has in his possession the patent issued under Andrew Jackson for the land which his father took up from the Government.

John Bryant had made his first journey to this county alone, but in the spring he sent for his wife, in the meantime having fitted up a house for her reception. Here they lived and labored, rearing their children and enjoying the respect and esteem of the community. As years passed by the labors of the pioneers grew less arduous, and John Bryant and his estimable wife had secured a comfortable home, when the father passed away in 1856, at fifty-five years of age, leaving nine children, of whom Wallace was the fifth; they all still survive. The mother is still living on the old homestead at the age of eighty-one.

The subject of this sketch was born in Lenawee County, Dover Township, Dec. 1, 1840, and spent his boyhood and youth amid the quiet seenes of rural life, working nine months in the year, and attending school three months in the winter. The father with his large family had difficulty in making both ends meet during those early years, but realized the advantages of education, and did for his children the best in his power in this direction. After his death the farm was left to the mother and her sons, and Wallace, then a youth of seventeen years, had necessarily assumed more than ordinary responsibilities for one of his age. In 1863-64, he was occupied several months as an employe of the Government, repairing railroads and bridges. Upon the completion of this contract he worked by the month until 1867, when he purchased sixty acres of land on section 3, in Seneca Township, which was mostly in timber, eighteen acres only having been cleared of the trees. Upon it were a log house and a board stable, the latter large enough for one team only. Mr. Bryant has a painting of the old log house adorning the walls of his magnificent new dwelling, presenting a fine contrast between the past and the present. It is hardly necessary to say that it would take a very large sum of money to purchase this relie of other days. Mr. Bryant next purchased sixty-one acres of land on section 3, adjoining the first. His residence embraces in the main part an area of 24x32 feet, with a wing 18x23 feet. It is a frame structure, and in point of architectural beauty is not excelled by anything in that locality. The barns and out-buildings are also a credit to the proprietor.

The marriage of our subject with Miss Caroline E. Tuttle was celebrated at the home of the bride in Seneca Township on the 25th of December, 1866, Mrs. Bryant is the daughter of Oramon and Sally A. (Spencer) Tuttle, natives respectively of New York and Connecticut. They were married in the Empire State, whence they removed in 1855 to Hillsdale County, Mich., and the year following came to this county, where they have since resided. Mr. Tuttle is now sixty-four years of age, and his wife sixty-two. Their family consisted of twelve children, ten of whom are living, and residents of Lenawee County. Of these Mrs. Bryant, the third in order of birth, first opened her eyes to the light Dec. 22, 1847, in Oneida County, N. Y., and was eight years old when her parents came to this county. She is the mother of one child, Ernest J., a bright lad of fifteen years, attending school in his district.

Mr. Bryant votes the Republican ticket, and socially is a member of the Masonic fraternity, belonging to Lodge 125, at Fairfield. He meddles very little with public affairs, and is quite willing to leave the office-seckers.



EORGE W. CLARK, at the age of three-score and ten has retired from the active duties of life, and is spending his declining years at Ridgeway, where he has lived since 1861. He was long a leading citizen and business man of Ridgeway, and has been intimately connected with its progress and prosperity.

Our subject was born in Groton, Tompkins Co., N. Y., April 24, 1818, and is the son of Eliphalet Clark, a native of Dutchess County, N. Y., a scythemaker and general blacksmith by occupation. The father grew to manhood in his native home, where he chose for his wife Margaret Eldridge, who was born in the same county, and came of similar parentage, namely, that of old York State. Eliphalet Clark came with his wife and family to Michigan, via the Eric Canal and Lake Eric, in the spring of 1829, and settled in Tecumseh. Two years later he removed to Monroe County and located in Raisinville, where he began work as a farmer, and spent the remainder of his life engaged in agricultural pursuits. He died at a good old age, his wife having preceded him to the spirit land several years. They were members of the Baptist Church, and the father was one of the delegates to the State Constitutional Convention, held at Detroit. In politics he belonged to the Democratic party, and held several local offices, among them that of Juslice of the Peace for sixteen years and Supervisor of the township. He was popular and highly respected for his many excellent qualities.

The subject of this sketch lived at home with his parents until attaining his majority, and was educated in the public schools of the township. He was a practical man, blessed with good common sense, an active mind and a vigorous body. Mr. Clark was first married to Charlotte Younglove, who died after bearing him a son, George, who now resides in Dakota. He was a second time united in marriage, in February, 1844, in Raisinville, Monroe County, with Miss Harriet Barnaby, a native of Tompkins County, N. Y., and born near Ithaca, July 16, 1823. Her childhood was spent in her native county, but at sixteen years of age she came with her parents to Michigan and located in Raisinville, where they both died; the father, Ambrose Barnaby, at the age of sixty-four years, and the mother, whose maiden name was Salome Taylor, at the age of fifty-four. They were people of unblemished reputation, and were industrious and energetic farmers.

The wife of our subject remained in the parental home until her marriage, which has resulted in the birth of six children, one of whom is deceased. Charles married Mary Kliblinger, and lives at Elkhart, Ind., engaged in the boot and shoe husiness; Willis married Clara Wilherham, and is the railway station agent at Britton; Ambrose married Sarah Helm, and is connected with his brother

in the shoe trade at Elkhart; Clara became the wife of Gilbert Waring, who is now deceased; she was subsequently married to Robert Hauseman, who is a farmer in Ridgeway Township. Hattie married J. R. Miller, a school teacher, who is now living in Colorado and is engaged in the real-estate business,

After his marriage our subject was for some time engaged in farming in Raisinville Township, after which he came to Ridgeway and purchased an interest in a store with his brother, under the firm name of G, W, Clark & Bro. Later the firm became G, W, Clark & Son, and was thereafter operated as a general store until the spring of 1887. Mr. Clark ha, been actively identified with the business interests of Ridgeway for quite a number of years, and has prospered in his undertakings. He now owns a good residence and store building in the town, and is able to spend in case his declining years. In politics Mr. Clark is a Republican, and he and his excellent wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.



ZRA F. BLOOD, a soldier of the War of 1812, and a pioneer of Michigan of 1824, was born in Deering, Hillsboro Co., N. H., Oct 28, 1798, and departed this life at his home in Teenmsch Township, Feb. 18, 1887. When twentyone years of age he left the Old Granite State and took up his abode in Brownville, Jefferson Co., N. Y., where he engaged with Asa Whitney in a nail factory and remained five years. In the spring of 1821, Mr. Blood, with a party of fourteen men, started from Jefferson County, N. Y., to the Territory of Michigan, several of them accompanied by their wives and children, and they chartered a sailing-vessel, the "Red Jacket," at Buffalo, for the transportation of the party to Detroit, Here the women and children were left with the goods, and the fourteen men started on foot for Lenawee County, arriving within the limits of Tecumseh Township on the 21st of May, and staying that night in a house upon the land now occupied by the village. The party selected their claims that same day, and the next morning, after eating up all their provisions, started for the town of Monroe to make their entries. Mr. Blood took up a quarter section about one and one-half miles southeast of the now flourishing town of Teeumseh, and here, for a period of over lifty years, made his abiding-place, and by an honest and upright course in life, secured the esteem and confidence of the people around him. He was for many years before his decease the oldest resident farmer of Lenawee County. He lived to see a rich and fertile country develop from the wilderness, and lent a helping hand to every enterprise calculated for the good of his community.

Mr. Blood, soon after locating his land, put up a small log house, which continued his residence the remainder of his life. He kept bachclor's hall until the beginning of 1830, and on January 12 of that year, he was united in marriage with Miss Alzina Blackmar, a lady of excellent education and intelligence, who had for some time been engaged in teaching at Tecumseh. She was the first haly who ever taught a public school in]Lenawec County, beginning her labors on the 2d of June, 1829.

The young people began life together in the primitive dwelling erected by Mr. Blood, not far from the banks of the River Raisin, and worked together in their efforts to build up a homestead and provide for the wants of their family. They became the parents of five children, four of whom survived their father. During those early days they suffered all the hardships and privations incident to the times, and had their share of pleasure as well as their anxieties. While the woods were still around their humble dwelling they were frequently obliged to build a "smudge" under the table to drive away the mosquitos. They practiced economy in connection with their church-going, walking to meeting barefoot to save their shoes and stockings, and halting when in sight of the temple of worship to put them on before going in. Funerals were frequently attended with ox-teams, but the people were upon a common footing, each striving to assist the other, and it is safe to say there was a larger measure of content among them than it would be possible to find in these later days.

Mr. Blood was liberal-minded and public-spirited, and was foremost in encouraging the enterprises which would develop the resources of the country and serve to enlighten the people. He assisted in the erection of every public building and every highway bridge in the township, and there were few matters of importance in which his views were not consulted. He merited in all respects the plaudit of "Well done, good and faithful servant," and his death was mourned by a large circle of the best people of the county, who duly recognized his services in the days gone by.

Mrs. Alzina Blood is still living at the old homestead, and is one of the handsomest and most intelligent old ladies of Tecumseh Township. She recalls with melancholy pleasure the events of her early married life, and declares that she would go through the same experiences if it were necessary, for she and her husband always felt that their labors had by no means been in vain. Mrs. B. was born in Wales, Erie Co., N. Y., May 25, 1810, and came to this county with her father in the spring of 1829. The latter, Charles Blackmar by name, located in Cambridge Township, where he improved a good farm and where his death took place about 1835. He had married in early manhood, Miss Eleanor Rice, who passed away twenty-five years after the decease of her husband.

Mr. and Mrs. Blood became the parents of six children: Mary Jane, the eldest, died in infancy; Mary A. became the wife of Jacob Talman, a farmer of Mt. Morris, Lavingston Co., N. Y.; Charles H. continues on the old homestead with his mother; William A., during the late war, enlisted in the Union army, was captured by the rebels, and, after suffering all the pangs of starvation, died in Andersonville Prison; Leroy C. married Miss Fanny Conkling and is in Lansing, Mich., while Orville O, remains on the home farm.

ALVIN C. COLWELL, a farmer residing on section 21, Hudson Township, owns one of the first settled farms between Hudson and Dover. It was formerly owned by his uncle, John C. Colwell, an honored pioneer of Lenawee County, now deceased. The subject of this sketch was born in Seneca Castle, Ontario Co., N. Y., Jan. 15, 1830.

town in 1804, and was the son of Daniel and Thankful (Payne) Colwell (for whose history see sketch of O. S. Colwell.)

The father of our subject was reared on his He was a blacksmith, and it is said, did good service in that line during the Revolution, using a portable forge while in the army. He spent his last years in Barre County, N. Y. Mr. and Mrs. bought a farm in the town of Barre, which they sold at the expiration of two years, and started with their family for Michigan Territory. They Canal, and embarked on that for Buffalo, then took the steamer "City of Sandusky" for Toledo, Soon after starting, a severe storm was encountered, and the steamer was disabled; the passengers were, however, transferred to the steamer "Eric," and proceeded on their way in safety. From Toledo they came with a team through the famous Cottonwood Swamp to Lenawee County, and Mr. Colwell bought eighty acres of land in Rome Township. paying therefor \$100. He built a log house, and and one-half years later he sold that for \$500, and retract of wild land in Wheatland Township. There life, just as he had begun to look forward to certain success, his death occurring in 1840, at the age of thirty-six. A man of such enterprise and force was an important factor in developing the township, and by his early death the community lost a good citizen. After her husband's decease the mother of our subject married a second time, and spent her last days in Hillsdale County,

The subject of this sketch was in his seventh year when he accompanied his parents to Michigan, and was ten years old when his father's death occurred. He lived with his mother and stepfather until he was sixteen years of age; as soon as he was large enough, he assisted in the farm work, and among the recollections of his boyhood is his having to search for the cows, which then wandered

at large, and sometimes straying away, did not return at night. Sometimes the search would be prolonged until after dark, and he would hear the wolves howling around him, and other terrifying noises would break the silence of those vast forcets. He was an active, vigorous lad, and his chief boyish pleasure was lumting deer, wild turkeys and other game. He received a fair education in the pioneer schools of that day, and when sixteen years of age, he went to live with his made dolm, and soon after commenced the management of the farm. His uncle died April 30, 1860, aged lifty-seven years; he was one of the earliest sattlers, and his death was deplored by all in a community in which he had lived respected. His widow continued to live for many years on the farm which she had assisted him in reclaiming from the wilderness, dying in December, 1882, at the age of eighty-two years.

At the breaking out of the Civil War, our subject immediately enlisted, and was among the first to go forth in the defense of our country. He was a member of Company C, Berdan 8 Sharpshooters, and served until 1864, when he was honorably discharged at the expiration of his term of enlistment. He participated in the battles of the Peninsular compaign and in the siege of Yorktown, after which he was detailed to do duty with the relief corps. He was present at the battles of the Wilderness, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, and many minor engreements.

December 5, 1867, Mr. Colwell was married to Miss Maggie Yandemark, who was born in Junius, Seneca Co., N. Y., and is the daughter of Henry and Lucina (Van Akin) Vandemark. Her father was born in Phelps, Ontario Co., N. Y., while her grandfather, Joseph Vandemark, was born in Pike County, Pa., and was an early settler in Phelps, where he improved a furm, and afterward died. The father of Mrs. Colwell married the only daughter of John and Margaret (Westfall) Van Akin (see sketch of W. H. H. Van Akin), and settled in the town of Junius, where he bought quite a tract of land, and was extensively engaged in farming. He also kept a hotel for a number of years, and finally died there. Our subject now owns the farm which he at one time managed for his unde. It is very finely located, and its fertile soil well repays his careful attention

by yielding him abundant harvests. He has ample buildings, and all the necessary implements for the successful cultivation of the land.

To Mr. and Mrs. Colwell have been born two children—Criff and Mand A. Mr. Colwell is a member of De Golyer Post, G. A. R. He is a faithful and honored citizen, acting well his part in all the varied relations of life.



Icurs Liller. The subject of the following biography, during a long and useful life, has proved a fine illustration of what may be accomplished by integrity, perseverance and resolution. He started out in life when a youth of seventeen, and gradually worked his way up until he became the conservator of important interests. He dates his residence in this county from September, 1855, and has since been one of the most prominent citizens of Tecumsch, largely identified with its various interests, and prominent in the building up of the town and bringing into existence some of its most noteworthy institutions, among which is the National Bank of Tecumsch.

Mr. Lilley, a native of Homer, Cortland Co., N. Y., was born Feb. 21, 1823, at the country home of his father, Zenas Lilley, who had emigrated from his native State of Massachusetts to New York in the pioneer days. He took up land from the Government, which he occupied nine years, and then went into Wayne County, Ohio, and proceeded as before, clearing a new farm, and bringing about valuable improvements. Lucius remained with his father until 1840, going first to Akron, and subsequently to Cleveland. In the spring of 1844 he became clerk for P. M. Weddel & Co., well known throughout that city, where he remained until May. 1847. He had commenced as the youngest clerk in the store, and gradually worked his way upward until at the time of the death of Mr. Weddel, in 1847, young Lilley had been head clerk two years. He assisted in closing up the vast estate of his old employer, and the following year purchased a half interest in the Weddel House, then the finest hotel in the West. He continued the oversight of this property until 1850, then sold out and was appointed as the Cleveland agent of the Michigan Southern & Northern Indiana line of steamers. In the fall of 1853 he was engaged in the office of the general ticket agent of the company at Buffalo, and subsequently came to Adrian to take the same office here.

Mr. Lilley, in September, 1855, accepted the position of Teller in the old Tecumseh Bank, with which he remained until the institution wound up its affairs, in 1860, when he organized the savings bank of P. Bills & Co., Mr. Bills being the President and Mr. Lilley the Cashier. In 1865, Mr. Lilley organized the National Bank of Tecumseh, and held the position of Cashier, managing its affairs successfully until it went into liquidation, in the spring of 1874. He afterward organized the bank of Bills, Lilley & Co., of which he was Cashier and manager until the death of Mr. Bills in 1880, when he organized the present bank of Lilley. Bidwell & Co., of which he is President and manager.

Mr. Lilley while a resident of Cleveland, Ohio, on the 18th of July, 1848, was married to Miss Sarah McEachron, who was born in Nova Scotla, Feb. 5, 1829, and came to Cleveland with her mother in 1835. The family is of Scotch ancestry, possessing all the substantial and reliable traits of that nationality. Of this union there were born two children-J. Raynor and Julia G. J. Raynor was born at Adrian, Sept. 3, 1854, and was subsequently connected with the great scale house of Fairbanks & Co., in New York City; he married Miss Jeanine, daughter of Judge Daniels, of Buffalo, N. Y. Mr. Raynor is now Secretary of the Indiana Paper Company, of Indianapolis, Ind. Julia G. was born in Tecumseh, Sept. 3, 1856, and is the wife of Lester P. Tribon, Cashier of Lilley, Bidwell & Co.'s bank, in which he is also a partner.

TEPHEN P. BAILEY. The good deeds of men live after them, and the traits of good men are held up before the minds of the living after the dead are laid away to rest, thus keeping their memory green. Whatever of good a man may accomplish in life, should be re-



Stephen P. Bailey

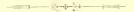


corded, in order that those who follow after may profit by his example. In this age shafts and statues are reared where they may attract the eye, and cause to be recalled to memory the names and the deeds of the deceased, and yet the most appropriate manner of preserving the acts of a man's life is simply to record in modest language the events with which he was connected while living. For that purpose this page, as well as the adjoining, on which is presented a portrait of Mr. Bailey, is dedicated to a good man, an honorable citizen, and an affectionate luisband and father.

Stephen P. Bailey was born in the State of New York, Nov. 30, 1816, and was the son of Samuel and Joanna Bailey, who came to Lenawee County in 1836; the father died in Chicago, Ill., and the mother in New York. They had three children, of whom Mr. Bailey was the eldest. Oliver lives in Nebraska, and Jane in this county. Our subject was about twenty years old when he accompanied his parents to Lenawee County, where he resided until his death, which took place on the 23d of December, 1886. Mr. Bailey was married in Monroe, Mich., on the 17th of April, 1862, to Martha Albain, who was born in that place on the 25th of August, 1838. Her parents were John and Ann J. (Kellogg) Albain, natives of Canada and Ireland respectively. The father came to Monroe County, Mich., when he was a small boy, and after living there all his life, was buried in that county; the mother still survives. They had six children, of whom Mrs. Bailey was the eldest.

To Mr, and Mrs. Bailey were born twelve children, eleven of whom are living—John, Joanna, Stephen, Sunnel, Ira, Asa, Ada, Oliver, Martha J., Clarence, George and Martha tone child, Martha J., died in infancy. Joanna is the wife of Hiram Church, and resides at Jackson, Mich. Since the death of her busband, Mrs. Bailey has assumed active management of the farm, which consists of 180 acres, being the original tract of land entered from the Government by the deceased, upon which he erected good buildings and made extensive improvements. When Mr. Bailey came to Michigan fifty years ago, it was an undeveloped country, and during his residence here he endured all the hardships and privations which fell to the lot of the

original pioneers. He, however, was enterprising and industrious, and did his part in the work of making a prominent agricultural state of Michigan, while he has left behind him a family of children who constitute some of the best citizens of the sections of country in which they live. Highly esteemed and respected in life, he is sincerely mourned in death. His wife, who survives him, is a lady who has been canonized in the hearts of her neighbors for many years. When the responsibility of a large family and an extensive estate passed to her hands, she assumed them with that courage which characterizes the pioneer women of the West. In her bereavement she has the sympathy and condolence of her many friends.



LIVER S. COLWELL is a respected pioneer of 1841, who owns and manages a valuable farm in Hudson Township. He was born June 13, 1820, his birthplace being one mile from Seneca Castle, Ontario Co., N. Y. He is of New England ancestry, both his grandfather and his father, each of whom bore the name of Daniel, being neer of Sempronius, N. Y., and there died at the advanced age of ninety-five years. His wife, whose maiden name was Mercy Hopkins, spent her entire life, it is supposed, in Rhode Island. The father of our subject was a young man when he went with his father to New York to live, and he married in Richfield, Otsego County, Miss Thankful Payne, She was born in Rhode Island, and at the age of ten years accompanied her parents to New York

In the year 1801 Daniel Colwell started for the West with his wife and two children, the journey being performed in a wagon drawn by oxen. They located in Ontario County, 100 miles distant from their former home in the same State. That part of New York was then on the frontier, there being but few settlements further west, and it was at that time as much of an undertaking to get there as it is to-day to cross the continent, and doubtless it seemed further away. The tract of land that Mr.

Colwell took up was in the midst of a dense forest where wild animals, such as deer, hears and wolves abounded. He built a log house, in which the family resided for a few years, and he then traded his land for unother tract, one-half mile distant, and one mile from the present site of Seneca Castle. He was just getting well started in life when death came, and at the age of forty-five he closed his earthly career. The mother of our subject afterward married Natham Whitney, and after his death she lived with her son William in Seneca Castle, and there died at the age of eighty-five.

he was seventeen years of age. Then the latter died, and our subject went to work on a farm at \$8 a month. When he was nineteen years of age he 1841, he visited Michigan and purchased some land in Hudson Township. He afterward returned to New York, and was married on the 2d of Septemgrandfather, a native of Conway, Franklin Co., Mass., was one of the first settlers of Ontario County, N. Y., which was then on the western frontier. He located there soon after the Revolutionary War, and clearing a farm from the forest closed his life there. His son Joel, Mrs. Colwell's grandfather, was born in Conway, Mass., and it is thought that he had grown to be a young man when his parents removed to New York. He improved a farm in Seneca Township, Ontario County, and father of Mrs. Colwell, was born in that township and went from there to take part in the War of 1812. He inherited a part of his father's farm, and that was his home during his entire life. He married Esther Belding, a native of that county, and a daughter of Consider Belding, a pioneer.

A few weeks after marriage Oliver 8, and Sybil Colwell started for Michigan to locate on the land which he had previously bought. They traveled by way of Eric Canal to Buffalo, and crossed Lake Eric to Monroe on a steamer, thence by rail to Adrian, the western terminus of the railway, where Mr. Colwell hired a man to convey them to his

brother John's at Hudson. They found him living in a log cabin to which they received a cordial welcome. Our subject's land was heavily timbered and there were no buildings on it, so his brother hospitably shared with the young couple his humble abode for a year. In the meantime he cleared some of his land and erected a log house, into which he and his wife removed, and lived until 1859. Then he built a more comfortable frame house, which they now occupy, and he also has a good set of frame buildings for farming purposes. He has seventy acres of land well cleared, drained and very productive, and he has besides thirty acres of valuable timbered land. When he first moved here Rollin and Medina were the nearest milling points for some time, and he did his farm work, milling and marketing with oxen for a number of years.

To Mr. and Mrs. Colwell have been born four children, namely: William G., Mattie. Libbie M. and a son who died in infancy unnamed. William did good service in the late war as a member of Berdan's Sharpshooters, enlisting at the age of eighteen, and serving nearly two years. He was wounded at the battle of Gettysburg, and after that was discharged on account of disability; he now lives in Lawrence, Kan. Libbie is the wife of Clarence E. Root, and lives in Flint, Mich., while Mattie married J. J. Wood, and died at their home in Hudson at the age of thirty-eight years.

Mr. and Mrs. Colwell are held in the highest consideration as reliable and worthy people. They are attendants at the Congregational Church. In politics Mr. Colwell firmly upholds the interests of the Democratic party.

ABEZ BRIGGS, of Woodstock Township, over whom the snows of seventy winters have passed, was born in Cayuga County, N. Y., June 28, 1817, and cane to the Territory of Michigan with his father's family in the spring of 1834. His father, John Briggs, was born in Washington County, N. Y., Jan. 1, 1785, and thence, when a young man, moved to Cayuga County, where he lived until 1834, then determined to cast his lot with the proneers of this region. He first located in Hillsdale County, taking

up 120 acres of Government land, and lived there eight years, but in 1842 he purchased a farm in Woodstock Township, this country, which is now occupied by his son Smith. John Briggs retired from active labor some years before his death, and spent his last days among his children, dying at the home of his son Jabez, Oct. 6, 1875, lacking a few months of being ninety years old. The mother had died in this township at the age of about fifty. The father of our subject was in the War of 1842, and the grandfathers were in the Revolutionary War.

Jabez Briggs early in life was trained to habits of industry, and made himself of use around the pioneer homestead. The straits and hardships to which the settlers were subjected, is the common story of all, and their deeds of bravery and self-sacrifice will many of them remain unrecorded. In young Briggs was developed the resolute character which has served him so well in life, and he was early encouraged to begin to "praddle his own cance." He received a good education, finishing his studies in Fredonia, and when eighteen years old, engaged to drive a stage from Detroit to Chicago. Part of the time he was in the office, and was in this and similar business for a period of eleven years.

Mr. Briggs was married after his arrival in this county. May 26, 1839, to Miss Emeline A. Drake, of New York State, where she was born in Genesce County, July 12, 1822. Her parents were Simon and Clarissa (Simmons) Drake, of Connecticut, the former a farmer by occupation. They came to Michigan in 1831, and Mr. Drake took up about 100 acres of Government land in Hills lale County. He there, with his estimable wife, spent the remainder of his days, dying at the age of sixty years, while the mother lived to be sixty-six. Mrs. Briggs is one of eight children, of whom five are still living and residents mostly of the West. The Drake family come of good stock, and are well-to-do and desirable members of the community.

Mr. and Mrs. Briggs are the parents of eleven children, recorded as follows: Augusta A. was born in Hilbsdale County, Mich., July 4, 1840, and is the wife of J. Adams, of Cleveland, Ohio; they have two children. Emeline and Evaline (twins), were born Jan. 7, 1842, and died when two days old; Albert D, and Adelaide (twins) were born Jan. 14, 1843; Albert married Miss Liveria Reed, and is farming in Adams County, Neb., where they have five children; Adelaide died Sept. 2, 1843; Clarissa A, was born Dec. 24, 1844, and died Ang. 10, 1846; Clarissa A, (2d) was born April 3, 1847, and died Sept. 16, 1849; John R, was born May 16, 1849, and died March 24, 1851; Cecelia P, was born Sept. 9, 1851, and died April 6, 1873; she had been married to G. C. Windle, who is now living in Woodstock, John S, was born Nov. 6, 1853, and married Miss Belle Swarttout; he is engaged as clerk in Hudson; Frank J, was born Jan. 13, 1856, and married Miss Ada Nicholls, who was born June 2, 1861; they live on the homestead.

After Mr. Briggs abandoned stage-driving, he returned to his father's farm where he worked for a time, then made his way to Jonesville, Mich., "mine host" until 1861. In the spring of that year he purchased a farm in Woodstock Township, which he occupied seventeen years, and upon disposing of this property, secured possession of his present homestead. Here as elsewhere, he has and has seldom been without some office of trust and responsibility. He is public-spirited and liberal, and has been concerned in the building up of schools and churches. He votes the straight Democratic ticket, and has worked faithfully for his party; he has been Township Clerk and Treasurer, Justice of the Peace, and School Director, and prominent in the councils of his townsmen in the matters pertaining to the general welfare. Few men are more widely and favorably known throughout Woodstock Township than Jabez Briggs,

IRDSEY J. BIDWELL. The materials composing an edifice, the stone, the brick, and the timber, must be sound and without flaw, or the structure will quickly indicate the imperfection. So in a community if a portion are indolent, improvident, and are not spurred on by

noble ambitions, the effect will in due time become apparent in the general aspect of the whole. The man who, like the block of masonry or the solid beam of onk, has stood the test of years alongside of others of his kind, deserves more than mere mention in referring to his community, and such a man is the subject of this sketch.

Mr. Bidwell has been one of Tecumsch's most active business men. He at one time carried on general merchandising in connection with a tannery and the manufacturing of leather, and purchased hides, wool and pelts from all parts of the Northwest. To this was also added boots and shoes, and the whole furnished employment for a large number of men. The Bidwell block, three stories in height, with a frontage of eighty feet, is one of the monments of his success and industry, and there have been few enterprises inaugurated for the progress and development of Lenawee County which have not received the cordial and substantial support of our subject.

Mr. Bidwell is now in the seventy-seventh year of his age, but is still active in mind and body, looking after his business affairs in person with his old-time care and energy. During the early years of his life he was interested in agricultural pursuits, and attained an enviable reputation as a breeder of fine stock, dealing mostly in Short-horn cattle. He is especially fond of fine horses, and delights in driving and riding after a spirited team. During the greater part of his long journey in life he has enjoyed the companionship of one of the most accomplished ladies it has been the fortune of the biographer to meet, a woman of gentle voice and commanding appearance, with more than ordinary intelligence, profitable to converse with, and possessing an ample store of knowledge, with fine command of language.

Mr. Bidwell was born in the town of Colebrook, Litchfield Co., Conn., Sept. 14, 1810, and is the sixth child of Asa and Eunice (Underwood) Bidwell, natives of the same State, the father born in 1778, and the mother three years later. Asa Bidwell followed farming, and the parental household included eleven children, eight sons and three daughters, all of whom lived to mature years, and presented one of the finest family groups that are

often seen. When Birdsey J, was about nine years of ago his parents removed from the Nutmeg State to Livingston County, N. Y., where they passed the remainder of their days. Our subject attended the district school in winter, and worked on the farm during the summer, remaining under the home roof until twenty-four years of age. Upon starting out for himself he made his way westward, and in 1838 embarked in the mercantile business in Tecumseh. His store was fitted out after the manner of those days, his stock consisting of everything required in the village or farm household, including clothing and boots and shoes. He happily chose the correct way in which to transact business, and built up a large and profitable trade, which he carried on until 1863. At that time he became interested in farming, and transferred the business to his two sons, in company with Mr. Tribou, a former clerk.

Mr. Bidwell now took a trip to Kentucky, and purchased a small herd of thoroughbred Short-horn cattle of the noted breeders, Cunningham, Babbitt & Johnson, of Louisville. These animals were all registered, and formed the nucleus from which sprang numbers of fine cattle in Southern Michigan, and by which Mr. Bidwell became noted as a stock-breeder. He was uniformly successful, and in time his herd numbered eighty head, bred from the best blood obtainable in the West, while he shipped many to different parts of the country, and thus received a handsome income annually.

The Bidwell farm, which is the admiration of the country around, and invariably attracts the attention of the passing traveler, comprises 300 acres of naturally fertile land, which, under a process of thorough cultivation, is exceedingly valuable. It lies adjacent to the village limits, and in all its appointments presents the picture of the model country bomestead, with its fine buildings, its live stock and its costly farm machinery. The farm is laid off into ten and twenty acre fields, and two good wind-mill pumps distribute water from neverfailing springs at all seasons of the year. There are four commodious barns with long rows of sheds for the protection of cattle, and every other convenience for their care and comfort.

Birdsey J. Bidwell was married in February, 1842, to Miss Elizabeth A. Cushing, of Tecumseh, but whose birthplace was in the State of Vermont, where she was reared and educated. She came to Michigan with her parents, Samuel and Dorcas (Daniles) Cushing, when a maiden of sixteen years, and subsequently followed teaching until her marriage. Of this union there were born two children: Lamont C, and Levearn I, a resident of Tecunseh, and a dealer in fine horses. Lamont C, Bidwell is the owner of a ranch in Harper County, Kan., which is six miles in extent, and embraces 12,000 acres, bordering on the northern line of the Indian Territory, and all in one body. He has inherited largely the talents of his father as a cattle-breeder and business man, and is President of the Harper County National Bank.

Mr. Bidwell, upon retiring from farm life, engaged in banking with the firm of Lilley, Bills & Co., and subsequently be conducted a national bank, under the Presidency of Peter Adams, which was eventually changed into a private bank, under the management of Lilley, Bidwell & Co. This is now one of the substantial business firms of Tecunsch.

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E. CONKLIN, a general farmer and the genial and successful agent for the Walter A. Wood reaping machines, resides on section 28, Tecumseh Township. For the past ten years he has been a constant resident of this county, and has conducted his business with such success as to merit the good-will of the company for which he is agent. He had previously been engaged with the Johnson Machine Company for six years, and he also operated a nice farm near Tecumsel, where he located in the spring of 1878. He then bought seventy-one acres of land, which he has brought under a high state of cultivation. He came to this county in 1861, and with the exception of five years passed in Raisin Township, he has resided in Tecumseh Township.

The subject of this biography was born in Livingston Comty, N. Y., April 2, 1835. His father, Sunuel Conklin, was also a native of Livingston County, and came of New England parentage. He married Lucetta Brasic, a native of the same county, where they remained until after the birth of their family of ten children, four sons and six daughters, of whom our subject is the cldest; two daughters are now deceased. The parents came to Michigan in 1869, and lived near Teeumseh till their death, which occurred for the father April 29, 1877, aged sixty-eight, and for the mother Aug. 12, 1877, aged sixty-four years. They were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the father was a solid Republican.

M. E. Conklin was reared by his parents, and educated in Scottsburg, N. Y. He came to Michigan when a young man, and located near Tecumseh, where he was united in marriage Nov. 30, 1864, the lady of his choice being Miss Julia A. Stearnes, the youngest of the family of Alpheus and Susan (Sisson) Stearnes, the latter living in Tecumseh, aged seventy-three. The father died in Tecumsel, July 4, 1886, at the age of seventy-three years. The parents were married in the township of Raisin, having both come to Michigan when young people. After their union they located in Tecumsel, where the father followed his calling of a blacksmith for some years. He was also engaged in farming in Raisin and Tecumseh Townships, in both of which he owned property. They were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the father was a Republican.

Mrs. C. was born in Tecumsch, Feb. 27, 1845, where she was reared and educated. She became the mother of four children, one of whom is deceased. The others—Nellie E., Hattie E. and Clarence A.—aged respectively, eighteen, sixteen and fourteen, reside at home; Nellie E. is a music teacher. They are well educated and intelligent children, and the family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Conklin has been Highway Commissioner for some years past, and is a Master Mason of Tecumsch Lodge No. 69, while in politics he is identified with the Republican party.

DWIN EATON, M. D., is a practicing physician of Hudson, Mich., where he is meeting with good success. Dr. Eaton comes of good old New England stock, his ancestors having been among the early settlers of the country. Tra-

dition tells us that three brothers of that name came from England in Colonial times, of whom one settled in York State, one in Canada, and one in New Hampshire. The subject of this biographical notice, who is a descendant of the Granite State pioneer, has the family record as far back as his greatgrandfather, Nathan Eaton, who it is supposed was born in New England. His grandfather, also named Nathan, was born in East Kingston, N. H.

The father of the subject of this notice, Jacob O. Eaton, was born in East Kingston, and there resided until sixteen years of age, when he went to Haverhill, Mass., a few miles distant, and learned the trade of shoemaker, after which he went to Maine and worked at his trade a year in Farmington. There he met, wooed and won Miss Elizabeth J. Fletcher, a native of Wilton in that State, and daughter of Abner Fletcher. After marriage be was engaged in the manufacture of shoes for many years in Wilton, but subsequently moved to the is near East Dixfield. There he devoted his time and attention to agriculture until 1876, when he removed to the village of East Dixfield, where he is now living a retired life. To him and his wife were born two children: Edwin, our subject, and his twin brother, who is now a dentist practicing his profession at Livermore Falls, Me.

The subject of our sketch was born in Wilton, Franklin Co., Me., Nov. 6, 1849, and his boyhood was passed in that town, where he received the rudiments of a good education, and afterward entered Bowdoin College. His graduation from the mediand after receiving his diploma, he commenced the practice of medicine in Lewiston, Me., and continued there until 1876, filling the office of City Physician the latter part of the time. The ensuing ten years Dr. Eaton passed in Clayton, Mich., and in 1879 he formed a partnership with Mr. Haskins, with whom he carried on the drug business for two years, under the firm name of Haskins & Eaton. In 1886 Dr. Eaton removed to Hudson and succeeded to the practice of Dr. A. R. Smart; he still retains his office in Clayton, however, and spends

The Doctor was married, Nov. 18, 1874, to Jen-

nic McFarland, a native of Wales, Me., and a daughter of David and Martha (Sweet) McFarland, natives respectively of Bowdoinham and Wales, Me.

Dr. Eaton is a physician of fine attainments and thorough culture, and is a prominent man among his professional brethren. He is an influential member of the Southern Michigan Medical Society, and socially is a member of Clayton Lodge, F. & A. M., and of Phœnix Chapter, where he fills the office of King; he is also member of Adrian Commandery. He takes an active part in general and local matters; he was President of Clayton Town Board two terms and member of the School Board one year.



SEORGE W. SMITH. The following brief sketch of the life and career of one of Lenawee County's enterprising and public-spirited citizens is worthy the attention of the younger generation. He is one of the well-known and successful general farmers of Ridgeway Township, where he is a native to the manor born, his birth taking place on the 29th of March, 1840, on section 8. His father, James Smith, was a native of Yorkshire, England, and came to the United States alone, in 1832. After living in New York State for one year, he came to Michigan in 1833, and at once purchased forty acres of land on section 8, Ridgeway Township. This section of the county at that time was an unbroken wilderness, and it required a long and hard struggle to bring a farm to a state of cultivation. Mr. Smith improved this property, but sold it in 1858, and then purchased a farm on section 35, of the fractional part of Macon Township, where he now owns 120 acres of land. He is now eighty-six years of age and has retired from active work. He was married in Ridgeway Township to Miss Amelia Whalley, a native of Dublin, Ireland, who came to the United States alone when eighteen years of age, and settled in this county. She is now seventy-three years of age, and is the mother of eight children. The subject of this sketch is the oldest son and the second child of the family, all of whom are now living, and all have been married. The early life of the subject of this sketch was spent at home with his parents, and he



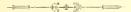


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received a good education in the common schools of that day.

George W. Smith has been married twice, his first wife being Miss Libbie DuBois, their marriage taking place in 1863. She was born in the township of Ridgeway, and was the eldest daughter of John DuBois, and died at her home in this township in June, 1881. She was the mother of four children: Minnie, who died at the age of eighteen years: Addie, also deceased, Cyrus, at home, and Lavern. Mr. Smith's second wife was Miss Estella, daughter of David Jones, a resident of Tecumseh, in which place she was born in 1858. She was reared and received her education in Tecumseh, and for several years preceding her marriage was a school teacher. She is the mother of one child—Winnie.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith are now living on their pleasant farm consisting of 160 acres on section 3, of Ridgeway Township. This place is considered a very valuable property, and is one of the most productive farms in the county. In the cyclone which swept over this section of Michigan on the 9th of September, 1885, he lost many good buildings, but promptly went to work to replace them, and help repair the damage occasioned to others. Mrs. Smith is a member of the Presbyterian Church in Tecumseli, and a sincere Christian woman. Mr. Smith is now serving as Justice of the Peace, He is a Democrat in politics, and that office has been conferred upon him as a mark of appreciation by that party. He is an enterprising citizen, and public spirited in every way, and scarcely any projeet conceived for the public good is carried forward in this section of the county without his aid and participation in it.



ENJAMIN S. ALLEN, of Madison Township, looked upon this section of country in its pioneer days, and trod the mentitivated ground which is now occupied by beautiful farms and growing towns. He arrived here with his parents in 1836, when a boy thirteen years of age and remains one of the few who live to tell the story of the early settlement of this township. He

received a fair education and was early initiated into the duties of the farm. He possessed more than ordinary intelligence, by which he managed to keep pace with the most important events of the day and succeeded in taking a short course finally in the High School at Adrian. Afterward he resumed his labors upon the farm for a time, in which, with the exception of three years, he has since been engaged and remained continuously a resident of Madison Township. In the interval spoken of he followed railroading, being in the employ of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad Company, and was promoted from brakeman to conductor, which responsible position he occupied until resigning it for the safer and more pleasant duties of farm life.

Our subject is the son of Stephen and Deborah Allen (see sketch), and was born in Seneca County, N. Y., Dec. 22, 1823. His parents, who were natives of New Jersey, subsequently came to Michigan and spent their last years in Lenawee County. Their family included ten children. Benjamin S. in his youth witnessed the construction of the first railroad in this section and was the first man to turn the brakes on the pioneer train. Upon retiring to farm life he purchased eighty acres of land on section 4 in Madison Township, and for the last thirty years or more has here found a comfortable home, which he established by his own industry and perseverance. His was the first plowshare that turned the soil over most of this land which he has now brought to a fine state of cultivation. It is neatly fenced and supplied with all modern improvements, including a neat and substantial dwelling, a good barn and other out-buildings required for comfort and convenience. Choice fruit and shade trees surround the residence, and the whole premises have an air of home-like comfort which is pleasant to the eve.

The lady who has been the close companion of our subject for the last thirty-two years, became his wife March 27, 1856, and was formerly Miss Sarah Allen, who was born in Seneca County, N. Y. Aug. 4, 1822. She remained there with her parents until reaching years of womanhood, and there her wedding took place not far from the house in which she was born. The union resulted in the birth of

one child only, a daughter, Letta N., who is now thirty years of age and a resident of Adrian, having married Mr. Frank Welsh, who is engaged in railroading in that city.

Mr. Allen, as one of the oldest living citizens of Lenawce County, has naturally made the acquaintance of a large number of people, by whom he is held in universal respect. In the early days their neighbors were few and far between, and this fact served to foster that kindly feeling and generous hospitality which was so marked a characteristic of those times and is often referred to by the old settlers as a happy contrast to the present. The feeling of mutual dependence brought them closely together, and each man had a personal interest in the welfare of his neighbor. Benjamin S. Allen was not one whit behind those hospitably inclined pioneers, and his latch-string was always out to the benighted traveler or the friend in need. Now, as he is passing down the sunset hill of life, he can look back with the reflection that he has done what he could toward making the world better and has endeavored to exert a good influence upon those around him.

As representative of the worthy pioneers of this section of country, we are pleased to present on an adjoining page of this Aleum a portrait of Mr. Allen.

LONZO MARSHALL CARSON, a widely known and much respected citizen of Lenawee County, is now making his home in Hudson, where he is actively engaged in the discharge of his duties as a Justice of the Peace, Notary Public, collector, and conveyor of real estate, and has made sales in this and Hillsdale Counties for some years. But our subject has a higher claim to distinction than as a business man, from the fact that he is one of the earliest educators of Lenawee County, and has been an important factor in promoting the superior educational facilities enjoyed by her children to-day, having had to do professionally with the children of three generations.

Mr. Carson was born in Seneca Township, Ontario Co., N. Y., July 20, 1829, and is the son of

William S. and Angeline Burlingame (Colwell) Carson. The grandfather of our subject, James Carson, was a Pennsylvanian by birth, and his wife was of Scotch-Irish ancestry and a sterling woman, He migrated with his family to Farmington, Ontario Co., N. Y., becoming a pioneer of that town, and there spending his last days, engaged in his occupation of a farmer. There his son William S. was born in September, 1808, and was but seven years old when his father died. He lived with his mother until he was twelve years of age, and was then bound out to a gentleman in the town of Seneca to learn the trade of a clothier. He resided with his master until he was twenty-one years old, receiving his board and clothing for his services, when he received his "freedom suit," made from cloth of home manufacture, and then started forth to make his own way in the world. He found work in a distillery, and also followed his trade as a clothier part of the time, for a few years. He finally rented a mill and engaged in the manufacture of

In 1835 William Carson visited the Territory of Michigan, coming via the Erie Canal and Lake to Monroe, and from there proceeding on foot to Adrian, thence to Lanesville, as the town of Hudson was then called. Here he entered a heavily timbered tract of Government land, east of and very near the present site of Hudson, which then contained only one house. After entering his land he returned to New York to make preparations to remove to Lanesville, and had his effects nearly ready, when he had an opportunity to trade his land for the factory in which he had learned his trade. He immediately closed with so advantageous an offer, and instead of becoming a resident of Michigan at that time, postponed his intended change of residence for a quarter of a century, and remaining a citizen of New York, was prosperonsly engaged in the manufacture of cloth until 1846, when he disposed of the business. In 1860 he came to this State and spent the few remaining months of his life in the home of his son Alonzo, dying in 1862. For a third of a century William S. Carson was a leading Methodist, and an indefatigable advocate and laborer in the various reforms of his time. His wife was born in Seneca Castle, Ontario Co.,

N. Y., April I. 1808, and is still living in her native town. Her parents were Daniel and Thankful (Paine) Colwell, Daniel, the father of the former, was a native of Rhode Island, whence he removed to Sempronius Township, N. Y., becoming a pioneer there, where he died at the advanced age of ninety-five years. He was three times married; his second wife, the great-grandmother of our subject, was Mercy Hopkins, of Rhode Island. 'His son Daniel was a young man when he went to New York with his parents, and there married, at Richfield, Otsego County, Thankful Paine, who had left her native Rhode Island at twelve years of age and accompanied her parents to New York.

In 1801, Daniel Colwell, the grandfather of our subject, removed with his wife and two children to Seneca Castle, N. Y., with an ox-team through the wilderness, and were among the pioneers of that place. Mr. Colwell took up a tract of timber land, upon which he erected a log house, and built up and improved quite a farm, which he afterward sold, and bought another near by, on which he lived until his death at forty-five years of age. His wife, the grandmother of our subject, was again married, Nathan Whitney being her second husband. She spent her last years with her children, and died at the home of her son, William G. Colwell, in Seneca Castle.

Alonzo M. Carson, our subject, was aspiring and ambitious as a pupil, and having a love for books and study, through his own exertions he gained a substantial education. He was put at work in his father's factory when he was but nine years old, and was so small that he had to stand on a soap box to reach the machine. He continued in the employ of his father, with the exception of three months in the winter season, for nine years. When he was eighteen years old he bought his time of his father and went to work to earn money to secure an edueation by all sorts of jobbing about the neighborhood, and paid his board by attending a potash manufactory at night. In that way he acquired the requisite money to pay for one season's tuition at Lima College, after which he carned the money to pay for a further course by teaching, and alternately taught and attended college. He continued teaching until 1851, when he went to Cleveland,

Ohio, and there clerked in a book and stationery store. He afterward went to Newark, Ohio, and established himself in the business of stationer and book-seller, but after a few months he closed out and started on a tour through the States of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan and Iowa, making the tour as auctioneer. In 1852 he located in Hudson, and has been a valued citizen of this township ever since, with the exception of two years spent in Medina. He opened a private school in Hudson in 1852 and maintained it for two years with success. He then founded Oak Grove Academy in the village of Medina and was its Principal for two happy years. This was a prosperous institution until the inauguration of the free school system. He then returned to Hudson, and has since taught in every school building, in every hall but one, and in one church in the village, continuing to teach until 1855, when he settled on a tract of land onehalf mile from the village and turned his attention to farming. He cleared a good farm from the heavily timbered wilderness, which became quite valuable. He still took an active part in educational matters and was in some capacity connected with scholastic affairs for about thirty consecutive years. He continued to make his home on his farm until 1881, when he retired to the town and has since made his residence here.

Our subject is a man of wide experience and broad culture, and has exerted much influence in his community, and has given place and position to many young people by his counsel and assistance. In politics he has been a faithful adherent of the Republican party ever since its formation, and is also an earnest Prohibitionist, but is in no sense a politician, detesting political insincerity and trickery.

The marriage of Mr. Carson with Miss B, Jennie Peck took place Sept. 22, 1852. Mrs. Carson was born in Seneca, Ontario Co., N. Y., March 24, 1833, and is the daughter of Ira and Polly (Porter) Peck. Of their union three children have been born, of whom their daughter Bell alone is living. She is now engaged in teaching in Grayling, Crawford County, this State. The great sorrows which have shadowed their wedded life have been the death of their only son, Olin, who died in infancy, and of their eldest daughter, May, who died at the age of twenty-two, She was an amiable young lady and an accomplished musician, and her loss has left a great vacant chamber in the souls of the little remnant left. These losses but serve to nearer bind the remaining members of the household together, and to strengthen the blessed hope of a life hereafter.

> "More home-like seems the vast anknown, Since they have entered there: To follow them were not so hard, Wherever they may fare: They cannot be where God is not. On any sea or shore;

Whate'er betides, Thy love abides,

Our God, forevermore.

Mr. Carson is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Mrs. Carson is a member of the Congregational Church, but in Christian work they are not creed servers, and recognize goodness, truth and purity of soul wherever met, well knowing that all goodness is not within nor all evil without the churches.

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HLLIAM LAGORE, a native of Port Edward, N. Y., came to this county in 1864, and located in Adrian Township, where he has since carried on farming in a most skillful and successful manner. He was born March 5, 1817. and is the son of John Lagore, whose father crossed the Atlantic from his native France in early manhood, and located in the Empire State, where he spent the remainder of his life, which was rounded up at the ripe old age of eighty-eight years.

The grandfather of our subject arrived in America in time to take part in the Revolutionary War, in which he served as a spy, and also having a good knowledge of medicine, was at times employed as a surgeon. He was married to a New York lady, the daughter of a farmer, and whose death it is supposed took place in Canada. Their son John, the father of our subject, was born in New York, where he continued until his marriage. He came to this county in 1845, then returned east as far as Ohio, of which State he was a resident a number of years, and engaged in farming in Sandusky County. In the meantime his sons had been reared to manhood, and he now left his property in their hands, and returning to Michigan, located in Fairfield Township, where his death took place about 1860, when he had reached the advanced age of eighty-six years.

The mother of our subject, formerly Miss Lucretia Darby, was the daughter of a highly respected farmer of Washington County, N. Y., and surviving her marriage only a few years, died before the removal of her husband from the State. He subsequently married Mrs. Elizabeth (Coffin) Warner, who attained the advanced age of ninety years. Of the first marriage there were born eight children. one of whom, a son, died young; the others lived to mature years and settled in New York, Ohio and Michigan.

Our subject spent his childhood and youth in New York State, and upon reaching his majority, his father presented him with forty acres of land in Ohio. Two years later he added to his real estate by the purchase of forty acres from his father, and upon this property he resided until 1862, when he sold ont, and subsequently coming to this county, purchased his present homestead. This includes 100 acres of choice land under a good state of cultivation, with all needful buildings, a choice assortment of live stock, and the machinery required by the modern agriculturist.

Mr. Lagore, upon laying the foundations for a home of his own, took unto himself a wife and helpmeet in the person of Miss Lucinda Gilbert, to whom he was married in the spring of 1840. She was a native of his own State, and became the mother of one child, a son, Rudolphus, who is now forty-six years of age, and a painter by trade, but now acting as book agent; he is married, has one son, and makes his home at Adrian. Rudolphus Lagore, during the late war, was one of the first to proffer his services as a soldier of the Union. Not long afterward he was taken seriously ill and sent home. In the fall, however, he re-enlisted, but the hardships and privations brought on his old malady, and he was confined one year in the hospital at Memphis. Another discharge followed in due time, and never having regained his former strength, he receives a pension from the Government. Mrs. Lucinda Lagore departed this life at her home in Ohio in 1847, when thurty-two years of age.

The second wife of Mr. Lagore was Miss Mary

J., daughter of John and Elizabeth (Wilkinson) Penover, who was born Feb. 3, 1822, in Ontario County, N. Y. Her parents were natives of Connecticut, whence they emigrated to Ontario County. N. Y., and there spent their last years, the father dving when fifty-four years of age, and the mother when sixty-seven. They were the parents of thirteen children, all of whom, with one exception, attained their majority, though but three are now living; one child died in infancy. Of this marriage of our subject there were born five children: Amanda E., Mrs. H. Selleck, is a resident of Adrian, and the mother of one son; Mary E., Mrs. Charles Earle, is the mother of three children; William S. is farming near his father in Adrian Township, is married and has four children; Charles F, married Miss Lena Muck, and is operating his father's farm; he has three children. Marion, the twin brother of Mary E., died in infancy. The father of Mrs. Lagore was an exhorter of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the entire family were deeply religious. The father of our subject, formerly an old-line Whig, later identified himself with the Republican party, to which his son also closely adheres.



OBERT CURTIS. The live-stock interests of Lenawee County have found one of their most enterprising representatives in the subject of this notice, who has been a resident of Rome Township since the spring of 1841. His property lies on sections 14 and 21, and the market for his farm produce and stock is principally at Adrian. He deals largely in sheep, and has had a wide experience as a breeder and dealer. His naturally good judgment has had ample scope in the management of his various interests, and has usually led him to a successful issue.

Our subject, a native of the Empire State, was born in Oneida County, Feb. 5, 1832, and is the son of Edward and Susannah (Smith) Curtis, the former of whom was a native of England, while the mother was of English descent. Edward Curtis came to America when a young man, and settled in Oneida County, N. Y., whence in 1835 he migrated to the Territory of Michigan, and took up 120 acres of Government land. He had made a good beginning toward the establishment of a home when his career was cut short by a wound from a pitchfork, which ended his life at the early age of thirty-two years. Samuel Curtis, the grandfather of our subject, was a sturdy English farmer in comfortable circumstances, and spent his entire life upon his native soil. His wife died at about the time of his own decease, when both were well advanced in years.

The maternal grandfather of our subject crossed the Atlantic from his native England in 1831, and settled in Jackson County, Mich., where he took up Government land, and there with his excellent wife spent the last years of his life. Grandfather Smith was sixty-five years old at the time of his death, and Grandmother Smith lived to be ninety. Their daughter, the mother of our subject, is still living at seventy-five years of age, and makes her home with her son in Adrian. The Smith family contained many professional men and scholars, and the male members for the last thirty years have mostly been Republican in politics.

Robert Curtis continued under the parental roof until about twenty years of age, attending the district school and assisting in the labors of the farm. After the death of his father he worked out four years by the month, being in the employ of one man the entire time. During this time he saved a snug little sum of money, and purchasing the interests of the other heirs in the homestead, took possession, and has since given to it his undivided attention. He has effected many improvements, and taken pride in having his work well done about the farm.

That interesting and important event, the marriage of our subject, took place at the home of the bride in Rome Township, in the spring of 1857, the lady of his choice being Miss Mahala Myers, who was born in that township, May 25, 1841, and is the daughter of Nathan and Electa (Cole) Myers, natives of Oneida County, N. Y. The eight children born of this union are recorded as follows; Nathan was born in Adrian, April 25, 1859, and married Miss Lillian Stoeum, of Rome Township; they have two children, a boy and girl. George E, was born Oct, 22, 1869, and died Jan. 6, 1872;

Cora M. was born Nov. 23, 1862, was married to Bert Short, of Cambridge Township, and is the mother of two children, a boy and girl; Lilburn L. was born Jan. 10, 1865, and is at home; Justin R. was born Dec. 29, 1868, and married Miss Nellie Ball, of Rollin Township; he is farming with his brother in Rome Township. Ada M. was born July' 20, 1872; Lee O. Sept. 26, 1874, and Octa N., May 23, 1876; these reside at home.

Mr. Curtis and his voting sons are decided advocates of Republican principles, which they uphold by their voice and vote on all suitable occasions. Mr. C. was at one time identified with the Masonic fraternity, belonging to Greeley Lodge in Adrian. Both he and his excellent wife are Free-Will Baptists religiously, and Mr. Curtis donated the ground for the church edifice; he has always labored earnestly for the maintenance of the society here, and given much time to Sunday-school work.



BRAHAM V. DERSHAM, of Palmyra Township, represents in a happy manner the thrift and intelligence of that section of country. He is a thorough and skillful farmer, and a man of more than ordinary intelligence, a great reader, and one who keeps himself well posted upon all matters of general interest. He has been identified with the majority of enterprises set on foot affecting the general good of his community, which involuntarily looks to him for moral and pecuniary aid in connection with important interests. He has served twenty years as Justice of the Peace, and is distinguished for his persistence and industry, by which he has secured a fine home and a competency.

Our subject was born in White Deer Township, Union Co., Pa., June 26, 1830, and is the son of Samuel and Susan (Shetly) Dersham, natives respectively of Union and York Counties, in the same State. The paternal grandfather of our subject, Jacob Dersham by name, was a native of Germany, whence he emigrated to this country at an early day, and was one of the pioneer settlers of Union County, Pa. There he purchased a tract of timber land, and planting his home in the wilderness, cleared the forest around him and remained until life for him was over. He reared a fine family of sons and daughters, among whom was Samuel, the father of our subject. Samuel grew to manhood amid the wild scenes of pioneer life, but when starting out for himself, left the farm and learned the trade of a carpenter. This he worked at for a time and then purchased a tract of land in his native township, where he farmed thereafter and worked at his trade until his death, in 1838. The mother survived her husband for a period of twenty-six years, remaining a widow, and departed this life at the home where she had lived so long, about 1864, when nearly eighty years of age. The household included eleven children, all of whom grew to years of maturity.

Abraham Dersham was the ninth child of his parents, and like his father before him, spent his boyhood and youth on the farm in his native township. He took kindly to his books, and by aid of instruction in the district school, became proficient as a teacher when nineteen years of age. He officiated in that capacity eleven terms, and then going to Lockport, N. Y., entered a store of general merchandise as clerk, where he remained for a period of eight years with the exception of one winter, during which he taught school in Erie County. At this time, desiring a change, he returned to Williamsport, Pa., where he occupied himself as a teacher during the winter season, while during the remainder of the year he was employed in a sawmill, until the spring of 1864.

Mr. Dersham now once more left his native State, and going to Seneca County, Ohio, was there employed at farming two years, after which he migrated to Michigan and purchased forty acres of land on section 2, in Palmyra Township. Upon this he operated successfully for a period of nine years, then purchased eighty acres on section 12, of which he remained in possession until 1880. In the spring of this year he traded his two tracts for the farm which he now occupies. This comprises a quarter section of land, 120 acres of which are under a good state of cultivation, and a part devoted to pasture land. The buildings are neat and substantial, and the farm with its appurtenances

forms a home creditable in every respect to the taste and industry of the proprietor.

Mr. Dersham, while a resident of Lockport, N. Y., and after reaching his twenty-fourth year, was united in marriage with Miss Susan M. Stahler, a native of Niagara County, N. Y. She was born April 24, 1834, and is the daughter of Henry and Susan (Hoover) Stahler, who were of Pennsylvanian birth and parentage and are now deceased. She received a careful home training, and a fair education in the common schools, while at the same time she became familiar with those housewifely duties which so largely affect the happiness and comfort of the home circle. She remained with her parents until her marriage, and became the mother of seven children, of whom Henry, the eldest, is a resident of Niagara County, N. Y.; Eugene is farming in Palmyra Township, this county, while Lillie, Ida M. and Carrie continue at home with their parents. Margaret, the first-born, died in infancy, and little Julia was taken from the home circle when three and one-half years old.

Mr. Dersham has been Justice of the Peace in Palmyra Township for a period of twenty years, and has also officiated as School Director. He is a man whose word is considered as good as his bond, and possesses that sound and temperate judgment which constitutes him a citizen whose opinions are held in uniform respect.

AVID CARPENTER, a prominent citizen of Blissfield, and engaged in the real-estate business and as a money-lender, is one of the important factors in the business and agricultural community. He is the owner of large tracts of farm land in this county, besides city property at Petoskey, in Emmet County, where he spends his summer months, and one of the most beautiful southern homes in America at Mt. Dora, Fla, at which he spends his winters. He has a well-furnished residence at each of the three places, and all the facilities for enjoying life in the best manner. This state of things has been brought about by the exercise of his native energy and res-

olution of character, as he commenced humbly in life, and has arisen to his present position through his own exertions. He has signalized himself as a liberal-minded and public-spirited citizen, assisting generously the enterprises inaugurated for the general progress of the people, and being in all respects the friend of education and of everything tending to clevate society and improve the condition of the people.

The early home of Mr. Carpenter was in Potsdam, St. Lawrence Co., N. Y., where his birth took place April 19, 1815. He is the second son of Clement and Elizabeth (Gilmore) Carpenter, to whom reference is made in the sketch of Joel Carpenter, on another page in this volume. The childhood and youth of our subject were spent in his native county, where he first pursued his studies in the district school, and later attending St. Lawrence Academy; he began teaching school in his twentieth year. When not employed at his studies he made himself useful around the homestead, and remained with his parents on the farm until August, 1836. On the 27th of that month he started for the West, and made his way by lake and railroad to Toledo, where he landed with a cash capital of \$25.

The first business of young Carpenter after selecting his location, was to secure employment, and he obtained a position at Toledo as clerk in a general store, of which Dr. Clark was proprietor. He made such good headway in the esteem and confidence of his employer that he was given charge of a branch at Manhattan, now North Toledo, and finally purchased the stock, and carried on business for himself there until the fall of 1838. He then removed his goods to Blissfield, this county, and in company with his brother Guy, engaged in mercantile business until the death of the latter, about ten years later. The place made vacant by his decease was then taken by his brother Joel, and with him David operated about two years, and then sold out to him. Our subject had in the meantime purchased large tracts of land mostly in Lenawee County, and had already begun transactions in real estate, in which he was uniformly successful. He still, however, cherished a liking for his old business, and in a short time resumed it in company with F. II. Brown, with whom he continued seven or eight

years. He then, in company with a partner, engaged in banking, under the firm name of Carpenter, Gilmore & Co., but after operating together two or three years Mr. Carpenter withdrew his interests, and confined his attention to real estate and money loaning. His course has been such as to merit the confidence of the compunity, and he has been the conservator of important interests for many years.

Mr. Carpenter has been three times married. His first wife was Miss Thirza Pease, who was born in Chittenden County, Vt., May 19, 1812. Their wedding took place on the 22d of May, 1837, but the young wife died less than three years later, Dec. 22, 1839. Mr. Carpenter was a second time married, Aug. 11, 1840, to Miss May L. Ellis, a native of Potsdam, St. Lawrence Co., N. Y., and born Oct. 3, 1822. Mrs. May Carpenter departed this life at her home, Jan. 15, 1818.

The present wife of our subject, to whom he was married Aug. 16, 1848, was formerly Miss Hepsibeth Worth, who was born in De Ruyter, Madison Co., New York. The first representative of the Worth family in America is believed to have been John Worth, who came to this country at an early day, and located in Nantucket, Mass. He and Miss Sarah Hoag married there, and reared a family of sons and daughters. Their son Richard was the great-grandfather of Mrs. Carpenter, and married Miss Anna Macey. They became the parents of two children, one of whom, Richard, the grandfather of Mrs. C., married Elizabeth Folger, a sister of Walter Folger, the noted astronomer, and grandniece of Benjamin Franklin. The Worths were members of the Society of Friends, and the male members of the family were mostly sailors by occupation. They were represented for several generations in Nantucket, the grandfather of Mrs. C, being probably the first to emigrate from there. Upon leaving the boundaries of his native State, he went into New York State, and spent his last years at De Ruyter, Madison County,

The father of Mrs. Carpenter was born in 1782, and grew to manhood in his native town. He then went to New York State, and located in Columbia County, where, in the town of Ghent, he married Miss Elizabeth Crandall. From there he removed to a farm at DeRuyter, and thence a few years afterward,

to Chenango County, purchasing a farm near Lincklaen, where he made his home until his death. He departed this life on the 2d of May, 1854, while visiting his children in Royalton, Ohio. His wife, the mother of Mrs. Carpenter, who in her girlhood was Miss Elizabeth Crandall, was born in Columbia County, N. Y., Aug. 8, 1789, and died in 1869, Her father, James Crandall, was a native of Rhode Island, and, like the Worths, a Quaker in religious belief. He spent his last years at Ghent, N. Y., his death taking place about 1845, when he was about eighty-five years of age.

The only child of Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter is a son, Guy David, who was born Oct. 15, 1877. Mr. Carpenter in the days when the slavery question agitated the minds of both North and South, was a stanch Abolitionist, and cast his Presidential vote both for J. G. Birney and John P. Hale. He has been a Republican since the organization of the party, and for a number of years was Postmaster of Blissfield. In 1860 he was appointed a member of the State Board of the State Agricultural College, in which position he served efficiently for a period of ten years, and there are many other enterprises in Lenawee County which owe their success to his aid and influence. He has acquitted himself creditably as a citizen and a business man, and stands foremost among the representative men of the

OHN HANCOCK CARLETON was one of the brave, stont-hearted pioneers who came to Michigan while it was yet under Territorial government, and by his energy, sound judgment, and decision of character, rendered valuable assistance in developing its resources, and in establishing its civil, social and religious institutions. He was a native of New Hampshire, and born in the town of Bath, Grafton County, Oct. 16, 1802. His father, Jesse Carleton, a farmer, was born in the same New Hampshire town, and was there a life-long resident.

The subject of this sketch was reared among the mountains and hills of his native State, and there breathed in the spirit of independence and freedom with which he was so largely endowed. His early life was passed in the village school and in assisting in the labors of the home farm, until he was sixteen years old, when his father died, and from that time he supported himself. Going to Canada soon after, he found employment in the timber regions, and remained a resident of the Dominion for several years. About the year 1830 he again became a resident of the United States, locating in Wayne County, Mich., where he worked as a farm laborer the ensuing five years. In 1835 he visited Lenawee County and purchased a tract of land on sections 21 and 22 of what is now Hudson Town-After securing the land he returned to Wayne County for his family. Having made the necessary preparations for the journey, he started bright and early one pleasant Monday morning, accompanied by his wife and their two small children, for his new home. Their conveyance, which also contained provisions and furniture, was a large wagon drawn by horses and oxen, the horses being attached to the wagon and the oxen ahead. They traveled during the day, stopping at intervals to rest and refresh themselves and their team with food, and camped at night, until the following Sunday, when they arrived at the house of John Colwell, on section 1. This was a log cabin, 18x20 feet, with one room below and a loft above. Mr. and Mrs. Colwell were at church, but the latch-string was out and they walked in, considering it a very delicate invitation to accept the freedom of the cabin. When the host and hostess returned from worship they welcomed them heartily, and invited them to remain there until they could build a house on their own land,

Mr. Carleton at once commenced clearing a space on which he could build, and in a week had a log house eighteen feet square ready for occupancy. The roof was covered with shakes split from basswood logs, which, nails being a minus quantity, were weighted by poles to hold them in place. The floor was also made of basswood boards, and the chimney was composed of earth and sticks. After chinking the cracks in the cabin with chips and mud, they had as comfortable an abode as could be found in the vicinity. There being no stoyes in those days, Mrs. Carleton did all her cooking by the open fire. The forests were then tenanted by

savage beasts, wild game, and a few Indians; the latter were peaceful and frequently called at the cabin for food. Mr. Carleton used to keep the larder well supplied with venison, bear steak and turkeys, not having far to travel to find any of these. Mrs. Carleton, who was also expert in the use of the rile, did not hesitate to use it if any of the wild animals came prowling around the cabin.

Our subject cleared a farm of sixty acres, and resided here until his death, which took place Feb. 9, 1872. He had in the meantime creeted a good set of frame buildings and made other substantial improvements. Mr. Carleton was a man of unswerving integrity, great ability, and shrewd judgment. An intelligent reader and profound thinker, his keen intellect grappled with the leading questions of the day. He was a strong anti-slavery man, and tenaciously upheld his opinions when he stood nearly alone in the town as an Abolitionist. For many years he was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, but later in life, differing with others of that faith concerning certain points of their creed, he severed his connection with that church and joined the Wesleyan Methodist,

Previous to his removal to Hudson Mr. Carleton had married Celestia Elvira Smith, who was born in Genesee County, N. Y., Sept. 2, 1816. Her parents, Daniel and Esther (Shay) Smith, were natives of New York, her father having been born in Dutchess County, and her mother in Canandaigua, Ontario County. Mr. Smith was a shoemaker and farmer, who moved with his family from New York to the Territory of Michigan in 1831, and settled first at Plymouth, where they resided four years, In 1835 he took up Government land in Williams County, Ohio, where he improved a farm, and there he and his good wife spent their declining years, both dying on the homestead. Mrs. Smith's parents were the Rev. Anson and Hannah Shay; the former was a Baptist preacher, well known throughout Western New York,

To Mr. and Mrs. Carleton were born five children, namely: Henry, Mary A., Almira, Harrison and Will M. Henry married Miss Mary M. Beech; he served in Company A. 18th Volunteer Infantry, and died in a rebel prison at Selma, Ala, thus giving uphis life in the noble cause which was so dear to the heart of his father. Mary married Addison Kidder and died in 1861; Almira married Henan Goodrich, and died in August, 1872, while Harrison died in infancy: Will M., the only child now living, is well known, not only in his native State, but throughout the country, as the author of many charming poems and ballads, expressive of home life and incidents.

Since the death of her husband Mrs. Carleton has resided a part of the time in Hudson and part in Brooklyn, N. Y. She is a bright, quick-witted woman, bearing well her threescore and twelve years, while she is an entertaining conversationalist, and relates many interesting incidents of pioneer life. Shortly after settling in her home in Hudson, her husband being away, she started for the woods to find the cattle that were then allowed to roam at will. She followed the sound of the hell until she found herself deep in the wilderness, when suddenly the tinkling sound of the belf ceased, and she knew that the cows had camped for the night. She followed their trail, however, which led her into a swamp, when darkness came on and she could no longer distinguish their tracks. Then, realizing that she was lost, she called aloud for help, little expecting that any one would hear her cry. She was answered by the howling of hungry wolves in the distance, but luckily for her she was near the cattle, which began to low when they heard her voice. Thus encouraged she followed the bell, which again was heard, and found the cows, which then led the way home. Before reaching the house she met her husband, who had in the meantime returned, coming to look for her, being seriously alarmed at her absence. Did space allow we would like to relate many other incidents of her pioneer life.

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SEL CURE. One of the most attractive homesteads in Rome Township occupies the northeast quarter of section 2, and comprises a fine body of land of 160 acres, with bandsome and substantial buildings. The proprietor has evidently taken a sensible view of life, and has endeavored to surround himself and family with those things which, while fully supply-

ing the creature comforts, also tend to cultivate the tastes and strengthen those genial qualities which form the true happiness of a home.

The Empire State has contributed a large number of the men who came to Sonthern Michigan during its early settlement, and whose thrift and industry have brought it to its present position, The subject of this sketch was born in that State in Orleans County, April 17, 1832, and is the son of Hiram Cure, a native of the same State. The paternal grandfather of our subject, John Cure, emigrated from Germany during his youth and settled in New York State, then, after the removal of his son to this county, he joined him here and died in Adrian Township at an advanced age. He was a stonemason by trade, and an honest and industrious man, who was prompt in meeting his obligations, and otherwise fulfilled the duties of a good citizen. His wife, Eleanor, a native of his own country, died in New York State, Grandfather Cure built his house in Vermont from money received as a bounty on wolves, in the hunting of which he was an expert and which he followed for fifteen years. His wife survived him four years, and was about eighty-one years old at the time of her decease.

Hiram Cure worked with his father on the farm during his boyhood, and upon leaving home engaged on the Erie Canal until his marriage. This event occurred about the time of reaching his majority, the maiden of his choice being Miss Clarissa, daughter of Asel Carter, who was of New England ancestry. Mr. Carter served in the War of 1812, and suffered many hardships which left their after effects upon his constitution, and on account of which he received a pension from the Government; he died in Vermont, when over eighty-five years of age. Hiram Cure upon coming to this county settled first in Adrian Township, whence he removed later to Rollin, and from there to the farm in Rome Township, where he spent his last years.

The mother of our subject was nineteen years of age at the time of her marriage, which took place in New York State. She came to the West with her husband, and died at the age of fifty-six years, while the family was residing in Rollin Township.

They reared three sons and three daughters: Linas N, served throughout the Mexican War, in which he distinguished himself for his bravery, receiving the approval of his superior officers and the admiration of his comrades. Later he followed the sea, and upon the starting out of Dr. Kane's expedition to the polar seas, embarked upon that ill-fated voyage and was never heard of more. He was for several years on Lakes Michigan and Eric, and on the Missispipi River.

Asel Cure continued in his native county until a lad twelve years of age, then ran away from home and followed seafaring on the lakes for twenty-one years. He was steward and second mate, and filled other positions, and continued as a sailor one year after his marriage. This event was celebrated in Adrian, on the 8th of January, 1867, his bride being Miss Lasira Baker. Mrs. Cure was born March 3, 1847, in Rome Township, and is the daughter of Norman and Harriett (Robinson) Baker, who were natives of New York; the mother now resides in Rome Township. The young people settled upon a small farm of twenty acres in Rome Township, and a year later Mr. Cure sold this property and purchased sixty acres on section 2, in the same township. Upon this there was nothing in the way of improvements, with the exception of an old frame building which hardly deserved to be called a house. Mr. Cure set himself industriously to work, and in the course of a few years had effeeted fine improvements upon his place and was the owner of 150 acres. His buildings are put up in modern style, and supplied with every convenience which taste and means can suggest. The dwelling is finely finished and furnished, and indicates in all respects the abode of people of cultivated tastes and ample means. Mr. Cure has expended over \$7,000 upon his buildings alone, and there are probably none handsomer in the township. The residence stands in Rome Township, but the land is across the line in Cambridge Township. The family includes three bright children: Clera, who was born April 10, 1873; Jennie P., March 3, 1879, and Channing, March 24, 1887.

The Baker family, including the father and uncles of Mrs. Cure, are well-known residents and pioneers of Lenawee County. They are uniformly

thrifty and well-to-do, and have contributed their full quota toward the building up of this section, Mr. Cure votes the straight Republican ticket, but is no politician, preferring to give his time and attention to his personal interests.

OHN A. BAER. The old reliable Keystone State has given generously of her sons to the settlement of the great West, and right manfully have they performed the duties imposed upon them. To their strong arms and resolute wills is Michigan, like many of her sister States, indebted for the full development of her resources. In this mighty work the Baer family have borne no unimportant part.

Peter Baer, the father of our subject, was born in Lehigh County, Pa., April 17, 1804, and while an infant his parents removed to Berks County, where he was reared to manhood. His boyhood days were spent amid the quiet scenes of country life, and his recreation consisted largely in listening to the takes told him of his ancestors. These he in turn related to his sons and from which, as related to the hiographer, we gather the following facts. The great-grandfather of Peter Baer, a native of Germany, crossed the Atlantic with his two brothers in company with General LaFayette, and were all engaged in the Revolutionary War. After the independence of the Colonists had been established, the brothers settled in Pennsylvania.

Peter continued working at the weaver's trade, which he had learned during his younger years, and followed this calling in Pennsylvania until 1847, then removed with his family to Ohio and engaged in agricultural pursuits. He was a man of excellent education, having been under the instruction of private tutors, and was especially proficient in the German language. He was first married, Feb. 6, 1825, to Miss Mary, daughter of Abraham and Sophia Smith, who were also from Pennsylvania, This union resulted in the birth of nine children, namely: Samuel S., John A., Elizabeth A., Peter L., Sophia and Benjamin (deceased), Lydia Ann, Lavina and Jane. About 1817 the family removed to Ohio, and the father purchased forty acres of land

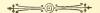
in Fulton County. The mother died soon after this removal and the home was then broken up. Peter Baer engaged as clerk in a store in Fulton County, Ohio, and was here a second time married, to Mrs. Elmira (Woolsey) Whiting, daughter of Nathaniel W. and Mary (Jones) Woolsey, and widow of Hiram S, Whiting, who died while a resident of Washtenaw County. Mrs. Baer was born Nov. 13, 1808, and passed her early years in Seneca, Ontario Co., N. Y. Of her marriage with Mr. Whiting there were born the following-named children: Their eldest daughter, Matilda, is a resident of St. Louis, Mo., and is now fifty years of age; Amanda, Mrs. Holcomb, is forty-eight, and resides in Bloomville, Ohio; Mary A. is the wife of Osear Holcomb, the Mayor of Bloomville, Seneca Co., Ohio; she is forty-eight years old. Louvisa was first married to Benjamin Baer, her second husband was Henry Mull, and her present husband is John D. Smith, of Medina Township; Maria died when about nineteen years of age; Lucinda is forty-one years old, and lives in Anoka, Minn.; Louis died March 18, 1886. aged thirty-six years.

Of the second marriage of Peter Baer there were born nine children: The eldest son, Sannel, is farming in La Porte, Ind.; John remains at the homestead in Medina Township; Elizabeth is a resident of Fayette, Fulton Co., Ohio; Peter and Lydia are residents of Medina Township, this county; Lavinia is in Morenel, and Jane in Medina.

John A. Baer, the subject of this biography, was born in Fayette, Seneca Co., N. Y., July 18, 1827. When a boy he occupied much of his time with his father in the weavers' shop, and received a limited education in the common schools. Soon after reaching his majority he was married to a maiden of his own county, Miss Charlotte White, the wedding taking place at the home of the bride on the 13th of August, 1848. The young people began life together in Medina Township, and the household circle in due time was brightened by the birth of a large family of children, recorded as follows: James L. is in Dakota; Elizabeth died in infancy; Harriet died at the age of two years, and Sarah at the age of sixteen; Alice is now Mrs. Mitchell, and resides in Munson; Martha became the wife of William Lifort, and is living in Medina Township; William and Gideon are deceased; Susanna is the wife of Scott Sturtevant, of Morenci, while Rose Ann married John Williamson, of Canada, and lives in that country.

The first wife of Mr. Baer died in Medina Township, Sept. 14, 1865, and Mr. Baer was a second time married, to Mrs. Catharine A. (George) Hulbon, widow of Gideon Hulbon, and daughter of Abraham and Catharine (Dormoyer) George. Of this union there is one child, a daughter Rosa. The first marriage of Mrs. Baer resulted in the birth of a daughter and a son, named Helena and Ervin.

Mr. Baer owns and occupies a good farm of 155 acres on section 33, in Medina Township, where he has effected good improvements and has surrounded himself and his family with all the comforts of life. He has now passed his threescore years, but is still healthy in mind and body, and able to give his attention to various departments of his chosen calling. He is worthily filling his niche as a reliable factor of an intelligent and prosperous community. His estimable wife belongs to the United Brethren Church. Politically, Mr. Baer affiliates with the Democratic party.



HARLES DUNHAM is a prosperous business man of Hudson, and head of the firm Dunham & Son, deaders in hardware. He was born in Brockville, Canada, Aug. 11, 1812. Ephrain Dunham, his grandfather, was a native of Holland, and upon reaching manhood he came to America in the company of two brothers, and settled in Saratoga County, N. Y., as a pioneer. He took up a tract of land in what is now known as Half Moon Township, and improved quite a large farm, while he also engaged in mercantile business at Half Moon Point, now Waterford, and remained a resident of that place until his death, about 1820.

William Dunham, the father of the subject of this sketch, was born and grew to manhood in that town and there married Nellie DuBois, a native of the State of New York, and daughter of Gideon DuBois, of German ancestry, and a farmer of Greenfield Township, Saratoga County. Some years after marriage Mr. and Mrs. Dunham went, in December, 1811, to Canada to make their home in Brockville, but in the winter of 1812-13 after war had been declared, Mr. Dunham was obliged to leave the country as he sympathized with the United States, and in consequence his life was endangered. He had to conceal himself for some days before he could effect his escape from the country, but one night he and his family with a pair of horses and a sleigh crossed the lake on the ice to New York, leaving all their property except what they could take with them. His lands, which comprised 600 acres, the greater part of which is now included in the village of Brockville, were then confiscated by the British Government. He returned to Half Moon, where he managed his father's farm for a few years, and then bought a farm in Greenfield and resided there for some years. He finally sold this property and removing to North Bristol, made his home with his son until his death, in 1815. His wife died in the spring of 1878 at the home of her daughter in East Bloomfield, N. Y., at the advanced age of ninety-six years and seven months. They were the parents of nine children, all of whom grew to maturity, married and reared families.

The subject of this sketch was the fifth child of his parents, and was but a few months old when he took that eventful ride across the lake in their escape from British persecution; he was the only one of their children born on Canadian soil. His father having lost his property the sons had early to work for their living, and at the age of thirteen years our subject was sent out to work, receiving at first but \$4 a month. His wages were afterward increased, until at the age of eighteen he received \$9 per month for one year. He worked on a farm in Middletown, and from the time he was eighteen years old until he was twenty-one years old he was engaged in a hotel. He then commenced to learn the trade of a carpenter, serving two years, after which he did journey work for one year, and then engaged as a carpenter and builder in Middletown, where he remained until 1838.

In the meantime our subject was married, Dec. 23, 1835, to Harriet Canfield, a native of Durham, N. Y., and daughter of Asahel and Jerusha (Hamlin) Canfield, natives of the same State. In 1838 Mr. Dunham went to Bristol, Ontario County, and

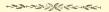
bought a farm which he managed for two years, then removed to Monroe County and managed his father-in-law's farm for the succeeding two years: after that he resumed his trade in Pittsford. At the end of three years he returned again to farming, having bought land near Pittsford, but after operating that farm for four years he sold it and removed to the village of Pittsford, where he worked as a carpenter until 1856, and then spent the winter in Ohio. The six months following his return to New York he spent in Pittsford, and next went to Cayuga County and invested in another farm, which he conducted for two years. His next move was to Auburn, N. Y., where he engaged in the manufacture and bottling of mineral water, but the third year a dishonest partner ran away with a part of their funds and broke up the business. He then concluded to come to Michigan and try in this State to retrieve his fallen fortunes. He first stopped in Ypsilanti, and soon after invested in eighty acres of land two miles from the city, where he made his home for six years. Then he sold this property at an advanced price, and bought another farm of 160 acres three miles from the city, on which he made his home for two years, during which time his wife died, on the 3d of March, 1867. She was an estimable woman, and was held in respect by all who had the pleasure of her acquaintance. She was the mother of six children, four of whom are now living, and are recorded as follows: Asahel C. is in business with his father; Addie M. married W. H. Yost, and they now live in Kansas City; Hattie married W. M. Ellsworth, of Sandusky City, Ohio, and Charles A. lives in Kansas City.

After the death of his wife Mr, Dunham disposed of his farm near Ypsilanti, and then engaged in the hardware business with his son-in-law, Mr, Yost, and his son Asahel, as partners, in the town of Hudson. Two years later he bought out his son-in-law's interest in the business, and he and his son earry a large and varied stock of goods, and have built up a good trade.

Mr. Dunham was a second time married, Oct. 27, 1869, being then united to Mrs. Samantha M. (Beals) Wheeler, who was born in the town of Moriah, Essex Co., N. Y., July 26, 1820. Her father, Caleb Beals, was born in Plainfield, Mass., and was

married in Adams, the same State, to Lydia Sherman, of Berkshire County, Mass. They went to Essex County, N. Y., and there bought a farm in Moriah Township. They afterward lived in different places in New York State until their removal, in 1834, to the Territory of Michigan, where they located in the town of Adrian, then but a small village with a few scattering buildings, Tecumseh being at that time the county seat. Mr. Beals bought a lot and put up a house and then worked at his trade, making his home there the remainder of his life. His death occurred in 1855, near Litchfield, this State, while visiting his daughter. His wife died in Massachusetts while there on a visit in 1854; her remains were brought to Adrian and now rest in Oakwood Cemetery.

Mrs. D.'s first husband was Renhen Wheeler, a native of Gardner, Worcester Co., Mass., and a cabinet-maker by trade, to whom she was married June 9, 1842. In 1840 he came to Adrian, and soon after opened a furniture store and chair factory, and continued in business there until his death, in 1854, with the exception of two years spent in California for his health; the last year he was engaged in the grocery business. Two children were born of that marriage: Charles H., who served in Campany C, 18th Michigan Infautry, and died in a rebel prison; and Alfred R., who lives in Woonsocket, Dak.



LBERT HART, a farmer and stock-raiser, of Hudson Township, is a native of this place, and resides with his mother and sister on the homestead on section II, of which he has had charge since his father's death. He was born Aug, 16, 1851, and is a son of John Hart, grandson of Harvey Hart, and great-grandson of Jabez Hart, who was one of the early settlers of Ontario County, N. Y., locating in that section of the country when it was on the extreme western frontier. He improved a farm and remained there until his death. The grandfather of our subject spent his entire life in that county. He was a carpenter by occupation, and having received a tract of land in Victor Township from his father,

he cleared the timber from it and developed a farm, He married Mary Jackson, who, it is thought, was born in Perrunton, Monroe Co., N. Y., and they both died on the old homestead in Victor Township.

The father of our subject was born on that homestead and there studied agriculture in its many phases, and was engaged in agricultural pursuits during his entire life. He resided in his native place until 1837, when, accompanied by his wife he came to Michigan via the Eric Canal and Lake Eric to Toledo, then by rail to Adrian, the western terminus of the railway, the cars being drawn by horses. There a hired conveyance took them to Wheatland, Hillsdale County, where he owned a tract of land given him by his father, of which a very small piece was already cleared and contained a log house. He bought a voke of oxen and with these did the farming and marketing. After living there some months he removed to Hudson Township, and settled on a tract of land which he had bought prior to his removal from New York, and on which he had built a log cabin during his residence in Wheatland. The cabin was chinked with chips and mud, the chimney was built of earth and sticks, and it had a puncheon floor. They took possession of this dwelling in the month of December, and found that Nature had adorned the interior for them with a fringe of icicles. was no door, but a blanket was hung to protect them from the wind. The fire was soon built, but imagine their dismay when they saw the mud hearth, which they had constructed so carefully, begin to thaw and the andirons gradually sink until they were almost lost to sight. Mr. Hart worked in clearing the land, as his health permitted, until 1839, when he returned to his native State and engaged in farming in Royalton, Niagara County. In 1844 he again came to Hudson Township, and took possession, remaining here until his death, Dec. 15, 1880. He had in the meantime cleared 130 acres of land and erected a good set of buildings. His marriage took place Feb. 17, 1835, when he was united to Elvira Ladd, who was born in Schuyler, Herkimer Co., N. Y., Oct. 18, 1814. Of this union three children were born-Llewellyn, Marion E, and Albert. The eldest is married and lives in Hudson Township, adjoining the old homestead, and the other two remain at home with their mother.

Mrs. John Hart's father, John Ladd, was a native of New England, and his father, the great-grand-father of our subject, also named John, was a pioneer of Schuyler, N. Y., and was a soldier of the War of 1812. He was a Baptist preacher and a farmer, and improved a farm in Schuyler, where he spent the last years of his life. His son John, though born in New England, spent the most of his early life on the homestead in Herkimer County, N. Y., remaining there until 1816, when he removed to Victor, Ontario County, and bought a farm on which he lived until his decease. His wife, whose maiden name was Betsey Olney, was born in New England and died on the homestead in Victor.

Albert Hart has always resided in Hudson Township, where he follows the pursuit to which he was reared, finding it a profitable and healthful occupation. Besides tilling the soil he is much interested in stock-raising. Short-horns being his favorite breed, and he has a fine herd of well-graded cattle.

The spirit of patriotism was aroused in the breast of our subject at the outbreak of the Civil War, and he enlisted Sept. 10, 1861, in Company A, 72d Ohio Infantry, and was mustered in as a private. He participated in the battle of Shiloh, the sieges of Vicksburg and Corinth, and other minor engagements. He was promoted for gallant conduct to Second Lieutenant, then First Lieutenant, and subsequently to the rank of Captain. After two years service he was obliged to resign on account of illhealth. Mr. Hart was a brave soldier and is a good citizen, fiving an honest, upright life, respected and esteemed by all who know him. In politics he is a stanch Republican.

ACOB REED is a farmer residing on section 13, Dover Township, where he owns a fine farm. His parents were of German ancestry, and were natives of Pennsylvania, where his father, Jacob Reed, was born in Cumberland County, Aug. 2, 1800. He was a farmer by occupation,

and married, in Fayette, Seneca Co., N. Y., Catherine Smith, who was born in Turbot, Northumberland Co., Pa., April 27, 1801. After their marriage they settled in Favette, Seneca Co., N. Y., where they passed their wedded life. The father died Nov. 17, 1869; the mother Dec. 14, 1876. They were the parents of ten children, namely; John, Jacob, Charles, William, Franklin, Elizabeth, Hannah, Enoch, Anna S, and Edward. Charles died in Fayette, N. Y., March 8, 1863; William lives in New York State; Franklin died when about twelve years of age, Feb. 2, 1842; Elizabeth resides in Fayette, N. Y.; Hannah died in infancy; Enoch lives in Seneca County, N. Y.; Anna S. died in that county, July 27, 1886, while Edward lives in Madison Township, this county.

Jacob Reed was born in Fayette, Seneca Co., N. Y., Sept. 30, 1825, and was bred to the life of a farmer. He remained on the home farm until he was twenty-two years of age, rendering his father valuable assistance in the management of his farm, and receiving in return many practical lessons from his worthy sire, which contributed to his advancement in later life. After leaving the home of his parents, he began to work at the carpenter's trade, which business he followed the most of the time for fifteen years. After that he returned to his original occupation of farming, and remained in Seneca County until 1850. For the next ten years he lived in Central New York and Ohio, spending three years in the latter State. In the spring of 1860 he came to Lenawee County, and casting in his fortunes with this State, settled in Dover Township, as he was pleased with the appearance of the country round about. He afterward returned to his native State, for the purpose of marrying the woman who was to be of such valuable assistance to him in making a home in this State. His marriage with Mrs. Susanna (Gambee) Kuney took place in Seneca County, N. Y., on the 7th of November, 1861. She is the daughter of Jacob and Mary C. (Gamber) Gambee, and the widow of Reuben Kuney, who died in Fayette, Seneca Co., N. Y., April 12, 1854. By her marriage with Mr. Kuney she had three children-Lorenzo, Minerva R. and one unnamed. They are

Jacob Gambee was born in Berks County, Pa.,

July 11, 1784, and his wife was also born in that county, Jan. 26, 1791. They spent their married life in Fayette, Seneca Co., N. Y., and there their daughter, Mrs. Reed, was born April 25, 1825. Mrs. Gambee died March 9, 1865, and Mr. Gambee Feb. 22, 1868. They were the parents of thirteen children—Mary E., Daniel, George and another (twins), Jacob, John, Mary C., Rebecca, Jesse, Susanna, John B., William and Sarah A.

Mr. Reed has a farm of 160 acres, which is very productive, and has well repaid his care and toil. He has made many valuable improvements, among which is a fine set of buildings, which greatly add to the attractiveness of his farm. The wedded life of Mr. and Mrs. Reed has been blessed by the birth of two children—Franklin J. and Mary C. Mr. Reed worthilly fills his position in this township as an honest and industrious citizen. In politics he votes with the Democratic party. He and his wife are carnest and conscientious members of the Lutheran Church.



AGRANGE H. DEWEY, of Palmyra Township, is recalled to mind as one of its earliest settlers and a man who has been remarkably prosperous in his undertakings, especially in his efforts to build up a home and secure a competency, He is now the proprietor of one of the finest farm estates in Lenawee County, which he built up mainly from the uncultivated soil, and during his early manhood labored early and late, thinking no effort too great for the end in view. He was ere long recognized as a valuable addition to the young township struggling into being, and to the community working against odds to establish itself in an undeveloped Territory. He has lived to see the once dense tracts of forests blooming into cultivated farms and smiling fields, and the places where wild animals roamed now the dwelling-place of high-bred farm stock and all the other appurtenances of civilization.

Mr. Dewey was born in Oneida County, N. Y., June 17, 1830, and is the son of Hiram D. and Sarah (Linsley) Dewey, also natives of New York State, where the father was born Oct, 2, 1802. The latter was the son of Samuel Dewey, who began life in 1763, and distinguished himself as a drummer boy in the Revolutionary War. He was taken prisoner by the Indians, with whom he remained three years and was then released; he spent the last years of his life in Hillsdale County, Mich.

The father of our subject when a young man learned the trade of a carpenter, and after his marriage located in Chantauqua County, N. Y., where he purchased fifty acres of land and employed himself in farming, carpentering and teaching until 1841. He then sold out, and coming into this county located first in Madison Township, where he carried on farming six years on rented land and then purchased the land which constitutes the present homestead of our subject. Mr. Dewey was to pay \$1,200 for the entire tract of 160 acres. Only a few acres of this land was cleared, the remainder being covered with heavy timber, but upon it were two log houses, only one, however, suitable for a dwelling. In 1852, desiring a change of scene, he went to California where he spent three years, but returned in poor health and died not long afterward, in the spring of 1857. The mother survived until June, 1886, and passed away at the old homestead. The parental household included five children, of whom only three lived to reach their majority; our subject is the eldest of the family and the only son.

Mr. Dewey was but a lad eleven years of age when he came with his parents to this county. He was reared to habits of industry, and as soon as his services could be utilized, employed himself in assisting to clear the land and build up a homestead. He was given a half interest in the last purchase of land which his father made and which has been his residence continuously since that time. He has sixty acres of land under a good state of cultivation, with substantial farm buildings, a good orchard of apple trees and a fine assortment of the smaller fruits.

Mr. Dewey was married, Nov. 6, 1856, to Miss Charity A. Wines, a native of New York State, and the daughter of Surrajah and Jane A. (Phillips) Wines, natives of the same State. They passed away several years ago in Lenawee County, Mich, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey became the parents of two children: LaFayette L., who was born Nov. 21, 1858, and is now at home, and Ella, the wife of George Nichols, of Cold water, Mich.

The early home of Mrs. Dewey was in Wolcott, Wayne Co., N. Y., where her birth took place May 2, 1833. Her father was the son of James Wines, who spent the most of his life in York State. The former, like his father, followed farming all his life, and came to Michigan in 1848, where he died in Kalamazoo. He located on a tract of timber land, and in clearing a farm from the wilderness experienced all the hardships and privations incident to settlement in a new country. The mother of Mrs. Dewey was the daughter of Nicholas Phillips, and surviving her husband some years, died at the home of her daughter, at Tecumseh. Mr. Dewey has always been a Republican in politics.

ALENTINE WENZEL is a native of Germany, having been born in Hesse-Darmstadt, Dec. 25, 1822, and is the son of Valentine and Mary (Hute) Wenzel, natives of Germany, in which country their entire lives were passed. The subject of this sketch, besides his brother George, and a half-brother, Frederic Foote, both of whom are now living in Baltimore, are the only members of the family that came to this country.

Mr. Wenzel received a good education in his native country, attending the public schools there until sixteen years of age, and during the two succeeding years he remained at home assisting his father on the farm. This life did not satisfy him, and feeling sure that more Incrative employment could be found in the New World, he left home in June, 1840, and sailing down the River Rhine to Rotterdam, there took passage on a sailing-vessel to America, After a stormy voyage of forty-five days he disembarked in New York on the 1st of August, 1840, and proceeded at once to Philadelphia, and thence to Baltimore, where he resided for the next two years with his half-brother. He then went to Harrisburg, Pa., and served an apprenticeship at the jewelry trade, and subsequently established himself in that business in Cumberland, remaining there until 1856. In that year, being

seized with the western fever, he came to Michigan and found employment in a machine-shop in Adrian, where he worked for one year. We next hear of him in Hillsdale County, where he bought a tract of land in the township of Wright, ten acres of which had been cleared and contained a log cabin; he remained there some years, clearing a farm and erecting good frame buildings. In 1868 our subject embarked in a mercantile enterprise, carrying on a general merchandise store in Waldron, but after a year's experience in that line disposed of his stock and resumed farming in Wright Township. In 1876 he removed to Hudson Township and bought a tract of land near the village, on which he has erected a fine set of buildings, and is now living in retirement from the active duties of life.

Mr. Wenzel was married in October, 1846, to Catharine Needheimer, who was born in Cumberland County, Pa., in October, 1828, To her and her husband were born ten children—Eleanora, Clara P., Charles E., William H., Mary C., Frank J., Carrie, George W., Stella I. and Edward J. Eleanora married F. A. Smith, of Minneapolis, Minn.; Clara P. is the wife of J. Vanderwert, of Mankato, Minn.; Charles lives in Minneapolis, William in Clifford, Dak., and Mary is the wife of Edward Jacobs, of Batte City, Mont.

In politics Mr. Wenzel is a Republican, and a warm supporter and believer in the institutions of this his adopted country. In religion he and his wife are worthy members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and in daily life practice the precepts to which they subscribe.

ANIEL WEBSTER TEACHOUT, formerly of Rome Township, but now of the city of Adrian, is well known as an active farmer and trader in stock, and is a man of tact, enterprise and thrift. He owns a most excellent farm, which is situated in Madison Township, directly west of Adrian, and contains commodious and substantial farm buildings.

Mr. Teachout was born in Rome Township, Lenawee County, July 18, 1844, and is the son of Welcome and Melinda (Howland) Teachout, natives of Ontario County, N. Y. They emigrated from New York to Lenawee County in 1843, and settled on section 10, in Rome Township, but soon afterward changed to section 9, where they opened and improved a splendid farm, upon which they continued to reside until 1860. In that year the father moved to Adrian, and located on Michigan avenue, where he built a fine brick residence, in which he died in 1880, at the age of sixty-eight years, leaving a wife and one son and daughter. These children are D. W., the subject of this sketch, and Mary E., the wife of Alfonzo Stoddard, who lives in Rome Center, this county, and owns the homestead where her father first settled.

D. W. Teachout spent his youth on the farm in Rome Township, where he attended the district school, and grew up to farm work, in which he became much skilled. In 1863 he enlisted as a private in Company L, 11th Michigan Cavalry, and accompanied his regiment when it went soon after to Lexington, Ky., and immediately entered active service. He was engaged with his regiment in all its marches, and participated in all the engagements in which it took part, until June 15, 1865, when he was honorably discharged from the service. Upon leaving the army he returned to his home in Rome Center.

On the 26th of December, 1867, Mr. Teachout was married to Miss Caroline M. Kimball, a native of Rome Township, and the daughter of Avery and Charity M. Kimball, who were formerly of New York. Mr. Teachout settled on a farm in Rome Township which had been known as the homestead, and soon after purchased another farm, upon which he resided for three years, his brother-in-law having become an occupant of the old homestead. In 1879 our subject removed into Adrian, where he has since resided, but has continued the management of his farm in Madison Township, one mile west of the city. In addition to the supervision of his farm he has for the past ten years been largely engaged in buying cattle, hogs and sheep, and shipping them east, principally to the Buffalo market.

Mr. and Mrs. Teachout have one child, a boy born on the 20th of April, 1870, named Welcome A. In addition to his own family, our subject's household also contains his mother, who was born in 1820 and is still enjoying good health. Mr. Teachout is a member of the Republican party, and takes an active interest in political matters, especially in securing the election of his friends to office, while he served one term as Treasurer of Rome Township, but has never been a seeker after office. He is a contrade of the G. A. R. and is generally present at musters, and participates in all he camp-fires. As a citizen and a business man he is universally respected, and in many ways is the confidence which the people have in him manifested.



AMES K. WHEELER. Among the representative pioneers of the county of Lenawee there is probably none more prominent than James K. Wheeler, of Rome Township. Coming here at an early day, when what is now a land covered with fine farms was then a boundless wilderness, thickly covered with heavy timber, he has watched its growth almost from its infancy. He was born May 8, 1829, at Seneca, N. Y., and was brought by his parents to this county in 1833, where he has grown up amid the familiar scenes that now surround him.

Abraham Wheeler, the father of our subject, was a native of Ovid, Seneca Co., N. Y., where he was born May 16, 1803, and was the son of James Wheeler, a native of New Jersey, and a farmer by occupation. After James Wheeler was married he removed to Seneca County, N. Y., and purchased a farm in Ovid, where he lived until the spring of 1833, when he came to Michigan, and purchased 200 acres of land from Capt. Thomas Whitney, which was situated just west of the River Raisin, and now included within the city limits of Adrian. Abraham Wheeler came to Michigan in June, 1833, and purchased land on section 22, in Macon Township, where he resided until the spring of 1840, when he removed to a farm on section 16, in the same township, for which he had bargained. Making this his residence until 1863, he then sold out and retired from active business, making his home with his son, James K., until his death, which occurred Jan. 6, 1874. On the 11th of November, 1827, he

was united in marriage with Azuba Young, of Troy, N. Y., who became the mother of three children, James K., John C. and Velitta, the last of whom is deceased. Mrs. Azuba Wheeler was a native of the State of New York, and was born Aug. 1, 1805; she died in Rome Township, this county, Sept. 22, 1865. In 1868 Mr. Abraham Wheeler married Mrs. Caroline Hitch, the widow of Hubbard Hitch, of Rome Township, Mr, Wheeler was quite influential in political circles in his day, and served his town as Supervisor for several years, while he filled the office of Justice of the Peace for eight years. Thoroughly active and progressive in all public improvements, he shirked no responsibilities that came upon him as a pioneer, Politically, Mr. Wheeler was attached to the Democratic party.

James K. Wheeler made his home with his parents for many years, helping his father in his farm labors, and attending school during the winter. Thus passed his life until he was twenty-one years old, at which age he started out to battle with the world for himself. After working for various parties, always at agricultural labor, in 1853 he purchased a farm on section 34, in Woodstock Township, This he occupied until 1865, when selling out he purchased a farm on section 7, in Rome Township, where he still resides. His land is of a high degree of fertility, and under an excellent system of tillage, while altogether it is one of the most desirable places, for many reasons, in this part of the township. His residence and farm buildings are in an excellent state of repair, he having put up a fine barn in 1882. Mr. Wheeler has been for many years, and is still, quite active in all good work, both in religious and social circles. He is a member of the Second Baptist Church of Rome, and a true Christian gentleman in every sense of the word,

On the 12th of November, 1851, James K. Wheeler entered into a matrimonial alliance with Elemor Ann, daughter of John A. and Elemor Miller, and born at Lodi, Seneca Co., N. Y., Dec. 28, 1828. Her father, John A. Miller, was a native of New York, where he was born March 7, 1784, and came to Michigan in 1842, settling in Macon Township. On the 20th of February, 1846, he married Elemor Sutphen, by whom he had seven children. Mrs. Elemor Miller was a native of Seneca

County, N. Y., where she was born July 3, 1786, and died in the same place, June 18, 1839. After her death Mr. Miller married Miss Maria Breese, and died in Macon Township, this county, Nov. 5, 1852.

Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler are the parents of three children, as follows: Finetta was born in Macon Township, Dec. 2, 1852, and died in Woodstock Township, July 5, 1862; John A. was born Jan. 31, 1857, married Lizzie Slytter, of Rollin Township, and is the parent of one child, Veda, born July 29, 1883; Hershel D. was born Oct. 28, 1860, and married Miss Luella Meyers, April 13, 1886.

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AVID M. BLAIR is located in Morenci, where he is engaged as a blacksmith and carriage-maker. He was born near Sodus, N. Y., Dec. 4, 1828. His means for obtaining an education were very limited, as when he was about twelve years of age his mother died, and his father being a cripple, David not only had to take care of himself, but assisted in the care of the other members of the family.

David Blair was engaged in farming until he was seventeen years of age, when he hired out and learned the trade of a blacksmith, at which he worked for different parties until he was about twenty-one years of age. He followed this business in New York State until 1850, when he went to Gorham Township, Ohio, and remaining there carried on the same business five years, coming thence to Morenci. He engaged for a short time at his trade, and then buying out his employer, entered the business on his own account, and has conducted it successfully until the present time. In connection with blacksmithing, he has engaged in carriagemaking, furnishing employment in his business to as many as nineteen men. He conducts the principal establishment in his line in this vicinity,

Our subject was first married in Seneca County, N. Y., to Miss Lucinda Clark, who was born in Ohio in 1830. They became the parents of five children whom they named as follows: Warren M., Lucy A., George, Ellen and Ernest M. Warren and Ellen are deceased; George married Miss Sarah J. Bardwell, and resides in Morenci; they have two children living, David M. and Jessie L., while one child, Clarence, is deceased. Errest is telegraph operator in Ashland, Wis. The mother of these children died in Morenci, on the 6th of July, 1879, and Mr. Blair was a second time married, in Morenci, Oct. 22, 1879, to Mrs. Ellen N. Page, the widow of James Page, who died in 1866, while on the way to Texas to purchase stock. His remains were brought back to his home for interment. Mrs. Blair by her first marriage had three children, two of whom lived to mature years—Lulu and Jennie. Lulu is the wife of Charles II. Foster, and Jennie is a teacher at Morenci.

The parents of our subject were David and Temperance (De Kay) Blair, the former a native of Massachusetts and the latter of Pennsylvania. The father was of Scotch ancestry and the mother of German descent. Their family comprised five children, four boys and one girl, of whom only two boys are now living—David M. and James.

Mr. Blair was President of the Village Board eleven years, holding the office for nine consecutive years, and has been a member of the School Board twenty-three years. He organized the Fire Company of Morenci and was Chief of the department many years, and is now an honorary member of the company. He belongs to the Masonic fraternity and is also a member of the L.O.O.F.

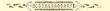


AMES BLAIR resides in Morenci and was elected County Surveyor in the fall of 1881, since which time he has filled that important office with credit to himself and satisfaction to all concerned. Prior to 1881 he had acted as Deputy Sheriff for a number of years.

The parents of our subject were David and Temperance (De Kay) Blair. James Blair was horn in Sodus, Wayne Co., N. Y., March 11, 1833. When seven years old his mother died, and he went to live with a farmer in Seneca County, where he remained until he was eighteen years of age, receiving an education in the common schools. He applied himself to his studies so diligently that at the

age of eighteen he took charge of a school, but finding the profession unsuited to his tastes, he abandoned it and was variously occupied until he came to Morenci, in 1866, where he has since lived. He was in the employment of his brother David about ten years, and during that time he determined to follow his present occupation, for which he had fitted himself before coming to Morenci.

Our subject was first married to Miss Agnes N. Ferguson, who bore him one child, Annie, and died in Rochester, N. Y. He was a second time married, in Canada, to Miss Lucinda Oram, a native of that country, and they became the parents of three children—Charles, Lillie and Frauk. Charles is a druggist in Morenci, where Frank also resides; and Lillie is the wife of F. M. Fisk. Mr. Blair has been Village Trustee, and is a member of the L. O. O. F. In polities he is Republican.



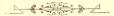
AMES PATRICK. The Patrick family, wherever known, have always made a good trecord, being prominent in public life and of that liberal and progressive spirit which led them, wherever making their home, to interest themselves in the general welfare of their community. They have rightly judged that only the spirit of selfishness will chain a man solely to his own concerns, and that it is to the public-spirited citizen that towns and communities are indebted for their thrift and prosperity. The subject of this sketch has inherited this trait of his ancestors in a marked degree, and in the township of Rollin, where he has long made his abiding-place, is recognized as a valued and useful citizen.

Mr. Patrick was born in Palmyra, Wayne Co., N. Y., Nov. 12, 1818, and is the son of James and Amanda (Drake) Patrick, natives of New York. The father died while still a young man, in Orleans County, and after this sad event the mother was compelled to return to her old home in Palmyra. There had been a good property, but this the father was cheated out of through the dishonesty of unscrupulous men. James was separated from his mother at the age of eight years and went to live with Samuel Beals, a perfect stranger to the Patrick

family, with whom he afterward learned the cooper's trade. At the age of nineteen he bought his time of his guardian and commenced working for himself. The stimulus of feeling himself his own man enabled him to put forth extra efforts, and three years later he was the proud possessor of \$500, and felt justified in securing one of man's first blessings-a good wife. To this lady, Miss Mary J. Moorehouse, he was married June 5, 1841, and they came to Michigan shortly afterward, prepared to share in the fortunes of the pioneers. He bought lots, and, building a cooper shop, was engaged at his trade four years. Mr. Patrick took up a tract of land on section 29 in Rollin Township in 1853, and was soon entrusted with the various local offices, serving as Supervisor two terms, and Justice of the Peace for a period of eleven years. He was also Captain of the home militia here, receiving his commission from Gov. Barry. Other offices were tendered him, but he preferred to lead the quiet life of a private citizen, thus escaping both care and censure. He has ever delighted in helping those who would try to help themselves, especially the young man starting out under adverse circumstances, a situation which Mr. Patrick can most thoroughly appreciate.

The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Patrick are recorded as follows: Viorna A. was born in Rollin Township, March 4, 1842, and is the widow of Perry N. Rowley and the mother of one child, Willis P., who married Miss Elizabeth W. Seeley, and they also have one child, a son. Perry N. Rowley, during the late war, enlisted as a Union soldier in the 18th Michigan Infantry and died while in the service, Oct. 3, 1864. The second child of our subject, Willis W., who was born Sept. 19, 1855, died Feb. 3, 1862. The great-grandchild of Mr. Patrick is a bright little fellow four months old, and is named Perry J. In a family of five petsons may be seen four generations.

Mr. Patrick cast his first Presidential vote for Henry Clay, and was for many years identified with the old Whig party; since its abandonment he has alfiliated with the Republicans. He was a reader of the New York Tribune for twenty-two years, and voted for Greeley when he ran for President, Religiously, he has been connected with the Bantist Church since about the time of its organization in Rollin Township, serving as Deacon, and a man always prominent in its councils. He is now passing down the sunset hill of life, but possesses the inestimable blessing of good health and hosts of friends, which are each better than riches, although the Patricks have always had a generous share of this world's goods, to which they have been amply entitled by virtue of their willingness to secure these by honest and honorable toil.



B. SMITH is one of the most worthy, thrifty and successful farmers, one full of mirth and jollity, and ever ready to tell and enjoy a good joke. He resides on section 7, Clinton Township, where he settled in September, 1835. On his arrival the farm was in a crude state with little accomplished in the way of improvement, but by industry, good management and foresight, he now enjoys a home of 150 acres of Clinton. The farm is well stocked with a fine grade of horses, cattle and swine, while all the cereals adapted to this climate are here grown with good success.

Our subject is a native of Newstead Township, Erie Co., N. Y., where he was born on the 6th of December, 1820, and is the son of Henry Smith, a native of Connecticut, who followed the occupation of a farmer. Henry Smith left his native State when a young man, and went to Cayuga County. N. Y., where he was soon after united in marriage with Miss Anna M. Boyer, a native of the Empire State, born and reared in Cavuga County, Shortly after their marriage, Mr. Smith and his estimable young bride removed into Erie County of the same State, where they secured a piece of land in the wilderness region, and with brave hearts set about building up a home as pioneers were wont to do. Here they resided for twenty-five years, being blessed meanwhile with four children, the second of whom, the only son, is the subject of this narrative. At the end of that time, they made the trip to Michigan, via the lake to Detroit, thence by

team and wagon, loaded with household effects, through sparsely settled districts, to their present home. The father secured 140 acres of land, which at his death, Oct. 19, 1865, came into the possession of our subject. The father attained his seventy-fifth year, and was closely allied to the history of his section. He was an honest upright, energetic and thrifty man, enjoying the confidence and esteem of a large circle of friends and acquaintances. Politically he was a Democrat. His widow joined the ever increasing majority Feb. 9, 1879, after the frosts of eighty-four winters had whitened her hair. She lived to see her offspring respected, honored and loved, as she herself had deservedly been.

The subject of our notice passed his early life under the parental roof, where he was an obedient and worthy son, remaining with his parents according to their wish, until they were called to their final rest. His schooling was such as the educational facilities of the township afforded. Mr. Smith was united in marriage with Miss Lydia Silvers on the 22d of February, 1848. Miss Silvers is the daughter of John P. and Jeanette (Hooper) Silvers, the former a native of New Jersey, while the latter was from New York; both are now deceased. They were married at Seneca Falls, and settled on a farm in that place, where their daughter, Mrs. Smith, was born Dec. 6, 1830. Six children were born to her parents prior to their removal to Michigan in 1833. Upon their arrival they located on a partially improved farm on section 8, Clinton Township, and finally owned a farm of 275 acres. on which Mr Silvers died in 1882. His first wife had died in 1838, and Mr. Silvers buried his third wife ere the scythe of time selected him as a blade of grass to fall before its sway.

Mrs. Smith became the mother of three children, one of whom a daughter, Belle, is deceased; Porter C., the eldest, married Grace Fisk and resides in Clinton, where he is engaged in the meat trade; Carrie is the wife of Dow Draper, and lives in Clinton, Mich., where Mr. Draper is engaged in the livery business.

Mr. Smith has held the minor offices of Justice of the Peace, etc. He is indeed an exemplary man, and like his good wife has every encouragement to build up and adorn their home of love, They attend the Episcopal Church at Clinton, and Mr. Smith is a decided Democrat,



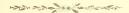
HARLES C. RUSSELL, whose name has been familiar to the people of Fairfield Township for nearly fifty years, came to this section of country when nineteen years of age with his young wife, in 1839. They located in the wilds of Fairfield Township, of which he has since been a coutinuous resident and intimately associated with the growth and prosperity of Lenawee County. No man has watched with more interest and satisfaction the development of the Wolverine State than our subject, and he has filled his niche in life worthily, assisting, as in him lay, to bring this county to its present proud position. He is now not far from his threescore years and ten, and has been permitted to witness the remarkable changes which to the old pioneers as they look back seem more like a pietured panorama than the real events which have been passing during the flight of years.

Our subject, a native of the Empire State, is the son of Samuel and Deborah (Sprague) Russell, also natives of New York, born, reared and married in Dutchess County. They remained there for a time after uniting their lives and fortunes, then removed to Seneac County, that State, and thence to Southern Michigan, in November, 1836. They spent the remainder of their lives in Fairfield Township, this county, where the death of the mother took place in 1846, and that of the father in 1879.

Charles C. Russell was one of a family of three daughters and seven sons, nine of whom lived to mature years and eight of whom are now living, being residents mostly of Michigan; one son is now in Toledo, Ohio. Charles was born in Seneca County, N, Y., June 14, 1820, and there reared to manhood, engaged in farming and receiving a fair education in the district school. He was married in Seneca County, March 9, 1839, to Miss Jane Lyke, a native of his own State, and born in Delaware County, Sept. 29, 1815. The parents of Mrs. Russell, Samuel and Sarah (Teed) Lyke, were na-

tives respectively of New York State and Nova Scotia, the mother removing from her native Province with her parents in 1824. They located in Delaware County, N. Y., whence they subsequently removed to Tompkins County, and there spent the remainder of their lives. Samuel Lyke departed hence in November, 1825, outliving his wife eleven years. Mrs. Lyke had died in the fall of 1862. Their family consisted of four sons and seven daughters, six of whom are living and located mostly in the State of New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell after taking up their abode in Fairfield Township, endured in common with the pioneers the hardships of life in a new country and labored industriously to build up a good home. In this they have been successful, and have also firmly established themselves among the most valued and highly respected members of the community. They have had no children of their own, but performed the part of parents to an adopted son, George S. Russell, whom they reared as they would their own child, giving him a good education. He is now Principal of the Jasper school, and owns forty acres of good land near the village of Weston, Mr. Russell's farm includes eighty acres of land pleasantly located on section 20, and provided with suitable and convenient buildings, a goodly assortment of live stock, and the various other appurtenances of a well appointed country estate. In politics he is a decided Prohibitionist.



HARLES TEACHOUT. This gentleman, when a youth of seventeen years cast his lot with the pioneers of Lenawee County, settling with his parents on a tract of land in Cambridge Township, and for a period of thirty years engaged continuously in agricultural pursuits, From a modest beginning in life he acquired a handsone home and a good property, and upon retiring from active labor took up his abode in the city of Adrian, where he now resides.

Our subject was born in Ontario County, N. Y., Feb. 2, 1837, at the homestead of his parents, William and Rachel (Wells) Teachout, who were also natives of Ontario County. The birth of William Teachout occurred in 1805, and that of the mother of our subject a few years later. After their marriage they settled at the old Wells homestead, where they continued to reside until 1854, when they came to this county, and the mother died at the farm in Cambridge Township, in 1862, William Teachout, after the death of his wife, removed to the village of Tecumsch, where his death occurred in 1869.

The parental household of our subject included six children, two sons and four daughters, all of whom are living. Charles, our subject, was the the parental roof until twenty-two years of age. when in 1859, he was married to Miss Harriet A. Barrus, of Rome Township, and continued working his father's farm until enabled to purchase a tract of land. He selected eighty acres in Rome Township, upon which he settled with his family and remained until about 1865, when he sold out and purchased another farm in the same township, which he also sold a few years later, and then secured possession of a fine tract of 170 acres on section 34 in Adrian Township. This he brought to a good state of cultivation, repaired the old buildings and but up new ones, and of this property he still retains possession.

Mr. Teachout in 1876 purchased a hotel at Rome Center, where he officiated as "mine host" three and one-half years, then sold out and removed to Adrian, where he became proprietor of the Gibson House. In 1880 he purchased the Exchange Hotel at Teeumsch, which he conducted fourteen months, then sold out and removed to Adrian, where he has since taken life easily, having little care beyond superintending his farm operations, which are carried on by tenants.

The wife of our subject was born in Rome Township in 1839, and is the daughter of Dellence and Emily (Smith) Barrus. Her maternal grandparents, David and Lydia Smith, were natives of New York, whence they removed to this county before the marriage of their daughter Emily. The latter, with her husband, settled on a farm in Rome Township, where Mr. Barrus died in 1849. They were the parents of seven children, three sons and four daughters, five of whom are still living, and the

mother also, the latter making her home at Adrian.
Mrs. Teachout was the cldest daughter. Her union
with our subject resulted in the birth of two children, both boys, Fred D. and Clande Elwood, who
are twenty-eight and twenty years of age, respectively.



WILLIAM WHITAKER is one of the substantial citizens of Hudson Township, where he is successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits, owning and occupying a fine farm on section 2. He was born in Ulster County, N. Y., Oct, 10, 1822, and is the son of John Whitaker, a native of the same county, whose father, William by name, removed from that county to Ontario County about the year 1821. In 1833 he went from there to Ohio and became a pioneer of Sandusky County, locating in the township of York, where he entered a tract of 160 acres of Government land which was heavily timbered. He built a log cabin for the home of his family, and engaged to some extent in his occupation of a farmer, but his health, which was poor when he removed to Ohio, continued to fail until his death four years later. His wife survived him a few years, spending the last part of her life in the village of Clyde,

The father of our subject grew to manhood and married in Ulster County, N. Y., whence he removed in 1824 to Ontario County, where he rented land and continued to reside until 1836. In that year he removed with his family to Sandusky County, Ohio, and became actively engaged in clearing a farm and in tilling the soil, and made his home there for many years. In 1863 he removed to Michigan, retiring from the active duties of life to the home of our subject, where his death occurred in September, 1885. His wife was born in Durham County, N. Y., and her death occurred in Sandusky County, Ohio, May 24, 1863; both were people of genuine worth of character and were respected accordingly.

The subject of this sketch spent the first fourteen years of his life in his native State, and there on his father's farm received his first lessons in the life of a farmer, which in later years he selected as the calling best suited to his tastes. He attended school both in the district schools of his native State, and in the pioneer schools of Sandusky County, Ohio, continuing to reside in the latter place with his parents until he was eighteen years old. He then went forth to begin the battle of life on his own account, first obtaining employment by the month, and at twenty years of age he learned the cooper's trade, and continued to pursue it until 1853. At that time by his industry and thrift he had accumulated quite a sum of money, so that he was enabled to buy a farm and resume the occupation to which he had been rearred. Accordingly he came to this State and invested his money in the farm he has ever since occupied in this township.

A few years prior to coming to Michigan our subject was united in marriage with Miss Louisa A. Hamilton, Sept. 28, 1847. She was born in that part of Huron County, Ohio, now included in Erie County, March 11, 1829. Her father, Abram Hamilton, was a native of Chenango County, N. Y. and his father, William Hamilton, it is thought, was a native of Scotland, and was too young to remember when he started to cross the ocean to America, or the sad incident of the death of his parents on the way. The little waif was kindly cared for and reared in the home of a gentleman near Esopus, N, Y. He married and continued to reside in that State until 1822, when he came to Ohio with his family and was among the early settlers of Eric County, in that part of it then known as Huron County, Later he removed to York Township, Sandusky County, where he plied his trades of weaver and miller a short time and then lived retired until his death. The father of Mrs. Whitaker removed to Ohio with his parents and there married Adeline Williams. He then bought and improved a farm in Milan Township, Huron County, but after a few years he sold it and removed to York Township, where he bought a farm, on which he lived until 1853. In that year he came to this county and purchased a farm in Dover Township, where he resided for about thirty years, but after the death of his wife in June, 1883, he spent the few remaining months of his life with his daughter, Mrs. Whitaker, dying in September, 1885. He was twice married. His first wife, the mother of Mrs. Whitaker, died in 1832; the maiden name of his second wife was Eleanor (Swift) Kinney.

Our subject and his wife made their home for sixteen years in the little log house that stood on their farm at the time of purchase, and though they now occupy a much more commodious and comfortable house, we dare say that they have not been any happier in it than they were in the old one when they were working hand-in-hand to bring about the prosperity that they now enjoy. Their home is very pleasantly located and is one of the cosiest and most desirable in the township. Mr. Whitaker has erected a good frame barn and other necessary farm buildings, and everything about the place bears evidence of a thrifty owner. Since the farm came into his possession he has in other ways increased its value, by drainage and by careful culture, so that the soil has been enriched rather than impoverished; he has cleared fifty-five of the eighty acres embraced in this farm.

Mr. Whitaker is not unuindful of the share which his good wife has had in bringing about their present prosperons condition, and generously accords her all praise. She is an excellent housewife, and by her judicious management has added much to their finances. Their union has been blessed by the birth of two children: Frank II. and Eleanor H.; the former lives in Rollin Township, the latter is with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Whitaker united with the Free-Will Baptist Church during their residence in Ohio, and have since faithfully clung to that religion, while their daughter is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In politics Mr. Whitaker is a stanch Republican.



ILLIAM II. KNOX. Among the rising young men of Hudson Township, who as farmers are contributing to her growth and adding to her material wealth, is the subject of this sketch. Inheriting from a Scotch ancestry a vigorous constitution, sound common sense and thrifty habits, he is pursuing his chosen calling with much success. He now owns a good farm of eighty acres, which he has under good drainage and tillage, and

which yields him satisfactory returns for the money and labor he expends on it. He has good buildings, and is altogether very comfortably situated.

Mr. Knox is a native of Michigan, and was born on his father's homestead in Fairfield Township, Nov. 22, 1857. His father, James Knox, was born near Haddington, Scotland, and was the son of James Knox, a native and life-long resident of that country. The father of our subject was reared to agricultural pursuits, and after he grew to manhood was a part of the time engaged in ditching and teaming, and some of the time in tending a toll gate. When he was twenty-eight years of age he set out for America to seek his fortune, and came directly to Adrian, in this State, whence he went to Fairfield Township and bought a partially improved farm of Daniel Mickley on section 5, on which was a frame barn, the second one of the kind ever built in that township, and a log house. He was a single man at that time and boarded until his marriage, when he commenced housekeeping in the log house above mentioned, and has occupied that farm ever since. He now owns a fine farm of 189 acres, 150 of which are well improved, and the remainder is valuable timber land, while good frame buildings have taken the place of the original structures. His wife, the mother of our subject, whose maiden name was Emeline Boyer, was the daughter of James and Sarah Boyer, and was born near Elmira, N. Y. To her and her husband were born seven children, namely: James, Louisa, William, Deborah, Florence, Archie and Thomas. On the 22d of January, 1875, the shadow of death fell over that household, and its inmates were bereaved of the kind wife and mother. (For further parental history see sketch of James Knox.)

The subject of this sketch was the third child and second son of his parents. He grew to manhood in the home of his birth, and when not in attendance at the district school where he gained his education, he worked for his father and gleaned the practical knowledge of farming which has enabled him to manage his own farm so profitably. He remained with his father until he married and established a home of his own on the farm which he still continues to occupy.

The date of the marriage of Mr. Knox with Miss

Ida Spencer was June 21, 1882. She was born in Camden, Oncida Co., N. Y., and is the daughter of George W. Spencer, a native of Tolland County, Conn. When Mr. Spencer was quite young his father, Ephraim Spencer, removed with his family from their New England home to New York, where he spent his last years in Oneida County. There the father of Mrs. Knox married Miss Orica Raymond, a native of New York State; she died in their home in Oneida County. He subsequently married Miss Saphronia Robinson for his second wife. Mr. Spencer enlisted in 1862 as a member of Company H, 117th New York Infantry, and served his country faithfully until the close of the war. In 1866 he came to this county and settled in Seneca, but he now lives in Milford, Oakland County. Mr. and Mrs. Knox have a son and daughter, twins, named Leon and Leo.

Mr. Knox is a young man with decided views of life, and is quite capable of forming his own opinions and sticking to them. In nothing does he show his decision of character more plainly than in his faithful adherence to the Republican party, Both he and his wife are much liked and respected in this neighborhood.



EORGE HEESEN has been a resident of Tecumsel Township since April 19, 1858. and one of its most popular and prominent citizens. He commenced life comparatively without means, and by the exercise of industry and perseverance has attained a good position among the intelligent men of this county. His early home was in Dinxperlo, Province of Gelderland, Holland, where he was born March 12, 1829, at the modest home of his parents, Rudolph and Petronella (Taute) Heesen, natives of the Province of Suderwick, near Buchold; their residence was called Jerrinkhoff. The mother was born Aug, 6, 1801, and died July 4, 1859. When their son George was a youth of seventeen years, the father set sail with his family for the United States. They remained for a brief time in the city of Baltimore. whence they proceeded to Youngstown, Ohio, and our subject employed himself in the iron and coal mines of that region until the following year. He had learned the trade of a tailor in his native country, and now proceeding to the city of Cleveland, Ohio, followed it there for thirteen years. Ruddolph Heesen finally came to this county and spent his last years with his son in Tecumseh, dying at the age of sixty-one years.

The paternal grandfather of our subject, Andrew Heesen, was a weaver and dyer by trade, which he followed through life, and died at the advanced age of eighty years. Mrs. Petronella Heesen died at Cleveland, Ohio, at the age of fifty-seven years, She was the mother of five children, three sons and two daughters, all of whom are living in Tecumseh.

George Heesen is the eldest of the parental family, and worked with his father at the weaver's trade in Holland, serving an apprenticeship of four years. He was sent to school during his boyhood, and being naturally bright and ambitious to learn. obtained a very good education. He continued with his parents twelve years after coming to this country, and being an expert at his trade received excellent wages. He was finally appointed to a foremanship in a store at Cleveland, Ohio, which position he held two years, and then engaged in business for himself as a merchant tailor. Three years later he sold out, and coming to Grand Rapids, secured a position as foreman of a merchant tailoring establishment there, which, however, he held only six months, when he became homesick and resolved upon a return to Cleveland, He remained in Ohio until the spring of 1858, then started for the West again, and upon his arrival in this county opened a small clothing and tailoring establishment at Tecumseh, which he has conducted since that time with entire success. Mr. Heesen was married in the fall of 1858, to Miss Angelina Nyland, one of his own countrywomen, and the daughter of Anthony Nyland. Her father followed farming, and spent his entire life on his native soil. Mrs. H., in 1853, came with her brother to the United States, and bravely going to work, supported herself until her marriage. This brother is now a resident of Cleveland, Ohio.

Mr. Heesen worked in the coal mines of Youngstown, Ohio, in 1846, and assisted in building the celebrated "Ward" furnace, the first of its kind in

that section of the country. He takes considerable satisfaction in looking back over his experiences in life, feeling that his efforts to become a man among men have met with snecess. In company with his brother and his cousin he, in 1872, established a factory for the manufacture of hog-rings, which proved quite successful in its operations. He assisted his brothers in business, one of whom is now occupying a good position with the Brewer Manufacturing Company, Mr. Heesen was for three years connected with the American Express Company, and has been a member of the Village Board several years, while he is one of the pillars of the Presbyterian Church, in which he officiates as Trustee. He is also a member, and one of the principal stockholders, of the Star Mountain Mining Company, whose property is located in Colorado, and it bids fair to become one of the richest mining companies of that State.

The five children of Mr. and Mrs. Heesen are recorded as follows: Nellie is the wife of Thomas Adamson, a popular jeweler of Tecumsch: Delia married John L. Trann, a traveling salesman, and they make their home in St. Louis; Rudolph occupies himself in the store of his father, and the two are also interested in a fruit-drying establishment which the son looks after mainly; Hannah is at home; Alfred J., the youngest, also remains a member of the family circle, and assists his father in the store.

Mr. Heesen is a stanch Republican, politically, and takes a warm interest in State and National affairs.

ON. DANIEL TODD, M. D., at the time this sketch is written is the official head of the city of Adrian, having been elected to the honorable position of Mayor in 1886, In his profession he has occupied the position of President of the Southern Medical Association of the State of Michigan, and is President of the United States Examining Board of Pensions, receiving his appointment from Gen. Black, the Commissioner of Pensions, in 1885.

Dr. Todd was born in Peterboro, N. H., Dec. 17 1827, and his father, James B. Todd, was born in the same place Nov. 25, 1787, and was the son of John Todd. He lived in Peterboro until after he was married, and followed farming and laying stone walls. In the spring of 1828 he moved to Genesee County, N. Y., and purchased a farm of the Holland Land Company, in Byron Township. He cleared 216 acres of land, creeted good buildings, and resided there until his death, which occurred May 26, 1863. On the 8th of February, 1816, James B. Todd married Sarah, daughter of Hon, Isaac Appleton, of Dublin, by whom he had eight children, Daniel being the sixth child and second son. Mrs. Sarah Todd was born in Dublin, N. H., March 5, 1790. The ancestors of the Todd family were Scotch-Irish, and came to this country early in the last century.

Daniel Todd was brought up on a farm, and lived with his parents until he was about seventeen years of age, when he began attending the Alexander Seminary in Genesee County, where he remained two years. In the spring of 1848 he began the study of medicine with Dr. Burdett J. Lynde, of Byron, and remained there until July, 1849, when he went to Harvard College and attended the medical department and hospital until June, 1850. During the summer of that year he came west with the idea of prospecting for some place in which to locate the next year after he should graduate from Harvard. He went to Wisconsin, and on his way back visited his sister, Mrs. Thomas F. Moore, who then lived in Medina. There was a great deal of sickness in this county that season, and becoming acquainted with Dr. Kibbie, of Canandaigua, he was induced to remain during his vacation. That was the first season that typhoid fever had made its appearance here, and as Dr. Todd had been brought into contact with the disease in the hospital at Harvard and had received special instructions, his treatment of the disease here was quite successful, and he had more business than he could attend to,

Dr. Todd's experience here that summer showed him that all the New England notions would not suit the western country, and he finally resolved to go to Cincinnati Medical College, where the western ideas prevailed. But that fall his father was taken sick and he returned home and finally was graduated at the Buffalo Medical College in March, 1861. About the 1st of April of that year he returned to Michigan and located at Canandaigua, this county, where he practiced very successfully until 1865. In the fall of that year he purchased a farm on sections 17 and 20 in Madison Township, where he lived only about one year, when he sold out and purchased another farm on section 10. Here he resided and practiced his profession until 1870, when he removed to Adrian, where he has since resided. In the spring of 1878 he was elected Adderman of the Fourth Ward of Adrian, and was re-elected in the spring of 1880. The most remarkable circumstance about this election was that he was the only Democrat elected in that ward for nearly twenty years,

On the 22d of March, 1854, Dr. Todd was married to Miss Julia S., daughter of James and Laura II.
Welch, of Canandaigna, and they have had four children, as follows: James Frederick was born in Madison, Sept. 12, 1856; Helen J. was born in the same place, Feb. 26, 1858; Emma L. was born May 12, 1861, and William W., May 6, 1866. Mrs. Julia S. Todd was born in Mandana, Onondaga Co., N. Y., June 1, 1833, and came to Michigan with her parents in 1852, settling on section 7. Sencea Township. Her father was born at White Plains, N. Y., March 6, 1796, and married Laura H., daughter of John and Nancy Whaley, of Mandana, N. Y.

Besides attaining eminence in his profession Dr. Todd has achieved a good reputation as a citizen, and in the position which he occupies as Mayor of the city, has demonstrated that he is abreast of the times in the matter of public improvement and enterprise. He has always taken an active part in political affairs, and has been a leader rather than a follower.



UGENE DOUGLAS PEIRSON, son of one of the early pioneers of Lenawee County, is now one of the most intelligent and successful farmers and stock-raisers of Hillsdale County, and has his residence not far from the flourishing town of Hudson. He was born in Hudson, this county, July 30, 1856, and is the only living son of Edwin and Clemenza E. (Wells) Peirson, a sketch of whom

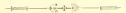
will be found elsewhere in this volume. The family is widely and favorably known throughout this section of the country, as having formed an important feature in the early settlement of Southern Michigan.

The subject of this history received his early education in the district school, advanced by attendance at the High School at Hudson, and when twenty years of age entered the law department of Michigan State University at Ann Arbor, from which he was graduated with honors, his diploma dating March 27, 1878. His first business experience was as collector for a Detroit firm, after which he located in Port Huron and began the practice of law. But the confinement of office business was not congenial to the tastes of an active mind, and Mr. Peirson. longing for the freedom of farm life, abandoned the profession and took up his location on his present farm. He has made good headway in his comparatively brief experience here, and in the near future will undoubtedly prove the wisdom of his choice in making the change in his first plans concerning his occupation in life.

The marriage of Eugene Douglas Peirson and Miss Electa J. Warner was celebrated at the home of the bride, in Albion, N. Y., Jan. 12, 1881. Mrs. Peirson is the daughter of Sheldon and Sarah (Porter) Warner. Her father was born in Phelps, Ontario Co., N. Y., and removed when a young man to Orleans County, where he was married, and has since resided. The mother was born in Albion. Orleans County, and was the daughter of Allen Porter, a native of Massachusetts, and born in Franklin County, Aug. 24, 1795. In 1806 his parents removed to Ontario County, where they were pioneers. He enlisted in the War of 1812, and was with the band of soldiers that crossed the Niagara River to defend Ft, Erie against the British soldiers; he participated in the battle at Ft. Erie. After the war was over he purchased a tract of timber land near the town of Albion, N. Y., where he opened up a beautiful farm and spent the remainder of his days, his death taking place after he had reached the advanced age of eighty-nine years. Chester Warner, the paternal grandfather of Mrs, Peirson, was a pioneer of Ontario County, where he spent the latter days of his life. He had

reared a fine family of sons and daughters, and the family was highly regarded throughout that section.

To our subject and his estimable lady there have been born three children, two of whom are living. Warner Dwight was born Jan. 28, 1882; Harry Eugene was born April 4, 1886, and died Aug. 27, 1886, and Robert Henry was born Oct. 2, 1887.



ENRY 8, WHITE. The sing little farm of fifty acres on section 26, in Fairfield Township, is noticeable for the care with which it has been cultivated, and its neat, convenient and substantial buildings. The moving spirit in its establishment spent the first few years of his life in Niegara County, N. Y., where his birth took place on the 4th of June, 1853, and from which he removed with his parents to this county when a child four years of age. Here he was reared to manhood and received a fair education at the district school, becoming at the same time familiar with farm pursuits, in which he has since engaged and which was also the occupation of his father before him.

The parents of our subject, Zebina and Polly (Sheldon) White, were natives respectively of Vermont and New York, the father born in 1809, and the mother in 1811. After his marriage Zebina White left his native State and settled in Niagara County, N. Y., where he continued until September, 1837, when he came with his family to the young State of Michigan, and located in Fairfield Township, on section 26. He made good improvements and in 1875 left the homestead, which he had built up from the wilderness, and removed to dasper, where both parents now reside and are well advanced in years. The household circle included four children: The eldest, Livona, is the wife of L. Q. Mason, a well-to-do farmer of Madison Township; Melvina died in infancy; Cordelia married Ezra Smith, and resides in Berrien County, this State; and Henry S. of our sketch.

Mr. White, in 1875, embarked in the undertaking business, in the vicinity of his home in Fairfield Township, to which he has since given his attention and is the leader in this line here, getting his supplies from Morenci. He was married, Sept. 3, 1854, to one of the most estimable young ladies of this section, Miss Jerusha S., daughter of Isaiah Lowe, of Jasper, and of whom a sketch will be found elsewhere in this Alman. Mrs. White was born in Adrian Township, April 13, 1834, and received an escellent education, engaging in teaching for a time before her marriage. Of her union with our subject there have been born four children, reared as follows: Lucius T. married Miss Mary E. Clark, and is farming in Fairfield Township; Zebina died July 11, 1876, at the age of eighteen years; Mabel G. is the wife of J. Clark Swick, of Fairfield Township, and Nellie is at home with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. White are members of the Universalist Church, and our subject, politically, votes the straight Republican ticket. He has served as Highway Commissioner for four years and Drain Commissioner three years, and is in all respects a highly respected citizen.

OHN STEEL, a retired farmer of Macon Township, is spending his declining years in ease and comfort at his snug home on section 27, where he has sixty acres of land under a good state of cultivation, and with suitable and convenient buildings. He has been a resident of this township for a period of twenty-three years, and is favorably known to the majority of the people.

Mr. Steel is a native of the North of Ireland, and was born in 1822. His parents were people of modest means, and their children early in life were taught to depend upon their own resources. John was variously occupied, and remained in the county of his birth until the spring of 1850, when he determined upon a change of location, and in company with a younger sister, set sail for the United States. He had embarked upon a sailing-vessel at Greenwich, and after a few days out, a severe storm came up, in which the vessel was partially wrecked and compelled to put back to the same port. A few days later they started again, and after a safe though tedious voyage of ten weeks, landed in New York City. The long time, however, which they

had been compelled to spend since parting with their friends had exhausted their resources, and they found themselves penniless and among strangers. Mr. Steel, however, possessed the honest face which secured for him friends and employment, and he continued in the metropolis for a period of four years. In the meantime his father, Samuel Steel, had joined him, and died in New York City about 1854. The mother had died in her native Ireland when our subject was a small boy.

Upon leaving New York City, Mr. Steel migrated to Livingston County, that State, where he was variously employed until 1864. He then came on a prospecting tour to Southern Michigan, and being pleased with the outlook, purchased the land which he has since occupied. This was practically uncultivated at that time, and neighbors were few and far between, but the ownership of property proved a stimulus to continued exertion, and Mr. Steel, in due time, had built up from the uncultivated soil a comfortable home for himself and family.

Our subject, while a resident of Livingston County, N. Y., was married, March 17, 1857, to Miss Jane Taylor, who, like her husband, was born in the North of Ireland, March 26, 1826. She was there reared to womanhood, and when twenty-four years of age, came alone to the United States and for some years was a resident of New York City, where she met her future husband. Mrs. Steel accompanied him to the West, and died at her home in Macon Township, March 10, 1883. Of the six children born to our subject and his wife only two are living: Samuel and John; the others died in infancy.

Samuel was born in Livingston County, N. Y.,
Aug. 19, 1858, and was a lad when he accompanied
his parents to this county, and completed his education in the district school. He learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed for some years,
and was married in Ridgeway Township, Oct. 28,
1884, to Miss Anna Stewart. This hady was born in
County Antrim, Ireland, Jan. 8, 1865, and came to
the United States with her father when a young
child. Her father is now one of the prosperous
farmers of Macon Township. Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Steel are the parents of two children: Ira, who

was born Aug. 3,1885, and Roy, Nov. 16, 1887. They are living at the homestead, of which Samuel has had the management since his marriage.

John Steel, the younger son of our subject, was born in New York in 1861, and is assisting his brother in carrying on the farm. The entire family are members and regular attendants of the Reformed Church, and father and sons, politically, are stanch Republicans. Samuel Steel is quite prominent in local affairs and has twice served as Highway Commissioner.

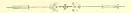
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LBERT D. OSBORN. The subject of this sketch is a son of one of the early pioneers of Medina Township, and has always made his home in the place of his birth. The Osborn family have been widely and favorably known in the Empire State from the time of its early settlement, and both men and women have distinguished themselves for their thrift and industry. These qualities they brought with them to the western wilds, and their descendants are no less remarkable for the resolute and determined disposition which has resulted in the establishment of good homesteads and the accumulation of a competency. Of Richard II, and Permelia (Gallup) Osborn, the parents of our subject, a sketch will be found on another page in this volume.

Albert Osborn was born in Medina Township, this county, June 25, 1847, and passed his early years as a farmer's boy, attending the district school and assisting in the lighter labors around the homestead. After taking a full term in the High Schools of Medina and Hudson, he prepared to follow agriculture on his own account, and soon after reaching his majority was married in Crawford County, Ohio, Dec. 10, 1868, to Miss Barbara, daughter of Michael and Catherine (Barch) Linderman. The parents of Mrs. Osborn were natives of Germany and Pennsylvania respectively, and their family consisted of four daughters and three sons. Both died in Richland County, where their daughter Barbara was born on the 4th of March, 1848; she was the sixth child, and received a fair education until her marriage. This union resulted in the

birth of four children: Eusebius, who died when seventeen months old; Elwin D., Edith I. and Lura E.

The property of Mr. Osborn includes 217 acres of land on section 18, in Medina Township, upon which he has effected good improvements, a. d where he is carrying on general farming after the most modern methods. He is wide-awake, industrious and energetic, and is performing his part in assisting to keep up the reputation of one of the most highly respected families of Lenawec County. In politics he votes the straight Republican ticket, and socially is a member of the Masonic fraternity. He takes pride in his farm and his live stock, and has been quite a prominent official of the Agricultural Society, and was a member of the Executive Committee at the County Fair.



NDREW STEPHENSON, foremost among

the men who have contributed to the agricultural development, and the intellectual and moral progress of Lenawee County, is now a resident of the beautiful village of Morenci, which has been his home since about 1856. He purchased 120 acres of land about the year 1857 where a portion of Morenci now stands, and laid out from this land the southern portion of the village, The parents of our subject were Andrew and Lydia (Lamphear) Stephenson, who were both natives of the State of New York. They came to Lenawee County, where they settled in Seneca Township, in 1838, and with the exception of about one and one-half years which they spent in Chenango County, N. Y., they lived in Seneca Township until their death. They became the parents of eleven children, of whom our subject was the eldest son and the second in order of the family.

Andrew Stephenson was born in Hancock County, N. Y., in 1811, and resided in that State until he came to Lenawee County in 1842. While living in New York State he engaged as superintendent in a cotton-mill, and continued in that business four years, after which he came to Lenawee County and settled in Seneca Township, about three miles northeast of Morenci, where he purchased eighty across of Morenci, where he purchased eighty across

of land, to which he afterward added 160 acres. He gave his attention wholly to agricultural pursuits until 1856, and then removed into the village of Morenci.

Our subject was united in marriage in Chenaugo (County, N. Y., with Miss Polly Haven, a native of that place. She was the daughter of Asa Haven, and the sister of Hon. S. G. Haven, who was a law partner of Millard Fillmore, and was also a member of Congress during President Fillmore's administration. Mrs. Stephenson died at Morenci, April 23, 1877, and our subject was a second time married, Jan. 5, 1879, to Miss Susan Gehrig, who was born in Switzerland in 1843, and is the daughter of George Gehrig, who was also a native of Switzerland, and emigrated to America with his family in 1848.

Mr. Stephenson first came to Lenawee County in 1838, but remained only a short time, and did not return to settle permanently until six years later, This county was then in a primitive condition, and Mr. Stephenson experienced all the vicissitudes consequent on pioneer life. He has contributed his full share toward its upbuilding and development, and is now in the decline of life in the enjoyment of a competency and able to look back upon a wellspent life. In politics Mr. Stephenson belonged, in his earlier years, to the Whig party, but has now east his lot with the Prohibitionists. He is an unflinching advocate of temperance, and thoroughgoing in his efforts to relieve this country of the obnoxious evil of intemperance. When he came to this county it was customary on all occasions which called for the assembling of the neighbors to furnish intoxicating liquors for the occasion; no house frame could be raised without the stimulating effeets of "John Barleycorn," Mr. Stephenson set his face against this evil, positively discountenancing the use of liquor in any form. His residence in a new country brought him in contact in many ways with this species of vice, and his principles of total abstinence became fairly rooted and grounded, and he has since stood in the front ranks of those who advocate its entire suppression.

Mr. Stephenson laid out and contributed the land for the public park at Morenci, and has never withheld his means in contributing for the erection of churches and schools. Believing with a great writer, that education is a better safeguard of a nation than a standing army, he has labored to give to the generation growing up around him that education which should make of them better men and better citizens. With this worthy object in view he accepted the office of School Director in Morenci, and has also been a member of the City Council and Justice of the Peace. Mr. and Mrs. Stephenson, together with their family, are attendants at the Methodist Church.



EYMOUR A. COLBATH, of Rome Township, is a son of one of the early pioneers of this county, Hiram C. Colbath, who was born in Sodus, Wayne Co., N. Y., Jan. 8, 1823. The latter was the son of samuel Colbath, who was born in Maine, Dec. 27, 1788, and he lived in the Pine Tree State until reaching his majority. He then sought the wilderness of Ontario County, N. Y., whence he afterward removed to Wayne County, and from there, in the spring of 1832, he came with his family to the Territory of Michigan and purchased a tract of land in Monroe County, which he cultivated and occupied until his death, July 22, 1837.

The paternal grandfather of our subject was a man of much force of character, and enjoyed the confidence and respect of the influential men of Monroe County. He was prominent in local affairs, and served first as Justice of the Peace and afterward as a member of the Territorial Legislature. He assisted in framing the first State Constitution, and being a man of good education, did good service as school teacher previously in Monroe County. He married in early life Miss Sallie Lewis, who was born Feb. 11, 1794, in Connecticut, the wedding taking place on the 21st of September, 1816. Of this union there were born ten children, of whom Hiram C., the father of our subject, was the fourth child and eldest son.

The father of our subject, in January, 1838, decided upou a change of residence from Monroe to Lenawee County, and coming into Rome Township, immediately went to work for Daniel Price, with

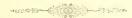
whom he learned the carpenter's trade. He followed his calling for over twenty years, erecting a large number of buildings in the town of Rome and vicinity. In the spring of 1845 he purchased forty acres of heavily timbered land on section 28, in Rome Township, to which he afterward added until he had a good farm of 120 acres. This he cleared and cultivated and supplied with a good set of frame buildings; subsequently he purchased another farm on section 35. His success in life was the result solely of his own enterprise and frugality, as he came to this county without a dollar in money. He hauled cordwood from his farm to Adrian for over twenty years, and claims to have handled fully as much, if not more, wood in Adrian Township than any other man within the limits of Lenawee County.

Hiram C. Colbath, on the 22d of January, 1846, was united in marriage with Miss Hannah Elizabeth, daughter of Charles and Betsey Owen, of Wolcott, Wayne Co., N. Y. They became the parents of five children, of whom Seymour A., of our sketch, was the third child, and was born Sept. 2, 1850, in Rome Township. The mother of our subject was born in Wolcott, N. Y., Dec. 4, 1829, and came to Michigan with her parents previous to 1840. She departed this life at the homestead Sept. 11, 1867. Hiram Colbath was again married, Feb. 25, 1869, to Miss Cordelia, daughter of John and Altheria Hatter, of Newfane, Niagara Co., N. Y. This lady was born Sept. 15, 1832, and was the daughter of John Hatter, of New York State, who died in 1851; he was a prominent politician and at one time a merchant of Lockport. His wife was in her girlhood Miss Altheria Bates, and she also died in Niagara County, April 29, 1841. Mrs. Cordelia Colbath is now living in Rome Township.

Seymour A. Colbath spent his boyhood and youth after the manner of most farmers' sons, remaining under the parental roof and attending the district school during the winter season. As soon as old enough he was made useful around the homestead, and in the spring of 1868 commenced for himself, working a farm on shares. He had good health and was stout of muscle, and his chief ambition was the establishment of a comfortable homestead. He chose as the presiding remins of this

Miss Nancy Trim, of Rome Township, to whom he was married Sept. 2, 1868. Mrs. Colbath was born Dec. 4, 1852, and is the daughter of Ira and Lovisa (Howard) Trim, natives respectively of Oswego County, N. Y., and Lenawee County, Mich. Ira Trim was born Dec. 24, 1820, and came to the West before his marriage. Feb. 19, 1852. He settled in Rome Township, and the death of his wife took place July 28, 1864. The parental household included five children, all boys, and three now living.

Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Colbath are the parents of four children: William E., who was born Oct. 25, 1869; Hiram L. Nov. 29, 1874; Lelia G., April 25, 1875, and George E., June 20, 1879; they are all at home with their parents. Mr. Colbath votes the straight Democratic ticket and has filled nearly all the local offices of his township. He now farms on 120 acres of the old homestead.



AMUEL TINGLEY, who was born in Seneca County, N. Y., May 12, 1818, came with his parents to this county in 1833, while Michigan was yet a Territory. They had traveled overland from Detroit, and on the 17th of May arrived on section 2, in Adrian Township, unloaded their goods in the woods and made arrangements to stay. Another son of the family preceded them in 1832, and took up the claim upon which, as soon as possible, they erected a log house and commenced improvements. The following year, however, they removed farther south and purchased 240 acres of land, this, also, without improvements. Here they again put up a log cabin, which remained the home of the family until the death of the father, at the age of fifty-eight years. His demise was brought about under the most distressing circumstances, as, in trying to put out a fire, he either was seized with a fit and fell into the fire, or was otherwise strangled; when found he was quite dead.

The paternal grandfather of our subject, Daniel Tingley by name, with two brothers, emigrated from Scotland, and settled in Sussex County, N. J., where he married and reared his family. In early life he had learned the trades of tanner and shoemaker, and upon reaching manhood, was married in his native county, whence he soon afterward moved to New York City, where he followed his trade, and finally invested a part of his surplus capital in 100 aeres of land near the city. Later he sold out and returned to New Jersey, where he engaged in trade for some time, and then went back to Seneca County, N. Y., where he spent the last of his life, and lived to be seventy-five or eighty years of age.

The grandmother of our subject, who in her girlhood was Miss Margaret Van Pelt, survived her husband some years. After his death she came to the West, and made her home with our subject in Adrian Township, until passing away at the age of eighty-eight years. The Van Pelts were originally from Holland, but Grandmother Tingley was born in New Jersey, where her people followed farming pursuits, in which the family had been engaged for generations.

Samuel Tingley, Sr., like his father before him, learned the trades of a timner and shoemaker, and also worked considerably at carpentering. He was a natural mechanic and remarkably handy in the use of tools, but in the meantime he also became familiar with the various employments of the farm. About 1806 he married Miss Rebecca, daughter of John H. Holcomb, an Englishman by birth, who crossed the Atlantic at an early day, and located in New Jersey. The mother of our subject died at the home place about 1848.

Samuel Tingley, Jr., by the death of his father, was left in charge of the family, and remained with is wildowed mother several years. When the time came for the settlement of the estate, he purchased the interest of the other heirs, and has since been in possession of the homestead. He has effected all the improvements now upon it, which comprise a set of good frame buildings, neat and substantial fences, and all the other adjuncts necessary to the successful prosecution of agricultare. The home is very comfortable and attractive, and is a forcible reminder of the perseverance and industry of the proprietor. Samuel Tingley, Jr., like his father before him, was an old-line Whig politically, dur-

ing his early manhood, and later identified himself with the Republican party.

Our subject, in 1844, was married to Miss Johanna, daughter of Jacob Engell, who was born in Germany, whence he emigrated early in life and located upon a farm in New York State. Mrs. Tingley was born in Schoharie County, N. Y., Oct. 27, 1822. She became the mother of five children, and departed this life at her home in Adrian Township, Aug. 23, 1883. Their eldest son, Alfred D., is carrying on business in the city of Boston, Miss.; Charles E. is married and farming in Adrian Township; Samuel O. manages the homestead; Esther J. and Ella (twins) remain at home with their father.

C KINZEY SEELEY is now a resident of Morenci, where he removed from his farm in Medina Township in the fall of 1887. He came to Lenawe County in 1839, where he has resided ever since with the exception of two years. He is the owner of 161 acres of land in Medina Township, and 106 in Fulton County, Ohio.

The parents of our subject were Jonathan and Freelove S. (Bromley) Seeley, who were both natives of New England. The father was a lover of liberty, and enlisted as a soldier in the Revolutionary War. In 1839 they came to this county, settling in Seneca Township, where the father died in October, 1839. His widow was afterward married to Ether Barnes, who died in Medina Township in 1866. Of her first union there was born a family of nine children, four boys and five girls, of whom our subject was the youngest.

Mr. Seeley was born in Franklin County, N. Y., on the 26th of September, 1835, and was consequently four years old when he came with his parents to Lenawee County. At that early day the advantages of receiving an education were very limited, being confined to the common school, which often consisted of a mere log but, around three walls of which slabs were arranged for benches, while the fourth side was occupied by the cavernous fireplace, from which the heat made very uncomfortable the children sitting near, while it was ineffectual in

counteracting the effects of the hyperborean blasts which penetrated the chinks of the cabin at the further end of the room. Mr. Seeley divided his attentions between the farm and this school-room until reaching manhood, when he exchanged the school-room for the woods.

In Adrian, Mich., on the 22d of December, 1862, our subject led to the altar the maiden of his choice, Miss Adelia L., daughter of Dr. Amos and Mary (McCrillis) Kendall. Her parents were natives of New York State, and her father was by profession a physician. They afterward removed to Fulton County, Ohio, and thence to Medina Township, this county, where they resided many years. In their old age they returned to Ohio, settling in Fayette, where the father died Nov. 16, 1884; his widow survives him. They became the parents of six children, two daughters and four sons, of whom Mrs. Seeley was the third child, and was born in Fayette, Ohio, Jan. 13, 1844.

Mr. and Mrs. Seeley have been blessed with a family of four children—Mary E., Lillian E., Jennie M. and an infant unnamed. Mary E. is now deceased; Lillian is the wife of Millard George, and Jennie is at home with her parents.

In politics Mr. Seeley is Republican, though he does not aspire to office, preferring to give his attention to the details of his business. He is a member of the Masonie fraternity, and he and his wife are members of the Patrons of Husbandry.

EVI EDDY is a representative of one of the pioneer families of Lenawee County; inself, as, although he was but a boy when he came here with his parents, he underwent with them all the experiences of pioneer life, and assisted in building up their home. He can remember when this part of the county was mostly covered with forest trees, with a few clearings marking the homes of other pioneers, and when wild beasts, such as bears, panthers and wolves, infested the country. He can remember when there were no roads to other parts of the country, or to adjoining counties, and when a trip to market or mill was more difficult with the country of the country of the country.

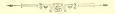
cult, and sometimes required a greater length of time, than a journey across the continent to-day. Mr. Eddy is intelligent and well informed on all the topics of the day, but his conversation in regard to his early life is of special interest, and one gets from it a very vivid idea of the times when this county was newly settled, of its appearance, and of the manners and customs of the pioneers, who, coming from older and earlier settled States, had to adapt themselves to a new life almost on the very frontier of civilization.

Levi Eddy was born in Wayne County, N. Y., July 7, 1822, and is the son of John and Mary Eddy (for parental history see sketch of Elisha Eddy), He was ten years of age when his parents brought him to this State, and settled in Blissfield, surrounding country for many miles was a dense wilderness, where wild beasts prowled, and wild turkeys and other game were abundant. It was the custom then among the pioneers to go hunting in the fall of the year, and our subject has participated in many such expeditions, and has himself killed deer, bears, and the smaller game. were no public roads when they first came here, and his father assisted in cutting ties for the Territorial road, leading from Toledo to Adrian. The father purchased a farm, and Levi helped him to fell and roll the logs together to clear the farm, remaining with his parents until 1845.

Mr. Eddy married in 1845, and established a home of his own on sections 3 and 10, in Riga Township, which then formed a part of Blissfield Township, and at that time there were probably not more than half a dozen families within its present boundaries. There had been but fourteen acres of his land cleared, while the rest of it, like that which joined it, was heavily timbered, and included in the district known as Cottonwood Swamp. After the land became his own began the long and wearisome task of clearing it, and preparing it for the plow. He cut a road through the woods to his land, and built a log house, to which humble home he brought his bride, and there they commenced their journey through life together. For fortythree years they have lived on this farm, where by their united labors they have built up a pleasant home. The land is cleared, well drained, and in a good state of tillage, and good frame buildings have replaced the more primitive ones of earlier years,

Mrs. Eddy, whose maiden name was Thirza Crockett, was the daughter of Nathaniel and Mary Crockett (see sketch of John Crockett for parental history), and was bora in Huron, Wayne Co., X. Y., Aug. 29, 1824. She is the mother of four children, namely: John, who lives on the homestcad; William, on the home place in Riga, and Celestia, in Blissfield: Lorinda is the wife of Harvey Honsinger.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddy are widely known in this township, where they have made their home for so many years, and their genuine worth and undoubted integrity of purpose and actions have won for them the respect and confidence of the people around them.



PENCER H. FOSTER, in company with his son Ellsworth D., established the Clayton Journal in the summer of 1887, and is conducting one of the spiciest little newspapers in this part of the Wolverine State. He has had considerable business and newspaper experience, and is a man of genial temperament who invariably finds friends wherever he goes. He holds a life-long interest in the affairs of Lenawee County, of which he is a native, having been born at the homestead of his father in Dover Township, Oct. 30, 1844.

The parents of our subject, Harley D. and Naney (Abbott) Foster, were natives of Medina County, Ohio, the latter the daughter of the late Ezra Abbott, of Dover Township. Harley D. Foster came to this county early in 1835 with his parents, and helped to clear a farm from the wilderness, on section 33, Dover Township; he remained at home until his marriage, Oct. 17, 1843. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Foster settled in Seneca Township, where the father engaged in farming, and there made their home for nearly twenty years. The father, then desirous of retiring from active labor, sold out and removed to the village of Clayton, where the parents still reside and enjoy the friendship of a large circle of acquaintances. Of

their three children, Spencer H., of our sketch, is the eldest; Mary N. became the wife of Joel Field, now deceased, and is a resident of Jackson, this State, while George S. is engaged in the grocery business at Clayton.

Our subject continued amid the quiet scenes of country life until twenty years of age, and became familiar with the varied employments of the farm, which served to develop his muscle and strengthen a naturally bouyant constitution. His early education was obtained after the manner of most farmers' sons, and he received careful home training, which, with the development of correct habits, has contributed to his success as a man among men. Upon reaching his twentieth year, he left the farm and was variously engaged until the spring of 1870, when he crossed the Mississippi and took up his abode in Butler County, Kan., where he engaged in stock-raising about four years, and then returning to his native State, carried on farming in Ingham County for three years. In the meantime he had acquired sixty acres of land, and now selling out, removed to Clayton and engaged as clerk for John C. Benedict, with whom he remained nearly seven years, after which he was engaged as a traveling salesman until the spring of 1887.

Mr. Foster is a man who has always kept himself well posted upon current events, and has always been greatly interested in newspaper work. His son Ellsworth D., having developed good capacities for this department of business, he joined with him in the establishment of the Clayton Journal, which is generously patronized by an appreciative public, and bears fair comparison with other journals of this description; the office is conveniently equipped for both job and newspaper work.

The home of Mr. Foster is pleasantly located in the central part of the village, and is the resort of the refined people of Clayton. Here he was married over twenty years ago, Sept. 12, 1867, to Miss Louisa M., daughter of Isaac and Susan (Sanfort) Benedict, natives of Canada. The Benedicts came to this county in 1854, locating at once in Dover Township, and have been residents of Clayton and vicinity for the past twenty-five years. Mr. Benedict was subsequently married to Miss Cordelia Curtis, of Oakland County, whose parents were residents

there about four years, and thence removed to Hitchcock County, Neb. Mr. Benedict engaged in merchandising at Clayton, and also held the office of Postmaster. The children of Mr. Benedict by his first wife were named respectively, John C., Louisa M., Hiram and Sarab,

Of the marriage of Mr. S. H. Foster and Miss Benedict there were born three sons—Ellsworth D., Fred H. and Clair B. Ellsworth D. Foster, although comparatively young in years, has developed good business capacities, and is more than ordinarily enterprising and industrious. He was always naturally fond of reading, and when quite a youth developed a taste for the newspaper business. When but seventeen years old he purchased the Greenwich (Ohio) Enterprise, which he conducted but a few months, being obliged to abandon it on account of failing evesight. Upon his recovery he became proprietor of the Lodi Review in Medina County, Ohio, which he conducted nine months and until establishing with his father the Clayton Journal. Both father and son are ready writers, and keep fully posted upon the news of the day. Our subject is liberal in temperance and politics, voting independently and conducting the paper upon the same principle. He identified himself with the Masonic fraternity many years ago, and is numbered among its most useful and valued members.

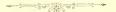


RANK W. CLAY. As Mr. Clay is a man who is widely known as an able financier and as a representative business man of Lenawee County, this work would be incomplete without the sketch of his life which is here given. Mr. Clay was born May 24, 1837, at Farmer Village, Seneca Co., N. Y., and is the son of Bradbury S. Clay, one of the pioneer Baptist ministers of Michigan, and Mary (Raymer) Clay.

Our subject was two years of age when his father moved to the "great West" with his family, locating in Michigan. Undoubtedly the home of this pioneer preacher was the center of more culture and refinement than is generally obtained in the homes of the settlers around it, but at the same time his means were necessarily limited, and the advantages he could afford his children were meager. The life of the pioneer minister, who nobly went forth to preach the Gospel in the sparsely settled and struggling hamlets of the newly settled Western States, was one of unceasing toil, sacrifice, and sometimes even of privation; and as his family shared with him these toils and sacrifices life was to them no bed of roses. Our subject followed the varying fortunes of his father's family as a minister's son in a new country, picking up a little education here and there in the district schools of Michigan, Indiana and Illinois, where his father held pastoral charges at different times. This discipline was wholesome, nurturing in him those manly qualities of helpfulness, self-reliance and energy, and sending him forth into the world at the youthful age of twelve years with the sound constitution and healthy appetite bred of simple fare. As a further preparation for his hand-to-hand conflict with the vicissitudes of the world, he took a course of study at Oberlin, supporting himself in the meantime by labor out of school hours. Thus fortified, and with no other capital, the sturdy lad came to Adrian, Mich., and entered as a clerk in the drug-store of S. E. Hart. His life has since been passed in Adrian, first as druggist, then in the loan office of E. L. Clark, and now as a banker, under the firm name of Waldby & Clay, doing business in the bank building at the corner of Maumee and Main streets. It should be his pride that he has risen to this position by his own indomitable energy and perseverance.

Mr. Clay was married to Amelia C. Hickox, of Rochester, N. Y., in December, 1862; she is a native of Avon Springs, N. Y. To Mr. and Mrs. Clay have been born two children: a son, Rial, who possesses much of the business tact and ability that characterize his father, and is in business with him, and an accomplished daughter. Geraldine, who graces their home.

Mrs. Clay, a lady of much enlure and true refinement, presides over a well-appointed home, dispensing its hospitalities with a free hand, as all know who have crossed its threshold. Mr. Clay is a man of clear, vigorous mind, endowed with exceptional business talent, making him a man of influence in the city with whose interests his own are so closely identified. In politics he is a Democrat. In so far as politics means a service of self, he is above it, but in so far as it means a service to the community in which one lives and to the country to which one belongs, he has taken satisfaction in the faithful discharge of the duties appertaining to those civic offices to which his fellow-citizens have been pleased to call him. He was City Treasurer for two years, his practical experience in finances well fitting him for that post. He was School Director for three years, and takes an active interest in all that pertains to educational matters.



EW18 C. FITTS, the champion fruit-dryer @ of Lenawee County, has for many years carried on this business in Rollin Township, after a process which was the invention of his father, and which is familiarly known as the "Fitts' Patent Process of Drying Fruits." This is conceded to be the best in the market, taking the lead over 200 other patents now in use throughout the country. It has a capacity of from 100 to 300 bushels per ten hours. The machines are manufactured right on the grounds wherever desirable to be set. To this business Mr. F. devotes his entire time and attention, and realizes annually a handsome profit. He began life for himself as a farmer, but he abandoned that calling after two years, and has since devoted himself to his present business, in which he takes a genuine interest, and puts forth his best efforts. He removed into Rollin in 1880, and took possession of his present home in the eastern part of the village on the 1st of September, 1883. The residence and its surroundings indicate the home of a well-to-do citizen contented with his lot, and living at peace with his neighbors.

Our subject was born in Ontario County, N. Y., March 25, 1819, and is the son of Harrison and Nancy E. (Houston) Fitts, natives of Massachusetts and New York. 'The parents are still living, making their home in Blissfield. They had a family of eight children, six of whom are living, mostly residents of this county. Mr. Fitts continued under the parental roof until thirty years of age, and upon leaving school worked with his father,

and operated a flour and saw mill. About this time he became interested in fruit-drying, together with farming, in both of which he engaged in company with a brother. The partnership only lasted three weeks, Lewis C. purchasing the interest of his brother in the fruit-drying business, and renting also the farm of the latter. This, however, he abandomed two years later.

About this time, having in prospect a comfortable home and the wherewithal to make a living, Mr. Fitts proffered his heart and fortunes to one of the most estimable young ladies of Rollin Township, Miss Nettie, daughter of Daniel and Ann (Whitfield) Baker, and the wedding was celebrated at the home of the bride, March 31, 1881, and amidst general rejoicing. The parents of Mrs. Fitts were among the early pioneers of the county, and located in Fairfield Township, where her birth took place Aug. 20, 1853. She was the second in a family of five children, all of whom are living, Mr. and Mrs. Fitts after their marriage took up their residence within the village of Rollin, and are now the parents of a bright little boy, Harry, who was born Jan, 10, 1882.

Mr. Fitts ships the product of his drying establishment mostly to Chicago, where he finds a ready market annually, and where he has disposed of hundreds of tons. As a business man he is thoroughly reliable, and his genial social qualities make him a general favorite. In former years he supported the Democratic ticket, but now votes the Prohibition ticket, and is one of the most active workers in the cause of temperance.

AMES HARVEY TERWILLIGER. Among the citizens of Lenawee County who are industriously engaged in agricultural pursuits, and who have made the most of the golden opportunities afforded by the rich soil of Michigan, is the subject of this sketch. His early settlement here when this county was being newly settled was one of those seeming incidents that sometimes occur in the life of a man and seem to change the whole course of his life.

The father of our subject, who was a prosperous

farmer in the State of New York, disposed of his property there in the year 1840, with the determination to try farming on the rich and more easily cultivated prairies of some distant western territory, where the land had not been worn out by over cultivation. It so happened that when he was prepared to start on his western journey, he was detained on some business, and allowed his wife and five children to precede him to Ypsilanti, Mich., to make a visit to a brother of our subject, and there to await his coming before they pushed on to the promised land. While they were staying at the house of the brother, the son James visited this county, and he was so favorably impressed with the lay of the land, the fertility of the soil, and the beauty of the scenery, that when his father arrived in Michigan he induced him to locate in Lenawee County, so it came about that Hudson was the township chosen for their abiding-place, and that to-day the son is still occupying its soil, and is an honored and useful citizen of this community.

Mr. Terwilliger was born in Wawarsing, Ulster Co., N. Y., Aug. 20, 1816. His father, James Terwilliger, was born Sept. 28, 1778, it is thought in the same town, and his grandfather, Benjamin by name, was a farmer, and spent his last years in that town, The father of our subject was reared in his native county, and there married Mary Terwilliger, a native of the same county, and a daughter of Abraham Terwilliger. After marriage they continued residents of Ulster County until 1821, removing then to Cavuga County, and again in 1825, to Wayne County, and settled in the town of Ontario. In 1840, Mr. Terwilliger disposed of his property in order to remove to some newly settled Territory, and his family preceded him to Michigan, as above related. They journeyed to Rochester with a team, and there took passage on the canal for Buffalo, whence they embarked on the lake for Detroit: from there they drove to Ypsilanti with a pair of horses that they had brought with them. After the father came to Michigan he purchased 160 acres of land on section 12, of Hudson Township, and in the little log shanty that was on the place at the time of purchase the family made their home until he could build a more commodious log house. This he soon had ready for occupancy with the help of others; it

was 16x24 feet in dimensions, with a mind-anid-stick chimney and a puncheon floor. Twenty acres of the timber had been felled but none of the logging had been done except on two acres. The father cleared the greater part of his land and erected a good frame burn before his death. His eyes closed to the seenes of earth on the 29th of February, 1844, and from that humble home which he had built mainly by his own hands all that was mortal of him was taken to its last resting-place. His devoted wife survived him many years, dying on the old homestead Dec. 13, 1874.

The subject of this sketch was reared on his father's farm in New York State, and there took his first lessons in farming. When he came with his parents to live in this township the country round about was in quite a wild state; wolves, deer and other wild game had not fled before the advancing steps of civilization. Adrian was for some years their nearest market, and was then the western terminus of the railway. Mr. Terwilliger tells an incident of traveling by rail in that day, which is rather amusing as looked upon by the light of the present, participants of that journey taken so long ago. It well illustrates the gigantic strides that have been made in the last half century to promote the comfort of the traveler, and to speed him to his destination; and also shows the contrast between the comfortless, tedious journeys of that time and the ease and swiftness with which we are borne long distances at the present day, and by the genius of a the luxuries and comforts of home. In 1841 he revisited his native State, and on his return to Michigan performed the last part of the journey from Toledo to Adrian by rail, it taking nearly a whole day to go that distance. The cars were so cold and uncomfortable generally that he and others got out of the train and ran alongside of it to keep warm, and to stretch their cramped limbs.

Our subject always remained with his parents, and was their comfort and stay in their old age. His marriage took place May 11, 1869, with E. Matilda Young, who was born in Romulus, Sencea Co., N. Y., June 8, 1833. Mrs. Terwilliger's father, John Young, was born in England in 1796, and was the

son of Joseph Young, who came to America with his wife and located in Seneca County, where the latter died. After that he returned to England, and there passed his remaining years. His son, Mrs, Terwilliger's father, came to America when a young man, and married in the State of New York. He was well educated and taught school, and he also studied medicine and practiced it in various places. After marriage he bought a farm in Romulus, and lived on it for awhile, and then sold it, buying another in Seneca County, near the town of Ovid, and was one of the pioneers of the Holland Purchase, New York. He was a licensed minister in the Methodist Church, and often varied his duties as a farmer or physician by preaching in other towns wherever needed. After carrying on his farm for a short time he sold it and turned his attention to the mercantile business in Ovid, but in 1853 be disposed of his business interests and removed to Maryland, where he bought 200 acres of land. He did not like it there, however, and soon sold his farm and returned to New York, where he bought a farm in Varick Township, on which he resided for five years, when he went to Geneva and practiced medicine at the water cure establishment with Dr. Smith. In a few months he left there and went West, and practiced his profession in Me-Gregor, Iowa, for a year, going from there to Highland Park, Ill. In the year 1864 he removed to Marion County, Ill., and bought a tract of land near Kinmundy, and there death closed his earthly pilgrimage in September, 1877. There his faithful wife, the companion of his wanderings, preeeded him to that home not built with hands, her death occurring in September, 1868. During his resiidence in America Mr. Young had revisited his old home in England twice, the first time in 1833, and the last time while he lived in Illinois. His wife, whose maiden name was Paulina Schooley, was the daughter of William II, and Anna (Miller) Schooley. Mr. Schooley died at the home of a daughter in Washtenaw County, at the age of one hundred and two years; his wife died in Romulus, N. Y. Mrs. Terwilliger had two sisters and two brothers who grew to maturity. Her eldest sister, Lazetta, married William C. Barker, of Watkins, N. Y., where she died, and Frances A. married

Frank Lerch, of Waukegan, Ill., and died in that place. William T., her elder brother, was graduated from the medical department of the State University at Ann Arbor, and now resides in Vincland, N. J. Her brother Joseph is also a resident of that place, and is an inventor.

Mr. Terwilliger joined the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1842, and has ever faithfully and conscientiously lived up to its teachings; he has been a Class-Leader and Exhorter in the church. He and his amiable wife command the respect and confidence of all in the community. They have a pleasant and cosy home, and the friend or stranger crossing its threshold is sure of a cordial welcome. Mr. and Mrs. Terwilliger have no children of their own, but have adopted a child of her sister, Lucian G. Lerch.



SAIAH W. ROBERTSON, a representative farmer and public-spirited citizen, is a resident on section 15, Ogden Township, and has taken a prominent part in promoting the growth and prosperity of the township. It has been well said that the history and character of a country may be learned by a study of its people, so it is that we may learn much of the history of Lenawee County in turning the pages of this work and reading the brief biographies of such men as the one whose name stands at the head of this sketch. We learn of the difficulties they had to encounter in wresting the land from the hand of nature, and of the obstacles their heroism overcame in the early settlement of the community, and read of the part that they, or their descendants, have taken in directing public affairs and in promoting the growth and prosperity of the county till it has attained its present high rank among the counties of the State,

Isaiah W. Robertson was born in Preston County, W. Va., April 11, 1842, and is the fifth son of James and Elizabeth Robertson (for parental history see sketch of George P. Robertson). He was but a year old when his parents left their home in Virginia and migrated to Wayne County, Ohio, where they lived for some years; then, after a brief residence in Medina County, that State, they removed in 1854 to this county and located in Ogden

Township. This township had been then for some years struggling for existence in the dense forest that surrounded and invaded the famous Cottonwood Swamp, where it was partly located. Our subject was thirteen years old when the family came to this township. His father bought a tract of land heavily timbered, and whether or not he believed in the old couplet.

"Satan finds some mischief still For idle hands to do,"

he kept his sons out of mischief by keeping them steadily at work clearing the land, sowing the seed and gathering the harvest. While thus engaged our subject contracted habits of industry which have been useful to him in after years, and to which he is in a great measure indebted for his success in life. His work on the farm was varied by attendance at the district school. The schools of those days in Ogden and the surrounding townships were not so good as the schools of to-day, for it was impossible in those sparsely settled places to take advantage of the excellent school system of Michigan, which had been formulated by the learned John D. Pierce under the vigorous encouragement and hearty co-operation of such men as Gov. Cass and Gen. Crary, and adopted by the State in 1837.

Mr. Robertson had not yet attained his majority when the war broke out, and was not then at liberty to go forth in his country's defense, so he continued working quietly on his father's farm, watching the progress of the war with burning interest, On the 4th of August, 1862, he dropped his scythe in the field, hastened to Adrian, and enlisted in Company B, 18th Michigan Infantry, and going to the front with that regiment, served until the close of the war, being mustered out of service at Nashville, Tenn., June 26, 1865. He returned to his father's home the following 14th of July, where he has since discharged his duties as a civilian with the same faithfulness and patriotism that characterized his career as a soldier. He resumed his duties on the farm, working by the month for his father, remaining in his employ until his marriage, which took place March 17, 1867, with Miss Amanda Packard. She is a daughter of Nathaniel and Mary (Patten) Packard, natives of New York State, and early settlers of Fulton County, Ohio, where their daughter, Mrs. Robertson, was born. Mr. and Mrs. Robertson have one son, Joseph Nathaniel, born Dec. 13, 1867.

After his marriage Mr. Robertson, in company with his brother, rented his father's farm for three years, at the expiration of which time he located on the forty acres of land which he had bought before his return from the war, and he still continues to make his residence there. At the time of purchase there were only fifteen acres cleared, and a small log cabin on it, but he now has a good set of farm buildings, and has added to his landed estate until he owns 290 acres of land, 150 of which are under cultivation, and a part of the rest cleared and good pasture land.

Mr. Robertson is a self-made man, and has ably filled many offices of trust in this township. He has been interested in procuring the present exceptional educational advantages of the township, and for nine years served as School Director, while he is at present School Assessor, and has served for seventeen years as Highway Commissioner, When he was first elected to this office but little had been done in the township in the line of road building, but he immediately commenced the improvement of the roads already built, and the construction of many miles more, and has since superintended the building of nearly every road in the township. It is due to him more than to any other man that no township in the county has better or more miles of roads than Ogden Township,

Socially, Mr. Robertson stands high in the community. He is a member of David Becher Post No. 25, G. A. R.; Blue Lodge No. 114, A. F. & A. M.; Adrian Chapter No. 10; Knights Templar No. 4, Adrian. In politics he is a Republican.

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UGENE F. FORD, one of the most enterprising business men in this section of the country, is a resident of section 3 in the fractional part of Riga Township, less than half a mile from the Ohio State line, and is a man of much versatility, and fertile in resource, as may be seen by the degree of success with which he conducts the diverse branches of business, including farming, brick

and tile manufacturing, and the manufacture of lum-

Mr. Ford was born among the hills of Hampshire County, Mass., in the beautiful town of Cummington, on the 5th of April, 1811, and is the son of Charles and Fidelia (Bates) Ford (for parental history see sketch of George F. Ford). He came from a long line of notable ancestry, some of whom were among the first settlers of Cummington, men of intrepid spirit and great force of character. Twice at least in their annals have their brave descendants gone forth as pioneers to encounter the unknown perils of the wilderness, in the early settlement of Hampshire County in Massachusetts and of Fulton County in Ohio, and we might also add of Lucas County, Ohio.

Our subject was but nine years of age when he left that pleasant home among the hills and went with his parents to Ohio, whither his grandfather had preceded them years before. He was already partly educated in the district schools of his birthplace, and here his education was completed in attendance at the pioneer school of Richfield Township, and a further course at the Maumee Academy. After finishing his education he taught school for a time, but he had long watched with intense interest the political events of the country, which finally culminated in the great civil strife. In February, 1862, his patriotic ardor was aroused to its highest pitch, and he closed the door of his school-room to enlist in Company A, 89th Ohio Infantry, for three months, although he had not then attained his majority. At the expiration of this term of service he was discharged and returned home, but in 1863 he re-enlisted in the service as a member of the Ohio National Guard, and served 100 days. In February, 1865, he enlisted once more, this time in Company A, 189th Ohio Infantry, and was soon after sent from Columbus, Ohio, via Baltimore, to Point of Rocks, in charge of prisoners to be exchanged. After faithfully discharging this duty he returned to Columbus, and thence was sent with his regiment to Alabama, where he remained until his honorable discharge in August, 1865, closed his career as a soldier; he then returned to his old home in Ohio.

Mr. Ford was married, Jan. 1, 1869, to Miss Pamelia Wilson, who was born in Lucas County, Ohio, Feb. 3, 1846. Her paternal grandfather, William Wilson, a native of Pennsylvania, and of German ancestry, spent his last years near Lancaster, Ohio, and here his son William, Mrs. Ford's father, was born. After he grew to manlbood he went to Lucas County, in the early days of its settlement, and with his uncle engaged in keeping a hotel in Sylvania, then but a hamlet, while the hotel was a log house. After his marriage with Miss Mary A. Lathrop, he brought land and commenced farming in Litchfield Township, and still resides there. Mrs. Wilson was born in Allegany County, N. Y., and was the daughter of Col. Lucian D. Lathrop, a pioneer of Lucas County.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Ford made their home on the farm where they still reside. The farm contains 200 acres of land, of which 120 is highly improved, and contains convenient buildings, and the appliances for conducting farm work by the most approved methods.

Besides paying careful attention to the enlture of his land, Mr. Ford is engaged in other branches of business. In 1880 he commenced the manufacture of brick and tile, and still continues the business, while in 1881 he bought a sawmill and has since been extensively engaged in the manufacture of lumber. To all these different branches of business he gives personal attention, and all are in a flourishing condition.

Mr. and Mrs. Ford are the parents of four sons— James M., Iliram W., Lewis C. and John. They are highly esteemed by their many neighbors and friends for their kindly, genial manners and high integrity of character. Mr. Ford is a man of marked decision and business ability. He is a public-spirited citizen, and his various business enterprises have contributed much to the growth and prosperity of Riga Township. In politics he is a Republican.

ILLIAM TEN BROECK, SCHERMER-HORN, for nearly thirty years editor and proprietor of the Hudson Gazette, was born in Claverack, Columbia Co., N. Y., March 18, 1835, He was the youngest sen of William and Helen Schermerhorn, the former a native of New York.

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and a descendant of the Knickerbocker families. He was a weaver by trade, and pursued that calling in Palmyra, Wayne Connty, where his death occurred. His companion, now Mrs. H. C. Morgan, is still living, and is a resident of Palmyra.

Our subject developed at an early age studious and industrious habits, and when but thirteen years of age entered the office of the Wayne County Sentinel at Palmyra, and thoroughly acquired the "art preservative." Although his schooling had been somewhat limited, his keen observation and bright mind were ever active, and be was counted by his employers as one of the likeliest young men in the office. His ambition to progress in his calling led him to Utica, where he worked for a time, and later he was employed in the Wayne County Democrat office at Lyons. Desiring to engage in business for bimself he came to Hudson, in 1858, and bought the Gazette, which was then in a collapsed condition. Under the vim and energy of his strong, progressive temperament the paper prospered, and won a place among the foremost journals of the State, succeeding far beyond the average of country weeklies. Mr. Schermerhorn continued the successful publication of the paper up to the time of his sudden death from heart disease, Dec. 15, 1884. He was a rare type of powerful manhood, physically and intellectually, of a poetic and affectionate temperament, a keen observer of men and events, an acknowledged superior journalist, and a leader in the Democratic party in Michigan. He was fearless and outspoken in his political affiliations, but was fair and tolerant, an entirely honorable foe. He gave the best years of a busy life to the village where he began business for himself, and always applied himself energetically to the advancement of its interests. He lived an intense life, and its unexpected termination was a severe blow to his family, the community, his party and his profession.

The maiden name of the wife of our subject, to whom he was united at Lyons, in 1857, was Jennie Terry. She was born in Alton, Wayne Co., N. Y., and was the daughter of Capt. Horace and Emily Terry. To her and her husband were born twelve children, nine of whom are now living, as follows: Emma W., Nellie C., James, Mary B., Byron B.,

Charlie T., Frederick N., Vilette T. and Harry V. C. Emma is the wife of Frederick J. Todd, of Detroit; Nellie is the wife of Frank Barnes, of Durango, Col. William Ten Broeck, Jr., the oldest son, was attending school at Oberlin College at the time of his father's death. He unselfishly relinguished his plans for a professional career, and heroically applied himself to the work of carrying on the business and maintaining the family. In this he succeeded admirably, keeping the paper up to the reputation it had achieved under his father's management, till death called him from his labors, April 18, 1887. In 1885 he was appointed Postmaster, and served efficiently until his death. He was also selected as Committeeman from Michigan by the National Postmasters' Association. He was a bright young journalist, a faithful public official, a successful business man, and the short life that he lived was a noble and unselfish one. Since his death the paper has been under the management of the second son, James, who resigned from his cadetship at West Point on account of his brother's ill-health.



RAMON TUTTLE, Ja., of Seneca Township, possesses as the reward of many years' labor a finely cultivated tract of eighty acres of land on section 3, which he has improved with first-class buildings, including a fine dwelling and a good barn with the other necessary outhouses, all of which are models of convenience and finely adapted to the use of the intelligent and progressive farmer.

Oramon Tuttle came to this part of the county during its early settlement, and assisted in laying out roads, being quite an expert as a surveyor, and evincing excellent judgment in regard to the best methods to be employed for the building up of the township, and encouraging the immigration of an intelligent and thrifty class of people. He maintained a lively interest in the establishment of religious and educational institutions, and officiated in the various school offices many years, and until younger men came upon the scene to relieve him. He and his estimable wife were the parents of twelve children, ten of whom they reared to mature years and fitted to take their station in life among the peo-

ple of a cultivated and well-educated community, Mr, and Mrs. Tuttle united with the Christian Church about 1870, of which they have since renained consistent members, and our subject has been a stanch Republican since the organization of the party.

The Tuttle family came originally from England, and o. e of its members who crossed the Atlantic in 1636 was the founder of New Haven, Conn. The children of our subject are of the eighth generation of the family in this country. His father, Oramon Tuttle, Sr., was a native of Connecticut, and married Miss Abbie Barnes, who was also born in that State. He was the son of Noah Tuttle, a direct descendant of William Tuttle, spoken of above, The parents of our subject, after their marriage, settled near Camden, Oneida Co., N. Y., and subsequently removed to Vienna in the same county, where they spent the remainder of their lives, The mother died on the 7th of November, 1838, aged fifty-five years, while the father survived until 1860, and died in Oneida County, when between seventy-eight and eighty. Their twelve children were named respectively: Emily, Sallie, Daniel, Lent, Mary, Alma, Thankful, Sophia, Nancy C., Oramon, Jr., Mary (2d) and Noah. Of these seven are surviving, making their homes, two in New York, and the remainder in Michigan. During the late war Noah enlisted in a regiment of New York Infantry, and in this capacity saw the Rebellion from its beginning to its close.

Oramon Tuttle, Jr., was born in Oneda County, N. Y., April 27, 1824, and his early days were passed in the sawmill and at lumbering, during which time he received a limited education. He had been reared to habits of industry, and by a course of economy and prudence, accumulated considerable money before leaving the Empire State. This, however, was lost through misplaced confidence, and he was obliged to begin again at the foot of the ladder. About 1855 he determined upon a change of location, and coming to Hillsdale County, this State, staid there a few months, but before winter took up his residence in Dover Township, this county. In 1857 he purchased eighty acres of land in Seneca Township, of which he took possession on the 3d of July, and a few days thereafter

struck the first blow toward clearing his farm. He had located in the midst of a timber tract, and in time purchased a sawmill, where he engaged in the manufacture of lumber, and made cheese boxes, shingles, etc., besides earrying on the operations of his farm. The sawmill was destroyed by fire in the spring of 1872, involving a loss to Mr. Tuttle of \$2,000, uninsured. He now gave up the sawing business, and has since given his close attention to his farm, which bears evidence upon the face of it to what good purpose he has labored. In order to perfect the drainage, he practically dredged Black Creek for several hundred rods. While thus engaged, in the fall of 1873, he struck a mass of bones which since, under examination by a scientist, have been discovered to be the remains of a huge prehistoric animal, unknown to modern natural history. Mr. Tuttle sent the skeleton to his old home in Camden, N. Y.

Mr. Tuttle, while a resident of his native State, was united in marriage with Sallie A. Spencer, the wedding taking place on the 12th of September, 1844. Mrs. T. is the daughter of Ephraim and Cordelia (Wooding) Spencer, who were natives of Connecticut, and were married in Massachusetts. They settled first in the Nutmeg State, and thence removed to Camden, N. Y., where the father died in 1853, when about sixty years of age. Mrs. Spencer and her children then came to this State, and she now resides at Grand Rapids, and is eightythree years of age. She was the mother of eleven children, of whom Mrs. Tuttle was the third child and eldest daughter. She received a commonschool education, and by her marriage with our subject became the mother of a large family of children. These are nearly all married, and comfortably settled in homes of their own. Charles A., the eldest, is still a bachelor: Mary is the widow of Charles Babcock, and the mother of four children-Edith, Tracy, Hervey and Medora; Caroline E. is the wife of Wallace Bryant, and the mother of one child, Ernest; William E. was first married to Miss Dorcas Hood, and they had one child, a son, Edwin; his second wife was Mrs. Hannah Rogers, Willard died when an infant: Jesse M. married Miss Nancy Wolf, and they have one child, Floyd E .: Hervey married Miss Mabel Austin, and they also have one child, Eunice May; Ida A. is the wife of Chester S. Bragg, and the mother of four children— Mande A., Eddie, Earl and Ethel; Hiram married Miss Mary Carey, and has two children—Mearl R. and one unnamed; Frederick and Edwin are at home with their parents.

R. WILLIAM B. TOWN. A goodly proportion of the reliable element of Lenawee County have labored on the maxim that 'a rolling stone gathers no moss," and have wisely clung to the heritage left them by their fathers. Among them is the subject of this sketch, who occupies the land originally taken up by his honored father from the Government. Here he spent the days of his boyhood and youth and developed into manhood, pursuing for a time his studies in the pioneer school. To this section of country his parents had removed from the Dominion of Canada, where William B. was born in Norwich, Oxford County, on the 23d of July, 1830.

Nathan Town, the father of our subject, was a native of Massachusetts, where he received his early education and commenced the study of medicine. When a young man he removed to Herkimer County, N. Y., whence he migrated to the Dominion soon after the War of 1812. In the fall of 1838 he made his way to Jackson, Mich., and the spring following took up his residence in Rollin Township, this county, where he farmed on a small scale and continued the practice of his profession until resting from his earthly labors; he died Oct. 28, 1854, aged sixty-two years.

The mother of our subject was in her girlhood Miss Irene Tompkins, and was born in Waterbury, Conn., May 11, 1793. She became the wife of Nathan Town March 25, 1813, and bore to her husband six children. namely: Eliza and Julia, deceased; Cornelia, George F., Mary S., and William B., of our sketch. Mrs. Irene Town died at the homestead in Rollin Township in July, 1859, at the age of sixty-six years, having survived her husband about five years.

Our subject pursued his early studies in the dis-

trict school and subsequently attended the school at Jackson during the winter season. He commenced reading medicine under the instruction of Dr. II. Powers, of Rollin, when twenty-one years of age, and took a two-years course in the medical department of Michigan University. His first patient was a resident of Geneva, this township. He gave his close attention to the duties of his profession, availing himself of the instructive medical works of the day, and by a conscientious and upright course in due time built up a profitable and extensive business. In the meantime he lent his aid to those enterprises calculated for the general good of the community, serving in the local offices, and for a period of seventeen years was Postmaster of Geneva: this office he finally resigned. He was School Director for a period of seven years, and in 1884 was elected a member of the State Legislature. During his service at the capital he was on various important committees, especially those concerning the public health and industrial schools for girls, at Adrian. He has always voted the straight Democratic ticket.

The wife of our subject, to whom he was married Oct. 27, 1853, was formerly Miss Elmina C., daughter of Americus and Martha (Beal) Smith, natives of New York State. She was born in Fairfield, Lenawee Co., Mich., Aug. 29, 1835, Mrs. Town is a lady of much intelligence and is particularly interested in benevolent work. She is Treasurer of the Ladies' Missionary Society and has also served as President for a term of years. She was one of the first members of the W. C. T. U. in Rollin Township, assisting in perfecting its organization, and was President three years. She has been largely gifted by nature with a most charitable and generous disposition, and the poor and distressed never appeal to her in vain. Mrs. Town is prominently connected with the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which the Doctor is a regular attendant and gives liberally of his means to its support. Socially, our subject belongs to Lodge No. 157, A. F. & A. M., of which he has been a member in Addison for the last twenty years.

The Town family is of Irish extraction and the Tompkins were originally from Scotland. Nathan Town commenced the practice of his profession in Canada, and was there in 1836 when the "Patriot War" broke out, and being in sympathy with the patriots he was arrested on a charge of treason and imprisoned in Hamilton jail nine months. He was then with the others sentenced to be hung, but a short time before the day set for the execution a reprieve came from Queen Victoria and he was banished from the Province. He was compelled to leave at once before he could settle his business affairs or get his family ready for removal. He immediately came to Detroit, arriving here in November, where he was joined by his family a few weeks later, and was the second physician to locate in Rollin Township.

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ILLIAM J. WILBER is one of the stanch and reliable citizens of Dover Township, where he is engaged in farming, and is the son of Joseph and Ruth (Briggs) Wilber, the former born in Rhode Island of English ancestry, while the latter, it is thought, was also a native of the same State. They left Rhode Island while still single, and were married in Schoharie County, N. Y. Some time after marriage they settled in Knox. Albany Co., N. Y., where the father died in 1812, and his widow in May of the following year, in Schoharie, N. Y. By this sad event a family of five children became orphans.

The parental family included five children—Judith, Abisha, Amanda, William J. and Sally, of whom the three eldest are dead. Indith was first married to David Parks; he died in Johnstown, N. Y., and she afterward married David Carpenter, who died in Madison Township, Lenawee Co., Mich., where she also died. Abisha was the wife of Gilbert Gage, and died in Dover Township, this county: Amanda was first married to Elias Richardson, of Victor, N. Y., where he died; she then came to Lenawee County, and was again married, to Samuel Jordan, and died in Sturgis, Mich. Sally married John T. White, and resides in Walworth, Wayne Co. N. Y.

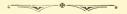
William J. Wilber was born in Knox, Albany Co.,

N. Y., Jan. 16, 1810, and was but three years of age when his parents died. His grandfather then took the child to live with him, but when he was nine years old his grandfather's death occurred, and he remained with an uncle, W. R. Briggs, at the grandfather's old home in Schoharie County, N. Y., under whose guardianship he remained until he was twenty-one years of age, and was trained to the calling of a farmer.

Mr. Wilber married, in Schenectady County, N. Y., Oct. 28, 1833, Lucretia B., daughter of James and Dorcas (Blackmoor) Gale, of Duanesburg, N. Y. After marriage Mr. Wilber continued to live in his native State for several years, engaged in his calling of a farmer, but in 1851 he sold his property in the Empire State, and came with his family to Dover Township, this county, where he procured a tract of land, and has ever since been a resident of this township. He has been highly successful in bringing his farm of eighty acres into a good state of tillage. To Mr, and Mrs. Wilber were born six children, of whom the following is the record: James Gale lives in Florida; Mary A., who was the wife of Gilbert Torbron, of Dover Township, died in Clayton, Sept. 20, 1885; Joseph Oscar resides in Adrian; Walter B., Ernest and John live in Buena Vista, Col.

The mother of these children, who was a faithful companion and helpmeet to her husband, died in Dover Township, Oct. 17, 1867, and Mr. Wilber was again married, Dec. 15, 1870, to Fidelia A. (Shaw) McLouth, daughter of Brackley and Lydia Shaw. (For parental history see sketch of her brother, Hon. Brackley Shaw). She was born in Ira, Cayuga Co., N. Y., and was the widow of Peter McLouth, who died in Dover Township, Dec. 28, 1863. By that marriage she became the mother of two children-Charles N, and Edward S. Charles married Ida Wallace, and lives in Chicago, Ill., while Edward married Abbie Abbott, and lives in Dakota. By her union with Mr. Wilber she has had one child, William E., who died when about eight months old,

Mr. and Mrs. Wilber are estimable members of the Presbyterian Church of Dover, and they have always exerted their influence to promote the social and moral interests of the township. For eight years Mr. Wilber has done good service as Highway Commissioner. In politics he is a stanch Republican.



AMUEL D. TINGLEY, the youngest son of the well-known John II. Tingley, and one of the most promising young farmers of Rollin Township, was born at the old homestead on the 27th of May, 1851, and has always made his home near the scenes of his early boyhood. He is active and energetic, both in regard to his own business and in township affairs, being a working Republican and serving as Highway Commissioner, Assessor and School Trustee. He is in favor of prohibition, and materially assists the various enterprises set on foot for the welfare and progress of the people around him. He acquired his education in the district school and assisted his father on the farm until his marriage, then purchased the old Lamb homestead, where he has taken the initiatory steps toward building up one of the most desirable country homes in the county,

The wife of our subject, formerly Miss Elizabeth Adelle McCurran; is the daughter of Anthony and Anna (Gillis) McCurran, and the foster daughter of Lewis Lombard, one of the old pioneers of this county. She was familiarly known as Miss Lombard, and in the home of her kind foster-parents never felt the loss of her natural protectors. She was born on the 20th of August, 1850. McCurran family was of French descent, and included four children, of whom Mrs. Tingley is the only survivor. She was carefully reared and well educated, and became the wife of our subject on the 12th of February, 1874, the wedding being celebrated in Addison, this county, Rev. A. R. Hazen, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, officiating. Mrs. Tingley obtained her education in this county, finishing her studies in what is now the Addison High School, and before her marriage she taught school for several years. Eight terms were taught in Woodstock Township, and two terms in Rollin Township, Mrs. Tingley's sister, Mary

Anna, was graduated at Union Spring School, New York, and at an early period was given a position in Washington, D. C., teaching the emancipated slaves, and there became acquainted with Col. John R. Thompson, whom she married a few years later.

Mr. and Mrs. Tingley have two children: Mary A., who was born in Rollin Township, March 1, 1882, and Stephen S., in the same township, Sept. 17, 1886. Mrs. Tingley has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Rollin Center for a number of years, and also belongs to the Ladies' Missionary Society, with which she identified herself at its organization.

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RANCIS A. DEWEY is one of the representative pioneers of this county, having come here in 1829, in advance of his parents, and he has since been actively identified with the upbuilding of this section beyond most men. He is a native of Three Rivers, Quebec, Canada, where he was born Feb. 25, 1811, and is the son of Simeon and Betsey (Bigelow) Dewey, both of whom were natives of the Old Granite State. In 1826 the family removed to Buffalo, N. Y., but three years later they came to Michigan, and settled in Tecumseh.

Francis A. Dewey was the second son and third child of a family of seven children, and resided with his parents until he had reached his majority. He received his first schooling while in Hanover. N. H., a part of the time at Moore's Academy, of that place, and in 1828, he attended Capt. McCay's military school at Buffalo. Following in the footsteps of his father, he became a farmer, and during the summer of 1829 he came to Michigan in advance of the family, arriving in Tecumseh in September. In 1830 he was engaged in company with Musgrove Evans, as mail carrier between Tecumsch and Ypsilanti, which business he followed for six months. During this winter the mail was only carried once a week between these two points, and only once a month between Detroit and Chicago, The latter route was traveled by a Frenchman on an Indian pony, which would sometimes become exhausted, and the Frenchman would fire his pistol,

which seemed to give the animal new life, and he would then continue his journey with renewed In the spring of 1831 Mr. Dewey went to Detroit, and for nearly two years and a half drove the stage and carried the mail between that city and Ypsilanti, and Detroit and Monguagon. In June, 1834, thinking it about time he should settle on land of his own, he located 160 acres of Government land, lying on sections 17, 18, 19 and 20, in Cambridge Township, where during the fall of 1836, he built a log cabin, into which he removed on the 4th of March, 1837. This log house, located at Dewey Lake, occupied the site of the wigwam of the Indian Chief Mittean. In the meantime he had driven the stage between Tecumseh and Jonesville about two years. He subsequently added to this farm until he owned over 600 acres, upon which he erected a large brick house and good barns: he had nearly 300 acres under improvement, and the entire tract was well fenced. In 1865 he disposed of some 200 acres of his land, and purchased what was known as the Walker farm at Cambridge Junetion, where he now resides,

Mr. Dewey commenced his public services at an early age, having been appointed Drum Major of the 8th Regiment, Michigan Militia, in 1830, and in 1832, he participated with the regiment in the Black Hawk War. He was the Supervisor of Cambridge Township in the years 1840 and 1853, filling the position with credit to himself and satisfaction to the people, while he was Highway Commissioner for four years, and Justice of the Peace for sixteen years. When the storm of war broke out over our country, in 1861, although too old a man to take an active part in the army, he was no less interested in the suppression of the Rebellion, and spent much time, and contributed large amounts of money to fill the quotas of his township. He subscribed \$700 at one public meeting, and subsequently gave \$300 more for the same good purpose. His only regret at that time was his inability to carry a musket. Taking a strong interest in the growth of the county, Mr. Dewey has been always closely connected with all institutions which he believed to be for the good of the community. Among these was the Agricultural Society. When the Michigan Pioneer Society was organized at Lansing, March 11, 1874, Mr. D. was

the only man from this county who represented it that society. He took an active part in the organization, being one of the charter members, and in 1875 was selected a member of the Executive Committee thereof. Subsequently he was elected President of the society, and afterward Vice President, holding the last office for several years, and is at the present time one of its most prominent members and one of the most conspicuous of the Executive Committee. This latter issues annually a large volume of its proceedings, including local and historical facts concerning the pioneer days of the State, to each of which Mr. Dewey has been a large contributor, and from the frontispiece of which the classical features of the old pioneer look out upon us,

Mr. Dewey and Miss Mary Ann Smith were united in marriage Oct. 25, 1836, and they are the parents of six children, as follows: Jane S. was born Aug. 7, 1837, and died Feb. 10, 1855; George H, was born Jan. 10, 1839, and is a farmer of Cambridge Township; John W. was born March 17, 1841, and is a farmer in this county; Albert F. was born April 15, 1843; Franklin S, was born March 27, 1845, and is a graduate of the Michigan University, and a resident of Alpena, where for eight years he was Superintendent of Public Schools, and Isaac S. was born April 8, 1848. Mrs. Mary Ann Dewey was born at Paris, Oneida Co., N. Y., Sept. 24, 1815, and was the daughter of Isaac and Mary Smith; she died in Cambridge Township, Sept. 15, 1852. Jan. 27, 1853, Mr. Dewey married Mrs. Marie S. Smith, the daughter of Julius and Annie Hoxie, of Macedon, Wayne Co., N. Y., and on the 14th of September, 1862, he was again left a widower. On the 15th of January, 1863, he married a third wife, Miss Harriet, daughter of Isaac and Mary Smith, of Woodstock, by whom he has had three children, as follows: Mary J., who was born Dec. 10, 1863; Lyster H., March 14, 1865, and Irving A., March 31, 1870. Mrs. Harriet Dewey was born in Paris, Oneida Co., N. Y., July 26, 1827, and came to Michigan with her parents in

In Mr. Dewey's life we find an excellent example for young men just embarking in the field of active life, of what may be accomplished by a man beginning at the bottom of the ladder, poor but

houest, prudent and industrious. In early life he enjoyed but few advantages, and relied solely upon his own efforts and his own conduct to win for him success in life. Nor has this success been only in the sense of accumulating wealth, but in striving to do good to others, in serving them well, and in winning their respect and esteem. He has ever strictly observed that most important factor in the successful public or business life of anyone, honesty. He is a careful, conscientious business man, ever adhering to the dictates of his conscience in matters both of a public and private nature. He and most of his family are active members of the Episcopal Church, of which Mr. Dewey is the Senior Warden. He begins to show the effect of an active life spent on the frontier, and while he holds his mental faculties bright and clear, his physical strength is slowly succumbing to the hand of time and the frosts of many winters.

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ILLIAM W. TILTON first opened his eyes to the light in the Old Granite State, in Cheshire County, July 21, 1803. His father, Joseph Tilton, subsequently removed to Montgomery County, N. Y., and from there to Montgomery County for Coldwater, where he engaged in farming. This business he continued to follow until resting from his earthly labors, dying at the age of sixty-four years. His wife survived him many years, and passed away at the advanced age of eighty-seven, at the old homestead near Coldwater.

Our subject spent his childhood and youth upon the farm, attending the district schools and becoming familiar with the various enjoyments and employments of country life. After reaching his majority he set out for himself, and took up a tract of eighty acres in Raisin Township, to which he added until he became the owner of 140 acres. The land had been but indifferently cultivated when it eame into his possession, but after laboring industriously a number of years he found himself the owner of one of the most fertile tracts of Lenawee County. He put up good buildings, stocked the farm with ex-



William Tilton



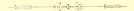
cellent grades of domestic animals, and supplied himself by degrees with the most approved machinery. About 1870, finding himself in possession of a competence and the necessity for his arduous labors having ceased, he rented the farm and moved into Tecumseh, where he has since lived, but continues to look after the operations of the farm.

Mr. Tilton, although quite young at the time of the removal of his parents to this State, remembers many of the incidents of the overland journey, which was made via the Lakes and canal to Tecumseh, whence he walked the remainder of the way. This tramp occupied two days, during which time he searcely saw a human habitation. He first stopped with an old acquaintance, a Mr. Spafford, and thereafter employed himself for a time at carpentering.

Mr. Tilton was married in 1829, when about twenty-six years of age, to Miss Matilda, daughter of Thomas Sisson, who emigrated from New York State to Michigan in 1827. Mr. Sisson also built up a good farm from the primitive soil, and died in Raisin Township when sixty-five years old; his wife had preceded him to the silent land. Their daughter, Matilda, was born in New York, Nov. 27, 1810. and by her union with our subject became the mother of four children. Their eldest son, Albert, was born Dec. 8, 1830, and died in Michigan, Jan. 18, 1870, leaving a wife and three children, who are now living in Colorado; Harriet was born Oct. 6, 1832, and is the wife of James Calvin, of Raisin Township; they have three children. Abigail was born March 13, 1840, married Alonzo Bean and became the mother of two children, one now living; George W. was born May 17, 1842, and is farming with his brother-in-law, Mr. James Colvin. Mrs. Matilda Tilton departed this life May 27, 1864, at the homestead in Tecumseh Township, aged fiftyfour years. The present wife of our subject, to whom he was married in 1870, was formerly Mrs. Cynthia (Spafford) Bissel, widow of Theodore Bissel, late of Teeumseh Township, and daughter of Abner and Belsey Spafford, natives of New Hampshire and who are now deceased.

Mr. Tilton is the oldest living settler of Tecumseh Township, and a man beloved by all who know him. He has been a member of the Republican party since its organization, and was active in his support of the party in this section during its infancy. Religiously he is a Universalist, and although now quite aged, keeps himself well posted upon matters of general interest and is very intelligent to converse with. During his younger years he occupied the various minor offices of the township, and has always been a man whose word was considered as good as his bond. He has built up a good record and one of which his children will never be ashamed.

As a representative citizen of Lenawee County, whose industry and good judgment surmounted all obstacles that stood in his way to success, and as a worthy and respected member of the community, we are pleased to present on an adjoining page of this Araan a portrait of Mr. Tilton.

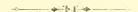


SAIAII LOWE, whose name and features are familiar to most of the people on the southern line of Lenawee County, came to Southern Michigan in the spring of 1832, before reaching his majority, and took up a tract of land in Adrian Township. Four years later he removed to Fairfield Township, where he engaged in farming until 1846. He then removed to Adrian, and a year later sold his property near there and coming back to Fairfield Township, took up his residence on his land, to which he devoted his attention until the spring of 1874.

Mr. Lowe, the year previously, had put up a steam sawmill at Jasper, and later a flouring-mill, in which latter enterprise he was assisted by John C. Mabee, with whom he became associated in partnership, and since that time they have operated harmoniously together. They are both first-class business men, and enjoy the patronage and friendship of a large proportion of the people in their locality. Mr. Lowe has served as Highway Commissioner in Adrian and Fairfield Townships, and occupied the office of Justice of the Peace in the latter place for several terms.

Our subject was born at Big Flats, Cheming Co., N. Y., July 15, 1811. His father, Abraham Lowe, a native of New Jersey, was born Nov. 2, 1777, and all his life engaged in farming pursuits. He removed to Big Flats, New York State, previous to the year 1800, and occupied one farm there for a period of twenty-three years. Upon selling out he took up his abode in what was then Genesee, but is now Orleans County, N. Y., where he died in May, 1834. The mother, formerly Miss Mary Atwood, was born near Montreal, Canada, Dec. 13, 1779, and became the wife of Abraham Lowe April 18, 1802. Mrs. Lowe, after the death of her husband, joined her son in Michigan, and died at his home in Fairfield, Sept. 5, 1865; of this union there were born five children.

Our subject received a very limited education, and in addition to assisting his father around the homestead, also worked at the carpenter's trade in Orleans County, until coming to the Territory of Michigan. He cultivated the new land which he had purchased, and finally traded his village property in Fairfield for a farm outside in the township, which he retained possession of until taking up his residence in Jasper. In the meantime, in 1851, he crossed the plains to California, but a residence of five months on the Pacific Slope sufficed him, and returning to Michigan, he contentedly settled down, and has since remained a continuous resident of Fairfield Township. Although now seventy-seven years of age he retains much of his old-time vigor and industry, and is a man who in all respects has apparently made good use of his time and opportunities.



ENRY READ is a thriving agriculturist, residing on a fine farm on section 27, in Cambridge Township, where he has lived since 1835, his father having obtained a patent of the place in that year. Henry Read is a native of Mt. Morris, Livingston Co., N. Y., and was born Oct. 22, 1827. His father, Don A. Read, was a native of Vermont, and was the son of Horatio Read, who came of old Puritan stock. He was a farmer and teacher, and was for many years a prominent member of the Masonic fraternity. Some years before his death he came to this locality where he remained with his son, having become

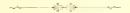
totally blind. In early life he was united in marriage with Jemima Mead, who died before coming to Michigan, in 1844.

Don A. Read, the father of our subject, when a young man, removed from the Green Mountain State to Livingston County, N. Y., and was there united in marriage with Hannah Moyer, whose ancestors came from Holland and settled in the Mohawk Valley. She died in May, 1833, leaving three children, Henry, then but six years old, being the eldest and only son; the other children are now deceased. Don A. Read first came to Michigan with his wife and two children, Henry and Maria, in 1830, and at that time took up land in what is now Clinton Township, but in a short time returned to the Empire State. While there he lost his wife, and in June, 1833, he in company with his children came back to this State, and after a short residence in Clinton Township, removed to a farm of 160 acres in Cambridge Township, where he resided until his death, which took place March 10, 1871. when he had attained the age of sixty-eight years. His second wife was a Miss Larne, a native of New York, who died in Cambridge Township in 1876, at the age of seventy-two years,

Henry Read remained at home until he had attained his majority, and for seven years thereafter took general management of the homestead, clearing off the most of the debt in wheat when it brought less than fifty cents per bushel. On the 2d of December, 1853, he was united in marriage in the township of Rome, with Miss Alice W. Champenois, a native of Westchester County, N. Y., and was born Nov. 8, 1833. She is the daughter of William A. and Alice (Cornell) Champenois, who were both natives of New York, and the former of French descent. They came to Michigan in 1834, locating on a farm in Rome Township, this county, where they remained until about 1863, when they removed to Wexford County, Mich., where the father died Jan. 18, 1886. Mrs. Read's mother died in 1833, when Alice was but a week old, and the latter was brought up by her stepmother, on the homestead in this county. Three of Mr. Champenois' sons were in the Union army during the late conflict between the States.

Mr. and Mrs. Read became the parents of three

children—Charles II, and Lena A., living at home, and Frances, deceased. In politics Mr. Read is a Democrat, and enjoys some prominence in local circles. He and his wife take a great interest in the Grange movement, being both members of No. 279, P. of II.



RANK DAVIDSON. The family history of this well-known resident and native of this county forms an interesting chapter among the early events connected with the settlement of the southern part of the State. His parents, Simeon and Cerena (Miller) Davidson, were natives of Lodi, Seneca Co., N. Y., where they spent their childhood and youth, and where their marriage took place about the year 1829. years later Simeon Davidson and his young wife emigrated to the Territory of Michigan, locating on section 30, in Macon Township, this county. After a residence there of over twenty years, Mr. Davidson sold out, and purchased 670 acres in Tecumsel Township, the land at that time being considered practically worthless. The soil was light, and there had been very little attempt at cultivation, and that had been carried on in a very imperfect manner.

The father of our subject, however, was a man of indomitable perseverance, and delighted in accomplishing things which his neighbors declared were impossible. He worked early and late, month after month, and year after year, and in due time there was presented the spectacle of a fine tract of 200 acres, cleared and made productive, and provided with good buildings. Aside from his farm labors, Mr. Davidson had followed his trade of a carpenter, which he had learned while a young man in the Empire State. He put up many of the first houses, barns, mills and bridges in the northern part of this county, and as the population increased, engaged as a contractor and builder, employing a large force of men.

When Sineon Davidson first settled in this county, the country from Tecumseh to Monroe was an almost unbroken wilderness. The few pioneers who had ventured into these wilds had little but their Mr. Davidson proved a most efficient friend. When a log cabin was required for the accommodation of a new emigrant and his family, Mr. Davidson was among the first to respond to the call for assistance in its erection. He was tacitly given the position of "master builder," and with his cheerful voice and ready hands made the task one of pleasure rather than of toil; it was not an uncommon thing for a "raising" to be postponed, in case it was not convenient for him to attend, until he could do so. He also officiated as auctioneer in later years, and being a man fluent in speech, proved as successful in this calling as he had in the others. In all public measures for the promotion of the social, religious, moral and educational interests of his neighborhood, and for the general development of the resources of the country, by railroad or otherwise, he was ever ready to bear his full share of the burden. He was one of the earliest members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and here, as in all the other walks in life, acquitted himself in a faithful and ereditable manner, and throughout the county was familiarly known as "Uncle Sim," He was gathered to his fathers like a sheaf ripe for the harvest, and mourned as the personal friend and benefactor of all.

To Simeon and Cerena Davidson there were born five children, the record of whom is as follows: George W. and Clarisa died in early childhood; Minor M. was born in Macon Township, this county, and is now a prosperous farmer of Tecumsch; Jehial is retired from active labor, and is a resident of the village, while Frank, of our sketch, was the youngest of the family. The maternal grandfather, Isaiah Miller, and his excellent wife, were of German descent and natives of Pennsylvania. They came to the Territory of Michigan in 1833, locating in Macon Township, where they spent the remainder of their lives.

Frank Davidson was rearred at the old homestead in Macon Township, and completed his studies in the village school of Teeumsch. He became familiar with the various employments of farm life, to which he took kindly, and was satisfied with the laudable ambition of following in the footsteps of his honored father. He continued a member of the parental household until his marriage, March 26, 1862, the maiden of his choice being Miss Elizabeth, only daughter of Henry and Susan Lacock, of Tecumseh, Mrs. D. was born in Jackson County, Mich., Sept. 11, 1840, and came to this county with her parents early in life. The young people commenced life together at the new farm on section 36, Tecumseh Township, where they lived and labored for a period of twenty-six years. Our subject then sold out, and purchased his present homestead on section 36. This comprises 220 acres of fertile land in a high state of cultivation, with handsome and substantial buildings. Mr. Davidson has devoted much of his attention to the breeding of Short-horn cattle, fine roadster horses, and Poland-China hogs, while he raises each year a large amount of wheat and other grain, the greater portion of which is consumed by the live stock on the farm. He inherited in a marked degree the business capacities of his father, and like him has developed into a successful auctioneer, to which he gives considerable time, making sales in all parts of the county. His services are always in demand as one of the most ingenious and experienced of the craft.

Mr. and Mrs. Davidson are the parents of three children—George S., Loana M. and Guy J. Politically Mr. Davidson is an uncompromising Democrat, and a warm supporter of President Cleveland's administration.

EORGE W. STEPHENSON. Too much honor cannot be accorded to the early pioneers of Lenawee County; they were men of strong principles, wonderful energy, and untiring industry. They endured hardships that are unknown to their children except by name, and the least their posterity can do is to think of them with due respect, while they enjoy the advantages of that education and society which their fathers' industry and integrity secured for them. To this class of men belongs the subject of our sketch, now a retired farmer, living in the quiet village of Morenci, where he expects to pass the remainder of his days in the enjoyment of comforts which a long lifetime of industry has gathered around him,

Our subject derived his being from Andrew and Lydia (Lamphere) Stephenson, who came to Seneca Township in the fall of 1839, where they resided until called to their final reward. They became the parents of thirteen children, of whom our subject was the third, and was born in Westmoreland, N. Y., May 9, 1815. He was reared on his father's farm until the age of fourteen, when he secured employment in a cotton manufactory in Chenango County, N. Y., in which he remained nine years. He came to this township in the spring of 1839, and bought a farm of forty acres of partially improved land on section 27. He subsequently added to this purchase until his landed possessions aggregated 245 acres, but after occupying his farm until about 1870, Mr. Stephenson removed into the village of Morenci, where he has since resided.

In Chenango County, N. Y., Mr. Stephenson was united in marriage with Miss Sallie Daggett, a native of Rhode Island, where she was born July 14, 1815. Her parents were Rufus and Esther (Dexter) Daggett, who were also natives of Rhode Island, but subsequently removed to Chenango County, York State, and remained until their decease. To them were born eleven children, of whom Mrs. Stephenson was the cldest. Mr. and Mrs. S. have four children—Adelia, Rosella, Ellen and Adelbert; one child, Gertrude, is now deceased. Adelia is the wife of Joseph Borton; Rosella of William Church, and Ellen of Brainard Greeley; Adelbert married Miss Hattie Ingalls.

In politics Mr. Stephenson is identified with the Republican party, and during his residence in this township has held many of the minor offices, although he is not an office-seeker in any sense of the word. Mrs. Stephenson is a member of the Methodist Church.

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UTHER McROBERT is one of the enterprising business men of Rome Township Both as an agriculturist and as a business man, he is noted for his integrity, activity and general ability. He is a native of this county, having first seen the light in Rome Township, Dec. 31, 1836, and is the son of Daniel McRobert, whose fa-

ther, William McRobert, was a native of Scotland, and came to the United States in his boyhood days, After an extended residence in Rutland County, Vt., he removed to Clinton County, N. Y., where he was engaged in farming, and died there at the advanced age of eighty years; his wife, who was born in Connecticut, preceded him to the silent land.

Daniel McRobert was a native of Springfield, Vt., and was born Oct, 27, 1798. He resided there until 1801, when he moved westward to Champlain, Clinton Co., N. Y., with his parents. While there he followed carpentering, lumbering and farming until the spring of 1833, when, putting his family into a wagon, he started for the wilds of Michigan, Passing through Ohio and Pennsylvania, he arrived in Lenawee County early in June, after a five-weeks 27, in Rome Township, clearing it of the heavy timber and building a frame house and barns; to this piece of land he added eighty acres more. He was one of the first, if not the very first, to settle in this locality, and cut a road through the timber on the west line of Adrian Township to his purchase, through the heavy woods, a distance of two miles. He was a prominent and respected citizen of Rome, and held the office of Justice of the Peace eight years, and several other minor offices for various terms. He was a soldier in the Toledo war under Gen. Brown, serving as Captain of the State Militia throughout the hostilities. He died on his old homestead Dec. 1, 1877.

On the 21st of January, 1821, Mr. McR, was united in marriage with Bathsheba, daughter of William and Eunice Luther, of Plattsburg, N. Y., who became the mother of four children, of whom Luther is the youngest. She was a native of Vermont, where she was born Dec. 26, 1800, and came to Michigan in 1833 with her husband. Her father, William Luther, was a native of Bristol County, R. I., and was born Sept. 28, 1774. When but a child he removed with his parents to New Hampshire, afterward going to Vermont, where he lived until about the year 1800. In that year he removed to Plattsburg, N. Y., where he engaged in farming until 1832, when he came to Michigan and settled in Rome Township, one of the pioneers of the county.

He was quite an influential factor in the growth and development of the township, and there died respected by all, Oct. 2, 1841. About the year 1798 he married Miss Eumee, a daughter of Col. Ebenczer and Lydia Allen, a relative of Gen. Ethan Allen, the old Revolutionary hero. Mrs. Luther was born in Timmonth, Rutland Co., Vt., April 7, 1779, and died in Lenawee County, Mich., Jan. 24, 1852.

Luther McRobert remained at home with his parents until he had reached the age of twenty-one years, when he rented a farm which he cultivated for some three years. In the meantime he had gained a knowledge both of the milling trade and engineering, both of which he utilized later in life. In 1860 he took charge of his father's farm, which he managed quite successfully, and the next year he purchased a shingle mill, which for some six years he employed himself in operating, and then disposed of it. Purchasing the homestead of his father, he then settled down to the busy life of an agriculturist, but later on, feeling it necessary to work off the surplus energy which was not expended in his farm labors, he commenced to operate a picket and feed mill, which he still owns and which does considerable local trade.

On the 19th of February, 1860, Mr. McRobert was united in marriage with Miss Martha, daughter of William K, and Jane (Fleming) Parker. She was a native of La Porte, Ind., and was born Feb. 2, 1841; she died Dec. 28, 1887. Her mother was a daughter of James Fleming, a native of Lycoming County, Pa., and a son of John Fleming, who was born in Chester County, in the same State. The family were descended originally from Robert Fleming, whose natal place was Paisley. Scotland, and who had emigrated to the New World and settled in Canada at an early date. Mrs. McRobert's mother was born in Romulus, N. Y., June 12, 1812, and died in La Porte, Ind., July 26, 1843. Left an orphan at an early age, Mrs. McRobert was brought up by her grandparents, James and Martha Fleming, who came to Lenawee County in 1843, and settled in Rome Township, Mr. and Mrs. Luther McRobert are the parents of two children, as follows: Mary Jane was born Dec. 4, 1863, and married Willis Granger, who was born Jan. 14, 1861; they are the parents of one child, Cecil, born April 20, 1887; George P, was born Feb. 27, 1872, and is still at home, availing himself of educational facilities. Mr. McRobert has always been an earnest Democrat, taking considerable interest in local politics, but has never aspired to public office. Known to be a man of undoubted integrity, he is regarded by his friends and neighbors as one of their most able and solid citizens, both in social and public spheres. He is capable of forming his own opinions, and is able to maintain them.

NSEL WITHERELL. This gentleman is widely known among the residents of Franklin Township, of which he was one of the early settlers, coming here in the spring of 1844. He located on section 3, and was remarkably fortunate in his selection of land, which was known as a part of the "openings," being but slightly timbered and requiring less labor in preparing it for cultivation. He learned blacksmithing in his youth, but for the past forty years has given his attention almost exclusively to farming, in which he has been remarkably successful. He is now the owner of 242 acres of land upon which he has effected good improvements, having substantial buildings and the machinery necessary to keep pace with the farm operations of the present day.

There came to the Territory of Michigan men from all parts of New England, attracted hither by the inducements held out to the industrious and enterprising emigrant. The early years of our subject were spent in Chatham, Conn., where he was born April 22, 1814. He was left fatherless when about three years of age, but he found a home among the hospitable people of his native town until a youth of seventeen, and was then invited by his sister, Mrs. Job Graves, who had come to Michigan in the spring of 1831, to join her here and make his home with herself and her husband, Although he had been practically bound out to a farmer with whom he was to remain until reaching his majority, the latter generously released him, and giving him two suits of clothes and \$36 in money, bid him Godspeed upon his new venture. Since that time he has been a resident of this State, embracing a period of fifty-six years.

The father of our subject, also Ansel Witherell, during his early manhood engaged in shad fishing on the Connecticut River, and subsequently purchased a farm in Deerfield, Mass., where his death took place about 1817. He had married Miss Lovina Chapman, and they became the parents of five children, Ansel of our sketch being the third child and second son. The mother survived her husband twenty-one years, her death taking place also in Deerfield about the year 1838. During the first few years of Mr. Witherell's residence in this county very close management was required in order to live comfortably, even for those who had money to buy provisions. Meat was very scarce and high priced, and the salt pork, costing not less than twenty-five cents per pound, was so lean that butter must be used to cook it with. The youth was rugged and ambitious to make money, and being an expert at hunting and trapping soon found that he could earn more by following this than at anything else. The principal game was deer, wolves, otter, fisher, coon, mink and muskrat, with an occasional panther. Mr. Witherell for five years kept a regular account, and found upon summing up the results that he had slain 263 deer and thirteen wolves, for the latter of which he received a bounty. The skins of the otter were worth from \$4 to \$7 each. Of these he caught large numbers, while the mink and muskrat which he captured were too numerous to mention.

Mr. Witherell ddring his numerous expeditions through the wilderness often met the Indians and mingled with them, becoming familiar with their habits and traditions. He often talked with Baw Beese, chief of the Pottawatomies, whose hunting ground included all the territory between Bean Creck and Lake Erie, and his burying and planting ground was on Iron Creek in the present town of Manchester, Washtenaw County. There were two chiefs in the tribe, which included two divisions, Baw Beese being the big chief and Meteau the little chief; the former division comprised twenty families. About that time two brothers, Ira and Jacob Ward, located land and put up a sawmill on Iron Creek. The second year after their settlement they

robbed the graves in the Indian burying-ground of the treasures which had been placed by the bodies, and when the outrage was discovered Baw Beese and Metean came to Mr. Witherell to learn, if possible, who had committed the outrage. The settlers feared that the Indians would suspect innocent parties, but it seemed as if they had some knowledge as to who were the real perpetrators, for one evening while Jacob Ward was driving his cows home he was shot at, and at once, with his brother, made good his escape from the country.

Mr. Witherell worked with his brother-in-law. Job Graves, at blacksmithing several years, in the meantime saving a snug sum of money which he invested in the property which he now owns. Soon after this purchase he was married, July 9, 1844. to Miss Mary S., daughter of Noah and Mary (Harkness) Clark, and they at once began life together in the new cabin which Mr. Witherell had prepared for the reception of his bride. Their union in due time was blessed by the birth of six children, namely: Adelia S., who died in infancy; Mary Lovina, the wife of Harlow Welch, of Manchester; Jehiel A., who died in infancy; Edgar A.; Jane E., who died when four years old, and Clara E., who died in 1880, at the age of twenty-four years.

Mrs, Mary S. Witherell was born in Carlton, Orleans Co., N. Y., Feb. 22, 1824, and came to Michigan in 1838 with her parents, locating first in Manchester, where the mother died in July, 1862. The father subsequently became a resident of Franklin, where his death took place Sept. 9, 1870, at the age of eighty-seven years. They were natives of New York State and the father had all his life engaged in farming pursuits.

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AMES E. ROUNDS. The name of this gentleman has been familiar to the citizens of Lenawee County for the past forty years, and he has for about that length of time occupied the farm where he now lives, and which consists of eighty acres in Medina Township. He has seen a wilderness slowly but surely developing into a rich and fertile stretch of country, and the places

where the wild deer were wont to congregate growing up into valuable homesteads and flourishing cities. Although not given to the accumulating of wealth, he has nevertheless built up a comfortable homestead and surrounded himself with the comforts of life, while better than all, he has lived in the enjoyment of the esteem of his neighbors and fellowcitizens.

Our subject, a native of the Green Mountain State, is the fourth child of Samuel S, and Zilpah (Eddy) Rounds, natives of Rutland County, Vt., who after their marriage settled in Clarendon Springs. After a few years they removed to Niagara County, N. Y., where the death of the mother took place about 1871. Samuel Rounds after the death of his wife came to this State and settled about two and one-half miles from the site of the present city of Adrian, where he died when about sixty-five years old. The parental family included six children, two of whom survive.

The subject of our sketch served a regular apprenticeship as a ship carpenter in his native town, and had a very limited opportunity for education. Upon coming west he stopped first at Palmyra, this county, and engaging as a lumber dealer and contractor, put up many of the first houses in the young and struggling hamlets of Adrian and Morenci. The first frame hotel building in the latter place was erected under his supervision, and much of the work was done by his hands. He also erected a great many farm houses and barns in Medlina and vicinity. It is safe to say that no one man has put up as many buildings in this section of country as James E. Rounds.

Mr. Rounds made his advent into this county in the spring of 1832, and in 1833 was married to Miss Nettic Caroline Milliman, the wedding being celebrated at the home of the bride in Wayne County, N. Y. Mrs. Rounds is the daughter of Rollin M. and Hannah Milliman, of Wayne County, and the fourth in a family of nine children, four of whom now survive; they mostly settled in New York State. To Mr. and Mrs. Rounds there have been born eleven children, the record of whom is as follows: William, like his father, developed into a natural mechanic, and learned the trade of a carpenter, which he is following in the vicinity of Quincy, this State:

he married Miss Frances Phelps, and they have one child, a daughter, Mand, Frances, James and Lydia are deceased; Ruel during the late war enlisted as a soldier in the Union army, and died while in defense of his country; Helen married Jonas Sprague, of Medina, and became the mother of one child, a daughter, Terrisa; Mrs. S. died at her home in Medina in 1866; Martha was the wife of Benjamin Brink, of Quincy, Mich., and is now deceased; Morgan married Miss Sadie Trumbull, who left him and one child, Myrtle; he then married Miss Alzina Esteline, and they have one child, Louisa; Carrie is the wife of John Nygus, they live on the old homestead, and have two children-Ruth and Orrin. Elmira, Mrs. George Ferris, is deceased; Hattie, the wife of Seymour Esteline, is the mother of one child, and they reside in West Unity, Ohio.

Mr. Rounds since the organization of the Republican party has voted in support of its principles, and has served in his township as Highway Commissioner and School Director.

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AZARUS G. ELLIOTT came to Michigan Territory when very young, being but three days old when his parents landed in Detroit, nearly at the end of their journey from New York State. He was born on Lake Eric Oct. 7, 1833, and his parents thus were among the early pioneers of Lenawee County. Aden Elliott, the father, was a native of Chenango County, N. Y., and there married Miss Phobe Griffith, whose birthplace was not far from that of her husband. They were reared and married in their native State, and upon coming to this county the father took up a tract of eighty acres in what is now Fairfield Township. They settled in the midst of the wilderness, making their home in a log cabin. and there remained about twenty years, when he traded his property for a farm east of Morenci in Seneca Township, where his death occurred March 20, 1869; the wife had preceded him to the better land June 22, 1867.

The boyhood and youth of Lazarus G. Elliott were spent in Fairfield Township, making himself useful around the growing farm as soon as his years permitted. He received a limited education in the pioneer school conducted in a log cabin, and remained a member of his father's household until twenty-eight years of age. Then, thinking it about time to set up an establishment of his own, he procured the first important requirement, namely, a wife, being married to Miss Adaresta, daughter of Esben and Sophronia (Root) Burch, also natives of the Empire State. They settled in Chenango County after their marriage, and after two or three removals turned their faces westward, coming to Fulton County, Ohio, where they remained eight years, and then came to this county and located on eighty acres of land in what is now Madison, Township, and where the parents spent the last years of their life. Esben Burch died on the 2d of April, 1869, at the age of sixty-four years. The demise of the mother occurred in New York, Aug. 9, 1853, when she was forty-six years old.

Mrs. Elliott was the fourth in a family of six children, and was born in Chenango County, N. Y., May 14, 1844. Her girlhood was passed in Ohio, where she improved her education at the district school, and developed into an efficient teacher, which profession she followed for some time after her marriage; she came with her parents to Michigan in 1854. Of her union with our subject there were born the following-named children, of whom two—Adelpha and Frederick—died at the ages of nine and seven weeks. Ernest, the eldest son, married Miss Myra Fenton, and is farming in Madison Township; Burt, Elfrey, Ford, Frank and George, are at home with their parents. Mr. Elliott votes the straight Republican ticket and has served as Constable. He is a member of the Disciples' Church, and both he and his wife belong to the Fruit Ridge

The Elliott homestead embraces 120 acres, and the entire landed estate belonging to our subject comprises 215½ acres, most of which is under good cultivation. In years gone by he dealt considerably in lumber, which proved a very successful enterprise. He put up his present house and barn, and has effected most of the improvements which to-day attract the attention of the passing traveler. Mr. Elliott, in 1873, was afflicted with a stroke of paralysis and has had two attacks since that time, which have disabled him for the last four years. He believes this to have been the result of an injury received about fourteen years ago, and it requires much patience and fortitude on his part to be compelled to sit inactive while the world is moving around him. He has all his life, until disabled, been an active and industrious worker, employing himself during his early manhood at chopping and shingle-making, having turned out of the latter as many as 2,000 per day.

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ARREN J. PARKER. This name is familiar to most of the citizens of the western part of Lenawee County, and is known as that of a man of the highest moral character, more than ordinary business ability, and in all respects a valuable and efficient member of the community. Public-spirited and liberal, always ready to encourage worthy projects, genial and companionable, he is a universal favorite, and an important factor among the elements of an intelligent and refined community. His homestead is pleasantly located on section 6, in Woodstock Township, and comprises 144 acres of highly cultivated land, while a fine residence and other good buildings embellish the landscape. Stock-raising forms an important feature of his transactions, and as a buyer and shipper he takes the lead of the business in this section. He has for years been prominent in local affairs, and was elected Supervisor in the spring of 1886, and re-elected the following year.

Mr. Parker was born in Erie County, N. Y., Dec. 18, 1841, and is the son of Caleb and Caroline (Steward) Parker. The father was a native of Connectient, and went to New York when a young man, settling on a farm in Erie County, where he spent the remainder of his life. He died in 1857, when sixty-eight years of age. The mother only survived her husband two years, and was lifty-nine at the time of her death. They had a family of ten children, four of whom are still living. One son is carrying on manufacturing in Grand Rapids, this State; L. A. and Cinthy E. are in Erie County, N. Y.

Albert C. Parker, a brother of our subject, served

as a Union soldier during the late war, enlisting in Company B, 3d Michigan Infantry, in June, 1861, He was twice wounded in battle, in consequence of which he was discharged about a year after his enlistment, and now draws a pension. Gould Parker, another brother, was a surgeon in the 11th Kansas Infantry, and after the war settled in Spring Hill, that State, where he followed the practice of medicine until his death, which occurred in October, 1872. Harrison Parker, another brother, raised a company in Buffalo, N. Y., but could not himself serve on account of physical disability. The boys all went into the army from motives of pure patriotism, to which they had been reared, having no thought of personal aggrandizement. They suffered the privation and hardships which are the common lot of the soldier, and like their forefathers, were willing to sacrifice their lives if necessary to maintain a princible.

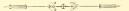
Warren J. Parker, the subject of this sketch, was but seventeen years old at the outbreak of the war, his country, and accordingly on the 10th of October, 1862, he enlisted in Company II, 100th New York Infantry, under Col. G. B. Dandy, who is now in the regular army. The regiment was soon afterward sent to Virginia, and with the exception of three months, during which he was confined in the hospital, young Parker was in the principal engagements of the army of the South and East. He was taken ill in Virginia in 1864, and was first placed in the hospital at Fortress Monroe, whence he was removed to Rhode Island. He was in the service three years lacking thirteen days, and had the inestimable pleasure of witnessing the surrender of Gen. Lee at Appointtox, speaking of it as "the happiest day of his life." Although frequently in the midst of danger and death, he fortunately escaped wounds and capture, and lives to regard that period of his life in which he sacrificed his personal interests for the sake of an undivided country as the most praiseworthy of the whole.

After the war Mr. Parker returned to his old home in Eric County, N. Y., where he had plighted his troth to a maiden of that region, and on the 20th of December, 1865, was united in marriage with Miss Adell E. Stowell. Mrs. Parker was born in

Rochester, Oct. 9, 1847, and was the daughter of Ezeriah and Phebe A. (Myers) Stowell, natives of the Empire State, where the father in his younger years carried on farming and gardening, and where the parents both still live, the father being seventyfive years of age, and the mother seventy. After his marriage Mr. Parker rented a farm in Erie County, where he remained until the early part of 1867, when he determined upon a change of location, and in the month of March loaded his worldly effects into a dry-goods box, and coming with his family to Tecumseh, this State, rented a farm in the township. After he had laboriously gathered in his first year's crop, the whole was destroyed by fire. This was a serious drawback to his hopes, and he then went into Jackson County and worked three months by the day. In 1868 he purchased seventytwo acres of land on section 6, in Woodstock Township, to which he was enabled later to add a like amount, and has now supplied the farm with good buildings, and transformed the property into a valuable and desirable homestead. For the past ten years, Mr. Parker, in addition to general farming, has been largely engaged as a stock-dealer in partnership with Thomas Lewis, of Columbia Township. They feed and ship a large number of cattle each year, and make a specialty of sheep, shearing, feeding and shipping them. Mr. Parker has himself alone a flock of 300 sheep, which represent in value a snug sum of money.

To our subject and his estimable lady there were born five children, of whom the record is as follows: Alvin A. was born in Eric County, N. Y., Oct. 30, 1866, and died Sept. 19, 1884; James H. was born in Jackson County, Oct. 10, 1868, and was educated in the district school; he is working on the farm. Fernando C. was born in this county, April 4, 1874; Earl E., Sept. 18, 1876, and Aloy C., Feb. 5, 1885. The boys have inherited the good qualities of their sirc, and bid fair to become useful members of the community.

Mr. P. has supported the Republican party since becoming a voter, and has been honored with the various local offices within the gift of his townsmen, serving as Clerk and School Director, and in 1885, was elected Justice of the Peace, serving until 1888, Socially he belongs to Addison Post No. 277, G. A. R. He has always been prominent in the worthy enterprises which build up a community, and has acted well his part as a man and a citizen.



ARVIN A. PACKARD, one of the representative men of Seneca Township, came to this county with his parents when a lad seven years of age, and has since been identified with its growth and development, watching with pride the rapid progress of the country, both in relation to its natural resources and its people. He is the eldest son of Ira and Amanda (Compton) Packard, natives of Wayne County, N. Y., where they were reared and married, and whence they came in the spring of 1838, to the new State which had just laid off territorial government, and assumed its rights as a State. They located in what is now known as Madison Township, where Ira Packard purchased 200 acres of wild land upon which stood a log house and a frame barn. Besides this there had been little attempt at improvement, and after making his family comfortable, the father of our subject commenced in earnest to cultivate the soil and build up a home for himself and those dependent upon him. He was cut down, however, in the prime of life, only living eight years after coming to Michigan; his death occurred Feb. 24, 1844, at the age of forty-five years.

After the death of her husband, Mrs. Packard continued at the homestead, and was married to G. B. Mann, a native of New Jersey, who is now deceased. She passed away in 1877, when seventytwo years of age. Marvin A., of our sketch, pursued his early studies in the first school-house in Madison Township. This structure, eighteen feet square, was built of logs, the seats being of slabs, and the solitary desk for the teacher made of the same material. He was thirteen years old at the time of his father's death, and looked after the affairs of the farm as well as he could until the second marriage of his mother. The place was incumbered with a debt, and the boys as soon as old enough were obliged to make themselves useful. Marvin A., in common with the others, had but little opportunity for an education, but while tilling

the soil, his ever busy mind was revolving some project by which he could see something more of the world, and become better satisfied with his condition.

As a consequence of these cogitations, young Packard when twenty years of age, escaped from the backwoods, and making his way to New York City, on the 1st of November, 1851, stepped on board a sailing-vessel bound for San Francisco, Their route led them near the coast of South America, and they touched at the ports of Jamaica, Porto Rico and Havana, arriving at Panama about three weeks after leaving New York. From there they crossed over to Aspinwall and sailed by the propeller "Columbus" to San Francisco. During this voyage they encountered a furious storm, and the vessel springing aleak, the crew had difficulty in keeping her affoat. They landed near the Golden Gate on the 1st of January, 1852, and young Packard at once entered the mines, where he and some companions who had journeyed with him from this State, formed a partnership, and began operations at Gold Hill. The company consisted of our subject, his brother Joseph, then only eighteen years old, four Cutshaw boys, Edward Hunt, James Phetteplace and Jonas Thayer. They entered upon the new enterprise with great courage and anticipations for the future, and in due time our subject felt well repaid for his experiment. Edward Hunt after being a resident of California twenty years, met his death by accident.

Mr. Packard, after spending two years on the Pacific Slope returned across Central America over the route then known as the "Vanderbilt," He arrived in New York City on the 15th of April, 1853, and was welcomed under the old home roof in Madison Township on the 1st of May following. In the meantime he had held in remembrance the face and form of one of his childhood friends, and soon after his return to his old home, was married on the 25th of May, to this maiden, Miss Elsie Phetteplace, who was born Nov. 28, 1831, in Hartland, N. Y., and came to Michigan with her parents when a child two years of age. Asa and Hannah (Waters) Phetteplace, the parents of Mrs. Packard, were born in Warren County, N. Y., and for some years resided in the vicinity of Buffalo, where Mr. P. carried on

his trade of carpenter. Upon coming to this county he purchased 110 acres of land in Madison Township which he transformed into a good farm and occupied until his death, Nov. 19, 1865, at the age of seventy-seven. The mother survived her husband twenty years, remaining a widow, and dying at the advanced age of ninety-two years. Their family included seven children, two sons and five daughters, of whom Mrs. Packard was the youngest. Although very young at the time her parents, left the Empire State, she has a faint recollection of the overland journey from Detroit, and how it was performed laboriously by wagon. She was reared to womanhood in Madison Township, and received her education in the common school, which was supplemented by attendance at Prof. Barrows' semi-

Mr. and Mrs. Packard, after their marriage, commenced housekeeping in a modest dwelling on their own land, and became the parents of two children, a son and a daughter. The elder, Frank, married Miss Lillie Montgomery, and is engaged in farming at Fairfield; they have two children-George and Ira. Miss Matic Packard is a member of the senior class at Adrian College, and possesses considerable musical talent, taking a course in music at the college. In 1857 Mr. and Mrs. Packard resolved upon a change of location, and getting together their household goods and personal effects, made their way into Johnson County, Neb., where they determined to grow up with the country. They started out very courageously, but a few weeks after arriving at their destination, they found unexpected difficulties in their path, and the wife especially lost her courage entirely. So they did as a great many others have done since, turned about and came back to Lenawee County, and Mr. P. did not succeed in disposing of his property in Nebraska until six years afterward. In 1859, Mr. Packard conceived the idea of going to Pike's Peak. and started out from Madison Township in company with ten or twelve others. They shipped their horses, wagons and provisions to St. Joseph, Mo., and from there started by wagon toward the point in view. When they came in sight of the peak, they mel scores of people returning, who gave no flattering account of the manner in which the glittering promises of that region had been carried out. Our travelers concluded to waste no more time and horseflesh, and at once turned their steps homeward, making their way by wagon through Nebraska to Burlington, Iowa, where they shipped by rail to Chicago, and thence made their way homeward by wagon. Mr. Packard has thus in his various wanderings contrived to see considerable of the world, which, although perhaps not very profitable financially, proved an experience with which he would not willingly part.

Both the Packard and Phetteplace families have distinguished themselves for patriotism. The paternal grandfather of Mrs. Packard served in the Revolutionary War, and her father, Asa Phetteplace, took part in the War of 1812, when a youth of nineteen years. Ira Packard, Jr., the brother of our subject, during the late Civil War enlisted in Company B. 18th Michigan Infantry, in 1862. He was wounded and taken prisoner, and during the time of his bitter experience in Libby Prison, was reduced from a man of 200-pounds weight to but the semblance of his former self, weighing 100 pounds. After the surrender of Lee at Appointtox he was released and taken to the United States hospital, where he died, and now fills a soldier's grave. Frank Lease, an adopted brother of Mrs. Packard, served in the 9th Michigan Cavalry from the beginning until the close of the war. James Packard, another brother of our subject, is a business man of more than ordinary ability, and proprietor of the well-known Packard Express Company in Minneapolis, Minn. Joseph Packard, another brother, is a successful farmer and stock-raiser of Butler County, lowa, and the three sisters of the family are deceased.

The farm of Mr. Packard includes 238 acres of valuable land, where the present proprietor has effected the improvements which we behold. The house and barn are substantial structures, well built, while the stables and other outhouses are conveniently arranged, and finely adapted to the general purposes of agriculture. Mr. Packard for the last twenty-one years has made a specialty of dairying, for which purpose he keeps from twenty to thirty cows. He cast his first Presidential vote for Scott, and has been a member of the Republican

party for thirty-two years. Both he and his estimable wife are warmly interested in the temperance movement, and she is a devoted member of the Methodist Church. Mr. P. belongs to the Fruit Ridge Grange, and has been Treasurer of the Grange, and was one of the Building Committee at Fruit Ridge. His has been a busy and useful life. He has pursued the even tenor of his way as a solid and useful citizen, attending strictly to his own concerns, and building a most desirable homestead, while at the same time he has taken an active interest in the growth and development of Lenawee County, and has contributed a generous share to its present reputation.



EV. JOEL SMITH THRAP, who is the minister of the Methodist Protestant Church at Adrian, is a native of Ohio, and was born in Muskingum County, near Zanesville, on the 9th of April, 1820. His father was Joseph Thrap, who was also a minister, and one of the early settlers of Ohio. Early in life he received a license as minister of the Methodist Church, and in 1829 became a member of the Methodist Protestant Church, and soon afterward was licensed by that denomination to preach the Gospel. The mother of our subject was Jemima, daughter of Isanc Camp, a native of Virginia.

After their marriage, which occurred in 1803, the parents of our subject moved to Muskingum County, Ohio, in 1804, the county being at that time in the wilderness. After remaining there three years, they removed to Licking County, where they farmed on leased land for a time, after which they returned to Muskingum County, where they settled, and remained until their death, the father dying on the 1st of May, 1866, aged ninety years; he was born Oct. 16, 1776. The mother died in July, 1867. They were the parents of eleven children, whom the mother lived to see married and well settled in life.

Joel 8. Thrap, our subject, was the minth child in the parental family, and spent his youth and carly years on the farm in his native county, and attended the common schools when not assisting in the work upon the farm. At the age of twentytwo years he entered the ministry, wholly inexperienced as a public speaker, but has since developed great ability as a speaker and a debater. His first experience in this line was in the neighborhood debating societies which were in vogue at that day. He was the owner of the first copy of Comstock's Philosophy in the neighborhood in which he was reared, and early acquired a taste for science and scientific research. He continued in the pastoral work until 1864, when, in spite of a protest on his part, he was appointed the General Financial Agent for the endowment for college purposes, which was bestowed upon Adrian College, an institution established in 1809, which had heretofore been under the auspices of and controlled by the Wesleyan Methodists.

In 1866 the Weslevans found themselves almost hopelessly in debt, whereupon the corporation of Adrian College Association was organized, which consisted of twelve men, and this association in the name of the Methodist Protestant Church made application to take a joint interest and place an endowment on the college. At that time Mr. Thrap was the general agent of the college, and in that relation traveled all over the Northern States and visited all the conferences and churches of his denomination until 1873, in which year he retired from the general agency. In 1865 he became a member of the Board of Education, and was a Trustee from the time of its organization until 1883, when he resigned his position. In the fall of 1883 he was elected President of the Muskingum Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, which position he held until 1884, when his official cares terminated. Since that time he has lived somewhat retired, though he is at present the member elect of the General Conference of his church, which will assemble in the city of Adrian in the month of May, 1888. He has been an indomitable worker in the religious field, as well as an active business man all his life, and what he has accomplished stands greatly to his credit.

On the 15th of July, 1845, Mr. Thrap was married to Miss Hannah E. Rogers, of Bel Air, Harford Co., Md. Mr. and Mrs. Thrap are the parents of three children, two of whom are living: Catherine

A., the wife of Dr. T. M. Lewis, now of Ker City, Fla.; and J. Rose, the wife of H. B. Roberts, a farmer by occupation, residing in Lenawee County; John R. died in March, 1873, at the age of fourteen years.

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D. MACHIAM, of Raisin Township, is, with his wife, proprietor of 240 acres of good land on section 24, which is admirably adapted to the purposes of general farming and equipped with a good set of frame buildings, modern machinery, and a choice assortment of live stock. They came to this homestead in the spring of 1877, and under the wise maipulation of a thorough and progressive farmer, it has become one of the most desirable in this section of country.

Our subject is a native of the Dominion of Canada, and was born in Grey County, Ontario, April 25, 1853. His father, John Macham, came to the States in 1867, and located at once on a farm in Deerfield Township, this county, where he has since made his home, and during his residence of fifty years in this section has become widely and favorably known as one of its most valued and useful residents. The parents were born within twelve months of each other, and the aged mother still survives. John Macham was born in Ireland, whence his parents soon afterward removed to Scotland, and afterward to Canada, where he met and married the lady who became the mother of our subject, She was born and reared in the Province of Ontario, and they became the parents of seven sons and three daughters, all of whom are living and seven of them married and settled in comfortable homes of their own.

Our subject was the third child of his parents and was rearred under the home roof, receiving a good education and completing his studies in the academy at Deerfield. He was bright and ambitious and when eighteen years of age started out in life for himself. A few years later, when about twenty-four years of age, he was married, Jan. 17, 1877, to Miss Jennie Rector, of Teeumsch Township. Mrs. Macham is the daughter of John and Permelia (Raymond) Rector, natives of New York State,

who came to this county in their youth and settled in Teenmseh Township. They removed to Delta, Ohio, where they were living at the time of the birth of their daughter Jennie, which took place June 28, 1853. Six years later they took up their residence in Teeumseh Township, where Mrs. M. was reared and educated. Here they have since remained residents on a good farm, and are classed among the well-to-do farmers.

Our subject and his wife have two interesting little daughters—Bertha and Blanche, Mr. Machan, politically, is a solid Republican, and with his excellent wife is a regular attendant of the Presbyterian Church.

REDERICK II. CORWIN has been a man prominent in the business circles of Fairfield Township for a period of seventeen years, during which time, besides the pursuit of agriculture, he has held the various offices and been otherwise identified with its most important interests. His life has been one of prudence and industry, and his toils have been rewarded with a home and a competence. He is now retired from active labor, and amid the surroundings of a pleasant village home at Fairfield, is passing down the hill of life surrounded by hosts of friends and all the good things which a reasonable man could ask for.

Mr. Corwin is a native of the Empire State and was born in Suffolk County, Sept. 13, 1818. He continued to live near the place of his birth until a youth of sixteen years, when he removed with his parents to Ningara County, where he remained until the spring of 1853. He had in the meantime, Nov. 13, 1847, been married at Royalton, in the latternamed county, to Miss Louisa J. Treadwell, a native of that place, where she had spent her life up to the time of her marriage.

In 1853 Mr. Corwin decided upon seeking his fortunes in the further west, and accordingly, accompanied by his family, made his way to this county, purchasing a farm on section 21, Ogden Township. Upon this he effected good improvements and continued there for a period of eighteen years. Then, feeling that he had contributed his

full quota toward the agricultural interests of that section, he sold out and took up his residence in the village of Fairfield, where he has since lived. In 1884 he purchased eighty acres on sections 12 and 13, in Fairfield Township, which he still owns.

Mr. Corwin, while a resident of Ogden Township, held the office of Justice of the Peace for eleven years. He was noted for his skill as an agriculturist and his reliability as a business man. He meddles little with politics, but has supported the principles of the Republican party since its organization. Socially, he and his excellent wife belong to Fairfield Grange, which was organized about 1875, and of which they were charter members. Alrs, Corwin has for many years been identified with the Christian Church.

Our subject and his wife are the parents of five children, namely: Emerson, Parker, Libbie, Charles and Grace. The eldest of these is thirty-eight years of age and the youngest twenty-eight. They also have an adopted daughter, Lillie, aged fourteen years. Miss Libbie Corwin, in 1877, became the wife of Nicholas Wotring, a well-to-do farmer of Ogden Township; Charles married Miss Ida Brown, of York County, Neb., in 1879, and is carrying on farming in Furnas County, Neb.; Grace, Mrs. William R. Porter, resides with her husband on a farm in Fairfield Township.



ENJAMIN F. DEPUY. In the history of nations past and gone it is observed by the intelligent reader that great stress is laid upon the founding of a family name, and he who possessed ancient and noble blood was invariably looked upon as a little better than those who had lost track of their family history, or perhaps had none of which they night be proud. In accordance with the accepted truth that history repeats itself, biography to-day is taking an important place in the literature of the age, and men are beginning to search among the archives of the past with the hope of finding something in regard to their ancestors which may reflect honor upon themselves. This is admitted by every intelligent

person to be a landable interest and ambition, and the gentleman whose name stands at the head of this sketch has wisely preserved the records which have been handed down to him and from which no amount of money would induce him to part.

The bePny family originated in France several hundred years ago, and the first known representative in America was one Benjamin, who crossed the Atlantic prior to the Revolutionary War and settled, it is believed, in Ulster County, N. Y. He was a descendant of the old Huguenot stock, and pursued the peaceful calling of an agriculturist in the Empire State the remainder of his life. He married and reared a fine family of sons and daughters, who are recorded as having been most worthy and intelligent citizens, but who drifted from the home roof and became residents of different States of the Union.

Samuel DePuy, the great-grandfather of our subject, spent his boyhood and youth in his native county, but upon reaching manhood he removed to Cayuga County, N. Y., there married and reared a family. He owned slaves in the State of New York, most of whom he liberated prior to the year 1828. His son Benjamin, upon reaching manhood, married Miss Sarah Hornbeck, whose ancestors were originally from Holland, sturdy and substantial people, noted for their honesty and their courageons defense of the principles in which they believed.

The wife of Benjamin DePny, Jr., was born in New York State and grew to womanhood in Cayuga County, to which place her future husband had drifted when a young man and where they were married. They settled down upon a tract of land from which they built up a comfortable and modest homestead, and there spent their declining years, dying at an advanced age. Their eldest son, Samuel, was born in Caynga County, where he developed into manhood and was more than ordinarily intelligent. He took an active interest in all matters affecting the welfare of his native county, and married one of its most accomplished ladies, Miss Ann Bingham, the wedding taking place in the spring of 1833. Mrs. Ann (Bingham) DePuy, was a native of New Jersey, of English ancestry, and a member of a family largely represented in the

New England and Middle States. Her parents removed from New Jersey to New York during the early settlement of Cayuga County, and followed the peaceful pursuits of agriculture until resting from their earthly labors.

In 1835, two years after his marriage, Samuel DePuy, who had taken quite an interest in military tactics, was appointed First Lieutenant of the 158th New York Militia, having risen to this honor from a private. He held this rank while a resident of the Empire State, and probably until the regiment was disbanded. In 1852, after the birth of six children, of whom Benjamin F. of this sketch was the eldest son and fourth child, Samuel DePuy and his wife broke loose from old friends and associations and departed from the scenes of their youth to seek a home in the young and rapidly growing State of Michigan. They east their lot with the people of Macon Township, this county, settling on a tract of improved land on section 30, where they continued to make their home, living peaceful and worthy lives, and enjoying in a marked degree the confidence and esteem of the people around them. The father folded his hands for his final rest on the 7th of March, 1872, when sixtytwo and one-half years old. The mother followed her husband Sept. 27, 1874, when sixty-seven years of age. The latter was a devoted member of the, Methodist Church, to which Samuel DePuy contributed liberally, although not a member of any religious organization. He was an uncompromising Democrat, politically, and took a warm interest in everything pertaining to the development and welfare of his adopted county,

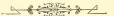
The subject of this biography was born in Livingston County, N. Y., Feb. 25, 1841, and came with his father to this county when a had about ten years of age. He was an unusually bright and intelligent boy, possessing a peculiar tact for business, and greatly interested, like his father before him, in military tactics. When eighteen years of age his great desire was to enter the Military Academy at West Point, but to this his excellent father seriously objected, judging from his own experience that although in some respects an understanding of military affairs was desirable, yet it usually transpired that the time given to this was

practically thrown away. Benjamin F., as a dutiful son, wisely yielded to his father's behest, and after a conflict between his inclination and his duty settled down upon the farm, and has since been engaged in agricultural pursuits. He is now occupying the homestead of his father, keeping up the reputation of the estate and of his family in an admirable manner.

One of the most important and interesting events in the life of our subject occurred on the 28th of November, 1866, when he was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Bramble, the daughter of a prominent family in Franklin Township, this county. She was born at the homestead there about 1846, and remained the companion of her husband but a little over one year, her death taking place March 12, 1868. Mr. DePuy was a second time married, Aug. 7, 1872, to Miss Sarah Almeda Spalding, a native of Tallmadge, Summit Co., Ohio, where she was born Aug. 14, 1846. Mrs. DePuy is the daughter of Joseph and Flora (Meacham) Spalding, natives of New York State, where they were born and reared. From there they removed to Summit County, Ohio, where their marriage took place, but after the birth of their two children-Francis and Sarah—they came, in 1853, to Michigan, locating in Franklin Township in September. There the mother died three years later; she was a most excellent woman, beloved by a large circle of friends. The father is yet living, active and intelligent as in his younger days, and continues on his farm in Franklin Township. After the death of his first wife he married Miss Pauline Lee, of Summerfield, Monroe County.

Benjamin F. Depny has inherited in a marked degree many of the traits peculiar to his ancient and honorable ancestry, chivalrous in his manner, bright, intelligent, genial and social, and is a man who is recognized by all as having been one of Nature's most favored children. His farming operations are conducted skillfully and to the best advantage, and he numbers his friends by the score in Macon and adjoining townships. He was particularly fortunate in the selection of the lady who now presides over his home, Mrs. DePuy being in all respects the suitable companion of an intelligent and high-minded gentleman. They are the parents

of one child only, Brunella F., who was born July 28, 1876. They are regular attendants of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and Mr. DePuy uniformly casts his vote with the Democratic party.



F. GILMORE. No man whose name appears in the Biographical Album of Lenawee County is more worthy of representation among its well-to-do citizens than the subject of this sketch, who is serving as Supervisor of Macon Township. He is a native of this State, and although in the prime of life has for many years been closely identified with the business and agricultural interests of Southern Michigan, He was born in York Township, Washtenaw County, April 17, 1841, and came with his father to Macon Township, of which he is now a resident, in the spring of 1857. He has been by nature endowed with fine intelligence and the love of learning, and is a gentleman with whom it is a pleasure to converse.

The property of Mr. Gilmore includes a good farm of 110 acres, desirably located on section 15, and upon which the proprietor has effected firstclass improvements. He has had a life-long experience in agriculture, and wisely considers that there are few vocations more satisfactory and none more honorable than the free and independent one followed by the farmer. He comes of an excellent family, being the son of Lyman Gilmore, who was born in Vermont, and was of New England ancestry for several generations. The latter when a boy removed with his parents to Steuben County, N. Y., during its early settlement, and there he remained until 1832. His father, Robert Gilmore, now determined to proceed still further westward, and accordingly made his way to the Territory of Michigan, settling in the woods of York Township, Washtenaw County. The first day's work which Lyman Gilmore did upon his arrival here was for their nearest neighbor, six miles distant, and for which service, instead of being paid in hard cash, he was given a water jug. To this, however, he did not in the least object, as it was something which was needed in the family, and which the father of our subject used for many a day afterward.

Robert Gilmore, the paternal grandfather of our subject, upon coming to Michigan, purchased eighty acres of Government land, and had the honor of being the first man to seeme a home from Unele Sam in York Township, Washtenaw County. The last days of this good old man were spent in comparative poverty, as he had lost his once line property by misplaced confidence in an ungrateful kinsman. He died at an advanced age, in Wayne County, He had been a hard-working man, faithful and conscientious in the performance of his duties, was a kind and indulgent husband and father, and his name is held in kindly remembrance by those who are left to recall his deeds.

Lyman Gilmore, the father of our subject, was a young man when he accompanied his parents to Michigan, and shortly after his arrival returned to the Empire State, and was married to one of his childhood friends. Miss Almeda Herendeen, who was also born in Steuben County, N. Y., of which State her parents were natives. She was a lady possessing many lovable qualities, and remained the faithful and affectionate companion of Lyman Gilmore for a period of more than forty years. She became the mother of four children, and departed this life at the homestead in Macon Township in December, 1873, when fifty-nine years of age. Early in life she had become identified with the Baptist Church, and continued a consistent member until her death.

The maternal grandfather of our subject, Thomas Herendeen, came from York State to Michigan in 1832, with his family, at about the same time of the arrival of the Gilmores. He also pitched his tent in the unbroken wilderness of Washtenaw County, but later removed to Newaygo County, where he spent the remainder of his days. He took a lively interest in the progress and development of his adopted county, and was always ready to assist by his labor and influence the enterprises calculated to advance the welfare of the people around him.

The subject of this biography is the youngest but one of his parents' family, and the only surviying son. He has one sister living, Mrs. Mary A. Darling, widow of the late Dr. N. A. Darling, who was a very promising young physician, and a graduate of the Michigan State University at Ann Arbor, His death was occasioned by blood poisoning contracted in the dissecting room of that institution. Since the death of her husband Mrs, Darling has lived with and taken care of her aged father in Macon Township. The feldest daughter, Jane, married William W. Ambrose, and became the mother of one child, Ambrose L., who is now a successful practicing physician at Hanover, in Jackson County, Edwin A., the younger brother, died when a lad nine years of age. J. F. pursued his first studies in the common schools, and being fond of study acquired a good practical education.

Upon the first call for troops to aid in suppressing the Rebellion young Gilmore was one of the first volunteers, enlisting in Company G, 4th Michigan Infantry, his regiment being assigned to the Army of the Potomac under Gen. McClelland. He participated with his comrades in all the battles of the memorable campaign under that General, being in the seven-days fight before Richmond, and at the battle of Chickahominy, where they engaged a whole rebel brigade. Subsequently, in August, 1863, while on duty at Kelly's Ford, Mr. Gilmore received a severe sunstroke, from which he suffered much, and which finally resulted in his discharge for disability.

Mr. Gilmore upon returning home finally recovered his health, and later re-enlisted, and was again sent to the front, doing provost duty until the close of the war. He returned as commander of the company, and received his second honorable discharge in May, 1865. Nearly two years later, in January, 1867, Mr. Gilmore was united in marriage at Milan, Monroe County, this State, to Miss Julia A. Bradley, who had been born and reared in that county. Mrs. Gilmore is the daughter of Eber and Hannah (Whitney) Bradley, who came to Michigan in the pioneer days, and built up a good homestead in Milan Township. She was born Jan. 3, 1840, and received a fair education, while at the same time becoming familiar with all useful household duties. Her studies were completed in the Normal School at Ypsilanti, and she subsequently engaged as a teacher for some time before her marriage.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilmore became the parents of

seven children, of whom one died. Those surviving are Charence, Frank, Luh, Alta, Julia E, and Ray. With one exception all are at home. Frank is attending school at Tecumsch. Mrs. Gilmore is prominently connected with the Baptist Church, and a lady highly esteemed among her acquaintances. Mr. G. takes an active interest in local polities, and has been a life-long Republican. He was first elected as Supervisor in 1884. He also served as Township Clerk and Treasurer, discharging the duties of his various offices in a manner creditable to himself and satisfactory to all concerned.



EMUEL JAMES MORSE, proprietor of the Medina Flouring Mills on section 34, Hudson Township, is a native-born citizen of Medina Township, Lenawee County, and is now one of its leading business men, contributing in no small degree to its material interests. The grandfather of our subject, the Hon. Lemuel Morse, was born in Massachusetts, Feb. 25, 1779, and became an early settler of Ontario County, N. Y., finally removing from there to Huron County, Ohio, where he bought a tract of land partly improved, on which he continued to reside till his death; his farm is now incorporated in the town of Bellevue. He was a man of sound character and much ability, and during his residence in the State of New York he was quite active in public life. In politics he was a Whig, and was one of the leaders of that party in the county where he was a resident, and was chosen to represent that party in the New York State Assembly.

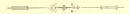
Charles C. Morse, the father of our subject, was born in Ontario County, N. Y., in May, 1815, and was quite young when his parents removed to Ohio, where he grew to manhood. He was a master of several trades, having learned the shoe trade in his youth and also the tanner's trade, and later that of a miller. He was married in Ohio to Miss Sarah C, Follett, who was born in Bennington, Vt., April 24, 1817, and was the daughter of James D, and Sarah (Kelley) Follett, the former born July 2, 1776, and the latter July 2, 1792. In 1844 Mr. Morse came

with his family to Lenawee County, the removal being made with teams, and bought land on section 3 of Medina Township, where he started a tannery, and also engaged in the shoe trade. In 1857 he and his partner, J. Christopher, bought a grist and saw mill and a farm on section 34 in Hudson Township, and he turned his attention to milling and farming, continuing his residence in Medina Township, however. There he was a conspicuous figure in public affairs, ably filling the various offices of trust within the gift of his fellow-townsmen, and also representing Medina for some years as a member of the County Board of Supervisors, His death occurred Aug. 22, 1886, and was a severe blow to the various interests of the township where he had so long been an honored citizen, while his wife, who shared with him the respect of the community, died at their home in December, 1887. They were the parents of seven children, as follows: Alice C., Adelaide B., Charles, Lemnel, Nerina, Carroll C, and Hettie S. Alice is the wife of W. D. Stalker, and lives in Sacramento, Cal.; Adelaide is the widow of J. M. Consaul, and lives in Medina Township; Nerina is the wife of Mr. Gouldsborough, and lives in Hudson Township; Charles, Carroll and Hettie live in Medina.

The subject of this sketch was born July 30, 1844, and was the eldest son of his parents. He received an elementary education in the district school of his native town, and was then sent to Oak Grove Academy, and after finishing a course at that excellent institution he entered Bryant, Stratton & Goldsmith's Commercial College at Detroit. His education well fits him for any position in life that he may choose to occupy. He remained in the old home with his parents until his marriage, in the meantime acquiring a thorough, practical knowledge of the manufacture of flour, to which he had resolved to devote himself. In 1873 he became associated with his father in the ownership of the mills, and continued in partnership with him and his brother until the death of his father necessitated a division of property, and he bought the gristmills. He has since put in all modern machinery for the manufacture of flour, and is doing a flourishing business. He is widely known in Lenawee County, and is considered a wide-awake and enterprising man, whose experience constitutes him an authority on all questions pertaining to his line of business,

The marriage of our subject with Sarah C. Cogswell took place in May, 1875. She was born in Springville, Eric Co., N. Y., and is the daughter of Henry and Caroline A. (Hayes) Cogswell. Of this union one child has been born, Jennie H.

Mr. and Mrs. Morse are people of intelligence and culture, whom it is a pleasure to meet, and their delightful home is the center of attraction to a host of friends. Mr. Morse is a prominent member of the Evening Star Lodge, F. & A. M., and Royal Areanum of Hudson.



DWARD A. MILLIKEN, a highly esteemed citizen of Adrian, is a native of Cheshire County, N. H., where he was born near the town of Keene, the county sent, Dec. 14, 1840. His father, E. A. Milliken, Sr., was also a native of the Old Granite State, and born in the same county, near Peterboro. He married Miss Susan E. Towne, of that county, who was also born near Keene, and after marriage they went into New York State, and settled on a farm in Orleans County; there the mother died in 1842, when our subject was about two years of age.

After the death of his wife, the elder Milliken returned to his native State, and lived there until 1851, then coming to this county, settled in Hudson Township, near the village of Medina, whence he removed later in life to Medina, where he now resides. At the time of the removal from New Hampshire, there were Mr. Milliken and his son, a wife and two children, a half-brother, and Edward A. of our sketch, the latter but eleven years of age,

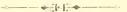
Our subject completed his education in the village school at Medina, and remained with his father until sixteen years of age. He then repaired to Canandaigna, N. Y., where he attended school one winter, and in the spring entered the printing-office of his uncle, N. J. Milliken, with whom he served a thorough apprenticeship at the "art preservative," and continued until the outbreak of the Rebellion. In May, 1861, he volunteered as a Union soldier in

Company G, 18th New York Infantry, under command of Capt, Henry Faurot, and was assigned to the Army of the Potomae. Young Milliken with his comrades participated in the first battle of Bull Run, in which he escaped unharmed, and was subsequently in every general engagement of his regiment until the close of his term of enlistment, when he received his honorable discharge, and returned to New York State.

Mr. Milliken soon after being mustered out, reenlisted, in Company II, 4th New York Heavy Artillery, which was stationed at Ft. Marcey, near Chain Bridge. The following spring they were assigned to a position near Culpeper Court-House, where they were soon detailed for the Peninsula campaign, and remained in the southeast until the surrender of the rebel army. At one time the regiment was stationed to dismantle some of the forts in and around Arlington Heights. They were mustered out at Hart's Island, N. Y., in September, 1865, and after his final discharge, Mr. Milliken returned first to Canandaigua, N. Y., and from there went into the oil regions of Pennsylvania, where he was engaged in speculating. The following summer he returned to his father's in Michigan, and after a few weeks went west as far as Elkhart, Ind., where he was employed in a printing-office for a time, and from there removed to Canada.

In January, 1872, occurred the marriage of Mr. Milliken with Miss Nellie M. Drown, the wedding taking place at the home of the bride in Adrian, Mich. The young lady had been a schoolmate of her husband in Medina, and was the daughter of Apollos and Lydia (Eaton) Drown, who were formerly of Canandaigua, N. Y. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Milliken went back to New York, and located upon the island of Tonawanda, where he carried on farming for a gentleman in Buffalo, and remained four years. The old friends, and the remembrance of the early associations of Mr. Milliken, were always leading his thoughts toward the West, and upon leaving this farm, he determined to settle permanently in Lenawee County, and accordingly took up his residence in Adrian.

Owing to his hardships and exposure in the army, Mr. Milliken about this time met with a great affliction in the loss of the use of his lower limbs, and has heen unable to stand or walk for the past seven years, while he was confined to his bed at one time for eighteen months; by the aid of a wheel chair he manages to get about considerably. Mr. M. is a Republican in politics, and socially a member of the G. A. R. He has been receiving a pension from the Government since March, 1883.



RS. MARY CAMPBELL, widow of the late James Campbell, a man who was regarded with the deepest respect throughout Medina Township and vicinity, occupies the homestead left her by her linsband, and which comprises the southeast quarter of section 5. Here she is surrounded by all the comforts of life, and is the center of a large circle of warm friends. She has been a resident of this county since a young girl eleven years of age, having come to the young State of Michigan with her parents when the face of the country bore little resemblance to its present condition.

Mrs. Campbell is the daughter of Michael and Elizabeth (Mannix) Flynn, natives of Ireland. The mother came to America when about sixteen years of age, and after her marriage settled with her husband in Utica, N. Y., where their daughter Mary was born on the 18th of March, 1830. They continued to live in the Empire State until the fall of 1841, then came to this county and settled in Hudson Township, where they spent the remainder of their lives. Their three children, of whom Mary is the eldest, lived to maturity; John is a sea captain, and Elizabeth is the wife of Edward Gray, a prosperous farmer of Hudson Township.

Miss Mary Flynn continued under the parental roof until her marriage with James Campbell, which took place at the home of her parents in Hudson Township, Sept. 18, 1852. Mr. Campbell was born in County Louth, Ireland, March 17, 1827. He was reared upon a farm, and thereafter engaged in agricultural pursuits until his death, which took place Aug. 8, 1885, at the homestead which he had labored to build up for himself and his family. His parents, James and Bridget (Hocy) Campbell,

crossed the Atlantic in 1832, and four years later took up their abode in this county, locating in Medina Township, where they continued until resting from their earthly labors. Their three children were named Patrick, Peter and James, of whom Patrick is deceased. Of Peter a sketch will be found on another page in this volume.

Mr. Campbell was a man kindly and genial by nature, and the universal favorite of his neighborhood. He was noted for his promptness in fulfilling his obligations, and made it a point to avoid promising anything which there was any doubt about his being able to perform. He was a man kind and thoughtful in his family, and of his pleasant union with the subject of this sketch there were born ten children. The eldest, William, a young man of good business capacities, is a railroad engineer, and makes his home in Toledo, Ohio; Lizzie developed into an efficient teacher, and has charge of a school in Marion County, Ind.: Ella is the wife of James H. Davitt, a prominent attorney of East Saginaw; Agnes, Isabella, Anna, Alice, Charles, George and Robert continue at the homestead with their mother. Mr. Campbell was a member of the Church of the Sacred Heart at Hudson, to which he always gave his warm and cordial support. The widow and children also belong to the same church.

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OHN S. CLARK was one of the representative farmers and stock-raisers of Lenawee County, raising sheep and thoroughbred Holstein and Jersey cattle. He quite frequently exhibited his stock at public exhibitions and usually carried off a large number of the prizes, especially on sheep. Mr. Clark was born in Dummerston, Vt., in 1819, and went south when a young man. He was a school teacher and a teacher of penmanship. He came to Michigan in 1849, locating in Clinton, where his death took place in 1883. He was a successful man and progressive in his ideas, liberal minded, and a public benefactor. He held some of the township offices and in politics was a Democrat.

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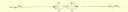
The subject of our sketch was united in marriage

at Clinton with Miss Louisa M, Skinner, who was born in Lockport, N, Y,, on the 1st of January, 1827. When two years old she was deprived of the care of her mother, whose maiden name was Alice Ryan. The paternal parent of Mrs. Clark was Allen Skinner, a machinist, who died in Lockport when Mrs. Clark was seven years of age. Louisa was the only child, and at the death of her mother was taken by her aunt, Catherine Ryan, who married Thaddeus Clark, both natives of Vermont, but married in New York State.

Thaddeus Clark was a blacksmith by trade, and helped to construct a ship for service in the War of 1812. In 1831, with his wife and niece, and a Mr. John Tyrrell, he came with teams overland to which the village is now located. He secured a large property, consisting of 400 acres of land, which he lived to see nearly all well improved at the time of his death, April 15, 1870, at the ripe old age of 1870, at the age of seventy-six. They were both of active and temperate habits, and their lives were sunshine and pleasure until their close, after sixty years of married life. They held a warm place in the hearts of a large circle of friends in this part of the country. The wife was a member of the Presbyterian Church. He gave liberally to have the to other local enterprises and charitable purposes, They had no children of their own but they fostered several to maturity. Their niece, Mrs. Clark, has become owner of the homestead.

John S. Clark was a nephew of Thaddeus Clark, Mrs. Clark had by her marriage with our subject the following children, two of whom, Kate and Albert F., are deceased. The names of the living are John F., a graduate of the pharmacy department of the University at Ann Arbor, who married Jane E. Newcomb, of Blissfield, and lives at Grosse Point, this State, where he is agent of the stock farm; they have two children, Louis L, and Haze HI, the former of whom has received a good education and lives at home. The youngest of the family, Charles F., is married to Miss Ellie M. Bartlett, of Clinton, near which he owns a good farm; he is well educated the state of the sta

cated, completing his studies at Orchard Lake, Mich., and lives at home. Mrs. Clark and children are members of the Episcopal Church at Clinton.



OHN II. TODD is a prominent resident and successful general farmer of Rollin Township, where he has a fine farm, containing a handsome and commodious house, with suitable out-buildings for the successful carrying on of his agricultural business. The subject of our sketch was born in the city of New York, on the 28th of February, 1830, and is the son of Gabriel II, and Mary P. (trehand) Todd, who are now residents of the city of Adrian, having come from New York in 1831.

nine children, of whom John II, is the eldest son. One brother, Elbert S., is a prominent Doctor of Divinity in Baltimore, and another, Jacob W., is in Colorado, engaged in mercantile pursuits. Oscar and Charles D. are now residing in Los Angeles, Cal., where they are dealing in real estate; George II, is in the employ of the Michigan Central Railroad: Elizabeth is the widow of William Beecher, and resides with her parents in Adrian; Rachel A. is the wife of Porter L. Sword, a brick manufacturer of Cleveland, Ohio; Amanda died in 1861 at the interesting age of fourteen years. Three brothers, Charles, Oscar and George, enlisted in defense of the Union and served nearly all through the war, a good record; Charles was wounded, and is now the recipient of a pension.

John II, lived at home with his parents until twenty-three years of age, assisting on the farm and attending district schools, which were at that early day very rade, often built of logs with the furniture made of slabs. At the age of twenty-three our subject was married to Susan M., daughter of William and Jennett (Knowles) Hoxter, who are still living in Adrian, Airs, Todd was born in Seneca County, N. Y., Feb. 16, 1833, and educationally had only the advantages of the district school, while she had to do the family washing in the morning before she could set out for her day's

studies. Her parents were among the earliest pioneers in this county.

After their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Todd lived in Rome Township until 1862, when they sold out and came to Rollin Township, where they have since resided. Their home has been gladdened by the arrival of four children-Mary, Ida J., Heman H. and Charles H. Mary was born in Rome Township, Sept. 13, 1853, married Eugene Perkins, a miller, and has two children, one boy and one girl: Ida J. was born July 22, 1855, married Edwin Childs and has two children, both boys; Heman H. was born April 30, 1858, married Rosa Chatfield, and had two daughters, one of whom is now dead: Charles H. was born Dec. 17, 1876, and is attending the district school. All of the children received their education in the district school exeept Heman, who attended the Raisin Seminary. Charles will probably receive a college education.

The family of our subject are all consistent Christians, and honored members of society. They are members of the Methodist Church, with which our subject has been identified since its organization and has been a member since 1847. He is also an ardent worker in the temperance cause, always voting the Prohibition ticket. Mrs. Todd is a member of the Missionary Society and of the W. C. T. U.

OHN BRITTON, a prominent figure in the affairs of Ridgeway Township, was formerly engaged in farming pursuits, but some time since retired from active labor, and is now connected with the Wabash Railroad as manager of the signals at Britton Station, and also performs a like service for the C. I. & N. R. R., which crosses the first-mentioned road at this place. Mr. Britton has been a resident of Lenawee County for a period of thirty-seven years, during which he has been very successful in the accumulation of property, and has been largely identified with the building up of the little town of Britton, which was named in his honor. Through his influence only the best of wooden buildings have been constructed, and his temperance principles have been largely respected in the make-up of the population, as it is composed of a people who are strictly in favor of cold water as a beverage.

Mr. Britton was born on the other side of the Atlantic, in Yorkshire, England, Feb. 6, 1833, and is the youngest child of John Britton, Sr., also a native of that county, where both were reared to farming pursuits. The father married a lady of his own county, Miss Sarah Coats, also of pure English ancestry, and in 1850, with his wife and four children emigrated to the United States. after setting foot upon American soil they came to the West, and located upon a tract of land in Ridgeway Township. The elder Britton had a capital of only \$150, and consequently there was no time to be lost. The family took possession of a small log building, and the father entered with energy upon the cultivation of the soil. They lived economically, and endured many hardships and inconveniences, but in due time the father of our subject found himself upon his feet, and on the road to prosperity. He succeeded in accumulating a good property, and continued on the homestead which had been built up by his industry and perseverance until resting from his earthly labors. His death took place in the spring of 1875, when he was sixty-eight years of age. He was a man who stood high in the estimation of his neighbors and townsmen, and served as Road Commissioner for some time. The mother, who is still living at the advanced age of eightytwo years, makes her home with her son, our subject. Both parents were active members of the Methodist Church in their younger years, to which faith the mother still clings as her comfort in her old age.

Mr. Britton remained a member of the parental household until his marriage, which took place on the 25th of March, 1855. The hady of his choice, Miss Sarah A. Osterhout, was born in Macon Township, this county, but at the time of her marriage was a resident of Hillsdale County. She is the daughter of Flower and Eleanor (Miller) Osterhout, who removed from Seneca County, N. Y., to Michigan during the early settlement of this county. The father purchased a tract of land in Macon Township, and, transforming it into a good farm, remained there until his death, which occurred Aug. 29, 1844. Mrs. Britton was only a young

child when her father died, and was reared by her maternal grandmother. Of her marriage with our subject there were born four children, one of whom. Zora, died in infancy. Those suviving are William, who married Miss Eliza Curtis, and is carrying on the home farm; Morris D., an employe of the Wabash Railroad, and located at Milan, this State, and Carrie E., an interesting young lady of sixteen years, who resides at home with her parents. Mr, and Mrs. Britton soon after their marriage located on the farm of our subject, a part of which has been laid off in village lots. They have witnessed remarkable changes within the last thirty years, and all good citizens have rejoiced in the prosperity of Lenawee County.

During the progress of the late Rebellion, Mr, Britton, in August, 1862, enlisted in Company F, 26th Michigan Infantry, and with his regiment was assigned to the Army of the Potomac, under command of Gen, Grant. Company F was assigned to detached duty most of the time, and saw little active service, although always ready to go to the front should it receive orders. Mr. Britton enlisted as a private, and was promoted step by step until he reached the rank of First Licutemant. He received his honorable discharge in June, 1865, and returned to the peaceful pursuits of farm life.

Our subject was largely instrumental in establishing the right of way for the Wabash Road through this section of country, and, as is probably understood by the foregoing details, was practically the founder of the town of Britton. He bent his energies and furnished the means required to make it attractive as a place of settlement, and has taken especial pains to invite a class of people here, who, by their intelligence and morality, will form an intelligent and praiseworthy community. He disposed of his land at the most reasonable figures for town lots, and Britton Station is now a brisk little colony, provided with five stores, a sawmill and a steam stavemill, with other advantages essential to the growth of the town. Mr. Britton himself put up five dwellings and two store buildings, and there is probably now a community of 200 people, who in a large measure partake of the interest of its founder in its advancement, and prosperity.

Mr. Britton has served as Township Supervisor

three years, Justice of the Peace four years, Road Commissioner and Treasurer, and has otherwise figured prominently among local interests. He is a stanch Republican, politically, and with the several members of his family, an active member of the Methodist Church.

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HOMAS GAHAGAN. The career of this gentleman has been one of more than ordinary interest; illustrating in a foreible manner the self-made man who has fought his way to a good position in the world, and by the exercise of great industry and perseverance amassed a comfortable little fortune and fully established himself as a citizen of more than ordinary worth and usefulness. Nearly his entire life has been spent amid rural seenes and employments, and he now bears the reputatron of being one of the most prosperous farmers and land-owners of the county. He has for many years given much attention to the breeding of fine horses, and in this department of farm life has been uniformly successful. In earlier years he struggled against the disadvantages of a limited education, but has kept his eyes open to what was going on around him in the world, receiving from his observation of men and things perhaps a more practical schooling than he could have obtained from a collegiate course.

The early years of our subject were spent in County Westmeath, Ireland, where his birth took place in the humble home of his parents, in May, 1830. He was the eldest of a family of twelve children, the off-spring of James and Ellen (Doyle) Gahagan, who were also of Irish birth and parent-age, and continued upon their native soil five years after their marriage. In 1834 they started for America on a suiling-vessel, and after a voyage of seven weeks, landed in New York City July 3 of that year. From the metropolis they made their way into Genesec County, settling in the town of LeRoy, where the father occupied himself at what-ever he could find to do, engaged principally, however, as a stonemason. In 1837 he came to this county, and purchased eighty acres of land on section 1, in Medina Township, which land is now the

property of our subject. The father after securing this land returned to New York, where he continued three years, then came with his family to Michigan and began the improvement and cultivation of the land which he had purchased. The parents both lived to be quite well advanced in years. Mrs. Gahagan died at her home in Hudson, this State, Feb. 13, 1879, on the fiftieth anniversary of her wedding day. The father survived a little over two years, his death taking place in Hudson, March 10, 1881.

Thomas Gahagan engaged mostly in farming until 1855, and then, in company with his brother John, took passage on the United States mail steamer "Illinois" for the Pacitic Slope, with the intention of seeking his fortunes in the gold mines of California, Crossing the Isthmus at Aspinwall, they were transferred to the steamer "Golden Gate," on which they sailed for San Francisco. Upon their arrival there the brothers entered the mines, and were fairly successful in their search for the vellow ore, Our subject remained in California for a period of six years, then returned to Michigan and established bimself in the mercantile business at Hndson, in which he was also quite successful. During his five years' residence there he made the acquaintance of Miss Mary Brown, of Adrian, whom he married May 5, 1862. Mrs. Gahagan was born in Adrian, May 12, 1843, and is the daughter of William and Julia (Flynn) Brown, the former a native of Palmyra, N. Y., and the latter born in Tralee, County Kerry, Ireland, and came to the United States in 1837. The parents were married in the city of Maumee, Ohio, and for several years followed farming in both States. Upon coming to this county, they made their home at Adrian, where the father was engaged as contractor on the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad. He died April 14, 1875; the mother is still living, continuing to make her home in Adrian,

To Mr. and Mrs. Galagan have been born tenchildren: John W. is a teacher of excellent reputation and pursuing his chosen calling at Woodstock, in this county, where he has been engaged for some time: Ellen M., the fourth child, like her brother, took kindly to her books and has been successfuly employed as a teacher; she attends the Hudson High School during her vacations. The remaining children—Francis J., Joseph P., James F., Daniel, Thomas E., George Moore, Mary A. and William E.—are at home with their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Gahagan were reared in the doctrines of the Catholic Church, but are liberal in their religious views. Mr. G. gives little attention to politics, but usually easts his vote with the Democratic party. He inherited his love of good horseflesh, and others of the Galagan family have attained a good reputation as breeders of draft horses. Our subject owns twenty head of high-bred Normans, including the celebrated stallion "Gov. Ogiesby," which is the only Percheron Norman horse ever brought to Medina Township. He is a magnificent animal, a model of beauty and symmetry, and valued at several thousand dollars.

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ETER CAMPBELL was born in County Louth, Ireland, but is undoubtedly of ancient Scotch ancestry, the Campbells fleeing from Scotland during the religious wars in that country three centuries ago. Their later deseendants lived in County Mayo for several generations, and the parents of our subject were James and Bridget (Hoey) Campbell, who were both natives of Ireland. They were married in County Louth, which had also been the home of their childhood and youth, and continued there until 1832. when they emigrated to the United States and settled in Livingston County, N. Y., but in 1836 they came to Southern Michigan, where the father took up a tract of Government land in Medina Township.

Peter Campbell at present occupies the land from which his father built up a good homestead, battling with the new soil, from which he had been compelled to clear the heavy timber. James Campbell, Sr., rested from his earthly labors about twentyfive years ago. The mother survived her husband probably three years, and the death of both took place at the home which they had labored together to establish. They were people who cared very little for worldly pomp and show, but lived quietly and unostentationsly, secure in the respect and confidence of their friends and neighbors, and when they closed their eyes upon earthly scenes were regretted by all who had known them and who had learned to respect their character.

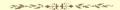
James and Bridget Campbell were the parents of three children. The third son was named after his father, and is now deceased. The eldest child, Peter, attended the first school in Medina Township, which was conducted in a log cabin with none of the conveniences of the present day. When old enough to look out for himself, being desirous of seeing something of the world, he migrated eastward to the State of Ohio, and engaged as a contractor on the Michigan Southern Railroad and Erie & Wabash Canal. He remained in the Buckeye State two years, then returned to this county, convinced that there were few places more desirable than the young and growing State of Michigan. He then commenced farming, at which he has since continued, the greater part of the time on the old homestead of his father. This, as may be supposed, possesses to him a much greater than a mere money value, and he is often reminded of the diligence and perseverance with which his honored sire labored to cultivate the soil and build up a homestead for his children.

Peter Campbell, who was born in 1826, was first married in 1854, in Medina Township, to Miss Margaret Keanedy, and they became the parents of three children: The eldest, Victor E., married Miss Mary Russell, of Hudson Township, and is working in the ear shops in Springfield, Mo.; Peter V. is an engineer, is married and resides in Chicago; May, Mrs. Fitzpatrick, is a resident of Hudson Township, Mrs. Margaret Campbell departed this life at the homestead in Medina Township, Nov. 27, 1866.

The present wife of our subject, to whom he was married Dec. 31, 1867, was Miss Rose, daughter of Cornelius and Mary (Cahil) Murtey, and was born in County Meath, Ireland, in August, 1848. Her parents were also of Irish birth and parentage, and emigrated to America when Rose was a child three years of age. They located first in Sandusky County, Ohio, and about 1866 came to Southern Michigan, and have now been residents of Dover Township about twenty-two years; though quite aged they are in the enjoyment of very good health.

Mrs. Campbell was the sixth in a family of ten, Of her union with our subject there have been born nine children, one of whom died in infancy; the others are all at home and pursuing their studies in the district school. They are named respectively, Mattie, John J., Louis, Frank, Edith, Burt, Chara and Leo.

Mr. Campbell, in 1872, put up an elegant residence, and has first-class barns and out-buildings in the rear. The grounds adjacent are ornamental with trees, and walks and neat fences, which, together with the well-kept live stock and other appurtenances of the complete home, forms a delightful picture to look upon. Mr. Campbell has been quite prominent in township affairs, serving as Overseer of Highways and occupying the various school offices for the past ten years. He and his estimable wife were reared in the faith of the Catholic Church, to which they still loyally adhere, and Mr. C., politically, is one of the most reliable members of the Democratic party.



AMES B. THORN, the popular and efficient Postmaster of Hudson, was born in Jefferson Township, Hilfsdale Co., Mich., June 25, 1846. His father, James Henry Thorn, was one of the very earliest settlers of Hilfsdale County, and was very influential in shaping its affairs, his ripe judgment and keen intellectual powers making him a leader among men. He was born Jan. 20, 1846, in Dutchess County, N. Y., and was quite young when his father died leaving a large family in rather straitened circumstances. He, however, managed to seeme a good education, which was usefulced to him in his busy and honorable career in after life.

Mr. Thorn, the father of our subject, remained in the State of his birth until he was eighteen years old, then ambitiously decided to go to some western Territory and make a home and a place for himself in the newly settled country. Actuated by that motive he came to Michigan in 1834, and staid for awhile at Detroit, then went to Ypsilanti, and from there to Farmington, Oakland Country, where he taught school, but in the spring at the close of

the session he could collect but \$50 of the \$100 due him. He then explored Bean Creek Valley in search of a suitable location where he could establish a home, and finally selected the southeast quarter of the northeast part of section 13, in what subsequently became Jefferson Township. He then walked to Monroe, and entered it at the Government land-office on the 22d of May, 1835. The receiver remarked that he had the whole township to select from, as that was the first land entered in that township. After paying the fee for entering his land he had but ten cents left, with which he bought crackers and cheese to fortify himself for his long walk to Tecumseh. In the spring of 1836 he commenced the improvement of his land, first building a log cabin for his habitation, and on the 15th of October, he took unto himself a wife in the person of Miss Mary Monroe, whom he installed as mistress of his little home, and in their wedded life she was devoted to his interests, and nobly shared with him the privations of their pioneer life.

In after years Mr. Thorn replaced the log house with a substantial frame house, and erected other good frame buildings, cleared his land, and added to it by subsequent purchase until he had a fine farm of 160 acres, beautifully located near the village of Pittsford, and vielding him rich returns for the labor he expended on it; this remained his home until his death. He was engaged in mercantile business for a number of years in the village of Pittsford, and was the first Postmaster of that town. then called Sparta, retaining the position until 1861. He was a man of unusual ability, possessing a masterly intellect, superior perceptive faculties, and a warm personal magnetism, which drew to him many friends. Thus endowed, it is not singular that he played a leading part both in the public and social affairs of the township. He was repeatedly called upon to hold official positions. He was Supervisor five years, Justice of the Peace thirteen years, and filled other offices with credit and ability. He was always a Democrat, and the members of that party looked to him for counsel and assistance. He was equally at home in social circles, and was passionately fond of music, while his fine tenor voice was listened to with pleasure as he sang the church by mns and tunes which he so dearly loved. His

death, which occurred April 11, 1885, was felt as a personal loss by everyone in the community, where he had so long made his home and to whose interests he had ever been devoted. All the business houses in the town were closed, and every possible mark of respect was shown to his memory. At the time of his death his wife had been dead many years, her death occurring Feb. 19, 1852. To them were born six children, four of whom are now living, namely: Wray T., of Minden, Neb.; Eugene W. and Josephine E., residents of Iowa, and James B. He was married the second time, to Sarah A. Dillon, and had three children: Henry; Mary, the wife of M. F. Tuck, and Waldo, all living.

James B. Thorn grew to manhood in his native town, and there at the district school, and later in attendance at a select school in the village of Pittsford, received a substantial education, which was further supplemented by a year at Hillsdale College. At the age of eighteen he commenced teaching, and taught three terms of winter school in the village of Pittsford, and also taught three terms of district school. When school was not in session he was engaged as a clerk in a Pittsford store. On the 27th of August, 1871, the marriage of Mr. Thorn with Miss Ellen C, Kilborn took place, She was born in Concord Township, Jackson Co., Mich., and is the daughter of Luther C, and Chloe P. (Thayer) Kilborn, natives of Vermont. They came to Michigan in 1845, where Mr. Kilborn rented land in Jackson County for a few years, and in 1849 he bought a farm in Concord Township, and there resided until 1859, when he sold and removed to

After marriage our subject taught school in Pittsford Township for one term, and then came with his wife to make his home in Hudson. He bought an insurance agency, and in June of that year entered the bank of Boies, Rude & Co., as bookkeeper, and retained that position in the bank for thirteen years, gaining the full confidence and trust of his employers by his faithful devotion to their interests. During that time he also retained his insurance business, linally disposing of it in January, 1886. He then visited Nebraska and Iowa to see his sister and brothers, remaining in those States for six months, and then returned to Hudson. On the 22d of May, 1887, he commenced his service as Postmaster, and in the discharge of the duties of that office has given general satisfaction to the people of this community.

Mr. Thorn is one of the leading Democrats of the place, yet notwithstanding that this is a town with a large Republican majority, he standsse high in the regard of his fellow-citizens as a man of ability and undoubted integrity, that he has been repeatedly elected to office without regard to his political connections. He was elected Township Clerk in 1882, and was twice re-elected to that position. He was made a member of the School Board in 1884, serving continuously since, and is now serving his third year as President of the board, of which he was also for three years Treasurer. Socially he belongs to the Leanardale Lodge No. 63, K. of P. Mr. Thorn and his estimable wife are members of the Baptist Society.

ATRICK HOGAN. The well-appointed farm of sixty-live acres desirably located on section 6, in Median Township, came into the possession of the subject of this sketch in the spring of 1854, although he did not commence its improvement until some time later. He had various difficulties to contend with, among them being the lack of ready cash, which he wastrying to accumulate as well as he could by honest labor in the fields of other men, until he could afford to go to work on his own land. The property at the time bore small comparison with its present appearance, having been but incliferently cultivated, and little attempt made at other improvements. A resolute will and strong hands, however, have effected a fine transformation, and we have now the picture of a comfortable homestead, with the pleasant suggestion of something laid by for a rainy day.

Mr. Hogan is a gentheman considerably advanced in life, having been born May 16, 1824. in County Clare, Ireland, which was also the birthpiace and life-long home of his parents, Michael and Catherine (Griffin) Hogan, who lived on the small farm which had descended to the father of our subject from his father before him. Michael Hogan was a man of considerable importance in his county, holding the position of Roadmaster under the Government. His duties were to maintain an oversight over the public highways of his county, and see that they were kept in good repair. He died in Ireland in 1873, a year after the mother had passed away. The parental family consisted of nine children, two sons and seven daughters, most of whom came to the United State assisted by their brother Patrick. His sister Kate is in 8t. Lonis, Mo.; Bridget is living in Medina Township, and his brother John is in Adams Township, Hillisdale County.

Patrick Hogan was the eldest child of his parcuts, and in common with his brothers and sisters, received a common-school education. When old enough to be of service he occupied himself on the farm of his father, and assisted the latter in his duties along the public highways, which in reality yielded a better income than the farm. Patrick, however, was not satisfied with the prospect held out either on the road or the farm, and at an early age began to realize the fact that he must seek some other country for the fulfillment of the ambitions which early began to swell in his breast. He cast a longing eye across the sea and determined to seek his fortune in the New World.

In-line, 1849, Patrick Hogan bid adient to the home of his childhood and his old friends, and boarded a sniling-vessel at Galway, from which seven weeks later he stepped upon American soil in the city of New York. There he soon met an old-time-friend, Frank Fitzpatrick, whom ne had not seen for many years, and they had a joyful time recalling their boyhood days and recounting their plans for the protuce. Mr. Hogan was pleased at once with the prospect before him, and proceeded up the beautiful Hudson River to Albany, where he had other friends and consins, then after visiting among these returned to Buffalo, and began to proceed with the more serious business of life. Making his way to Cattarangus County, N. Y., he visited for a brief time with his nucle, Patrick Hogan, and in that vicinity hired out on a farm for a year at \$10 a month, out of which during the year he sent \$25 to his mother in the old country. The next year his wages were increased, and on account of his hom-

esty and industry he secured the friendship of all who knew him. Each year found him making headway, and he at length was given the position of overseer of a large farm in Cattarangus County. In the meantime he had been steadily sending remittances to his mother and other members of his family in Ireland, and in a short time was joined here by his brothers and sisters.

Mr. Hogan left New York State for this county in 1854, and continued to work as a farm laborer several years. Shortly after his arrival he purchased thirty acres of land which he sold three or four years later. He first operated for himself on rented land three years, and then purchased the property which he now owns and occupies. This was but a timber tract, upon which he struck the first blow with the ax in the spring of 1861, while he now has nearly the whole of it cleared and supplied with good buildings. In the crection of these his own handiwork has been largely employed, as he is a mechanic of considerable natural genius. The premises present the picture of comfort and good order, and are the suitable reward of the man who would scorn to hold property by any other than honest means.

Our subject, while a resident of New York State, made the acquaintance of Miss Ellen Reynolds, of Cattaraugus County, who was born in 1824, and to whom he was married on the 9th of April, 1853. Mrs. Hogan's parents were natives of County Clare, Ireland. Mr. and Mrs. Hogan are the parents of four children: their eldest daughter, Bridget, is the wife of Michael Maloney, of Defiance, Ohio, foreman of a carriage manufactory there; John married Miss Katie, daughter of John W. Kelly, of Medina, and in the spring of 1886 removed to Kansas, but not liking that section of country they returned to Medina, and he is now engaged in farming; he is the father of two children-Laura and Jenny, Miss Katie Hogan is at home with her father. Mrs. Ellen Hogan died July 30, 1862, at the age of thirty-eight years. The present wife of our subject was formerly Miss Ann Branagan, to whom he was married in the winter of 1863.

Mr. Hogan votes the straight Democratic ticket, and is strongly in favor of temperance, although likewise in favor of personal liberty. He has been School Director six years, Commissioner of Highways, and administrator of estates, and once ran for Supervisor, when the Republican majority in the township was 162, and came within seven votes of being elected. He and his family are members and regular attendants of the Church of the Sacred Heart at Hudson.



ENRY BRAZEE, of Adrian Township, occupies the old homestead of his father, which the latter commenced building up in the pioneer days. It comprises 100 acres of good land, and is provided with all the conforts and conveniences of a modern country estate, well stocked with good grades of the domestic animals, and supplied with all the necessary machinery for carrying on agriculture after the most approved methods. Besides this property Mr. Brazee has 105 acres of land in Wayne County, which is operated by a tenant. He is in all respects comfortably settled in life, with the prospects of a competency for his old age.

Mr. Brazee was born in New York, May 21, 1833, and started out in life on his own account when a youth of sixteen, working as a farm laborer by the day or month. Some years later he was the owner of a little farm in Barry County, this State, upon which he settled with his young wife, having been married to Miss Maria McConnel on the 31st of December, 1861. Mrs. Brazee is the daughter of Matthew B. McConnel, a sketch of whom will be found elsewhere in this ALBUM. The young people continued on their first farm for a period of twenty years, and then, our subject coming to this county, located in Adrian Township upon a tract of forty-five acres, which had fallen to him in the apportionment made by the father to the sons. This had not been thoroughly cultivated, but Mr. Brazee made improvements enough to sell it to good advantage, then going into Wayne County, he purchased the property which he now owns. Our subject has been intimately acquainted with hard work, and from a boy was always willing to put his shoulder to the wheel, whether for himself, or for his father's family. In his youth he often worked

for thirty-seven and one-half cents per day, at entting cord wood, and other labor where the exercise of considerable muscle was required. He was fortmate in possessing a good constitution, and under that excellent discipline his sinews were developed, together with the principles of honor and honesty, which have made him in every sense of the word a man among men. He meddles little with politics, and has little faith in the disinterestedness of public officials.

Were we to close up this biography without the mention of those to whom our subject owes his origin, it would be an omission which would scarcely be overlooked by the old residents of Lenawee County, and many of their descendants. John Brazee, the father of Henry, was born in the Mohawk Valley, N. Y., March 20, 1800, and was the son of John and Catharine Brazee, who subsewere among the first settlers. He was reared to farming pursuits, and upon reaching manhood, became possessor of a farm in Perrinton, that county, where he resided until coming to Michigan, in the fall of 1825. Having been familiar with life in the wilderness of Western New York, he was eminently fitted for the labors which lay before him in what was then a Territory. He purchased a quarter section of land in Adrian Township and located from the Government forty acres adjoining on section 18. Much of this was covered with heavy timber, from which he cleared over 100 acres, put up good buildings, and was spared many years to enjoy the reward of his industry. He was a resident of Adrian Township for a period of forty-four years, during which time he acquitted himself as one of the most valued members of the community, foremost in every good work, and the substantial encourager of every enterprise calculated for the building up of his adopted township, and the progress of its people.

John Brazee, before leaving Ontario County, N. Y., was united in marriage with Miss Hamah, daughter of Francis and Malana Sayles, who was born in the same locality, and in the same year as her husband, on the 25th of July. She accompanied her husband to this county, and after becoming the mother of nine children, departed this life at

Adrian, in March, 1878; John Brazee died Feb 18, 1879. Mrs, Brazee traced her ancestors back to Holland and Germany, while the Brazee family was of French descent, the first representative in this country being John Brazee, who came from France with Gen, LaFayette during the progress of the Revolutionary War.

Mr, and Mrs, Henry Brazee are the parents of seven children. Their eldest daughter, Ida M., a well-educated young lady, is teaching school; Homer is learning the trade of a miller in Springville; Mark R, continues with his parents; Emma is completing her studies in the Raisin Valley Seminary; while Bertha, Ella and Mand continue under the same roof.



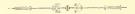
LANSON BANGS, who was one of the carlier settlers of Lenawec County, where he lived for sixty years, an honored and respected citizen, was born in Stamford, Delaware Co., N. Y., Sept. 25, 1801. He was the son of Joseph Bangs, who was born in the same State, April 25, 1777, and died in Teeumsch, this county, Jan. 7, 1848. Joseph Bangs married Huldah, daughter of Isaac and Mary Silliman, of Delaware County, N. Y., by whom he had eight children, Alanson being the eldest.

Alanson Bangs lived at home until he was about twenty-one years of age, and was brought up a farmer, and inured to hard labor, as his parents were poor, and he, being the eldest of the family, took the heaviest of the work.

Mr. Bangs was married just after he was twentythree, and the following spring, accompanied by his young wife, and with about \$100 in money, he started for Michigan, arriving in Tecumseh in 1825, after a six-weeks journey. He came expecting to settle on land that his father had taken up on section 32, but it was covered with heavy timber, and he did not like it. He soon afterward purchased forty acres on section 4, in Raisin Township, and after paying for this hand he had only \$10 left. He lived on his first purchase for about seven years, and then traded if for eighty acres on the same section, where he lived as long as he followed farming, He afterward purchased 100 acres on section 5. making a farm of 240 acres of prime farming land. He was a thorough and successful farmer, an enterprising, honorable citizen, and a good neighbor. He was one of the earliest settlers of Lenawee County, coming the second year after the first white settlement was made. He saw it in its native wildness, and contributed as largely as any other man to rescue it from that state, and develop its present high condition of cultivation and prosperity. In his habits he was quiet, unobtrusive, industrious and unostentatious; in his manners he was courteous, friendly and kind, but diffident and retiring. His affections were strong, and his friendships ardent, and he loved his family with a fervency of affection rarely equaled. He was a devont Christian, though his extreme timidity of spirit deterred him from ever uniting with the visible church, or publicly identifying himself with its enterprises.

December 15, 1824, Mr. Bangs was married to Mary, daughter of Uriyon and Jane Mackey, and they became the parents of eight children, as follows: Joseph was born Nov. 16, 1827, and died Jan. 18, 1832; Betsey Jane was born Oct. 11, 1829, and married George W. Haight, of Jackson, Mich.; Uriyon F. was born Jan. 20, 1831, and died Aug. 8, 1842; Huldah M. was born Aug. 31, 1834, and married Edward L. Russell, of Raisin Township; Hannah J, was born May 3, 1836, and died March 12, 1837; Alanson B, was born Oct. 23, 1838, and is a farmer of Raisin Township; John F. was born May 4, 1840, and died Aug. 8, 1842; Mary Ellen was born Nov. 14, 1843, and died Oct. 27, 1850; Mrs. Mary Bangs was born in Stamford, Delaware Co., N. Y., Sept. 20, 1801, and is still living, making her home at the residence of her son, Alanson B., of Raisin Township. Her parents were farmers of Stamford, and were early settlers of Delaware County, N. Y. Her mother died in Stamford, in 1811, and her father afterward married Sarah Jenkins, and came to Michigan in 1858, where he died in Raisin Township, in 1873, in the ninetieth year

On the 5th of February, 1873, Alanson Bangs, the subject of this sketch, departed this life, after being a resident of this State for almost half a century, and during that long period of citizenship he held the esteem and respect of all who knew him. He bore a heroic part in making of the wilderness of Michigan one of the finest cultivated States in the Union. He has an enviable place in the memory of all who look back with reverence to the pioneer settlers of Michigan.



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B. BANG8 is a successful general farmer, and pleasantly located on section I, Raisin Township, where he owns 120 acres of land, under a good state of cultivation.

well improved in the way of buildings, orchards, fences and ditches, and well stocked with the various kinds of domestic animals. Our subject is a native of Raisin Township, where he was born on the old family homestead, on the 23d of October, 1838, and near which he has since resided.

The father of our subject, Alanson Bangs, was one of the first settlers in the State of Michigan, his advent into Lenawee County having occurred in 1825, six weeks being required to make the journey from Delaware County, N. Y., to Teeumseh. At the time the father came to Michigan, Monroe was the nearest town, to which it required five days to go and come, for the purpose of selling the produce of the farm, and to purchase food necessary for the sustenance of life; the nearest mill was also located at that point. He had all the experiences known to pioneer life. The Bangs family were among the very first settlers of Raisin Township, and they were the very first in developing and opening the wilderness in this part of the county. The father made his home upon the farm in this township until he died, on the 5th day of February, 1873. He was a good man, and devoted his time to hard work, such as fell to the lot of those who opened up this country. The mother, who survived her husband, makes her home with her son, the subject of our sketch.

Mr. Bangs, during his youth, devoted his time to work upon his father's farm, and remained with his parents until he reached his majority. On the 9th of May, 1866, in Tecunseh, he was married to Miss Almeda M. Coller, a native of Raisin Township, who was reared in Tecunseh. She is the only child of Thomas Coller, who came from New York to Michigan some time in the torties, and died three years after the birth of Mrs. Bangs. The maiden name of Mrs. Bangs' mother was Margaret Hendershott. After the death of her husband she became the wife of Samuel Henry, of Tecunseh, in which place they at present reside. Mrs. Bangs was reared by her hother and received a good education in the common schools. She is the mother of two children, named Montello and Arthur A.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Bangs located on the farm on which they now reside, and began their chosen work in carnest. They have resided upon this place continuously since, and have met with excellent success in all their undertakings. Their home is a pleasant one, and has cheerful and comfortable surroundings. Mr. Bangs has not allied himself to either of the old political parties, but votes and acts with that party which most explicitly declares itself in favor of temperance and Prohibition principles. He is a man strong in his convictions, and vigorous in the advocacy of any cause he espouses.

LBA J. CASE. Although comparatively a young man, this gentleman takes rank among the most successful farmers and stock-raisers in this section of the county. He now owns and occupies the homestead located by his father on section 24, Cambridge Township. Alba J. Case is the son of Galusha and Susan A. (Bedell) Case, and was born in Windsor, Ashtabula Co., Ohio, Nov. 13, 1851. His father was a native of Connecticut, the son of Aaron Case, who was a farmer in that State, where he lived some years. From there heremoved to Ashtabula County, Ohio, and twenty years later came to Cambridge Township, this county, where he died in 1870, at the age of eighty-two years. Early in life he entered into a matrimonial alliance with Miss Roberts, a native of Connecticut, but who died before he removed from that State, at the age of thirty-five.

Galusha Case, the father of our subject, was the eldest son of Aaron Case, and resided at home with his parents until he had attained the age of seventeen years. At that time, in company with his brother Herman, they started out to seek their fortune, walking all the way from their home in the Stand of Steady Habis" to Ashtabula County, Ohio, where they located in the woods, seeking to carve out for themselves homes in the primal wilderness. After he had started a home in Ohio, he returned to Connecticut, purchased an ox-team and wagon in which he placed the family, his father, nother, brothers and sisters, and returned again to his Ohio home, arriving there in 1830, where he took up 160 acres of Government land on which the family settled. Shortly after this Galusha went to Texas, where he remained some three years, part of the time with a surveying party engaged in running lines for the Government. He afterward took up some hand in Texas with the intention of remaining there, but becoming sick, he returned to Ohio and settled down with the rest of the family. About this time he married Susan Adeline Bedell, of Ashtabula County, who had come to Ohio from Utica, N. Y., the place of her birth, with her parents, William and Catherine (Lepper) Bedell, in 1836; she was born June 8, 1821. Her father settled in Ashtabula County, Ohio, in an early day, where he and his wife both completed their lives of usefulness.

During the month of November, 1866. Galusha Case removed to Michigan with his faulty, purchasing a farm in Cambridge and Franklin Townships, of N. Wheeler. Here he remained improving his place until 1884, when he removed to Detroit, and there, June 28, 1886, passed to his reward. He was born Nov. 19, 1817, near Hartford, Conn., and was the father of the following-named children: Dr. William N., a resident of Marengo, Calhoun County, this State; Martin E., a farmer residing in Franklin Township; Alba J.; Ovid M., a prominent lawyer of Detroit, who represented his district in that city three terms in the State Legislature, and died while a member of that body; Leland, a resident of Detroit, a teacher and stenographer, and Catherine, residing with her mother in Detroit. Galusha Case, like all those hardy New Detroit. Galusha Case, like all those hardy New

for the benefit of himself and that of the community in which he lived and died, regretted by all with whom in the course of a busy life he had come in contact. He was a strong adherent of Democratic principles, and quite active in local politics.

Alba J. Case received an excellent education, finishing at Adrian, Mich. Returning to his father's house he there made his home until April 7, 1874, when he was united in marriage with Ella J. Loomis, and they became the parents of one child, Gny L. Mrs. Case is the daughter of Sereno and Ann A. (Noble) Loomis, both of whom are still living in Windsor, Ashtabula Co., Ohio. Mr. Loomis was a native of that county, and was born April 24, 1821. while his wife was born in Vermont, July 11, 1828, whence she had come when seven years of age to Ohio, where she grew to womanhood. Mr. and Mrs. Loomis are the parents of five children, as follows: Ella J., the wife of our subject, who was born in Windsor, Ohio, May 9, 1853; Elwin, Alice, Allison and Harriet.

Alba J. Case is singularly modest and retiring in disposition, genial in address, generous to a fault, and his friends are as numerous as his acquaintances. He is a man of decided ability, and of more than average education, and although a young man, is decidedly popular with his neighbors. In social life he is very entertaining and pleasant, and is well calculated to aid in the upbuilding of the progressive county of Lenawee.



AMUEL HOPKINS. This gentleman, one of the honored citizens of Ogden Township, descends from an illustrious family, the original settlers of that name coming to America in the Maydower, and one of them, Stephen Hopkins, whose name is written in zigzag letters, indicating the trembling hand of age, was a signer of the Declaration of Independence, that magnificent document which pledged the lives and sacred honor of our forefathers to the cause of liberty and freedom. The names of these men, even the most humble of them, will go down the centuries as honored and revered. The subject of

this sketch, descending from such stock, it is little wonder that of the Michigan pioneers he has been rated among the most energetic and successful. He being a Virginian and his wife a Marylander, they have given to the world a vigorous and hardy family of children, who are magnificent specimens of man and womanhood, and upon whom the rights of citizenship rest creditably.

Mr. Hopkins, whose farm is located on section 14. Ogden Township, was born in Preston County. Va., on the 26th of June, 1818. His father, Levi Hopkins, was born in Great Barrington, Mass., in 1750, and his grandfather, Rev. Samuel Hopkins, was a noted preacher in Colonial times. The great-grandfather was a cousin of Stephen Hopkins, the signer of the Declaration of Independence, The father was educated for the ministry, but failing health compelled him to turn his attention to other pursuits, and he adopted farming as his occupation. He did not regain his health, and by the advice of his physicians, in 1795 he emigrated to Virginia, and bought land in Preston County, where he resided until his death. His wife, the mother of the subject of this sketch, who in her girlhood was Elizabeth Yantz, was born in Hagerstown, Md.

Samuel Hopkins was reared to manhood in Virginia, where he was married and resided until 1855, when with his wife, eight children, and his mother, he started with three horses and a wagon for Michigan, and after seventeen days' travel landed in Lenawee County. After a few days devoted to prospecting and examining the surrounding country, he purchased 120 acres of land, which included his present farm, and paid therefor \$1,050. There were but ten acres of this land cleared, and the only habitation was a rude log cabin, but he now has eighty acres under an excellent state of cultivation, with a full complement of all the various farm buildings. It is only those who have settled in the wilderness and cleared up a farm that can realize and appreciate the labor and unremitting toil required.

On the 8th of July, 1838, Mr. Hopkins was married to Miss Susannah Loar, who was born in Alleghany County, Md., on the 22d of April, 1819, and for nearly fifty years this couple have lived happily together, and now enjoy excellent health, with the possibility of living many years to come. To them have been born eleven children, whose record is as follows: Mary L. was born in Maryland, and married W. R. Fisher: David H. Lives in Bear Lake, Manistee Co., Mich.; Margaret A. E. married Henry F. Dawson, and lives at Ogden Station; George W. lives at Bear Lake; Lovinia E. lives with her parents: Virginia C. married Charles Blake, and lives in Ogden Township; Martha E. married John Collons, and lives in Bear Lake; Rosalinda J. married H. A. Hoag, and lives in Tecumsch, this county, and J. Wesley Milton lives in Arkansas.

Mrs. Hopkins' father, George Loar, was born in Alleghany County, Md., and her grandfather, Jacob Loar, was a farmer, and spent the last days of his life in the same county. Her father was a farmer by occupation and died in Alleghany County, Mrs. Hopkins' mother, Margaret Rhinehart, was born in Alleghany County, Md., and was a daughter of George Rhinehart, a native of the same county, and a daughter of Thomas Rhinehart, a native of Germany.

The subject of this sketch and his wife are not only among the oldest people, but among the oldest residents of this section of Michigan. They have been here so long that their names are almost household words within many miles of their residence, and they are always referred to in terms of respect and esteem. It is a pleasure to the publishers of this work to give them a prominent place in its pages.

RS. PHILA HAYWARD, one of the pioneer mothers of Sencea Township, and widow of the late Micajah Hayward, is the daughter of Benjamin and Betsey (Woodard) Sanger. Her parents were natives of Connecticut, whence they removed in their youth to the vicinity of Canandaigna, Ontario Co., N. Y., where the mother died in middle life, aged forty-two years. Mr. Sanger subsequently came to the West and settled in Sencea Township, this county,

in July, 1833. He made the journey by lake from Buffalo to Detroit, and thence by wagon to his destination. His daughter Phila walked nearly all the way from Detroit to Tecumseh, as the wagons were heavily loaded.

Benjamin Sanger took up eighty acres of Government land, upon which he built a log house, and proceeded to fell the trees and prepare the soil for cultivation. Here he lived and labored sixteen years and died at the age of sixty-six, about 1849; the mother died about 1828. They were the parents of nine children, of whom Phila, the youngest, was born in Canandaigua, N. Y., Sept. 3, 1822, and was eleven years old when the family left the Empire State for the Territory of Michigan, She became familiar with the toils and hardships of life in a new settlement, and in the school of experience developed into a sensible young woman, blessed with good health and conrageous to meet the duties of the future. She continued under the parental roof until sixteen years of age, and May 12, 1839, was married to Micajah Hayward, the wedding taking place at the residence of the bride's parents, and witnessed by a number of their friends and acquaintances.

Mr. Hayward was a native of Farmington, N. Y., and was born Jan. 18, 1816. His parents, Henry and Elizabeth (Willitts) Hayward, were natives respectively of Massachusetts and New Jersey, whence they removed with their parents to Ontario County, N. Y., and were subsequently married. The Haywards came to Michigan in 1833 and located in Seneca Township, where Henry Hayward departed this life at the age of sixty-four years, and his wife, Elizabeth, Aug. 13, 1849, aged sixtysix years. Micajah was the seventh of their nine children, and was reared to farming pursuits, which he followed all his life. At the time of his death he was the owner of over 600 acres of land, all in Seneca Township. In connection with his farming he had built two sawmills, a gristmill and a cheese factory, which he operated successfully. He died at his home in Seneca Township, April 10, 1887.

To Mr. and Mrs. Hayward there were born five children, namely: Betsey, Roswell James, Judith P., Effle J, and Ollic Ann. Betsey is the wite of Silas W. Morris, of Seneca Township, and the mother of seven children—Roswell James, Helen, Alta D., Wilford C., Clifford M., Clara and Ada P. Roswell J. married Miss Eva Potter, and is farming in Seneca Township: they have two children—Harry P. and Micajah. Judith P. married John Nelson, who is engaged as Station Agent and farmer at Seneca Station, and has four children—Janette, Louise, Johnny M. and Benjamin: Effie J. is the wife of William Wiley and the mother of two children—Floyd A. and David R.; Olive Ann was married to Jonathan Saulsbury, and they live on the old homestead.

Mrs. Hayward has lived to see many changes, and often recalls many interesting incidents of the early times which the people of to-day know little about by experience, at least. She is now sixty-six years old, but active and intelligent, beloved by her children and friends, and passing down the hill of life in the peace and comfort to which she is so amply entitled.

REN E. GREEN, a prosperous farmer on section 25, Medina Township, is the eldest son of the well-known pioneer, Noah K. Green. In writing biographies of prominent men and pioneers of Lenawee County, a link would be lost and the chain broken were we to omit a sketch of Noah K. Green. He dates the origin of his family back to Henry Green, who with his wife and three brothers came to America from Greenwich, England, in 1629, in one of the eleven vessels whose passengers founded Salem Colony in Massachusetts.

The name of this family was formerly written "Greene," but the final "e" has been dropped by most members of the family since the beginning of the present century. Henry and his wife were the parents of eleven children, among whom was Henry, Jr., the second son, who married Miss Juda Gile, by whom he had eight children, one of these being Hezekiah, the grandfather of Noah K. Hezekiah Green was born in Windham County, Conn., Nov. 12, 1733, his parents having removed from the Bay State to Comecticut a number of years before.

Hezekiah Green married Alice Leavens, of Wind-

ham County, in 1755, and they had eight children. He continued to work as a farmer in that county until 1780, when with his family he removed to Berkshire County, Mass., where his wife died in 1796. He survived her thirty years, his death also taking place in Berkshire County, Mass., after he had reached the advanced age of ninety-two years. He was a cousin of Gen, Nathaniel Green of Revolutionary fame, and a personal friend of Washington. Among his sons was Noah, Sr., who was born in Windham County, Conn., Aug. 20, 1761. The boyhood of the latter was spent on his father's farm, but when called upon to defend the liberty of his country, he cheerfully went forward to assist in swelling the ranks of American soldiers, and fought all through the Revolutionary War. After the war he removed with his parents to Berkshire County, Mass., where he became prominent in political affairs and held various important offices, In 1791 he married Miss Rebecca Converse, who was born in Windham County, Conn., in 1769, and died in 1803. They had one son, Oren, who grew to manhood, and met his death on the ill-fated steamer "Erie," which was destroyed by fire about 1841. In 1804, Noah Green, Sr., married his second wife, Miss Sarah Davis, of Windham County. who became the mother of Noah K., the father of our subject, and died in 1815. Noah, Sr., was subsequently married in 1817, to a third wife, Miss Betsey Harwood, of Hampshire County, Noah Green, Sr., by his three wives became the father of fourteen children, five of whom lived to mature years. The result of the last marriage was the birth of three children, one of whom survives, Harriet, now Mrs. Warren, who resides in Wauwatosa, Wis.

Noah K. Green, the father of our subject, was born in Berkshire County, Mass., Dec. 24, 1808. He passed his early years amid the rugged hills of that county and received a fair education in the common schools. He was also under careful parental training, and upon reaching manhood was well fitted to occupy an important position among his fellowmen. Upon reaching maturity he chose for his wife a maiden of his own county, Miss Esther E. Baldwin, and they left New England shortly afterward, easting their lot with the pioneers of Michigan Territory. Mr. Green took up a tract of land in Medina Township, and in connection with the improvement and cultivation of this, interested himself in the welfare of the people around him, and was acknowledged by his community as a man eminently fitted to look after their interests. He represented the township in the County Board of Supervisors for a period of fourteen years, and in 1850 was elected to represent the county in the Legislature, being a member of that body until 1863. During his services in the General Assembly he introduced many important measures for which his name will be held in grateful remembrance. During the dark days of the Rebellion he stood steadfastly by the cause of the Union, and in all the relations of life, whether publie or private, was ever recognized as the honest man, the liberal-minded citizen and the reliable friend. His death, which occurred on the 8th of May, 1886, was mourned as an irretrievable loss to Lenawee County, whose interests he had held first and foremost for a period of over fifty years.

The children of Noah K, and Esther E, (Baldwin) Green, four in number, and all sons, were named respectively, Oren E., Noah T., George D. and Henry E. Their mother was born in Berkshire County, Mass., Aug. 14, 1807, and is still living, making her home with her son, our subject, at the old homestead. She was one of the first white women who came to Medina Township, and cheerfully took up her home in the wilderness, ready to bear the burdens of life with her heroic husband. Their eldest son, Oren E., the subject of this sketch, was born Nov. 14, 1835, and was the second baby in Medina Township. He attended the first school organized in the township, which was conducted in a log house, about 12x16 feet in dimensions, with slabs for benches, and furnished generally in the manner of those days; this first school was taught by Miss Amorette Belden. Oren E. made his home with his parents until his marriage, which occurred in 1859, his bride being Miss Lucy, daughter of James and Lucy (Cotrell) Rogers, Mr. Rogers was a native of Ashfield, Mass., and his wife of Worthington, that State. They were married in their native State in 1837, and upon coming to this county, lived in Medina Township until Mrs. Green was five years of age. They then removed east as far as Ohlo, where the father died in 1846; the mother is still living there, making her residence in Williams County, and is now sixty-eight years old.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Green was celebrated in Hilbsdale, this State, and they began life together upon the farm which they now occupy. The record of the five children which have been added to their household is as follows: Alice F. is the wife of Prof. E. A. Conditt, and resides in Delta, Ohio; Agnes L. married W. F. Smith, proprietor of a hotel in Hoskins, Dak.; Lura M. and George W. are at home with their parents; George R. died at the age of cleven years.

Mr. and Mrs. Green are prominently connected with the Congregational Church at Morenei, and assisted materially in the erection of the church edifice there. Mr. G., politically, votes the straight Republican ticket. As a farmer, a business man and a citizen, he is a worthy representative of one of the earliest settlers and most honored pioneers of this county, and his homestead, with its finely cultivated fields, its excellent buildings and well-kept stock, ranks well among the many desirable estates of Southern Michigan.



ON, THOMAS F. MOORE, Among the successful agriculturists and prominent business men of Madison Township, who have attained success in life through their own individual efforts, is the subject of this biographical sketch. The parents of Mr. Moore were Nathaniel and Sarah (Ferguson) Moore, both natives of Peterboro, N. H., where they grew to man and womanhood, married, and there passed their lives. His father's occupation was that of an agriculturist, and although farming in the hilly towns of the New England States is not the pastime it seems to be on the level prairies of the West, he, by the energy and perseverance characteristic of the people of the Granite State, was successful. Besides attending to his home duties he took an active interest in town affairs, and was one of the Selectmen of Peterboro for sixteen years. He and his wife were

earnest supporters of the Presbyterian doctrines, and were members of that church for nearly thirty years. She died April 10, 1850, and he survived her until Oct. 27, 1853.

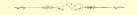
The parental family of our subject included ten children, seven sons and three daughters, namely: Henry, William, John, Nathaniel, James, Jane, Sarah, George W., Martha and Thomas F. Of this large family only three members are now living: Nathaniel, who resides on the old farm in New Hampshire; George W., who settled in Medina, Lenawee County, in 1836, on land bought from the Government, and Thomas F., our subject. Thomas F., the youngest of this family circle, was born in Peterboro, N. H., Oct. 2, 1819, and in this rugged hilly country, as he grew to a vigorous manhood, he received a practical education at the district school, supplemented by three terms of diligent study at Appleton Academy, New Ipswich, N. H., and a thorough course of industrial training on the home farm.

At the age of eighteen years Thomas Moore left the parental home and sought to carve his own fortune. At first he worked by the month farming; but he took great pleasure in reading, and still pursued his studies, keeping them fresh in his mind by teaching in the winter season. Glowing accounts of the rapidly growing West reached him, and the youth determined to prove their reality for himself. He worked his way along, reaching Erie County, N. Y., but remaining here one year only, he pushed still farther west, and came to Lenawee County, Mich., in 1839. Being pleased with the country, he purchased 160 acres of land from the Government, and though there was much labor to be performed in preparing this land for cultivation, he undertook the task, and in a few years had 100 acres well cleared. He lived here fifteen years and then exchanged this farm for 200 acres in Madison Township, section 20, on which he has since resided. He has since added to his possessions until he is now the proprietor of 300 acres of land, and has a fine farm, with substantial and commodious buildings, and all the modern appurtenances for conducting a well-ordered estate,

Mr. Moore was married in Byron, Genesee Co., N. Y., May 28, 1840, to Miss Rachel D., daughter of James B, and Sarah (Appleton) Todd, and niece of the late Samuel Appleton, of Boston. Mr. and Mrs. Todd were natives of Peterboro and Dublin. N. H., respectively, and settling in Peterboro after marriage, remained there until 1828, when they migrated to Byron, N. Y., and lived there until their death, which occurred for the father May 29, 1863, and for his widow in March, 1884. To them were born a family of eight children, namely: Isaac A., Rachel D., Sarah, Emily, John, Daniel, Samuel and James F. Five of these have passed away; the three living are Isaac, Rachel and Daniel, Isaac resides in Byron, N. Y., and Daniel in Adrian, Mich. Mrs. Moore, the second child in order of birth, was born in Peterboro, N. H., May 3, 1819, and was nine years of age when her parents removed to New York. Her union with Mr. Moore has been blessed by the birth of six children, three of whom died in infancy; the remaining ones are James M., Hattie N, and Samuel A. The firstnamed married Miss Delophene Smith, and resides in Jackson, Mich., where he is engaged with the Michigan Central Railway Company; Hattie N. is the wife of Warren N. Beal, and lives in Madison Township, while Samuel A. died in Madison Township, Jan, 14, 1878, when eighteen years old,

Mr. Moore takes a vital interest in the prosperity of his adopted township and State, and no meritorious scheme for the improvement of either is advanced but he is ready and willing to aid the enterprise to his utmost power, His ability and probity of character have won a just recognition, and he has served the public in many capacities with honor to himself and credit to his constituents, He represented his district in the Legislature in 1861 and the following year, and in the Senate in 1863 and 1864. With his discerning mind and enlarged views, he advocated all new measures that seemed to him beneficial to his State or country. He took a prominent part in securing the necessary appropriation to arm and equip the brave soldiers who were first sent to the field. For ten years he was Superintendent of the poor in Lenawee County, and was Chairman of the committee that built the county poor house. He served several years as one of the Board of Prison Inspectors. For four years he has been one of the Supervisors of Madison Township, and for two terms Chairman of the board, and he was also Vice President of the First National Bank of Adrian for four years.

Mr. Moore is ably seconded in all his efforts, morally, spiritually and intellectually, by his estimaable wife. They are both zealous and carnest members of the Presbyterian Church, in which he has been an Elder for many years. In politics he was formerly a Republican, but has now identified himself with the Prohibition party, and conscientiously upholds its principles.



ILLIS T. LAWRENCE, proprietor of the well-known Lawrence House at Adrian, has been a resident of this county nearly twenty-five years, and one of its most active citizens, He has had a thorough experience in his capacity as " mine host," a business to which he is peculiarly adapted, and in which he has been uniformly successful. In addition to his extensive private interests he has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen, contributing liberally of his time and means as a worker in political campaigns, and is one of the most valued members of the Democratic party in this section of the State. He was twice selected by an admiring constituency as their candidate for the State Legislature, but of course suffered defeat with the rest of his ticket in a county which at that time was largely Republican. The party was quite contented, however, with the knowledge that Mr. Lawrence had reduced the Republican majority greatly. He served eight years as Alderman, and was once the Democratic candidate for Mayor.

The early life of Mr. Lawrence was replete with difficulties and hardships, as at a tender age he was thrown upon his own resources, and under a hard taskmaster learned to fight for himself. He thus gained that self-reliant and independent spirit which in later years paved the way to his success in life. He was born in West Bloomfield, Ontario Co., N. Y., Oct. 12, 1849. At the age of eight years he was bound out to a farmer, from whom after four years' service he ran away on account of being whipped and over-worked and meeting with general bad treatment. Shortly after he was attacked with

typhus fever, with which he suffered the following winter, and in the spring of t832 went to work for his physician to pay his doctor's bill, and which it took him three years to liquidate, as he was only allowed one shilling per day. After this he was employed in a woolen factory at \$5 per month one year, when the business was abandoned, and young Lawrence found employment in a chair factory. ing, and finally, with a capital of \$20 and credit for \$30 more, embarked in the grocery business. After various other changes we find him largely interested in a packet line on the Genesee Valley Canal, operating a line of freight boats between Buffalo and New York, and a line of packets between Rochester and Danville. Subsequently be engaged in general merchandising, and in 1853 put up what is pow the Bracket House in Rochester. He became quite prominent in that city, and three years later was elected Assessor of the Second Ward. In 1854 he went to Oswego, and invested a part of his capital in a large brick block, which, soon after its construction, was destroyed by fire, involving a great loss, as there was but little insurance.

Mr. Lawrence while a resident of Rochester was married, Oct. 11, 1844, to Miss Jane Adelia Jackson, a native of Bradford County, Pa., and born Oct. 11, 1824. She only survived her marriage a few years, her death taking place in Rochester, May 11, 1846. Mrs. Jane Adelia Lawrence was the granddaughter of an Englishman of noble birth, and the heir to a large property, which probably for 300 years has been the subject of litigation and is now in chancery. One lady of the family bore the rank of Countess. Our subject has the record of the family for several generations, which indicates them to have been people of wealth and prominence, who made their mark wherever their lot in life was cast.

Our subject, in April, 1863, sold his property in Rochester and Swego, and coming to Adrian purchased the Bracket House and the Prairie Cottage Farm, and subsequently became the owner of other valuable property. These he greatly improved, and was in this manner the means of adding to the wealth and beauty of the city and county. He has been identified with many of the public enterprises of the city, including the Masonic Temple, of which he was President of the Board of Trustees four years, and Chairman of the Building Committee, In 1869 he rented Sweet's Hotel at Grand Rapids, which he disposed of six months later, and returning to Adrian purchased the Rowley Farm, which he owned several years. Subsequently he became proprietor of the ground familiarly known as the place of exhibition for the County Fair, and upon which he expended \$18,000 in its improvement. He has always been noted for his public-spirited liberality, and has given of his means with a free hand to the enterprises calculated for the upbuilding of the city. He is a man of excellent judgment, and one universally looked up to in matters connected with the welfare of the city. No man is more widely or favorably known throughout Lenawee County, and there are none who have manifested greater interest in maintaining its position as one of the most desirable sections of Southern Michigan.

William Lawrence, the father of our subject, a native of New York State, was born Dec. 8, 1789, and was one of the most prominent farmers of Ontario County. When a young man he served as a soldier in the War of 1812. He was married early in life, in 1808, to Miss Sela Thompson, then of West Bloomfield, N. Y., but who was born in Providence, R. I., April 5, 1794. Her parents emigrated with ox-teams from Rhode Island to Western New York, and were three months on the road. They settled on the Genesee Flats, and the land which William Lawrence industriously cultivated was subsequently familiarly known as "Big Tree Farm." He finally removed to Rochester, where his death took place March 20, 1864. Mrs. Lawrence, seven years later, came to Michigan and made her home with her son, W. T. Lawrence, in Adrian, until she was called hence on the 24th of February, 1871. The first representative of the Lawrence family in this country was John Lawrence, an Englishman by birth, who settled in Monmouth, N. J. His descendants are now numerously represented in various parts of the Empire State and the West, and are uniformly intelligent people and valued citizens.

Willis T. Lawrence was again married, May 25, 1

1847, to Miss Marion, daughter of Joseph and Polly Wadsworth, of Pittstown, Renselaer Co., N. Y., and they became the parents of two daughters. The elder, Marion Sela, was born in Rochester, May 15, 1848, and is now the wife of D. A. Whitney, of Detroit, Mich.; Erin Hickok was born Dec. 31, 1849, and died Oct. 12, 1850. Mrs. Marion Lawrence was born in Pittstown, N. Y., Aug. 27, 1829. Her father was a native of Bennington, Vt., his birth taking place Feb. 15, 1795; his death occurred in Rochester, Aug. 17, 1864, from cholers.

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ENRY C. HALL, the leading grocer of Hudson, is a man whose exceptional business talents and wide experience have been iness talents and wide experience have been important factors in his prosperity, and have gained him an assured position in the mercantile circles of Lenawee County. He is a native-born citizen of this township, and was born April 4, 1841. His father, Dr. Leonard G. Hall, was a pioneer of Lenawee County, and for many years a prominent physician, being one of the carliest of that profession who established himself in practice in this county.

Dr. Hall was born in Duanesburg, Scheneetady Co. N. Y., Aug. 7, 1806, where his father, a native of Massachusetts, was an early settler. In 1806 the father removed to Cold Brook, Herkimer County, and was also an early settler of that section of the country, which was at that time considered in the Far West. There were no railroads or canals in the whole length and breadth of the United States, and their removal thither was made with ox-teams. The grandfather of our subject took up a tract of land in New York, which was heavily timbered, and there on the frontier of civilization made his home until death, in the meantime clearing a large farm from the wilderness.

The father of our subject was reared on the old homestead in Cold Brook, and in his youth turned his attention to the study of medicine, as he was by temperament and nature peculiarly adapted for the life of a physician. In acquiring his profession he had to overcome many obstacles, but his indom-

itable will triumphed. Having first to earn money to pay for his trition he selected the shoemaker's trade, and after learning it he went to St. Catherines, Canada, and was there employed by the contractors of a canal to make boots and shoes for their men. He carefully saved his earnings, and was thus enabled to attend the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Fairfield, N. Y., from which he was graduated with honors, his diploma bearing the date of Jan. 23, 1834. Thus well equipped for his chosen career, he selected the Territory of Michigan, the southern part of which was being rapidly settled, as a promising field for a young physician to establish a good practice, and directly after graduation came here and located in Rollin Township. Soon after settling he was elected Justice of the Peace, and during the time he held that office he married only one couple, who in 1887 celebrated the tiftieth anniversary of their marriage. He made his home in Rollin with Daniel Rhodes, continuing in practice there until 1840, when he came to Lanesville, as the village of Hudson was then called, and opened an office here. This city was then but a small hamlet with no railway connections, so that he was obliged for a time to drive to Monroe for his medicines. He continued in active practice here till 1860, when he opened a drugstore, and after that practiced but little, and then only among his friends, until his death, which occurred Oct. 29, 1877.

During Dr. Hall's long residence here he won the entire confidence and respect of all in the community. In politics he was a Whig until the formation of the Republican party, of which he became an ardent supporter, continuing to advocate its measures until 1872, when he became independent and was attached to no party. His wife, Nancy K. Wells, was a native of North Adams, Mass., and daughter of Daniel and Mary Wells, who spent their entire lives in the Bay State. Mrs. Hall died in Hudson, Oct. 12, 1853, on the anniversary of her wedding day, which was Oct. 12, 1839. To her and her husband were born four children, namely: Henry C., John W., Jone C. and Inez F. The last named is the wife of W. II. Cornes, of Hudson; Ione C. is married to A. R. Smart, M. D., of Toledo; John lives in Detroit.

Henry C. Hall was reared in the town of his birth, receiving a most judicious training in good principles and habits from his excellent mother, whose loss he was called to mourn while yet a boy, His primary education was received in the public schools of Hudson, and was finished at Bryant & Stratton's Commercial College at Cleveland, Ohio, from which he was graduated in 1859, having received a practical business education. After leaving college he clerked in the Union store at Hudson for one year, and then deciding to take a European tour he went to New York City, intending to embark from there, but in that city he met a friend who induced him to go to California instead, San Francisco he engaged with J. W. Harker to go to Hangtown, or Placerville as it is now called, to take charge of a general store, and he remained there fifteen months thus engaged. He then returned to the East, and locating in New York City became engaged in the produce commission business, and also as a merchandise broker. At the end of five years he disposed of his business in those lines and engaged in the tea trade for the following three years. At the end of that time he concluded to return to the home of his birth, and accordingly came to Hudson and opened a store for the sale of groceries, crockery, chinaware and patent medicines. Since that time he has established a thriving trade, as he understands well how to cater to the wants of his customers, and by his honorable dealings gives general satisfaction.

Mr. Hall married, Dec. 24, 1870, Miss M. Josephine Hemans, a native of Jackson County, this State, and daughter of Enoch and Elizabeth Hemans. She is a member of the Episcopal Church, and a lady of much culture, sharing with her husband his popularity in social circles.

Mr. Hall is a very prominent member of the Democratic party in this section of the country, having twice been legislative candidate of that party for this district, and notwithstanding the fact that his party is hopelessly in the minority here and he was thus defeated, he polled a large vote both times, which shows that he is highly regarded as a citizen. He has served as City Treasurer for one term. Our subject is also a conspicuous and influential member of various social organizations of this State. He is a member of the Knights of Honor, being Grand Dictator of the Lodge of the State of Michigan. He also belongs to Lenandale Lodge No. 63, K. of P., of Hudson, also Council No. 608, Royal Arcanum.

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MARLES MITCHELL, one of the oldest pioneers of Lenawee County, came to the vicinity of his present homestead, in Madison Township, in the spring of 1845, where he has since resided. He has now passed his threescore and ten years, and by an upright and worthy life has gained the esteem of his fellowmen, while his industry and frugality have secured him a comfortable home in which to pass his declining years. His property includes 100 acres of good land, on section 33, where he has erected good buildings and in other respects distinguished himself as a progressive farmer. He has been an interested witness of the growth and development of Lenawee County, and formed one of the important factors in bringing it to its present condition.

Our subject was born in Delaware County, N. Y., Aug. 24, 1814, and is the son of David and Sarah (Dibble) Mitchell, who were natives respectively of Connecticut and New York. They located in Delaware County after their marriage, where they became the parents of nine children and spent the remainder of their lives. Charles Mitchell was the fifth child of the parental household, a member of which he remained until reaching his majority. Thence he migrated to Calhonn County, Mich., where he was engaged in farm pursuits until 1843, then removed into Barry County, and in the spring of 1845 came to Lenawee County, locating in Madison Township, of which he has since been a resident

The lady who has been the close friend and companion and the honored wife of our subject for a period of nearly fifty years, was in her girlhood Miss Ann D., daughter of Elias and Adeline (Stephens) Dennis, natives of New England. They came to this county from Ontario County, N. Y., locating in Adrian, where the father was engaged in farming and where their decease took place.

Their daughter Ann D, was the third of five children, and was born in Farmington, Ontario Co., N. Y., Sept. 18, 1821. She remained with her parents until their death, and then with relatives and friends until she became the wife of our subject, March 24, 1839, before reaching her eighteenth birthday.

The four children born to this union are all living and recorded as follows: Betsy A. married N. J. Strong, and resides in Madison Township: Jeanette is the wife of C. D. West, of the same township; David D. is a minister in Worcester, Mass., and Charles E. is carrying on agriculture in Madison Township, this county. This interesting family of six persons, parents and children, are all members of the Free-Will Baptist Church.

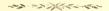


EROME CAMP, Many of the farms of Lenawee County which attract the attention of the passing traveler by the air of comfort and plenty which surrounds them, are owned and occupied by the well-to-do sons of the early pioneers, among whom the subject of this sketch occupies a worthy position. His property embraces 100 acres of land on section 8 in Fairfield Township, of which he took possession in the spring of 1887. The little household includes the wife and mother and two children, Levi B, and Omar A., who are now nineteen and seven years of age respectively. With the exception of two years spent in West Toledo, Mr. Camp has been a resident of this county his entire life, mostly engaged in farming pursuits, though since 1875 he has been engaged in a wholesale butchering business in Toledo, in connection with a partner, the firm name being Clayton, Camp & Co. This business is conducted on an extensive scale, furnishing mostly the local markets.

Mr. Camp was born in Dover Township. Sept. 20, 1844, and is the son of Ambrose and Phebe J. (Mills) Camp, natives of Wayne County, N. Y., where they were reared and married, and whence they came to this county soon after uniting their lives and fortunes. They were the parents of three children who still survive, of whom Jerome is the second in order of birth. Ambrose Camp died in

Hillsdale County, Mich., while on a visit to a nephew, while the mother passed her last days at the home of her daughter in Medina Township.

Our subject upon establishing a home for himself, chose for his life companion one of the most estimable young ladies of Fairfield Township, namely, Miss Adelia, daughter of Levi and Betsey (Bross) Russell, who were early pioneers of this county, where they spent the remainder of their lives. Mrs. Camp was born at the old Russell homestead June 27, 1844, and remained under the parental roof until her marriage. This union resulted in the birth of two children, aircady named. Mr. Camp is one of the most reliable members of the Republican party, and as a business man and citizen is held in the highest esteem.



DWIN HAFF was an officer in the late Civil War, where he served with bravery and distinction, taking part in many battles until he received a severe wound which incapacitated him from further service, and he then retired from the army with the rank of First Lieutenant. He is now prosperously engaged in farming in Medina Township. Mr. Haff's parents were Hiram and Cynthia (Avery) Haff, natives of New York, who removed to Sandusky County, Ohio, and there our subject was born on the 7th of March, 1840.

Edwin Haff grew to manhood on a farm, making himself useful in its varied labors and receiving his education chiefly in the common schools. He remained on the home farm until he was twenty-one years old, when the war broke out, and be enlisted in August, 1861, in Company F. 19th Ohio Infantry. and went to the front in the service of his country, his regiment forming a part of the Army of the Ohio. He enlisted as a private, but soon his intelligence, capacity, and courage in action won him deserved promotion to the rank of Sergeant. He was afterward promoted to the rank of First Sergeant, and at the battle of Chickamauga he had the command of his company, and for his services in that action the brave young officer was made Second Lieutenant. At the battle of Buzzard's Roost Lieut, Haff was wounded in the knee, which disabled him for further service, as he was obliged to use crutches for two years afterward, and he was honorably discharged. He was with his regiment in the many engagements in which they took part prior to that time.

After his discharge Lieut, Haff returned to Sandusky County, and as soon as he was able to attend to business his fellow-citizens, in just recognition of his ability and his good services as a patriotic soldier, elected him to the office of County Auditor in the fall of 1866. Though he was rather a young man to hold such a responsible position, yet his stern experience in the exciting years of the war had early developed his character and well fitted him for public life. In the fall of 1868 the satisfaction and confidence of the people in his honorable discharge of the duties of his office was voiced in his re-election to the same position for a second term. In 1870 he retired to private life, at the expiration of his second term as Auditor.

Mr. Haff had been reared as a farmer, and after his retirement from office his thoughts naturally reverted to the occupation which he had left when he went to the battle-field in the first year of the war, and wisely concluding to return to it again. he came to the rich agricultural regions of Southern Michigan to select some land for that purpose. He here bought 200 acres of very fertile land in Medina Township, on which he settled and has since been actively engaged in improving and cultivating his farm, to which he added by a subsequent purchase forty acres. Lieut. Haff was married, Dec. 22. 1868, in Clyde, Ohio, to Miss Libbie, daughter of Dennis and Catherine De Ran, who was born in Sandusky County, Ohio, April 11, 1844. The following-named children have been born of their union: Georgie M., Lennie and Belle,

Mr. and Mrs. Haff have a pleasant, attractive home, to which their many friends always receive a cordial and genial welcome. Mr. Haff is prominently identified with the Democratic party of this township. The same public-spirited conduct that marked his course in his native State from the time when he first attained the full privileges of citizenship, has also characterized his course as a citizen of Lenawee County, where he has also held responsible offices. In the full of 1874 he was elected County Register of Deeds, for Lenawee County, serving in that office for one term. He was twice elected County Clerk, and has held the office of Supervisor of Medina Township for two terms. He is a member of Medina Lodge, F. & A. M., and of Adrian Commandery.



HARLES W. DUNN. Prominent among the agriculturists who have contributed by their energy and industry to the growth and prosperity of this county is the gentleman whose name heads this sketch. His purents were Jefferson and Adelia (Morris) Dunn, both natives of the State of New York, who early in their married life came to Michigan, settling first in Wayne County, whence they removed to Lenawee about the year 1835, thus being among the early settlers of this county. Here the father died June 24, 1838, and Mrs. Dunn afterward married Nelson Smith, who has since died, and she survives him at the advanced age of eighty-four years.

Mr. and Mrs. Dunn were the parents of four children—Sabra, Charles W. and John W. (twins), and Robert J. Sabra died at the age of thirteen years; John was killed when he was ten years old by being thrown from a wagon; while Robert resides in Fairfield Township.

Robert J. Dunn in coming to Fairfield Township in 1833, had to cut his own road for a half mile through the dense forest to the spot where he located, and when there they unloaded their household goods under a tree, there being no other shelter until they erected a cabin.

Our subject was born in Wayne County, Mich., while his mother was there on a visit, the date of his birth being Nov. 24, 1834. He was reared in the home that his father had built in the newly settled township for his young family, and where death early deprived them of his care. He was educated chiefly in the common schools of his native State, which even at that early date, though one of the youngest of the States of the Union, was noted for her active measures for the education of her youth; and her common-school system, even before her admission to the Union, was far in advance of

that of some of the much older States. A superior educational system, devised by John D. Pierce, Superintendent of Public Instruction, was adopted by her Legislature the very year that she was admitted into the Union. Mr. Dunn early became inured to the toils as well as the pleasures of farming, and chose that vocation as his life work. He now owns the old homestead and the farm connected with it, which consists of 140 acres of carefully tilled soil, whereon he has erected substantial buildings and made many valuable improvements.

The marriage of Mr. Dunn with Miss Mary J Sanford occurred Jan. 1, 1862. Her parents were natives of New York State, and came to Michigan in 1849, making their home in Fairfield Township. Lenawee County, where he resided until his death, which occurred in Detroit while there for medical attendance in November, 1879; his wife continues to make her home in Fairfield Township. They were the parents of three children: Mary J.; Martha E., who died in infancy, and Edgar A., who resides in Fairfield Township. Mrs. Dunn was born at a place four miles south of Norwalk, Ohio, May 1, 1838, and receiving a good education became a school teacher, and pursued that vocation with success until her marriage. She is an active worker in the Baptist Church, of which she is a member,

His integrity of character and devotion to those principles which he believes to be right have gained for Mr. Dunn the respect and confidence of his neighbors. Heartily sympathizing with those who battle against one of the great evils of the day, Mr. Dunn is a Prohibitionist; he was associated with the Republicans until he espoused the Prohibition cause.

ENRY MANWARING, a farmer and an esteemed citizen, is a resident of Riga Township. Mr. Manwaring's early life was a constant struggle for the independence and comfort he has finally achieved. He is a native of Connecticut, where his birth occurred in Waterford, New London County, Aug. 8, 1834. His father was Isaac Manwaring, a native of Connecticut, who married Eunice, the daughter of Paul

and Mary (Rogers) Beebe. Mrs. Beebe was a lineal descendant of John Rogers, who was burned at the stake in England during the time of the religious persecution. Mr. Beebe's ancestors came to New England in the early part of the seventeenth century. In 1841 Isaac Manwaring died, leaving his widow with seven children to care for. She was a worthy, industrious woman, and did what she could to provide for their confort; her death occurred in New London, Count, in 1852.

Our subject was but seven years of age when he was deprived of a father's care, but his mother managed to keep him with her until he was nine years old, when she was obliged to surrender him to the care of relatives. He first went to live with a cousin, but at the end of a year he went with an uncle in his native place, Waterford, and lived with him for a year. He next went to the home of Mr. L. T. Rogers, in the same town, where he worked four years for his board and clothes, then, having resolved to become a sailor, he shipped on board a fishing smack for one season. On his return from the voyage he obtained employment in a bakery in New London for the winter, and after that he engaged again as a sailor in a coasting schooner, and followed the sea for some time, sometimes coasting, sometimes fishing, and was thus employed until he was seventeen years old. He then exchanged his occupation of a sailor for that of a machinist, working in a machine-shop in New London for three and a half years. He then made another and a final fishing trip, and in the year 1856 a friend, George Beebe by name, induced him to accompany him to the West. They went to Fulton County, Ohio, and there found work at farming, as they had resolved before they left Connecticut that they would engage in that occupation. Our subject worked for \$13 a month until the following September, and then, feeling the need of a better education, he attended school at Waterville, Ohio, where he made rapid progress in his studies and soon made up for lost time. In the following spring he obtained employment in a brickyard in Springfield, Lucas Co., Ohio. During these years he had no permanent home, not living any length of time in any one place, on account of his varied occupations,

Mr. Manwaring was now able to take an impor-

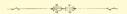
tant step toward the attainment of the object of his ambitions and desires to found a home, by his marriage, Aug. 30, 1857, with Miss Maria Bemis, who has since faithfully assisted him and encouraged him in his work. Mrs. Manwaring was born in Springfield, Lucas Co., Ohio, Jan. 7, 1835, and is the daughter of Abel and Esther (Cummings) Bemis, natives respectively of Vermont and New York. They were among the early settlers of Springfield, Lucas Co., Ohio, where Mr. Bemis bought a heavily timbered tract of land, on which he built a log house for his family, and in that house his daughter, Mrs. Manwaring, was born, ite labored until he had a well-improved farm, and spent his last years in the home of his daughter, Mrs. Manwaring, dying Oct. 20, 1873. His wife died in Monroe County, this State, Oct. 11, 1869. They were the parents of ten children, four sons and six daughters. Three of their sous-Joseph, William and Charles-served honorably in the late Civil War, and William and Joseph died in the service of their country. Charles is now living in Whiteford, Monroe County, this State.

In 1858, a few months after his marriage, Mr. Manwaring located on a farm at Ottawa Lake, Monroe Co., Mich., but after a time he rented land until the year 1861, when he bought twenty-seven acres of land at Ottawa Lake and built a log house for shelter. He thus had just established a permanent home, which, however humble it might be, he could still call his own, and was soon settled and commenced the improvement of his land, But the terrible Civil War was then raging, and although he had not wholly paid for his home, he put aside all private considerations and enlisted on the 9th of August, 1862, in Company K, 18th Michigan Infantry, and went to the front in the service of his country. He remained for twenty-one months a member of the 18th Michigan, which was attached to the Army of the Cumberland, and was then transferred to the Naval Department, in accordance with General Order No. 91, War Department. He served on board the war ship "Winnebago," on the Mississippi River until August, 1864, when he went to Mobile with Farragut's fleet, and was present at the capture of that city. He remained there till July, 1865, when his ship was

ordered to New Orleans, where he received his discharge the following August.

After receiving his discharge our subject returned to Michigan, where with patient courage he commenced anew his labors to build up a home; for while he had been fighting the battles of his country the little home which he had left, not being paid for, reverted to its original owner. His health was much impaired by the rough life of a soldier, and for awhile after his return he was sick. As soon as he was able to work he obtained employment in the Adrian carshops, but the close confinement necessitated by his work did not agree with his health, so in 1866 he rented a farm, and in the fall of 1867 bought where he now resides. The land was heavily timbered, and he had to cut away the trees to make room for the log house which he built for the residence of his family. He now has twentyfour acres well improved, and the greater part of the remainder partly cleared and good pasture land, and he has erected a comfortable dwelling, with other frame buildings adapted to the necessities of his farm. Thus by unceasing diligence and perseverance Mr. Manwaring has attained the fruition of his early ambitions. Mr. and Mrs. Manwaring's wedded life has been blessed by the birth of two daughters named, Laura, who was born April 3, 1860, and died at the age of six months, and Emma, who was born Jan. 11, 1868,

In politics Mr. Manwaring is a firm believer in the principles of the Republican party, which he supports by vote whenever occasion offers. He is a member of Scott Post No. 43, G. A. R., at Blissfield.



RS. ANN P. HUME is a resident of Medina Township, where she is located on a fine farm of 130 acres of excellent land under a good state of cultivation. She is the daughter of Stephen and Ruth (Smith) Payne, the former a native of Massachusetts, and the latter of Connecticut.

The mother of our subject at the age of seven years migrated with her parents from Massachusetts and settled in Monroe County, N. Y., where they resided until the death of her mother, in 1844, at

forty-eight years of age. The father broke up housekeeping after the death of his wife, and spent the remainder of his life with his children, dying at the home of his son Lewis, in New York, Feb. 7, 1880, at the advanced age of eighty-nine years. The parental family included five children, two sons and three daughters, of whom Mrs. Hume was the third child, and was born Feb. 10, 1823, in Bergen, Genesee Co., N. Y. Here she passed her girlhood, first attending the common school, after which she entered the Ladies' Seminary, at Geneseo. N. Y., at the request of her aunt, Mrs. Ann Colt. She also attended the select schools and was engaged in school teaching one year, while she was identified with the educational interests of the county for several years.

In 1846 our subject was married to Roderick R., son of Moses and Sally Hume, natives of Berkshire County, Mass. His parents settled in Monroe County, N. Y., whence they removed in 1854 to this county, and subsequently to Hudson Village, where the decease of the father occurred June 15, 1864. After the death of her husband, Mrs. Hume returned to New York to spend the winter with her son, Dr. Stephen Hume, and was there taken ill and died Nov. 7, 1868, and her remains were buried at Hudson. Of their family of six sons and two daughters, Roderick was the third child in order of birth, and was born May 28, 1816. Mr. and Mrs. Hume passed their childhood together, attending the same schools, public and select.

To Mr. and Mrs. Hume there were born seven children, as follows: Charles R., Oct. 21, 1847; Frank L., Oct. 14, 1849; Anna Carolina, July 21, 1852; Sarah Thankful, April 14, 1856; Mary P., Jan. 27, 1860; Will E., Sept. 2, 1862, and Alice M., Jan. 8, 1866. Charles is in Caldwell, Kan., practicing medicine, and married Miss Nettie Ross; they have two children—Ross and Ray. Frank L. is engaged in mercantile business at the same place, and married Miss Mary Fulton, and they have two children-James and Francis: Anna C, is deceased; Sarah T, married Otis B, Fitch, a merchant of Ft. Wayne, Ind., and has four children-Jesse Hume, Alice May, Grace Aurelia and Roderick William; Mary P, is deceased, and Will E, is at home: Alice M. attended the Ft. Wayne High School for two

years, and is at present engaged in teaching in District No. 10, in Medina Township, and has taught two years; when not thus engaged she resides at home with her mother.

The subject of this sketch was born in the immediate neighborhood of Mrs. Cleveland's grandmother, Mrs. Rogers, and was her personal friend. In religion she is a Presbyterian, while her husband was also a member of the same church. In politics Mr. Hume was identified with the Republican party. Mrs. Hume is noted for her force of character and sterling worth. She is an affectionate friend and a good neighbor, and is deservedly esteemed by all those who have the pleasure of her acquaintance.

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ERBERT B. HATHAWAY, the President of the Council of Blissfield, was born in Palmyra Township on the 20th of January, 1845, and his father, George A. Hathaway. was born in Palmyra, Wayne Co., N. Y. The grandfather, Hiram Hathaway, was a native of Massachusetts, and emigrated from there to Wayne County, where he was one of the very first settlers. At that time there were no railroads or canals, and the removal was made with teams. For many years he kept a hotel in Palmyra, of which town he was a resident until his death. The old homestead is now occupied by one of his sons, an uncle of the subject of this sketch. The grandmother lived until she was one hundred and two years of age, and during the latter years of her life took great pleasure in relating the events and incidents in the career of the early pioneers.

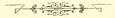
Upon arriving at manhood, Mr. Hathaway's father was married to Adeline Chase, of Pahnyra, where they remained residents until 1832, when they came to Lenawee County, and settled in what is now Pahnyra Township. They came by the way of Erie Canal and the Lakes to Toledo, and then by a team through the wilderness to Palmyra. Upon his arrival in this county he entered a tract of timber land, on which he built a log house, but not long after he sold this land, and bought a tract on the River Raisin, containing a log house, in which the subject of this sketch was

born. The father cleared quite a large tract of land and engaged in farming there for many years, but spent the latter years of his life in retirement in Blissfield, dying in December, 1883; his wife died in 1885. They were the parents of four children: Georgiana, who died at the age of ten years; Edward, living in Arkansas; Herbert B., and May, who died in 1875, at the age of twentytwo years.

The subject of this sketch spent his youth assisting his parents in clearing the land and tilling the soil, and at intervals attending the pioneer school. On the 5th of August, 1862, he enlisted in Company E, 18th Michigan Infantry, in which he served until the close of the war, receiving his discharge from the service in July, 1865. After his return from the army he went to Colorado, and was there in the service of the United States, in the Quartermaster's department, and in this service he spent nearly three years in the West, during that time being engaged in Kansas, Colorado, New Mexico and Wyoming. After his return to the East he engaged in manufacturing broomhandles at Palmyra, which he continued until 1872, and then went to Benton County, Ind., and engaged in the lumber business for two years, after which he went to Kentucky, and for two years engaged in the stave business. In 1875 he returned to Michigan, and engaging in selling pumps and wind-engines in Allegan County, remained until 1879, when he removed to Blissfield and purchased the broom-handle factory and planing-mill, which he operated in company with Nathaniel Stoner, until 1883, when he bought his partner's interest, since which time he has built a sawmill, and conducted the business alone.

In October, 1872, Mr. Hathaway was married to Sarah Spandding, of Lewiston, Niagara Co., N., and they have four children—Mand, May, Hope and George. Mr. Hathaway is one among the live and enterprising business men of Blissfled, and his manufacturing establishment is of great benefit to the town and surrounding country, as it affords a market for the various varieties of timber which grow in this part of Michigan, and gives employment to quite a number of men. He has been for a considerable time a member of the Board of Town

Trustees, and is at the present time President of the board. He is an enthusiastic member of Scott Post No. 43, G. A. R., and a member of Blissfield Lodge No. 144, A. F. & A. M. In politics his additations are with the Democratic party, although the does not take a very active part.



RANT FELLOWS, a painstaking and rising young attorney in the village of Hudson, was born in the township where he now lives on the 13th of April, 1865, and has made this county his home ever since, except one year spent in the South. He is the son of Hiram N. and Maria (Perry) Fellows, both of whom were members of old pioneer families. Hiram N. Fellows was a mative of the town of Brutus, Cayuga Co., N. Y., and was born Sept. 7, 1818. He was the son of Judson and Hannah (Andrews) Fellows, who were of English ancestry, and he was the last survivor of their family of six children.

Hiram N. Fellows spent his boyhood and youth upon his father's farm in the then new settlement in the wilds of Western New York. Possessing an iron constitution and a powerful muscular organization, he, at the age of seventeen years, with a hardihood characteristic of the pioneers in these western wilds, left the parental roof, migrating to what was at that time the Territory of Michigan. Locating in Medina County, in this township, for a number of years he was employed as a farm laborer by the month, having ever before his mind the goal for which he was striving, a farm of his own, With rare self-denial he carefully saved all that he earned in this manner, and invested his money in real estate, thus laying the foundation of his fortune. Like all others who came to this county in those early days, he was compelled to endure many hardships from which those of the present generation would shrink in dismay,

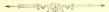
During the great freshet of June, 1836—an event often spoken of by the early settlers—after a continuous rain of fourteen days, when the country was nearly immedated, the family for whom Mr. Fellows was working at the time came to a point where it was necessary to obtain some provisions. Nothing catable was to be found in the house except a small quantity of dried venison. Although but eighteen years of age, young Hiram volunteered to go to the nearest neighbor, some thirteen miles distant, and ascertain if it was possible to borrow something upon which the family could subsist until the roads were passable. The want of the common necessities of life was nothing new to the family or to the community at large, but the question at this time was, whether to make this perilous trip or starve. At night a council of the family was held, and the extremity to which they were reduced demanding immediate exertions, Hiram the next morning after breakfasting upon a piece of dry venison started on foot. He was obliged to walk nearly the whole distance through the water, which in several places was waist deep. On his arrival at the neighbor's, he found that the family had some flour, and borrowing twelve pounds of it, started to return, carrying the flour and protecting it from the rain with his umbrella, and made the trip of twenty-six miles in one day, Passing through many experiences of this and greater hardships, the time came at last when he could rest from his labors, but not until his youth had fled.

In 1841, Hiram Fellows was united in marriage with Miss Maria Perry, a native of New York, and the daughter of Abel Perry, of Medina Township. In 1851, Mr. Fellows removed from Medina to Rome Township, and thence to Hudson Township. At the time of his death he had a fine farm, which he had brought to a high state of cultivation by patience and industry, and on which he had accumulated some very fine stock. In politics he was a stanch Democrat of the Jeffersonian school. The principles of that party seemed to his mind a sure and proper foundation for our free government, He was the father of nine children, Abel, who was born Dec. 11, 1843, and Grant, the subject of this sketch, being the only ones now living. Mr. Hiram Fellows died in this township, Aug. 17, 1876. His wife was a native of Lysander Township, Onondaga Co., N. Y., of which State her father was also a native. Her mother, before her marriage was Miss Lucinda Ainsworth.

Grant Fellows remained at home with his parents,

receiving the rudiments of his education in the district schools of that locality, until he was thirteen years of age, when he was sent to the village of Hudson, and entered the High School of that place. He was graduated from that institution in 1882, and going to Missouri in 1883, was occupied for about one year in teaching school in Crawford County, in that State. Returning to Hudson in 1884, he commenced the study of law with L. R. Peirson, with whom he remained until he was admitted to the bar, Dec. 11, 1886. He at once opened an office in Hudson, and on the 14th of March, 1887, he became Village Attorney, which office he holds at the present.

In polities Grant Fellows differs from the creed of his father, and is a Republican of the strongest type. In 1886 he traveled through the counties of Lenawee and Hillsdale, making speeches for the benefit of that party with considerable credit to himself. He is a member of the High School Alumni Association of the village of Hudson, and in 1886 held the position of President of the society. Although young in years, he is already taking his part in the world, and is rapidly rising in popularity and in the general esteem of his fellow-citizens.



EVI W. BAKER, a representative farmer and stock-raiser of Dover Township, was born in Macedon, Wayne Co., N. Y., Aug. 17, 1835, and is the son of Samuel and Charlotte (Mills) Baker, both natives of New York. After their marriage they settled in Wayne County, that State, but in 1840 they removed to Lenawee County, this State, and settled in this township, which continued to be their residence until death. Mrs. Baker's death occurred Oct. 22, 1868, and Mr. Baker did not long survive his estimable wife, his death occurring Oct. 5, 1870. They were much respected by the people among whom they had made their home for so many years. They were the parents of two children—Amos M. and Levi W.

The subject of this sketch was but five years old when he came with his parents to Dover Township, and since that time he has known no other home, having lived here as a boy and man for nearly fifty years. He was educated in the common schools of this township, and his early training on a farm tended to make him a practical and energetic man. When he was old enough to choose his vocation in life he wisely decided to continue in the occupation to which he had been bred, and his work has been erowned with success. He has a farm of 120 acres of land on section 8, which is under excellent tillage, everything about the place showing careful and thrifty management, while he has erected a good set of buildings and made many other valuable improvements. Besides paying careful attention to the culture of the soil, Mr. Baker has devoted a good deal of time to stock-raising, achieving much success in that line, as is attested by his fine herd of well-bred

Mr. Baker was married in Dover Township, Dec. 3, 1857, to Miss Martha Crater, and to her hearty co-operation he owes much. Her parents were Matthias and Deborah (Shippy) Crater, the former a native of New Jersey, and the latter of Vermont, After marriage they settled in Wayne County, N. Y., where Mr. Crater died June 20, 1854, while Mrs. Crater survived him many years, dying in Rock County, Wis., Dec. 27, 1871. Mrs. Baker was the only child of their union, and was born in Arcadia, Wayne Co., N. Y., Sept. 29, 1840. To her and her husband has been born one son, Andrew S., his birth occurring in Dover Township, July 3, 1870.

Mr. Baker is a worthy citizen, doing what lies in his power to promote the best interests of the township; in polities he casts his influence and vote for the Republican party. Mrs. Baker is a much esteemed member of the Baptist Church.

ILLIAM M, JOHNSON is distinguished as being one of the oldest native-born citizens of Ogden Township still a resident within her borders, though a man yet in the prime of life. His father, William Johnson, was one of the original settlers of the township, coming here in 1836, while the town was yet unnamed. Mr. Johnson gives us a graphic account of his father's settlement in the primeval forests of Lenawee County,

which well illustrates the energetic and daring spirit with which the brave pioneers of that day encountered and overcame the obstacles to settlement.

William Johnson, the father of our subject, was an Englishman by birth, and born in Lancaster. When he had grown to manhood he decided to leave his English home, and to seek his fortune on American soil, accordingly he emigrated to this country and located in New York State. His first step toward a better fortune in this country seems to have been his marriage in Seneca Falls, Cavuga Co., N. Y., with Miss Mary Murphy, a native of New Jersey, and shortly after this event they sought a home in the sparsely settled regions west of New York State. Traveling by the slow methods of procedure in those days, they penetrated to the then wilds of Fulton County, Ohio, and there located and lived until the year 1836, when Mr. Johnson, thinking they could do better in Michigan, came to what is now Ogden Township, this county, and selected a tract of land. He then walked to Monroe County, where the land-office was located, to enter the land, but found that it had been already taken up, so he returned to the same place in Lenawee County, and made another selection of land. Upon his second visit to the land-office he found that that too had been entered, but undaunted by this failure he made a third selection of forty acres of land on section 29 of what is now Ogden Township, and on his return a third time to the Government land-office he found that no one had a prior claim on the land,

That one may better understand, and appreciate the courage and hardihood required to undertake that pedestrian trip from Lenawee County to the land-office in Monroe County, we must remember that the distance to be traveled was fifty miles through a dense almost trackless forest, save for occasional trails of the Indian, or some wild beast, and when we take it into consideration that three times did he perform this journey, on foot and alone, our appreciation of his resolution and fortitude is increased. After securing the entry of his land, Mr. Johnson returned, and energetically set to work to prepare a home for his family. His tract lay in the midst of the primeval forest, and he had to obtain all his building material directly

from it, and fashion it rudely with his own hands, He erected a log cabin, splitting shakes for the roof, and puncheon for the doors and floor; no sawed timber was used in its construction. The chimney was build on the outside of the house, and was composed of mud and sticks, with a huge fireplace, and as they had no stove, his good wife cooked their meals by the open fire, baking bread in a large kettle. Mr. Johnson had no team at first, but cut and rolled his logs together by manual labor, and then burned them. He was finally able to buy a voke of oxen, with which he did his farm work and marketing for years. He lived to see the county well developed, and died March 1, 1878, while his wife had preceded him to the silent land May 14, 1862. They had three children: Phebe A., now deceased; William M., our subject, and Martha, the wife of Alfred Young, living in this township.

Mr. Johnson was the second child and only son of his parents, and was born in this township, Jan. 27, 1839. He remembers when deer, wild turkeys and other game roamed at will through the forests and over the prairies of this county, and as soon as he was large enough to shoulder a gun, he used to go out hunting, and killed his share of deer and other wild game to supply the family larder. He attended the pioneer schools, and assisted his father until he was twenty-two years old, when he settled in a home of his own, reclaiming his land from the wilderness, as his father had done. He now has eighty acres of land, forty acres of which are in a fine state of improvement.

Mr. Johnson has been three times married. He was first married in December, 1860, to Miss Ann Galligan, a native of Northfield, Washtenav Co., Mich., of which county her father, Bryan Galligan, was a pioneer. After a wedded life of ten years she died in 1870, leaving a son, Eugene, who married Caroline Stock, a sister of his present stepmother; they now reside in Anaheim, Los Angeles Co., Cal., where he holds a clerkship. Mr. Johnson's second marriage was with Miss Sarah Young, a native of Pennsylvania, and daughter of John and Betsy Young; she died in 1880, leaving one son, Arbie.

The third marriage of our subject took place Jan.





William Baker

10. 1882, with Miss Libbie Stock, a native of Lucus County, Ohio, and a daughter of Godfrey and Julia Stock. Her father was born in Wurtenberg, Germany, and came to America when a young man, and located on land in Lucas County, Ohio, where he lived seven years, and then came to Riga Township, where he bought land and improved a farm, which he now occupies. His wife, whose maiden name was Julia A. Housen, was born in Hanover, Germany, and came to America when she was twenty-one years of age. She met Mr. Stock in Toledo, Ohio, where they were married. Two children have been born of this union—Esther May and Eva Julia.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have the esteem and respect of all in their neighborhood, and they are influential members of the Evangelical Church. Mr. Johnson is a man of sterling worth and carnest convictions, and in nothing does be show this more than in his stanch adherence to the Republican party.

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ON. WILLIAM BAKER was for many years a leading citizen of Lenawee County, and was engaged in the mercautile and other business at Hudson. He was widely known throughout Southern Michigan as a man of care business talent and unswerving integrity, who wielded a marked influence in promoting the business interests of the county and township of which he was an honored citizen. He was a native of New York, his birth occurring at Ft. Ann, Washington County, Oct. 21, 1818.

The father of our subject, likewise named William, was born in Berkshire Connty, Mass, Dec. 4, 1784, and removed from there to Ft. Ann, N. Y., where he made his home during the remainder of his life. His wife, whose maiden name was Sarah Wheeler, was born Jan. 2, 1794, and spent her last years at Ft. Ann; they were the parents of six children.

During his boyhood our subject attended school, and when it was not in session assisted his father in the labors of the farm. He was a lad of more than ordinary intelligence, and his cultivated mind was as much the result of careful reading and quick

powers of observation as of systematic study. In 1837 he left the home of his parents and came to Michigan to join an elder brother, who was a civil engineer, and at that time engaged in making railway surveys in Southern Michigan, Mr. Baker assisted his brother for some time, but in 1841 he turned his attention to the mercantile trade in Hudson, and from that time until his death he was engaged in that and other branches of business here. When he first made his home here there was no railway in the country west of Adrian, and all his goods had to be drawn by team from there. Besides his business as a merchant, Mr. Baker was part of the time engaged very extensively in buying and selling stock, grain and lumber, driving the cattle to Toledo for shipment.

The marriage of Mr. Baker with Miss Delora Osborn took place July 11, 1843. She was born in Perrinton, Monroe Co., N. Y., March 9, 1821. and is the daughter of John and Mercy A. Osborn, of whom a sketch is given elsewhere in this work. She is now living in a commodious brick house pleasantly located on a rise of ground and commanding a fine view of the village and the surrounding country. Mrs. Baker is a member of the Congregational Church, and is a woman of fine character and much ability. To her ready tact and pleasant manners in entertaining his friends and associates in their beautiful home, her husband was undoubtedly much indebted for his popularity and influence. To them were born three children: Gamaliel (1st) who died aged about four years, John M., and Gamaliel (2d), John M. is in the mail service of the United States as Division Superintendent, with headquarters at Cleveland, Ohio. Gamaliel married Miss Emma Elliott, and is carrying on farming in Hudson Township.

Notwithstanding his arduous private duties our subject devoted much time to public affairs, as he was often called upon to serve in various official capacities, in which he won the entire confidence of his constituents. He was elected to the State Senate on the Republican ticket, where he won for himself an honorable record. His memory will ever be revered in this community.

While the memory of such men as Mr. Baker needs no effort of art to perpetuate it, still we believe that as a future generation listens to the narrative of "what their fathers did in those days," the view of these pictured faces will inspire them to emulate so noble an example. It is with pleasure, therefore, that we present on an adjoining page of this volume a portrait of Mr. Baker.



UTHER WARNER, a pioneer farmer of Hudson Township, came to Michigan in 1832, when tall forest trees were still waving over the land where now stand thriving villages. Settlements were few and scattering, and the deep silence of the wilderness was unbroken, save by the occasional ringing of the pioneer's ax, and at night by the howlings of the wild animals. This part of Michigan had been less than a quarter of a century before condemned by Government surveyors and geographers as swampy land, unfit for agricultural purposes, and had been left to the Indians as a hunting-ground. But its value as farming land was beginning to be perceived, and in the course of a few years our subject witnessed many changes, and saw the commencement of many new settlements, He can tell many interesting tales of pioneer life, illustrative of its various phases of pathos, selfsacrifice and mutual self-helpfulness.

Mr, Warner was born in Walworth, Wayne Co., N. Y., Sept. 14, 1818, and is the grandson of David Warner, a native of New England, and an early settler of Walworth, where he bought a tract of timber land and improved a large farm. He was one of the members of the first Grand Jury that was ever convened in that county, and was otherwise prominently connected with public affairs during his long and useful life, which extended over nearly a century, his death occurring in 1824, at the age of ninety-eight years. It is not known whether his son Russell, the father of our subject, was born in New England or in the State of New York soon after his parents settled there. He was reared in the pioneer home of his parents, and married in that town Ora Phelps, a native of Monroe County, N. Y., and the daughter of Silas Phelps, a Revolutionary soldier, who was a pioneer of that county. After marriage Mr. Warner bought a tract of timber land in Manchester, Ontario County, and resided there until his death in 1828, having in the meantime cleared a good farm. After her husband's death the mother of our subject married again, the name of her seeond husband being John Thompson, and died in Manchester, Ontario Co., N. Y., in the home of her husband.

Luther Warner was but a lad of ten years when he had the sad misfortune to lose his father. He remained with his mother for awhile, and finally went to live with an aunt in Monroe County, who, in 1831, removed to the Territory of Michigan, settling in Oakland County. In 1832 her nephew joined her, coming via canal to Buffalo, and thence by way of Lake Erie and the Detroit River to Detroit, and from there on foot through the woods to Oakland County. When he made that memorable journey from New York he was but a boy of fourteen years, but he was a self-reliant, manly youth. He remained with his aunt until 1839, and then came to this county, and bought on section 16 of Hudson Township a tract of land on which the forest trees were still standing; he built a log house on the place, and commenced to clear his land. In the fall of that year he revisited his native State and spent the winter, returning to this State in the spring. He was then without domestic ties of his own, and made his home with his sister in Rome Township until his marriage, which occurred in June, 1841, with Miss Sarah Carpenter, a native of New York. They commenced their married life in the home he had built in the forest clearing on his farm in Hudson, but their life together, however happy, was brief, as the death of the young wife occurred in the year following their marriage. Mr. Warner was a second time married in June, 1845 the name of his bride being Melissa Wilson. She was also taken from him after a few years of married life, leaving two children-Beatrice A, and Mark L.

The third marriage of our subject took place Sept. 7, 1858, and was with Miss Nancy Bennett, a native of Columbus, Ohio. Her grandfather, Moses Bennett, was a farmer, and spent his last days in Ohio, while her father, Joel Bennett, was a native of Pennsylvania. He married in Elmira, N. Y., Mercy Winkler, a native of that place, and daughter

of John Winkler, and then with his wife and brother he migrated to Kentucky, floating down the Ohio River in a flatboat until they arrived on the Kentucky shore opposite Portsmouth, where they made their home for a short time. They then crossed the river to the town, and from there went to Columbus, and after living near that city a short time they went to Miami County, whence they subsequently came to the Territory of Michigan. The journey was made entirely in a wagon drawn by oxen, and two weeks were consumed in traveling the distance, which was 200 miles. Mr. Bennett bought a tract of timber land on section 25 of Hudson Township, and at once commenced the erection of a log house and the clearance of his land, and there resided until the death of his wife in 1843, A few years after that sad event he disposed of his property in Hudson and removed to Adrian, where he remained till 1860, then went and lived with his children until his death, Feb. 3, 1865.

Our subject and his family continued to reside on the farm that he had bought when he first started out in life until 1868, in the meantime clearing the land, erecting a good frame barn, and otherwise greatly increasing its value. He then disposed of that place, and bought the farm where he now resides in the same section. Here he and his wife have a cozy home, and can now take life more leisurely than in times gone by when they were gathering together the competency by which they are now enabled to spend their years in ease and comfort. Of their union one daughter has been born, Jennie M.

In politics Mr. Warner has for many years been a faithful follower of the Democratic party; and as an honest man and a good citizen he deserves the respect and consideration in which he is held by all.

HARLES H. KENDRICK, one of the pioneers of Lenawee County, and a resident on section 28. Blissfield Township, was born in Schlotheim, Germany, on the 13th of December, 1827. He is the son of William and Doretha Kendrick, both of whom were natives of Germany where the mother spent her entire life. The father and his three children came to America in 1843, and settled in Macomb County, Mich., where they lived for a few years and then removed to Newport, where he bought a farm and spent the last years of his life. The names of the children are: Henrietta, the wife of Charles Haghan, who lives in Waverly, Iowa; Frederick D., who lives in Detroit, and Charles II., the subject of this biography.

Charles II. Kendrick attended school quite steadily until he was fourteen years old, and then began work in a rope factory, where his wages amounted to about fifty cents per week. He was in his sixteenth year when he came to America with his father, and upon his arrival went to work in a sawmill in Macomb County, where he remained for two years and then began to learn the trade of a shoemaker. He did not like that occupation, and after working three months, went to Canada and staid two or three months, and then returned to Macomb County, where he remained until 1846. In that year he came to Lenawee County, where he arrived without money enough to buy a meal, but very soon procured work at \$6 per month, and he continued thus employed at various occupations for three years, by which time he had earned suffieient money to purchase forty acres of land, which is now included in his present homestead. This land at the time was heavily covered with timber, and he paid \$6,25 per acre for it. He continued to work for other parties, excepting in the winter season, when he engaged in deadening and clearing the timber from his own land. He built a log house on the place in which he settled at the time of marriage and which the family occupied a number of

On the 9th of October, 1851, Mr. Kendrick was married to Maria Austin, who was born in Steuben County, N. Y., on the 10th of February, 1823. They have had six children, four living, viz: Etta, the wife of Ruel Payne, a farmer near Blissfield; Emma; Cicero, who married Irene Beach and assists in carrying on the home place, and Jennie. The deceased were Charles W. and Mary M. Mrs. Kendrick's father, Isaac Austin, was born in Maine, and afterward removed to Vermont, where he worked upon a farm. He went to New York from Vermont, married, and resided there until 1840, when he came

to Michigan and bought twenty acres of land in Palmyra Township, on which he resided for a few years. He then sold that property and bought land in the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of section 28, Bilssfield Township, and cleared a farm from the wilderness, where he resided until his death. The maiden name of his wife, the mother of Mrs, Kendrick, was Louisa Pierce, who was born in New York State, while her father was Daniel Pierce, a native of Vermont. He removed from that State to New York, and then to Michigan, and spent the last years of his life with his children in Lenawee County.

Mr. Kendrick's industry has been richly rewarded, and he now has 120 acres of as fine farm land as ties in any part of Michigan, and the buildings which he has erected for the comfort of his family and the shelter of his domestic animals are models of their kind. Mr. and Mrs. Kendrick are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which they are of excellent standing. Mr. Kendrick acts and votes with the Democratic party, but does not sacrifice any time that would be valuable for business or social affairs to politics.



OBERT BOYD is a general farmer, residing on section 6, Raisin Township, where he occupies a pleasant rural home, and is conducted after the most improved methods of agriculture, and he has displayed excellent taste and judgment in the details of improvement about the place. Mr. Boyd is a native of County Antrim, Ireland, where he was born in January, 1831, and resided until he reached menhood and was married.

In November, 1850, in County Antrim, Ireland, Mr. Boyd was married to Miss Mary Preston, who was also born in 1831, in the same county. Her parents died when she was quite a small child, and she was reared to womanhood by strangers. After the birth of their first child, Mr. and Mrs. Boyd set out for the New World, arriving in this country in 1852. Immediately upon arrival at New York, he started for the State of Michigan, and located at Tecumseh, but after landing at this place, he made

the unwelcome discovery that he had but one cent left. However discouraging the circumstances and surroundings were, he did not feel cast down, but immediately sought employment of the farmers throughout the surrounding country, and was successful. The first work he secured was to drive an ox-team, the first he had ever seen, and he soon found himself in trouble. When about to make his first attempt, he inquired of the owner for a pair of lines with which to guide them. He was not accommodated with these articles, but being left to his own resources he soon mastered the art of driving oxen without lines. He lived in Tecumseli for some time, and finally purchased his first land in Raisin Township, which consisted of twenty-five acres, about four years after he arrived in the county. while he is now the owner of 100 acres, all in one body on section 6. He has had all the experiences of a pioneer, even if he did not become a citizen of the county in the pioneer days.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd are the parents of nine children, of whom the living are Emma, William, Maggie and Frank. Emma, the cldest, is the wife of James Smith, and they live near Franklin Centre, Lenawee County. In the year 1865 four children—William, Alfred, David and Addie—dled of diphtheria inside of two weeks' time. One other child, Eliza, by name, is also deceased.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd are Protestants in their religious belief, as are also all the members of the family. In political matters Mr. Boyd acts with the Democratic party, but not to the extent of becoming an office-seeker. He is a man who is modest in his demeanor, and very tolerant of the ideas of others. He is an excellent neighbor, and enjoys the esteem and respect of all the people of the surrounding neighborhood.

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ESLIE T. GOFF, of Blissfield Township, was born on the old homestead where he now resides, April 1, 1845, and is the son of one of the first settlers of this county. His father entered land from the Government at \$1.25 per acre, which, like the surrounding country at that time, was a dense wilderness, and one can easily imagine that

the present beautiful and productive farm is the result of long-continued and industrious labor.

The father of our subject, Sewell S. Goff, a mative of Massachusetts, was born in the town of Royalston, Jan. 29, 1811, whence, in early manhood he removed to Lewiston, N. Y., and from there, in 1829, to this county. Here he entered forty acres of land on section 20 of what is now Blissfield Township, where he made arrangements to establish a permanent home. Soon afterward he married Mrs. Margaret, widow of Samuel Buck, whose husband was one of the first settlers of the county, and owned a tract of land adjoining that of Mr. Goff. Mr. and Mrs. Goff began life together in a log house, which they occupied many years, and from which they removed to a house on the bank of the river cast of the log house. They finally returned to the old farm, where Mrs. Margaret Goff departed this life May 31, 1839; here also the father of our subject died twenty-six years later, on the 23d of January, 1865. Mr. Goff was a second time married, to Miss Lucy Frary, a sister of his first wife, and who was born in New York, Feb. 5, 1820. They were the daughters of David Frary, also one of the pioneers of Blissfield Township. Of the first marriage there were born three children: Warner W.: Almira, who became the wife of A. L. Bliss, and is now a resident of Adrian, and Sewell, who died in infancy. Of the second marriage there were four children, three now living, namely: Philander, who resides with his brother; Leslie T. of our sketch, and John A., a resident of St. Mary's,

Our subject was reared amid the scenes of pioneer life, and completed his education in the district school. He remained under the home roof until the death of his parents, and was lirst married April 10, 1866, to Carrie D., daughter of Rev. Mr. Kellog: by her he had two children: Lucy Mabel, now the wife of W. W. Smith, and William Herbert, who lives at the home place with his father. Mr. Goff was divorced from his tirst wife, but the children continued to live with him. On the 28th of January, 1878, Mr. Goff was a second time united in marriage, with Miss Clara A. LaBounty. Mrs. Goff was born in Reedtown, Ohio, Jan. 22, 1857, and is the daughter of Chancey and Eliza LaBounty, who are living in Blissfield Township. Mr. and

Mrs. Goff have one child, a son Charles, born July 20, 1881.

Our subject has from year to year added improvements to the old homestead, and is now the proprietor of sixty-one acres of valuable hand under a good state of cultivation. He possesses all the qualities of a reliable citizen, and enjoys the confidence and esteem of his neighbors. In polities he is a Republican.

S LLIOT R. KILBURY resides on section 21 of Cambridge Township, where he carries on general farming and stock-raising. He purchased this place in 1849, when it was but slightly improved, but he has since brought it to a high state of cultivation, and has now a fine place of about 180 acres of land and gives most of his attention to stock-raising. He was born in the State of Vermont, Sept. 6, 1827, and is the son of Richard Kilbury, who was the son of Richard Kilbury, Sr. The latter was a Scotchman who came from his native hills to the United States and made his home in Ohio, east of Cleveland, where he followed the business of blacksmithing and where he died. He married and became the father of a family of three or four children, one of whom, Richard, Jr., was the father of the subject of this sketch.

When quite a young man Richard, Jr., left the parental roof, removing to Vermont, after serving an apprenticeship at the blacksmith's trade. While there he was united in marriage with Miss Lucinda Johnson, a native of New England, and some years afterward he removed to Ohio, where, in 1832, the parents and three of their children succumbed to that dread scourge, cholera. In consequence of this sorrowful event, Elliot was left an orphan before he was six years old. At that time he made his home with Dr. Baltes Ruple, a stranger, with whom he remained until he was sixteen years of age. He then removed to his uncle's, who lived near Cleveland, and there attended school for awhile, after which he spent some five summers sailing on the lakes. At that time Chicago was but a hamlet and Toledo was in its infancy. While thus engaged he became acquainted with a Capt. Case, with whom he came to the then new township of Cambridge, and deciding to locate here took up a farm and commenced to improve it. Feb. 10, 1851, in Cambridge Township, the subject of this notice was united in marriage with Miss Catharine E. Sheeler, a native of Sussex County, N. J., who was born Jan. 13, 1830. She is the oldest child of George and Jane (Onstead) Sheeler; the latter is now deceased, dying June 27, 1885. The father is still living on the old homestead, where he first settled in May, 1836. Mrs. Kilbury was a child of but six years when her parents removed to this State, and here she was reared and received her education in the common schools of that day. Notwithstanding the lack of educational advantages at that time general in this country, Mrs. Kilbury, by diligent and constant labor, suceeeded in acquiring a good education. Mr. and Mrs. Kilbury became the parents of six children, only one of whom is living-George R. The others died in infancy, except Viola J., who was the wife of Harvey Griffin, and Perrie Senia, who died at the age of eighteen.

Mr. Kilbury and his wife are quite prominent in the Grange movement, both being members of Lodge No. 279. He is in politics a Democrat, and enjoying the confidence of his fellow-citizens, has held the office of Justice of the Peace for years.

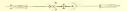
OHN CHRISTOPHERS. The mercantile interests of Medina and vicinity are worthily represented by this business-like and energetic citizen. His early home was in the Buckeye State, where he was born in Huron County, Dec. 6, 1822, and was the second in a family of four sons and one daughter, the offspring of Dr. Richard P. and Sarah (Chapman) Christophers, natives of Connecticut.

Richard P. Christophers was born Feb. 22, 1793, and his wife March 14, 1791. The father of the latter was born in 1757, and served in the Revolutionary War. The parents of our subject were married in Perkins Township, Eric Co., Ohio, in 1818. Richard P. Christophers was a man of more than ordinary ability and obtained a college education. Besides having been graduated from Yale, he also took a full course in a medical college in his untive State and was one of the pioneer physicians of Erie (then Huron) County, Ohio. The parents spent their last years in that State, the father dying near New London on the 16th of August, 1829. The mother subsequently made her home with her children in Bellevue, where her death took place March 8, 1834.

Our subject was but a lad of seven years at the time of his father's death, and three years later began life for himself, entering the employ of his uncle at Huron Village. At the age of fourteen he commenced his apprenticeship at the tanner's trade in Bellevue, Ohio, at which he served seven years, and made his way to this State in 1844, in company with Charles C. Morse, and located in Medina Township, where he continued thirteen years engaged in tanning. In 1857, in company with Charles C. Morse, of Medina Township, he purchased an interest in the Tiffin River Mills, where he engaged in the manufacture of flour and lumber until 1860, The two had hitherto owned but a one-half interest in the mills, and now purchased the remaining half. In 1873 Mr. Christophers disposed of his interest in this to the sons of Mr. Morse, who still continue the business; he had been in company with Charles C. Morse about thirty years.

In 1876 Mr. Christophers, in company with his old partner, Charles C. Morse, Charles Hamlin and Rev. II. P. Eldridge, visited the Centennial Exposition at Philadelphia. They had been there but a short time when Messrs. Morse and Hamlin were taken ill and our subject returned with them in September. Later, with a party of ten he retraced his steps and made an extensive trip through the East, visiting Washington, D. C., Baltimore, New York, Brooklyn, Coney's Island, Niagara Falls and other points of interest, not forgetting the tomb of Washington at Mt. Vernon. They also visited the city of Harrisburg, and returned via Cleveland, Ohio.

Mr. Christophers, now quite satisfied with his travels, returned to Medina, and in the spring of 1877 he purchased a stock of drugs and groceries and built up a good trade. Six years later he put up the fine brick store which he now occupies, and here he carries on general merchandising, numbering his patrons among the most prominent and wellto-do citizens of the southern part of the county. He is a stanch supporter of the Republican party, and in all respects a representative citizen.



OL. NATHANIEL BUEL ELDREDGE is perhaps one of the best known men in the State of Michigan, and is certainly the hero of a remarkably interesting history. He is the seion of excellent English and Welsh ancestry, who located in New England during the Colonial days. The paternal grandfather of our subject it is believed settled in Connecticut. Among his sons was Daniel, who was born Feb. 7, 1772, and in early manhood migrated to Vermont, where he married Miss Mehitable Bristol at Sandgate. That same year, with his young bride, he moved to Cayuga Connty, N. Y., where Nathaniel B. was born March 28, 1813, in the then young city of Anburn.

Daniel Eldredge, although just commencing life, and ned cavoring to build up a farm from a tract of land partially uncultivated, when the call for soldiers came during the troubles of 1812, proffered his services as a Federal soldier. He was recognized as one eminently competent to command, and was given a Captain's commission, and led his company in the battle at Queenstown, where the American army, under Gen. Van Rensselaer, was taken prisoners. Their release, however, was effected not long afterward upon the final victory of the Federal troops.

The Eldredges were essentially a stirring, energetic and patriotic set of men. Daniel Eldredge, the paternal grandfather of our subject, who was born in Massachusetts, Feb. 25, 1745, commanded a company during the entire Revolutionary War, and his commission, dated Dec. 2, 1776, and signed by John Trumbull, is now in possession of his grandson, Nathaniel B.—His wife was the daughter of Col. Seth Warner, the great Indian lighter of Massachusetts.

The subject of this history received an academic education, and commenced teaching when sixteen years of age, which profession he followed several winters. He was an uncommonly bright and active youth, and at this time was appointed a cadet to the Military Academy at West Point by President Jackson, but was obliged to decline for the reason that his father felt unable to furnish the outfit, Four years later he commenced the study of medicine under the instruction of his brother, Dr. H. D. Eldredge, and was graduated from the Medical College at Fairfield, N. Y. In October following, he came to Oakland County, this State, which was then in its infancy, and from 1837 to 1843 engaged in the practice of his profession. In the meantime he had been married to Miss Jeanette Patten, the wedding taking place at the home of the bride. April 21, 1839. Mrs. Eldredge is the daughter of George who for many years carried on farming extensively in Commerce Township, Oakland County.

in August, 1843, removed to Lapeer, and in company with Dr. De Laskie Miller, for many years a Professor in Rush Medical College, continued the practice of medicine until 1852, and in the meantime officiated as Justice of the Peace, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, and in many other important positions. In 1845 he was Clerk of the Senate, and in 1848 a member of the House. He was next elected Judge of the Probate Court of Lapeer County, during which time Charles M. Walker, then a law student, was his clerk. In 1853 he was appointed Postmaster of Lapeer, and served three years. The following year, having already become well versed in the study of law, he was admitted to practice, and formed a partnership with his former clerk, C. M. Walker. They were twice for Prosecuting Attorney, but retained their former

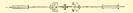
Upon the outbreak of the Rebellion, Nathaniel B. Eldredge, as was to be expected, was the first man who enlisted from Lapeer County, and his partner, Mr. Walker, was the second. Mr. E. raised a company and appointed his partner Orderly Sergeant. The company was assigned to the 7th Infantry, and before the regiment left the State, in September following, our subject was promoted Major, and C. M. Walker Quartermaster. Col. Eldredge par-

ticipated with his regiment in the affair at Balls Bluff and Edwards' Ferry, and after the unfortunate events which followed, wrote a letter in which he severely blamed Gen. Stone, which letter was published undesignedly, and for which Gen. Stone ordered the offender's arrest. After waiting six weeks for his trial, Col. Edbredge resigned, and upon his return home Gov. Blair first appointed him a member of the State Military Board, and in April following, a Lieutenant Colonel of the 11th Infantry.

Col. Eldredge joined his regiment in Tennessee, and was with it in several skirmishes and battles until his health failed, and he resigned in 1863. Two years later he moved to Adrian, and with his old partner, C. M. Walker, commenced the practice of law. He was a man destined always to public position, and in 1870 was elected Mayor of Adrian, to be honored in the fall following as the nominee of the Democratic party for Congress in the district composed of Wayne, Monroe, Lenawee and Hillsdade Counties. In 1874 he was elected Sheriff of Lenawee County, In 1882 he was the successful candidate for Congress, and was re-elected in 1884. His term ended in March, 1887.

There were born to Col. Eldredge and his estimable lady seven sons and four daughters. His eldest son, Lansingh B., during the war was Major of the 4th Michigan Cavalry, and after its close was elected Sheriff of Lapeer County, being then but twenty-six years of age. The second son, Lewis T., was for many years teller and book-keeper for the Lenawee County Savings Bank, and subsequently became book-keeper for the hardware establishment of R. J. Jewell; he is now in Lenawee County. Dan B., in 1879, was appointed Station Master and Freight Agent at Quincy for the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad, and is now cashier of that road in Buffalo: George H., a portrait painter of rare merit, is now here; John B, in early life learned the trade of a coppersmith, and is now Assistant Postmaster in Adrian. The youngest son, David D., is in Buffalo in the Lake Shore Railroad employ. The two daughters were named respectively Louisa A. and Ella, The elder resides at home; the younger is the wife of William P. Smith, of Ionia County. The wife and daughters have been regular attendants of the Presbyterian Church for many years, and the Colonel contributes liberally to the support of this church, although not himself a member.

Col. Eldredge came to Michigan about the time of its transformation from a Territory to a State, and when it contained about 110,000 inhabitants, It was then represented in Congress by one member only, and the development of its great resources had scarcely begun. He has watched the growth of this line section of country under the hands of the brave sons of toil, and has seen it steadily advancing until it has become a commonwealth of which the pioneers are justly proud. Under the encouragement and labors of such men as the subject of this history, it now possesses a school system equal to any in the United States, with a University familiarly known all over the land, and unexcelled in wealth by any State in the Union. It numbers now at least 2,000,000 inhabitants, with eleven Members of Congress, and a reputation as one of the leading sisterhood in the Northwest.



OHN G. MILLER, one of the very successful and energetic farmers of this county, resides on section 22, Macon Township, where he has a homestead of 100 acres of fine land, with his residence on Lake Ridge, and also ownsforty acres on section 14. Mr. Miller came to this county in 1854, and settled on what was then a wilderness in Macon Township. He is a living example of what industry and energy will accomplish, as he began a poor man and is now, by his own efforts, in possession of a good, comfortable home.

Mr. Miller was born in Bavaria. Germany, Nov. 29, 1824, where he remained till twenty-three years of age. In 1847 he accompanied his parents, George and Dorothea (Englehart) Miller, to America, where after a voyage of eight weeks they all landed in Quebec, Canada, and thence made their way to the United States, locating on a farm of forty-four acres in Trumbull County, Ohio. After spending two years there our subject set out on his own account, going to Mercer County, Pa., where he rented a farm, and in two and one-half years ac-

cumulated some 8700. He then joined his parents in Ohio, and all came to Michigan and purchased land in Macon Township, where the parents lived until their death, at the ages of eighty-four and eighty respectively.

John G., our subject, was the only son, and had five sisters, all but one of whom are now living, and are married to the following-named gentlemen: David Eastlick, John Bachman, John Hahn and Fred Miller.

Mr. Miller was married in Trumbull County, Ohio, in 1848, the lady of his choice being Caroline Deniger, who was born in Bayaria, Germany, in 1827. When but a child she was bereft by death of her mother, and this was followed soon after by the death of her other parent. Some time afterward she came with the Miller family to the United States, and located with them in Trumbull County. Ohio. She became the mother of eight children, four of whom are now dead; the living are: Fred, who married Miss Emma Karcher, and lives with her father; Carrie, Mrs. Henry Smith, of Muskegon; Mich.; Edward, who married Maggie Quin, and lives in Clare, Clare Co., Mich.; and Leonard, who is at home. The deceased were Maggie, Katie, Christie and Mary. The first two lived to be married.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller are members of the Lutheran Church. In politics Mr. M. is a Democrat.

HILLIP WAREHAM. One of the most valuable and highly improved farms of Lenawee County is owned and cultivated by the gentleman whose name heads this sketch. He is located in Woodstock Township, where he owns 135 acres of excellent land, and is engaged in general farming and stock-raising. He has occupied his present residence since 1860, and as the result of his industry and perseverance he has accumulated a competency which he may now enjoy.

Mr. Wareham was born in Cumberland County, Pa., Nov. 12, 1807, and is the son of Phillip and Mary (Johnson) Wareham, the former born in Cumberland County, while the mother was a native of Ireland, where she was born in County Fermanagh. Phillip Wareham, 8r., was by trade a blacksmith, but he followed the occupation of a farmer, and spending his life in his native State, died at the age of fifty-four years. The decease of his wife occurred when she was about sixty-two years of age. The paternal grandfather of our subject, Phillip Wareham, was a native of Germany, and immigrated into the l'nited States prior to the Revolutionary War. He settled in Cumberland County, Pa., and followed the occupation of a farmer until his death at the home of the father of our subject at the age of seventy-nine years. His wife, Betsey Hanes, preceded him to the silent land lifteen years.

The parental family of our subject included eight children, of whom but two are now living. Johnson, the other living member, is a resident of Carlisle, Pa., where he is engaged in his occupation of a carpenter. Phillip Wareham was reared on the farm, attending the district school in winter until he became able to handle a flail, and remained engaged on the home farm until twenty-four years of age. From that time until he reached his thirtyfirst year he was variously engaged in that neighborhood, and he then removed to Wayne County, Ohio, and operated a farm on shares. He continued thus engaged until the fall of 1848, when he removed to Eaton County, this State, and purchased 160 acres of land with the money be had saved while farming rented land. He made this his residence until 1860, clearing his farm and ing a log cabin and barns. He finally sold this farm and removed to Woodstock Township, where he purchased his present property.

On the 28th of October, 1830, our subject was united in marriage with Miss Rachel, daughter of Conrad and Rachel (McNeil) Dewey. She was a native of the same county as her husband, and was horn Feb. 29, 1808. Her parents were agriculturists by occupation and spent their entire lives in Pennsylvania, where they reared a family of eight children, of whom all are now deceased. The wife of our subject passed away at her home in this county on the 5th of March, 1875. They became the parents of seven children, namely: Theodore, Hamilette and the parents of seven children, manely: Theodore, Hamilette and the parents of seven children, manely: Theodore, Hamilette and the parents of seven children, manely: Theodore, Hamilette and the parents of seven children, manely: Theodore, Hamilette and the parents of seven children, manely: Theodore, Hamilette and the parents of seven children, manely: Theodore, Hamilette and the parents of t

ton, Phillip, John C., David P., Margaret C. and Johnson. Theodore was born in Cumberland County, Pa., Oct. 31, 1831, and married Miss Nancy Brown, who has borne him two children; their elder daughter married E. Holland, and has five children; Hamilton was born April 7, 1834, and married Miss Julia E, Delany; they had a family of three children, one of whom is deceased; their eldest daughter became the wife of E. Spaulding and has three children, Phillip was born April 28, 1836, and married Miss Catherine A. Casey; John C. was born Oct, 7, 1838, and married Vina Holmes, by whom he had two children, one of whom is deceased; David P. was born May 23, 1841, and died June 21, 1861; Margaret C. was born June 10, 1843, became the wife of J. N. Mikesell, and died March 2, 1863; Johnson was born Sept. 19, 1845, and married Miss Hattie Holland, who was born Aug. 26, 1846; they have two children: Percy E., who was born Jan. 4, 1871, and Bertha M., April 21, 1876.

Mr. Wareham resides with his son, but still owns the farm, and in his old age retains in a great degree his mental and physical faculties. In politics he is a Democrat and is unswerving in his principles. He is not very much interested in the subject, however, but he regularly records his vote for the party of his choice, and cast his first vote for Andrew Jackson. While a resident of Eaton County, Mich., he was elected Treasurer of Carmel Township, and held the office four years.



LBERT HUMPHREY BUMP, Sa., is well known throughout this and adjoining counties as a pioneer, who made his home in Southern Michigan in the early days of its settlement, and has since witnessed its wonderful development. In nothing has the progress of the country and times been more marked than in the modes of traveling. When he first came here the only means of transportation was by means of wagons drawn by horses, or more commonly by oxen, over exceedingly rough roads, sometimes rendered almost impassable by mud, so that the advent of the first railway into Michigan, although it was of the

most primitive construction, was a great event in the lives of the early settlers. The rails were of wood, while the ears were drawn by horses, and our subject proudly handled the lines of the horses that drew the first car that ever came into Adrian over that road. Mr. Bump was born in Chatham, Columbia Co., N. Y., Jan. 29, 1818.

The grandfather of our subject, Benjamin Bump, was a native of New England, and one of the early pioneers of Saratoga County, N. Y., where he took up a tract of land in Greenfield and improved a farm, upon which he resided until his death. The father of our subject, Bartlett Bnmp, was born on his father's homestead in Greenfield, and there lived until he was eighteen years old, when he removed to Chatham, and went from there as a soldier in the War of 1812. After his return to that place when the war had closed, he married Miss Mary Swift, a native of Connecticut, and in 1825 they removed to Wayne County, where Mr. Bump engaged in farming on shares. In March, 1833, he came to Michigan, where he made his home with George Crane, in Palmyra Township, and continued working for him until the construction of the railway was commenced in 1834, when he took a contract to build the first section of such road ever constructed in Michigan, He, however, sublet that contract, and in 1835 took another, to construct three miles of the road in Palmyra Township, completing it in 1836. In 1837 he removed to Hillsdale County, and buying a tract of timber land in Wheatland Township resided there until his death. He had in the meantime cleared a fine farm, and erected good buildings to take the place of the rude log house in which his family first lived when they settled there. To him and his wife were born four children, namely: Albert H., Barbara A., Charles and Benjamin F. Barbara married J. F. Taylor, of Wheatland; Charles lives in Toledo, Ohio, and Benjamin F. resides on the farm where he was born, in Wheatland. Mr. Bump's death occurred in August, 1887, he having attained the age of eighty-seven years. He and his wife enjoyed the respect of all in the community as people of genuine worth.

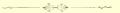
The subject of this sketch was fifteen years old when he came with his parents to this county, and

lived with Mr. Crane in Palmyra Township until he was twenty-one years of age, when he received from him eighty acres of timber land in the township of Wheatland, section 35. In the fall of 1836 the ears began to run from Toledo to Adrian, and, as we have before said, were drawn by horses, which were changed three times on the trip. The first cars that passed over the railway carried the officials, and our subject met the train three and onehalf miles from Adrian with a pair of Mr. Cranc's horses, which he attached to the train and drew it into Adrian. Mr. Bump immediately took possession of the land which his employer had given him and erected a log house, into which he brought his bride, and there his children were born. cleared about sixty acres of the land and erected frame buildings, but in 1870 he sold out and removed to Medina Township, in this county, where he bought a fine farm of 120 acres, and resided there prosperously engaged in farming for some years. In 1883 he had a good opportunity to exchange that property for his present farm on section 10 of Hudson Township. This is very finely located, admirably adapted to all farming purposes, and has an ample set of buildings, while everything about the place shows good management on the part of the owner. All his prosperity he owes to well-directed energy and economy, and sound judgment on all matters pertaining to his line of business.

Mr. Bump was firstmarried, in November, 1812, to Fanny, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Yanghn) Hawkins. She was born in Oxfordshire, England, in 1818, and came to America in 1833. The parents settled near Rochester, where her father died, and the mother died in Hillsdale County at the home of our subject. Mrs. Bump died in May, 1871, and left to mourn their loss six children: Bartlett H., George H., Albert H., May E., Emma J. and Ellen C. Bartlett resides in Wheatland; George and Albert in Hudson; May, Mrs. Dennison, in Muskegon; Emma, Mrs. Trumbull, in Hudson, and Ellen, Mrs. Helmic, in Wheatland.

Mr. Bump's second marriage occurred Aug. 13, 1872, with Rebecca A. Smith, who was born in Plattsburg, Clinton Co., N. Y., March 19, 1817, and was the daughter of Levi and Rebecca (Watrous) Nichols. She had been previously married to Thomas C. Smith, who died in New York in 1860, leaving four children, namely: Cornelia M., Harvey T., Eugene and Levi N. Cornelia, now Mrs. Haff, lives in Clinton County, N. Y. Harvey and Levi live in Mt. Pleasant, Isabella Co., Mich., and Eugene lives in Medina Township. Mrs. Bump came to Michigan with her three sons, in the year 1862, and settled in the town of Medina.

Mr. and Mrs. Bump are passing their lives quietly in the enjoyment of a screne old age, surrounded by many friends, by whom they are held in the highest regard and esteem for their true worth and integrity.



TEPHEN M. MEAD. The State of Michigan is noted all over the country for its hospitable people, and this reputation has been well earned, as any stranger who travels through the State must concede. As a representative of these hospitable people in Lenawee County, the subject of this sketch stands prominent. He was born in Lanesboro, Berkshire Co., Mass., on the 18th of September, 1822, and is the son of Seymour Mead, who was born in the same town Nov. 11, 1789, and the grandson of Stephen Mead, who was born in the locality known as Horseneck, near the line separating the States of New York and Connecticut.

Mr. Mead traces his ancestry to William Mead, who was born in Stamford, Conn., in 1641, and had a family of eight sons and one daughter. The son Ebenezer was born in 1663, and marrying Sarah Knapp, of Stamford, Conn., had two children: Ebenezer, Jr., was born Oct. 25, 1692, and married Hannah Brown, and their son Caleb married Hannah Brown, and their son Caleb married Hannah Brown, and their son Caleb married Hannah Brown, and three children. Their son Stephen, the great-grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was born on the 2d of March, 1741, married Elizabeth Holley, and removed to Lanesboro in 1766, in the settlement of which place he was a pioneer. This journey they made on horseback, when the grandfather of the subject of this sketch was but two years of age, and was carried in his mother's arms. The great-grandfather bought quite a tract of timber land about one mile from the vil-

lage of Lanesboro, which he cleared and cultivated, and made his home until his death; it is now owned by a cousin of the subject of this sketch, named William Mead. The grandfather resided on that farm until he died in 1863, at the age of ninetyseven years, and the father, Seymour Mead, was reared at the old homestead, and followed farming there for many years. He and his father and brothers built a woolen-mill near the old homestead, and engaged in the manufacture of cloth, besides which they operated a marble quarry, doing an extensive business. He remained a resident there until 1847, when he sold his interest and removed to Willoughby, Ohio, where he lived until 1851, and then came to Blissfield and remained until his death, on the 16th of March, 1869. The maiden name of his wife was Lucy Mason, who was born in Lanesboro, Mass., on the 29th of November, 1798, There were five children, as follows: D. R. died in Pittsfield; Mary is the widow of D. S. Harrington, and lives in Bangor, Mich.; Stephen M. is the subject of this sketch; S. Lafayette and George A, P. died in Blissfield. The wife's father, Renben Mason, was born Sept. 12, 1773, and married Mary Platt, who was born in Lanesboro, Mass., on the 22d of April, 1779. The mother of Mr. Mead died in Blissfield on the 1st of May, 1875.

The subject of this sketch attended the common schools in the winter season, and during the spring and summer months assisted his father in various ways. Before the days of railroads, he teamed to Albany and other towns, and in 1840 drove a stage from Lanesboro across the Hoosac Mountains. He lived in Lanesboro until 1860, and then went to Cleveland, Ohio, where he drove a stage for the greater part of two years, and then took employment on the Lake Shore Railroad, and remained with that company for twenty-six years. He was first a brakeman on the gravel train, and was promoted from that to the various grades, until he reached the position of conductor of a passenger train, in which capacity he served twenty-one years, running between Cleveland, Erie and Buffalo. In 1878 he resigned his position, and coming to Blissfield, settled on his present farm, to which he has devoted his attention ever since,

Mr. Mead was first married on the 5th of Octo-

ber, 1842, to Harriet Garlick, who was born at Lanesboro, Mass., April 18, 1824, and was a daughter of Eli Garliek; she died in Pittsfield, Mass., Sept. 20, 1846. They had one child, Dwight S., who now lives in Blissfield. Mr. Mead's second marriage was on the 30th of May, 1848, with Minerva S. Humphrey, who was born in Lanesboro, Mass., on the 22d of April, 1829. She is the daughter of Reuben Humphrey, of Hallowell, Me., who was born in 1808, and his father was Aaron Humphrey, who emigrated to America and settled in Maine, He was an Episcopal minister, and preached in various places, and finally died at Beloit, Wis., when ninety-two years of age. The father of Mrs. Mead was a shoemaker, and has always followed his occupation; he still lives in Lanesboro. His wife was Adah Ann Butler, of Lanesboro, daughter of Silas Butler of the same county. He owned a woolen-mill, and died in North Adams in the ninety-first year of his age. Mrs, Mead's paternal grandmother was Shoal Libby, who died at Beloit, Wis., and her maternal grandmother was Adah Platt, who died in Lanesboro, in her seventyeighth year. Mr. Mead's brother George was born in Lanesboro, Oct. 16, 1826, and went to Willoughby, Ohio, with an elder sister in 1840. In 1851 he came to Lenawee County, and engaged in farming until his death on the 6th of December, 1875. Lafayette was educated for a teacher, and engaged in that occupation for seven years at Dedham, Mass., and afterward for thirteen years in Nantucket, Mass, He came to Blissfield in 1865, where he died on the 24th of August, 1869.

Mr. and Mrs. Mead's only child, Carrie S., was born on the 21st of March, 1849, and died Dec. 16, 1877, at Cleveland, Ohio, and was buried at Blissfield. Mrs. Mead is a member of the Episcopal Church, with which she united when in the city of Cleveland. Mr. Mead joined the I. O. O. F. in Massachusetts in the year 1840, and is now a member in good standing of Blissfield Lodge No. 258. He owns two farms, one in Riga Township, of 110 acres, and the farm on which he lives, which contains 100 acres. He purchased this land in 1859, when it was wholly covered with trees and undergrowth, but while living in Cleveland he had the timber removed and has since thoroughly under-

drained it with tile. The farm joins the village of Blissfield, and is considered very valuable. The buildings which he has erected upon it are modern in every respect, and arranged for convenience and comfort. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Mead is a very hospitable one, and they take great delight and pleasure in entertaining their friends in a right royal manner. On account of the genial disposition of both, they are popular with the people of all classes.

NDREW TAYLOR. One of the finest farms in Rome Township, located on servicion 8, and comprising eighty acres of land, is the property of an early pioneer of this county, who came to Michigan before it had been admitted into the Union as a State. He arrived here in the spring of 1835, and a few months later purchased the land which has since been in his possession and which, after years of industrious labor, he converted into a beautiful and valuable homestead. Here he still resides, retired from the active duties of life, and is enjoying, as he deserves, the ease and comfort which he homestly carned.

Our subject was born March 26, 1814, and is the son of Jehabod and Zady (Stilson) Taylor, natives of Connecticut. The father was a farmer by occupation, and after marriage removed with his little family to Delaware County, N. Y., where his death took place when he was fifty-seven years of age. The mother died six years previously and was fifty-four at the time of her decease. They were the parents of fifteen children, Andrew being among the youngest.

The boyhood and youth of Andrew Taylor were spent after the manner of most farmers' sons whose education was conducted in the district school. Soon after reaching his majority, and realizing the fact that he must depend upon himself in the future, he made his way to the Territory of Michigan, and was first employed as a farm laborer in Tecumseh Township. The next year he rented a tract of land, and at the beginning of the third year purchased a quarter section, which is now included in his present farm. On the 7th of March, 1838, he was married to

Miss Jemina Rogers, and the young people began life together, in accordance with their means, on the new farm. They were prospered in their labors of building up a homestead, and became the parents of the following-named children, six of whom are still living: George, Edwin, Jeanette, Minerva, Hiram, Frank and Cornelia. Mrs. Jemina Taylor departed this life at her home in Rome Township. Dec. 23, 1857, at the age of forty years. Mr. Taylor, in 1860, was married to Mrs. Charity M. (Palmer) Stearns, of Rome, and they became the parents of one child, Baird E., who is now married and the father of two children.

Mr. Taylor cast his first Presidential vote for Jackson, and has usually voted the Democratic ticket, but is mainly independent, aiming to support the best men for office. He has been quite prominent in township affairs, and held various positions of trust and responsibility. He rendered substantial assistance in building the Baptist Church edifice at Rome. He has given much attention to the embellishment of his home, which, with its appurtenances, forms one of the most attractive features in the landscape of Rome Township, being supplied with substantial buildings and a choice assortment of live stock, while everything about the premises is carefully attended to.

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OHN L. MATTHES, an experienced and successful contractor and builder, has pursued his calling among the people of Adrian for many years, during which time he has built up a handsome home and accumulated a competency for his old age. He is a native of a far country, having been born across the sea in the little Kingdom of Bavaria, Oct. 12, 1824. In the twenty-third year of his age he set out for the United States, and soon after landing in New York City made his way to Monroe County, Mich., where he began learning the earpenter's trade. At this he employed himself in the city of Monroe for a period of eighteen years, and at the expiration of this time he came to Adrian, and for eleven years thereafter operated a sash factory.

Mr. Matthes, upon disposing of this business, was

employed as a carpenter by John Towsand, on the Lake Shore & Michigan Sonthern Railway, and when this contract expired returned to his trade, and not long afterward was entirely employed as a contractor and builder. He possessed much natural genius, and this, together with his excellent business capacities, contributed to make him a firstclass workman, upon whom the people could depend, and a business man whose word could be relied on. He is a fine illustration of the self-made man, as he commenced in life dependent upon his own efforts. He has reared a large family, educated his children properly, and occupies an enviable social and financial position among the intelligent people of a thriving and populous city.

The parents of our subject, Godfrey and Margaret (Meyer) Matthes, were also of German birth and parentage, and the father carried on farming in a modest manner in his native kingdom, where he died when our subject was less than two years old. The mother also died in Bayaria, in 1843.

John Matthes, after coming to the United States, was married, in 1847, to one of his own country-women, Miss Margaret Kaumeier, with whom he became acquainted in Monroe County, this State. This union resulted in the birth of eleven children, namely: John L., John Godfrey, Margaret C., C. Frederick, Catharine, Mary, William, Emily, Herman, Louisa and August, John L., Margaret and Emily are deceased. The family residence is pleasantly located on Front street, and its immates enjoy the friendship of a large circle of acquaintances.

ON. ORSON GREEN. The essential points in the life history of this popular and well-known resident of Lenawee County are mainly as follows: A native of Palmyra, Ontario (now Wayne) Co., N. Y., he was born on the 5th of March, 1812, and is the son of Ephraim Green. Esq., of New England birth and parentage. Ephraim Green was born in the town of Thompson, Conn., and there passed the early part of his life, migrating to the Empire State when a young man twenty years of age. He took up a tract of uncul-

tivated land, from which he built up a good homestead and there spent the remainder of his life.

Ephraim Green, after his removal to Western, New York, was married in Ontario County, in 1799, to Miss Sarah Claghorn, who became the mother of nine children, five boys and four girls, and died at her home in Ontario County when sixty-three years of age. The elder Green was a man of much force of character and decided views, an old-line Whig, politically, and an anti-Mason. He was Captain of Militia during the War of 1812, and filled the various offices in the township where he settled. Both parents were devout Christian people, the father belonging to the Baptist and the mother to the Presbyterian Church.

Orson Green continued on the home farm until reaching his majority, receiving his education in the public schools, while he inherited in a marked degree the intelligence and decided traits of character of both parents. April 10, 1833, he left the Empire State, and landed in the Territory of Michigan on the 6th of May following, having walked the entire distance, stopping first near the embryo town of Palmyra. Thence a few days later he repaired to Adrian, and after traveling about in this county a few weeks, returned to Detroit and took a steamer for Buffalo, landing a few days later in Cattarangus County, N. Y.

In the meantime Mr. Green had decided to make his future home in Michigan, and believing that he could labor to better purpose with the sympathy and companionship of a wife, he was married on the 5th of February, 1834, and in May following started for the proposed new home. Leaving his wife at Van Buren, he came to Rollin Township and took up 240 acres of Government land, being one of the first men to locate permanently in this section. He cleared a spot large enough for a cabin and garden, then returned to Van Buren for his wife, and they made their home with their nearest neighbor until the fall, when Mr. Green put up a log house into which they removed before it was provided with either a floor or a window. Thus they passed the winter, and in the spring completed the "residence."

Mr. Green and his wife occupied this humble abode, with some additions to its convenience and comfort, for a period of twenty-two years and then put up the present dwelling, which at that time was considered one of the finest in all the country around. The first table of the young couple was a board supported by a couple of wooden pegs inserted in one of the logs of the house, and for chairs they used their trunks. Luxuries were unknown at that time and their contrivances for supplying the conveniences which were almost indispensable in a well-ordered household, were sometimes as Indicrous as they were ingenious. They were forced to live in a most economical manner, and experienced what people of the present day would denominate "bard times."

The wife of our subject was formerly Miss Elizabeth Douglas, daughter of Daniel and Hannah Douglas, the former of whom died in the Empire State. while the latter subsequently came to Michigan and passed her last years in Van Buren, Wayne County, where her death took place at the age of sixty-two years. Mrs. Elizabeth Green was born March 18, 1814, and became the mother of four children: The eldest, Daniel D., was born Nov. 27, 1836, and died Jan, 25, 1848; Ephraim C. was born Jan, 18, 1838, and married Miss Elizabeth Crummey, who was born Aug. 29, 1842, in Albany, N. Y.; to them were born four children, two sons and one daughter of whom are living; Ephraim is operating a part of the old homestead. Sarah M. was born Nov. 27, 1840, and Elizabeth D., Feb. 5, 1850. The former is at home, while the latter married Francis Alexander, a well-to-do farmer of Rollin Township, and they have one daughter. Mr. Alexander was born May 20, 1849, and is the son of David and Mary Ann (Hull) Alexander, David Alexander died in Rollin Township at the age of sixty-nine years; his wife is living and occupies the old homestead. Mrs. Elizabeth Green died Feb. 25, 1850, when thirty-six years of age, in the log house to which she had come as a bride and where her children were born. Mr. Green, on the 23d of February, 1863, was wedded to the sister of his first wife, Miss Clemenza Douglas, who died eight years later, on the 24th of August, 1871, aged fifty years.

Mr. Green was Justice of the Peace in Rollin Township before its organization or the admission of the Territory into the Union as a State, the election being authorized by the Governor. He held hus office for a period of twenty years and finally refused to become a candidate. He was elected Supervisor in the spring of 1845, and in this capacity he served six years in succession and was afterward elected twice to the same office, serving in all eleven or twelve years. He was Assessor several terms, and in 1859 was first elected to the State Legislature and thereafter re-elected in 1874, being a member of this body for a period of four years.

Hon, Orson Green while at the State Capital served upon many important committees, and was especially interested in charitable institutions and prison reform schools, in connection with which he made many useful suggestions and brought about various measures which proved greatly beneficial in the management of these institutions. No man evinced more interest in the establishment of religious and educational institutions in Southern Michigan than the subject of this sketch. He assisted in the building of the first church in Rollin Township, in 1868, and with his estimable lady has been a member in good standing of the Methodist Episcopal Church for many years. He cast his first Presidential vote for William Wirt, and was an old-line Whig until the organization of the Republican party, when he gave his cordial support to the latter. Now, nearing the close of a long and useful career, sheltered by a pleasant and comfortable home and surrounded by hosts of friends, he is reaping the reward of a life well spent and one which has been generous in good deeds and characterized by unselfish devotion to the interests of the people around him, by whom his name will be held in kindly remembrance long after he shall have been gathered to his fathers.

SAAC C. GUNN, of Woodstock Township, has a snig farm of sixty-six acres located on section 30, under a fine state of cultivation and provided with a good set of frame buildings. The home surroundings are remarkably pleasant and inviting, comprising as they do all the little accessories naturally suggested by taste and means. There is, besides a comfortable dwelling, the ample barn and

convenient outhouses, a good orchard, and various fruit and shade trees that form a protection from summer's heat and winter's storm. Mr. Gunn took possession of this property in 1854, and has made many improvements, indeed about all that render it attractive and valuable.

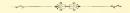
The history of the subject of this sketch is in its main points as follows: He was born in Sussex County, N. J., Oct. 27, 1819, and is the son of Jacob and Mary (Ogden) Gunn, natives of the same county, where they were reared and married, and whence they removed in 1845 to a point near Montrose, Pa., where they spent the remainder of their lives. Both parents died at about the age of sixty-seven years. Their family included thirteen children, nine of whom are yet living. The paternal grandmother lived near the Delaware River, and spent her entire life in New Jersey.

Mr. Gunn of our sketch left the parental roof when a lad eight years of age, and was bound out to a farmer with whom he remained seven years. He attended the district school, and at the expiration of this time returned home and remained with his father's family until reaching his majority. Soon afterward he rented a farm, which he operated two years, and in the meantime was married, April 16, 1842, to Miss Sally Ann Drake, a maiden of his own county. Mrs. Sally Ann Gunn died about seven years after her marriage, leaving five children, of whom only one is now living, namely: Mary E., who is the wife of Levi Mering, a machinist of Monroe County, Pa., and the mother of six children. One of their children is married, and our subject is now a great-grandfather. This wife's parents were natives of New Jersey, where they spent their

Mr. Gunn was a second time married, to Miss Mary E. Wedge, who was born in Luzerne County, Pa., July 28, 1825, and the daughter of Squire and Catherine (Husted) Wedge. Squire Wedge was a native of Connecticut, whence he removed successively to New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio, dying in the latter State when about sixty-eight years old. His wife subsequently came to this county, and died at the home of our subject when sixty-two years of age. The grandparents of Mrs. Gunn died when she was a little girl. Of this marriage

of our subject there were ten children, five now living: Rhoda was born in Ohio, Oct. 27, 1852, and is now the wife of Samuel Hogue, and the mother of two children; Altha and Alice (twins) were born July 7, 1857; the former is now the wife of Fred B. Emmons, and the mother of one child, while Alice married A. F. Wood, and has two children. Charles E. was born in Woodstock Township, June 7, 1859, and is farming with bis uncle in Laclede County, Mo.; Oliver T. B. was born Ang. 3, 1861, and makes his home with his parents; he is carrying on a brickyard and is a young man of great promise, and a universal favorite in his neighborhood.

Mr. Gunn, soon after his first marriage, purchased a farm of thirty acres in New Jersey, which he worked six years, then sold out and removed to Ohio, during its early settlement. He then purchased twenty acres of land in Huron County, where he farmed three years, and then with the desire to push still farther westward, came to this county, where he soon purchased the property which he now occupies, and to which he has since given his time and attention. Mr. and Mrs. Gunn are active members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which our subject has officiated as Steward and Trustee, and has otherwise been prominent in all good works. Politically, he formerly voted the straight Republican ticket, and is now a strong temperance advocate, easting his ballot with the Prohibitionists. He meddles little with politics, however, preferring to give his attention to his farm and family.



ALDEN WING is a farmer who for the long period of half a century has pursued his calling in Rollin Township and assisted in developing the varied agricultural resources of its rich soil. These long years of toil and change have brought to him a well-carned competency and a comfortable home. Mr. Wing comes of good New England stock, and is himself a native of Berkshire County, Mass., where he was born April 12, 1814. His parents, who were natives of Connecticut, went to Massachusetts when they were young, and there his father, Elijah Wing, followed

the occupation of a farmer. In 1826 he removed with his family to Steuben County, N. Y., and there passed his remaining days, dying at the age of sixty-six. His wife, whose maiden name was Hannah Squire, lived to the advanced age of eighty-two, her death occurring in Michigan in the home of her son, Spencer Wing, of this township. These good people were the parents of twelve children, six sons and six daughters, all of whom lived to maturity and were married.

Our subject passed a part of his boyhood among the beautiful Berkshire hills, but when he was about twelve years of age his parents removed to Steuben County, N. Y., and there he grew to manhood, performing such labors as were required of a strong and active lad, and making himself very useful and necessary to his father in the management of his farm. He gleaned his education at the district school, and in the long winter evenings by the light of a candle or the still brighter light of the word fire rearing up the wide-mouthed open chimney, he learned many a lesson which has not since been forgotten. He assisted in carrying on the home farm until he was twenty-live years of age.

In the meantime Mr. Wing was married to Miss Elvira, sister of A. H. Raymond (see his sketch for parental history), the date of their marriage being Jan. 12, 1837. In 1838 Mr. Wing and his young wife with their infant son came to Michigan to make their home in this State. Mr. Wing bought eighty acres of school land, and took up the calling in this new State which had been that of his forefathers for so many years in the older and earlier settled States of the East. His first work was to build a house to shelter his family, and he then entered upon the laborious task of clearing his land, felling the trees and uprooting the stumps. He was a young man of good habits and endowed with much strength and great powers of endurance, which enabled him to do a great amount of labor, and in the years of hard work that succeeded he brought his farm to a good state of tillage and erected comfortable, convenient buildings.

The good wife who accompanied Mr. Wing to this State, and who had so faithfully performed her part in the establishment of their home, was taken from him by death at the age of fifty-nine years,

virtues. Seven children were born to her and her husband, four of whom were living at the time of her death; the following is their record: Stephen C. was born in Steuben County, N. Y., June 9, 1838, and died here June 7, 1846; Oscar L. was born in Rollin Township, Jan. 31, 1841, and died ship, Aug. 25, 1843, and died Jan. 31, 1844; Henry Mary L. was born Oct. 1, 1848, and married Thomas Maloney, Nov. 4, 1875; he is teaching school in Washington Territory, and they are the parents of three children. Crosby W. was born in this township, Aug. 11, 1851, and was killed on the cars on the Baltimore & Ohio Railway June 9, 1878; he left a wife and two children, both of whom are now he married Miss Martha Beal Dec. 14, 1881; they have one daughter.

Mr. Wing was a second time married, Oct. 27, 1875, to Helen Morehouse, who was born in Orleans County, N. Y., July 6, 1835, and is the daughter of Aaron and Lucinda (Thumb) Morehouse. Mr. Morehouse followed the occupation of a carpenter, and coming to Michigan in 1869 settled in Calhonn County, where the mother died at the age of forty-seven years; he died in this county at the age of seventy-one. They were the parents of three children. Their son Charles W. took part in the late Civil War as a member of the light artillery, and after two years' service he died of a sickness contracted on a Southern battlefield; Alice married J. W. Page, of this township (see sketch of Mr. Page).

To Mr, and Mrs. Wing has been born one child, who died in infancy. Mrs. Wing is a lady of superior intelligence and education. She was an excellent teacher before her marriage, and taught school thirty-two terms. She is a prominent figure in social affairs in this township, and is an exteemed member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. She has been a member of the missionary society since its organization, and of the Women's Christian Temperance Union since 1878. Mr. Wing is an earnest Prohibitionist, and is doing good work for

the temperance cause. He is a devout member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he has been Class-Leader for forty-two years, while he very seldom misses a Sanday at church. His home has always been a leading resort for the Methodist ministers, and in early days his first house, which was built of logs, was often used for church purposes.

ARCUS L FRAZIER is a prominent dairy farmer and breeder of thoroughbred Jersey cattle, residing on section 31 of Hudson Township, where he has a good farm, pleasantly located and admirably suited to his purposes. He has made a careful and intelligent study of the best methods of conducting a dairy, and has paid special attention to securing the best grades of cattle for dairy use.

Our subject was born in Scriba, Oswego Co., N. Y., Jan. 11, 1826, and is a descendant of the thrifty Scots, who made their home in the northern part of Ireland many years ago. From there his great-great-grandfather came to America in Colonial times, and his son, John Frazier, the great-grandfather of our subject, during the Revolutionary War rendered gallant assistance in freeing his adopted country from British rule. He died at Middlefield, Otsego Co., N. Y., soon after the close of the war, leaving a widow with a large family of children. His son Stephen, the grandfather of our subject, was born March 8, 1773, at Kingston, R. 1., and learning the trade of a baker in Boston, Mass., followed it there for many years. He married Ruth Torry, a native of Williamstown, that State, and daughter of John and Ruth (Tyrell) Torry, natives respectively of Williamstown, Mass., and Middletown, Conn. From Boston Mr. Frazier moved to Cobleskill, N. Y., and there turned his attention to agricultural pursuits. In 1805 he sold his farm there and purchased another in German Flats Township, where he removed with his family, and made his permanent residence until his death in March, 1845. His wife died in January, 1857, aged eighty-seven years. They were both respected as worthy, industrious and honest people.

The father of our subject was two years old when

his parents removed to German Flats, and he assisted his father in the management of his farm until his marriage with Miss Lydia Young, when he sought a home elsewhere for himself and bride. Samuel Young, his wife's father, was a blacksmith and gunsmith, and resided in New Jersey, where his daughter, Lydia Ann, the mother of our subject, first opened her eyes to the world. He afterward removed to New York, and there welded the first gun barrel ever made in the Remington works, now at Ilion, N. Y. He spent his last years in Russia, Herkimer Co., N. Y.

After marriage the parents of our subject settled in Oswego County, N. Y., having purchased a farm in the township of Scriba. In 1833 they removed to Royalton Township, Niagaga Co., N. Y., where they resided on a farm two and one-half years. In the meantime the father took a western trip in the fall of 1835, for the purpose of looking up land, having decided to try farming on the virgin soil of some State or Territory which had been newly opened up for settlement. He went as far west as Chicago, where a great deal of the land now included within the city was then Government land. but he was probably deterred from taking up a claim there on account of the swampy and apparently worthless character of the land, little dreaming that in less than half a century by the indomitable energy and enterprise of man it would become the site of one of the largest and most magnificent cities on the continent. From Illinois he came to Michigan, then a Territory, and being pleased with the country bought a tract of land in Salem, Washtenaw County, and in April, 1836, returned from New York with his wife and seven children to locate on it, going by water to Detroit, and there hiring a man with a team to take his family and goods to their destination. There was a log house on the place when they moved there, and in it they made their home, and Mr. Frazier set to work to clear the rest of his land, forty-five acres having been cleared before it came into his possession. In 1844, having greatly improved his farm, he traded it for another in Hudson Township, the one which his son Marcus now occupies. The family moved to it in the month of May, driving their stock ahead of them, and on the night following their arrival

nine of the sheep were killed by the wolves, which were very plentiful, as were also deer, which would come to the garden in the night to feed on the cabbages and turnips. There were ninety acres of the land cleared at the time of purchase, on which stood a log shanty and a small barn. Mr. Frazier replaced the shanty by a hewn log house 18x30 feet, and some years later built a more commodious frame house and a good set of farm buildings. He lived on his Hudson farm eight years, and then disposing of it removed to Goshen, Ind., where he engaged in dairy farming, making the manufacture of cheese a specialty, and made his home in that place until death. His widow resided with the subject of this sketch for a number of years, her death afterward occurring in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Coon, of Goshen, Ind. Both she and her husband were people of blameless character, and were held in high consideration wherever they had made their home. They were the parents of ten children, eight of whom grew to maturity.

Marcus Frazier was the second child of his parents, and was ten years old when he accompanied them to Michigan, and can relate many interesting incidents connected with their journey and their subsequent life, both in Washtenaw and Lenawee Counties. The facilities for attaining an education were not such as are enjoyed by the rising generation at the present day, but he made the most of his limited opportunities, and by close application to his books when in school obtained a faireducation, which in maturer years he has broadened and developed by observation and a careful perusal of the best authors. He attended school only in the winter, as was then the custom, and assisted his father on the farm during the remainder of the year, At the age of twenty-one he left the home roof and started out to find employment elsewhere, and after working by the month in Michigan for one year he returned to his native State and worked there in the same manner.

While working in New York our subject entered into a matrimonial alliance on the 5th of May, 1850, with Miss Sarah E. Greene, who was born at German Flats, Herkimer Co., N. Y., July 8, 1827. She is a woman whose intelligence and fine disposition command respect. Mrs. Frazier's patternal ancestry is

traced back to her great-grandfather. Ambrose Greene, who was born in Suffolk County, L. L. April 9, 1746. He was a farmer, and removed from Dutchess County in 1775 to Rensselaer County, removed in 1795 to Danube, Herkimer County, where he died Aug, 29, 1837, baying in the meantime improved a farm. His wife, Gulaelma Lester, died June 1, 1826. Their son John was born in Ruth Barker, in 1790. In 1793 they settled in Danube, Herkimer County, where they both died, her death occurring in June, 1850, and his in December, 1851. Their son Ambrose, Mrs. Frazier's father, was born in Schodack, Rensselaer Co., N. Y., Sept. 18, 1791, and was two years of age when his parents removed to Herkimer County, where he grew to manhood, and subsequently learned the trade of a blacksmith. He married there Dimmis Skeels, their marriage occurring in the year 1815, but she died in 1816. On the 23d of March, 1819, he married Martha Frazier, who was born in Schodack Feb. 21, 1801. They made their home in German Flats, where he had bought a farm, and there they resided until death, hers occurring April 24, 1842, and his June 7, 1863.

After marriage Mr. Frazier continued working in New York for a year, then returned to Hudson and worked his father's farm on shares the two following years. He then bought a farm of sixty acres adjoining his father's farm, but a year later he sold it and went back to New York, where he bought the Greene homestead and some land adjoining, and engaged in the dairy business until after the war broke out. He then threw aside all personal considerations with the patriotic motive of taking part in quelling the Rebellion, and went to New York for the purpose of enlisting, but upon examination was rejected as physically unsound, and was obliged to return to Herkimer County, perhaps to do as good service for his country in private life. In 1865 he sold out there, and returning to Michigan bought the farm in Hudson which his father had formerly owned, and on which he has since made his home. He at first engaged in general farming, turning his attention to dairy farming in 1867. In 1870 he met with a serious loss, his dwelling-house with all its contents being consumed by fire; he then built the brick residence he now occupies.

In 1873 Mr. Frazier turned his attention to the improvement of his stock with good graded Jerseys, with the object of making butter, and since that time has supplied the market with a superior article in that line, besides raising a number of pure blooded animals which he has sold at high prices. He now has sixteen thoroughbred Jerseys of the Alphea, 8t, Lambert and Stoke-Pogis strains. He bought two heifer ealves four months old, for which he paid \$100 each.

Mr. and Mrs. Frazier's pleasant home is the center of culture and refinement. Their union has been a happy one and has been of mutual benefit; it has been blessed by the birth of three children—Nelson E., Mary E. and Elmer E.; they are all well educated, and the daughter, an accomplished young lady, is a graduate of the Chantauqua course of study. Mr. and Mrs. Frazier are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and use their influence to promote the moral status of the community. In politics our subject is a Republican.



OHN B. CLEMENT. While traveling in Lenawee County the biographical writers of this Album met with comparatively few men over fifty years of age who are natives of Southern Michigan. The vast majority of those who to-day are tilling the soil after an easy manner, and are occupants of comfortable and valuable homesteads, migrated from the Eastern or Middle States, and brought with them the hardy elements of that section which were so essential in subduing the soil, building up the pioneer home, and preparing the way for coming generations. Many of these can trace their ancestry back to the best countries of Europe, and it is pleasing to note with what willingness and pleasure they respond to the demands of the biographer upon their time and memory. Men usually derive much pride and pleasure in tracing their ancestry, and especially if they have sprung from families of worth and influence, as is frequently the case in the majority of

those who have been considered worthy of representation in this work.

The subject of this biography, a native of Butler County, Pa., was born Oct. 3, 1825, while his father, Andrew Clement, was a native of County Antrim in the North of Ireland, and of Scotch ancestry, the descendant of those independent spirits who fled from their native soil to escape religious persecution. Andrew Clement grew to manhood in the place of his birth, where he was married and became the father of two children. Being ambitious for the welfare of his little family, he emigrated to America in 1822, and located in Butler County, Pa., where he rented a tract of land and engaged as a farmer and stock-feeder, shipping his animals to the markets of Philadelphia. He did not live to carry out his plans for the future, his death taking place very suddenly in 1827, five years after his arrival in this country.

The mother of our subject, formerly Miss Margaret Hamilton, was born of Scotch ancestry in County Down, Ireland, in November, 1798. After the death of Mr. Clement she was married to Thomas Campbell, and with the means which her first husband had left her she purchased a farm in Butler County, Pa., which she occupied with Mr. Campbell until the spring of 1832. They then sold this property and removed to Niagara County, N. Y., where they lived until 1837, then started for the young State of Michigan. The journey was made via the Lakes to Toledo, where they spent the winter, and where the death of Mr. Campbell occurred quite suddenly. Mrs. Campbell and her children in the spring came to Lenawee County, locating in Palmyra Township. The eldest, a son, was twenty years of age, and all the children were old enough to be of assistance to their mother. They worked together and prospered, and Mrs, Campbell spent the last years of her life in ease and comfort at the home of our subject, at his present residence in Ogden Township.

The mother of our subject had seven children by the first marriage, and two by the second. Five of the family lived to mature years. James died March 8, 1839, when twenty-one years old; Andrew died in Adrian Township, in 1870; William died May 17, 1886, in Kansas; John B, of our sketch, was the sixth child; Letitia, a child of the second marriage, became the wife of Prof. Foster, of Ypsilanti.

John B, Clement was a lad of twelve years when he came with his mother to this county, and he at once commenced working by the month for Richard Carter, receiving for his services his board and clothes until 1811. He then gave seven months' labor for twenty acres of wild land in Ogden Township, and in 1843 added to his real estate by the ty-first year he was the owner of sixty acres, unincumbered, and upon his twenty-first birthday he was married, and the young couple commenced housekeeping in the log cabin on his farm. In 1852 Mr. Clement sold his little farm for \$500 and purchased 120 acres in the timber on section 1, in Ogden Township, where he put up another log and enhancing its value. To this he subsequently added by a later purchase, and is now the owner of 140 acres all under a good state of cultivation, and with excellent farm buildings. His career, however, has not been without its reverses, as in 1886 his barn with most of its contents was destroyed by fire, entailing a loss of \$2,200. He immediately rebuilt, spending no time in bewaiting his misfortune, and is now upon his feet again ready for any other emergency.

The wife of our subject was Miss Prudence E. Gray, a native of Dundee, Yates Co., N. Y., and born Jan. 20, 1828. Her father, Jonathan Gray, was born and reared in Dutchess County, whence he removed to Yates County during its earliest settlement. In 1833 he became a resident of Allegany County, and five years later migrated to this State, making the journey in the tedious manner of those days-by canal boat, lake schooner, and overland with teams. He first rented land in Ogden Township, then purchased eighty acres on section 11 amidst the heavy timber. He put up a log house, cleared the most of his land, and occupied it until his death, which took place in 1860. He had married in his native State, Miss Sallie Robertson, who was born in New York City, and died at the old homestead in Ogden Township, this county, in the month of April, 1879,

Mr. and Mrs. Clement became the parents of ten children, eight of whom are now living: George married Martha Ross; Emma is the wife of Silas Gordan, and Andrew married Della Hogland; they are all residents of Edwards County, Kan, Ida J, is the wife of Frederick Gray, a farmer of Ogden Township; William married Nellie McIntosh, and is engaged in the pension business at Topeka, Kan.; Mary married Edward Theed, and is a resident of Englewood, Ill.; while Rollin and Minnie are at home with their parents. John, the second son, was born April 25, 1852, and was married Dec. 22, 1870; he died five months later at the home of his parents. Edwin, the seventh child, was born Dec. 27, 1860, and died July 12, 1863. Mr. and Mrs. Clement are prominently connected with the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which our subject officiates as Steward and Trustee.

Jonathan Gray, the father of Mrs. Clement, learned the trade of a carpenter in early life, which he followed in New York State until coming to this county. Her maternal grandfather, Calvin Robertson, was a blacksmith by trade, and spent his last years in Steuben County, N. Y. Mrs. Clement has had a full experience of life in a new country, by the side of her husband in his labors and diffi-Together they have seen the country transformed from a wilderness into smiling farms and beautiful cities, and the places where deer, bears and wolves roamed unrestrained, made fertile by the hand of the husbandman. In this great work they have also materially assisted, contributing to the building up of the county, and rearing their children to become good citizens, and are now entitled to worthy representation in the history which is being given to the rising generation. In politics M1. Clement is a Democrat.

HOMAS O. TURNER, a farmer residing on section 28, Riga Township, is a self-made man, who, while working for his own interests, has contributed to the prosperity of the township. He is an Englishman by birth, and was born

in Derbyshire, England, March 25, 1836. His grandfather, Charles Turner, was also a native of that shire and spent his entire life there as a far-His son Joshua, the father of our subject, was also a native of Derbyshire, where he was reared to the life of a farmer. He was there united in marriage with Maria Morris, who was born in Staffordshire, and they passed their wedded life in Derbyshire, and there died. They had seven children, six of whom grew to maturity, and three of them came to America-William, Mark and Thomas. William served in the late Civil War as a member of the 5th New York Cavalry, and died in Andersonville Prison, giving up his life for his adopted country. Mark lives in Riga Township.

Thomas Turner was reared on a Derbyshire farm, receiving in that English home a practical training in farm labors, and lessons of industry which have been important factors in his success on American soil. In the year 1865 he left his English home to try his fortunes in the United States. After his arrival in this country he went to Cleveland, Ohio, and there found employment in an oil refinery, but while working there a fire broke out and in a brief space of time he lost all that he had accumulated. Undaunted by this loss he went to Berrien, Mich., and commenced anew the slow process of building up a fortune. He obtained employment in a stone quarry, where he remained for two years, and in 1868, having carefully saved his money, he came to this county and bought the land he now owns and occupies in Riga Township. He did not immediately locate but continued working in Berrien for two years, except during the winter, when he worked clearing his land which was then heavily timbered. had built a log cabin, and in 1870, having married, commenced to live on his land permanently. He now has eighty acres cleared, and has erected a good set of frame buildings. Thus, although scarcely more than twenty years have elapsed since he left the home of his parents in the heart of old England and came to America, he has founded a home in his adopted country and been much prospered. In the spring of 1885 Mr. Turner built a large barn, but in the following November the barn

with its contents, including all his farm implements, grain and a team of horses, was destroyed by fire, entailing a loss of nearly \$2,000.

Mr. Turner has been twice married. His first marriage occurred in 1870, to Elizabeth Brown, who was, like himself, of English birth, and a native of the same shire. Their pleasant married life was of short duration, as she died in 1873. His second marriage occurred March 6, 1876, and he was then united to Christiana, daughter of William and Margaret (Gray) McCormick (for parental history see sketch of M. McCormick). Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Turner—Oliver, and a second child who died when five days old.

Although Mr. Turner is a native of one of the most powerful monarchies on earth, he is a profound believer in Republican institutions and principles—no American is more so. He is interested in political affairs, and gives his hearty support to the Republican party. Mrs. Turner is a member of the Church of God.

ENJAMIN COLEGROVE. The fine residence of this enterprising young farmer of Medina Township attracts the admiring attention of the traveler through that section of country, and with its surroundings, its stretch of meadowland and highly cultivated fields, presents an extremely pleasant picture to the eye. Mr. Colegrove has control of seventy-nine acres, where he carries on general farming, and judging from his wise management and prudent investments, will in time be numbered among the leading agriculturists of this part of the county.

Mr. Colegrove was born in Medina Township, Nov. 11, 1857, and while in his boyhood became perfectly familiar with the routine of farm life. His parents, John T. and S. Hortensa (Holmes) Colegrove, were among the 'early settlers of Lewanee County, and their biography will be found on another page in this volume. Benjamin received a good education in the district school, and being a bright and observant boy, made the most of his oppertunities and developed into a well-informed and intelligent man. His arrangements for his future included a home and domestic ties, and a few months prior to reaching his majority he was married, Jan. 20, 1878, to Miss Frances Rice, the wedding taking place at the home of the bride in Medina Village.

Mrs. Colegrove was born-July 4, 1859, and is the daughter of Phillip and May (Smith) Rice, natives of New York State. Her lather was born in Wayne County, and traces his ancestry back to England, his grandfather emigrating from that country to Cunada when a boy. The father married Miss Mary Smith, Jan. 9, 1853, a native of Columbia County, N. Y., and the daughter of Robert and Catharine (Speed) Smith, and they continued in Wayne County, N. Y., twelve or fourteen years, From there they came to Michigan, locating on a farm west of the village of Medina in this country, where Mr. Rice followed agricultural pursuits nine years. He then retired from active labor and removed into the village, where, with his aged partner, he still resides.

To Mr. and Mrs. Colegrove there have been born three children—Clark E., Sylvanus J. and Philip all living and pursuing their studies in the district school. The parents of Mr. Colegrove are living at Medina Village. Our subject operates seventynine aeres owned by his father, and has remodeled the old dwelling so that it presents the appearance of a fine, modern structure.

Politically, Mr. Colegrove votes the straight Republican ticket, and is a member of Morenci-Grange at Morenci. Mrs. Colegrove is an intelligent, well-educated lady, having completed her studies at Oak Grove Academy, where she attended for several years.

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ARRISON FITTS, of the firm of Charles Fitts & Co., proprietors of the Blissfield Fruit Evaporator and Feed Mill, was born in Oxford, Worcester Co., Mass., on the 13th of March, '1815. His father, Andrew Fitts, was born in the same county, and his grandfather was a farmer, who spent the last days of his life in Oxford. The father was reared on a farm and followed that occupation all his life. The mother

was named Ruth Pike, and was also a native of Massachusetts, where she was born in the town of Charlton. They both died at Oxford, and were buried in the same cemetery. They were the parents of ten children, all of whom grew to man and womanhood.

The subject of this sketch was the eldest child in work upon the farm and attended the district ental roof until his nineteenth year, when he becompleting his apprenticeship he followed the trade man worker for two years, and then went to Wayne State until 1851, when he came to Michigan and located in Somerset Township, Hillsdale County. where he bought 120 acres of land, on which there was a water power and a sawmill. He repaired this sawmill and put in one run of stone to grind wheat, and five years later he built a new mill on the place, which is still in operation. He employed parties to superintend these mills while he worked Lenawee and Clinton Counties. In £860 he sold his property in Somerset Township, and bought a tarm in Rollin Township, to which he removed his family. Soon after he bought a property in Jackson County, on which he built a custom flouring and saw mill, which is now the property of his son-inlaw, and in 1881 he removed to Blissfield, where 1884, he received a patent for a fruit dryer, which he had invented, and he and his son Charles H. began the business of drying apples in the same year, This dryer has the capacity of one ton per day. Besides himself, six of his children are engaged in the same business in other places,

In 1844 Mr. Fitts was married to Nancy E. Huston, who was born in Madison County, N. Y., and they have had seven children; Ruth A., the wife of A. Heath, lives in Hanover Centre, Mich.; Vernelia A. married Jerome Segar, and died in Rome, Mich.; Lewis lives at Rollin, and Charles H. at Blissfitld; Sarah is the wife of G. T. Greenshaw, and lives in Jackson County; Austin lives in Rollin and Frank is yet at home.

Mr. Fitts east his first vote for Martin Van Buren, and has always been a member of the Demoeratic party. Although he had inferior facilities for obtaining an education, he is a man of superior intelligence, and clear headed upon all the subjects of the day. He is thoroughly a self-made man, being the architect himself of whatever fortune he possesses.

OHN R. GURNEE, whose head is whitened by the snows of eighty-two winters, came to the West over fifty-six years ago, during early manhood, and centered his strength and courage upon the task which then confronted the pioneer settlers of Southern Michigan, He has been the privileged witness of the remarkable changes which have occurred during the lapse of years, and has contributed in no small measure to the development of this section of country. He was in early life inured to habits of industry, and esteemed it no hardship to earn his bread by the sweat of his brow, being, in fact, proud of the strength which enabled him to assist in conquering the soil and paving the way for a later civilization. He has built up a good record, and one to which his descendants will be proud to revert in coming years.

Mr. Gurnee was born in Rockland County, N. Y., Jan. 9, 1805, and is the son of Halsted and Hannah (Coe) Gurnee, the former also a native of Rockland County, and the latter of English descent. Halsted Gurnee was a miller by trade, and was also interested in sawmills and mercantile pursuits, but was ent down in the prime of life, his death taking place in Rockland County when he was but fortyseven years of age. The parents of our subject were married in 1802, and the mother died in Seneca County, at the age of lifty-seven years.

John R. Gurnee continued under the home roof until he reached the age of fifteen years, then going to Orange, N. Y., engaged in a tobacco factory. He had always been a bright and observant lad, and at an early age became perfectly familiar with the machinery of the mills operated by his father, so that when a boy of ten, he was often left in charge during his father's absence, As may be supposed, he was not contented in a tobacco factory, and five months later went to Hempstead, N. Y., and engaged on a farm, whence he subsequently migrated to Bloomfield, N. J., and engaging in a woolen factory, remained there thirteen months. At the celebration of the "Glorious Fourth" of 1824, his left hand was nearly blown away by the bursting of a gun. Young Gurnee being now practically disabled for manual labor, repaired to New York City, and entering a private school, virtually began his education, as heretofore he had very little book learning. The following summer he worked on a farm, and in the fall was employed on the canal, then in process of construction from Buffalo to Troy, N. Y. After the death of his father he assumed the management of the farm, upon which he remained with his mother until the fall of 1831.

Our subject now determined to see something of the West, and accordingly started for the Territory of Miehigan. Upon his arrival in this county he traveled about until the spring of 1832, and being not quite ready to settle down returned to his native State, where he worked by the day during the following summer and fall. He then returned to Michigan, and located upon a piece of ground which had been purchased for him by another party, comprising eighty acres, without any improvements whatever. He made it his first business to put up a log house, and having been married in 1832, he took up his abode with his family, and they occupied this dwelling for a period of fourteen years. During this time he had industriously cultivated this land and been prospered in his labors, and he was now able to put up a modern and well-appointed residence. This is now owned by our subject, and occupied by tenants; it is located a quarter of a mile from the present home of the father. For the past sixteen years Mr. Gurnee has wisely taken life in an easy manner, and given full scope to his life-long taste for travel. He owns 380 acres of timber land in Grand Traverse County, which will in due time comprise a fine property for his children and grandchildren,

Mr. Gurnee, while a resident of New York, was married, Nov. 25, 1832, to Miss Hester Beach, a native of his own county in New York, and one of his childhood associates. She was born Oct. 8, 1810, and by her union with our subject became the mother of five children. Their eldest daughter, Mary, died in Chicago, Sept. 17, 1861; Helen M. is the widow of W. R. King, of Chicago, and owns forty acres adjoining the property of her father; Lacy, Mrs. Horace K. Beacham, lives in Williamsburg, this State; Frances died in the fifteenth year of her age, July 27, 1857; Ella, Mrs. E. G. Savage, is at home with her father, as is also her daughter Grace, an accomplished and interesting young lady of nineteen years.

Mr. Gurnee, although never prominent in polities, has always taken an interest in current events, and since 1824 has clung to the principles of Henry Clay, of which great man he has been a warm admirer for more than sixty years.

LBERT W. KNOWLES occupies the old homestead of his father on section 24, in Rome Township, where he first opened his eyes to the light on the 14th of October, 1853. He was reared to farming pursuits, and has been content to follow agriculture as his vocation, a culling in which he they suggested admirably by

been content to follow agriculture as his vocation, a calling in which he has succeeded admirably by the aid of his sound common sense and persevering industry. He makes a specialty of fine stock, feeding horses, cattle and sheep, having of the latter a fine flock of 200 head. He has now under his control 182 acres of land, and the farm is supplied with substantial buildings, conveniently arranged for all the purposes required.

Our subject is the son of one of the oldest pioneers of Lenawee County, Hezekiah Knowles, a native of Haddam, Middlesex Co., Conn., where he was born Aug. 23, 1808. His father, Hezekiah, 8r., was born in the same place in 1786, and carried on the business of a tanner and currier for many years. In 1817 he removed to the State of New York, and settling in Varick, Sencea County, engaged in the lumber business there until the spring of 1837, when he decided to cast his lot

with the pioneers of Michigan, and arrived in Adrian on the 10th of June of that year. He at once purchased eighty acres of land in Rome Township, where he continued until his death, which occurred March 22, 1846. He had married about the year 1807, Miss Anna, daughter of Henry and Susan Smith, of Haddam, Conn., by whom he had eight children, Hezekiah, Jr., the father of our subject, being the eldest. His wife was born in Haddam in 1790, and died in Adrian Township, this county, in 1870.

Hezekiah Knowles, Jr., came to this State in 1837, and opened a general store at Warsaw, in Adrian Township. After selling his goods, he purchased a farm on section 24, in Rome Township, where he resided until his death, in 1886, at the age 1833, Miss Eliza, daughter of Michael and Elizabeth Vreeland, of Fayette, Seneca Co., N. Y., who became the mother of two children, and died at the homestead in Rome Township, Dec. 20, 1840, W. died Aug. 22, 1839, when a little over one year old. The second wife of Hezekiah Knowles, Jr., to whom he was married Oct. 10, 1844, was Miss Margaret, daughter of Abraham and Maria Shumaker, and they also became the parents of two children, Lorissa A, and Mary A,; the former is in Adrian, and the latter died when a child, in 1851. Mrs. Margaret Knowles died in Rome Township, occurred the third marriage of Mr. Knowles, with Mrs. Elizabeth (Soop) Gardner, of Wayne County, Albert W., of our sketch. The mother of our subect was the daughter of Abram and Maria Soop, and was born in Albany, N. Y., Sept. 3, 1816. She came to Michigan with her parents in 1832, and died at the homestead in Rome Township, Nov. 5,

Our subject spent his boylood and youth on the old place, and when eighten years of age commenced working the farm of 110 acres, which had been purchased by his father from Mr. Stafford, in 1836. He continued thus employed until about 1880, when his father gave him the entire use of

the land, and upon the death of the latter he came into full possession. He has carried on in an admirable manner the work begun by his honored sire\* in the pioneer days, and it is hardly necessary to say that the old homestead has for him a far more than moneyed value. To this place he brought a bride in the spring of 1880, having been married, April 6, to Miss Jessie E., daughter of David and Emeline (Hawley) Smith, who were natives of New York, and came to Michigan before their marriage. She was born in Rome Township, Jan, 23, 1856, and received careful training from an excellent mother and a fair education in the district school. Of her union with our subject there is one child only, a daughter, Edith May, who was born May 12, 1884. Mr. Knowles votes the straight Democratic ticket, but has little to do with public mat-



RS. LORETTA WHEATON is the widow of Peter M. Wheaton, late of this county. Her residence is on the old homestead on section 15 in Woodstock Township, where she is surrounded by several of her children. This farm contains over 240 acres, on which is a fine residence, while the out-buildings and other improvements are of a high character, and everything betokens thrift and care.

Peter M. Wheaton first saw the light in Aurelius. Cayuga Co., N. Y., Aug. 14, 1822, and was the son of Ichabod and Catherine Wheaton, natives of the State of New York, and of English and German ancestry. In the fall of 1828, when Peter was but six years old, his parents removed to Victor, Ontario County, in the same State, where they resided until the fall of 1836. At that time, in order to better their fortunes, they migrated to Michigan and settled in Adrian Township, this county, where Mr. Wheaton, the elder, was engaged in farming until August, 1840, when both he and his wife died, Mrs. Wheaton on Sunday and her husband the following Friday. The fever and ague always common to new countries is said to have been the cause of their death.

From the time of coming here with his parents in 1836, Peter M. Wheaton was a constant resident of Lenawee County until the date of his death. Performing farm labor by the day or month until the fall of 1845, he accumulated a little fund of money, with which he purchased a tract of land on section 21. This was in a state of original wildness without any improvement whatever, but being an active man and filled with energy, he soon cleared and improved about thirty acres of it, and putting up a log cabin lived there for about two years, when he sold out and purchased 120 acres on section 16, This was also new land, so putting up another cabin he took up his residence thereon, where he remained about eighteen months. Growing dissatisfied with this purchase he then disposed of it and bought an improved farm of eighty acres on section 15, where he lived about two years. A 100-acre tract on section 27 now meeting his fancy, he sold the place where he was then living and purchased the former, where he lived some four years. The farm and residence where his widow and family now reside, he purchased as an improved place in 1870.

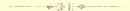
Mr. Wheaton commenced life without any means, but possessed with a will to do and strong arms. As can be seen above, he owned several farms and cleared a great many acres of land. He made his first money, the nucleus of his fortune, by taking the contract for chopping off the timber and clearing a piece of land for Levi Bennett, on Bean Creek, in Rollin Township, which employed his time for two winters. With the money he received he made his first purchase in real estate, and with his good wife settled down to the hard and laborious life of a pioneer farmer. To the worthy helpmeet whom he chose must be ascribed a large portion of his success in life. Possessed of considerable energy and activity, she assisted him to the best of her powers in all his undertakings, and by thrift and economy lessened his labor.

June 25, 1845, Peter M. Wheaton was united in marriage with Loretta Sanford, who was born in Wales, Eric Co., N. Y., Sept. 9, 1826, and is the daughter of Malachi and Baisora Sanford. Her father was a native of Phelps, Ontario Co., N. Y., where he was born Dec. 31, 1799, and was the son of Ezekiel and Susannah (Badger) Sanford. Ezekiel sanford was born in New Lebanon, Conn., and, his parents belonging to the society of "Shakers."

he remained with that peculiar people until he wassome fourteen years old. Malachi Sanford came to this State in 1837, and settled in Woodstock County, where he died March 3, 1870. He had married Mrs. Balsora, the widow of Jared Scott, of Wales, Eric Co., N. Y., and daughter of John M. and Mercy (Hoyt) Holmes, of the same place, by whom he had four children, Mrs. Wheaton being the second; the latter and one brother, E. M. Sunford, are still living. Mrs. Balsora Sanford was a native of Suratoga Springs, N. Y., and was born Feb. 17, 1793; she died in Woodstock Township, April 2, 1866.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter M. Wheaton were blessed Malachi S, was born April 30, 1846, married Miss Louisa Heminover, and is the parent of three children: Ida R., who was born Oct. 7, 1869, and died April 21, 1884; Luther M., born Oct. 9, 1871, and Loretta E., Jan. 23, 1874. He is a resident of Jackson County, this State, engaged in farming. Alfred A. was born Jan. 7, 1848, married Miss Elizabeth Heminover, and is the father of three children: William H., born Dec. 26, 1872; Armintha J., Oct. 30, 1874, and Lydia, May 22, 1886. Erastus M. was born Sept. 15, 1849, and died Aug. 26, 1851; Horace G. was born Nov. 15, 1851, married Mary Kane, and is a farmer of Woodstock Township; they have two children: LeGrand, born May 30, 1881, and George, Nov. 22, 1882. Betsey B., now Mrs. Alva Bedell, of Woodstock Township, was born Nov. 3, 1853 (see sketch of Alva Bedell); Catherine R. was born Nov. 29, 1855, and died April 27, 1862; James O, was born Dec. 26, 1857. and married Cora, the daughter of Albert and Julia (Brink) Briggs; she is the mother of one child, John M., who was born Jan. 10, 1887; George was born Jan. 24, 1860, and died March 1 of the same year; Elmar and Ellen (twins), were born March 3, 1861. Elmar married Mary J. Taylor, of Woodstock Township, and is the parent of one boy. La Verne, who was born Oct. 10, 1887; Anna H. M. was born April 2, 4863; Ira 1., May 17, 1865, and Job C., Jan. 13, 1871; these are at home; two children died in infancy.

After a long life of usefulness, Peter M. Wheaton died at his residence on section 15, in Woodstock Township, Feb. 5, 1887. He left a sorrowing family and a large circle of friends to mourn their loss. A good man is known by his works, and Mr. Whenton possessed the esteem and consideration of the community in a high degree, thereby showing that his life had been filled with noble deeds.



EWIS C. BAKER, of Adrian Township, occupies the old homestead of his father, the hand which the latter entered from the Government while Michigan was a Territory; the family have been residents of this county since that time. Our subject was the sixth of ten children, and was born Feb. 18, 1841, under the roof where he now lives and has since called home. Like his father before him he is a thorough and skillful farmer, possessing excellent judgment and good business capacities. The elder Baker assisted largely in the development of Adrian Township, and to his son the intelligent people of the community now look to perpetuate the work which was begun by the old pioneer and carried on in a most praise-worthy manner.

Norton Baker, the father of our subject, was born in Manchester, Ontario Co., N. Y., Dec. 9, 1802, while the paternal grandfather, Joseph M. Baker, a native of Massachusetts, was born Feb. 19, 1780, and soon afterward his parents removed to Rutland, Vt. Joseph M. continued there under the home roof until nineteen years of age, and then setting out for himself, migrated to Ontario County, N. Y., where he soon afterward purchased a farm near what was then the town of Farmington. In the spring of 1833 he disposed of his interests in that section and coming to this county purchased land from the Government and located in the new township of Rome, where he built up a good homestead, which he occupied until a few years before his death, when he finally moved into the village, where his demise took place May 27, 1872.

About the year 1800 Joseph M. Baker was united in marriage with Miss Sally Cruthers, whose acquaintance he had made after going to New York State, the wedding taking place in Phelps, Ontario County. She was born in Half Moon, N. Y., in 1778. She became the mother of six sons and five daughters, and came with her husband to this county, her death taking place in Rome, Sept. 15, 1851. Of this marriage Norton Baker was the eldest child, and as his father was one of the pioneers of Ontario County, N. Y., the early advantages of the boy were extremely limited. The schools were few and far between, but he learned to read and write mostly at home, and after becoming old enough to be of service on the farm, worked there and in a distillery until he was about twenty-eight years old and until starting for the West. He came to Michigan in the spring of 1833, with his father, and took up a tract of land in what was then Logan, but is now Adrian Township. He cleared 150 acres of land, bringing it to a good state of cultivation, and provided it with excellent buildings, barns, sheds, etc., and a good orchard, and still makes it his home.

The land which Norton Baker selected was situated on the sloping banks of Wolf Creek, a fine little stream of water which passes nearly through the center of the farm, increasing its value as pasture the soil. He had been accompanied in his western venture by the young wife whom he had married Sept. 12, 1830, in Ontario County, N. Y., and who was Miss Almeda, daughter of Jonathau and Mary Howland, of Manchester, Mrs. Baker was born Dec. 6, 1812, and was of New England ancestry for several generations. Her father was a native of Adams, Mass., where he was born in 1789, and the mother of Worcester, R. L. born in 1786, Mr. Howland came to Michigan in 1846, and purchased a farm in Adrian Township. His death took place in 1871. His wife had died the first year of their arrival here, in September, 1846.

Mr. and Mrs. Norton Baker experienced all the difficulties of life in a new country, and in common with the people around them, hore patiently and courageously the trials and struggles which they had come fully prepared to meet. The father of our subject possessed the sturdy spirit required by the men of those times and was prospered in his labors. In due time the parental household included ten children, who were named respectively: Sarah M., now the wife of Dr. Willard Perkins, of Franklin, this county; Isaac H., who died in Adrian, April 3, 1852, in the nineteenth year of his age; Ellen L., Mrs. George Gambee, of Adrian; Lois A., who died March 12, 1852, at the interesting age of sixteen years; Mary E., the wife of George Hunt, of Rome; Roxanna I., who died April 2, 1852, when eleven years of age; Lewis C., our subject; Frank I., who died June 2, 1862, when seventeen years old; Almeda A., who died Feb. 16, 1852, when four years old, and Ava E.

The Lewis homestead forms one of the most attractive spots in the landscape of Adrian Township and it is to be hoped that it will continue in the family for generations to come.



EO H. McCONNELL. The gentleman (a) whose name heads this sketch is one of the young and successful general farmers of Raisin Township. He is a native of Fairfield Township, Lenawee County, where he was born Jan. 22, 1859, and is a descendant of the McConnells of County Antrim, Ireland. His father, Hugh McConnell, was born in that county in the year 1820, and came to this country with his father when he was thirteen years old. His parents after spending some time in Canada came to the United States, and located in Toledo, Ohio, and there Hugh Me-Connell grew to manhood. Deeming that he could more advantageously ply his vocation, that of farming, in a more newly settled country, he turned his footsteps toward Michigan, and came to Fairfield Township, this county, where he located and made his home until his death, June 9, 1878, at the age of fifty-eight. Although not one of the first settlers of the township he was looked upon as a pioneer who did much to forward its interests and render it prosperous, and was much respected for his intelligence, sound judgment and unswerving integrity of character. His good wife, whose maiden name was Margaret Jane Colvin, survives him, making her home with her son, the subject of this sketch, and is hale and active at sixty-five years of age (for parental history see sketch of J. B. Colvin.) She was born in Monroe County, N. Y., and came to Michigan with her father, who was one of the pioneers of this county. She became the mother of seven children four of whom are living, namely: Eliza J., the wife of F. L. Williams, residing in Ker City, Fla.; Susama, the wife of John Shoemaker, a farmer in Fairfield Township; Leo II., and Edward C., a telegraph operator in the employ of the Union Pacific Railway Company, in Montana; the names of the deceased were Arthur, Eva and Arthur J.

Our subject was educated in the schools of his native town and remained at home with his parents until his father's death, where his education was further supplemented by a practical training in farming under the father's wise guidance. In the year 1882 he rented a farm of cighty-four acres on section 15 of Raisin Township, and here he has since made his home. Though a young farmer, Mr. McConnell's careful training, coupled with energy and perseverance, has made him successful in his calling, as he now occupies the old Colvin homestead.

In his work Mr. McConnell has had the assistance of a good wife, to whom he was narried in Fairfield Township on the 16th of November, 1882. Her maiden name was Clara E. Morley, and she was born in Chicago, Ill., Jan. 10, 1861. Her parents were Robert and Serena (Sparrows) Morley, the former a native of England, and a carpenter by trade. He came to Fairfield in 1881 and there died, while his wife died in Chicago, Ill.

Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. McConnell—Nina C., Norman C. and Edward H. Mrs. McConnell is an active and influential member of the Baptist Church. In politics Mr. McConnell is an adherent of the Republican party.

UGUST GLASER, a representative business man of Riga Township, is a member of the firm of Glaser & Ruedy, general merchants. Mr. Glaser was born in Baden, Germany, Feb. 29, 1836, and is the son of Ernest Glaser, who was also a hative of Baden, and spent his entire life there. Our subject was very early deprived of the care of his parents, his father dying when he was but six months old, and his

mother when he was five years of age, and the unfortunate child was thenceforth reared by strangers, and at a very youthful age commenced to make his own way in the world. He attended school quite regularly until he was thirteen years old, and aconized a fair education.

brother William, and landing in New York, proceeded immediately to Sandusky, Ohio, where the shoemaker's trade. After acquiring a good knowledge of this trade, he did journey work for three years, and at the expiration of that time war, he responded with the patriotic ardor of a native-born citizen to the first call of the Government for troops. He served two months at Camp Taywas honorably discharged and returned to Sandusky, In June, 1862, he again enlisted and became a member of Company D, 128th Ohio Infantry, and served with his regiment for awhile at Johnson's Island. The regiment was afterward sent to Point Lookout, Md., but at the time of the attempted release of the rebel prisoners on Johnson's Island, it was recalled to do garrison duty there, Our subject remained on the island until after the close of the war, receiving his discharge in June,

After the war Mr. Glaser came to Michigan to make his home, first spending two months in Blissicheld, and then coming to Riga Township, where he has since been a resident. He opened a shop and worked at his old trade for two years, then put in a stock of groceries and established himself in the grocery business, which he conducted with much success for three years. He then sold out that business, and erecting the building he at present occupies, commenced business as a boot and shoc dealer. He confined himself exclusively to that business for some time, but finally put in a stock of general merchandise, and under the firm name of Glaser & Ruedy, established his present business. He has studied the wants of the people, and by close attention to business and square dealings, has se-

cured a good trade which is constantly increasing.

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Mr. Glaser was first married, in 1857, to Christiana Shetler, a native of Wurtemberg, Germany. She died in 1870, and left three children-Louis, William and George. She was a kind and devoted wife and mother, and was held in respect by all who knew her. Mr. Glaser's second marriage, which occurred Sept. 10, 1871, was to Mrs. Barbara (Tagsold) Miller, who was born in Bavaria, Aug. 19, 1847, and was the daughter of John and Christiana Tagsold, and widow of John Miller. Her parents came to America and settled in Riga Township early in its history, and here spent their last years on a farm which they had cleared from the wilderness. To Mr. and Mrs. Glaser have been born four children-Theodore, Alma, Agnes and Carrie, Mrs. Glaser had a son, William, by her first marriage.

Mr. and Mrs. Glaser are held in deservedly high repute as people worthy of the confidence and esteem of all in the community. Mr. Glaser is a prominent member of Scott Post No. 43, G. A. R., and of Riga Lodge No. 361, 1, O. O. F.



R. HENRY P. COMBS, a retired physician, residing in the township of Rome, has always occupied a prominent place in the political circles of the town and county. Being a gentleman of superior education, he has been induced by his fellow-citizens to represent them in various capacities, and has always done so with honor to himself and credit to his constituents,

Dr. Combs is a native of Onondaga County, New York State, where his birth took place on the 19th of June, 1820. He is the son of John Combs, a native of New Hampshire, who removed to Central New York in an early day. He was a curpenter by trade, which business he chiefly followed, having but little taste for farm life. In 1816 he was united in marriage to Miss Maria S., daughter of Henry S. Platt, one of the pioneers of that portion of the Empire State, and who died there at the age of sixty-nine years. John Combs was taken from his family by death when he had barely attained the age of thirty-four years. His widow married Joseph Rhodes and removed to Adrian, Mich. in 1838, where she died, aged sixty-two years, leaving three children. She was a consistent member of the Methodist Church, and a most estimable woman.

Dr. Combs remained at home with his mother until he had reached the age of eighteen years, attending the schools of the county most of the time, and laying a strong foundation for his future edueation. After some time spent in the schools of Adrian, he commenced the study of medicine, which he closely followed for more than three years and a half. Two full courses of lectures were then attended by him at the college at Cleveland, Ohio, and from there, after graduation, he came to this township, in 1845, and began the practice of his profession. Continuing in the art of healing the sick, he met with great success, and followed it until 1865, when he retired from practice, Since that time he has been chiefly occupied in looking after his farm and attending to his political duties.

In politics Dr. Combs is a Republicau, having been formerly a member of the great Whip party. In 1857 he was elected a member of the State Legislature, and served in that body for two years, and so well did he serve the people that in 1863 he was again sent to that body for another term. He has also been called upon to fill the positions of School Inspector and Township Clerk for several years, and that of County Superintendent of the poor for more than thirteen years. Never grudging the time spent in the service of the community, he has always retained the esteem of the people. Consistent in all things, his political life has been an honor to him and to those who appreciated his most excellent qualities both of heart and mind.

In 1858, the Doctor took for a partner in life, Miss Lucy A. Sharer, who was born in Wayne County, N. Y., March 30, 1834. She is the daughter of David and Pamelia (Langdon) Sharer, of Wayne County, N. Y. The former was born in Maryland in 1807, but removed in early life to the State of New York. He was a cooper by trade, and followed that business as well as farming for many years. He removed to Michigan in 1835, and is now living with the Doctor. His wife died here May 18, 1881.

Dr. and Mrs. Henry Combs are the parents of two children; John H., who was born Dec. 20, 1861, married Miss Nellie E. Williams, and is the parent of one child, Alice E., Alice E. was born in 1872, and died in the same year. Mr, and Mrs. Combs are both attendants of the Baptist Church, and carry their religion into their everyday affairs.

\* EORGE W. TEACHOLT east his lot with the early settlers of Michigan in the spring of 1852, locating on eighty acres of land in Rome Township, which he has since occupied, and to which he has added until he now has a fine estate, including 200 acres of land with substantial buildings, a choice assortment of live stock, and all the other appurtenances of the modern country home. In addition to general farming he makes a specialty of blooded sheep, which are the source of a handsome income annually. He has been quite prominent in local affairs, serving as Constable, Highway and Drain Commissioner, Deputy Sheriff and Justice of the Peace. To the latter office he was elected in the spring of 1866, and has held it by successive elections since that time. He represented his township in the County Board of Supervisors, and has been a member of the Republican party since its organization.

Our subject, like many of the early settlers of the northwestern part of this county, is a native of Ontario County, N. Y., and was born Feb. 1, 1827. His father, Jacob Teachout, Jr., was the son of Jacob, Sr., whose father, a native of Holland, emigrated to America in early manhood, after his marriage, and died in New York State at the age of eighty-four years; his wife lived to be ninety-two years old. He was a shoemaker by trade, which he followed the greater part of his life. Jacob Teachout, Jr., was born in Schuyler County, N. Y., in 1784, and started out in life for himself when a lad (ifteen years of age. He continued on the farm in Ontario County until 1864, in the meantime having purchased land for himself. At this date he disposed of his property in the Empire State, and coming to Michigan, made his home with his son,

in Hillshale County, where his death took place in 1876, at the age of ninety-two years. His wife was Miss Rachel, daughter of Elijah Curtis, of New York State, who died in Ontario County when about sixty-live years of age. His wife subsequently came to Michigan, and died at the home of her son, in Genesee County, aged eighty-eight years.

The mother of our subject was also born in Schuyler County, N. Y., in 1794, and died there when sixty-nine years old. Jacob Teachout, Jr., was Republican in politics during the later years of his life. In early manhood he had voted the Democratic ticket, but subsequently changed his views, Both parents were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and reared their thirteen children in a careful and conscientious manner.

George W. Teachout, with the exception of three years spent with his brother-in-law, at Port Gibson. was a member of the parental household until twenty-one years of age. In September, 1848, he was married to Miss Harriet W., daughter of William Teachout, of New York State, who was the son of John Teachout, a native of New York State, who came to Michigan during its pioneer days, and died in Cambridge Township, this county, at the house of his son William, when seventy years of age. His wife had died in New York State while a young woman, and before the removal to the West. William Teachout came to Michigan in 1853, and purchased a farm in Cambridge Township, this was Rachel, daughter of Peter Wells, of New York, and died in Cambridge Township, this county, when fifty-eight years of age. John Teachout had served as a soldier in the War of 1812, and after being transformed from a soldier to a civilian, followed agricultural pursuits.

Mrs. Harriet W. Teachout was born in Ontario County, N. Y., Sept. 7, 1830, and after marriage she and our subject commenced life together on a small farm in their native county, where they continued until 1852. Mr. T. then sold out, and coming to this county, purchased eighty acres of land in Rone Township, which is now included in his present homestead, and to which he added until the farm comprises 200 acres. With the exception of one and one-half years, during which he was operating a grist and woolen mill in Adrian, he has been continuously engaged in farming.

The four children of Mr. and Mrs. Teachout are recorded as follows: Benjamin F. was born Jan. 17, 1849, in Ontario County, N. Y., and was consequently but a little over three years of age when his parents came to this county. Here he grew to manhood, and married Miss Adel, daughter of John Sickles, of New York State, and who is now proprietor of the Gibson House in Adrian; they have one child, a daughter, Florence W., eleven years of age. Benjamin is a fine musician, and has engagements all over the county. Helen E, and Ellen A. (twins) were born Sept. 30, 1853; Helen is the wife of F. A. Desermia, of French descent, who conducts a hotel at Onsted, and has an interest in farm property in Rome; they have one child, Beulah A., five years of age. Ellen A, married John Sickles, Jr., who is in the hotel business at Adrian, and they have one child, Jennie F., now fourteen years of age. William A. was born Aug. 27, 1855, and married Miss Mary, daughter of Henry Christman, of Rome; they have two children, a daughter and a son, named respectively Zeda and Clare: this son is conducting a hotel at Rome Center.



ENJAMIN LAUR. One of the neatest farms and most comfortable appearing homesteads in Cambridge Township is the one owned by Mr. Laur, on sections 26 and 27, where he has 180 acres of land, all well improved. He gives much of his attention to stock-raising, in which line of farming he has been eminently successful.

Mr. Laur is a native of what is now known as Elgin County, Ontario, Canada, and was born May 17, 1827. His father, George Laur, was a farmer, a native of Ontario, and lived and died on the farm where our subject was reared, in the county of Elgin; this land was received from the Government for serving in the War of 1812. George Laur, being a subject of the King of Great Britain, served in the English army as Sergeant, and purchased cattle for the regiment. His first wife, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Herett, became

the mother of seven children, of whom Benjamin was the youngest. In 1828 this estimable lady died, and all her children have followed her except John, who lives in Canada, and Benjamin, our subject. George Laur subsequently to this married Jane Marsh, and died in 1860, at the age of sixty-three years. The paternal grandfather of the subject of this sketch was John Laur, a native of Germany, who when a young man came to America previous to the Revolutionary War, and located in the State of Pennsylvania, where he remained some years; then removing to Canada he located in Welland County, Ontario, where he and his wife remained until their death; the land, embracing quite a tract, is still owned by the family.

Benjamin Laur was reared and educated in the county of his nativity, and first came to Michigan in 1846, but after a short visit returned to his Canadian home. In 1848 he again came to the United States, and traveled extensively through Illinois for his health, that being very delicate at the time. Somewhat later he came to Adrian, Mich., where he was united in marriage, Feb. 28, 1849, with Miss Lydia P. Scott, and shortly afterward returned to his home in Canada, where he made his residence for four years in Elgin County, after which he returned to Adrian Township, where he purchased a farm and lived eighteen years. In 1869 he bought the place where he pow lives in this township, and removed here.

Mrs. Laur was born in Farmington, Wayne Co., N. Y., Jan. 8, 1827, and is the eldest child of George and Mary (Pratt) Scott, the former of whom is a native of Cumberland, England, and the latter of New York. George Scott came to America when eighteen years of age, and after a tempestuous voyage, lasting nearly six months, located in the State of New York, where he was subsequently married. When Lydia was but a few months old the family removed to Michigan by way of the Erie Canal and the lake to Monroe, whence they came by ox-teams through the unbroken wilderness to Adrian Township, and located in June, 1827, before the village of Adrian had been started, land on which they located, comprising more than a section, was taken up by the grandfather, Joseph Pratt, at Government prices. Five years later the

latter died, while his wife, whose maiden name was Rebecea Wilbur, survived her husband, finally passing away to her rest from the home of her granddaughter in 1864, at the ripe age of seventy-eight years. The Pratt and Scott families were all members of the Society of Friends, and governed all their actions by the tenets of these noble people.

George Scott, the father of Mrs. Laur, is yet living in Adrian Township, having reached the advanced age of eighty-five years, and notwith-standing his labors in early life he retains his physical and mental strength to a great degree. His wife, who died in 1874, was the mother of eight children, three sons and five daughters, one son and three daughters of whom are yet living and are married.

Mr. and Mrs. Laur are the parents of six children, as follows: Mary E. is the wife of Henry Howes, residing on a farm in Fairfield Township; Emmelletta is the wife of Thomas Smith, a resident of Jackson County, Mich.; Eliza Jane is the wife of William Lindsey, a resident of Oceana County, Mich.; Delphine A. is the wife of Martin Lec, residing in Cambridge Township; Kate is the wife of Elsten Fullmer, of Antrim County, Mich., while George A. remains at home helping his father to operate the homestead.

Like their ancestors, Mr. and Mrs. Laur affiliate with the Friends, or Quakers, in religion, and travel through this world fully imbued with the upright intentions of that noble sect. Their example to the rising generation cannot but be helpful, for in their lives their precepts are exemplified in their practice.

ANIEL WIGGINS. The pleasantly located farm of ninety acres situated on section 33, in Macon Township, invariably attracts the attention of the passerby from the business-like manner in which it is conducted and the general air of thrift and prosperity that surrounds it. This became the property of Mr. Wiggins over thirty years ago, in the spring of 1854, and when, as may be imagined, it bore little resemblance to its present condition. It was then a wild, uncultivated tract of land which had been the

possession of David Stout, and upon which there were no improvements worth mentioning. Not long after Mr. Wiggins took it in hand, however, it was evident that a decided change was taking place, and each year since that time has added something to its value. There is now a good set of frame buildings, neat and substantial fences, a choice assortment of live stock, modern machinery, and all the appliances of the first-class country estate.

Mr. Wiggins is a native of Yorkshire, England, where he was born Feb. 16, 1828, and continued a resident of his native county until after his marriage. He is the eldest son of John and Anna (Silverside) Wiggins, the former a painter and cooper, who pursued these trades his entire life, which he spent in Yorkshire, finally being laid to rest upon his native soil at the age of fifty-eight years. His wife, Anna, whose birthplace was not far from that of husband, died while comparatively a young woman. Their family included seven children, five of whom are still living.

Upon reaching manhood Daniel Wiggins was united in marriage with Miss Jane Britton, a history of whose family will be found in a sketch of John Britton, published elsewhere in this volume. The wedding took place at the home of the bride in Yorkshire, in December, 1849, and a few months later the young couple started on a voyage to the United States. They embarked on a sailing-vessel at Hull, and landed in New York City in June, 1850, whence they proceeded at once to Southern Michigan, locating in Macon Township, this county.

Mr. Wiggins came to this county with a capital of \$90, which he invested fortunately, and by his good judgment and forethought was enabled to increase his talent in genuine Scriptural manner. He was never backward about putting his shoulder to the wheel, and for a few years labored early and late for the development of his land and the building up of his homestead. He was particularly expert as a plowman, and took the first premium at the county fair four years in succession and one premium at the State fair, where the result of his skill was viewed with admiration by hundreds of spectators.

Mr. and Mrs. Wiggins became the parents of

eight ehildren, and the mother departed this life at her home in Macon Township, July 17, 1876, at the age of fifty years. She was a good woman in the broadest meaning of the word, a devoted wife and mother, and the center of a large circle of warm friends. She had long been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and was always earnest in the Master's cause. Their son, Eddie C., died Dec. 21, 1859, when two years of age; the remaining children are John T., who married Miss Cheever, and is farming in Macon Township; Daniel R., Francis A., Hannah M., Ida M., Hattie L. and Joseph; all are married except Joseph.

Our subject, Nov. 22, 1877, contracted his second marriage, with Mrs. Alvena (Swick) Miller, who was born in Macon Township, Nov. 13, 1840, and is the daughter of John E. Swick, who is mentioned in the sketch of William Swick, which will be found elsewhere in this volume. Mrs. W. was reared and educated in her native county, and was married to her first husband, Albert Miller, in 1859. Mr. Miller was instantly killed by the explosion of a boiler in a sawmill at Saline, in Washtenaw County, in 1871. Of this first marriage there were born three children: Cassius M. C. and Emma A., who are married, and Charles S., who makes his home with Mr. and Mrs. Wiggins. Mr. Wiggins by this later marriage is the father of one child, a daughter, Mary, born Aug. 4, 1879, and now an interesting little girl of eight years. Mr. Wiggins, politically, uniformly votes the Republican ticket, and in religious matters, has for many years been a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

R. WILLIAM BROWN, for twenty-five years or more, was a successful practicing physician of this county, but in 1882 he associated himself with his youngest son and established the leading drug-store of Addison, to which he has since given a share of attention. He is a pharmacist of long experience, and his son Day, the junior partner, received his instructions from his father. Their store is fluely appointed, and they carry a full stock of drugs and medicines

with the various other articles pertaining to this branch of trade,

Dr. Brown is a native of New York State, and was born near Ft. Ticonderoga, on the 3d of August, 1821. His parents, Jeremiah and Mary (Waterman) Brown, were natives of Vermont, the former of whom was born May 2, 1789, and departed this life at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Roberts, in Addison, Feb. 7, 1874. Mrs. Mary Brown was born April 21, 1796, and preceded her husband to the silent land ten years, her death taking place at her home in Minnesota, Jan. 18, 1864. Jeremiah Brown served as a soldier in the War of 1812. He left his native State soon after his marriage, removing to Ticonderoga, N. Y., where he lived for a short time, then returned to the Green Mountain State and resided ten years. In 1840 he set out once more, and coming to Southern Michigan purchased ten acres of land in Rome Township, where he resided until 1848. Then selling out he moved to Woodstock Township, and after a short time bought forty acres in Cambridge Township. He kept this but a short time when he sold it, and in connection with his son William bought eighty acres in Woodstock Township, which continued to be his residence several years. Selling this property he moved to Minnesota, and purchased eighty acres of land in Hennepin County, and there remained until the death of his wife, when he sold that property, and came to Addison, Lenawee County, and spent the remainder of his days at the home of his daughter, as above stated. He was eighty-five years of age at the time of his death.

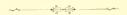
Of the six children born to Jeremiah and Mary Brown, William of our sketch was the eldest, and with the exception of one sister, Esther, Mrs. Roberts, who died in Addison, July 2, 1874, they are all living. William continued under the home roof attending the district school during his boyhood, and doing very little work until thirteen years of age, after which when not in school he was employed upon the farm. Later he went to Niagara County, N. Y., and attended a private school under the instruction of Prof. Whitlock, and afterward engaged as a teacher two years, spending his vacations upon the farm. In the meantime he took up the study of medicine, and later entered

the office of Dr. Case, of Rome Township, with whom he spent two years. After the death of Dr. C. he placed himself under the tuition of Dr. Grove and subsequently Dr. Spalding, of Adrian. He commenced the practice of his profession in 1846 in Rome Township, and has followed it in the northwestern part of the county up to the present time.

Dr. Brown has been popular as a man as well as a physician, and up to the election of President Buchanan labored in support of the Democratic party. The agitation of the various questions of that momentous period led him to adopt different views, and he identified himself with the Republican party, where he has since been found one of the most earnest supporters of its principles. With a thorough contempt for the office-seeker he has repeatedly declined honors, but has consented to serve in the positions where he believed he could do the most effective work. He has served as School Inspector two terms and Director eight years in the township of Woodstock, and was elected to the office of Town Treasurer, which office he held one year.

The marriage of Dr. William Brown and Miss Sarah Temperance Church was celebrated at the home of the bride in Hudson Township, March 6, 1842. Mrs. Brown was born in Lyons, N. Y., Jan. 28, 1823, and died at her home in Addison, Sept. 6, 1880. She was a lady of many estimable qualities, and an active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The three children born of this union are recorded as follows: Sarah F, was born in Rome Township, Nov. 28, 1842, and became the wife of William Kline, who died Jan, 30, 1880, leaving his widow and four children; Mrs. Kline has one son, married and living in Addison; his wife was Miss Catherine Underwood. Jeremiah Brown was born in Rome Township, April 22, 1845, and married Mrs. Ann VanVleet; he holds the position of clerk in the hardware store of Addison. Day was born July 4, 1849, and makes his home with his father; he employs his time in the store.

Dr. Brown belongs to the Southern Michigan Medical Society, having been a member for the last six years. Socially he is connected with Lodge No. 157, A. F. & A. M., and is a Knight Templar, belonging to Hill-dale Commandery No. 3. He has also attained to the 14th degree of Scottash Rite. He is a warm defender of the principles of Masonry, and takes pride in his advancement. Day Brown for the last three years has been a member of Addison Londer No. 382, I. O. O. F.



ILLIAM BOWERMAN was born in America, but is not a native of the United States, his birth occurring in Norwich, Oxford County, Ontario, Canada, on the 22d of January, 1836. The paternal great-great-greatgrandfather was a native of Germany, who came to America in Colonial times and located in Dutchess County, N. Y., where he was a pioneer settler, and passed the remaining days of his life. The greatgreat-grandfather, John Bowerman, was a native of Dutchess County, and was a farmer; he spent the last years of his life on the shore of the Bay of Oninte, Canada. The grandfather, who was also named John Bowerman, was born in Dutchess County, N. Y., reared to manhood and there married Mary Beagle.

A few years later, accompanied by his family, and his father and family, John Bowerman emigrated to Canada, and settled on the shore of the Bay of Quinte, a few miles from Kingston, where they were among the early settlers. There the grandfather and great-grandfather secured a tract of Government land, which they improved. The great-grandfather died there, and after his death the grandfather sold out and again removed to the frontier, settling in Norwich, Oxford County, where he was a pioneer, and after improving a farm he died there. The father, Isaac Beagle Bowerman, was born in Canada in 1812, and learned the trade of a carpenter. After marriage he provided a home for his family by buying a farm and erecting comfortable buildings thereon. He continued to work at his trade the greater portion of the time until his death, which occurred there in 1885. He was twice married. The name of his first wife, the mother of the subject of this sketch, was Mary West, She was born in Palmyra, Wayne Co., N. Y., and was the daughter of Levi West, also a native of New York, but of English ancestry. There were five children as the result of this marriage, and four by the second marriage.

The subject of this sketch was the second child of the family. His opportunities for education were not such as are enjoyed by the youth of to-day. The school he attended was on the subscription plan, and ready money to pay for tuition was not to be had at all times. The greater part of his education is of a practical nature, and relates principally to the problems of his farm. He assisted his parents with the work on the farm, and improved such opportunities as he had to acquire a knowledge of the carpenter's trade from his father. He spent one winter in Lenawee County before he was twenty-one years of age, but with that exception he resided with his parents until 1858, when he came to this county to live, and made his home with his uncle at Lenawee Junction for a time, after which he lived with a cousin until his marriage. He followed his trade quite steadily until 1880, when he settled on his present farm. But little of the land was then improved, but he has now brought the greater part of it under cultivation, and has erected thereon good and substantial farm buildings.

On the 30th of June, 1861, Mr. Bowerman was married to Miss Lydia, daughter of Reuben S, and Olivia Ingersoll, and they have had six children—Mary, Maggie L., Lizzie E., Charles B., Ralph A, and Bessie J. The Bowerman family through all the generations have been Quakers, but Mr. and Mrs. Bowerman are members of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Bowerman is a Republican, and shows his devotion to his party by regularly voting its ticket and assisting in all honorable ways to eject its candidates.

ALVIN II. CRANE. As an influential citizen of Madison Township, and a genţleman highly esteemed for his sterling worth and integrity, it gives us pleasure to place this brief commemorative sketch before the reading public. Mr. Crane's lineage is easily traced back to the Pilgrim Fathers, and in him is illustrated the saying

"The subtle drop of blood which forever bequeaths its tendencies descends from sire to son through long generations." Thus is worth derived from worth, and the Crane honesty and rectitude of purpose are recognized throughout the county. The parents of our subject are George L. and Leali (Ramsdell) Crane (for parental history see sketch of Hon, George L. Crane.)

Calvin H. Crane is a native of Madison Township, where his birth occurred May 20, 1842, and here his early life was spent on his father's farm. This home atmosphere in which he was reared was full of a good, practical teaching which enabled him to reap more abundantly the benefits of the district schools which he attended. The education thus received was supplemented by a few months' study at the Union Springs Academy in Union Springs, N. Y., and a course at Bryant & Stratton's Commercial College in Detroit.

Railroads and a railroad life have fascinations about them that the average young man cannot well resist, and Mr. Crane was filled with a desire to make railroading his occupation, but after serving two and one-half years as fireman on the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway, he retired perfectly satisfied with his experience in that line. Since that time he has given his attention to farming and dairying, and in both of these industries he has had pronounced success.

Mr. Crane was first married in Rose, Wayne Co., N. Y., April 11, 1866, to Miss Jennie, the estimable daughter of the late George W. and Elsie Mirrick. Mr. Mirrick died in Adrian, Mich., July 31, 1887, while his widow still survives. Mrs. Crane was born in the town in which she was married, April 14, 1838, but her happy married life was of short duration, as she died in Madison Township Nov. 30, 1871, leaving one child, George H., who was born Nov. 25, 1871. He is now (1887) completing his education in Raisin Valley Seminary, Lenawee County.

The second marriage of our subject was solemnized in Hillsdale, Mich., July 24, 1878, with Mrs. Emma C. (Livermore) Kellogg, daughter of James and Harriet (Riley) Livermore, of Hamilton, N. Y., and widow of Lewis B. Kellogg, of Clyde, N. Y., who died Dec. 3, 1875. She was born in Madison,

Madison Co., N. Y., Aug. 23, 1842, and by her first marriage had one child, May L. Kellogg, who was born April 13, 1871, and is now attending Raisin Valley Semirary. Mrs. Crane's father, Mr. Livermore, was a native of New York, where he was born in Sangerfield, Aug. 25, 1814; he died in the place of his birth, Sept. 12, 1851. Her mother was also born in Sangerfield, Oneida County, Sept. 26, 1813, and died in Hamilton, April 20, 1853.

Mr. Crane takes a warm interest in all public matters, both local and general, and has held the office of Township Treasurer one year, 1878, besides serving as one of the School Directors of Madison Township two terms. Socially he is a Knight Templar, being a member of 'Adrian Commandery No. 4, a member of Adrian Lodge No. 19, F. & A. M., and Adrian Chapter No. 10, R. A. M. In polities he is independent. He is held in high esteem in the community in which he resides, and is always foremost to indorse every good work that he deems of assistance in advancing the interests of his town or county, elevating its social status, or improving its educational resources. It is to men of like energy that Michigan is indebted for the position which she holds among the States of this great Federal Union.



G. HALL, one of the well-informed and representative citizens of the township of Raisin, where he owns a fine farm of 120 acres, on which is a good and comfortable home, comes from a family whose history began in this county in 1835. The father was Edmund Hall, a native of Steuben County, N. Y., and came of an old family of that State. Edmund Hall was reared in the county of his nativity until 1835, when he came, a single man, to Michigan, and secured a farm on section 25 in Raisin Township. The deed which he received for it, and in which his title was vested, was signed by Andrew Jackson, then President of the United States.

Upon his arrival in Michigan Edmund Hall found a vast wilderness of timber, into which he went, and selected a place where he might cut out a home.

In this he has succeeded admirably, and

the farm which he selected is now one of the finest and best improved in Lenawee County. Here he makes his home, at the age of eighty-one years, highly respected and esteemed by all who know him. He has always been a vigorous and healthy man, and it is one of his boasts that he never found it necessary to apply to a physician on account of any sickness of his own. He has always been a stanch Republican, and has taken a lively interest in political affairs, both of a National and a local character. On the 10th of February, 1836, he was married to Lucretia Raymond, a native of Stenben County, N. Y. She is still living, and like ber husband, retains her mental and physical vigor. The father is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the mother belongs to the Society of Friends. They are both highly respected by the people of Russin Township and Lenawee County.

A. G. Hall is the second child and son of the four children born to his parents, and first saw the light of day in Raisin Township, on the old homestead, on the 6th of April, 1839. He was reared at home on his father's farm, upon which he worked until he arrived at his majority, receiving his education in this township and at Adrian. On the 4th of March, 1868, in Palmyra Township, Mr. Hall was married to Laura A. Wilder, who was born in that township on the 13th of January, 1842, and is the daughter of Artemus and Fannie (Coolev) Wilder. The father came of an English family, which traces its ancestry back to 1497, in England, but finds that originally it was from Germany. Members of this family have held high place in English social, religious and educational spheres, and in political matters in the United States. The late Marshall P. Wilder was for years Treasurer of the State Horticultural Society, of Massachusetts, and of the United States Historical and Genealogical Society. He, as well as others of his family, achieved national reputations in their various departments of life. Artemus, the father of Mrs. Hall, was reared at Attica, New York State. and there married Fannie, sister of Judge Thomas M. Cooley, who is now Chairman of the Board of Inter-State Commissioners. She was reared in New York State, where she remained until her marriage with Mr. Wilder. Soon after their marriage they

left New York, and in August, 1839, arrived in Lenawee County, and settled in Palmyra Township. He died in 1866, at the age of sextry-eight years, and she died in 1869, at the age of sixty-eight years.

Mr. and Mrs. Hall became the parents of two children, one of whom is deceased. Arthur A. is a graduate of the Tecumseh High School, and is preparing for the profession of teaching. riage Mr. Hall began school teaching, and was engaged in the public schools of his county for more than twenty terms. He located on his present home farm in 1873, having previously lived for some years in Tecumseh Township. Before their marriage Mrs. Hall also taught eighteen terms of school in Lenawee and adjoining counties. She is an intelligent and educated lady, and well informed upon all the subjects which interest the people; she is a consistent and carnest member of the Presbyterian Mr. Hall is a solid Republican of the most enthusiastic character, and is a member of the Republican County Central Committee. He takes an active part in the political affairs of the township and county, and contributes his best energies to make his party successful in the various campaigns. In 1885 he was elected Supervisor for Raisin Township, and discharged the duties of that office faithfully and to the satisfaction of the people. He has been School Inspector of this township for several years, and calls to the discharge of the duties of this office much practical experience. Being a practical educator his interest in school matters is more than ordinary. He and his wife are both popular with the people among whom they live, and have established themselves in their esteem and respect.



RA GOODSELL, Postmaster, and member of the firm of A. A. Goodsell & Co., general merchants at Jasper, camé to this county from Vermillion, Ohio, in the fall of 1854. His early life was spent in the agricultural districts of Clautauqua County, N. Y., where his birth took place near the town of Portland, Sept. 13, 1832. He remained in that vicinity until a youth of eighteen, then going to Eric County, Ohio, engaged as a farm laborer

until starting for the West. He pursued the same calling a year after reaching this county, and then rented a farm in Ogden Township three years.

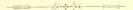
Mr. Goodsell had in the meantime been married, and in the spring of 1859 started for Pike's Peak. Upon arriving at a point 300 miles west of the Missouri River, they met a caravan of emigrants returning eastward, who assured them that Pike's Peak was a swindle and a cheat, and Mr. Goodsell, wisely profiting by the experience of those who had been there, turned about and retraced his steps to this county. This adventure had involved considerable expense, exhausting his ready means, and he was now obliged to begin over again and work out as before. After one season thus spent, he rented a farm in Fairfield Township, and the following year he purchased a tract of land on section 13, in Fairfield Township, upon which he continued until the spring of 1882. In the meantime he had opened up a fine farm of which he is still in possession, and which is now operated by a tenant. In 1882 Mr. Goodsell left the farm, and removing to Jasper became associated with his present partner, and as both are men of energy and honesty, they have built up a good patronage, and are each year extending their operations and increasing their stock. This comprises everything needed in the county or village household-provisions, drugs, boots, shoes, etc.

The marriage of our subject with Miss Elizabeth C. Phillips took place at the residence of the bride's parents on the 12th of December, 1855, Goodsell is the daughter of Alanson and Eliza W (Walker) Phillips, who are natives respectively of Massachusetts and New York, Mr. Phillips left the Bay State in early manhood, and after his marriage settled with his bride in Ontario County, N. Y., where they resided until the spring of 1835. Thence they came to this county, locating first in Madison Township, but two years later removing to Fairfield Township, where the death of the father took place April 7, 1879, and that of the mother, Aug. 14, 1885. Mr. and Mrs. Phillips were the parents of five children, three sons and two daughters, of whom Elizabeth C., the second child, was born in Ontario County, N. Y., Feb. 5, 1834, and was about one year old when her parents came to

this county. Of her marriage with our subject there was born one child only, a son, Arthur A., who married Miss Ella M. Buck and resides in Jasner.

The parents of our subject were Zalman L, and Lucy (Cole) Goodsell, both natives, it is supposed, of Columbia County, N. Y. The father it is known was born and reared there, and after marriage settled in Hillsdale, that county, whence he subsequently removed to Chautauqua County, where the mother died on the 10th of May, 1843, when fifty years of age. The father of our subject came to Lenawee County in 1857, three years after the arrival of his son Ira, and located in Ogden Township, but finally removed to Madison Township, after he had lived in Adrian for two years. His death took place on the 6th of April, 1873. The household circle included eleven children, two of whom died in infancy, and six boys and three girls lived to reach their majority; of these six are now

Ira Goodsell is the eighth child of the parental family, and received a common-school education. Like his father before him, he cast his political fortunes with the Democratic party. Although never an office-secker, he has represented Fairfield Township in the County Board of Supervisors, and has been otherwise prominent in local affairs. He was appointed Postmaster in January, 1886, and is discharging the duties of his office in a matter creditable to himself, and satisfactory to the community.



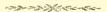
LFRED BELCHER is a prominent resident and prosperous farmer, situated in Rollin Township, where he has resided since 1834. He was born in Genesee County, N. Y., June 1, 1822, and is the son of Enoch and Elizabeth (Bennett) Belcher. The father of our subject was a native of Connecticut, whence he removed after he reached the age of manhood to Genesee County, N. Y., and resided there until 1833, when he came to Michigan, and rented a farm in Adrian Township, this county, he removed to Rollin Township, and entered 160 acres

of Government land, on which he was successfully employed in redeeming it from a state of nature, until his decease, which occurred at the age of seventy-three years; his wife died when seventy-five years of age. Their family comprised nine children, of whom three are yet living. A brother of our subject resides in Indiana, and a sister in Woodbridge, Hillsdale Co., Mich.

Our subject was reared on the farm until he attained his twenty-second year, engaged in clearing land and assisting in other farm duties. He had very limited opportunities for securing an education in the usual manner, but he was fond of reading, and supplementing what he attained at the district school by a judicious course of reading, he has become well informed on the events of the day. At the age of twenty-two years Mr. Belcher engaged in clearing land for himself, and continuing at this work for the next four years, found himself in a position to take up the responsibilities of a married life.

Our subject was united in marriage with Miss Mary A. Roekwell, who was born in Chautauqua County, N. Y., in 1830, and is the daughter of Hiram and Margaret (Parks) Rockwell. Her father followed the occupation of a farmer, and came to Michigan at an early day, where he spent the remainder of his life, dying in Farmington. The mother of Mrs. Belcher is still living and resides in Minnesota. Mrs. Belcher was one of seven children, and has borne to our subject a family of four children, named as follows: Salem M., Ellen A., James and Stephen J. Salem was born Feb. 16, 1851, and resides with his father on the old homestead; Ellen A. was born March 10, 1853, and is now the wife of Henry Page, a merchant in Burlington, Coffey Co., Kan.; James was born June 12, 1855, and married Miss Celia Payne, and they have four children, two sons and two daughters; his farm adjoins that of our subject. Stephen J. was born March 28, 1866, and operates his father's farm of 185 acres; he married Miss Dora Snyder. These children received such an education as was obtainable at the district schools, when, as their father was auxious to give them those advantages of which he himself was in a large measure deprived, he sent them to the High School of Hudson. After marriage our subject continued his farming operations on section 16 until 1854, when he removed to his present location. In 1863 he responded to the eal of his country for assistance in her hour of danger, and enlisted in the Mechanies' Corps, under Capt. Boone, of Quincy, Branch Co., Mich.

Upon his return from the war our subject resumed his agricultural occupations and engaged in the raising of graded stock, to which he has since devoted much attention. He has been quite successful in this undertaking, and exhibits a fine collection of horses and cattle. He does not take much interest in politics, but his sympathies are with the Republican party. He is an advocate of all measares which tend toward the advancement of the community and the development of the resources of his county. Our subject is of English ancestry, and his grandfather was the first representative of the family in this country. He took part in the Revolutionary War, while his son, the father of our subject, was engaged in the War of 1812. The family were honored and esteemed in their day and generation, and their name and example furnish their descendants with a pattern worthy of emulation.



ICHAEL J. MARTIN, one of the most enterprising farmers of Macon Township, has eighty acres of choice land in his homestead, and forty acres on another portion of the same section. Like many who fifty years ago sought their home in Michigan, he is a native of Seneca County, N. Y., and was born in Lodi Township, March 23, 1829. He came to this county with his parents when a child four years of age, and they settled in the wilds of Macon Township, where their career thenceforward was like that of hundreds of others who endured privations and hardships, but who almost without exception built up for themselves good homes and lived to see their children comfortably settled around them. These and their offspring are now enjoying the advantages which have been secured to them through the sturdy efforts of the pioneers.

Stephen P. E. Martin, the father of our subject, and a native of Middlesex County, N. J., was from

an old family which settled in New England during the Colonial days, and traced its descent back to Holland. The paternal grandfather, Michael Martin, was a farmer and slaveholder in New Jersey until slavery was abolished in that State. He spent his entire life in Middlesex County, where he married a lady of birth and parentage similar to his own. Their son Stephen upon reaching manhood continued the farming pursuits to which he had been reared, and married Miss Abigail Clarkson, of Middlesex County, N. J. The family history of the Clarksons will be found on another page in this volume.

After the birth of two children Stephen Martin and his wife determined upon a change of location, and gathering together their personal effects he moved into Seneea County, N. Y., where they took up their residence in Lodi Township, and two more children were subsequently added to the household. Not being satisfied with his labors in the Empire State, the father of our subject determined upon a removal to the Territory of Michigan, and made his way here after the manner of the travelers of those days first by canal and lake, and from Detroit to this county laboriously with an ox-team. They located on a tract of wild land in Macon Township, but later removed to Raisin Township, where the father secured a partly improved farm, and here his death took place in 1846, when he was nearly fiftyfour years old. He was a man of much force of character, and in early manhood had identified himself with the Democratic party, of whose principles he was a firm advocate until the day of his death. The mother afterward made her home with her children, and lived to be ninety-three years of age, her death occurring in Macon Township, April 9, 1887. She was a woman of great energy and resolution, and continued hale in both mind and body until nearly ninety years old, after that being quite feeble.

After the death of his father our subject continued with his mother in Raisin Township until his marriage, which most important and interesting event in his life was celebrated at the home of the bride, Miss Jane A. Miller, in Macon Township, Oct. 22, 1856. Mrs. Martin was the daughter of L. V. and Sarah (Huff) Miller, natives of Seneca County, N. Y., where they were reared and married.

After the birth of their first child, in April, 1832, they started on the long and tedious journey to Michigan, locating in Hillsdale County, where the mother died a few years later. Mr. Miller then removed to Macon Township, this county, and is still living, making his home with his son, and being now eighty-one years old. Mrs. Martin was a child when her parents came to Michigan, and was reared to womanhood in Hillsdale County. After being the faithful and affectionate companion of her husband for a period of twenty-five years she departed this life at her home in Macon Township, Oct. 28, 1881. To Mr. and Mrs. Martin were born four children, as follows: Their eldest daughter, Ida B., is the wife of Frederick Beland, and they are living upon the homestead of Mr. Martin, and have two children-Charles C. and a babe unnamed. The eldest son, J. DeWitt, is finely educated, and holds the position of Principal of the school at Mooreville, Washtenaw County, while S. Sophia and Harry T. are at home with their father, both being well educated, and the latter a teacher.

Mr. Martin located in Macon Township soon after his marriage, and has been a resident here now for over thirty years. He is numbered among its most useful and self-sacrificing citizens, and has always taken a lively interest in the welfare of his adopted township. All the family attend the American Reformed Church. Mr. Martin is Democratic politically, and has served as Township Clerk, Treasurer and School Director.

OHN O. MAXWELL, Supervisor of Cambridge Township for the last seven years, is one of its well-known and most successful general farmers, and has a beautiful and well-ordered homestead on section 32, comprising eighty acres of land, the greater part of which has been brought to a high state of cultivation. The buildings are all that could be desired by the first-class agriculturist of cultivated tastes and ample means. Aside from the home farm he owns property on section 33, which is also well improved. In all the enterprises which have tended toward the building up of Cambridge Township, Mr. Maxwell

has been usually a leading spirit, contributing liberally of his time and means to whatever would benefit the community.

The subject of this biography first opened his eyes to the light in the township of Milo, Yates Co., N. Y., Dec. 25, 1834. He comes of an excellent old New England family of Scotch descent, whose ancestors crossed the Atlantic during the Colonial days. Two brothers came together and located in Rhode Island, whence one subsequently emigrated to Long Island, and from him descended the branch of the family to which our subject belongs. The records indicate that one of his sons. John Maxwell, settled in Westfield, N. J., in 1665, and located on what was known as the old Elizabethtown tract. He was there married and became the father of four children-William, John, Jr., David and Esther. Of William nothing is known; John, Jr., became the father of two children-Nathaniel and John; but little is known of David, and Esther died quite young.

John Maxwell, Jr., was a soldier with the Virginia troops of the Continental army, and was in the battles of White Plains, Oct. 28, 1776, and Germantown, Oct. 4, 1777. He died a soldier at Middlebrook, N. J., in the latter year, and his son Nathan was killed in battle during the Revolutionary War. John, the brother of Nathan, married Miss Eunice Osborne and had five children, namely: Jacob, Britton, Elizabeth, John Osborn, Esther and Israel. John Maxwell, the father of the foregoing five children and the grandfather of our subject, was a mason by trade and a master in his profession. He had served his apprenticeship at Long Hill, Morris Co., N. J., under a man by the name of Jacob Britton, and afterward made one of his sons a namesake of his employer, to whom he was greatly attached. After the death of the latter John Maxwell became guardian to Abraham and Israel, the two sons of Mr. Britton. He was appointed to the position by Richard Howell, the Governor of New Jersey. He had also been commissioned Captain of the State Militia, and was generally prominent in public affairs. He was married, Nov. 6, 1785, to Miss Eunice Osborne, and in 1800 removed with his wife and family to a point near Sparta, Sussex County. There his last child and youngest son,

Israel Baker Maxwell, was born, and there he with his estimable wife spent the remainder of his days, both living to a ripe old age.

Jacob Britton Maxwell was married to a Miss T. Russell, by whom he had one child, and by a second marriage, with Mary Little, he had four children. His sister Elizabeth, the eldest daughter of the family, was twice married, first to a Mr. Van Buskirk, and lastly to a Mr. Montoguil, and was the mother of children by both. The other brother, John Osborne Maxwell, married Miss Betsey Corey, and became the father of five children. After her death he was married to a Mrs. McPeck, who had formerly been a Miss Little. Esther Maxwell, the second daughter, died in early childhood.

Israel Baker Maxwell, the father of our subject, and the youngest son of John Maxwell, was born in Sussex County, N. J., Feb. 8, 1803. He learned the trade of a carpenter when a young man and followed it more or less all his life. After con.pleting his trade he married Miss Mary A. Onsted, who was born in Sussex County and is believed to have been a descendant of the old Jersey Dutch stock. After the birth of three children-Nancy, Esther and Eunice-1srael B. Maxwell with his family removed to Yates County, N. Y., and resided there in the township of Milo two years, during which time their fourth child, John O., was born. He removed from his native county with his parents soon afterward, and in the spring of 1835 was brought by them to Michigan, crossing Lake Erie to Detroit and thence with a team across the country to Cambridge Township. Israel B, Max well took up 240 acres of Government land on sections 29 and 32, making his home on the former, Upon this land he labored industriously until the spring of 1852, but the results being not entirely satisfactory he decided to seek the Pacific Slope and endeavor to better his financial condition in the gold regions of California. After a few years his family received intelligence that he had been taken ill and been sent to the hospital at San Francisco. That was the last information that could be obtained by the sorrowing wife and family, who, after waiting anxiously for years in the hope of his return home, were compelled at last to give up all expectation of ever seeing him again. The mother survived a few years, making her home with her younger son, Peter, until her death, which took place on the 5th of March, 1865.

The children of Israel B. and Mary Ann Maxwell are recorded as follows: Naney, the wife of Amon Pratt, died in August, 1871; Esther married Henry Powell, a respected farmer of Cambridge Township; Eunice became the wife of Lewis Swartout, and died in August, 1858; John O., of our sketch, was the next in order of birth; the two youngest children were born in Cambridge Township. Jacob B. married Miss Catherine Aten, and is farming not far from the old homestead; Peter married Miss H. Van Alstine, and is farming in Cambridge Township.

John O. Maxwell was a youth of eighteen years at the time of his father's death, and had distinguished himself as a bright, industrious and ambitious boy, who made the most of his opportunities at school and was not afraid of downright hard labor. He now applied himself diligently to the improvement of the land which had fallen to him as his portion of his father's estate. He sensibly waited before taking upon himself further responsibilities until the 24th of April, 1858, and was then married in Cambridge Township to Miss Charlotte Onsted, who was born in that township, Jan. 7, 1839. Mrs. M. is the daughter of Peter and Elizabeth (Conkling) Onsted, who emigrated from the Empire State to the Territory of Michigan in 1836, where Mr. O. took up a quarter section of Government land and purchased eighty acres besides on section 33, in Cambridge Township, where he battled with the soil continuously for a number of years, and succeeded in building up a valuable homestead, Here the kind, loving and affectionate Christian mother died in the summer of 1852. Peter Onsted was subsequently married and finally removed to the city of Adrian, where his decease occurred in the spring of 1883, when he was seventy-one years of age.

Mrs. Charlotte Maxwell was the sixth child in a family of ten children, four sons and six daughters, and continued under the home roof until the death of her mother, when she made her home elsewhere until her marriage. She is spoken of by all as a lady of kind and generous impulses, proving a

friend in time of need to all in distress, strangers as well as acquaintances. Her large-hearted benevolence has been the means of relieving many aching hearts and suffering bodies. She is the mother of one child only, a daughter, Helen E., who is now the wife of George Bennett, of Rome Township, and the mother of two children—Lynn M, and J. DeWitt.

Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell are charter members of the springville Patrons of Husbandry, of Cambridge Township, No. 279, of which order Mr. M. has been Treasurer since its organization, in 1874. He is also prominent in Masonry, being a member of Commandery Knights Templar, Adrian Lodge No. 4, and also of Chapter No. 10, Blue Lodge, in Brooklyn, Jackson County. He cast his first Presidential vote for Pierce, and since that time has been a stanch supporter of the Democratic party. In the discharge of his duties as Supervisor he has given unmixed satisfaction, and ranks among the leading men of the township, one always interested in all matters tending to its welfare and progress.

RANK ALEXANDER. There came to Michigan from Wayne County, N. Y., in 1857, David and Mary A. (Howell) Alexander, with their little family, prepared to establish a home upon a portion of the uncultivated land of Rollin Township. David Alexander purchased 160 acres of land on section 32, all of which he brought to a fine state of cultivation, putting up a good house and barn, and by degrees adding other buildings necessary for the successful prosecution of his calling. Here he continued the remainder of his life, and after building up a record as an honest man and a good citizen, peacefully passed away at a ripe old age on the 1st of January, 1880, leaving a wife and four children.

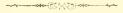
Harriet, the eldest daughter of David and Mary A. Alexander, was born Aug. 29, 1841, and became the wife of S. M. Burgess; she is now a resident of Michigan and the mother of one child. George N. was born Oct, 7, 1843, in Wayne County, N. Y., and during the late war enlisted as a soldier in the Union army, being a member of Company II, 1st Michigan Light Artillery; he was discharged for disability, but re-enlisted in the 6th Regiment Heavy Artillery. He married Miss Nellie Knight, and is now connected with a railroad in Washington Territory, having his headquarters at Seattle, and is the father of two children. Frank, the subject of this sketch, was born in Wayne County, N. Y., May 20, 1849; William P. was born Aug. 12, 1851, in the same county, and married Miss Ada Hardy; they have four children, and are living on a farm in Rollin Township.

Mr. Alexander received a fair education, and when twenty-one years of age engaged in teaching in his native township, and in 1873 rented the farm until the death of his father. After this event he still continued on the homestead, where he has given the best efforts of his life toward its improvement and embellishment, and has taken pride in perpetuating the work which his honored father so worthily began. He was married, on the 8th of April, 1874, to Miss Elizabeth D., daughter of Orson and Elizabeth (Douglas) Green, one of the first families in Rollin Township (see sketch of Orson Green). Mrs. Alexander was born Feb. 5, 1850, and became the mother of one child only, a daughter, Sarah A., who was born Dec. 5, 1880. Mr. and Mrs. Alexander are members in good standing of the Methodist Church, and are actively interested in missionary work. Mr. Alexander, politically, is a stanch Prohibitionist, and has the warm sympathy in his labors of his estimable wife, who also takes an active part in temperance work, He has occupied the various township offices, serving as Treasurer and School Director, and otherwise signifying his lively interest in the moral and educational welfare of the people.

The Alexander family came originally from Scotland. Frank Alexander, a great-uncle of our subject, was an artist of remarkable talent, and another uncle was a preacher of note. On the mother's side the family were of equal talent, people of great strength of character and uniformly prominent in the places where they took up their abode. They served as soldiers in the Revolutionary War, and Frank, of our sketch, has now in his possession the musket his maternal grandfather

carried during the struggle of the Colonists for their independence.

David Alexander was born in Windham County, Conn., Feb. 2, 1811, and was taken by his parents to Wayne County, N. Y., when a child of twenty months old. His father, Nell Alexander, a native of Connecticut, died there at the age of fifty-seven years; he for a long term of years held the office of Justice of the Peace. His wife died at the age of seventy-one. The father of our subject was in former years a Democrat, but in 1844 voted the abolition ticket, and later identified himself with the Republican party.



TEPHEN BUGBEE, a native of Orleans County, N. Y., east his lot with the pioneers of Michigan at an early day and employed the strength of his manhood in subduing the primitive soil in Lenawee County. He was born May 23, 1831, and is the son of Moses Bugbee, who first opened his eyes to the light on the 22d of June, 1787, in Connecticut. The mother of our subject, formerly Miss Elizabeth Bently, was a native of New York State and born July 30, 1796. Her father, Ezekiel Bently, served in the Revolutionary War and spent his last years in Or-

leans County, N. Y., living to be eighty years of

Moses Bugbee, the father of our subject, through his own efforts acquired a fair education and taught school for a time in his own neighborhood. He was married soon after reaching his majority, and with his young wife settled upon a tarm in Orleans County, N. Y., where they became the parents of seven children, all sons. Twenty years later, after his family had grown up around him, he disposed of his interests in the Empire State and came to Michigan while it was a Territory, reaching this county in the spring of 1829. In February, 1830, he settled upon a tract of land which was afterward included in the limits of Adrian Township, and was probably the first settler there. There was but one house between him and the embryo town, a distance of four miles. The father of our subject had a thorough contempt for the frivolities and superfluities of life and pursued his farming operations with oxen alone, claiming that he could depend upon them and they were not apt to run away. He was of a contented disposition, and spent the last days of his life upon the homestead which he had labored so industriously to build up, and where he had surrounded himself and his family with many comforts. He looked his last upon the scenes of earth on the 19th of April, 1869, while the wife and mother survived a few years, her death taking place Feb. 26, 1875. They were people greatly respected by their neighbors and sought in all ways to follow the precepts of the Golden Rule. Although they could not give their children the advantages of a collegiate education they trained them to habits of industry and principles of honor, and thus fitted them to take their places in the world and exert a good influence upon those around them.

Our subject spent his childhood and youth under the home roof and at an early age was married, Dec. 28, 1847, to Miss Almira, daughter of Jacob Sanders, who was a shoemaker by trade and had migrated from New York State to this county, in 1838. He followed his trade until his death, which took place Jan. 9, 1860, and is remembered as an honest and hard-working man who did his best to provide comfortably for his large family. He had but \$5 in his pocket when reaching this county but made friends with all who knew him, and neither he nor his ever suffered for the comforts of life. He married Miss Lydia, daughter of James Egbert, of Pennsylvania, who migrated to Illinois in the pioneer days and died in Hillsdale County, this State, at the ripe old age of seventy-two years, Mrs. Sanders was born in Pennsylvania, Dec. 20, 1793, and after the death of Mr. Sanders was a second time married, her last husband only living about six months. She spent her last years in this county, and died Aug. 30, 1864.

Mr. Bugbee up to the time of his marriage had labored at home upon the farm, and now with a laudable desire to retain possession of the homestead, purchased the interests of the heirs, having to pay for this the sum of \$2,250. The personal property was equally divided. Our subject and his wife had thus a good start in life, and in due time became the parents of five children: Mary was born Oct. 7, 1848, and is now the wife of R. R. George, a prosperous farmer of Rome Township; Jacob N was born Sept. 7, 1853, and is a carpenter by trade and at present a resident of Colorado; he married and became the father of one child, and his wife died some time since. John E. was born Aug. 26, 1862, and operates the farm on shares with his father; Frank C. was born Nov. 28, 1864, and is married and farming in Rome Township, and is the father of two children; Minnie M. was born May 7, 1869, and is at home with her parents.

Our subject was the fourth of seven sons born to his parents, and has three brothers in this State, all engaged in farming. Two years after the father settled here he went fishing, and upon his return home was treed by the wolves who surrounded his perch and made themselves merry at his expense until morning. He was afterward very much annoved by the hungry rascals, which each night for a long time made a path around his sheep pen in the vain endeavor to get at the inmates. Indians also were plentiful in that region then, and one night three of them sought shelter under the hospitable roof of Mr. Bugbee, where they remained all night, using a stick of wood for a pillow. They learned that the white man was their friend and frequently came to the cabin, never making any disturbance.

The father of our subject identified himself with the Democratic party in early manhood, but after the organization of the Republicans changed his views and upheld the latter the remainder of his life. Religiously he was a zealous member of the Baptist Church, which he regularly attended with his wife and children.



ORMAN F. BRADISH. During the decade between 1830 and 1840 the tide of emigration turned toward Michigan, and many of the leading men of to-day came in during that time. Some of these were men in the prime of life, who had already accumulated some property, and in the unbroken wilderness of this Territory saw greater and more speedy results for the invest-

ment of their capital. Some were young men just starting out to fight life's battles, and deemed this a promising field for the free scope of their energies and ambitions. Many were yet children who came with their parents to this new field of action, and of this latter class was our subject, Mr. Bradish.

The parents of Mr. Bradish were Calvin and Nancy (Post) Bradish (for parental history see sketch of Augustus W. Bradish). Our subject was born in Wayne County, N. Y., Aug. 25, 1822. and is the youngest of a family of twelve children, He was only nine years of age when he came with his parents to Lenawee County in 1831, and he has lived in the vicinity of his present home in Madison Township since that date. He was reared on the home farm, and there received the benefits of a practical instruction in all things pertaining to farm life. Being ambitious he was anxious to start out in life for himself, and having elder brothers, so that his help was not especially needed at home, his father gave him his time somewhat before he attained his majority, and his energy and wise industry have gained him success. Most of his life has been spent in farming, and in connection with this occupation be operated a threshing-machine during the summer and fall months for a period of sixteen years. He is now the proprietor of 230 acres of valuable land on section 23 of Madison Township, upon which he has erected ample and convenient buildings, and has all the necessary implements for carrying on farming after the most approved methods. Like all successful persons he has occasionally met with disasters and losses; in the summer of 1885 his barn was struck by lightning and was destroyed with all its contents, entailing a loss estimated at from \$1,500 to \$2,000.

Mr. Bradish was married in Ovid, Seneca Co., N. Y., Oct. 7, 1845, to Miss Caroline, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Lobdell) Caton, both natives of Palmyra, N. Y. Mrs. Caton died there in 1827, and after her death Mr. Caton removed to New Jersey. They had five children, namely: William, Samuel L., Elizabeth, John D. and Caroline M. The youngest of the family, the wife of our subject, was born in Palmyra, Wayne Co., N. Y., Sept. 30, 1826. To Mr. and Mrs. Bradish have been born five children, namely: Mentha A., who died when

five years old; Helen A., who died when twenty months old; Russell N., who married Miss Jennie Spaulding, and lives in Madison Township; Mentha Amanda. who is the wife of George B. Horton, and resides in Fairfield Township, and Maggie A., who died Feb. 18, 1864, aged twenty months.

Mr. Bradish takes great interest in the welfare of the township, and lends his influence to the pronotion of the best interests of town and State. He has held the office of Highway Commissioner, and served the county as Deputy Sheriff. Socially, Mr. and Mrs. Bradish are members of the Madison Grange, and politically Mr. B. is a Republican.

OSEPH R. BELL, a leading farmer and stock-buyer of Seneca Township, was born in Portage County, Ohio, Dec. 22, 1851, and came to this county with his parents early in 1855. Jonathan G. Bell, the father of the subject of this sketch, was a native of England, and born in the county of Cumberland. He was reared to manhood in the land of his birth, and was there united in marriage with Miss Anne Smith.

Shortly after his marriage Jonathan Bell concluded to seek his fortune in the New World, and accordingly embarking, after a tedious voyage, during which time he had the misfortune to lose his wife, he landed in Canada, where he remained some years. While a resident of the Dominion, he again entered into the marriage state, this time with Miss Frances Roach, a native of Cumberland, England, and born in 1818. Her parents came to the United States and settled in Cortland County, N. Y., but three years later removed to Ohio. From the latter place, in 1855, they removed to Michigan, and settled in Seneca Township, where they at present reside. Both have attained their threescore and ten years, and are passing their declining lives in peace and comfort. Jonathan Bell was the father of nine children, two girls by the first wife and seven boys by the second.

Joseph R. Bell, the fourth child of his parents, was reared on his father's farm and received his education in the common district schools, and has always been engaged in agricultural pursuits. He is at present largely interested in the purchase and sale of live stock, which he carries on in connection with his farm. Jan. 1, 1874, he was united in marriage with Miss Mary Ann Hayward, who was born in Seneca Township, Jan. 5, 1847. She is the daughter of Stephen and Sarah Jane (Sanger) Hayward, a history of whom is given in the sketch of their son Henry Hayward, in this Adacu. Mrs. Bell was the fifth child of her parents, who were pioneers of 1834, and was reared among the familiar seenes of Seneca Township, receiving her primary education in the district schools, and finished it at the Raisin Valley Seminary

Mr. Bell owns some eighty acres of land on section 22, which manifests by its high state of culture, the interest and ability of the proprietor. He has been in the stock business for some twelve or fourteen years, and has met with a merited success. He is a most excellent citizen, a public-spirited man and a kind and devoted husband. Taking great interest in the welfare and progress of the county and town, he enjoys the respect and esteem of all his appreciative neighbors.



IRAM A. CURTISS, one of the old settlers of the township of Ridgeway, came to this county nearly half a century ago, and now owns eighty acres of land, most of which is well improved, on sections 4 and 33. Since 1876 Mr. Curtiss has let his son manage the farm, and he lives in quiet. He was born in Paris Township, Oneida Co., N. Y., June 17,1816, and is the son of Charles O. Curtiss, whose biography is given in connection with the sketch of Mr. Lyman Curtiss in this work.

The subject of this sketch spent his early life on the farm back in York State, and while yet living in his native county, was united in marriage, in 1842, with Miss Lydia Hull. Miss Hull, who was born in Herkimer County, N. Y., Dec. 11, 1819, was the daughter of Benjamin Hull, a native of York State. He was a farmer, and later in life went to Wisconsin, where he died. Mrs. Curtiss remained at home until her marriage; she became the mother of five children, and died at her home April 21, 1887. Of

the five children, three died when young; the living are William H., who married Elizabeth Zeluff, a native of Ridgeway (for parents' history see sketch of John Zeluff); they live on and operate the Curtiss homestead belonging to the father. Eliza, the other living child, is the wife of William Britton, and lives in Britton; they own a large farm. The deceased were Hannah J., who died April 12, 1845, aged two years and nine days; Charles E., who died March 13, 1851, aged two years and three months, and George W., who died aged one year and two months.

Immediately after marriage Mr. Curtiss set out from Utica, N. Y., via caual and lake to Detroit, and thence by team to Ridgeway, landing here in October, 1842, and securing a part of the farm he now owns and lives on. The farm was all woods, and Mr. C. can be credited for its improvement. Mr. and Mrs. C. are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, while in politics Mr. C. is a Republican. With Mr. Curtiss lives his sister, Julia A., who was born in Paris Township, Oneida Connty, Nov. 27, 1818. She lived at her home in Oneida until 1880, when she came to this part of the country, and made her home with her brother; she is a member of the same church.

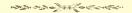


RS. ANN KING, widow of the late William King, of Rollin Township, was born in the district of Galloway, Scotland, July 12, 1831, and came to the l'nited States in 1854, when a young lady twenty-three years old, it having been agreed between herself and future husband, Mr. Robert Sloau, that if he was pleased with the outlook she should follow, which she did, and worked out until her marriage as hereafter stated. She is the daughter of James and Catherine (Broadfoot) Beattie. She continued with her parents until reaching womanhood, in the meantime receiving careful home training from her excellent mother and a fair education in the common schools.

Our subject was first married to Robert Sloan, Oct. 9, 1855, in Livingston County, N. Y., and became the mother of one child, a daughter, Katie, who was born Jan. 1, 1857. She is now the wife of William W. King, a resident of Rollin Township, and has one child, a daughter Bertha, two years of age. Robert Sloan was a native of Scotland and died in Hillsdale County, Mich., in June, 1857. Mrs, Ann Sloan became the wife of William King on the 18t of April, 1858, and to them were born two children: Robert B., April 10, 1861, and William W., Oct. 10, 1864. The former died at the age of three years and three months; William W. married Miss Mary Hiltchings, and is working the homestead.

William King was born in Ayrshire, Scotland, in 1813, and died at his home in Rollin Township in the spring of 1884. He remained in the land of his birth until a youth of nineteen years, and after working in a shipyard about twelve months, sailed for the United States. During the tempestuous voyage the ship was wrecked, but young King fortunately escaped perishing, and a little over thirteen weeks after leaving his native land, arrived in New York City. He was there employed in a foundry for about three years, then made his way to Michigan, arriving in this county about 1810. He was first employed on a farm near the town of Niles, after which he came to this county and purchased forty acres of land in Rollin Township. Later be traded this for the homestead which he left to his widow, and upon which she now resides.

The parents of Mr. King died in Scotland, after attaining to a good old age, having both reached their fourscore years. The family was of excellent ancestry, and possessed in a marked degree the reliable and substantial traits of the Scottish nationality. Mr. King politically was a Republican. The King family bave always been the friends of temperance and morality, and Mrs. King for many years has done good service as an intelligent Christian lady, in the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which she has been a member for many years.



RS. SUSAN H. HAGAMAN, now a resident of Morenci, is the daughter of James and Nancy (Ballard) Day, who were natives of Thompson, Conn., where her father spent most of his life and where his decease occurred. His wife was subsequently married to

Abel C. Ely, of Ohio, and late in life removed to Morenci, where his death took place. They became the parents of a family of nine children, five sons and four daughters, of whom Mrs. Hagaman was the fourth child in order of birth.

The subject of this sketch was born in Thompson, Conn., Feb. 12, 1815, and passed her early years partly in the place of her birth and partly in Massachusetts. She afterward accompanied her mother to Lake County, Ohio, where she lived until her marriage. Her first marriage took place at her mother's home in Ohio, Sept. 20, 1842. Her husband, Franklin Cawley, was a native of Penn; sylvania and had come to Seneca Township seven years previous to his marriage. He was a millwright by trade and was also engaged in agricultural pursuits, occupying a part of what is now the village of Morenci. He was engaged for some time in the lumber business, also operating a sawmill, and made Morenci his residence until his death, which occurred on the 23d of October, 1858. By this union there were born six children, two of whom died in infancy; the other four were named as follows: Frank E., Anna C., Sarah L. and Perley F. Frank married Miss Sarah Scofield, and resides in Morenci; Anna is the wife of Watson C. Crabbs, and resides in Toledo, Ohio; Perley F. married Miss Luella Rorick, and resides in Fayette, Ohio.

The subject of our sketch was a second time united in marriage, in Morenci, with Joseph Hagaman, Mr. Hagaman was born in Varick, Seneca Co., N. Y., March 18, 1816, and was the son of John S. Hagaman, a native of New Jersey, and Mrs. Elizabeth Waldron, also of New Jersey. Joseph Hagaman was reared on the farm in Seneca County, where he received a good common-school education, and in 1841 came to Michigan and settled in Medina. He was first married in 1838, to Miss Leah, daughter of Samuel and Catherine Blain, of Varick, N. Y. This lady died in Morenci, Oct. 4, 1863, leaving no children, and on the 7th of September, 1864, he was united in marriage with the subject of our sketch. In 1864 Mr. and Mrs. Hagaman settled in the village of Morenci, where he was variously occupied until his decease, which occurred on the 27th of August, 1881.

Mrs. Hagaman is a lady of exemplary character,

cheerfully assisting by her counsel and in a more tangible manner all enterprises which have for their object the promotion of the cause of morality and the advancement of the best interests of the community. She is comfortably situated, and toward the close of a well-spent life can look forward to the prospect of spending her declining years in the enjoyment of case and comfort.



ILLIAM WALDRON, son of a well-known pioneer of Lenawee County, is one of the most prominent and successful farmers of Tecumseh Township, where he has spent his entire life, having been born on the old homestead of his father, Dec. 19, 1850. The first roof which sheltered him was that of a little cabin erected by the elder Waldron upon the uncultivated tract of land which became his property in the spring of 1846, and where he still lives. A sketch of Aaron K. Waldron and his wife, the parents of our subject, will be found elsewhere in this volume. Here, suffice it to say, that they are among the best known and most highly respected citizens of Lenawee County, to which they came in the pioneer days, and in whose progress and development they have borne an important part.

The subject of this biography spent his boyhood years, in common with the sons of pioneer farmers, in assisting to bring the wild soil to a state of cultivation and building up the improvements, one after another, which transformed the primitive homestead into a modern and well-appointed farm. His early studies were conducted in the district school, and later he entered the High School in the village, where he made such good use of his time that he developed into a well-bred and well-informed young man. He continued with his parents until reaching his majority, and then began farming on his own account upon his father's land.

Mr. Waldron wisely determined before taking upon bimself the responsibilities of a family, to make full preparation for their comfort and welfare and having done so, he was married, March 30, 1881, to Miss Isabel F., second daughter of George and Helen (Fitzsimmons) Griswold, of Tecumseh Town-





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ship. He had now become the possessor of a sing farm on section 31, not far from his father's old homestead, and two miles west of the village on the pike road. To this he brought his bride, and they began life together under the most favorable anspices. The property includes 111 acres of land in a good state of cultivation, well stocked with choice grades of cattle and horses, and Poland-China hogs. Mr. Waldron is also an admirer of fine poultry, and has given particular attention to this department, keeping some of the best grades of the white Cochin-China, which frequently carry off the bluribbons at county fairs. The residence is a fine brick structure, two stories in height, finished and furnished in modern style.

Our subject, like his father before him, is a straight Republican, polliteally, and has been quite prominent in local affairs, serving as School Director and Pathmaster, and is otherwise identified with the best interests of his township. He keeps himself well posted upon matters of general interest and at the local elections supports the man best qualified for office, irrespective of party.

OSEPH R. BENNETT, one of the best known citizens of Lenawee County, and President of its savings bank, presents the illustration of a self-made man who has been eminently successful in business, and by his worthy life long years ago established himself in the esteem and confidence of those about him. His has been a busy life, from the active labors of which he wisely retired in 1883, and now in the enjoyment of a competency is spending his declining years quietly in the city of Adrian.

Many of the solid men of this county came from the old reliable Empire State. Like many of his compers our subject was born there, in the town of Shelby, Orleans County, May 18, 1819. His youth and childhood were spent on the farm of his father, but the parents in 1825 removed to Alabama, Genesee County, where Joseph R. studied in the common schools and obtained the rudiments of a good education. He was a lad of fifteen years when they came to Michigan, and the elder Bennett

put up the third house in Rollin Township, this county. Father and son labored together on the primitive soil and built up a home in the wilderness, where the young man remained until reaching his majority, and then set out for himself by purchasing a farm in the southern part of Rollin Township. Upon this he operated two years and in the meantine had become quite prominent in public affairs. He was now appointed Deputy Sheriff and removed to Adrian in order to attend to the duties of his office. This he held two years and in 1845 was elected Constable. At the expiration of the term of his office he was nominated for Sheriff on the Whig ticket, but suffered a defeat, for which, however, he was compensated by his election to the office in 1850, on the same ticket, although the county was largely Democratic, This was a flattering testimonial, as showing the estimation in which he was held by his fellow-eitizens,

At the expiration of his second term of office Mr. Bennett purchased a half interest in the drug business of F. J. Remington, and in 1856 was again elected to the office of Sheriff on the Republican ticket. He was re-elected in 1858, and served four terms in that office, which he then left only to advance still higher, as in 1861 he was appointed Deputy United States Marshal, and had charge of the criminal business of the office until September, 1862. He was then selected as United States Assessor of Internal Revenue for the First Congressional District of the State, and was thus occupied four years, when he was removed by President Johnson. He had previous to this offended the Chief Magistrate by refusing to endorse his policy, and at the time made this characteristic remark: "He can cut my head off but cannot turn it around."

Upon the change of administration Mr. Bennett, in 1869, was appointed by President Grant to the office of the United States Marshal for the eastern district of Michigan, which he filled by re-appointment until 1877. To all parties having official relations with him Mr. Bennett gave complete satisfaction, and his whole record during that period is one of which he may justly be proud.

Maj. S. E. Graves, the son-in-law of Mr. Bennett, purchased the interest of Mr. Remington in the drug business. Mr. B. assumed the place of the retiring partner, and the firm name was changed to J. R. Bennett & Co.; he still continued a silent partner in the business, which has long stood upon a sound financial basis. He has been interested in various manufacturing enterprises, and no man has taken a warner interest in the growth and development of Lenawee County, or contributed more cheerfully of his time and means to build up and perpetuate the institutions calculated to insure the welfare of its people.

Mr. Bennett, in 1840, and while a resident of Rollin Township, was united in marriage with Miss Nancy J. Rowley, then a resident of Hudson, Mich., but born in Onondaga in 1824. The young people commenced life together in Rollin Township, and to the wise counsel and very cheerful assistance of his amiable and excellent wife, Mr. Bennett ascribes a large measure of his success in life. As a lady possessed of all the womanly virtues, she was to her husband a faithful helpmeet and to her neighbors an ever kind and generous friend. Of this congenial union there were born two daughters-Helen M., who became the wife of Maj. S. E. Graves, and died June 6, 1883, and Dora E. Mrs. Bennett died April 18, 1880, and the family now consists of the younger daughter, Dora E., and Walter J., son of Major and Helen M. Graves.

The family residence is a commodious and substantial structure pleasantly located at No. 55 South Main street, and replete with all the conforts of life. It is without question the home of refined and cultivated tastes, and a pleasant place of resort for the scores of friends whom the family have gathered around them during the long years of their residence here.

We take pleasure in presenting on an accompanying page of this Album the portrait of Mr. Bennett, as being that of a representative citizen of Lenawee County.

OHN CHEEVER is an old and representative farmer now living adjacent to the village of Britton, at which place he made a settlement in 1881, and at the time purchased eighty acres of land on sections 3 and 4 of Ridgeway Township. He had formerly lived on section 33 of this

township, having settled here in 1852, at which time he bought seventy-five acres of land, most of which was wild. He first came to the county with his parents in 1837, and after he purchased the seventy-five acres on section 33 he made it his home until he came to the farm where he now resides, and still retains its ownership.

Mr. Cheever was born in Champion Township, Jefferson Co., N. Y., on the 9th of January, 1826, and in 1837 he came with his father to this township and county. He was the youngest but one of the children born to his parents, Jacob and Rachel (Rice) Cheever, natives of Jefferson County, N. Y., where they were reared and married. After the birth of all their children, they came to Michigan, halting in the States of Pennsylvania and Ohio on the way, and landed in the township of Ridgeway in the fall of 1837. The father bought his first land on section 3 of this township, and after he had improved this new farm, his wife died in 1853, at the age of sixty. Later the father went to Ridgeway Village, where he died in August, 1859, at the advanced age of eighty-four years. He was an excellent citizen, and a stanch Democrat in politics: he was a soldier in the War of 1812.

John Cheever lived with his parents until his marriage, which occurred on the 8th of March, 1851, in this township, the lady of his choice being Catherine, the daughter of Andrew and Esther (Carpenter) Corvell, the former of whom is dead, and the latter, at the age of eighty-six years, lives in the village of Ridgeway. The parents were natives of Seneca County, N. Y., and were for some years residents of Steuben County, in that State, but away back in the twenties they came to Michigan, and located in what is now Ann Arbor, and there the father erected the first frame house known to that city. The parents subsequently went to Monroe, Mich., and there their daughter, Mrs. Cheever, was born on the 24th of February, 1832. After she grew to girlhood, the family came to Jackson County, and later on to Lenawee County, and located in Ridgeway, where the father died,

Mrs. Cheever remained with her parents until her marriage. She became the mother of twelve children, of whom eight are living: Martha was a teacher for five years, and is the wife of John Wiggins, now living on a farm in Macon Township; Mary A, is at home; Andrew married Altha Binn, and lives on a farm in Ridgeway Township; Olive, William, Kean and Eugene (twins), and James E, are at home. The four deceased were: David A., who was killed in the amphitheatre disaster at Adrian, Mich., in 1879; Sarah Malona, who died Aug. 18, 1880, James E, and James E. (24).

After marriage Mr. Cheever lived in Macon Township for two years, and then removed to his farm in Ridgeway Township, where he has suceceded well as a farmer and stock-grower. He and his family are members of the Christian Church, and in politics he gives his allegiance to the Democratic party.

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OWMAN E. SEAGER. Among the bright, intelligent and enterprising farmers of Lenawee County, who have come from the New England States, is the gentleman whose name is given above. He is one of the most esteemed citizens of Rome Township, where he has lived for the last quarter of a century. He is a native of Rudand County, Vt, where he was born Dec. 10, 1834, and is the son of Aaron Seager, a sketch of whom will be found in connection with that of Dr. A. W. Seager, of Adrian, who is a brother of him of whom we write.

Bowman remained at home with his parents in the good old New England cottage until about 1859, when he rented a place which he commenced to farm. About a year later he made a purchase of the same place, which lay in the town of Chittenden, Vt. While cultivating the soil of this spot of earth, the dark clouds of war gathered and broke over our beloved country, and the rulers were calling every day for men to help defend the National life. Mr. Seager, overpowered by intense patriotism, entered into the service of the National Government, enlisting Aug. 25, 1863, in Company G, 12th Vermont Infantry, under Capt. Ormsby, who is now the Lieutenant Governor of the Green Mountain State, Going into camp at Brandon, Vt., he was enlisted and mustered in at Brattleboro, and the regiment was removed to Washington, where, after staying some thirty days, spent in organizing and drilling, they moved to the front. From that time until the 20th of December following, they were on duty at Fairfax Court House. After taking part in several skirmishes, he participated with the regiment in the glorious and decisive battle of Gettysburg, July 1, 2 and 3, 1863, although at the time laboring under physical disability. Becoming sick, he was sent to the hospital, but afterward returned to his regiment, from which he was mustered out July 20, 1863.

Returning from the army to his New England home, he disposed of what property he had, and coming to Rome Township purchased some sixty acres of improved hand. Two years later he added forty acres to this, and here he resided until 1871, when he removed to his brother's place, which, a year later, he purchased, and where he still makes his residence. This is one of the finest improved farms in the county, and even the unobservant man cannot help but see the justifiable pride that Mr. Seager takes in it.

On the 1st of November, 1865. Mr. Seager was united in marriage with Miss Alice, daughter of David and Alice Jerrells, the former a native of Trumbull, Fairfield Co., Conn., and born July 18, 1806. He was the son of Ebenezer Jerrells, also a native of the same State, who, when a young man, learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed most of his life. In 1814 he removed to Perrinton, Monroe Co., N. Y., where, after making a farm he resided until his death, which occurred in About the year 1804 he married Miss Nancy Rowell, of Trumbull, Conn., and they had a family of eight children, of whom David was the eldest. Mrs. Nancy Jerrells was also born in Trumbull, Conn., in 1786, and died in Perrinton, N. Y., in 1865.

David Jerrells remained with his mother for some twenty-six years, obtaining in the meantime a good common-school education. In the fall of 1831, he came to Michigan on a prospecting tour, and landing at Detroit, traveled through Wayne and Washtenaw Counties until he reached the residence of Samuel Keyes, his brother-in-law, about two miles south of Adrian. He remained here through the winter chopping and hunting, but in the spring of 1832 he returned to the State of New York.

through Canada, on foot and alone, traveling thirty-five miles per day the entire distance. The same fall he returned again, and located eighty acres of land on section 21, in Rome Township, taking up eighty more the next spring, and here he has resided ever since. It is an undeniable fact that he was the first man married within the present limits of Rome Township, Esquire Job Comstock, of Adrian, performing the ceremony, Sept. 28, 1834, at which time he was united with Miss Alice, daughter of William and Alice Luther, of Rome Township. They have been the parents of seven children—Mary E., Phebe J., Franklin L., Harvey E., George E., Alice A. and Charles H.

Mr. and Mrs. Seager are living in their comfortable home, surrounded by their family of four children. George B. M. the eldest, was born in Rome Township, Aug. 19, 1867, and assists his father in the farm duties; Mand, the second child, was born Oct. 5, 1869; she is an exceedingly bright girl in many respects, and has developed quite an unusual musical talent; Archie, the third child, was born Feb. 3, 1871, and Bradford L., the youngest, Oct. 9, 1878. Mr. Seager is one of the strongest and leading Democrats in his township.



ARDON T. DAVENPORT, one of the oldest and most honored pioneers of Blissfield Township, is now located on section 19, where he has a fine farm with good improvements, which he built up from the uncultivated soil by years of persevering industry. His early home was near the Atlantic Coast, in Tiverton, R. I., where his birth took place March 10, 1815. He came to Michigan in 1835, and has lived to see the country develop around him, the waste places become fertile, and the long stretch of uncultivated country now embellished with beautiful farms and flourishing cities. He has noted the changes in his adopted State with unmixed satisfaction, and has contributed his full share toward its agricultural interests.

The father of our subject, Ebenezer Davenport, it is supposed was born in Rhode Island, and operated a grist mill and farm, carrying on the former business at Tiverton until 1821. He then sold out, and accompanied by his wife and six children, started for New York State. Their outfit consisted of three horses and one wagon, and they made the journey overland, after the fashion of the emigrants of those days, camping out at night, and cooking by the wayside. They settled in Wayne County, but removed not long afterward to Yates County, and a year later the elder Davenport traded the property which he had secured for land in Wayne County, to which he removed, and there spent the remainder of his life.

The mother of our subject, who in her girlhood was Miss Mary Beals, was born in Rhode Island, and died in Wayne County, N. Y., several years before the death of her husband. Their family included nine children, eight of whom lived to attain their majority. Of these Pardon T. was the fourth in order of birth, and was a lad of but ten years old when his mother died. He was then taken into the home of a cousin in Wavne County, where he lived until fifteen years old, and then commenced to learn the trades of a brickmason and plasterer. He served an apprenticeship of nearly two years, when he was considered competent to receive journeyman's wages, and not long afterward he took jobs on his own account, and continued in this manner in New York State until 1835, He then determined to change his location and started to the Territory of Michigan. He footed it from Wayne County to the Erie Canal, and thence took passage to Buffalo, walking from there thirty miles to Silver Creek, where he took a lake steamer to Detroit, and from the latter city marched on foot as before to the present site of Adrian, which was then but the beginning of a town. He worked on a farm in that vicinity one season, and filled in his leisure time at his trade. His first job of mason work in the Territory was plastering the Quaker Church near Adrian. He was prospered in his labors, and in due time entered eighty acres of timbered land near Hudson, which however, he never settled upon, but sold it six years later and purchased the tract upon which he built up his present homestead. This also was originally heavily timbered, and he did not take possession of it until 1857, although he had cleared a part of the land. He first put up a frame house,

and proceeded as rapidly as possible with the cultivation of the soil, which, as may be supposed, involved persistent and hard labor.

Mr. Davenport wisely waited until he could see his way plain before him ere he assumed marital and domestic ties, and the responsibilities of a family. The time now having arrived, he was united in marriage with Miss Frances Maria Warren, the wedding taking place at the home of the bride in Dover Township, Nov. 28, 1838. Mrs. Davenport was born in Farmington, Ontario Co., N. Y., Feb. 20, 1848. The only child of our subject and his wife is a son. George, who was born in Blissfield. Dec. 31, 1845. He married Miss Emeline Back, who is a native of Williams County, Ohio, and the daughter of George Back; they have two children, Nellie M. and Harry C., and reside at the old homestead.

When Mr. Davenport first came to this section, deer and other wild game were plentiful, and in the winter season, when there was little to do upon the farm, he occupied his time largely in hunting, and in one year killed over 100 deer, besides wild turkeys and other game. As time passed on and the country became settled, these denizens of the forests and field disappeared, falling victims to the march of civilization.

In due time Mr. Davenport met with the reward of his labors in plowing and sowing, and was embled to replace the primitive dwelling by a neat and substantial modern residence. A barn was also added, and the other necessary buildings for the storing of grain and the shelter of stock, and he has availed himself as far as possible of modern machinery and modern methods. His early education was extremely limited, but he has ever been a lover of good books, and consequently has attained a useful fund of information, and has kept himself well posted upon State and National events. In politics he is a Republican.

ARREN A. BAILEY, manufacturer of cheese boxes, moldings, and a long line of other articles of this description, forms an important factor in connection with the industrial interests of Fairfield, where he has been familiarly

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known since boyhood. He was born in Niagara County, N, Y., Sept. 14, 1839, being the second child of Alfred and Celinda (White) Bailey, also natives of the Empire State, the former born in Wayne County, Aug. 26, 1808, the latter in Washington County, Nov. 25, 1817. After marriage the parents continued in Niagara County until May 8, 1845, and then came to Southern Michigan and located in Fairfield Township, where, with the exception of a few months, they continued until their decease.

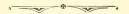
Alfred Bailey was a wagon-maker by trade, which occupation he pursued in connection with farming, He died at the homestead in Fairfield Township, Nov. 10, 1869. The mother subsequently removed to Blissfield Township, and died at the home of her son, March 14, 1879. The two other children of the parental household are in Fairfield Village. Mr. Bailey received his education in the common schools, and inherited in a marked degree the natural mechanical genius of his father. He was fond of music, and when a boy of fourteen years constructed a violin which was of very creditable workmanship. Although not capable of producing the sweet sounds extracted by Ole Bull from his famous instrument, it suited at least the youthful audiences which frequently gathered around the young mechanic and amsician in silent admiration of his talents.

Young Bailey at an early period commenced assisting his father in the wagon-shop, working with him for a period of seven years, when in September, 1861, he decided to try his hand at farming, but the following year returned to his wagonmaking. In the meantime, the Civil War being in progress, he was included in the draft but furnished a substitute. During the winter of 1862-63 he worked steadily in the shop of his father, and was thus occupied until in the spring of 1867, when he established his present business, associating himself in partnership with C. M. Baker. They continued together one year, and then Mr. Bailey purchased the interest of his partner and in August, 1868, he associated Jacob Rapp in the business and continued it until December, 1870, after which time he conducted the business on his own account. He commands a good patronage from the best business

elements of the place, having all he can conveniently attend to.

Mr. Bailey in early manhood was united in marriage with Miss Loretta A. White, the wedding taking place at the home of Elder Griffiths, in Madison Township, June 13, 1861. Mrs. Bailey is the daughter of William and Armenia (Sawyer) White, natives of New York, who came to Michigan June 25, 1860. The mother departed this life in Ionia County, July 10, 1874, while Mr. White is still living and a resident of Fairfield. Mrs. Bailey was born in Niagara County, N. Y., Sept. 18, 1841, and her union with our subject resulted in the birth of three sons—Warren L., Byron C, and James B., who are all at home with their parents.

Mr. Bailey, politically, is a straight Republican. He has never had any aspirations for office, and has little to do with public affairs aside from performing his duty as an American citizen and casting his vote at the polls.



DWIN W. AMES, a leading lumber manufacturer and dealer, and a prominent stockraiser, pleasantly located on section 7 of Hudson Township, is a native of this State, and was born in Pittsford Township, Hillsdale County, Feb. 3, 1836. His father, Charles Ames, was born in Petersham in 1799, and was the son of Peter and Sarah (Clark) Ames (see sketch of C. H. Ames for parental history).

Charles Ames was but a boy when his father died, and he soon after commenced to learn the shoemaker's trade at Barre, Mass., and when he had mastered the art he went to Boston, and there pursued it for awhile. He then resolved to try his fortunes in the South, as skilled artisans in his calling were in demand there, and accordingly established himself as a shoemaker in Mobile, Ala. After a time he visited Massachusetts, driving from Alabama to Baltimore with a horse and wagon, and proceeding from there to his native State. On his return to Alabama from his old home he located at Blakely, and there pursued his trade quite successfully for some time, after which he returned to Boston, making the entire journey

by water. He afterward made his home in Buffalo, N. Y., and was working there when the Eric Canal was completed and the water was first let into it. From Buffalo Mr. Ames went to Geneva, N. Y., and married there, April 10, 1823, Miss Sarah S, Ball, a native of that place and the daughter of Nathan Ball, a clothier, who pursued his business there during the last years of his life and died in 1826. He was originally from Massachusetts, removing from there to Vermont and thence to Ontario County, N. Y. His wife, whose maiden name was Jane Smith, was a native of Massachusetts, where her birth occurred in 1767. She spent her last years in Pittsford, this State, dying at the advanced age of ninety-two years.

The father of our subject finally removed his business to Geneva and there continued in it until 1831, when he took a trip to the West, visiting Chicago and Milwaukee, which were then small towns. He paid but a short visit to either place and then returned to Geneva, where he re-established himself in the shoe business, and continued it until 1833. In the spring of that year, accompanied by Thomas Pennock, he made another journey to the West, coming to Michigan, then a Territory, via canal and lake to Detroit. that city they started on foot to what is now Raisin Township, where they met Hiram Kidder, who started with them on a pedestrian trip to explore Bean Creek Valley, taking provisions along with them as there were no accommodations for travelers on the way. The father of our subject selected 320 acres of land on sections 1 and 12 of Pittsford Township, and entered it at the land-office in Monroe. He then went back to New York, and in the fall started for Michigan with his family, Landing at Detroit he, with others who had accompanied him, put two yoke of oxen to the wagon he had brought with him and started for his future Mr. Kidder had preceded them a few days and settled on his land on section 7 of what is now Hndson Township. Mr Ames and his family staid with him about a month until he erected a log cabin on his own land. Their nearest neighbor in an easterply direction, with the exception of Mr. Kidder's family, was eleven miles distant, and in the other directions, north, west and south, there

were no neighbors for even a greater distance. Mr. Ames did most of his farming, milling and marketing for some time with oxen, and for several years Adrian was the nearest market, and Tecumseh the location of the nearest mill. It used to take a week to go to mill, get a grist ground and return. Deer, wild turkey and other game were very plentiful, and the family larder was well supplied with meat. In 1817 Mr. Ames returned with his family to Geneva, N. Y., and lived there nearly four years; he then returned, and taking up his residence on his farm resumed agricultural pursuits, He cleared a large farm and creeted good buildings, and there made his home until his death, in 1874; his wife died in 1869. They were the parents of three children, two of whom are now living. Mr. Ames was a man of shrewd business qualifications and was highly successful throughout life, Both he and his good wife commanded the highest respect and honor of the people among whom they made their home.

Edwin Ames, the subject of this sketch, was the voungest child in the parental family and the only one born to his parents in Michigan. His birthplace was the log cabin which his father had erected for the shelter of his family when he first took up his residence, and there the first few years of his life were spent. His education was gained partly in the pioneer schools of Pittsford and also in a public school of Geneva, N. Y. He remained on the home farm after the return of his father and family from their few years' residence in Geneva, until 1857, to assist his father in the management of his large farm. After leaving home he engaged in the jewelry business in Hudson for one year, and then went to Chicago and engaged in the same business for another year. At the expiration of that time he returned to his old home, resuming the occupation to which he had been reared, and in 1875 he located on the farm which he still owns and occupies. It is a valuable farm and was once platted for a village and was named Keene. Here he has since also been engaged in the lumber business in connection with his extensive farming oper-His sawmill stands on the site where Mr. Kidder, the pioneer of Bean Creek Valley, built the first sawmill ever erected in this section of the country. The mill is well equipped with good machinery, and Mr. Ames is doing a fine business,

Our subject is a man of good principles and business habits. In politics he is prominently identified with the Republican party of Hudson Township, heartily advocating its principles and measures. He joined the Maxon Lodge, F. & A. M., and is now a member of Hudson Chapter.

AMITEL KING, extensively engaged in farming in Hudson Township, is an Englishman by birth. Although he is not among the earliest settlers of this country, yet he came here when the country was new, before it had been settled a quarter of a century. His wife, however, is a much older settler, having come here with her parents in 1836. Lucena Van Akin, who became the wife of our subject, was born in Junius, N. Y., May 2, 1831, and is the daughter of Hiram and Hannah (Wilson) Van Akin, natives of New York. We are pleased herewith to be able to give a short sketch of her parents, and to incorporate a few facts of her own life.

The father of Mrs. King was the son of John and Margaret (Westfall) Van Akin (see sketch of W. H. H. Van Akin for parental history), and was born and reared in Phelps, Ontario Co., N. Y. He married there in 1829, and in 1836 left his native State, and came with his wife and two children to the Territory of Michigan, making the entire journey by land with a pair of horses and a wagon. He had two brothers in Wayne County, and they first paid them a visit. Then Mr. Van Akin started with his little daughter Lucena to Bean Creek Valley, leaving his wife and the other child with their relatives in Wayne County, Mrs. King was then but seven years old, yet she has quite a distinct remembrance of that tedious journey through the woods. The roads were very bad, and Mr, Van Akin left his wagon and one horse two miles west of Adrian as there was no wagon road beyond, nothing but a trail, and proceeded on horseback with his little girl before him. When they arrived at what is now Clayton it was very dark, and they

stopped at the house of John Colwell. Early in the morning they resumed their journey, and in the course of the day came to the present site of Hudson, where Mr. Van Akin's mother and two of his brothers lived. He there selected a tract of land on section 18, and now included within the incorporated limits of Hudson, and then returned to Wayne County for the other members of his family. After coming back with them and some household goods they went into a vacant log cabin until he could build a house on his own land, but a short time later the cabin and all its contents were burned. He then prepared to go to Detroit to get the remainder of his household goods, which were there stored in a warehouse, when he received word that the warehouse had been destroyed and his goods with it, and they were thus left in the winter season without furniture or searce a change of clothing. In spite of these drawbacks Mr. Van Akin prospered. He built a substantial log house for a habitation, and continued to reside on his land until 1884, having in the meantime improved a good farm. Then he and his wife came to live in the home of Mr, and Mrs. King, and here their useful lives closed, the death of the mother occurring in April, 1886, and that of the father in July, 1887. They will long be remembered as fine representatives of the pioneers of 1836,

The subject of this sketch was born in County Norfolk, England, Dec. 19, 1819, and was the son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Reed) King, both natives and life-long residents of England. During his lifetime his father followed the trade of a shoemaker, with the exception of six months' service in the English army. Mr. King's grandparents were Mathew and Margaret King. Our subject had one brother, James, and a sister Sarah who came to America; the former located in New York, and subsequently came to Hudson; he now resides in Jefferson Township, Hillsdale County. The sister married Stephen Thurston, and now resides in Osseo.

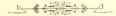
Our subject was reared on a farm, and at fourteen years of age he commenced to receive wages, three shillings per week, and boarded himself. When fifteen years of age he hired out for a year at two pounds and board, and continued to work at that rate for two years. He then became engaged in the herring fishery, and during the next five years made seven voyages. In 1852 he resolved to try life in America, and accordingly he set sail from London, and landed at New York after a voyage of forty-two days. At that time his personal property consisted of \$125, and he set to work with a will at anything his hands could find to do that he might increase it, and at some time be able to make a home for himself. He first stopped at Medina, Orleans Co., N. Y., and there engaged to work on a farm for six months. He then found employment in a stone quarry, and later in a tannery, where he was engaged until 1853, and in December of that year he came to this county, and obtained a job at cutting wood in Hudson. In the spring of 1854 he bought 160 acres of land on section 17 of Hudson Township, paying \$125 cash, and the balance of the price, which was \$625, in five years. He continued industriously at work, ditching, digging wells and eisterns in the summer, and chopping wood in the winter, until the year 1867.

Mr. King was married, Aug. 23, 1865, to Mrs. Lucena (Van Akin) Belcher; Mrs. King had been previously married, Dec. 3, 1847, to John Belcher, who was born in Verona, N. Y., in 1818, and was the son of Enoch and Betsy (Bennett) Belcher. He came to this county with his parents, who settled in Rollin Township in 1837, and at the time of his marriage Mr. Belcher settled on his farm on section 18, of Hudson Township, and lived there until his death in 1860. He was a thrifty, well-to-do farmer, and at the time of his death was the owner of 137 acres of land. Six children were born of that marriage, namely: Thomas W., who lives in Indianapolis, Ind.; Homer D., living in Kent County; Clarie, who lives with her parents; Mary died aged thirteen months; Harry, who died aged fourteen months, and John Herbert, aged ten years,

In the December following his marriage Mr. King made his home on a farm which he had bought just prior to that time, and which he still occupies. It is located across the road from his first purchase, which he still retains, and comprises forty acres of land, of which only two acres were cleared when it came into his possession. He bought twenty acres of it in 1857, and in 1863 completed the purchase.

On the last tract there was a log house in which his family fived for a time, but he now has the entire forty aeres cleared, and also thirty aeres of his original purchase, and has a large frame barn and other suitable farm buildings. In 1883 he creeted a commodious brick house, and fitted it up with every convenience and comfort, and in this pleasant dwelling the family have since lived.

Our subject owes his success in life to hard work and shrewd management, combined with the hearty co-operation of a capable wife. Their union has been blessed by the birth of three children, namely: Samuel, Mary and Margaret. Samuel is now a student at Hillsdale College, and Mary is attending the High School at Hudson; Margaret is at home with her parents. Mrs. King is an estimable member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. King is an intelligent and honest citizen, and as such well deserves the respect in which he is held. In politics he is a Republican, and cast his first vote for Abraham Lincoln.



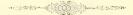
OIIN WILLIAM BROWN, a resident of section 21 of Blissfield Township, is one of the self-made men and substantial farmers of the township. Commencing with a purchase of twenty aeres of land, he farmed that in addition to a portion of his father's land for a time, and then bought eighty-four acres, which is included in his present farm, and added other lots until he now has 164 acres, which he has divided into two farms, each with good buildings and other necessary improvements.

Mr. Brown was born in Streetsboro, Ohio, on the 7th of April, 1841, and is the son of Francis Brown, who was born at Newburg, Orange Co., N. Y., and is the grandson of a farmer who spent his last days in that county. The father of the subject of this sketch was but four years old when his father died, and was reared on the farm until he was sixteen years of age, and was then apprenticed to the trade of cabinet-maker. After serving for a time he enlisted in the United States marine service, the duties of which were to guard American merchant vessels on the high seas. He cruised on the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, and the Mediterranean Sea, and visited nearly all the seaport towns of the world. The ship on which he sailed returned after a cruise of four years and nine months, when he was honorably discharged from the service. During a part of his service he was Acting Orderly Sergeant under Commodore Patterson. After his discharge he went to Ohio and settled at Streetsboro, where he worked at his trade for a time, and then bought a farm in Hudson Township, Summit County, on which he engaged in farming until 1848, when he sold out and removed to Medina, near which place he bought a farm and lived until 1853. In that year he sold his Ohio property, and coming to Lenawee County, bought a farm of sixty acres, upon which he farmed and worked at his trade until his death, which occurred at the age of eighty

The mother of the subject of this sketch, whose maiden name was Lucetta Johnson, was a native of Ohio, while her father was a native of Connecticut, and was a pioneer settler of Ohio, being at Cleveland when that city consisted of three log houses; the mother is still living. They were the parents of five children, who are recorded as follows: Mary married Dr. Edwin Turner, and died in Blissfield Township; Henry B. lives in Coldwater, Mich.; Frankie died at the age of six years, and Lorin at the age of two years. John W., the subject of this sketch, was twelve years old when his parents came to this county, and he attended the district schools in Ohio and also in this county. Being the eldest son it devolved upon him to assist in the work on the farm.

August 31, 1864, our subject enlisted in defense of his country's flag, joining Company B, 11th Michigan Infantry. He joined the regiment at Chattanooga, and participated in the battle of Nashville, and continued in the service until the close of the war. Receiving his discharge in June, 1865, he returned home and again entered on the peaceful pursuits of life.

In December, 1869, Mr. Brown was married to Jennie Barrett, who was born in Blissfield Township, and is the daughter of Israel and Sallie Barrett, who were pioneer settlers of the township. She received a good education, graduating at Albion, and taught school both before and after graduation. Mr. and Mrs. Brown have two children, whose names are Mabel and Edward. Mr. Brown is a Baptist in religious belief, while his wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Brown is a Republican in politics, and upon all occasions performs whatever duties may devolve upon him for the furtherance of the doctrines of that party and in securing its success. He is credited with being one of the best farmors in the county, and in fact his farm and all its accessories stand as evidence of the truth of the assertion. He has been Justice of the Peace for twelve years in this township.



EORGE B. HORTON is a general farmer and dairyman, residing on section 6, Fairfield Township. He came to this county in 1853, when eight years of age, from Niagara County, N. Y., and is the son of Samuel and Lucina A. (Perkins) Horton, natives of Enghand and Herkimer, County, N. Y., respectively. Soon after marriage they removed to Medina County, Ohio, where they lived about two years, and then returned, first to Orleans County, and later to Niagara County, where they lived until the spring of 1853. They then came to Lenawee County, settling in Fairfield Township, where the father lived until April 25, 1872. The mother still survives and lives in Morenci.

The subject of this sketch was born in La Fayette, Ohio, April 17, 1845, and was the second of three children born to his parents. The others are: Alice M., who was born in La Fayette, March 26, 1842, and is now the wife of Cosper Rorie, of Seneca, this county, and Harriet A., who was born in Fairfield, Oct. 16, 1853, and is now the wife of Dr. II. S. Jewett, of Dayton, Ohio.

Our subject was reared on a farm, receiving a common-school education, and also attended the colleges at Adrian and Hilbsdale. He has always been engaged in agricultural pursuits, and now operates four cheese factories, located in Fairfield, Madison and Seneca Townships. He manufactures annually about half a million pounds of cheese, which he markets in Michigan. He is also the owner of 500 aeres of valuable land, and has in process of erection a magnificent residence, the cost of which will be fully \$10,000.

On the 3d of January, 1878, Mr. Horton was united in marriage with the lady of his choice, Miss M. Amanda, daughter of Norman F, and Caroline (Caton) Bradish. She was born in Madison Township on the 18th of June, 1854, while her father, Norman Bradish, was born in Wayne County, N. Y., Aug. 25, 1823. He married, Oct. 7, 1845, Miss Caroline Eaton, of New York, and they became the parents of five children, as follows: Amentha A. was born Sept. 11, 1846, and died Jan. 23, 1852; Helen A. was born Jan. 23, 1849, and died Aug. 1, 1851; Russell N. was born Feb. 22, 1852, and is a farmer at Madison; Mentha Amanda is the wife of our subject; Maggie A, was born May 25, 1862, and died Feb. 18, 1864. Mr. and Mrs. Horton have been blessed with three children: Alice L., who was born Sept. 27, 1878; Norman D., July 18, 1881, and Samuel W., May 3, 1885.

In 1853 the father of our subject commenced the manufacture of cheese in a small way, increasing his dairy from year to year, until at the time of his death he had made a reputation as a dairyman and farmer second to no man in the West, He owned 469 aeres of land and between forty and fifty cows. Mrs. Horton was the first cheesemaker in Lenawee County, and superintended her husband's factory for eight years; most of the prominent cheese manufacturers in the county received their first instruction from her. George B. Horton always lived with his parents, and at the death of his father assumed control of his business, which he has since extended to its present dimensions.

George B. Horton was elected President of the Lenawee County Fair Association in 1877, and has served in that capacity for ten years. He and his estimable wife are members of the Fruit Ridge Grange, of which Mr. II. was Master ten years, and Master of the county organization six years. He is a member of the Executive Board of the State Grange, and of the State Board of Agriculture, appointed by Gov. Luce. Mr. II. was appointed Postmaster at Point Ridge, under President Arthur's administration. He owns and operates a large general store, located on his farm, which is known as Fruit Ridge Farm.

OHN BITELY, of Palmyra, is numbered among the honored pioneers who came to this section of country while Michigan was a Territory. He made the journey laboriously from New York via the Erie Canal and the Lakes to Monroe County, and from there, by wagon, stage and on foot to this county. He had very little capital and was employed as a farm laborer until January, 1836, then started out in search of a permanent location. Returning east as far as Stenben County, Ind., he looked around for a time in that locality, but not being suited, he started on foot in company with Charles Hutchins, his brother-in-law, first to Ft. Wayne, thence to Chicago, which was at that time a small town. Not finding anything desirable around Chicago, they walked back to Adrian, where Mr. Bitely resumed his labors on a farm until his marriage. In the meantime he had purchased forty acres of land on section 32, in Palmyra Township, where he put up a log house, and in 1842 commenced in earnest the improvement of his property. Having by this procedure signalized himself as a member of the community, he settled down and has since remained among the people who soon recognized in him a valuable addition to their numbers, and in whose confidence and esteem he has since been established.

Mr. Bitely was born in Monroe, N. Y., July 10, 1812, and is the son of Peter Bitely, a native of New Jersey. The paternal grandfather, John Bitely, Sr., was a native of Germany, whence he emigrated when a young man to America, accompanied by two brothers, and settled in New Jersey, while his brother sought a location farther South. After a time, Grandfather Bitely removed to New York and took up a tract of land which included the subsequent site of Ft. Theonderoga. He there improved a farm and remained in that locality until after the War of 1812, then removed to Monroe-

where his death took place in 1817. Peter Bitely and one of his brothers served as soldiers in the Revolutionary War, and the father of our subject. then but a boy, held the horse of Gen. Ethan Allen when he dismounted and demanded the surrender of the fort. Peter remained under the home roof with his parents, and after reaching manhood, made the acquaintance of Miss Martha McDonald, an Albany lady of Scotch ancestry, who became his wife, and they settled down on a tract of land near Monroe, N. Y. There he opened up a good farm and continued to live until 1831, when he removed to Madison County, where he remained seven years. In the meantime, John, of our sketch, had migrated to Michigan, where, in 1838, the parents followed, and with him spent the remainder of their lives.

The parental household of our subject included five daughters and four sons, namely: Polly, Saline, Euniee, Sylvia, John, Nauey, Amos, William and Walter; of these four are living. William during the late war served in a Michigan regiment as a civil engineer and mechanic, and was with Sherman in his march to the sea; he escaped unharmed and is now carrying on farming in Palmyra Township. Martha is the wife of Jerome DeBar, a farmer of Palmyra Township: James died in 1864; Ennice is the wife of Reuben Hill, who is operating the old homestead. John is the fifth child and eldest son.

Mr. Bitely started out for himself in life when a boy twelve years of age, and was first employed by a farmer in Madison County, N. Y., with whom he coming to the West. This gentleman, Daniel W. Walrath, treated the youth as one of his own family, and under his kindly training he grew up with habits of industry and laid the foundation for his future success in life. After the outbreak of the late war, he enlisted in Company F, 7th Michigan Cavalry, and served all through the war, taking part in its principal battles, namely: Hagerstown, Gettysburg, and the Wilderness, besides other minor engagements, and marching with Sheridan along the Shenandoah Valley. Although enduring with his comrades the hardships and privations incident to life in the army, and being often in places of danger, escaping by a hairsbreadth, he returned comparatively unharmed, and after receiving his honorable discharge, in 1865, resumed his farming operations upon the land which he had purchased.

Mr. Bitely, about 1872, disposed of his farm property and purchased his present residence. His has been a rich experience, and no man has looked upon the development of the Great West, and especially of the State of Michigan, with greater interest, while at the same time he has contributed his quota towards the development of Palmyra Township. He has, in all respects, acquitted himself as an honest man and a good citizen, and while passing down the sunset hill of life, may satisfy himself with the comfortable reflection that he has labored according to his opportunity, and with excellent results.

John Bitely was married, in 1840, to Miss Permelia Smalley, a native of New Jersey, and the daughter of James Smalley, also a pioneer of Lenawee County, who settled here in 1835. She became the mother of six children and departed this life at her home in this township, in October, 1876. One daughter, Phebe J., was born Feb. 10, 1842, and died in 1864. The other children are James, William, John, Martha and Emniec.

When Mr. and Mrs. Bitely began housekeeping the wife did the cooking over a fireplace. The teakettle was hung on a crane and a tin "reflector" served as an oven to bake the bread and pies. The first stove was purchased by the sale of pork at \$1.25 per 100 pounds. This article of furniture, as may be imagined, was a prized addition to the stock of household utensils and considered a very stylish affair, although lacking in very many respects the improvements of the cooking ranges of to-day.

YMAN A. CURTISS is one of the oldest settlers of Ridgeway Township, in which he is now living on section 4, where he purchased 120 acres of land in 1838, and located in 1839. He cut out the timber and brush of what is now one of the best improved farms in the township of Ridgeway. Mr. Curtiss was born in the township of Paris, Oneida Co., N. Y., on the 17th of March, 1814.

Charles O. Curtiss, the father of our subject, was a native of Columbia County, N. Y., where he was born Dec. 6, 1785, and was reared in that State, He removed to Paris, Oneida Co., N. Y., and there married Hannah Hammond, who was a native of the county, where she grew to womanhood. The Curtis and Hammond families were both of English descent. The parents of the subject of this sketch after marriage took up a home in Oneida County, and remained there until their death. The father died at the age of about eighty-three, and the mother when she was forty years of age; they were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church and were devout Christians. By three marriages the father of the subject of this sketch became the father of seventeen children, of whom Lyman A. was the fourth child by the first wife, and was seven years of age when his mother died.

Mr. Curtiss grew to manhood in his native county. and on the 8th of March, 1839, was married to Miss Polly Dunham, who was born in the Black River country, Onondaga Co., N. Y., and there lived until twelve years of age, when she went to live with her uncle, J. Dunham, of Oneida County, and there became acquainted with Mr. Curtiss. She is the daughter of Aaron and Mehitable (Wood) Dunham, who were farmers by occupation and natives of Massachusetts, They were reared and married in that State and later removed to New York, but finally became citizens of Ohio, where the father died, at Birmingham; later the mother came to Michigan and died near Lansing, and Mrs. Curtiss are the parents of six children: L. Milton; Darius J., who married Margaretta Gibson, and manages the farm of his father, and Mary A., Samantha J., Sarah A., and Ann O., deceased.

Soon after their marriage, in the month of May, Mr. and Mrs. Curtiss came to Michigan by canal and lakes to Toledo, and from that place to Palmyra by steam, and thence by horse power to Tcennseh, the trip requiring eight days. At that time the timber on each side of the road was undisturbed and just as mature had placed it. They began their residence here by erecting a log house, in which they lived for some years, when they put up a more commodious residence which was subsequently improved and is yet their home. Mr. and

Mrs. Cirtiss and the members of their family have been for many years ardent members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and are among the most respected citizens of Ridgeway Township. Mr. Curtiss in his political affiliations has chosen to be classed as a Republican, and he has always been loyal to the men and measures of that party.



ARVEY SHELDEN was born in Leeds Connty, Ontario, Canada, March 17, 1832, and is the son of Trueman Shelden, who was also born in Canada, in 1797, while his grandfather it is thought, was born in Vermont, and removed thence to Canada. The father of our subject located in Leeds County before his marriage, and lived there until 1838, when he came to this country and settled in Lenawee County, Ogden Township, section 22, on land which he purchased from the Government. He also bought some land adjoining on which he built a log house. At that time deer were plentiful as well as wild turkeys, wolves and bears. He resided there some years, improving his farm considerably, when he sold out and bought land on sections 2 and 3. There were twenty-five acres cleared, containing a log house, which in time gave place to frame buildings, and he lived there until 1868, when he sold and removed to Missouri, settling near Plattsburg, where he remained until his death in 1882. He was twice married, his first wife, the mother of our subject, being Susanna Knapp. She was born in Canada, and was the daughter of Ithamer Knapp; she died in Ogden Township.

The subject of this sketch was the fifth child and fourth son in the parental family. When about six years of age, he came with his parents to this county, where he attended the pioneer schools, and assisted his father on the farm until twenty-one years of age. On the 2d of February, 1854, he started for California, where he remained four years, being variously employed. Part of the time he worked in a gold mine. On his return he resumed farming operations; his father gave him a farm of 108 acres on which he located, and has since added to it until he now owns 200 acres of land with good buildings.

On the 14th of April, 1860, he was united in marriage with Miss Mary Ann Crockett, who was born in Huron, Wayne Co., N. Y., April 14, 1836, and was the daughter of Nathaniel Crockett, born in Maine in 1799, where he lived until about the age of thirteen, and then removed to New York. In 1836 he sold out and came to this county, settling on section 35, Ogden Township. About the year 1823 he married Miss Mary, daughter of William White, of Wayne County, N. Y., by whom he had eleven children.

Mr. and Mrs. Shelden are the parents of two children: Minnie, who was born in Ogden Township, and married Albert Brown, and Perley H., who was also born in Ogden Township. Mr. Shelden was only six years old when his parents came to Lenawee County, and he attended one of the first schools ever taught in this township. It was located on his neighbor's land and built of logs with long, rough home-made benches. In politics Mr. Shelden is a Republican.



EFFERSON LOUDEN is a general farmer and stock-raiser, residing on section 15, Cambridge Township, where he has a fine farm of 126 acres of hand, which he has brought to a high state of cultivation. Having spent all of his life in this county, he is strongly imbued with the spirit of its inhabitants, and is a true representative of its people.

Mr. Londen was born in Adrian Township, Oct. 8, 1831, and is the son of William Louden, a native of New York, and of Dutch ancestry. While a citizen of the Empire State, William Louden entered into a matrimonial alliance with Miss Eliza Vader, a native of Massachusetts, where she had been reared to years of maturity. In 1829, after the birth of four children, they came to Michigan across the Lake, and took up 360 acres of Government land in Adrian Township, and here in what was almost a virgin wilderness they began to make a home for themselves, literally hewing it out of the woods. At that time inhabitants in this county were "few and far between." After making some improvements here, some years later Mr. and Mrs. Louden re-

turned to New York, where they both died, each having attained their threescore and ten years.

Jefferson Louden was the fifth child of the parental family, and the first born after coming to this county. He was reared among the wild surroundings of his pioneer home in Adrian Township, and helped develop the farm where his father erected his humble cabin. On the 22d of March, 1871, he entered into a matrimonial alliance with Miss Hannah U. Booher, a native of Cambridge Township, and born on the old Booher homestead, June 21, 1840. She is the second child and daughter of Jacob and Margaret (Snyder) Booher, natives of Germany, and now deceased. Her parents were among the very first settlers in this township, having made a settlement here in the then unbroken timber early in the thirties. They were quite successful in life, like so many of their country people, and attained an easy competency which they enjoyed until their death. They had four daughters, one of whom died while very young, Those living are Mrs. Catherine M. Shuttis, Mrs. Hannah Londen and Mrs. Mary Brainard. Mrs. Louden remained at home until her marriage, by which she became the mother of three children-Nellie, Mary A., and Clarence, deceased.

Politically, Mr. Louden affiliates with the Republican party, and has been honored by his fellow-citizens with the office of Township Treasurer, which he filled with credit to himself and honor to those who elected him.



AVID SMITH, Jr., came to the Territory of Michigan and settled in Rome Township in the spring of 1832. He labored industriously for years with slow returns, and succeeded in building up a comfortable home from the wilderness. He proved just such a man as was needed in the early settlement of the township, his labors not being confined to his own personal interests, but from the very first he encouraged the settlement of a good class of people, and was foremost in the enterprises which were inangurated for the general good of the community.

Our subject was born near the town of Constable, St. Lawrence Co., N. Y., Oct. 30, 1812, and came to Southern Michigan in 1832, the year before the arrival of his father, David Smith, Sr. The latter was a native of Connecticut and was born Feb. 8. 1786. While still a child, his father, Ezekiel Smith. removed to Vermont and located on the Lamoille River, where he followed farming twelve years, During this time the family was visited with a sad calamity in the death of the wife and mother, Mrs. Mary (Flint) Smith, who was drowned in the Lamoille River. Ezekiel Smith was afterward married to Miss Mary Bullen, and in 1798 removed to Lower Canada, where he lived until the breaking out of the War of 1812. He was then compelled to leave his property and remove to New York State. He lived first in Constable, St. Lawrence County, and then in Manchester, Ontario County, spending his last days in the latter place.

David Smith, Sr., came to the States at the same time and for the same reason that his father did. and purchased a farm in Manchester. From there, in the spring of 1833, he came to the Territory of Michigan and located nearly 200 acres of land on section 6, in what was then Logan, but is now Adrian Township. In 1835 he built a sawmill on his farm, receiving the motive power from Wolf Creek. Here he was one of the very first settlers, and being a remarkably intelligent man and publicspirited, he was foremost in all the public improvements, and rendered efficient service in building up the new township. He was appointed Commissioner to lay out public roads, and assisted not only in chopping the trees from these, but building bridges between Adrian and Devil's Lake. Whenever an unfortunate settler was in need of assistance. David Smith was one of the first to aid him. He spent his last days in Rome Township, dying at the age of ninety-five years at his son David's home.

The mother of our subject, who was married to David Smith, Sr., Nov. 6, 1807, in Quebec, Canada, was Miss Lydia, daughter of David and Lydia Roberts of that place, and was born in Vermont, May 3, 1789. She came to the West with her family, and also died at the home of her son David, in Rome Township, May 14, 1875, aged eighty-six years. The parental family included eleven

children, ten sons and one daughter, of whom David, Jr., was the third child. Like his father before him, he has contributed his full share toward all that was necessary to be done in establishing the educational and religious institutions which have such an important bearing upon the moral and intellectual welfare of the community. He was twenty years of age upon coming here, and being blessed with good health and strength, accomplished a very great amount of work during the following thirty years. He was married, on the 6th of August, 1837, to Miss Emeline, daughter of Levi and Olive Hawley, of Rome Township. Mrs. Emeline Smith was born in Seneca, Ontario Co., N. Y., June 11, 1814, and came to Michigan with her parents in 1835. Her father was also a native of the Empire State, and died at the old home in Rome Township on the 7th of May, 1852, aged eighty-two years. His wife, formerly Miss Olive Payne, was a native of Rhode Island and survived her husband less than a year, dying in Rome Township, Jan 4, 1853. The eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Smith, Hercelia, was born Oct, 28, 1838, and is the wife of Miran Every, of Rome Township; Harriet S, at an early age developed a fondness for her books, and was carefully educated, completing her studies in Adrian College and Raisin Valley Seminary; she chose the profession of a teacher and has just rounded up her thirteenth term at this work. Emily was born Sept 10, 1847, and is now the wife of Phillip Bates, a merchant of Rome Center; William II. enlisted in the Union army Aug. 1, 1862, becoming a member of Company A, 17th Michigan Infantry. He was in all the battles of the Southeastern campaign, and part of the time formed one of the staff of Gen. Wilcox. He was wounded at Spottsylvania Court House and confined in the hospital two weeks. His company was in every battle of the regiment except one, and became familiarly known as the Adrian Cadets, After a three-years service he was mustered out June 15, 1865. Soon after returning from the army he was married to Miss Elizabeth Wood, of Rome Township, and is now farming in Adrian Township. Florence A. was born Nov. 20, 1849, and is the wife of C. R. Knowles, Hudson Township; Jennie E. was born Jan. 23, 1857, and is the wife of Albert W. Knowles, Rome Township; Thaddens and an infant unnamed are deceased, Mr. Smith and wife celebrated their golden wedding Aug. 6, 1887.

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AMES J. JONES. The name at the head of this sketch is a good old Welsh name, and the man who bears it is a sturdy representative of a family of that name, who came from Wales to America in the early history of this country long before the United States had become an independent mation. There is a tradition in the present family that the great-great-grandfather of our subject was a native of Wales, and that he came to America years ago and first made his home in Nova Scotia, whence he came to the United States in Colonial times.

The grandfather of our subject, Richard Jones, was, it is thought, a native of Montgomery County, where he spent his last years. The father of our subject was born in Montgomery County, and when a young man he removed from there to Herkimer County, and there married. He bought forty-five acres of timber land in Litchfield Township, and afterward became very successful as a dairy farmer. He greatly increased his landed estate until, at the time of his death in 1877, he owned 375 acres of well-tilled land, on which he had erected comfortable buildings. His wife, whose maiden name was Elsic Gardner, was born in New York State in 1799, and is still living there in Herkimer County at an advanced age.

James J. Jones was born on the old homestead in Litchfield Township, Herkimer Co., N. Y., July 16, 1834. He was reared in the home of his birth, and at the age of seventeen, having acquired a good education, he commenced teaching and taught the two following winter terms, and engaged in farming when not teaching. In 1856 our subject was married to Miss Abbie Treadway, who was born in Jefferson County, N. Y., March 2, 1836, and is the daughter of Christopher and Margaret (Caswell) Treadway. The following six years after narriage Mr. Jones managed his father's farm, but his steady application to his work in looking after the interests

of a large farm caused his health to fail, and he was obliged to relinquish that occupation for a time. He then resolved to go to Detroit and prepare himself by a course at a business college for a mercantile life. He left his family at his father's home, and went by Lake Eric to Metamora, Ohio, and thence to Detroit, in this State, where he entered Bryant & Stratton's Business College, in which he became grounded in the studies most important to a practical business man. In the following spring he returned to New York and engaged in mercantile business in Ilion. After pursuing that business for a year he returned to the old homestead and resumed his former occupation.

In the year 1867 our subject came to Michigan, and located in Adrian Township, this county, where he engaged in farming, alternating that work by teaching in Adrian during the winter. In 1869 he came to Riga Township and purchased the place where he now resides, containing ninety-seven acres in Riga Township and twenty acres in Ogden Township. It was then in its natural state, still unreclaimed from the forest, and the road which now passes his house was not then built. His first work was to fell trees so as to clear a space where he could build a house, and he then set vigorously to work to clear land for cultivation. He applied himself very diligently to his hard labors, and had quite a tract cleared when, in 1876, he met with a serious accident which nearly cost him his life, and put an end for a long time to the work in which he was engaged in clearing and improving his farm. He was walking one day on a railway track near the junction of two railways, and stepping from one track to the other to avoid an approaching train, he was struck from the rear by another train that he had not seen. He was rendered insensible, and sustained very serious injuries, his skull being fractured and several ribs broken. For a long time his life was despaired of, but his good constitution at length triumphed, and the long struggle between life and death was decided in favor of the former, and he was spared to his friends, although he regained his health very slowly. Four or five years of his life were thus rendered useless so far as his work was concerned, but these years of enforced idleness may have been a blessing to him

and to those about him, the patient endurance of his ills may have strengthened his character, and he may have been led to feel the truth of the beautiful words of the blind old poet:

"They also serve who only stand and wait."
With the assistance of his sons our subject has been enabled to clear nearly sixty acres of his land, on which he has crected a comfortable home.

To Mr. Jones and his wife have been born three children—Harvey, Mark and Susie E. Mr. Jones has been blessed by a good wife who has been a cheerful and ready assistant to him in lightening the burdens and trials of life. They are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and cordially assist in its good works. Mr. Jones is in politics a Republican, standbly upholding the measures of that party; he is also an earnest Prohibitionist, and is himself strictly temperate. He is a man of intelligence, whose life is guided by the highest principles of rectitude and honesty, which are the best qualifications for a good citizen.

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ENJAMIN C. FRANKLIN, a prosperous farmer located on section 29, Seneca Township, was born in this township, Nov. 5, 1842, and with the exception of a few years he has made this place his residence ever since. The parents of our subject were Amos and Cynthia (McKinney) Franklin, who migrated from Bradford County, Pa., in the spring of 1835, and settled in Seneca Township.

Over half a century ago the prospects of those who settled in this part of the country were not of an enviable character, but Amos and Mrs. Franklin cheerfully engaged with other pioneers of that day in subduing nature, building eabins, clearing land, and laying the foundation of the happy homes which now thickly dot this section of country. With all their labor they were social and happy, rearing their families to habits of industry and integrity, while giving them such an education as lay within their reach. In 1844 the family suffered an irreparable loss in the death of the father, Amos Franklin, and the widow with her five young children was left to engage in the battle of life without

the guidance of the husband and father. She performed her part well, living to see her children grow up honored and respected members of the community, and passed to her reward in 1871.

Our subject was the fourth child of the parental family and was born in Seneca Township, Nov. 5, 1842. He received such education as the district schools of that day afforded, and learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed for a period of ten years, at the end of which time he engaged in farming and since then has made agriculture his life work. He owns forty-eight acres of land in Seneca Township, which he has improved and developed into a high state of cultivation, and has erected thereon substantial and commodious buildings, suitable for his occupation.

Our subject was united in marriage, Aug. 21, 1881, in Seneca Township, with Miss Clara 1, daughter of Moses and Rachel (Luther) Neygus, who was born in that place on the 3d of September, 1860. This union was blessed by the birth of one child, whom they named E. Clyde. The political views of our subject harmonize with the Republican doctrines and he gives that party his cheerful support. Mr. Franklin has held many of the minor offices of the township and in his official capacities has given satisfaction to those whom he represented. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity.



SAAC FARST, a native of Seneca County, N. Y., came to Medina Township in the spring of 1851, to look about him and see what the prospect was for a desirable and permanent location. He was well pleased with the country and the progress the young State had made since its admission into the Union, and went back with a favorable report to his father in Seneca County, who returned with him to this county. The latter, George Farst, was a native of Northumberland County, Pa, where he married Miss Catherine Pontius, and carried on blacksmithing during his early manhood. From there they removed to Seneca County, N. Y., locating near the young town of Fayette, where the father hecame owner of a good farm.

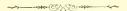
George Farst, upon the recommendation of his

son Isaac, took up his residence in Medina Township in September, 1851, purchasing 120 acres of land and devoting himself thereafter to agricultural pursuits until resting from his earthly labors. The mother passed away in the fall of 1864, and the father four years later. Their family consisted of nine children, four sons and five daughters, of whom Isaac was next to the eldest. He was born July 21, 1813, in Fayette Township, Seneca Co., N. Y., and received a good education at a private school, there being no other accessible at that time,

Isaac Farst began life for himself when a youth of seventeen, and learned the shoemaker's trade, at which he worked two or three winters following, This life, however, was not sufficiently active, and he soon abandoned it and engaged in carpentering, by which, as he possessed considerable natural genius in this line, he maintained himself very comfortably. A few months after his twenty-first birthday he was married, Dec. 2, 1834, to Miss Sarah, daughter of Frederick and Catherine (Peifer) Keefer, who were both natives of Northumberland County, Pa. They had a family of nine sons and two daughters, of whom Mrs. Farst, the third in order of birth, was born Dec. 31, 1811. Mrs. Keefer died in Elk County, Pa., in 1848, while Mr. Keefer subsequently removed to Iowa, and died at the residence of his son Joshua, in Mt. Pleasant, in

Mr. and Mrs. Farst spent the first years of their wedded life in the Empire State, removing to Michigan after the birth of all their children except the youngest. These, eight in number, are recorded as follows: Charles was born March 29, 1836; Aaron, July 31, 1837; Hannah, Feb. 25, 1839; Adeline, April 9, 1843; Clara, Oct. 1, 1844; George W., Oct. 1, 1846; Oliver, Aug. 12, 1851, and John G., May 1, 1856. Hannah died April 23, 1840, and Charles, July 30, 1840. Aaron Farst, the eldest living son of our subject, is engaged in the Buckeye shops at Akron, Summit Co., Ohio; he was first married to Miss Sarah Bump, who is now deceased; his second wife was Miss Mary Moore, and they have three children-John R., Frank W. and Royal E. Adeline is the wife of Edwin Ash, of Medina Township, and the mother of three children-Mary A., Nellie C., deceased, and Edith L. Clara was first married to Reuben George, and became the mother of one son, Frank E., now a resident of Dodge City, Kan; she was subsequently married to William Connery, and they had two children—A. Bernice and Clara Elizabeth; she died Aug. 7, 1880. George Farst married Miss Martha Cox, and is carrying on farming in Medina Township; they have three children—I-saac, Hattic and Ross Earl. Oliver married Miss Delilah Stiles, and is farming in Seneca Township; John G. married Miss Hattie Layman, and resides in Medina Township.

Mr. Farst delighted in hunting during his early years, and has shot wild turkeys innumerable in Medina Township. Once he brought down a deer, which was considered a very good "find," as in the fifties this choice game had become quite scarce. After his marriage he secured eighty acres of land, which he has improved into a good farm and supplied with first-class frame buildings. He is a man of good standing among his neighbors, and uniformly votes the Democratic ticket. He has served as juryman and Highway Commissioner, and belongs to Morenci Lodge No. 73, I. O. O. F., in which he has held all the offices up to Vice Grand.



ENRY HAYWARD is one of the leading farmers of the township of Seneca, owning and occupying 116 acres of fine land on section 23, where he carries on general farming and dairying. The high state of culture to which he has brought his place, the handsome residence and neat barns and out-buildings, bear witness to the industry and taste of the proprietor. He is a representative of one of the oldest pioneer families of the township, a sketch of whom is given below. He is a native of this county and township, and made his appearance on the stage of life March 24, 1840, being the second of a family of ten children born to his parents, Stephen and Sarah Jane (Sanger) Hayward,

Henry Hayward, the grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was born in Cummington, Mass., July 12, 1787, and was the son of one of the heroes of the Revolutionary War. About 1831, he made a trip to Michigan, and traveled through what are now the counties of Wayne, Oakland, Washtenaw and Livingston, and located 240 acres of land in the last-named county before returning home. Having an excellent opinion of the country, in 1833 he again came to Michigan, this time making a trip through Monroe and Lenawee Counties, and purchased one tract of land for himself on section 5, in what is now Hudson Township, and a 160-acre piece for a son-in-law, J. R. Hawkins, In 1834, after receiving a good price for his farm in Ontario County, N. Y., he came to Michigan and settled on section 10, Seneca Township. He erected a sawmill on Black Creek, which was the first one built in the township, and most of the lumber used in the neighborhood for several years was the product of this mill. He made his residence on his farm until his death, which occurred Jan. 26, 1842. His father, Stephen Hayward, had participated in the battle of Bunker Hill, and was afterward a Lieutenant in the Continental army. The wife of the latter was formerly Miss Hannah Tracey.

Henry Hayward, Sr., was married, Nov. 14, 1808, to Miss Elizabeth Willitts, who was born in New York State, Feb. 26, 1782. She was the daughter of Micajah and Judith (Cramer) Willitts, who were pioneers in Ontario County, N. Y. Stephen Hayward, the father of our subject, came to Lenawee County with his father in 1834, and remained at home until his marriage with Sarah Jane Sanger, in January, 1837; this was the second wedding in Seneca Township. Stephen was born in Farmington, Ontario Co., N. Y., in 1814, and married the daughter of Benjamin and Betsey Sanger, a native of the same county and State as her husband, who had come to Michigan with her father and settled in Seneca in 1834. Benjamin Sanger was a native of Connecticut, and had been a soldier in the War of 1812. His wife, whose maiden name was Woodard, was a native of the same State and died in New York in 1827; he died in Seneca Township in Febrnary, 1849.

The subject of this sketch passed his boyhood days on his father's homestead, spending his time in assisting in farm labor and attending school. On the 24th of May, 1859, he was united in marriage with Miss Helen Whaley, a native of Gorham, Ohio,

where she was born March 15, 1841, and the daughter of Cyrenus and Sally (Gorham) Whaley. Her father was born in Cato, Caynga Co., N. Y., Oct, 31, 1816, and remained with his parents until he was about eleven years old. His father then placed him in the employ of a farmer who paid \$3,25 per month for his services, all of which went into the family exchequer. This was followed up until Cyrenus was nineteen years old, when he made up his mind that he was entitled to the carnings of his own labor. He accordingly started west, but after getting forty miles from home he thought better of it and returned. After working by the month for about four years in Onondaga County, N. Y., in 1839 he came to Michigan and settled in Jackson County, whence he soon removed to Fulton County, Ohio, where he remained until 1842. He then sold out in Gorham, Ohio, and returning to Michigan, located in Seneca. Feb. 4, 1835, he married Miss Sally, daughter of Shubael and Polly Gorham, by whom he had seven children, of whom Helen was the second. His wife was born in Elbridge, Onondaga Co., N. Y., July 4, 1818.

Mr, and Mrs, Henry Hayward are the parents of seven children: Felch, Arletta, Ralph B., Robert, Stephen, Jane and Reuben. Felch married Viola Aldridge, of Seneca Township, and is the parent of one child, Millie; he resides in Seneca Township, Arletta is the wife of D. M. Hough, and the mother of two children—Helen N. and Clifford R.; she lives in Eaton County, this State. The rest of the children are at home with their parents. In politics Mr. Hayward affiliates with the Democratic party, He is highly respected, and with his good wife enjoys the regard and esteem of the entire community.



USTIN S. WILCON, for a period of fifty years made his home on section 31, in Adrian Township, to which he came when a young man in the twenty-sixth year of his age. At that time there was upon the land a log house, and ten or twelve acres were cleared, but it is now one of the most desirable homesteads in the township. It lies on the south side of the old Territorial Road, better known as the "Plank

Road," and is four miles west of the city of Adrian. Mr. Wilcox cast his lot with the pioneers of Lenawee County when the cabins of the settlers were few and far between, and took no unimportant part in the development of the resources of this county. Agriculture was his life-wish, although when young he took a warm interest in military tactics, and was Captain of a company in the New York State Millitin. Aside from this he was a very quiet and unobtrusive citizen, seldom holding office, but uniformly voting the straight Democratic ticket.

Mr. Wilcox was born in Saybrook, Middlesex Co., Conn., April 22, 1812, and departed this life at his home in Adrian Township, this county, May 27, 1887. His parents, Capt. Austin and Clarissa (Nettleton) Wilcox, were natives of Connecticut, Austin Wilcox, Sr., was born in Madison, Conn., Aug. 28, 1779, and departed this life in Bergen, N. Y., Aug. 18, 1856. March 27, 1805, he was married to Clarissa Wilcox, but she died at the homestead in Bergen June 10, 1829, many years before the decease of her husband.

The paternal grandparents of our subject were Edmund and Elizabeth (Scranton) Wilcox, who were residents for many years of Westbrook, Conn., where they were well known as prominent and usetul members of the community. Their son, Austin, Sr., carried on a blacksmith-shop and a farm in his vonnger years, but subsequently kept a public house, and was for several years Postmaster of Bergen. The children of Captain and Clarissa Wilcox, eight in number, were named respectively: Chloe. Polly Ann, Clarissa, Austin Scranton, Elizabeth, William Seward, Henry Hamilton and Harriet Adelia. The sons all reside in Adrian; four of the daughters are deceased. Harriet married Samuel Church, of Bergen, N. Y., who is now deceased, and continues to make her home in Bergen.

Our subject continued a member of his father's household until twenty-five years of age, and then in the fall of 1837 made his way to the young State of Michigan, which had been admitted to the Union a few months previously. He immediately purchased eighty acres of land, which is included in his present homestead, and to which he subsequently added until he was the owner of 186 acres well im-

proved, and supplied with good buildings. Upon his journey to this State he was accompanied by his young wife, he having been married to Miss Hannah Bodwell on the 1st of April, 1836.

Mrs. Wilcox was born in Verona. Oneida Co., N. Y., Nov. 21, 1815, and is the daughter of William Bodwell, a native of New Hampshire. The family was of English descent, and the mother, Mrs. Betsey (Kimball) Bodwell, was also born in New Hampshire. Mr. Bodwell was a capable business man, and engaged as a builder and contractor, but he died in early manhood, when his daughter Hannah was a child two years of age. The mother spent her last years in Brockport, N. Y., dying at the age of seventy-five.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin became the parents of seven sons and two daughters, as follows: Homer A. died in infaney: Henry N. is a resident of Detroit: Sarah F. lives at home; Theodore H. died when six years of age; Louisa E. is the wife of William S. Knapp, of Topeka, Kaa.; William S. died at the age of twelve years; Herbert continues on the homestead with his mother; Lewis T. died in infancy, and Ira Bidwell is on a farm in Rome Township. Mrs. Wilcox is the sister of the late Justus H. Bodwell, an old and prominent merchant of Adrian, who died suddenly in 1864.

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EORGE W. MOORE. The family history of this gentleman, who has been a resident of Medina Township fifty-two years, is substantially as follows: John Moore, 8r., the progenitor of the Moore family, was born in Argyleshire, Scotland, in 1648, and was killed at the massacre of Glencee, March 13, 1692. His son, John Moore, Jr., was born March 13, 1692, and was a native of Glencee, Scotland, whence he was taken when an infant to Londonderry, Ireland. In 1720 he crossed the Atlantic and settled in Londonderry, N. II., where he engaged in farming. There also he was married to Miss Janet Cochran, and they became the parents of four sons and three daughters.

William Moore, the grandfather of our subject, was born in Londonderry, Sept. 26, 1731, and upon reaching manhood married a maiden of his native county, Miss Jane Holmes, who was of Scotch-Irish parentage. Like his father before him he followed agricultural pursuits, but upon the beginning of the French and Indian wars he left the plow to take up the musket, and rendered very effective service. He finally removed from the vicinity of Londonderry to Peterboro, N. H. William Moore and his wife became the parents of twelve children, of whom Nathaniel, the father of our subject, was the second son and the fourth child.

Nathaniel Moore was born March 28, 1770, and continued on the old homestead his entire life. This property descended from father to son through several generations, having been acquired by William Moore in 1763. Nathaniel Moore was married at Peterboro, N. H., March 14, 1800, to Miss Sarah Ferguson, who was also of Scotch-Irish ancestry. Her father, Henry Ferguson, was the son of John Ferguson, one of the first settlers of Peterboro. Nathaniel Moore became prominent in local affairs, being one of the Selectmen of the town, and for many years a Deacon in the Presbyterian Church. He was a man of sterling integrity and high moral principles, and greatly estcemed by all who knew him. He died Oct. 27, 1853, at the advanced age of eighty-three years, while his wife had preceded him to the better land some three years, her death taking place April 10, 1850, when she was seventyfour years old. Their ten children were named respectively: Henry, William, John, Nathaniel H., James, Jane F., Sarah, George W., Martha F. and Thomas F. Of these but three are now living. Nathaniel H. continues in possession of the old homestead in Peterboro, N. II.; George W. is the next eldest, and of Thomas F. a sketch appears elsewhere in this book.

George W. Moore was born at the old homestead in Peterboro, N. H., April 3, 1814. He remained at home until a youth of eighteen years, and was then apprenticed to his brother William to learn the machinist's trade, which he followed until 1836. In the spring of 1834 he migrated to Michigan and purchased 210 acres of Government land on section 3, Medina Township. After securing his title he returned to the Old Granite State, and followed his trade there until in September, 1836. Being now reinforced with a small capital he came back to the West, and began the improvement of his purchase.

With the exception of five acres, which he had hired a man to chop, there were no improvements whatever upon his land. The task before him seemed an Herculean one, but he was strong in youth and hope, and set about it with all the resolution which he had inherited from his forefathers. He labored alone industriously until in August. 1837, and then, returning to his old home in New Hampshire, secured for himself a wife and helpmeet, being married on the 29th of that month to Miss Caroline Morrison, who was born in Peterboro, June 20, 1813. Immediately after the wedding the young people departed for their new home in the West, and took possession of the log house which had been erected by our subject. Here were born their three children-William C., Nathaniel M. and Emily (.

Upon the breaking out of the late war, William C, was a student in the Michigan State University, at Ann Arbor, preparing himself for the practice of law, which profession he had decided to follow. He considered it his duty to lay aside his personal plans and interests, and in May, 1861, after the first call for troops, enlisted in Company K. 1st Michigan Infantry, for three months, in time to be present at the first battle of Bull Run. Here he was wounded in the hip and shoulder, and had an arm broken besides. He was taken prisoner and confined at Libby and Columbia Prisons until May, the following year, when he was paroled, and was exchanged the following August. He then reenlisted at Jackson and was commissioned First Lieutenant of Company 1, 18th Michigan Infantry. He was proffered the Lieutenant Colonelcy of the 12th Tennessee Cavalry by Andrew Johnson, but declined the honor. Upon the day he was twentyone years of age, he was commissioned Captain of Company I, and had command of the regiment at the battle of Fox Creek, Ala. At the siege of Decatur, in November, 1864, he led a gallant charge against the rebel sharpshooters, and with his band of forty men captured 114 of the enemy. This act of bravery gained him the personal thanks of Gen, Thomas, and also an open letter which was read before the regiment.

In February, 1865, Capt. Moore was appointed Provost Marshal of Huntsville, Ala., which position he held until the close of the war. In October, 1865, he went to Texas as Quartermaster under Gen. Custer against the Comanche Indians, but in March, 1866, he was drowned while attempting to cross a stream in the Indian Territory while on his way from Texas to Kansas with a herd of eattle which he had purchased.

Nathaniel Moore, Jr., died when a lad seven years of age, and Emily is the wife of George F. Phelps, of Ionia, Mich. Mrs. Caroline Moore departed this life at her home in Medina Township, March 17, 1849. Our subject was subsequently married, in Barre, Orleans Co., N. Y., March I, 1852, to Miss Harriet P., daughter of Maj. Daniel P. and Betsey (Knight) Bigelow, at the residence of the parents in that place. This union resulted in the birth of two children-George D, and Hattie L. George D. married Miss Effie B. Lawrence, and is farming in Hudson Township. He received a fine education and was graduated from the Michigan Agricultural College in the class of '71. Mrs. Harriet P. Moore died at the homestead in Medina Township, April 15, 1880.

The present wife of our subject, to whom he was married in Clarkson, Monroe Co., N. Y., April 6, 1882, was formerly Mrs. Althea A. (Blodgett) Bordwell, daughter of John Blodgett, of Clarkson, N. Y., and widow of Joseph Bordwell, who died in Albion, that State, June 17, 1877. Of her first marriage there were born four children: Her eldest son, Joseph N., married Miss Mina Cramer, and resides in Rochester, N. Y.; Mary A. and Ada M. died in infancy; and John B. resides in Albion, Orleans Co., N. Y. Mrs. Moore was born in Clarkson, Aug. 20, 1824, and was married to Joseph Bordwell April 29, 1852. Her parents were John. and Lucy (Barlow) Blodgett, whose family included eight children, of whom Mrs. Moore is the sole survivor.

George W. Moore, in the winter of 1837, assisted in the organization of Medina Township, and was one of the first Assessors, holding the office for some time. As the township became settled up and the town began to assume modern manners and institutions, he was foremost in its various enterprises, among the first of which was the Farmers' Mutual Insurance Company, of Lenawee, in which he served as Director for a period of fourteen years. He repeatedly represented his township in State and county political conventions, and was the Chairman of three different county conventions, besides holding other important and honorable offices.

In 1850 Mr. Moore sailed from New York to California, spending a month on the 1sthmus of Panama, and landed in San Francisco April 14, having been three weeks on the journey. He had intended to follow farming on the Pacific Stope, but being unable to carry out his original plans engaged in a sawmill several months at \$100 per month. He remained in the Golden State about two years, then returned to Michigan and settled down upon his farm in Medina Township, engaging in agriculture and adding to his real estate until he is now the owner of about 300 acres.

The little log house which Mr. Moore put up for the reception of his bride in the spring of 1836, has long since given way to a commodious, modern dwelling, and the first rude stable years ago disappeared, its site now being occupied by a large and commodious barn. In addition are the various other buildings indispensable to the progressive modern farmer. Mr. Moore introduced the first mower and reaper into the western portion of Lenawee County, and while giving due attention to the modern methods of agriculture, has ever borne in mind the importance of education to the rising generation. He has been foremost in the establishment of religious and educational institutions, being one of the founders of Oak Grove Academy, and one of the most prominent and active members of the Congregational Church. In 1868 he invested considerable capital in a woolen-mill established at Morenci, but which did not prove a paving investment. The building was subsequently converted into a flouring-mill, to which purpose it is still devoted.

R. JULIUS VAUGHAN, a physician and surgeon of the regular school, now located in Springville, township of Cambridge, of this county, began the practice of his profession here in the spring of 1862. He is a native of Concord Township, Eric Co., N. Y., born March

21. 1833, and is the son of Lemuel C. P. Vaughan, a farmer of that State, of Welsh ancestry. The latter was the son of James Vaughan, also a native of the State of New York, and a very prominent and intelligent citizen of Washington County, where he held many offices and where he died. He married in early life a Miss Moon, who survived him, he dying when about sixty years of age. Lemuel C. P. was reared in Washington County, of the Empire State, and married there Miss Achsah Twiss, who is a native of New Hampshire, and daughter of Jeremiah Twiss; she was born in the same State.

Shortly after their marriage Lemuel C. P. and wife moved into the forests of Erie County, where he took up and bought some 500 acres of land. which he lived to see improved and the surrounding country well settled up. He died at Springville, Erie Co., N. Y., in September, 1879, at the age of sixty-four years. He had been quite popular in that part of the country, and had taken an active part in local politics, having held many local offices. He was an old-school Abolitionist, being one of the supporters of John P. Hale for President in 1852. He was esteemed by a large circle of acquaintances, and died respected by all. His wife still survives him, and although seventyfive years of age still retains both her mental and physical powers in an eminent degree.

Dr. Julius Vaughan is the eldest of seven children, five sons and two daughters, all of whom are living. The record of the family is as follows: Russell J. married Therisa Green, and lives in Eric County, N. Y.; Alonzo L. married Emma G. Smith, and is a dentist in the same county; Jennie A. is a stenographer and typewriter of New York City: (\*\*. L. is a dentist at Brooklyn, Jackson Co., Mich.; Lorenzo A. married Mary Potter, and is a farmer in Eric County, N. Y.; Achsah is the wife of Dr. Daniel Lewis, of New York City, a practicing physician of the regular school, who makes a specialty of cancerous affections and skin diseases, and is connected with the hospital for the cure of those ailments.

Dr. Vaughan passed his early years at home, where he received a good practical education at Griffith Institute in his native county. Later, when about twenty-four years old, he began the study of medicine. He then entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York City, by which he was graduated in the summer of 1860, and has practiced in this county since the spring of 1862.

Our subject was married in Cambridge Township, June 5, 1866, to Miss Anna E. Wickham, a native of Wexford County, Ireland, where she was born Nov. 15, 1841. Her father, Thomas Wickham, died in Ireland. She has two sisters, Mary, who is living in Monmouth, Ill., and Maggie, living at Central Park, Chicago, Ill. Their mother, whose maiden name was Ellen Hays, came to the United States in 1851, and lived in New York City and Buffalo about three years. At the latter place she died, leaving her youngest daughter, Mrs. Vaughan, a child ten years of age, alone. Soon after she came to this township, and lived in the family of William and Caroline Geddes until she was married.

Dr. and Mrs. Vaughan are the parents of one child, Charles II., who is still living at home. In polities the Doctor is a Prohibitionist, but was formerly a Democrat, and has taken some interest in local polities, having held several township offices. Himself and wife were charter members of the Good Templars' Lodge established in this county.

APT. CHARLES R. MILLER is a native of Central New York, and was born in Moravia, Cayuga County, on the 7th of June, 1884. He is the son of Amos and Catharine (Bartlett) Miller, who were also natives of the Empire State. At the early age of three years he came with his pavents to Michigan, the journey being made in a lumber wagon.

The life of our subject, until he had attained the age of nineteen, was spent on a farm near Bridge-water, Saline Township, Washtenaw County. Inspired with an ambition to qualify himself for future progress in life, he labored hard to obtain an education, and during many of the winter months he taught school, while in summer he worked on a farm. By dint of that persistent application which formed a notable trait of his character, he completed the course of study at the State Normal

School at Ypsilanti, and was graduated in 1855. The same year he entered the Sophomore Class at the State University, and won his diploma with the class of '58. He read law for the year following in the office of Gov. Felch, at Ann Arbor, and again returning to the University, entered the law department, and was graduated in April, 1860.

In 1860 Mr. Miller moved to St. Joseph, Mo., and opened a law office, but he found different work for a Union man among the rebels of the Missouri border, and returning to Michigan in the winter of 1862, he enlisted in the 18th Michigan Infantry in August of that year. He was made Second Lieutenant, and soon after the regiment moved to the front he was promoted to the position of First Lieutenant. He served in Kentucky with the regiment, being in the field some twelve months, and during this period he rose to the Captaincy of his company. The 18th Regiment was subsequently ordered to Tennessee, and at Nashville he was detached from the regiment and put on the staff of the Post Commander, later being made Assistant Judge Advocate on the staff of Maj. Gen. Rosseau. By special order of Gen. George H. Thomas, Capt. Miller was next made Judge Advocate of the Department Court-Martial, and while holding this position he tried very many military cases for the United States. At the end of the war Capt. Miller was mustered out, having performed very nearly three years of important and responsible military service.

Upon his return home from the army, Capt, Miller married Miss Mary L. Becker, of Ann Arbor, who was born in New York State in 1838. Soon after marriage, Capt. Miller settled in Adrian, and became a member of the law firm of Geddes & Miller. That the Captain has prospered well in his profession hardly needs saying, his unimpeachable business habits, wide reading, intuitive acrunen, and sturdy fidelity to his professional trust, naturally bringing their just reward. In 1868, and again in 1870, he was elected Prosecuting Attorney for Lenawee County, making a splendid record during the two terms of his incumbency of that important office. Since that time Capt, Miller has held no political elective office. He never solicited public preferment, but preferred to devote his energies to his private business, in which he has met with great success. For nearly eleven years he was a member of the Adrian School Board, acting as Secretary during that time, and the schools owe much of their superiority to his care and practical judgment, for if there is any one thing which excites his truest enthusiasm it is the cause of popular education, the benefits of which he himself has fully received.

Capt, Miller was appointed by Gov. Croswell on the Board of Management of the State Industrial Home for Girls, and was subsequently re-appointed by Gov. Jerome. He was Treasurer of the board, and had no small share to do with the successful inception of the institution, which now stands as the pride of the city of Adrian, and a benefaction to the State. The only position now held by the Captain is the Presidency of the Board of Trustees of the First Presbyterian Church, of Adrian. He is no office-seeker, but in whatever position his fellowcitizens have placed him he has been content to do his duty, honestly, capably, conscientiously and fearlessly. Not long since he was supported by the Lenawee County delegates for the Republican nomination for Representative in Congress; this preference on the part of the delegates came from no personal solicitation of his own, and had the choice of the convention fallen upon him he would have assumed the responsibility of the position, and fought with all the old-time soldier tenacity to bring the campaign to a successful outcome. He has met with gratifying success so far in life, and there is no reason why he should fail now. He is a student, a thinker, a man of convictions, coupled with the courage to maintain them. He is a fitting representative of the earnest, safe and trusty men American institutions can develop from the humblest beginning when properly used.

There have been born to Capt, Miller and wife two daughters: Mary S., an under-graduate in Wellesley College, near Boston, and Jessie.

ON. CORNELIUS KNAPP is one of the prominent and representative citizens of Rome Township. Coming here in 1835, when but a lad eleven years of age, he has watched the growth and development of this township from

its carliest days. Since attaining manhood he has always taken great interest in the well-being of the community, and has been an important factor in making it what it now is. He is a native of Nassau, Renselaer Co., N. Y., and was born June 12, 1824.

Reuben Knapp, the father of our subject, was born in Cherry Valley, Otsego Co., N. Y., in 1799, and removed to Nassau with his parents when a child. In the latter place he resided until about 1823, when, going to Perrinton, Monroe County, he rented a farm and tilled it for about three years. In the spring of 1827 he removed to Wayne County, N. Y., where he purchased a farm, on which he lived until the fall of 1835, when he sold out and came to Michigan. Locating in Rome Township, he bought a small piece of land of some twenty acres, containing a log cabin, and on which a few improvements had been made. He then returned to New York State, and selling out what property he had there, came back the same autumn with his wife and six children. Settling down on his place he commenced to clear the land, which was far from being a farm, the heavy timber standing thickly over most of it, and to make himself a home. He was a stonemason by trade, and did a little of that business after coming here.

On the 22d of October, 1822, Reuben Knapp married Polly Marks, who was born Nov. 25, 1790, and was a daughter of Joseph and Sarah (Steinhart) Marks. She became the mother of six children, Cornelius being the second, but on the 24th of December, 1847, Mr. Knapp had the misfortane to lose his wife. His little family requiring a mother's care, he again entered into the marriage state Oct. 31, 1848, this time with Miss Harriett E. Hicks, a native of Nassau, N. Y., but on the 12th of August, 1849, he was again left a widower. Again, May 24, 1850, he entered into a matrimonial alliance for the third time, Miss Mariah E. Gurley being his chosen companion, and she added two sons to his family.

donathan Knapp, the grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was also a native of Cherry Valley, N. Y., where he followed farming. He was a soldier in the Continental army during the Revolutionary War, and his cldest son, Isaac, participated in the conflict with Great Britain in the War of 1812. At an early day he removed to Rensselaer County in the Empire State, where he died at an advanced age.

Cornelius Knapp made his home with his father's family, and was brought up to the life of a farmer until he had reached the age of twenty-five years, receiving his education in a log school-house, built in the primitive fashion, which stood but a short distance from his father's house. At the age of nineteen years, having a natural genius for mechanics, he adopted the trade of a carpenter, working the first year for \$11 a month, and the next for \$11 a day. This business he followed for some twelve years, when in 1849 he purchased a farm on section 18, in Rome Township, on which he removed in 1851, and where he has ever since made his home.

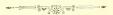
The subject of this sketch has always been a Republican in politics, and has taken a prominent part in the local councils of that party. Being a man in whose prudence and ability the community had confidence, in 1865 he was elected as the member of the County Board of Supervisors from the township of Rome, and remained in that office for eleven consecutive years. At the expiration of that time he went to California with his wife for a little recreation, and returning the following year, was re-elected as representative on the Board of Supervisors, and was retained in this office five vears more. Growing in popularity throughout the country as he became better known, in 1871 he was elected member of the House of Representatives of the Michigan Legislature, and for two terms occupied a seat amid that august body. He was very efficient in his duties while there, and introduced some very valuable measures.

Hon, Cornelius Knapp was united in marriage with Miss Harriet II. Jeffery, July 27, 1848, who was born Dec. 3, 1826, at Sandgate, county of Kent, England, and is the daughter of James K. and Harriet (Marsh) Jeffery. Her father was born in the same county in England, Jan. 29, 1803, and was the son of James and Rebecca (Sandford) Jeffery, of that place. Mrs. Knapp's grandfather, James Jeffery, a fine specimen of the sturdy English farming class, was born Feb. 27, 1777, and died Dec.

7, 1839. Like his ancestors he followed the business of farming, and never left the county of his birth. In 1796 he married Miss Rebecca Sandford, a daughter of Mark Sandford, and she became the mother of thirteen children, James K., the father of Mrs. Knapp, being the fourth child and second son. Mrs. Rebecca Jeffery was born in Folkestone, in Kent, in 1777, and died there in 1843, having survived her husband a little over three years. James K. Jeffery, when seven years of age, was sent to a boarding-school, where he remained some six years, and at the age of fourteen years he was sent to France, where he was entered into a school for the purpose of learning the French language. Having been brought up as a gentleman farmer's son, he was never called upon to engage in any labor, but from the time he was sixteen years old he spent his time in hunting, fishing and other sports until 1830, when he concluded to come to the free shores of America. Accordingly, on the 8th of May, 1830, Mr. Jeffery with his wife and three children, sailed from Rye in a vessel bound for the United States, and on the 4th of July following landed in New York City. After a short time spent in Williamsburg, he removed to Oneida County, N. Y., and in the spring of 1831 leased a farm. The following year he purchased some farm property in Westmoreland, on which he erected a fine residence, but after three years, being unused to doing business, he abandoned it to liquidate his indebtedness. In the spring of 1836 be came to Michigan and located on 160 acres of land on section 7, in Rome Township, and afterward purchased 240 acres adjoining. He resided on this property until 1842, when he purchased ninety acres of land on section 8, where he built a large house and kept a tayern for some lour years. He has made this place his residence ever since, and is recognized as being one of the leading and wealthy citizens of the township.

James K. Jeffery and Miss Harriet, daughter of Edward and Mary Marsh, of Dover, England, were married on the 8th of March, 1826, and became the parents of eight children, as follows: Harriet II., the wife of Cornelius Knapp, the subject of this sketch; Margaret, Mrs. Daniel O'Dell, living near Stockton, Cal.; Rebecca, deceased; Eliza, Mrs. William Willitts, of Ingham County, Mich.; Nancy, Mrs. Jared Rider, of Ingham County; Eleanor, Mrs. John Hart, living at Stockton, Cal.; Edward J., a resident of Portland, Ore; and Susannah, Mrs. George W. Darling, of this county.

Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Knapp were the parents of two children. One, a boy, died when but three months old; the other, Rebecca, was born Dec. 21, 1848, and died March 3, 1887, leaving her husband, Henry II. Ferguson, and one child, the latter a boy now some fifteen years of age, living with his father. Mr. and Mrs. Knapp are regular attendants of the Baptist Church, and take a leading part in the church work in this vicinity.



F. & C. C. MORSE. This firm is engaged in the lumber business, carrying on a sawmill in Hudson Township, They are the sons of Charles C. and Sarah C. (Follett) Morse, the father a native of New York, and the mother of Vermont, Having been married at Bellevue, Ohio, Mr. Morse, the father of the subject of this sketch, continued a resident of that State until April, 1844, when he came to Michigan, locating in Medina Township. For about a year after coming here he engaged in farming, and then formed a co-partnership with John Christopher, in the shoe business in the village. This continued until the spring of 1857, when the firm purchased a half interest in the Tiffin River Mills, and for many years operated them under the firm name of C. C. Morse & Co.

In 1859 Messrs, Morse and Christopher, buying out the interest of Mr. Henion, took into partnership Lemuel Morse, arranging that each of the three would have one-third interest. In 1860 C. C. Morse and John Christopher purchased the portion of their partner, and operated the mills together until 1873, when Mr. Christopher disposed of his interest to Charles F. and Carroll C. Morse, the present proprietors; at the same time L. J. Morse purchased an equal interest with his brothers from his father. They carried on the business together until August, 1886, since which time the sawnill is under the name of C. F. & C. C. Morse, and the gristmill under that of L. J. Morse.

Charles C. Morse, died Aug. 22, 1886, at the age of seventy-one years. His wife survived him but little over a year, dying Dec. 26, 1887, aged seventy years. They were the parents of a family of children as follows: Mrs. William D. Stalker, a resident of Sacramento, Cal., and the mother of two children, Willie M. and Nina A.: Addie B., Mrs. Consual, the mother of two sons, Charles F. and Fred M., who have resided with their uncle, Charles F. Morse, since their father's death. The elder of these, Charles F., is a member of the class of '91, in the Naval Academy of the United States, at Annapolis, Md., and was the successful competitor in a class of ten, passing a most satisfactory examination. Hettie, the voungest sister of the subject of this sketch, lives at home with her brother; Nina married R. J. Gouldsborough, who is a commercial traveler, and is the parent of two children-Fay M. and Alice S.; Charles F, was born Dec. 16, 1848, and Carroll C., April 25, 1852. Charles F., who was the fifth child, passed his early days in the home of his parents in Medina Township. He received his primary education in the district schools, and attended Oak Grove Academy for ten years. He is with his brother the owner of a farm of sixtysix acres of land, which they manage themselves in connection with the mill. The houses on this place were constructed by the father.

In 1876 Messrs, C. F. & C. C. Morse, thinking they had earned a rest, made a trip to Philadelphia to view the Centennial Exposition, and while East visited the city of Washington, Washington's tomb at Mt. Vernon, the city of New York, Niagara Falls. Watkins' Glen, and many other places of minor note. The mill is doing quite an extensive business, sawing about 200,000 feet of lumber yearly and turning out some 200,000 shingles in the same time. C. F. Morse is a member of the Knights of Pythias and of the Patrons of Husbandry. He is, in politics, a Republican.

ORATIO L. WILSON, a well-to-do and industrious young farmer of Madison Township, has selected his homestead not far from the place of his birth, which took place on section 29 in this township, Oct. 15, 1855. He is a

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descendant of one of the best old families of the Empire State, and his parents were Charles A, and Lucy J. (Reed) Wilson, who were married in the East and not long afterward migrated to Michigan, locating in Madison Township, where the mother died when about thirty-five years of age, Charles A. Wilson is still living and a resident of Madison Township.

The four children of the parental household were named respectively: Horatio L., Hattie 8., George A. and Ella. Horatio L. spent his boyhood and youth mostly upon the farm, attending the district school during the winter season. With the exception of three seasons in which he was engaged in painting, he has followed his present vocation, and nothing pleases him better than to till the soil and watch in the growing crops the results of his labors. He has labored intelligently and with good success, and as a farmer and citizen, much is expected of him in the future.

Mr. Wilson made his home with his parents until nearly twenty years of age and was married early in life, Sept. 8, 1875, to Miss Martha A., daughter of Alford and Catherine (Leonard) Crane, natives of Monroe County, N. Y., whence they emigrated to Michigan in 1836. At that period Lenawce County was thinly settled, and they made the journev hither armed with the courage and determination which were the chief characteristics of the men and women of those days. They lived to see the country grow up around them and took no unimportant share in its progress and development. After long and well-spent lives they passed to their final rest within a few weeks of each other, the mother Feb. 26, 1884, and the father March 6 following. Their children included four sons and two daughters, of whom Mrs. Wilson, the wife of our subject, was the youngest, and was born in Madison Township, July 25, 1849. She became the mother of three sons, of whom two are living: Charles A., who was born Feb. 12, 1882, and Freddie A., Sept. 1, 1884. Eddie L., who was born Sept. 23, 1879, died when eight months and nineteen days old.

Mr. Wilson seems to have begun life in the right manner, pursuing the even tenor of his way with excellent judgment and contributing his quota toward the maintenance of law and order and the other elements which constitute an intelligent and well-ordered community. He is quiet and unobtrusive in his tastes, and finds his chief enjoyment around the farm and within his household circle. Upon becoming a voter he identified himself with the Republican party, with which he uniformly easts his ballot at general elections.

OBERT P. BOODY is a resident of Morenci, Seneca Township, near which he has a fine establishment for the breeding of horses, Sknown as the "Silver Creek Home." He is the son of Daniel Boody, who was a native of Vermont, while his mother. Mary Sevey, was a native of New Hampshire.

The parents of our subject first settled in the Province of Quebec, Canada, where they lived several years, and then removed to Rochester, N. Y., where they remained about four years. The father engaged as contractor on the Wabash Railroad and removed to Delphi, Ind., where he made his residence about one and one-half years. He then disposed of his interests in the railroad and returned to Rochester, N. Y., where he bought a farm adjoining the city, on which he lived about eight years. He then went to Allegany County, N. Y., where he bought a fine stock farm of 100 acres, and afterward bought an interest in plumbago and iron mines in Upper Canada, which interest he held about four years. He came to Coldwater, Mich., about 1872, where he resided until his death, which occurred Oct. 25, 1876. The parental family of our subject included four children, two sons and two daughters, of whom Robert P. was the eldest.

Robert P. Boody was born in Orleans County, Vl., near the Canadian line, Oct. 17, 1834, and was educated in the common schools. He was prepared for entering college, but was prevented from carrying out his cherished wish by ill-health, and engaged in civil engineering on a railroad, which he followed three years on the New York Central & Wabash Railroad. He owned a part of the 400 acres his father had purchased in Allegany County, N. Y., and having a great desire to engage in fine stock raising, he began by raising sheep, and invested large sums of money in that particular line of stock. From Allegany County he removed to Chesterfield Township, Fulton Co., Ohio. After leaving the railroad employ he was engaged in the nursery business at Rochester, N. Y, for the firm of Nelson & Barker. They had a branch of the business at New Albany, Ind., of which Mr. Boody was acting as general manager and book-keeper; this was prior to his farming operations in Allegany County.

After severing his connection with Nelson & Barker our subject purchased a farm of 320 acres in Fulton County, Ohio, in company with his brotherin-law, D. A. Collins, where they engaged in raising Short-horn eattle, Poland-China hogs and Merino sheep. Mr. Boody bought out the entire interest after two years, and since that time has earried on the business on his own account. He resided on that farm, which he still owns, seventeen years, and in April, 1883, he came to Morenci, where he bought a residence and has since lived. His sales of high-grade stock are quite extensive, and he owned the first recorded Short-horn in Fulton County, Ohio, paying \$500 for the heifer. He became quite famous as a breeder of fine stock, but has since given up everything except the breeding of Percheron horses and roadsters, to which he devotes all his attention. In the spring of 1885, in partnership with B. II. Anderson, he purchased two horses, for which they paid the sum of \$5.000. Mr. Boody also purchased a tract of land in Seneca Township of twenty and one-half acres, on which he has erected his fine breeding establishment.

On his farm Mr. Boody has about thirty head of valuable horses, breeding and rearing draft and carriage horses being his main business. He has acted as judge of stock at exhibitions in different States and Territories, and is a gentleman thoroughly conversant with his business. Mr. Boody has recently purchased the entire interest of his partner and is carrying on the business alone.

Our subject was married in Chautauqua County, N. Y., Dec. 19, 1858, to Miss Emily M., daughter of Adnah B. and Asenath M. (Chadler) Kinsman, natives of New England. The parents settled in Chautauqua County, N. Y., where they still reside, and became the parents of eight children, four sons and four daughters, of whom Mrs. Boody is the eldest. She was born in Vermont, March I, 1836, where she was reared and received a liberal education, and was successfully engaged as a teacher prior to her marriage. Mr. Boody has been President of the Morenci Agricultural Society for several years, and prior to this was President of the Agricultural Society in Fulton County, Ohio, two years. He was also President of the Tri-State Thoroughbred Stock-Breeders' Association of Fulton County, Ohio, three years.

Mr. and Mrs. Boody are members of the Congregational Church and Mr. B. has been Superintendient of the Sunday-school for a long term of years. He is a member of the Morenci Lodge No. 73, I. O. O. F., and is also a member of the society of Good Templars. He is a strong temperance advocate and backs up his principles by his practice. Mr. and Mrs. B. are also members of the Patrons of Husbandry. Since seventeen years of age Mr. Boody has been a leader of some choir, and is at present leader of one of the largest chorus choirs in this section of the country.

OHN S, JOHNSON came to this county with his parents in 1844, when a had ten years of age, and assisted his father in the opening up of the new farm in Medina Township, of which he has since been a resident and where he new owns a valuable property of 160 acres, pleasantly located on section 16. He is of a good family, and from a very small capital has accumulated a comfortable home and laid by a snug snm for a rainy day. He ranks among the representative men and thrifty farmers along the southern line of Lenawee County.

The parents of our subject, Z. K. and Caty (Schuyler) Johnson, were natives respectively of Yates County, N. Y., and Roxbury Township, Morris Co., N. J., the father born Oct. 18, 1801, and the mother, Aug. 11, 1802. The Schuyler family removed from New Jersey to New York when Caty was a child four years of age, locating

at Seneca Lake. Seneca County, where they resided twenty-five years. She then removed with her parents to Allegany County, where she resided until 1844; she is still living at the old homestead, being now eighty-six years old. Mrs. Caty Johnson has been a lady of great energy and industry, having inherited these qualities from a long line of excellent ancestry. She is a descendant of Col. Schuyler of Revolutionary fame, and possesses a remarkable memory, being able to recall many incidents of that period, as they were related to her by the brave spirits who fought for their independence. Grandfather Schuyler settled in the Empire State and his father later took up his residence in Waterloo, where he spent his last years.

The father of our subject came to this county in 1844 and took up a tract of school land, which he at once began to build upon and improve. John 5, completed his studies in the district school, and continued with his father until the 3d of November, 1857, when he was married to Miss Jane Ann, daughter of Capt. James Lockman, formerly of Staten Island, Mr. L. was a ship-builder by trade, and in his Eastern home also followed coasting and ovster gathering, in which he was commander of an oyster vessel; he also operated a ferry and was a pilot of great skill. Mr. Johnson met his wife first in Medina Township, and they were married at Tompkinsville, N. Y. Their only child, a daughter, Carrie, was born May 22, 1857, and died May 2. 1861; the mother passed away on the 8th of June following.

Mr. Johnson was married a second time, to Missemma Jane Bradish, of Medina. Mrs. Emma J. Johnson was born in Macedon, Wayne Co., N. Y., March 22, 1835, and is the daughter of William F. and Rebecca (Warren) Bradish; by her union with our subject she became the mother of six children, namely: McLelland, who died in infrancy; R. M., who died when two and a half years old; Albina, Nellie, Lena and Lettie; the remaining children are all at home. Mr. Johnson has no political aspirations, preferring to give his attention to his farm and business affairs. He casts his vote, however, at the general elections, and sides with the party whose views are most in accordance with his principles.

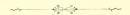
LIAN BROWER, son of the well-known pioneer, Archibald Brower, who settled in Senier cer Township in 1833, when starting out in life for himself engaged in the milling business, which he continued until 1868. That year he sold out, and purchased the farm on section 11, which he has since occupied, and transformed into a valuable and desirable homestead. He is a man of good business capacities and intelligence, interested in the progress and welfare of the people around him, Democratic in politics, and accounted among the reliable men of Lenwec County.

Archibald Brower, the father of our subject, was born in Dutchess County, N. Y., Feb. 13, 1805, He left his native State when a young man, and his marriage was the first which occurred in Seneca Township; his daughter, Mrs. Alma Willett, was the first white child born here. He married Miss-Julia A. Millett, of Fairfield Township, who was credited with being the first white woman who set foot in Seneca Township. They became the parents of six children, namely: Alma, Elias, William, Sarah Am, Alfred and John. Of these all are now living, and reside, one in Missouri, one in Iowa, and the others in Michigan.

The subject of this notice was born March 31, 1837, in Seneca Township, and as soon as old enough his services were utilized on the new farm, where he assisted in chopping down trees, clearing the ground from stumps, and preparing the soil for cultivation. His education was extremely limited, school-houses being few and difficult of access, His father had put up a saw and grist mill on a farm, which Elias took charge of at the age of twenty-seven, and in which he subsequently purchased a one-third interest. One other important event of his life was his marriage with Miss Sarah 4. Kiner, which took place in Seneca, at the home of the bride, Feb. 10, 1865.

Mrs. Brower is the daughter of Conrad and Elizabeth (Stumbaugh) Kimer, natives of Pennsylvania, who removed to Oliio, and from there to this county, in 1848. They purchased eighty acres of land, which Mr. Kiner improved into a good farm, where both parents spent the last years of their lives. They were the parents of ten children, and their daughter, Sarah J., was born at Columbus, Ohio, on the 3d of September, 1847. She received a common-school education, and became the wife of our subject when eighteen years of age. This union resulted in the birth of eight children, who are recorded as follows: Henry is the engineer of the Weston Mills, and resides at Weston; he married Miss Mina Van Sickle, and they have one child, a son, Ray Henry. Frank attends school at Weston; Olive has charge of the homestead, and the other children were named respectively. Burt; Rosa, deceased; Louisa, Clarence E, and Lawrence.

Mr. Brower, with his wife and three children, belongs to Fruit Ridge Grange, of which he has been Treasurer three years, while his son Frank is Steward in this order. Mr. B. meddles very little with political matters, but usually votes for the Demoeratic candidate.



HLIAM D. JAMES is pursuing the even tenor of his way in a comfortable manner on a farm of 110 acres, occupying the southeast portion of section 8, Medina Township. He is an emanation of the Empire State, and the son of Alonzo L. and Minerva (Titus) James, who were also born in New York State, where the father was known as one of the most popular hotel-keepers in Orleans County.

William D. James was the fourth in a family of five children, and was born Feb. 2, 1836. He came to this State with his brother Norman B., in the fall of 1853, and located first in Hudson Township, where he was married on the 3d of April, 1859, and thereafter worked on the farm of his father-inlaw for six years. His first purchase of land was made in this township, but he only held it a few days and soon afterward purchased his present farm, He had intended to go into the hotel business in partnership with his brother Norman, but the owner of the property changed his mind and decided not to sell. Mr. J. was for a time employed in a spoke factory, but after securing his land, turned his attention to its improvement and cultivation, and has since given to it his undivided attention.

The wife of our subject was formerly Miss Harriet D., daughter of Stephen and Freelove (Terpening)

Perkins, natives of Cayuga County, N. Y. came to Michigan in the fall of 1831, arriving in Lenawee County on the 4th day of November. The face of the country was then mostly covered with timber, and Mr. Perkins securing a tract of land, commenced the establishment of a home, and thereafter dealt considerably in real estate, buying and selling several farms. He died at his homestead in Hudson Township in 1874, while the mother is still living, and is now eighty-seven years of age. Their family included ten children, as follows: John was born Nov. 4, 1820; Samuel C., Feb. 5, 1823; Moses, Feb. 2, 1825; Nelson, April 1, 1827; Franklin, June 8, 1829; Lewis, May 7, 1831; Susan M., Aug. 20, 1835; Cynthia M., Oct. 4, 1837; Harriet D., Nov. 17, 1839; Stephen Harrison, March 24, 1842. Stephen Perkins was born June 26, 1797, and married Freelove Terpening Dec. 23, 1819.

To Mr. and Mrs. James there have been born four children. Their eldest, Frederick P., is a professional dentist, and a resident of Sleepy Eye, Minn; Minerva L. is married and a resident of Medina Township, where her husband, Charles Sutton, is engaged in farming; William D. is attending the dental school at Minneapolis, Minn., and Frank S. remains on the farm during his vacations and is pursuing his studies in the Favette Normal School and Musical College, The boys and girls comprising the family of Alonzo L. and Minerva James were named respectively, Fidelia, Norman B., Sarah E., William D. and Oscar F. Fidelia became the wife of John L. Hoyt, who died in Hudson Township, April 23, 1884. Norman B. married for his first wife Miss Mary Moshier, who died, and he was then married to Miss May Titus; he is earrying on the produce business in Hudson, Sarah, the wife of Stephen Connor, died in Big Rapids, Mich., in August, 1885, while Oscar F, married Miss Dora Baker, and resides in Dakota Territory.

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LWIN M. CAMBURN. The thrift and industry of this gentleman are fully apparent in the valuable and productive farm which he has built up during a period of seventeen years, and where he has been industriously engaged as a

general farmer and stock-raiser. The property lies on section 4, in Macon Township, and includes eighty acres, the greater part of which has been utilized to the greatest advantage, and yields generously the best products of Southern Michigan.

Our subject is a native of Macon Township, and was born at his father's old homestead on section 4, Jan. 25, 1845. The latter, John Camburn, was a native of Barnegat, N. J., whence he came when a youth of sixteen years with his father, Hebron Camburn, to this county, and located on section 4, Macon Township, at a time when the settlers were few and far between, and the year before Michigan had become a State. Hebron Camburn, the paternal grandfather of our subject, was married in New Jersey to Miss Lavina Boyer, who accompanied him to the West, and they labored together in building up a homestead from which they passed away when ripe in years. Their son John remained under the parental roof until reaching manhood, and then married Miss Elizabeth Morgan, who was born in New York State and came with her father. Charles Morgan, to Michigan when a child nine years of age. She is still living and makes her home with her son, our subject, being now sixtythree years old. John Camburn died at the homestead in 1872, aged fifty-one years. He was an industrious and capable man and in politics a solid Republican.

The boyhood and youth of our subject werespent after the manner of most farmers's son, assisting in the labors around the homestead, and receiving his education in the district schools. Upon reaching manhood he was married, on the 1th of March, 1878, to Miss Mira Smith, who was born In Lacon Township, May 24, 1850. She is a lady of good education, a graduate of Raisin Valley Seminary, and followed the profession of a teacher some years before her marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Camburn have two children—Bessie, who was born Jan. 25, 1880, and Ernest, March 24, 1884.

The wife of our subject is the daughter of Rev. Herman C. and Mary (Pennington) Smith, who came to this county early in life, and the father a few years later was ordained a minister of the Free-Will Baptist Church. His career, however, was cut short in middle life by the dread disease, consumption, of which he died in Minnesota where he had gone for his health, March 15, 1855. Mrs. Smith is still living, making her home with her son Isaac, in Macon Township, and is about sixty-one years of age.

Though but a youth, Mr. Camburn responded to his country's call in her hour of peril, and enlisted as a member of Company D, 11th Michigan Infantry, in which he did good service, Mr. Camburn usually votes the Republican ticket, although reserving the right of a free American citizen to support the man whom he thinks best qualified for office, irrespective of party.

EWIS GOODWIN. Of those who settled in this part of Michigan when it was yet a wilderness is the subject of this sketch, who came to Lenawer County when its forests were inhabited by wild animals of all kinds, and game, including deer and turkeys, was so plentiful that the setter could stand in the door of his cabin and with his trusty rifle bring down his pick of the flock or herd. Mr. Goodwin had faith in the future of whichigan, and although the means of transportation were of the most primitive kind, which included journeys on foot, he traveled from the East where he was born, undaunted, to the spot where, with his own hand, he made a home for himself and his.

Mr. Goodwin was born in Oxford County, Me., on the 15th of Angust, 1808, while his father, John Goodwin, was born in Virginia, and when fifteen years of age enlisted in the Continental army and served three years in the Revolutionary War. He then followed the sea until he was thirty-five years of age, when he married and settled in Maine, buying land in Turner, and there spent the remainder of his life. The maternal grandfather of Lewis Goodwin was Stephen Yeatten, who was a native of England and settled in Maine, where he spent the remainder of his life in Minot.

Lewis Goodwin was in his fifth year when his mother died and after that he lived with his uncle, Stephen Yeatten, in the town of Minot, until he was fifteen years of age. For one year thereafter he engaged at work by the month in a blacksmith's shop, and then in a sawmill. In 1835 he went from Maine to New York State, going from his home to Boston in a stage, from Boston to Providence by railroad, and from Providence to New York by steamer; then by Hudson River and the Erie Canal to Buffalo, where he worked for a few months. From that city he went to Silver Creek, where he remained until February, 1837. In that year he concluded to come to Michigan, and accomplished the journey by crossing the lake to Detroit, and then traveling on foot to Clinton, Lenawee County. At that time he was a single man, and worked at clearing land at \$18 per month. He continued to work by the day and month, saving his earnings, and in 1850 bought forty acres of land in Ogden Township, of which he cleared a portion but did not settle upon it. In 1856 he bought the place where he now resides, which consists of 100 acres of land, more than half of which is improved, and on which he has erected good and comfortable buildings,

In 1850 Mr. Goodwin was married to Miss Rachel Allen, and there were born to them the following-named children: George, May 4, 1851; Orra, Nov. 26, 1854; Melissa, Aug. 16, 1857; Wallace, June 23, 1860; Elizabeth, June 17, 1863; Ida, April 20, 1865, and John, June 20, 1868. Wallace, Ida and John are deceased.

While the beginning of his life in Michigan was under the most unauspicions circumstances possible, it has proved all right in the end, for Mr. Goodwin has now a good farm and is surrounded in his old age with all the comforts of life in the midst of a community of intelligent people, all of whom are much attached to each other. Mr. Goodwin has lived to see the State of which he was one of the first settlers occupy a leading position among the States of the Union for commercial importance, the intelligence and morality of its people, and the development of its natural resources.

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NSEL P. CODDINGTON, a native of the Empire State, came to this section of country when a young child, with his parents, Alvah and Barbara (Swick) Coddington, who first settled near the timber of Washtenaw

County, whence they removed a year later to Bath Township, Clinton County, when their nearest neighbor was three miles away. The father improved a farm from the wilderness, and then becoming homesick for his old haunts in Tompkins County, N. Y., repaired thither, where he spent a few years and then returned to Michigan and died at the home of his son, our subject, on the 18th of June, 1882, when in the seventy-fourth year of his age. The mother died a few years before her husband, March 13, 1876, in Tompkins County, N. Y. The parental household included two daughters and one son, of whom Ansel P. was the youngest, and was born Oct. 19, 1835.

Our subject passed his boyhood days at the primitive homestead of his parents in Clinton County, receiving the rudiments of an education at the district school, after which he completed his studies at Stearkey Seminary, Yates County, N. Y. The second year after the outbreak of the Rebellion be enlisted, Aug. 4, 1862, in Company G, 109th New York Infantry, which was assigned to the Army of the Potomac, but subsequently our subject was detailed to the Commissary Department as a clerk, in which capacity he served until he was promoted Second Lieutenant. A few months later he was given the rank of First Lieutenant, and again becoming connected with the Commissary Department, acceptably filled the position of Acting Assistant Commissary on the staff of Gen. Meade for several months. In the changes which were subsequently brought about, he was placed first in charge of Patrick Station and afterward assigned to Humphrey Station, which he continued to hold with his men until the fall of Richmond.

Lieut. Coddington, after this event, was placed in charge of the commissary trains passing over the South Side road, running from Petersburg to Burksville, and near the point which was afterward made memorable by the surrender of Gen. Lee. He continued with the troops until they were mustered out, and received his honorable discharge near Georgetown, D. C., in June, 1865.

Mr. Coddington, upon retiring from army life, made his way to his old home in Tompkins County, N. Y., and engaged in the fire and life insurance business, which he conducted successfully until his





Ezra Ames

return to Michigan, about 1877. Not long afterward he purchased his present farm on section 28, in Teeumsch Township, comprising 112 acres of valuable land in a high state of cultivation. Among the attractive features of the homestead are the handsome residence and its surroundings, which, with the substantial barns and out-buildings, indicate in a forcible manner the thrift and industry of the proprietor. The farm lies adjacent to the village of Teeumsch, convenient to school, church and market, and is looked upon as a most desirable piece of property. It is well stocked with the best grades of cattle, horses and Shropshire sheep, Mr. Coddington being especially successful in the latter industry.

Our subject was first married in Seneca County, N. Y., to Miss Mary M. Kelly, who was born in that county, and by her marriage with Mr. Coddington became the mother of five children, named respectively: Alvah J., Anna C., Sarah L., Barbara E. and Edgar A., and all still at home. Mrs. Mary M. Coddington departed this life at her home in Tompkins County, N. Y., in 1877. Mr. Coddington was married to his present wife, formerly Miss Fanny Tecter, in October, 1877. Mrs. Fanny Coddington was born in Tompkins County, N. Y., Jan. 12, 1830, and is the daughter of John and Mary Tecter, natives of the same State, where also their decease occurred.

Mr. Coddington, politically, votes the Democratic ticket, and religiously is identified with the Baptist Church in which he is a Deacon, and has been Trustee and Secretary of the board for the last eight years.

ZRA AMES is held in high honor and respect as an early pioneer of Southern Michigan. He is now living in retirement in his pleasant home in the town of Hudson. He is considered an authority on the early history of this part of the country, and can give much interesting and valuable information concerning the settlement of the various towns in this region, and of the pioneers and their mode of life. When he first visited Michigan, and located in what is now Pittsford,

Hillsdale County, Adrian, then a small village, was the nearest settlement, and the surrounding country was for many miles nothing but a dense wilderness, given over to wild beasts, such as bears, wolves and deer; and all the hard, with the exception of the few tracts taken up by the early settlers, was Government land, and for sale at 84.25 per aere.

Mr. Ames is a native of the old commonwealth of Massachusetts, and was born in Petersham, Worcester County, Nov. 30, 1813. His parents were Peter and Sarah (Clark) Ames (see sketch of C. II. Ames for parental history). In early life he was left an orphan, his mother dying when he was but six months old, and his father's death occurring two years later. Thus early deprived of the care of father and mother he was taken to live with an unele in Petersham, and made his home with him until he was fourteen years old. This relative was very exacting, and the few years spent with him were filled with toil. He was not allowed to engage in boyish sports, and his education was entirely neglected as he was not permitted to go to school. From his uncle's he went to the home of an elder brother in Francestown, N. H., from whom be received kinder treatment, and received some educational advantages, while during vacations he assisted his brother on the farm and in the sawmill.

On the 6th of September, 1833, Ezra Ames commenced a memorable journey to Michigan, to look up land for pre-emption, and going by stage coach to Troy, N. Y., there embarked on the canal for Buffalo, and thence went to Detroit by steamer. The latter city was then a small place, giving no indication of its present size and importance. At Rochester, N. Y., he had been joined by his brothers, and they accompanied him to Michigan, They bought a voke of oxen and a wagon, and came from Detroit to what is now Pittsford, Hillsdale County, where the brothers located. Our subject took up his residence with one of them, and worked for him a year; and then with the money he had earned, and \$50 which he had when he came here, he entered 120 acres of Government land. fall of 1834 he returned to New Hampshire, and resided with his brother, Clark Ames, until the year 1838, when he returned to this State, and rented the Kidder sawmill, and continued to manage it for two years. In 1842 he came to Hudson, and commenced to operate a hotel, and in that year he built the first two-story frame house ever erected in this town. In 1839 Mr. Ames was desirous of attending a Fourth of July celebration in Detroit, and, as there was no other means of travel at his command, he and his brother set out on foot, making the journey in three days.

In 1843 Mr. Ames gave up the hotel business, and opened a shoeshop, and did custom work, building up quite a trade, and employing at times seven or eight men. He continued in that business a number of years, and made considerable money; in connection with this he operated a dry-goods store for about two years. He then settled on the land he had taken up from the Government in 1834, and became actively engaged in farming. making many improvements on his farm, and so increasing its value that in 1883, when he decided to retire from active life, he was enabled to sell it at a high figure. He then came to Hudson and bought the place where he now resides. It is very finely located within the city limits, and comprises five acres of land on which he has a commodious, comfortable dwelling and other dwellings. This prosperity has not been attained without hard work on the part of our subject, who is a self-made man, His labors have been directed by sound common sense and wise management, which, coupled with the assistance of his wife, have been the sole factors in making his life a successful one,

Mr. Ames was first married, Sept. 7, 1839, to Sosan Lewis, who was born in Francestown, N. H., April 10, 1815. She became the mother of three children, of whom one is now living, and died Dec. 31, 1847; her surviving son, George F., resides in Sheridan, Monteahu Co., Mich. The second marriage of our subject occurred Aug. 30, 1849, with Miss Lucy Moon, who was born in Niagara May 27, 1822. One child has been born of their union, Charles R., who now resides in Buffalo. N. Y. Mr. Ames met with a great affliction in the death of his wife, which occurred on the 20th of August, 1887. She was a consistent Christian, having been a member of the Baptist Church since the year 1850.

Mr. Ames was in early life a Whig, but he be-

came a member of the Republican party as soon as it was organized, and from that day to this has stood firmly by it, advocating its measures when oceasion has offered. He has been a constant subscriber to its great organ, the New York Tribune, since 1845, and during the forty-three years that have since elapsed, has faithfully pernsed its columns, gleaming therefrom much that has profited him in his agricultural pursuits, and also keeping well informed of the progress of events in the outside world. Mr. Ames is held in the highest trust and confidence by his fellow-citizens on account of his unswerving integrity of character. He was Justice of the Peace for Hudson Township for twelve years, and tried many cases during that time, and of the number appealed not a decision of his was ever reversed.

As a representative pioneer citizen of Lenawee County, and one who has "borne the burden and the heat of the day," we have pleasure in presenting a portrait of Mr. Ames in connection with this biographical notice.

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TEPHEN C. LOMBARD. The stock-raising interests of Rollin Township are well represented by this gentleman at his fine farm on section 4, and to this department of agriculture he has given the study and the labor of years with excellent results. It is generally conceded that he has one of the finest estates in the western part of Lenawee County, the land being thoroughly cultivated and supplied with a handsome and substantial set of buildings. Mr. Lombard has taken great pains in the embellishment of his homestead, and ranks among the representative men whose forefathers migrated from New England in the early days, and the traces of whose footprints exist all the way from the Atlantic Coast to the Mississippi.

Our subject was born in Ontario County, N. Y., Nov. 25, 1829, and is the son of Lewis Lombard, a native of New Hampshire, and born in 1798. The latter accompanied his parents to the Empire State when a lad twelve years of age, and remained a resident there until 1859. He then cast his lot with

the pioneers of Southern Michigan, purchasing 152 acres of land in Rollin Township, but he did not live to carry out his plans, his death occurring six months after his arrival here, when sixty-one years old. He married, while a resident of New York State, Miss Philura Cheesbrough, a native of Chenango County, and they became the parents of three children, of whom only two are living, namely: Stephen C., of this sketch, and Edward R., a resident of Eaton County, Mich, The paternal grandfather of our subject was a Major in the Revolutionary War, while the maternal grandfather served also as a private in that struggle, and spent some years as a sailor. He also participated in the French and Indian War, and was captured at Guadalupe, Mex., after he had migrated to the Southwest and enlisted as a soldier.

Mr. Lombard remained under the parental roof until reaching his twenty-ninth year, in the meantime learning the trade of a blacksmith, but mostly following farm pursuits. He preceded his father to this county, purchasing the land which he now occupies, and where he has given his best years of labor in building up a homestead. He was married, Oct. 27, 1858, to a lady of his own county in New York, Miss Mary A., daughter of Silas and Hannah (Snedeker) Richardson, who was born March 20, 1835. The parents of Mrs. L. were natives of New York, and the mother died at the homestead in Ontario County, that State, when forty-nine years of age. The father is still living, and occupies the land which his father took up from the Government when first coming here in 1802; he is in his eighty-fourth year, and is still hale and hearty. The grandfather of Mrs. Lombard and one of her uncles served in the Revolutionary War. The parental household included two children. Her brother served in the Rebellion, and after the war remained in Virginia, where he died in 1872.

The children of Mr, and Mrs, Lombard are recorded as follows: Charles was born in Rollin Township, Dec. 5, 1859, and died Nov. 11, 1863; Harry was born April 18, 1862, married Miss Katie A. Jenkins, and is farming in Rollin Township; his wife is a native of Michigan, and was born Ang. 25, 1860. Albert G. was born Sept. 24, 1864, and married Miss Florence, daughter of John and Frances

Rogers, of Woodstock Township; he is proprietor of a good farm adjacent to his father's homestead, Edward A, was born Oct. 14, 1866, and continues at home with his parents; E. Grace was born Jan, 19, 1869, and is teaching in Addison. The children have all received a good education, and are well fitted for their future station in life as the offspring of a representative citizen of the county.

Mr. Lombard makes a specialty of sheep-raising, having some fine specimens of American Merino registered in the herd-book of Miehigan and Vermont, and takes the lead in this industry in this county. He has expended hundreds of dollars, and in 1875 sent to Vermont, selecting quite a number from one of the finest flocks in Middlebury, Addison County, that State; his son Harry is also dealing in the same class of stock.

Mr. Lombard put up his present handsome dwelling in 1876, and has gradually added all the outbuildings required for the successful prosecution of his various farm interests. Politically he votes the Republican ticket, and has filled the minor offices of his township, besides serving as Justice of the Peace for a number of years. Socially, he belongs to Lodge No. 157, A. F. & A. M., at Addison, Mr. L. has living with him two of his father's brothers, Harry T. and Samuel H., aged eighty-four and eighty years, respectively.

As illustrative of the homesteads of Lenawee County, so commodious and tasteful, in contrast with the log cabin of the pioneer settler, we are pleased to present on another page of this Album a view of Mr. Lombard's residence with its environments.

ENJAMIN REASONER, of Medina Township, over whose head the snows of eighty winters have passed, still maintains his residence upon the quarter section of land which he took up over tifty years ago. His farmentire comprises 350 acres of land with substantial improvements, and the soil brought to a high state of cultivation. As one of the pioneers of Lenawee County, Grandfather Reasoner is held in peculiar respect, which feeling has been greatly augmented by his excellent qualities as a man and a citizen.

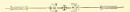
He is now practically retired from active labor, and surrounded by hosts of friends, and all the other comforts of life, is spending his declining days in the case to which he is so amply entitled.

Mr. Reasoner, a native of Dutchess County, N. Y., was born Oct. 15, 1807, and is the son of Jacob and Hamah (Acker) Reasoner, also natives of the Empire State, the father of Dutchess County, and the mother of Schoharic County. The parents continued in their native State after their marriage until the death of the mother in 1843. The household included fourteen children, six sons and eight daughters, of whom Benjamin was the seventh. After the death of his wife, Jacob Reasoner made his home with his children, and died at the home of the subject of this sketch in Medina Township. Benjamin and his brother Bradley B., are the only two surviving members of the family, and the latter is now a resident of Mills County, Iowa.

Mr. Reasoner spent his boyhood and youth on the farm of his father in Schoharie County, N. Y., where he received a limited education, but was trained to habits of industry and economy and became familiar with the various employments of the farm. In the meantime he had elected to follow the calling of his father before him, and after arranging his plans for the maintenance of a family, was married, July 11, 1830, before reaching his twenty-third birthday, to Miss Martha, daughter of Samuel and Zilpah (Eddy) Round, who were at that time residents of New York. The parents of Mrs. R, were natives of Rutland County, Vt., where they were married and continued to live for fifteen years afterward. Thence they removed to Niagara County, N. Y., where the mother died the year following. Mr. Round then came to Michigan, and in 1850 settled in Adrian, of which he was a resident for twenty years, and where his death took place in 1870. The parental family comprised three sons and three daughters, of whom Mrs. Reasoner was the eldest. In common with her brothers and sisters she received her education in the public schools, and continued with her parents until her marriage.

The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Reasoner are recorded as follows: Guelma and Jacob are deceased: Martha is the wife of Samuel Craig of this county, and the mother of four children, namely: Osemus, Diana, Edmund and Edwin. Lettic died when about four years of age: Maria is the wife of Jerry Rice, and the mother of four children, namely: Bradley D., Viola Adelia, Charlotte G. and Jerry E.; this daughter lives with her parents. Benjamin is a resident of Otsego County, this State; James married Miss Melissa A. Kimis, and they have three children—George B., James H. and Ruel D. Chloe is the wife of Henry Law, of Vermont: Francis married Miss Ellen Nye, and lives in Medina Township; they have one child, a son. Leon. Mary M. is the wife of William Walker, of Medina Township.

Mr. Reasoner politically, votes for principles, not men, and the principles he advocates are those usually enunciated by the Democratic party. His father was one of the honored old patriots of the War of 1812, and the family have abounded in honest men and virtuous women.

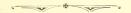


OHN W. ALLEN, familiarly known as the son of Stephen Allen, whose biography appears elsewhere in this Album, was born in Seneca County, N. Y., Jan. 18, 1830, and was but five years old when his father came to this county. He was a remarkably bright and interesting child, and possessed some traits of character which distinguished him from others of his age. His father's family made the journey from New York to Michigan after the manner of the emigrants of those days, much of the way overland by teams. After they had reached Genesee County, John W. got out of the wagon, and putting his hands in his pockets, declared he was going to return, as the prospect before him was by no means agreeable. He was finally "persuaded," however, to resume his journey with the family, and feels at the present time that it was one of the best moves he ever made.

Stephen Allen, upon reaching this county, located with his family in Madison Township, where John W., our subject, with the exception of a trip to California, and the time spent in finishing his education, has since resided. He pursued his first studies in the district school, and after completing them at

the higher schools of the county, started for the Pacific Slope, in September, 1851, via the 1sthmus. Upon reaching California, he entered the mines, and for three years employed himself in searching for the yellow ore, meeting with fair success. He returned in 1854, and purchased eighty acres of land in Madison Township, to which he afterward added ninety acres of the original homestead, and has since been industriously engaged in its cultivation. Upon this there were few improvements, none of any value, and in looking upon the handsome homestead which is conspicuous on account of its tasteful buildings, and its general air of comfort and plenty, it is easy to imagine that much labor, time and money have been expended. The farm is well stocked with good grades of the domestic animals, while there is a fine orchard, with fruit and shade trees around the residence, and the premises generally indicate the supervision of a thorough and skillful farmer, who, while tilling the soil has not neglected the embellishment of the home.

Mr. Allen was first married, in April, 1862, to Miss Martha TenBrook, who was born in this county. She remained the companion of her husband less than six months, her death taking place at their home in Madison Township, in October following their marriage. Mr. Allen was wedded a second time, in Sencea County, N. Y., Jan. 11, 1865, to Miss Mary Van Duyn, who was born in that county, March 28, 1837. They have one child only, a son, William W. S., who was born Nov. 16, 1869, and continues at home with his parents. Mr. Allen east his first Presidential vote for Winfield Scott, and has since continued an ardent supporter of Republican principles.



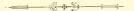
ATHAN A. BAILEY, a native of this county, was born May 20, 1840, and occupies his father's old homestead on section 3, in Adrian Township. The latter, Paschal D. Bailey, a native of Oncida County, N. Y., came to the West in the pioneer days, and with the other men of that period distinguished himself as a hardworking and enterprising citizen, who built up a

good homestead, and in all respects acquitted himself as an honest man and a good citizen. He was married, in Oncida County, N. Y., to Miss Mary Ann Rowley, a native of that place.

The subject of this history spent his boyhood and youth after the manner of the sons of pioneers, and was trained to habits of industry and economy. He attended the district school and made himself useful about the homestead until reaching his majority, and was thereafter variously employed for four or five years. On the 1st of October, 1868, he was united in marriage with Miss Lydia Mapes, who was born in Franklin Township, May 25, 1816, The father of Mrs. Bailey, Wilson Mapes by name, came to Lenawee County during his early manhood, and carried on farming until resting from his earthly labors. He spent his last days in Manistee, his death taking place April 14, 1879, when he was sixty-nine years old. The mother had died when a young woman thirty-three years of age.

Mr. Bailey after his marriage settled upon a tract of thirty acres in Adrian Township, where he operated three years with good results, and then purchased eighty-five acres in Franklin Township, which he occupied six years and upon which he made good improvements. At the expiration of this time he sold this property and purchased the interest of the other heirs in his father's estate of 120 acres, which he has since occupied. The farm of our subject was originally land entered from the Government by Paschal D. Bailey, while Michigan was yet a Territory. Through a process of careful cultivation it has become very valuable; on another page in this work is shown a view of Mr. Bailey's homestead. The family is one of the oldest and most highly respected in Lenawee County. Our subject usually votes with the Democratic party, although reserving the right to support the man whom he considers best qualified to serve the interests of the people.

The parental family included four children, two sons and two daughters. Caroline married Eli Havens, and is now a widow, residing in this township; Elnora married Robert Sloan, of Adrian Township; Herman Bailey is a resident of Franklin Township. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Bailey were horn as follows: Mary A., July 15, 1870; Myrtie E., June 22, 1872, and Arthur N., Jan. 13, 1874. They are being well educated, and are all at home with their parents. Mrs. Bailey had three brothers in the Civil War, where two were wounded and one killed; her grandfather, Isaiah Mapes, was a soldier in the War of 1812.



ILLIAM WEATHERBY. The subject of this biography cast his lot with the pioneers of Michigan Territory in 1831. He was then eighteen years old and the support of his aged parents, whom he brought with him to the western wilds and toward whom he performed the part of a tender and affectionate son until they no longer needed his filial offices. He located on the southeast quarter of section 9 in Fairfield Township, at a time when the country around was an untrodden wilderness, there being only an Indian trail from the main road through the woods to his land. He was obliged to cut a road about two and one-half miles through the timber to get his wagon through. He put up a log shanty, installed his mother and sisters as housekeepers, and prepared to do battle with the difficulties which would naturally arise in his path.

This was just before the outbreak of the Black Hawk War, and Indians occasionally came along requesting to stay all night; they were usually put off in a friendly manner with some fitting excuse. William Weatherby about that time, with others, was warned to appear at Adrian equipped for war, but an attack of ague rendered him ineligible, much to the relief of his mother and sisters. The pioneer family struggled along making reasonable headway, Mr. Weatherby felling the timber, preparing the soil for cultivation, and adding to the home in the forest the little comforts and conveniences which his thoughtful care suggested from time to time. The even tenor of their lives was broken in upon by the marriage of Mr. Weatherby and Miss Sarah C. Carpenter, which was celebrated at the home of the bride, Dec. 31, 1835. The new family thus established continued with the old, and Mr. Weatherby was prospered in his labors of tilling the soil and accumulating something for a

rainy day. He added to his first purchase of land until he became the owner of 260 acres, all cleared and provided with good buildings, which he still owns. In 1871 the house was destroyed by fire, with nearly all its contents, but the year following Mr. Weatherby put up a new and better one, and in the spring of 1878 purchased sixty acres of land on section 18 in Fairfield Township, of which he took possession, leaving his foster son, william W. Wyman, in possession of the original farm. Here he still resides, and now at the age of seventy-five years is regarded with peculiar respect and veneration by the people among whom he has lived for over half a century.

Mr. Weatherby was the first man to own sheep in the township of Fairfield, and his wife spun, wove and made into cloth the first wool manufactured there. His flock of sheep was twice destroyed by wolves, with the exception of an old ewe, the pioneer sheep of the county, which both times escaped and afterward raised five lambs in thirteen months. She was subsequently taken to Seneca Township, where she was again a pioneer and replenished her kind, living to a happy old age. The settlers, in spite of their hardships and toils, managed to sandwich in a good many pleasures, not the least of which were deer hunts and the capture of other game. Mr. Weatherby possessed a remarkable dog which, for courage and persistence, was not equaled in that section of country, and was the hero of many thrilling events.

William Weatherby was born in Manchester, Bennington Co., Vt., July 21, 1813, and is the son of William Weatherby, Sr., a native of Boston, Mass., and born July 22, 1769. The father continued in the Bay State for a period of thirty-six years, then removed to Bennington County, Vt., with his family, and purchased a farm which he occupied until 1823. Thence he migrated to Tioga County, N. Y., and eight years later came to Fairfield Township, this county, where his death occurred at the home of his son, our subject, Aug. 19, 1835. He had married, Dec. 8, 1797, Miss Relief Miller, of Marlboro, Mass., by whom he had eight children, William, of our sketch, being the youngest of six sons. Mrs. Relief Weatherby was born in Marlboro, Feb. 20, 1775, and passed away about

one month before the decease of her husband, in Fairfield Township, July 18, 1835.

Mrs. Sarah C. Weatherby, the wife of our subject, was born in Shelby, Orleans Co., N. Y., Aug. 10, 1815, and is the daughter of Elder James and Catherine Carpenter, natives of New York, who spent their last years in Fairfield Township on section 18. Our subject and his wife had no children of their own, but adopted a boy, William W., son of Parker and Asenath (Carpenter) Wyman, to whom they performed the part of kind and affectionate parents, educating him and giving him a good start in life. Mr. Wyman was born Feb. 1, 1844, and spent his childhood and youth at the Weatherby homestead. He was married, July 3. 1865, in Fairfield, to Miss Salina, daughter of Joseph and Sally (Baker) DeLand, who was born in Fairfield Township, Aug. 13, 1847. They settled on the farm belonging to Mr. Weatherby, where Mr. Wyman died March 31, 1880. They were the parents of five children, of whom two, Cora S, and Delight, died at the ages of twelve and five years respectively. Those surviving are Laura A., who married George B. Schomp, and lives in Fairfield Township, and Blond and Warren B., who continue on the homestead with their mother.

LONZO FOSTER BIXBY, the subject of this sketch, was born in Batavia, Genesee County, New York, July 6, 1849. His paternal grandfather. Samuel Bixby, a resident of Massachusetts, was born in Sutton, Worcester County, in the year 1712, and was the first white male child born in that town. He died at the advanced age of ninety-seven years, and his wife, Anna (Chase) Bixby, at the age of one hundred and four. The maternal grandfather of Mr. Bixby, Abel Foster, was also a resident of Massachusetts, and born in 1769. He married Mis Namey Tucker, and both lived to a good old age, surrounded by a large and unusually prosperous family.

David Bixby, the father of Alonzo, was born in Sutton, Massuchusetts, in 1783, and his mother, Laura (Foster) Bixby, in 1795. They were married April 9, 1814, and resided some years afterward in Charlton, Massuchusetts, where Mr. Bixby

was engaged in mercantile business. In 1815 they removed to the State of New York, where they remained until the fall of 1827, when they took up their residence in Adrian, this county, during the period of its early settlement. Mr. Bixby purchased of the Government a tract of 120 acres of land, where he resided with his family until 1853. He then retired from the active labors of life and took possession of a pleasant home in the city, where he continued until the time of his death, which occurred on the 1th of January, 1865. Mr. Bixby had arrived at the advanced age of eightytwo years, and during the long period of his life had ranked among the highly esteemed and honored men of his community. Mrs. Laura Bixby continued to occupy the family residence after the decease of her husband until she passed away, April 12, 1882, at the age of eighty-seven years. She was a remarkably genial and well-beloved lady, and her name is held in tender remembrance by all who knew her.

The subject of this biography was the only son of his parents, with whom he remained until seventeen years of age. Then an earnest desire for a liberal education induced him to leave the farm and enter upon a course of study, which he pursued at Granville and in the Western Reserve College, at Hudson, Ohio. Later he entered the law office of Baker & Millard, in Adrian, and in 1843, after a most satisfactory examination, was admitted to the bar. Mr. Bixby commenced the practice of his chosen profession in Canandaigua, Michigan, but after a few months failing health from an affection of the lungs compelled him to seek a warmer climate, and he took up his residence in La Grange, Texas. Border troubles, terminating in the Mexican War, agitated the country, and he became one of the renowned Texan Rangers, participating in the battle of Monterey, and enduring much hardship and suffering. He returned to Adrian in the fall of 1846, and opening an office resumed the practice of law in his boyhood home.

In 1850 Mr. Bixby was elected Prosecuting Attoracy of Lenawee County, running far ahead of his ticket. He continued the practice of his profession until the last illness which terminated in his death, April 18, 1870. He had maintained the position of one of the leading members of the bar, and was a man of strong and positive character, but with a genial and kindly nature that secured him warm and lasting friends. He was a kind son, a tender husband, a fond, indulgent father, an obliging neighbor, a fast friend, a good citizen, an able lawyer, with integrity unquestioned, and his loss was deeply mourned. He left to his children a rich legacy, "a good name, which is better than great riches." Resolutions of respect were passed by the Masonic order, of which he was a worthy member, and the legal fraternity, bearing testimony to the regard in which he was held by his brethren and associates.

On the 19th of October, 1851, Mr. Bixby was married to Miss Emma L. Keeney, who was born in Le Roy, Genesee County, New York, October 6, 1824, and was the youngest child of Joseph and Mary (Bishop) Keeney. Her parents were natives of New London County, Connecticut, and were among the early settlers of Le Roy, her father being a farmer near that beautiful village. Mrs. Bixby was educated at the Le Roy Female Seminary, now Ingham University, from which institution she was graduated in 1845. She soon afterward accompanied a sister to her home in Adrian, and subsequently engaged in teaching, always occupying a high position. Since the death of her husband she has lived at the old homestead in Adrian,

Mrs. Bixby is a lady of genial nature, publicspirited and possessing great energy, and much of her time and efforts have been given to works of public interest, while no home duties have been left undone. She has been President of the Ladies' Library Association, of Adrian, since its organization in 1868. By a vote of the association she was appointed, with Mrs. Andrew Howell, to compile a history of the various Ladies' Library Associations of the State. This was successfully accomplished, and a volume placed in the woman's department at the Centennial Exposition in Philadelphia, in 1876. Mrs. Bixby was also Secretary of the Michigan Orphan Asylum Association for some years, until by act of Legislature it became a State institution. She has been active in other benevolent movements, and is generally acknowledged a lady of culture and worth,

Four children survived Mr. Bixby-David A., born September 24, 1854; William K., January 2, 1857; Minnie E., October 16, 1858; and Fred F., August 9, 1866. One son, George Spofford, born April 23, 1863, died at the age of three years and three months. David Alonzo Bixby graduated in the Adrian High School, in 1870, and also in the literary department of Michigan University in the year 1875. He read law for a time in Adrian, and was soon elected City Recorder, being three times re-elected to the same office. He served as Representative in the Legislature during the session of 1883, and has held other positions, elective and appointive. In the fall of 1884 he was elected to the office of County Clerk, and was the only Demoeratic clerk ever elected in the county. Few young men of Mr. Bixby's years have held such important positions as acceptably.

William Keeney Bixby was also a graduate of the Adrian High School, a member of the class of 1873. His preferences not running in the direction of a college course, and there being no desirable opening in Michigan, he left home in the fall of 1874, at the age of seventeen, for Texas. He soon secured a position as railway baggage agent and was gradually promoted until he became general baggage agent of the International & Great Northern and Texas & Pacific lines of railway. In June, 1881, he was married, at San Autonio, Texas, to Miss Lillian B. Tuttle, a native of Eastern New York, and a lady of most sterling worth. In the fall of the same year, on the consolidation of the Gould system and removal of all general offices to St. Louis, Missouri, he also removed thither, being placed in charge of the stationary department of that system. In the spring of 1887 he resigned this position for that of supply agent of the Missouri Car and Foundry Company, was soon after elected Secretary, and is now Vice President of this company and also of the Kansas City Car and Foundry Company. Two bright little children, Master Sidney Tuttle Bixby and Miss Emma Stewart Bixby, add joy to a happy home.

Miss Minnie E. Bixby was also a graduate of Adrian High School, of the class of 1874, and a student at Ingham University, Le Roy, New York, for one year. In 1882 she was married to William Holland Samson, a journalist of marked ability, and removed at once to Rochester. New York, where she still resides. One son, Russell Alonzo, born September 26, 1887, with her home duties employs her time and attention.

Fred Foster Bisby having nearly completed the course of study in the Adrian High School, in the fall of 1882 took a position with his brother, W. K., at St. Louis, in the stationary department of the Missouri Pacific Railway Company. He is at this time in Dallas, Texas, with the Texas & Pacific Railroad stationary department, a responsible post for a young man of twenty-one years, and the position is most creditably filled.

ILLIAM ANDERSON, one of the most prosperous farmers of Madison Township, is the owner of 210 aeres of land on section 30, which is under a high state of cultivation and provided with neat and substantial farm buildings. Mr. Anderson has spent nearly his entire life in this section of country, and was born in the township where he now lives on the 5th of September, 1844. He was reared to farming pursuits, and with the exception of six months spent in Fulton Country, Ohio, has been a continuous resident near the home of his childhood.

Mr. Anderson when starting out in life for himself chose for his wife one of the maidens of Fairfield Township, Miss Nancy Abbott, to whom he was married on the 6th of April, 1876, the wedding taking place at the home of the bride. Soon afterward the young people settled upon a tract of land in Seneca Township, which Mr. Anderson had purchased and which they occupied three years. Then, believing that he could better himself, our subject removed across the line into Dover Township, upon rented land, which he occupied one year, and in the spring of 1880 found himself with sufficient capital to make his first purchase of 160 acres, which now comprises his present farm; the rest of his land lies elsewhere in the county. The improvements on his homestead have been effected by himself mostly, as there were no buildings of any value upon the land when he took possession of it. The premises now present the picture of comfort and plenty, which is so pleasant to the eye and indicasive of taste and industry. Mr. Anderson is a gentleman greatly respected among his neighbors, quiet and unobtrusive in his manner, interested in the various enterprises tending to the good of the community, and uniformly votes the straight Demoeratic ticket.

The wife of our subject was born in Fairfield Township, April 8, 1852, and is the daughter of William and Lavina (Stuck) Abbott, natives of New York, whence they removed to Michigan about 1846, and settled in Fairfield Township, where the father followed farming, and where his death took place in 1856. The mother is still living and makes her home in Weston. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson became the parents of five children, of whom one, Florence, died in infancy. Those surviving are: Webster S., Lavern W., John and Frederick, and they all live at home with their parents.

Our subject is the son of John C, and Almyra (Griffith) Anderson, the father of Scotch birth and ancestry, and the mother a native of New York State. John C. Anderson crossed the Atlantic in early life and took up his residence in New York State, where he engaged in farming and whence he removed, before his marriage, to the West, settling in Madison Township, this county, and thence removing to Adrian Township, where the mother died. The father subsequently removed to Fulton County, Ohio, where he spent his last years, his death taking place about 1861. The perental household included seven children, of whom William, our subject, was the second in order of birth.

EORGE FREDERICK HARSH, formerly a resident of Ogden Township, was born in Preston County, W. Va., in the year 1823. His grandfather was one of the pioneers of Preston County, which was at that early day included in Randolph County and formed a part of the State of Virginia. He settled near the present site of the village of Aurora, and learned the trade of a blacksmith, which he carried on there until the day of his death.

The father of our subject, Frederick Harsh, was

a native of Virginia. After his marriage with Sarah Ballard, likewise a Virginian, he settled two and one-half miles from Aurora, and reclaimed a tract of land from the forest, on which he resided until his death. To him and his wife were born twelve children, of whom George F. was the only one who ever located in this county. He was reared on his father's homestead, and actively assisted in the labors of the farm as soon as he became old enough. At the time of his marriage he bought 160 acres of timber land, two miles from his father's farm, building a log house on his land, and in that humble abode the newly married young couple commenced life together. Mr. Harsh was active and industrious, and before many years had cleared quite a tract of his land, though a large part was too rough for cultivation. At the close of the war times were very hard in that part of the country, and prospects were not very encouraging, so Mr. Harsh resolved to make a change, and accordingly he sold his farm in West Virginia for \$1,000. He then came to Michigan, and in Ogden Township bought 110 acres of land, included in the present farm, for which he paid \$1,800. There were about ten acres cleared, on which were a log stable and a vacant school-house, which latter he utilized as a dwelling, and it remained his home until his death. After he had established his family comfortably in their new home he actively commenced the clearing and cultivation of his farm, but before he had accomplished all that he ambitiously hoped to do in the improvement of his farm, his useful career was cut short by death, in February, 1870, when he was yet in the prime of life. In the few years that he had been a resident of Ogden Township he had gained the respect of the people among whom he had made his home, as a good man and a useful citizen. After his death his widow, a woman of much business ability and tact, took charge of the farm, and, with the assistance of her children, continued the improvement which her husband had begun, and has earned the reputation of a very successful manager. The greater part of the land is now improved and well cultivated, and she has erected a fine set of buildings, ranking with the best in the township. Elsewhere in this volume is shown a

view of Mrs. Harsh's homestead and its surroundings, as typical of the buildings in this section of country.

Mrs. Harsh, whose maiden name was Ann Salome Rudolph, was born in Preston County, Va., Aug. 2, 1830. Of her union with her husband ten children were born, namely: J. Luther and John G., living in Ogden Township: Sarah P., the wife of M. L. Wilt, of Palmyra Township, and Emma E., wife of Jesse Foglesong, of Ogden Township; desse W., living in Ogden Township, and Martha R., Lydia A. and Burton F., at bome with their mother; Lenard C. and Anngeletta E. are both deceased.

The grandfather of Mrs. Harsh, Peter Rudolph, was a native of West Virginia and an early settler of Preston County, where he bought a tract of timbered land two miles southeast of the present site of Aurora, and cleared a farm and there died. The father of Mrs. Harsh, John Rudolph, married Anna M. Heckert, a native of Preston County, W. Va., and daughter of Peter Heckert, a pioneer of that county. After his marriage Mr. Rudolph settled on timber land, two miles from his father's farm, and in the log cabin he built there Mrs. Harsh was born. Her father died on his Virginia farm which he had cleared from the forest, while her mother came to this county and spent her last days with her children.



DWIN CROSS, a gentleman in the prime of life and in the midst of successful farming operations on 100 acres of good land on section 15, in Madison Township, is, in addition to general agriculture, giving much attention to blooded stock, including Durham cattle and Poland-China swine. He is a man of more than ordinary intelligence, and maintains that it is the best economy to raise good grades of the domestic animals, as their care and keeping cost no more and the returns are much greater. He takes pride in his farm, his stock, and especially his little family, which consists of an amiable and excellent wife and one child, a son, Japheth.

Our subject was born in Madison Township, this county, July 20, 1840, and remained under the

home roof during his boyhood and youth, acquiring his education in the common school. His parents were possessed of but modest means, and Edwin started out early in life for himself, leaving the farm, and engaged in running a confectionery wagon in Lenawee County for about fifteen years, He finally returned to the farm pursuits with which he had become familiar during his boyhood, and in which he now takes much satisfaction. He was married in Steuben County, Ind., Jan. 1, 1866, the maiden of his choice being Miss Susan, daughter of William and Elizabeth (Kellem) Patee, natives of Delaware and Knox County, Ohio, respectively. The parents of Mrs. Cross located first in Knox County, whence they removed later to Defiance County, in the same State, and from there to Steuben County, Ind., where they spent their last days. The parental household included eight children, three sons and five daughters, six now living, namely: Polly, George, Sarah, Susan, Phebe and William, Those deceased were: Elizabeth, who died at thirty-three years of age; and Samuel, who died in infancy. Mrs. Cross was born in Defiance County, Ohio, Aug. 20, 1844.

The parents of our subject, Darius and Lucretia (Ranney) Cross, were natives of Rowe and Buckland, Mass., whence they removed before their marriage to this State, and were made one in Madison Township, this county. They located upon a farm in this township, and with the exception of four years spent in Palmyra Township, here passed the remainder of their lives. Their family consisted of five daughters and one son, of whom three only are now living, namely: Ruth, the wife of George Cross, of Berry County; Edwin, our subject, and Cora, who resides at home Mr. Cross has served as School Director and Overseer of Highways; in polities he is independent.

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OSEPH W. OSBORNE, a prosperous and successful young farmer of Macon Township, owns 150 acres of finely cultivated land on section 21. He took possession of this in the spring of 1880, and besides effecting many improvements, has provided it with a choice assort-

ment of live stock, kept up the buildings in good condition, and has all the necessary machinery for earrying on agriculture after the most approved methods.

Our subject has been a resident of this county his entire life, having been born in Macon Township, June 29, 1849. His father, William H. Osborne, was a native of Seneca County, N. Y., and coming to the State of Michigan soon after his marriage settled in the unbroken woods of Macon Township about the year 1833. The young wife survived her marriage only a few years, and Mr. Osborne was subsequently married to Miss Mary Foote, of Schenectady, N. Y., and returned a second time with a bride to Lenawee County, This lady became the mother of seven children, of whom Joseph W., our subject, was the fourth child and second son. The parents, in 1883, removed to the village of Tecumseh, and are spending their declining years in case and comfort.

Joseph W. Osborne completed his education at Albion College, and requived careful home training from his excellent parents. One of the most interesting events of his life was eelebrated on the 8th of February, 1871, when he was married at the home of the bride, to Miss Helen Hand, a daughter of one of the pioneer families of Macon Township. She was born in that township, June 10, 1849, in the same month and the same year as her husband. Her father, Edward Hand, a native of Massachusetts. built up a good home in Macon Township, where he spent his last years, and died in the spring of 1884. He was a good man in the broadest sense of the term, warmly interested in every enterprise calculated to benefit the people and build up the community, a member in good standing of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and politically, a Democrat of the first water. The mother is still living and makes her home with her son on the old farm.

Mrs. Osborne spent her childhood and youth under the parental roof, and completed her studies at Graylock Institute, Massachusetts. Of her union with our subject there have been born two children, Anna M. and Hattie J., bright girls of fifteen and cleven years respectively. Mr. and Mrs. Osborne, soon after their marriage, located upon their present farm, and have one of the most attractive homes in the township. Neatness and order pervade the whole premises, and give ample indication of the refined and cultivated tastes of the proprietor and his accomplished wife. They are members in good standing of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and Mr. O., politically, votes the straight Republican ticket.



EORGE GARLING, pleasantly located on section 31, in Medina Township, has under his control 238 acres of fine farming land, and is the owner of a handsome residence and the various other farm buildings included in the complete country home. He is a man who has labored hard in the accumulation of his property, and one held in respect by his neighbors as possessing all the qualifications of a good citizen. He was born in Germany on the 28th of January, 1820, and emigrated to America when a boy, with his parents, He consequently long ago became an American citizen, familiar with our country's laws and institutions, and feels an interest in its progress and prosperity equal to that of the native-born citizen.

The father of our subject, George Garling, Sr., was also a native of Germany, where he was reared to manhood, and married Miss Barbary Miller, one of his own countrywomen. After the birth of four children they emigrated to the United States, and closeted in Pennsylvania, where the father labored until his death, about 1845. The mother survived her husband a number of years, and she passed havay at her home in New York State. In America six more children were added to the household circle, making a total of ten, as follows: Lena, George, Philip, Frederick, Lucy, John, Henry and Eliza, besides two who died unnamed in infancy.

Mr. Garling was a boy of seven years when he first set foot upon American soil, and soon afterward was thrown upon his own resources, and compelled to look out for himself. He worked the first year for his board and clothing, and his wages the second year included \$10 besides. He continued in this manner for eight years, his wages each year being increased as his services became more valuable. In the meantime he attended school, being instructed first in his native tongue, and afterward

attending an English school. After the family took up their residence in New York State, George learned blacksmithing, and continued working at his trade three or four years. In 1851, shortly before reaching his thirty-first birthday, he was married to Miss Lavina, daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Shiley) Acker, natives of Pennsylvania, the former born in 1803, and the latter some years later. They lived on a farm in Seneca County, N. Y., and their daughter, Lavina, together with their other nine children, received a common-school education; she continued with her parents until her marriage.

Mr. and Mrs. Garling commenced life together in New York, and in due time the household circle included five children. Their eldest son, William P., married Miss Esther Scott, and is farming not far from his father's homestead, in Medina Township; they have two children—Olivia and Gartha. Jacob H. died when about three years of age; Ida E. is the wife of Abel Perry, of Wright Township, in Hillsdale County; they have two children—Clarence and Lee. George W. married Miss Mary Lamee, and is farming in Medina Township, and Elmer E. is at home with his parents.

Our subject with his family came to this county in the fall of 1854, and purchased 100 acres of land on section 31 in Medina Township, which he still owns. Upon this there was only a log house, and he was obliged to go in debt \$400 in order to get possession of it, and enable himself to proceed with its improvement and cultivation. Like most men, he has labored hard, and met with losses, but he has still been enabled to make headway, and now has the prospect of being able to lay by a snug sum for his old age.

Mr. Garling, in 1870, added to his real estate by the purchase of sixty-eight acres on section 31. Three years previously he had put up his present residence on his first land, and completed other improvements, which he had had in contemplation for years. As is usual with the thrifty German farmer, he has a good barn with other substantial out-buildings, and takes good care of his stock. In 1880 he purchased twenty acres more, and five years later added to his property fifty acres on section 30. He met with great loss in 1886, his barn having been struck by lightning, and together with its contents, hay, grain, etc., was entirely destroyed. He spent no time bewailing his misfortune, but at once put up another barn, which was completed in the summer of 1887. Not far from it stands a blacksmithshop, where he does his own smith work, thereby saving hundreds of dollars each year.

Mr. Garling, politically, voted with the Democratic party until the organization of the Republicans, in 1856, since which time he has sided with the latter. He is called a Christian in the true sense of the word, although not identified with any church organization. His estimable wife belongs to the United Brethren Church. Mr. Garling has served as Highway Commissioner and School Director, and also as Juryman.

As representative of the buildings in this section of country, we are pleased to present on another page of this Album a view of Mr. Garling's residence, together with its surroundings.

OHN MORIARTY. This name in itself is a suggestion of energy and force, and is rightly applied to him who bears it, for he is one of the most thorough and skillful farmers of Medina Township, and owner of one of the best farms within its limits. He is the architect of his own fortine, and but one more of the men who came to this county poor in pocket, but rich in determination, and armed with the surest weapon to achieve success. The pioneers of Southern Michigan have usually labored arduously for their possessions, and the subject of this sketch has been one of the foremost in this field. He is now reaping his reward, not only in the midst of a generous share of this world's goods, but in the respect of his neighbors and fellow-citizens.

Erin's Green Isle has been prolific in her contribution to the bone and shew of American industry, sending forth in generous numbers her sons to cultivate an alien soil. That there were greater inducements here does not detract from the credit due them for their perseverance, and the result of their labors has been to materially aid in the building of a free and proud Republic, upon whose cultivated soil they find a free and welcome home. Young Moriarty growing to manhood in his native land pondered early upon these facts, with which he became acquainted while yet a boy, and determined to seek the "Land of Promise" at the earliest opportunity.

Mr. Moriarty was born near the town of Trallee, County Kerry, Ireland, June 24, 1830, and is the second living son of James and Mary (Connor) Moriarty, natives of the same place, where they spent their entire lives upon their native soil engaged in farming in a small way. The father was called from his earthly labors when between fifty-five and sixty years of age, in 1855, while the mother survived her busband until 1864, and was about sixty years old at the time of her death. They were people greatly respected in their county, where the father was prominent, and regarded as a most honorable citizen. Their family consisted of four sons, who all lived to mature years, and three of whom are residents of this State; the other son is deceased.

The Moriarty boys all received a good education in their native land, and our subject remained upon the farm assisting his father until twenty years of age. Soon afterward he began to make preparations for his cherished scheme of coming to America, and on the 9th of June, 1851, he repaired to Glasgow, whence in company with a cousin he sailed for the New World, landing in New York City five weeks later. From the metropolis he soon made his way to Cayuga County, whither his brother Michael had preceded him, and engaged at whatever his hands could find to do-first in a hotel, and then on a canal boat, and for some time at the small salary of seventy-five cents a day. The railroad and the farm also came in the line of his labors, and notwithstanding his small wages he managed to save more than enough for one to live upon, and so in time decided to share his frugal fare with a wife and helpmeet.

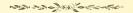
Mr. Moriarty, while a resident of Cayuga County, N. Y., had made the acquaintance of Miss Catherine Stack, whose attractive qualities captured his heart, and they were united in marriage at the home of Miss S., Nov. I, 1854. The wife of our subject was born not far from the home of her husband in

County Kerry, Ireland, in June, 1830, and is the daughter of Maurice and Bridget (Sullivan) Stack, natives of the same locality, where the father occupied himself as a labore). They spent their entire lives in Ireland, each dying when about sixty years of age, Mr. Stack in 1848, and his widow in 1865, Mrs. Moriarty is the only child living of a family of three sons and three daughters, and came to America when seventeen years of age. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Moriarty continued in the Empire State, where our subject was engaged first upon a coal dock at \$1 a day, and the second year as night watchman, which position he held four years. During this time he saved \$600, besides sending money to the "old folks at home," and this he determined to invest in Michigan real estate. In the spring of 1861 he came to this county, and purchased eighty acres of land in Medina Township, of which he took possession with his family on the 4th of April following. There were upon it a few indifferent buildings, which some time since gave place to a good house and barn, besides the other appurtenances necessary to the convenience of the modern agriculturist.

Mr. Moriarty, besides the various improvements which have involved the outlay of a snug sum of money, has also added materially to his first purchase, being the owner of 2824 acres unincumbered At the time of his first investment he lacked \$100 of the required amount, and his brother kindly mortgaged his cattle to procure the money for him; this debt he paid during the year. At the time of making one of his purchases of land a raseal by the name of Nevins had committed forgery and obtained money by giving the property as security. Pending the settlement the County Treasurer had paid out by mistake to some person to him unknown the sum of \$10, and had concluded to suffer in silence the consequences of his oversight, It so happened that Mr. Moriarty was the individual who had received the surplus change, and as soon as the latter discovered the error he hastened to the official to have it corrected. The latter was so pleased with his honesty that he rendered him material assistance in dealing with the mischief which ensued through the villainy of Nevins, and Mr. M. was enabled to establish his clear title to the property. This was but an instance of "honesty rewarded."

Since coming to this county Mr. Moriarty has turned his attention exclusively to farming, and has for the past few years made a specialty of sheep-growing, dealing mostly in blooded Hampshire and Shropshire Downs. In addition to the various interests of the homestead he has been quite prominent in local affairs, and in the spring of 1887 was elected Township Treasurer, but on account of illness withdrew. He takes a genuine interest in the affairs of his adopted country, and keeps himself well posted in matters of public importance.

To our subject and his estimable lady there have been born nine children, namely: James, Mary (deceased), Michael, Florence, Thomas (deceased), Ellen, Thomas (2d), Catherine (deceased) and Catherine. Their eldest born, James, now a prominent young man of twenty-five years, is the able assistant of his father on the farm; Michael is engaged with the Toledo & Ann Arbor Railroad Company in the northern part of the State; John married Miss Anna Breen, and is a resident of Detroit; Florence, a graduate of the law department of Michigan State University, is practicing her profession at Ypsilanti; Ellen and Catherine are at home with their parents. The children have received excellent advantages, and are well fitted to take honored and honorable positions in life. The entire family are Catholic in religions faith, and attend the Church of the Sacred Heart in Hudson.



EORGE SHEELER is one of the old settlers of Cambridge Township and is well known throughout its limits. After a life of activity he is now spending the sunset of his days on the old homestead on section 20, where he has lived since May, 1836. On coming here in that year he first took up some eighty aeres of land on which he commenced to make improvements, adding to this from time to time until he is now in possession of some 600 aeres of fine land. When Mr. Sheeler came here this country was covered with its primeval growth, and he was compelled to cut a road for over a mile and a half to this place.

He determined to get a start in life, however, and nothing discouraged him; no work was too hard, and it is said of him that for a long time he walked three miles to his work and returned over the same ground each day. Work like this tells in the end, and he is now known as one of the most successful men of this locality, having on his farm a fine set of buildings, with neat surroundings. a desirable home in his old age.

George Sheeler was born in Newtown, Sussex Co., N. J., May 9, 1805, and is the son of William Sheeler, and the grandson of William Sheeler, Sr., both of whom were born in the same county. The last-named married Margaret Hem, a native of the same State, and lived and died in his native county, upon attaining the ripe age of ninety years. William Sheeler, the father of the subject of this sketch, was married in Sussex County, N. J., to Catharine Maine, who survived him many years, he dying in middle life. George Sheeler was one of a family of twelve children, six sons and six daughters, all of whom lived to man and womanhood. He was reared and educated in the county of his nativity until he was about twenty-three years of age, when he was united in marriage with Jane Onsted, a native of the same county, and born March 9, 1810. Some eight years after this marriage they migrated to this county where the wife, after some fifty-six years of married life, died June 23, 1885. She was a noble woman and worthy helpmeet to her husband, assisting him in all his efforts to build up their fine home in this wilderness, and rejoiced to see it so well improved before her death. She was the mother of ten children: Catharine, the wife of E. R. Kilbury; John, hving on a farm in Jackson County, this State, who married Susan Winnie, a native of New York: Ann, the wife of C. W. Greenlief; Sarah, the wife of Israel Edwards, living on a farm in this township; Israel, who married Louisa Sager, and lives in this county; Lemuel, who married Jennie Bingham, and is a farmer in this locality; Franklin P., now occupying 160 acres of the old homestead farm on section 20, where he lives with his wife, formerly Ellen Porter, of Woodstock, who is the mother of two children-George and Hettie-and three deceased—William, Rhoda and Emarilla.

When the family came to this part of the country they did not have the advantages of travel possessed at the present time, but were content with traveling by eanal to the lakes, which they crossed on the Porter boat, and were brought from Detroit to their present home across the country by team, locating here it was necessary for Mr. Sheeler to make two trips on foot to Monroe to secure the title to his place. Mr. Sheeler is now and has always been a thorough Democrat, having east his first vote for Gen. Jackson, and it is said of him that he has never missed a town meeting nor an election since he came here. He has never had any ambition to hold public office, although in his younger days he gave much attention to local politics. Here he has lived and grown old, distinguished for good works, and one of the most respected and esteemed citizens of this locality. He carries well, notwithstanding his eighty-three years, the strength, both physical and mental, that he possessed in younger days. He is truly one of the landmarks of the



ZRA C. CORYELL, a retired farmer of Teenmseh, Mich., was born in Romulus, Seneca Co., N. Y., Ang. 1, 1822. His grandfather, David Coryell, came to Michigan in the early days of its settlement, and located in Ridge-way Township, this county, where he died in Ridge-way Township, this county, where he died in 1838. His son, Andrew Coryell, the father of our subject, was born in New Jersey, in December, 1800, and was a carpenter and joiner by trade. His wife was Esther, daughter of Ezra and Lucy Carpenter, and was born in the western part of Massachusetts.

After their marriage the parents of our subject settled in Seneca County, N. Y., whence they removed to Steuben County, and resided there but a few years, after which they came to Washtenaw County, Mich., and located on a farm, where Mr. Coryell worked at his trade in connection with farming. Later he removed to Monroe County, where he remained six years, and then returned to Washtenaw County, and from there went to Jackson County. In 1844 he came to Lenawee County, and settling in Ridgeway Township, carried on farming and worked at his trade until his retire-

ment from active life. He died there in September, 1883; his widow and seven children still survive.

Ezra C. Corvell, the eldest of the parental family, was four years old when he came with his parents from New York to Michigan, and his boyhood was passed with them in the various places in which they settled, attending school at Monroe, and subsequently at Ridgeway. At the age of twenty years he purchased his time of his father, and began the life of a free and independent farmer. His first occupation was the breaking of new lands, using a plow drawn by four yoke of cattle, and this was his business until he was twenty-four years old. At that time he commenced to clear and improve a farm for himself, and also took contracts to clear and break land for other parties, continuing in that work until he had his own farm ready for tillage. After a residence of six years on that farm of sixty acres, he exchanged it for one of 100 acres in Fairfield Township, in this county, on which he resided the ensuing five years. He next located in Raisin Township on a small farm of thirty-five acres, to which he added more land until it comprised sixty-one acres, but in 1864 he disposed of that property for the neat sum of \$6,000, and removed to Tecumseh with his family, which has since been their home. Meanwhile he has purchased, and now owns, a farm of 110 acres in Clinton Township, on which he has fine buildings, and another of fifty acres near that one. These farms, which are worked on shares, he keeps well stocked, and realizes good returns.

Mr. Coryell was first married in 1843, to Miss Joana Harding, of this county, but she died in September, 1885, leaving no issue. Mr. Coryell's alliance with his present wife, whose maiden name was Lydia M. Haight, was contracted Oct. 7, 1886. She was born in Washtenaw County, Mich., and is the daughter of Hon. Salmon L. and Emily (Fowler) Haight, formerly of Steuben County, N. Y.

Mr. Coryell is a gentleman who has accumulated what he has of this world's goods through his own efforts, and his record of success speaks londer than words from the pen of the biographer. When he first became a resident of this county the ready cash he had on hand would hardly pay for a halfinterest in a cow, and his pork he fattened on shares. Prosperity attended his industrial efforts, while the art of saving money was developed while accumulating it, and he is now enabled to spend his remaining years in retirement from active life. While in Ridgeway Township Mr. Coryell very creditably filled the office of Justice of the Peace. Both Mr. and Mrs. Coryell are worthy members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he has served as Class-Leader several years, and is now Steward.

UDGE NORMAN GEDDES. This gentleman, who has been Judge of the Probate Court of Lenawee County, by appointment and election, since 1880, is a citizen of whom Adrian can be proud, because of the interest he has always taken, and the liberal spirit manifested in educational matters. Much of the prosperity of the educational and benevolent institutions of Michigan can be traced to the efforts of Judge Geddes.

Our subject is a native of the State of New York, and was born in the town of Livonia, Livingston County, April 14, 1823. He is of Seotch descent, his great-grandfather, James Geddes, with his three sons, Paul, William and Samuel, having come from Scotland to America in 1752, and settled in Pennsylvania. His mother, Elizabeth Geddes, was the daughter of the eldest son, Paul, and his father, Samuel Geddes, the son of the youngest, Samuel. They were married on the 7th of October, 1802, in Northumberland County, Pa., and soon after removed to New York, settling in Livingston County, where they resided until 1833, when they removed to Niagara, and thence, in 1835, to Cambridge, Lenawee Co., Mich., where the father died in 1848, and the mother in 1865. They had four sons-Paul, James, William and Norman-and two daughters-Margaret and Caroline. Norman is the only surviving member of the family; Paul was one of the pioneers of Cambridge, settling there in 1833, but for the last years of his life he resided in Battle Creek; James, the second son, was for fourteen years Treasurer of Lenawee County; he never married, and died in the year 1864.

When Norman Geddes was seventeen years of age, having received a common-school education he taught school two terms, after which he spent some time at the branch of the Michigan University then located at Tecumseh, and in 1843 he entered the law office of Hon. Richard Butler, at Mt. Clemens, where he pursued his legal studies under his direction, and that of the late Giles Hubbard, Esq., supporting himself in the meantime by teaching, until 1846, when he entered the law office of the late A. C. Harris, at Adrian, and was admitted to the bar in 1847. After his admission he taught two terms as an assistant in Prof. Hance's Academy, an institution of considerable note in Adrian at that time, and has since been in practice of his profession with the exception of some six years, during which time he had charge of the collection department of a large commercial house in Buffalo. Soon after his admission to the bar, Judge Geddes formed a law partnership with Hon. Smith S. Wilkinson, now three years. In 1854 he formed a partnership with the late Lucien B. Bowen, which continued until Mr. Bowen's failing health compelled him to retire from the practice. In 1865 he formed a law partnership with Charles R. Miller, which continued until 1881. In 1849 he was elected Recorder of Adrian, which was then a village, and held that office for three years, being twice re-elected. 1851 he was elected Justice of the Peace, and in 1864 was elected Circuit Court Commissioner, and re-elected in 1866, holding the office for four years. In 1869 he was elected Mayor of the city of Adrian, which office he filled with dignity and satisfactorily.

At the close of the war of the Rebellion, Judge Geddes was active and prominent in the organization of the Lenawee County Soldiers' Monument Association, and also of the City Soldiers' Monument Association, and was Secretary of both bodies. In this position he performed a large amount of efficient labor, and at the celebration of the completion of the monument on the 4th of July, 1871, was the orator of the day, and upon this occasion he delivered an address which was commended by both the people and the press for its eloquence and scope. In March, 1880, Mr. Geddes was appointed by Gov. Charles L. Croswell to the office of Judge of the

Probate Court of Lenawee County, and in the following November he was elected by the people by a handsome majority to the same office. In 1884 he was re-elected, and holds the office at the time of the writing of this sketch. Judge Geddes has held responsible positions in the educational and benevolent departments of the State. He has especially been largely identified with the growth, prosperity and success of Adrian College, and for many years has been President of its Board of Trustees, and untiring in his efforts to secure to that college that recognition and appreciation from the citizens of the city and county, which its merits and location entitle it to receive at their hands. He is also one of the Trustees of the Eastern Michigan Asylum, having been appointed by Gov. Croswell, re-appointed by Gov. Jerome, and once more appointed by Gov. Alger, for the term expiring Jan. 1, 1891. In all these public positions Judge Geddes has displayed unusual earnestness and sincerity of purpose, and it would be hard to place a value upon

On the 9th of October, 1848, Judge Geddes was married to Miss Laura E., daughter of the late Lyman Casey, then a resident of York, Livingston Co., N. Y. She died on the 21st of April, 1851, leaving one son, Frederick L. Geddes, now a lawyer of Toledo, Ohio. On the 29th of November, 1853, Judge Geddes married Harriet D., youngest daughter of the late Hon. John Barber. She died on the 30th of April, 1857, leaving one son, Herbert Geddes, who resides in Colorado, and one daughter, Harriet E., now the wife of W. N. VanBrunt, of this city. He was again married, Sept. 15, 1859, to his present wife, Jane M., daughter of the late Isaac Terry, Esq., of Royalton, Niagara Co., N. Y., who has borne him two children: Ada, who died April 1, 1865, aged four years, and Clifton T., now about twenty years of age.



ELVIN T. NICKERSON. Among the well-to-do and thrifty farmers of Madison Township is the gentleman whose name is placed at the head of this sketch. His father was one of the honored pioneers of Lenawee

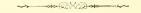
County, coming to Michigan while it was yet in its infancy, and before the march of civilization had given any intimation of the proud position which it has since attained among the States of the Union.

Our subject comes of good old New England stock, his father, Lewis Nickerson, having been a native of Massachusetts, and his mother, Betsy (Blood) Nickerson, a native of Vermont. After their marriage they settled near Ticonderoga, N. Y., but later removed to Wayne County, in the same State. Here they resided some years, and their three children-Sullivan A., Melvin T. and Ira S .were born. Mr. Nickerson had learned the trade of a tanner and currier, and gave some attention to that business, although he devoted the major part of his time to agricultural pursuits. Not being quite satisfied with his location, nor with the results of his hard toil, he removed with his young family to Michigan, in 1830, and settled in Lenawee County, Madison Township, where six years later he died, followed by his widow in 1846. The children are all living in Michigan, Sullivan A. in Hillsdale County, and the other two in Madison Township, this county.

Our subject, Melvin T. Nickerson, was born in Junius, Wayne Co., N. Y., March 19, 1819, and there spent the first eleven years of his life, thence coming with his parents to Madison Township. He was reared on his father's farm, and received a practical training in the occupation which he has since followed. He has been a progressive farmer, and the success that he has met with is attributable to his energy and good judgment, combined with the active co-operation of his excellent helpmeet. She is an intelligent, self-reliant woman, who looks well to the ways of her household, and is devoted to the interests of her husband. In their model home are to be found all the comforts and many of the luxuries of life. Mr. Nickerson owns 176 acres of land on sections 14 and 15, Madison Township, on which his dwelling is pleasantly situated, and is surrounded by ample and convenient farm buildings.

Mr. Nickerson was married in Madison Township, June 6, 1844, to Miss Amanda C., daughter of Calvin and Nancy (Post) Bradish (for parental history see sketch of A. W. Bradish). She was born in Macedon, Wayne Co., N. Y., Jan, 31, 1818, and came with her parents to Lenawee County in 1831. She was one of a large family of brothers and sisters, and received from her mother a careful home training in the principles of domestic economy to be met with in all well-managed households, which well fitted her to sustain the dignities and duties of her position as a wife. By her mino with Mr. Nickerson she became the mother of six children, of whom three are deceased—Theresa E., Frances A., and one who died in infancy; the names of the three living children are: Norman F., Helen A. and Nettie E.

Mr. Nickerson has been a resident of Madison Township more than half a century, and has witnessed with gratification the wonderful changes that have taken place in the country; the vast forests have given way to villages and towns, and substantial residences taken the place of the log cabins of the pioneers. In all these changes he has materially assisted, and, although at present he is physically incapacitated for active work, he takes pleasure in thinking over the past, and feels repaid for his arduous labors. In politics he affiliates with the Democratic party.



BRAHAM LERCH, a retired farmer in easy circumstances, is now a resident of Clayton Village, and is spending his declining years among the people who have known him long and well, and learned to respect him for his sterling worth. He came to this county in the pioneer days, and has been foremost in all good works and purposes, assisting in building up schools and churches, and active in those measures having for their object the general welfare of the people.

In reviewing the history of men whose lives are closely connected with the development of this county, and are therefore of interest to all good citizens, it is natural to revert to those from whom they drew their origin. The parents of our subject, Samuel and Regina (Beyl) Lerch, were natives of Pennsylvania, where they remained some time after their marriage. Subsequently they removed to Seneca County, N. Y., where they spent the remainder of their days. Their family included twelve children, of whom Abraham was the eldest.

Mr. Lerch was born in Northampton County, Pa., Jan. 15, 1819, and developed into manhood amid the quiet pursuits of farm life in the Empire State, where his family removed in 1823. He was ambitious of acquiring a good homestead and becoming a worthy citizen, as was his father before him. Until a youth of sixteen, in connection with farm labor, he assisted his father in keeping a publie house, which afforded refreshment to the weary traveler from the best products of the farm. He continued in Seneca County, N. Y., until the spring of 1864, and then came to Michigan, locating on section 15 in Dover Township, this county, where he built up a fine homestead from a tract of unimproved land, upon which he lived comfortably for a period of twenty years, and then having acquired a competence he wisely resolved to retire from active labor.

Mr. Lerch, while a resident of Seneca County, N. Y., met and married Miss Mary C. Singer, who was born in that county, Nov. 28, 1820. The wedding took place at the home of the bride in Fayette Township, Dec. 28, 1841, and the young people resided there until after the birth of five children. The eldest of these, a son, Jesse, is now Treasurer of the Northwestern College, at Naperville, Ill.: George, during the late war, enlisted in Company D, 148th New York Infantry, and at the battle of Fair Oaks was captured by the rebels and confined in the prison at Salisbury, N. C., where he fell a victim to disease in 1865, being only twenty-one years of age; Samuel died of typhoid fever in Seneca County, N. Y., when a lad twelve years of age; Sarah is the wife of Lee Schaffer, of Seneca Township, this county: Linus is connected with a banking house in the city of Detroit. The mother of these children died at her home in Clayton, Jan. 8, 1887; she was a lady greatly respected and a devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Lerch was married a second time, Jan. 12, 1888, to Mrs. Louisa, widow of John Kesler, and daughter of Roswell and Ann (King) Beach, natives of Ohio. Mrs. Lerch was born in Eric County, Ohio, July 8, 1831. Her parents are both deceased, having died in Hudson Township, this county, where they were pioneers, having come here in 1839,

Mr. Lerch has for many years been prominently connected with the Methodist Episcopal Church, at Clayton, and politically is a Democrat. He has served as Justice of the Peace and Highway Commissioner, and occupied various other positions of trust and responsibility. The duties of these he has faithfully discharged, and is one of those whose names will be handed down to future generations.



YRUS GRIFFITH, a native of Chumung County, N. Y., was born Aug. 27, 1826, and came to this county when a buy seven years of age, where he literally grew up with the country. Michigan was then a Territory, and the parents of our subject, Lazarus and Elizabeth (Eliger) Griffith, pitched their tent in the wilderness of Seneca Township, where they labored in common with the adventurous spirits around them to build a home and secure a competence for their children.

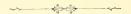
Lazarus Griffith and his wife were natives of Dutchess County, N. Y., and the mother was the daughter of a Revolutionary soldier. From Dutchess County they removed with their parents to Chumung County, of which they were residents from fifteen to twenty years, in the meantime having been married and become the parents of several children. Mr. Gritlith visited this county on a tour of inspection before removing his family hither, and the outlook being satisfactory, he returned and brought them here a few months afterward. The journey from Detroit was made overland with a voke of oxen, and Lazarus Griffith took up forty acres of Government land in what is now Madison Township, where he settled and began to make improvements. He was prospered in his struggle with the elements of a new country, and three years later added to his real estate by the purchase of another forty acres adjoining. The parents lived to see the development of the country, and their children growing up around them with the prospect of future prosperity. The mother passed away in 1853, when sixty-six years of age, while Lazarus Griffith survived his wife seven years, dying in 1860, at the advanced age of eighty-two years.

The parental household included nine children, five girls and four boys, of whom Cyrus was the youngest. His education, carried on in the pioneer log school-house, was quite limited, as were his opportunities for mental advancement. He assisted his father in clearing the farm and reducing the soil to a state of cultivation, and later in life than was usual for the youth of those days, began to make arrangements for the establishment of a home of his own. He worked with his father until the summer of 1855, and on the 3d of July of that year, was united in marriage with Miss Julia, daughter of Edmund and Lovisa (Van Skoy) Burch. Mr. and Mrs. Burch were also natives of the Empire State, and were married in Dutchess County, whence, like the Griffiths, they removed to Chenango County, and also came to Michigan before it had been transformed from a Territory into a State. They settled in Adrian Township, east of the city, which at that time was but a hamlet of a few cabins and perhaps a frame building or two, and there the mother died when about forty-five years of age. Mr. Burch, during his early manhood, had engaged in teaching considerably, but in his later years gave his exclusive attention to farming pursuits. His death occurred thirty-five years ago, when he was seventy-seven years of age.

The family of Mr. and Mrs. Burch consisted of eleven children, six sons and five daughters, of whom Julia, Mrs. Griffith, was the youngest, and was but ten years of age when her mother died, She was born July 2, 1833, in New Jersey. Her education was extremely limited, and at a tender age she was thrown largely upon her own resources, and invested with graver responsibilities than usually fall to the lot of childhood. She spent some time in Ohio, and had come to this county twelve years before her marriage, and by her union with our subject became the mother of six children: Ethelinda, who died when two years old; and Theron, Esben, Elma, May and Sarah, Esben married Miss Ada Bright, and is farming in Nebraska; Ehna is the wife of Charles Allen, of Dover Township, and the mother of one child, Leslie C.; May

follows the profession of a teacher; Sarah has not yet completed her studies at school.

The farm of our subject embraces 117 acres of land, which has been brought to a good state of cultivation and provided with suitable farm buildings. Mr. Griflith is a quiet and unostentatious citizen, who has his own views, and politically an earnest temperance advocate, sides with the Prohibitionists. He and his estimable wife are members in good standing of the Free-Will Baptist Church at Fairneld.



ILAS L. ALLEN is a citizen of Hudson Township, where he is actively engaged in agricultural pursuits, owning and occupying one of the most productive farms in the neighborhood. He was born in Romulus, Senera Co., N. Y., July 16, 1828, while his father, Stephen Allen, was born in Morristown, N. J., and his grandfather, Silas Allen, removed from New Jersey to Seneca County, N. Y., and was an early settler. Silas Allen bought a tract of land, and besides clearing a farm operated an ashery, and spent the remainder of his life in that county.

The father of our subject was about ten years old when he removed from his home in New Jersey with his parents to their new home in New York, where he grew to manhood and married Rebecca Sutton, a native of that State. He bought a farm on the town line between Romulus and Varick, and continued to be a resident of Seneca County until the year 1836, when on the 10th of October, accompanied by his wife and eight children, he started with two pair of horses, a wagon and a carriage for the Territory of Michigan. Twenty-one days later they arrived at Ann Arbor, and Mr. Allen going from there to look for a suitable location for a home, journeved into Lenawce County, where he bought 160 acres of timber land in Dover Township, containing a log house and a small barn.

After completing this purchase Stephen Allen returned to Ann Arbor for his family, and they resided on the place until the following May, when Mr. Allen sold that land and bought 320 acres partially timbered, situated two miles west of the city of Adrian. Thirty acres of the land had been partly cleared, and there were two log houses on the place, into which the family removed in the month of May, 1837, and there the lather made his home until his death. He cleared about 250 acres of his land, and erected a commodious brick house and a large frame barn; the old homestead is now occupied by two of his sons. He was much honored and respected for his integrity and force of character, which made him a desirable citizen in those pioneer days. He and his wife were parents of nine children, all of whom were born in New York, and with one execution grew to maturity.

Silas L. Allen was the fourth child born to his parents, and as he was eight years old when he came to this county, he has a good recollection of their journey. For the first few years of their residence here they were forced, in common with the other pioneers of that lay, to live in the most primitive manner. His mother prepared their food before the open fireplace, and from the wool of the sheep which his father raised, she spun and wove all the cloth for their clothes. He gleaned his education at the pioneer schools, the first one that he attended being held in a log building on his father's farm; it was heated by a fireplace with a dirt and stick chimney, and had clumsy furniture of home manufacture. He lived with his parents until he was twenty-four years old, and during that time taught three terms of winter school. Upon leaving home he was engaged in railroading for a short time, after which he was employed in farming in different places until his marriage. He then bought fifty acres of land in Seneca Township, and there he and his wife spent the first five years of their wedded life, after which he disposed of that place and bought eighty-six acres in Hudson Township, where he has resided continuously since. He is energetic, prudent and thrifty, and has brought his farm into a fine condition, while he and his wife have established a cosy and comfortable home.

Mr. Allen was first married, Nov. 19, 1856, to Miss Emma Davis, a native of Ohio, and the daughter of Joshua and Sophia (Williams) Davis, natives respectively of New York and New England. Mrs. Allen was much respected and beloved in the community where she made her home; she died Sept. 25, 1872, leaving four children—Emma L., Stanley G., Charles D. and Marion. Emma is the wife of J. Jerome Travis, of Clinton, Mich.; Stanley is in Kansas City; Charles is in Hudson, while Marion is at home with her parents.

Mr. Allen's second marriage, July 8, 1875, was with Miss Bernice Burr, a native of Fairport, Monroe Co., N. Y., and daughter of Lonsen R. Burr, a native of the same place. Her grandfather, Zera Burr, a native of Connecticut, was an early settler of Fairport, where he engaged in the nursery business and there spent his last days. The father of Mrs. Allen married Mary Bently, a native of Rhode Island, and a daughter of Caleb Beutly, who was born in New England. Mr. Burr was a natural mechanic, and is a fine worker both in wood and iron; he is now residing in Adrian.

Two children have been born of the second marriage of Mr. Allen, namely: Walter P. and Leigh. Mr. and Mrs. Allen are hospitable, agreeable people, and their home is an attractive spot to friend or stranger.

EORGE H. LOCKWOOD, who officiates as "mine host" of the Rollin House in Rollin Village, has charge of one of the most popular hotels along the line of the C., J. & M. R. R., and from his long experience has a most thorough knowledge of the needs of the traveling public. He made his way here from the Empire State in 1852, and after serving as a Union soldier in the late war made his arrangements to build up a home here, and probably spend the remainder of his life. Our subject was born in Herkimer County, N. Y., Sept. 4, 1812, and is the son of Jeremiah and Caroline (Hall) Lockwood, the former a native of the same county as his son, and born in 1807. He emigrated to Michigan in 1852, and carried on farming in Rollin Township until his death, which occurred on the 19th of April, 1876; he was a man of decided views and an earnest supporter of the Democratic party.

The paternal grandfather of our subject, and his father before him, were also named Jeremiah. The latter served as a soldier in the Revolutionary War,

during which time he was captured by the British and confined in prison many months. The mother of our subject, who in her girlhood was Miss Caroline 11all, was also a native of Herkimer County, and is still living, being sixty-five years of age, and makes her home with a daughter in this township. Of her marriage with Jeremiah Lockwood, Jr., there were born four sons and three daughters, of whom George H. is the eldest. He remained under the parental roof until the 10th of September, 1863, and then enlisted in Company D, 11th Miehigan Cavalry, in which he served two years, being detailed mostly for duty at Lexington, Ky., and Camp Douglas, Chicago, Ill. During the last months of this time he was confined in the hospital, first at Camp Nelson, in Kentucky, and subsequently at Camp Douglas, in Chicago, where he remained until the close of the war, and received his discharge in September, 1865. His regiment had been employed mostly in looking after guerrillas in Kentucky. He contracted a disease from which he suffered long afterward, and now draws a pension from the Government,

Mr. Lockwood, after his return from the army, engaged in farming in Rollin Township. He was first married, Sept. 21, 1865, to Miss Lizzie Rolf, who was born near Chicago, Dec. 17, 1848, but she died at her home in Rollin, July 19, 1883. This union resulted in the birth of six children, of whom but four are living: Caroline was born Oct, 5, 1866, and continues at home with her father; Eliza was born Sept. 2, 1871, and is completing her studies at Hudson; she intends adopting the profession of a teacher, for which she already has a certificate, George II., Jr., was born July 2, 1879, and is prosecuting his studies in the district school; Minnie was born Jun. 15, 1881.

The second marriage of Mr. Lockwood occurred Sept. 30, 1885, with Miss Stella Worden, who was born in Pittsford, Hillsdale Comty, Oct. 1, 1855, and is the daughter of Dudley and Lucretia (Gillett) Worden, who were among the earliest settlers of Hudson Township. They came from New York to Michigan in 1831, and Mr. Worden established the first store in Hudson. He died in Pittsford about 1858. His wife subsequently married, and in 1887 went to Ohio, where she is still living. Mrs. Worden became the mother of two sons and one daughter, of whom the latter only is living.

Mr. Lockwood, politically, votes the straight Democratic ticket, and belongs to the G. A. R., being a member of DeGolver Post No. 110.

UDGE ANDREW HOWELL, the Judge of the First Judical Circuit of Michigan, is a resident of Adrian and one of her most honored citizens. He was born in Seneca County, in the State of New York, on the 18th of December, 1827. His father, Dr. Joseph Howell, was a native of the same State. His mother, whose maiden name was Lutetia Van Duyn, was born in the State of New Jersey. The former is of English extraction, while the latter was of Scotch and German ancestry. Dr. Joseph Howell, the father of our subject, moved with his family to Lenawee County, Mich., in the year 1831, and located upon a farm in the township of Macon, where he settled and began the improvements of the farm, and at the same time and for many years thereafter, practiced his profession among the people of that part of the county. He was also one of the members representing Lenawee County in the convention of 1835, which framed the first constitution of the State of Michigan. Dr. Howell is still living, and resides with one of his daughters in Macon. He was born in 1803, and now in the eighty-fifth year of his age, is in a remarkable state of preservation, both physically and mentally. Mrs. Howell died on the 30th of April, 1876, in the seventy-third year of her age. She was the mother of eight children, two girls and six boys, of whom Judge Howell is the eldest.

Judge Howell was not yet four years of age when his parents settled in Lenawee County, and here he passed his boyhood upon the farm and in the district school of the neighborhood, until well advanced in young manhood. From 1847 to 1850 he pursued his education at Teeumsch, and at the Westeyan Seminary at Albion, Mich. In the fall of 1850 he commenced the study of his profession the law—at Adrian, in the office of F. C. Beaman and R. R. Beecher, then the leading attorneys of Lenawee County. In 1853, he graduated from the law department of the College of Cincinnati, Ohio, standing first in his class of thirty-three. After graduation, Judge Howell returned to Adrian, and commenced the practice of the law in partnership with Judge Beaman, his former preceptor. Later, and in 1855, he joined in a law partnership with Judge R. R. Beecher, with whom he continued in successful practice for many years. While in practice he was three times elected to the office of Circuit Court Commissioner, and for two terms, 1865 and 1867, he represented Lenawee County in the State Senate.

In 1871 our subject was appointed by the Governor as one of the commissioners to supervise and certify to a new compilation of the laws of the State then lately ordered by the Legislature. But this position was soon after resigned, and thereupon, in pursuance of a recent act of the Legislature, he was immediately appointed by the Governor as Special Commissioner to prepare general laws for the incorporation of cities and villages in the State, Bills for that purpose were accordingly prepared and submitted by him, and were adopted by the Legislature at its next session, and are now a part of the general statutes of the State. In 1879 the Legislature again ordered a new compilation of the general statutes of the State, and Judge Howell was elected compiler in joint convention of the Senate and House, but the measure failing to meet with the approval of the Governor, no further action was taken under it. But soon after this he compiled and published, as a work of private enterprise, a complete edition of the general statutes of the State, in force, with copious annotations from the decisions of the Supreme Court. This work, now known as "Howell's Annotated Statutes of Michigan," was subsequently approved and adopted by the Legislature as the authorized compilation of the laws, and the same is now, by such anthority, in use as such throughout the State. While in practice at the bar Judge Howell also enlarged, revised and published several editions of "Tiffany's Justice's Guide" and "Tiffany's Criminal Law," both of which he has made standard works of practice in Michigan.

In the spring of 1881 Judge Howell was, upon the nomination of both political parties, elected to his present position upon the bench of the First Judicial Circuit.

In June, 1859, Judge Howell was married to Miss Mary Adelia Beecher Tower, of Rochester, N. Y., daughter of Rev. Philo Tower and Cynthia D. (Beecher) Tower. Twosons have blessed the union of Judge and Mrs. Howell, viz: Robert Beecher, a graduate of Naval Academy, at Annapolis, Md., and Charles Arthur, now a student at the Michigan University at Ann Arbor. These sons are young men of sterling qualities, of whom not only the parents but the community at large, refer to with a sense of pride.

Judge Howell became a member of the Republican party at the time of its organization, and has ever since kept himself closely identified with all its interests. His religious affiliations are with the Presbyterian Church; in earlier years he was an active member of Adrian Lodge No. 19, F. & A. M.



LANSON WOOLSEY. The gentleman of whose history we give a brief synopsis is an enterprising and influential citizen of Madison Township. He is one of the early settlers of the place, and the only man now living here who bought his land direct from the Government. Mr. Woolsey is a native of Columbia County, N. Y., where he first saw the light Feb. 5, 1813. He was brought up on a farm, receiving his education in the common schools, and spent sixteen years in Columbia County, and in Monroe and Ontario Counties. Alanson Woolsey is the son of Richard and Mercy (Mosher) Woolsey, who were the parents of thirteen children—Hannah, Lemuel, Henry, Ambrose, Sally, Whiting, James J., Daniel, Jason, Augustus, Alanson, Malinda and Alonzo, Five of these are still living: two in Michigan, one in Chicago, Ill., one in California, and one in Monroe County, N. Y.

After arriving at manhood, Michigau seemed to Mr. Woolsey to offer greater facilities for pursuing his chosen occupation than New York, so to this State he came in the early fall of the year 1838. Doubtless he had been considering this change in his life for some time, and being conscious that the counsel and companionship of a good wife would be of inestimable value to a young man just starting in a new country, he was united in marriage in Victor, Ontario Co., N. Y., Nov. 29, 1837, to Miss Mahala, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Olney) Ladd, natives of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, respectively. They were the parents of ten children as follows: Elvira; Elias R., who died when three months old: Mahala, Cassandana, William, Hiram, Calista, Adaline E., Smith and Jennett. Of these seven are still living: three in Michigan, three in York State and one in Minnesota.

The first three months after coming to Michigan, Alanson Woolsey lived in Dover Township, this eounty, where he had a tract of land, and two acres of this he cleared and sowed with wheat. The same fall he bought 160 acres of school land on section 16 of Madison Township, and having indomitable perseverance and courage, he crected a log house in which they lived for some years, and set to work clearing it, and getting it ready for cultivation. By continued industry, combined with superior judgment, he has since been enabled to add to the original purchase until he is now the possessor of two fine farms of 205 acres of valuable land, worth in the vicinity of \$100 an aere. The log cabin they left long ago for their pleasant farm house, near which he has erected substantial farm buildings.

The union of Mr. and Mrs. Woolsey has been blessed by the birth of five children: John W.; William, who died at the age of five years; Calista, the wife of P. B. Chase, residing in Madison Township; Charles residing in Chicago, and Rudolph A., who married Elizabeth Douglas, and resides in Madison, of which place he was elected Town Clerk in the spring of 1887.

Besides being a successful agriculturist Mr. Woolsey has other claims to distinction. Possessing in a marked degree the mechanical ingenuity which characterizes so many of his countrymen, about the year 1870 he patented his well-known, serviceable invention under the name of the Woolsey Road Seraper. Mr. Woolsey has done much to further public interests, and has served in some of the town offices. He was elected Justice of the Peace, but declined to serve. In politics he is a

stanch Republiean. Mrs. Woolsey has proved a helpmeet to her husband in the broadest sense of the word for over half a century, as they celebrated their golden wedding Nov. 29, 1887. All their children were present except one daughter, who resides in California, and the party included also the grandchildren. It was a senson of heartfelt joy and congratulations, as all joined in expressing the hope that the venerable couple might long be spared to the society they so well adorn.



ATHANIEL K. BOWEN. The subject of this sketch is a retired farmer, passing the evening of a well-spent life on the farm on which he settled in 1839. Like most men at that day, he believed a location in or at the edge of a timber district an indispensable element to success. His first tract was one of sixty acres, situated on section 18, Clinton Township. He has now seventy acres, nearly all of which is well-improved land.

The subject of this sketch first saw the light in Bristol Township, Ontario Co., N. Y., Feb. 15, 1810, and is the son of George Bowen, who was a farmer and carpenter. He was a patriot and a lover of liberty, and served in the War of 1812, escaping therefrom unseathed. George Bowen was married in Ontaria County, N. Y., to Phila M. Booth, who was also born and reared in that State, where they resided many years after their marriage in Bristol Township, Ontario County. They afterward went to Monroe County of that State, and four years later, in 1836, came to Tecumsch, Mich., where they died full of years and honor.

The wife of our subject was Miss Sophia Phillips, who was born in Bristol, Ontario Co., N. Y., in 1814, and died at her home in 1840. She became the mother of two children, George and Jeremiah, of whom the latter is deceased; George married Abbie M. Frost and resides on a farm in Clinton Township.

In 1842 Mr. Bowen was a second time married, in Clinton Township, to Miss Elizabeth Spaulding, who was born in Seneca Township, N. Y., in 1815. She went with her parents to Ohio when a child,

locating near Akron, and afterward came to Michigan, settling in Macon Township, this county, Mrs. Bowen was the mother of two children, D. E. and DeWitt C., the former of whom took for his wife Mary Gillett, residing at Dundee, Monco Co. Mich. She had lost her parents when a child of twelve years, but was brave and resolute enough to earn her own livelihood at domestic work; she is the mother of two children—Zella I. and Roy E. The son is engaged in working his father's farm. DeWitt C. married Miss Clyde Stewart, and is farming in Adrian Township; they have one child, Floyd D.

Nathaniel K. Bowen was an active farmer and stock-raiser until 1870, when he retired from active business. He and his sons are identified with the Republican party.

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YMAN H. ALDRICH. Prominent among the residents of this section of country stands the subject of this sketch, who is located on section 34, Seneca Township, where he owns sixty acres of excellent land under a high state of cultivation. He has been a resident of this section since 1848, and has erected on his farm a neat and substantial residence, with all the outbuildings necessary for the successful prosecution of his calling as an agriculturist.

The parents of our subject were Abner and Emily (Henderson) Aldrich, the former a native of Rhode Island, and born near the city of Providence, while the latter is supposed to have been a native of New York State. When a youth of about seventeen years of age, Abner Aldrich came from Rhode Island to Ontario County, N. Y., where he grew to manhood, and met and married Miss Emily Henderson. Soon after their marriage the young couple removed to Sandusky County, Ohio, where they entered a tract of Government land, and engaged in its improvement until their death. They became the parents of eleven children, seven sons and four daughters, of whom ten lived to years of maturity.

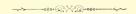
Our subject, who was the third son and the third in order of birth in the family, was born in Green Creek Township, Sandusky Co., Ohio, Nov. 21, 1826, where he was reared on a farm and received as good an education as was obtainable in the eommon schools of those days. During his youth he was variously employed in that section of the country, making his home, however, with his parents. After his marriage he rented the old homestead for one year, and in 1848 came to what is now Royalton Township, Fulton Co., Ohio, where he bought a tract of forty acres of land on the line between Ohio and Michigan. After a residence in this place of two and one-half years, he was compelled, through no fault of his own, to sacrifice his farm, and he was left almost without means. He came to Scheca Township, this county, in the autumn of 1850, and purchased forty acres of land on section 35, on which he built a log house and lived until 1865, when he purchased eighty acres on section 34, where he has since resided; Mr. Aldrich has disposed of part of his farm and now owns sixty acres.

The subject of this biography was united in marriage in Green Creek Township, Sandusky Co., Ohio, May 13, 1847, with Miss Mary, daughter of Henry and Nancy (Wright) Lybarker, the former of German ancestry, and born in Pennsylvania, while the latter was of English and Scotch ancestry, and was a native of Detroit, Mich. After their marriage they settled in Erie County, Pa., and subsequently removed to Green Creek Township, Sandusky Co., Ohio. They afterward removed to Isabella County, Mich., where the father passed away to his final rest; the wife had previously died in Springfield, Eric Co., Pa., where she resided with her daughter. Their family consisted of eleven children, seven sons and four daughters, of whom nine lived to years of maturity. Mrs. Aldrich, the eighth child, was born in Springfield, Erie Co., Pa., April 12, 1828,

To our subject and his wife have been born six children, three of whom are living, and named as follows: Edgar D., Henry A, and Viola; the names of the deceased children were Nancy, Alice and Amelia. Edgar married Olive Bickford; Henry took to wite Louisa A, Dull, and Viola is the wife of Felch Haywood: Nancy died in infancy; Alice died in Seneca Township when eighteen years of

age, and Amelia died in the same township at the age of twenty-three.

In politics our subject is identified with the Democratic party, and has held the position of Highway Commissioner three years, acting alike with credit to himself and satisfaction to all concerned. He is not an office-seeker, preferring to devote his time and attention to his domestic affairs. He has served in the capacity of Juryman in the Circuit Court of Lenawee County four times since he took up his residence in this county.



OSIAH OSGOOD. There are few persons remaining any length of time in Medina Township who have not become familiar with the name of this gentleman, who has been one of its most prominent citizens many years. Besides having accumulated a good property, he has held the various local offices, serving as Constable, School Inspector, Drain Commissioner, Juryman, and has been Justice of the Peace for the last six years. He and his estimable lady are among the pillars of the United Brethren Church, and politically Mr. O. is a stanch Republican and decidedly in favor of temperance.

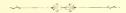
This branch of the Osgood family has been prominent in New England for several generations. Some of the later descendants finally settled in Connecticut, where William Osgood, the father of our subject, was born Oct. 3, 1770. He finally removed to Seneca County, N. Y., and was there married to Miss Magdalena Covert, who was born in New Jersey, June 12, 1779. They began life together in the town of Lodi, and there spent the remaining years of their lives, the death of the father taking place in 1823, while the mother survived her husband thirty years and died at Lodi in 1853. They were the parents of fifteen children who, with one exception, lived to mature years, and of whom our subject, Josiah, the youngest living child, was born April 11, 1817, near Lodi, N. Y. He received a common-school education, and continued on the farm of his father until reaching bis majority.

A few months after his twenty-first birthday,

young Osgood, in the fall of 1838, arrived in this county, and not long afterward purchased eighty acres of land in Medina Township. He was not then prepared to enter upon its improvement and cultivation, being without means, team or implements, and consequently employed himself at whatever he could find to do for two years following. In the latter part of 1840 he began to clear his land, putting in a crop of wheat in the fall, and harvesting three acres the following summer. In the winter of 1841-42, in company with A. H. Colegrove, he rented the Titlin mill, west of the young town of Medina, which they operated until spring, and then Mr. O. worked upon his land. In the fall he procecded as before, and thus put in his time profitably until his means justified giving his whole attention to his farm.

One of the highest ambitions of the young men of those days was the establishment of a home and domestic ties of their own. Mr. Osgood had heretofore lived with Chauncy Hollister, but in 1844 he put up a plank house on his land, to which he brought a bride in the winter of 1845, having been married Sept. 10, 1844, to Miss Mary C., daughter of John R. and Charity (Phillips) Foster, natives respectively of Massachusetts and Vermont. After marriage the parents settled in Orleans County, N. Y., where the father carried on farming until 1833, when he left the Empire State with his family, and cast his lot with the pioneers of Michigan Territory. He was among the first settlers of this county, and their son Henry was the first white child born in Medina Township. Mr. Foster took up 200 aeres of Government land, which was the first purchase of land in that township. Mr. and Mrs. Foster were the parents of eight children, namely: John Reed, Mary C., Chloe P., Augustus W., Henry C., Martha V., George R. and Ira H. Henry, during the late war, enlisted in Company D, 18th Michigan Infantry, and was fatally wounded in battle, dying in October, 1862. Four of the children are now living; the parents are deceased.

Mr. and Mrs. Osgood worked together in their efforts to build up a home, and in due time their humble dwelling was brightened by the presence of five children, named respectively: Omer D., Ellen A., Elmer W., Willie R. and Darwin H. Omer D., a manufacturer residing at Morenei, married Miss-Harriet Stites, and they have four children living— Frederick E., Edith May, Burt F. and Anna; one infant died unnamed. Miss Ellen Osgood became the wife of N. V. Coomer, a well-to-do farmer of Isabella County, this State; they have four children —Mary Florence, Martha Viola, Mabel L. and Eva L. Elmer W. Osgood married Miss Ada Frantz, and is engaged as a manufacturer and dealer in lardware at Britton, Mich.; they have two children —Frank J. and Myytle May. Willie R. is in partnership with his brother Elmer at Britton; Darwin, a promising young man of twenty-one years, attended the High School at Morenei two years, and still remains a member of the parental honsehold.



ANIEL FISK, a son of one of the earliest pioneers of Seneca Township, is a man who has made much of his opportunities in life, being a keen observer of men and things, and as such has watched with more than ordinary interest the early settlement and growth of Lenawee County. He recollects the time when the rails of the Kalamazoo Railroad were being laid and when the ticket agent occupied a very small office in a building little better than a shanty. The first cars were drawn by horses, and the father of Daniel was a stockholder in the company. The enterprise had been inaugurated by the people of that section, and the road was principally built by subscription from the farmers, as it was a project established for their benefit. The year following steam was substituted for horse power, and the first locomotive would doubtless now be a great curiosity.

Not only this but the various other enterprises of Lenawee County at that time received the lively support of the father of our subject, who was a man of great force of character and more than ordinary intelligence. Daniel, who was born in Chemung Co., N. Y., Feb. 1, 1825, came here with his father in 1833 and attended the first school in Fairfield Township, which was conducted in an old log house that had been vacated by some discouraged settler. Jabez Fisk, the father, was one of

the men who organized one of the first school distriets in Madison Township, in 1838. Our subject remembers when the foundation stones of Michigan University were hid at Ann Arbor, and marked the institution as it grew from infancy to one of the most noted colleges in the Northwest. His nucle, Prof. Andrew Tenbrook, was its first President.

The parents of our subject, Jabez and Catherine (Tenbrook) Fisk, were natives respectively of Massachusetts and Chemung County, N. Y. The father served as a soldier in the War of 1812, and participated in the battles of Ft. Erie and Black Rock, where he was severely wounded in the neck. Jabez Fisk had left the Bay State in his youth and settled in Chemung County, where he was married and continued a resident until 1833. The household then included several children, for whose welfare the father was extremely anxious, and on account of them he determined to remove to a locality where he could obtain land at a less price than in New York State, and which would increase in value. He accordingly gathered together his household effects, and with his family started for Lenawee County, Mich., within whose limits be arrived on the 3d of June, 1833. He settled in what is now known as Madison Township, on section 35, when the country was a wilderness for miles around. He built a cabin in the forest, and proceeded to fell the trees around it and cultivate the soil, each season finding a larger area devoted to corn and wheat. Besides his own excessive labor at home he kept an eye out to his far-away neighbors and those who were coming into the township, assisting the latter to make their selection of land and build their log cabins. His latch-string was ever out to the traveler, who was always welcome to partake of the household fare, and he frequently piloted settlers to Morenci before there was a trail plain enough for them to follow. He was also instrumental in laying out the two angling roads to Morenci, and from Jordan's Tavern to Canandaigua, one of which was called the "Bean Creek Road," and the other started at what is now Sand Creek, and running to Morenei was called the "Angling Road."

Jabez Fisk took up 100 acres of land in Fairfield

and Madison Townships at the Government price, and made his home in the latter until 1847. Thence he removed to a farm near the town of Dover, where he continued until his death, in 1867, when seventy-three years old. His wife, Catherine, survived her husband but three years, and was also seventy-three years of age at the time of her death. Their family included thirteen children, ten sons and three daughters, of whom Daniel of our sketch was the fifth child. He assisted his father in building up the homestead in the wilderness and, like the latter, was industrious, frugal and economical, ambitious to make a home of his own and be a man among men.

The boyhood and youth of Daniel Fisk were passed in a comparatively uneventful manner, and when twenty-seven years of age he took to himself a wife and helpmeet in the person of Miss Elizabeth Quick, of Chemung County, N. Y., to whom he was married at the home of the bride in September, 1852. Mrs. Fisk was the daughter of Lewis and Maria (Clapp) Quick, of Saratoga County, N. Y., and was born on the 6th of May, 1828; she continued with her parents until her marriage, Lewis Quick died in July, 1881, at the age of seventy-eight years, and his wife Maria, surviving him three years, died in 1884, when eighty-three years old. They were the parents of three children, two sons and one daughter; Mrs. F. was the second child in order of birth.

Immediately after marriage our subject and his wife settled upon land on section 1 in Seneca Township, commencing in a manner suitable to their means and surroundings, and now in their later years are enjoying the reward of their early toil and frugality. The homestead embraces 160 acres of land, the greater part of which was cleared by Mr. Fisk himself, and he has spent much money in the erection of buildings, having a good residence, barns and sheds, and everything for his convenience. Three children came to bless the household and were named respectively, Fred M., Carrie M. and Harry J. Their eldest son, Frederick, a commercial traveler, makes his home in California, and has been highly favored in point of opportunities to see the world, having already circumnavigated the globe. He starts out on his third trip to

Australia, April 5, 1888. He married Miss Lilly M. Blair, of Morenci, and they have one child, a daughter, Rena May, Miss Carrie M. Fisk is in business for herself at Detroit, while Harry J. continues at home with his parents. Mr. Fisk is a stanch Republican, politically, and with his wife is a member in good standing of the Methodist Church.

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UGH DAVITT, since the spring of 1854, has carried on farming continuously in Medina Township, and as the result of industry. prudence and frugality, has secured for himself an unincumbered farm, comprising one of the most comfortable homes in this township. It embraces ninety-seven acres of land under a good state of cultivation, with suitable farm buildings, a goodly assortment of live stock, and the various other appurtenances of the model farm. Davitt, a native of Ireland, was born in 1810, and is the son of Michael and Bridget (Scanlan) Davitt, who were also of Irish birth and parentage, and spent their entire lives upon their native soil, where the mother died in 1838. They were hard-working, honest people, who provided for their children to the best of their ability, and taught them early in

life to depend upon themselves. Our subject was married in his native county, in 1842, and remained there engaged in farming until the summer of 1847, when he determined to seek his fortunes in the New World, though it was not without regret that he bade adicu to the friends of his childhood and youth. Accompanied by his wife and one child he took passage on a sailing-vessel at Liverpool, and five weeks later set foot upon American soil in the great city of New York, From the metropolis they made their way to the town of Macedon, where Mr. Davitt was engaged in mason work about seven years, and whence, in 1854, he came to this county. He first purchased sixty acres of land in Medina Township, and went to work in earnest to cultivate the soil, and establish a permanent home. He was prospered in his labors and added to his real estate, putting up from time to time the neat and substantial buildings which the passing traveler now observes with interest, and adding the other embellishments which go to make up the complete homestead. For a man who landed in America with twenty-five cents in his pocket and a family on his hands, it is hardly necessary to say that he has made good use of his time, and spent few days in idleness.

The wife of our subject, a native of County Mayo, Ireland, was Miss Mary, the daughter of John and Rosa (Gallagher) Donnelly, who were the parents of six children, and spent their last years in Ireland. To our subject and his wife there have been born twelve children. Their cldest son, John, is a native of County Mayo, Ireland, but the other children were born in this country, four in New York State, and the rest in Lenawee County. John has developed into a capable and intelligent young man, is a builder and contractor, and lives in Dakota; the eldest daughter, Rosa, married Michael Tierney, of Chicago; Harriet Ann is the wife of Walter Wright, of Hudson Township; James is a practicing attorney at Saginaw; and Lizzie A., Thomas, Katie H. and Clara are at home with their parents, Patrick died in Ireland, William in Dakota, Michael at the homestead in Michigan, and Mary in New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Davitt were reared in the faith of the Catholic Church, and are among the leading members of the society at Hudson. Mr. D. upon becoming a naturalized citizen identified himself with the Democratic party, but is now greatly interested in and favors Prohibition.

DMUND HALL, one of the honored pioneers of Lenawee County, occupies a very large spot in the affections of the people of this section. He came here in the midst of his youth and strength, and bravely set to work not only to build up for himself a good position, so-cially and financially, but to assist those around him as he had opportunity. He is widely and favorably known as one of the most generous men of this section, one who has unselfishly administered to the comfort and the happiness of a large number of people, and who counts among his close friends and warm admirers the best residents of

Lenawee County. As the central figure of a most interesting history, his biography will be perused by young and old with deep and gratified interest. It is that of a man eminently worthy of representation in a work which aims to simply give a man his dues, and portray in a truthful manner the events of the olden times, and their marked contrast to the present—a present which is rich in advantages, the result of the labors and example of the men of fifty years ago.

Mr. Hall came to this county in 1834, and took up 100 acres of wild land on section 25, in Raisin Township, of which he has since been in possession. He then returned to his home in New York State, but came back to the West the following year, and began in earnest the establishment of a permanent home. In common with the early settlers he labored often under great difficulties, with imperfeetly constructed farm implements, and the market miles away, the had "come to stay," however, proving himself equal to every emergency, and the result of his plodding industry soon made itself apparent in a good farm with excellent improvements, and now consisting of 147 acres, he having added to his first purchase. He has never been very much devoted to style and fashion, but is a simple, honest and reliable man, who is prompt in meeting his obligations and follows the Christian precept, aiming to do to others as he would have them do to him. This purest of moral principles has served him well through the vicissitudes of a long and eventful life, and no man enjoys in a larger measure the esteem and confidence of his fellow-citizens.

Mr. Hall was born in Pompey, N. Y., Feb. 20, 1807, and is the son of Edmund Hall, a native of New York, who passed away many years ago. Edmund distinguished himself during his early years as a diligent and thoughtful youth, and gave early evidence of those principles of high morality which have been one of the distinguishing characteristics of his later life. He remained under the parental roof until coning to the West, and in the meantime had selected the haly who was to share his home in the future. This was Miss Lucretia Raymond, whom he had known in his childhood, and to whom he was married after coming to this

county, on the 10th of February, 1836. Mrs. Hall is a native of the same State as her husband, and was born in Wheeler Township, Steuben County, April 24, 1811. Her parents, Rufus and Ruhama (Aulls) Raymond, were also natives of the Empire State and married in Steuben County, where their elder children were born. They came to the West in 1834, when their daughter Lucretia was a young lady and the father took up a tract of unbroken land in Raisin Township, where they continued to live on a farm, and where the mother died in the spring of 1845. The father afterward removed to another part of the township, and survived his wife for a period of twenty years, his death taking place in 1865, when he was nearly eighty years of age. He belonged to the Presbterian Church, while the mother was a devoted Methodist,

Mr. and Mrs. Hall have lived together harmoniously for a period of more than fifty years, and celebrated their golden wedding Feb. 10, 1886. This was an occasion which will long be remembered by the 115 guests who had the happiness of being present. This large company, including their children and their grandchildren, came on this day to congratulate them and express the hope that they would be found in their old place for many years to come and in the midst of the friends who have known them so long and are so deeply attached to them. Mrs. Hall was the eldest of thirteen children, and by her union with our subject became the mother of four children. Those living are Austin G., a sketch of whom will be found elsewhere in this volume, and Ruhama E., the wife of James T. Lane, who operates the home farm. The deceased, James H. and Rufus R., were married and lived in this county, occupied as farmers.

Mr. Hall was in earlier years a Whig, and identified himself with the Republicans upon the abandonment of the old party. He has held the office of Justice of the Peace eight years and has also served as Road Commissioner. In his reflections upon the various changes in a life which he may justly consider well spent, he may take ample comfort in the thought that he has done what he could in assisting the enterprises which have developed one of the finest sections of country in the State of Michigan, and no man can point to a mean or dishonest act of which he is guilty, Mr. Hall is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, while his good lady in her religious belief is of the Quaker faith.



DGAR S. HAGAMAN is among the prominent residents of Weston, Fairfield Township. Ilis parents were Ira J. and Elizabeth (Paddock) Hagaman, the former born in Shelby, Orleans Co., N. Y., and the latter in Scipio, Seneca County; they were of German and Irish ancestry. The grandfather was Joseph Hagaman, who came from Seneca County, N. Y., to Lenawee County, Mieh., in June, 1832, arriving in Adrian; the grandfather stellaabeth Stout, of New Jersey. Ira J. came to Lenawee County with his parents. His wife's parents were Nathan and Mary Paddock, of Adrian, the former of whom died in Blissfield, Aug. 25, 1866, and the latter March 27, 1875.

Ira J. Hagaman was married in Adrian Township, March 23, 1838, but removed directly after to Fairfield Township, where he settled on a farm on section 8, and remained until his death, which occurred Feb. 14, 1886. His wife lives with her children, of whom there are four—Mary A., Edgar S. and Edson B., twins, and Joseph D. Mary A. was born Jan. 18, 1839, and is now the wife of Lewis P. Mead, of Jasper County, Iowa; Edgar S. and Edson B. were born Jan. 25, 1844, and Joseph D., Oct. 29, 1854.

Edgar S. Hagaman was married, on the 5th of October, 1865, to Miss Almyra Thurber, of the township of Fairfield, and lived with his father until the 15th of January, 1867, when he removed to Jasper County, Iowa, on a prairie farm of 160 acres, and lived there until March 5, 1875. He then returned to the township of Fairfield, and bought 100 acres of land adjoining his father's farm, and lived there until September, 1882, when he removed to Weston and engaged in the buying and handling of all kinds of grain, seed and coal. In the year 1884 he bought the flouring-mill interest of S. W. Keene, of Weston, in what was known as the Weston Milling Company. They met with the loss of said mill April 4, 1885, after

which Mr. Hagaman bought out the other partners, and rebuilt the mill, which is not excelled by any in Sonthern Michigan. It is a full roller mill of seventy-five-barrel capacity, with a good saw-mill, planer, matcher and molding machinery. He owns several farms in this township, and has been a prosperous farmer and business man, and of great help to the village of Weston.

Mrs. Almyra Hagaman, his wife, was born in the year 1846, September 14, and is the daughter of Robert G. and Isabella Thurber, of Fairfield Township. Her father was born in New Hampshire and her mother was born in Scotland; they were married in Canandaigua, N. Y., about 1835. The mother was born in the year 1813, and is still living; the father died in February, 1859, aged fifty-one years. There were born to them James H., Jane A., Nancy H., Almyra H., Jennett S. and Harriet A. Thurber, of whom Almyra is the fourth one of the family.

Mr. and Mrs. Hagaman are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Weston, he helping to build a fine Methodist church before he became a member, and in the year 1887 experienced religion under the protracted efforts conducted by James E. Withy, the pastor in charge.

EORGE W. AYERS, attorney-at-law, Justice of the Peace and Circuit Court Commissioner of Lenawee County, at Adrian, is the offspring of a pioneer family of this county which migrated from the Empire State during the early settlement of Southern Michigan. They became prominently and favorably known among the citizens of the community struggling into existence, in which they did most effective service in its moral and financial development.

The parents of our subject, John and Amanda J. (Porter) Ayers, were both natives of New York State, the father born in Oneida County in 1822, and the mother in Chautanqua County, near the town of Westfield, Jan. 19, 1828. John Ayers came to Michigan with his father's family in 1834, and was married to Amanda J. Porter in 1852. They became the parents of five children, of whom

but three are living: Albert J., the eldest, residing on the old homestead, located by his grandfather, Septimus Ayers, on section 35 in Fairfield Township; Lyda E., the wife of Charles F. Morse, who is also farming in that township, and George W., who was born at the homestead of his father, five miles south of the village of Fairfield, Dec. 7, 1854. Our subject spent his early years amid the peaceful scenes of farm life, receiving his rudimentary education in the district school, and later entering the High School at Adrian, from which he was graduated in the class of 1887. He commenced his law studies in the office of B. F. Graves, and completing them under the tutelage of Judge Stacey, was admitted to the bar in April, 1883. Desirous, however, of adding to his store of legal knowledge, in the fall of that same year Mr. Avers entered the senior class in the law department of Michigan University, from which he was graduated on the 26th of March following. He at once returned to Adrian and commenced the practice of his chosen profession, having his office with Judge Stacey until in September, 1884, when he transferred his business to the office of C. R. Miller, with whom he remained until April, 1887.

Mr. Ayers, in 1884, w.s. elected to his present office of Circuit Court Commissioner and re-elected in 1886, receiving a flattering majority and one much in excess of the other candidates. In April, 1887, he was elected Justice of the Peace, and in the three departments of his business realizes a handsome income. He is prominently connected with the I. O. O. F., Adrian Lodge No. 8, and is at present acting Commander of the Knights of the Maccabees.

ATRICK DONNELLY. One of the most noticeable pieces of farm property in Medina Township is that which is situated on section 6 and belongs to the gentleman whose name stands at the head of this sketch; and there is scarcely a finer dwelling in this section of country. The barns and other out-buildings are in keeping with the residence, and the whole homestead is a credit to the proprietor. The land is

under a good state of cultivation, and the live stock and farm machinery denote the labor of an industrious hand and the supervision of a wellbalanced head.

The early home of Mr. Donnelly was in County Mayo, Ireland, where he began life Feb. 15. 1828, and was brought up on the farm of his father, who labored early and late to provide for the wants of his family. The latter, John Donnelly, married Miss Rose Gallagher, and they became the parents of ten children. They also were natives of County Mayo, and spent all their lives there, the mother dying in 1881, when about eighty-two years of age, while the father survived his wife one year and was eighty-six years old at the time of his death. The Donnellys were noted for longevity, the paternal grandfather of our subject living to the advanced age of one hundred and six years.

Mr. Donnelly was the second child of his parents, and early in life began to think about the future. His ambition was to attain to a better lot than had been that of his parents, who had labored hard and with small returns, and as he saw little prospect of bettering his condition upon his native soil he determined to seek another country. A few months after reaching his majority he set out, on the 7th of July, 1849, from the home of his childhood, and three days later found him on board a sailing-vessel bound for St. John, New Brunswick, where the landing was made on the 11th of August following. Thence young Donnelly proceeded by steamer to Boston, and from there made his way by canal to Macedon, N. Y., where he arrived with a few cents in his pocket. He secured work the next day, however, upon a farm, and worked thereafter as the employe of one man for a period of four yearswhich speaks well for both master and man. In the meantime, with a worthy ambition to improve his mind, our subject attended school in the winter and kept himself posted as well as he could upon matters of general interest to the intelligent man.

Our subject, in 1855, resolved to take the advice of Horace Greeley to young men and "go west." He found himself in this county on the 1st of December, and not long afterward purchased sixtyfive acres of land in Medina Township, for which he paid \$500 of monoy which he had carned, besides sending funds home to his father's family in Ireland. He continued working out until he had enough money to buy a yoke of oxen and a wagon, and now struck the first blow toward felling the heavy timber on his purchase and preparing the soil for cultivation. He labored early and late for many years, and the fertile fields which now lie about him with the comfortable homestead bear silent but forcible witness of his reward.

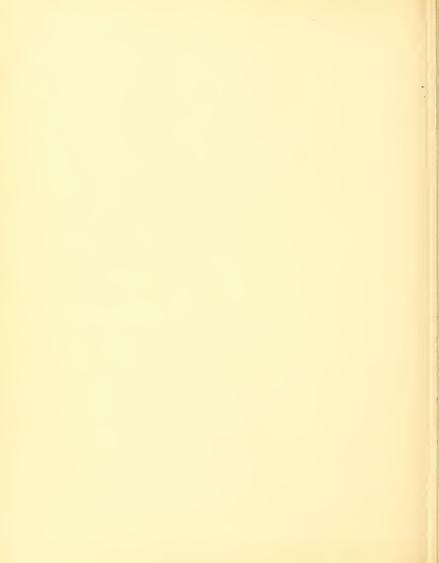
Mr. Donnelly in his labors has had the assistance of a prudent and sensible wife, one of his own countrywomen, who in her girlhood was Miss Ann Howley, and to whom he was married in Adrian Mich., Feb. 14, 1860. Mrs. Donnelly was born Dec. 25, 1839, and came to America in 1851. She is the daughter of Michael and Mary (Martin) Howley, natives of County Sligo, Ireland, where they spent their entire lives and where all their children were born. Mr. Howley died when his daughter Ann was a child, and the mother died about five years ago at a very old age. The children born to our subject and his wife were: Mary Ellen, now the wife of William Murray, of Medina Township; Rose Ann, Mrs. Ed Kelly: John and Henry, at home and students in the High School; Patrick Henry, and two babes who died unnamed.

The farm of our subject includes ninety-seven and a half acres of land, and he has forty acres in Hillsdale County. In his community it is hardly necessary to say he is held in that high regard which honesty, frugality and uprightness invariably command. He gives his main attention to his farm and his family, meddling little with politics otherwise than to cast a straight Democratic ticket at general elections. The family are members and regular attendants of the Catholic Church at Hudson.



OHANNES A. LeFEVER, formerly a highly respected resident of Blissfield Township, was born in Ulster County, N. Y., Oct. 2, 1810. He came to this county in 1864, purchasing first a tract of land in Palmyra Township, where he lived about twelve years and made many improvements, then rented that farm and purchased the homestead which is now occupied by his family.



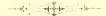


Here his death occurred on the 12th day of May, 1886, after he had passed his seventy-lifth birthday. His parents were Andrew and Hannah (Dubois) Le-Fever, the former of French ancestry. They were married Jan 8, 1808, and the father departed this life Jan, 18, 1818; the mother died April 30, 1826.

Johannes A, LeFever was a gentleman of excellent education and possessed sound judgment and fine business qualities. He was remarkably enterprising and ambitious, and accumulated a fine property, owning at the time of his death, in addition to other real estate, 400 acres of land in this county. He had been left fatherless when a lad eight years of age and a few years later was completely orphaned by the death of his mother. Afterward he made his home with his grandparents in Ulster County, N. Y. He was afflicted with hip disease, the result of an injury received when young, and was enabled to do very little manual labor. Fortunately, however, he had inherited a good property from his mother, and when first beginning business for himself established and conducted a nursery quite successfully until failing health compelled him to retire from active labor. After coming to this county he seemed to have taken a new lease of life, and enjoyed better health than he had for years until a short time before his death.

Mr. LeFever was married, July 5, 1864, to Mrs. Sarah J. (Bevier) Drake, also a native of Ulster County, N. Y., and born Jan. 8, 1830. Mrs. Le-Fever was several years younger than her husband, and is the daughter of Jeremiah and Lydia (Van-Curen) Bevier, and widow of William Drake. Jeremiah Bevier, who was also born in Ulster County, N. Y., was a descendant of the French Huguenots, and a cooper by trade, which he followed his entire life in his native county. William Drake, also a native of that county, resided there until his marriage, and then removed with his young wife to Rochester, Sangamon Co., Ill., where he purchased town property and carried on his business of wagonmaker until his death, in 1860. His widow afterward returned to her native county, where she remained until her marriage with Mr. LeFever. The children of William and Sarah J. Drake were Maria and Benjamin F. The former became the wife of John Stonecker, and died in Blissfield Township in March, 1883, leaving three children; Benjamin F. is a farmer in this township.

The three children born to Mr, and Mrs, LeFever were John and Jennie (twins) and Andrew. Jenie dued at the age of eleven years. Mrs, LeFever united with the Methodist Episcopal Church during her girlhood, in her native State, and has since been one of its most devoted and consistent members. She is a rarely intelligent lady of good education, and eminently fitted to be the companion of her husband. Since his death she has superintended the large estate in an able and creditable manner, and socially is the center of a large circle of warm friends. In connection with this sketch we are pleased to present on an accompanying page of this Albert portraits of Mr, and Mrs, LeFever, as illustrative of the worthy citizens of Lenawee County.



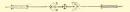
ANIEL T. HALL. Mayor of Teenmsch, has all his life been closely associated with the growth and welfare of this State, of which he is a native, having been born in Calhoun County, May 15, 1852. Nature endowed him with more than ordinary intelligence and business capacity, and for many years his name has been familiar in the business communities of Lenawee County. His parents, Alfred D. and Emily A. (Todd) Hall, removed from Calhoun to Lenawee County in 1854, when their son Daniel T. was a child two years old. After completing his studies in the district school, our subject took a full course in Lansing College, and for a time employed himself in teaching.

In the fall of 1874, when twenty-two years of age, young Hall entered the drug-store of Fisher & Baker, in Tecumseh, in the capacity of clerk, which position he occupied until the death of Dr. Fisher. He then purchased the interest of the deceased partner, and under the firm name of Baker & Hall, continued the business which had been established years before by Horace Baker, the oldest continuous druggist in the town. The firm carries a full stock of drugs, medicines, paints and oils, and also

has a grocery department which is well patronized.

Mr. Hail, shortly after reaching his majority, was united in marriage with one of the most estimable young ladies of Tecunseh, namely, Miss Dora Doriell, who was born in August, 1853, and is the daughter of William and Elizabeth (Hitchens) Doriell, the former of whom is now deceased; the mother is still living. Mr. and Mrs. Hall have spent all the years of their wedded life in Tecunseh, and the little household now includes three children—Alfred D. Clare D. and Oscar S. The pleasant family residence is located in the eastern part of the town, and our subject and his wife enjoy the society and friendship of its best people.

Mr. Hall is a member of the Baptist Church, in which he is Secretary of the Board of Trustees, and one of its most liberal supporters. He is Republican in politics, Secretary of the Fire Department, and was elected to the office of Mayor in the spring of 1887, the duties of which position he is fulfilling with credit to himself and satisfaction to all concerned. He is ranked among the reliable business men of Tecumseh Township, and one of whom more is expected in the future. He is Past Dictator and present Reporter of Tecumseh Lodge No. 870, Knights of Honor, and Regent of Tecumseh Council No. 634, Royal Arcanum.



ESTER H. SALSBURY, who occupies a prominent position at the Adrian bar, is a native of Lenawee County, and was born in Dover Township, June 25, 1842. He is next to the youngest of a family of five children born to Osmyn and Theodocia (Rooker) Salsbury. Deacon Osmyn Salsbury was born in Orleans County, N. Y., on the 30th of April, 1804, while his father, Levi Salsbury, was born in Scotland, and was one of twelve brothers who came to this country during the last century, and settled in Orleans County, N. Y. In 1830 Osmvn Salsbury married Theodocia Rooker, then of Adrian, but a native of Whitehall, N. Y., where she was born April 30, 1809; she died in Lenawee County in April, 1872. Osmyn Salsbury came to Michigan in 1826, and settled in Adrian,

where he remained three years, and located eighty acres of land just west of the village. He then located upon another farm in Dover Township, upon which he resided for many years, and then removed to Ann Arbor, where he died June 5, 1879.

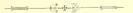
Lester H. Salsbury was reared on his father's farm in Dover Township, and attended school a few weeks during the winter, assisting in the work of the farm during the remainder of the year. He attained his manhood about the time of the breaking out of the late Civil War, and in May, 1861, he enlisted as a private in Company B, 4th Michigan Infantry, and was assigned to the Army of the Potomac. He participated in all the campaigns of that army, and in the battle of Gettysburg he was wounded in three places; one ball passed through his left lung, one through his arm, and one lodged in his right thigh. He lay in the field hospital for three weeks, and was then sent to Harrisburg, Pa., where he remained about three months. Upon his recovery he rejoined his regiment at Bealton Station, Va., and soon after took part in the Mine Run campaign. Suffering from the effects of his wounds, and having served his country faithfully for three years, he concluded to quit the army at the expiration of his term. For meritorious service he had been promoted Second Lieutenant, but on account of his wounds, and the expiration of his term of enlistment, the commission was never issued by the Government, and on the 24th of March, 1864, he was mustered out of the service at Bealton Station, Va.

Upon his return to Lenawee County, Mr. Salsbury again engaged in farming, and in the following spring was elected Treasurer of Dover Township. In the spring of 1866, feeling the want of an education, he entered Oberlin College, where he pursued his studies vigorously for two years, devoting a portion of his time to school teaching, whereby he procured the means to defray his college expenses. In the fall of 1868 he entered Hillsdale College in the junior class. He taught school two terms of four months, during the time he was in that college, and at the same time kept up his studies and graduated in the class of '70. Having determined upon a professional life, soon after his graduation from Hillsdale he entered the law de-

partment of the State University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor. After leaving that institution he recuperated his financial condition by school teaching, and then entered the law office of Sawyer & Bean, at Hudson, and later taught a graded school at Clayton, this county. At the conclusion of the term of this school he returned to his law studies, and was admitted to the bar on the 30th of November, 1872.

From his first starting out in life Mr. Salsbury had to depend wholly upon his own resources. At the time he began his literary career his educational advantages had been very meager, but he prosecuted his studies with such energy and vigor that his progress was rapid and easy, and at all times his grade in his classes compared favorably with the best. In January, 1873, he formed a partnership with Seth Bean, of Hudson, which lasted for two years, when Mr. Bean was elected Prosecuting Attorney. Mr. Salsbury continued the practice in Hudson until 1882, when he was elected Prosecuting Attorney, as the nominee of the Democratic party, in a county strongly Republican, and two years later ran again for the same office, and was elected by a handsome majority of 1,185 votes. In 1886 he was a candidate for Congress on the Democratic ticket, but was defeated by Hon, E. P. Allen, of Washtenaw County. Mr. Salsbury has been active in his law practice, and is now in the enjoyment of a large and lucrative business.

On the 29th of September, 1881, Mr. Salsbury was united in marriage with Miss Sue M. Quinn, of Wilmington, Clinton Co., Ohio, where she was born and reared to womanhood.



ATTHEW M. BENNETT, an enterprising farmer residing on section 6, in Seneca working for a native of Lenawee County, and was born July 25, 1838. He is the eldest of a family of three children, all boys, born to bis parents, Moses and Prudence (Jones) Bennett, who were natives of the State of New York, and were members of an old pioneer family of this county. His father settled in Hudson Township among the first who broke the way for civilization

into the leafy wilderness that then covered that portion of this county. He at once located on a tract of Government land, and commenced to elear it, and after passing through all the hardships and privations common to the hardy pioneers of those days, and bringing his fields under contribution to the wants of civilized life, he settled down to the honest but laborious life of a western farmer. On this homestead he remained until 1875, when he was called from this world to the enjoyment of a better one, at the age of sixty years. His wife still resides on the old place.

Matthew M. Bennett passed his early days on his father's farm, enjoying excellent facilities for achieving a good education. He attended school at Oak Grove Academy, at Medina, as a supplement to the district schools, where he first received the elements of knowledge, and then returned to the parental roof and employed his time in assisting his father in his farm labors. While calmly enjoying the peace and quiet of the domestic hearth, the sounds of war rudely awoke him from his dreams of the future. Matthew being one of those "whose faith and truth on war's red touchstone rang true metal," he enlisted in 1862, in Company I, 6th Michigan Artillery. He participated with the regiment in the engagements at Vicksburg, Port Hudson, Morganza Bend, Ft, Morgan, Ft, Gaines, Mobile, and several other contests in the Gulf Department. With his company, he was on board the steamer "Clara Bell," when it was set fire to by a shell from a rebel battery, but with most of the men he escaped, the vesel having been run ashore for that purpose. He was discharged at Mobile, Ala., June 20, 1865, and returned to his home.

The ceremony which united the destinies of Matthew M. Bennett and Miss Sarah Greeley took place in Morenci. Miss Greeley was the daughter of Noah and Maria (Gould) Greeley, and was born in Sencea Township, Lenawee Co., Mich., May 14, 1843. Her father was a native of New Hampshire and her mother of New York, in which latter State they were married and lived until 1837, when they removed to Michigan, and settled on a tract of 400 acres of land in Sencea Township, which Mr. Greeley had bought. There he made his home until a few years before his death, when he removed to the vil-

lage of Morenci, where his demise occurred in 1874. when he was seventy-four years old. He was a second cousin of the illustrious Horace Greeley, the sage of Chappaqua, who so nearly became President of the United States. His wife died in Seneca Township on the old homestead in 1859, at the age of forty-nine years. They were the parents of nine children, three boys and six girls. Mrs. Matthew Bennett was reared under the parental roof, and after the death of her mother assumed all the household duties of her father's house. Her earlier schooling, on that account, was rather limited, but having an ambition to acquire an education, she has given much of her time since her marriage to repairing the misfortune of her younger years, and finally finished a course in the Chautauqua Circle in 1882.

In 1870 Mr. Bennett entered into the milling and lumbering business at Morenci, which he continued for some ten years. He then removed to Adrian, where he was in the employ of the Peninsular Car Company, as a special agent for the selection of lumber. He is now engaged in farming on section 6, where he owns some forty acres of land, all of which is under excellent tillage. In political aspirations, and simply does his duty as a citizen and elector. He is a member of the G. A. R. Post at Adrian, and of the I. O. O. F., and, with his estimable wife, has a membership in the Chatauqua Cirele and in the Methodist Church.

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LBERT WARING, of Tecumsch Township, has spent his entire life among the people of Lenawec County, his birth having taken place at the homestead which he now occupies and which was the second purchase of his father after the latter had east his lot with the pioneers of Michigan Territory. This is finely located on section 35, and comprises 300 acres of finely cultivated land with first-class buildings and supplied with all the machinery required for the convenience of the thorough and progressive agriculturist.

Our subject was born Feb, 10, 1851, and is the youngest son of a family of eight children, the offspring of Daniel and Mary A. (Harrison) Waring. the father a native of Orange County, N. Y., and the mother of Yorkshire, England. Daniel Waring was born March 24, 1806, and departed this life at his homestead in Tecumseh Township, May 18, 1879. The mother was born April 17, 1811, and is still living, making her home with her only daughter, Sarah A., Mrs. Eaton, who, with her husband, occupies a part of the old farm in Tecumseh Township. Although in the seventy-seventh year of her age she is in the enjoyment of fair health. She is the only daughter of John and Sarah (Wright) Harrison, who were also of English birth and parentage, and came with them to America when a young lady nineteen years of age, in 1830. Three years later she became the wife of Daniel Waring, and they settled on the land which he had purchased two years before and where he spent the remainder of his life.

John Harrison, the maternal grandfather of our subject, located in this county in 1830, with his family, and together with his excellent wife labored to build up a homestead upon a foreign soil, meeting with fair success and spending his later years amid the comforts which his toil had brought him. He passed away in the spring of 1865; the mother had died in 1833. Daniel Waring, the father of our subject, upon coming to this county, in the spring of 1831, located first a quarter section of land in Raisin Township, but subsequently sold this and purchased part of the land included in the present homestead. The most of this was covered with heavy timber, and the labor involved in clearing it and preparing the soil for cultivation seemed truly an Herculean task. The men of those times, however, were fully armed for the difficulties and the labors which lay before them, and Daniel Waring was in nowise lacking in the essential qualities. By working early and late, month after month and year after year, the forest gradually disappeared and smiling wheat and corn fields took its place. The humble cabin in the woods in time gave place to a handsome brick residence, which was put up in the summer of 1853, and being the first of its kind in the neighborhood, was the object of general admiration.

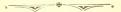
To Daniel and Mary A. Waring there were born

nine children, all of whom survived their father, and of whom six are now living and residents of Michigan. The father of our subject was a man of more than ordinary ability, and took a hyely interest from the first in the development and growth of his adopted county. He served as School Director for a period of thirty-six years in the district in which was erected in 1841 the second school-house in the township, only laying down his rule upon the erection of the late new building when he felt, and justly too, that he had performed his whole duty in this respect. Upon being urged to reconsider his resignation he replied that, "a new school-house should have a new Director," He was Republican in politics, and served a number of years as Commissioner of Highways, besides occupying many other positions of trust and responsibility.

The eldest child of the Waring household, John II., is now a well-to-do farmer of Van Buren County, Mich.; William II. is occupied in an insurance company in Peoria County, III.; Sarah is the wife of Horace B. Eaton, already spoken of; Alvah M. is farming in Ford County, Kan.; Joseph E. is engaged in merchandising at Tecumseh; Albert of our sketch was the twin brother of Abigail, who died when quite young, in 1877.

Albert Waring in common with his brothers and sisters, received his early education in the district school and completed his studies in the village of Tecumsch. He continued with his parents and after the death of his father began farming on his own account on a portion of the land belonging to the estate. He brought a bride to the old home in the fall of 1879, being married on the 3d of September, to Miss Julia A. Sisson, of Raisin Township, where she was born and reared. Her parents, George and Frances (Taylor) Sisson, were natives of New York, and among the early pioneers of Raisin Township.

Mr. Waring raises large quantities of grain which he feeds mostly to the fine stock of which he makes a specialty. To this his land is most admirably adapted, both from its location and the fertility of its soil. He has two large barns besides the various other out-buildings required for the prosecution of his calling, and a fine orchard is one of the most attractive features of the premises. Mr. Waring, like his father before him, has been prominent in local affairs since reaching his majority, and uniformly votes the straight Republican ticket. He was elected Justice of the Peace in 1883, serving until the spring of 1887, when he was re-elected and still holds the office. His own property includes 156 acres of land, and his residence is not far from the home of his aged mother.



SAAC C. MILLS. The snug farm of eighty acres pleasantly located in the eastern part of section 9 in Macon Township, has been under the supervision of the subject of this sketch for the past thirty-five years. Here he has effected improvements of which he may reasonably be proud, having brought the soil to a high state of cultivation, erected good buildings, gathered together a choice assortment of live stock, and provided the other appliances which distinguish the modern country homestead. Besides this property he owns thirty acres of land on section 10, and forty acres on section 11, all of which is valuable and very fertile. Mr. Mills, in addition to general farming has given attention to sheep-raising, which industry receives comparatively little attention in Southern Michigan, but which has been found quite profitable. His choice is the American Merino, which are of medium fine wool, and from which Mr. Mills derives annually a handsome income.

Isaac C. Mills was born July 31, 1832, and is the third child of Gabriel and Hannah Mills, who came to Lenawce County during its early settlement. The father was a very capable man, and in due time came to be regarded as equal to a public benefactor on account of his genuine interest in the growth and progress of his adopted county. He did much to encourage the immigration of an industrious and intelligent class of people, and took pride in the development of his farm and in adding to it those embellishments which would render it both valuable and attractive. He was the scion of a hardy and resolute class of people, who at an early day crossed the Atlantic and settled in New Jersey on Barnegat Bay, where they lived for several generations. Gabriel Mills for some years was a resident of the town of that name, where he acted as agent for a gentleman who owned several thousand acres of pine forests, the timber of which was cut down in large quantities and shipped to New York City. From this the owner accumulated a large fortune, and Mr. Mills as agent of these vast interests also realized liberally.

After the father of our subject had accumulated a few thousand dollars, he concluded to invest his capital in the undeveloped West, and accordingly, making his way to Michigan, located in Macon Township, Lenawee County, where he succeeded in his undertakings as a farmer and lumberman, and made for himself a name of which his descendants have reason to be proud. Reference is made to his life and labors in the sketch of Granville Mills, found elsewhere in this volume. Without a doubt Mr. Mills became one of the wealthiest men in Lenawee County at that time, and often stood between the settlers and starvation and loss, trusting all who asked him for lumber and other necessaries which he possessed, while nothing seemed to give him more satisfaction than to help those who were trying to help themselves. He owned at one time 1,200 acres of land in the State, 800 of which were in Macon Township. He donated all the material and built the first school-house at Macon, and was foremost in all the other enterprises tending to the progress and enlightenment of the people around him. After a life filled with good deeds he passed away amid the universal regret of the citizens of Lenawee County, on the 1st of February, 1851.

The mother of our subject, formerly Miss Hannah Collins, became the wife of Gabriel Mills in 1827. The household circle included eight children, and Isaac C., our subject, was the third child and second son. He was but two years old when his parents came to Michigan, and was reared to manhood in Macon Township, of which he has remained a continuous resident. While a youth he made the acquaintance of his future wife, Miss Kate A. Hood, and they were married at Plymouth, Wayne County, Feb. 5, 1836. Mrs. Mills was born in Novi Township, Oakland County, this State, Oct. 27, 1835, and is the fourth daughter and sixth-child of James and Catherine (McNelly) Hood, natives of New York State. They passed their earlier

years in Seneca County, where the father served an apprenticeship at the carpenter's trade, and where they were married. After the birth of part of their family they migrated to Michigan early in the thirties, locating in Oakland County, but subsequently they removed to Livingston County, where the mother died about 1842, when Mrs. Mills was a child of seven years. The father afterward took up his residence in Hillsdale County, where his death occurred in the spring of 1867.

Mrs. Mills, after the death of her mother became an inmate of the home of Mr. and Mrs. Blackwood, of Wayne County, with whom she remained until her marriage. Of the six children born to our subject and his wife, two are deceased, namely: Perris E. and James II., who died at the ages of twenty-five and sixteen respectively, Robert B. and the two younger children, Carl and Gabrielle, are at home with their parents. Frank, next to the eldest living, is engaged in photography in Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Mills have occupied the present homestead since their marriage. Although not connected with any church organization, they have reared their children carefully and conscientiously, and in a manner which will constitute them reliable and honorable citizens. Mr. Mills is a solid Democrat, politically, and has represented his township in the County Board of Supervisors, besides heing otherwise interested in local aff.drs. He has labored industriously and is now in possession of a desirable home and something to fall back upon in a rainy day.



EUBEN SAYERS. The well-appointed farm of 100 acres located on section 24, Adrian Township, was brought to its present fertile Scondition by the subject of this sketch, who took possession of it in 1883. He was born near the city of London, England, Oct. 10, 1834, and is the son of Reuben Sayers, Sr., who was also born in Sussex County, Jan. 21, 1814. The father was a gardener by occupation, and on the 14th of November, 1833, was married to Miss Jane Pickard, a native of Sussex, and born March 9, 1817.

The paternal grandfather of Mr. Sayers died in Sussex, England, at the age of sixty-five years,

His wife was a lady of great beauty and of humble parentage. She at different times lived among the nobility, and was given to spells of sleeping, which occupied from three to nine days. It is claimed that she was the original of the story "The Sleeping Beauty," which is so familiarly known to all readers of light literature. She came to her death by violence, hanging herself to a bedstead during a period of insanity.

Reuben Sayers, Sr., crossed the Atlantic in 1849, setting foot on American soil on the 21st of August. He had determined to locate in the West, and coming to this county, took up his abode in Adrian Township with his wife and four children. He employed himself at whatever he could find to do, at first in the city, and subsequently he followed farming, but he died while still a young man, July 4, 1853, in the fortieth year of his age; the mother is still living, and resides near Jackson, this State. There were born to them eight children in England, four having died before they made the voyage to the United States; the other four are living and residents mostly of this county.

Our subject was the eldest child of his parents, and remained at home until after the death of his father, when the household was broken up and the mother, who was in poor health, looked to Reuben mainly for her support. He performed his filial duties in a most praiseworthy manner, and employed himself at whatever he could find to do, working by the day or month, and from his habits of industry and his intelligence, made many friends. He prospered accordingly, and on the 1st of January, 1857, feeling justified in forming domestic ties of his own, was married to Miss Adeline A. Snedeker, and settled with his bride upon a rented farm, of a part of which he afterward became the owner. He increased his land to 110 acres, and then sold out and purchased the farm which he now operates and which was formerly the property of a gentleman for whom he had worked in his less prosperous days. Mr. and Mrs. Sayers are the parents of one child only, a son, Edgar B., who was born Feb. 27, 1861, in Adrian; he married Miss Lucy Hill, and they have two sons. In the absence of daughters of their own Mr. and Mrs. Savers adopted a little girl, Mattie E. Chapman, who is now a bright and promising young miss of twelve years, having been born May 8, 1876.

Mrs. Sayers is the daughter of James and the sister of Dwight Suedeker, a sketch of whom will be found on another page in this Ana v. She was born in Adrian Township, Oct. 5, 1839, and with her husband is an active member of the Baptist Church at Adrian, where she has been engaged in Sunday-school work for some time. Our subject cast his first Presidential vote for Buchanan, but now gives his undivided support to the Republican party. His farming operations have been carried on with excellent judgment, and he is considered above the average in point of skill and industry. He exhibits some excellent live stock and has made a specialty of sheep-raising.



OHN II. WILSON. This typical, warmhearted Irish citizen has been for some years a resident of Macon Township, where most of the time he has occupied himself in farming, and with such good success that he is now practically retired from active labor. His home lies on section 25, where he has forty acres of choice land which he took possession of in the beginning of 1880, and which from an indifferently cultivated tract he has transformed into a valuable homestead.

The childhood and youth of our subject were spent upon a small farm in County Antrim, Ireland, where his birth took place in 1825. Although his advantages were quite limited, his natural industry and intelligence were exercised greatly to his advantage, and by keeping his eyes open to what was going on around him and reading as he had opportunity, he became quite well informed. At an early age he was taught to make himself useful, and for many years his chief employment was with the shovel and the spade. He continued in his native Ireland until the spring of 1863, making but little headway, and now determined on a change of location. He had in the meantime married and become the father of a family, and now, bidding adien to his friends, boarded a steamer at the port of Belfast, and after a safe voyage, landed at Quebec, Canada, twenty-four days later. He settled in the Province of Ontario, but a year later came to this county and employed himself for several months at whatever his hands could find to do. He then took up a tract of land in Macon Township, where he operated as a tenant for eight years, then purchased twenty-seven acres in Rugeway Township, which he occupied until 18-77. He then sold this property and rented for three years, after which he purchased his present farm. This is now cultivated mainly by his two sons, Thomas and Robert, active and enterprising young men, of whom the father may reasonably be proud.

Mr. Wilson, in early manhood, was first married to Miss Elizabeth Stewart, who became the mother of six children and died in her native county. Two of her family are now deceased. Francis, the eldest son living, married Miss Sarah Wilson, and is engaged in bricklaying at Los Angeles, Cal.; William married Miss Sarah L. Wilson, and they are residents of Tecumseh; James married Miss Anna Lane, of Macon Township, and is also a resident of Los Angeles, Cal., where he is engaged as a machinist; John is unmarried, and engaged as a stocktrader near Meadow Creek, Madison Co., Mont.

Mr. Wilson was a second time married, in his native county, to Miss Rose A. Craig, a daughter of Protestant parents and of the same religious denomination as her husband. Their two children—Thomas and Robert—were born in Ireland, and the remaining child, Maggie, a native of Macon Township is now the wife of John Smith, of Tecumsch. Mr. Wilson and his sons are uncompromising Democrats, politically, and the family religiously, adhere to the Presbyterian Church.

HARLES A. SMITH. Fully as much depends upon those who are left to perpetuate the institutions brought into existence by their forefathers as upon their projectors, and due credit should be given those who are bearing in a worthy manner the mantle which has desended upon them. Among these latter may be mentioned the subject of this sketch. Mr. Smith is a native of this State, and was born in Hillsdale County, Feb. 20, 1842. He is the son

of Azariel and Mary (Andrews) Smith, who removed into this State from Danbury, Conn., in the year 1839, and settled in the township of Somerset, Hillsdale County, with their family of five children—George A., Julia A., William Henry, F. Hart and Legrand J.

Charles A. Smith, after completing his primary course in the district school, spent one year in Hillsdale College, and then commenced life for himself as a clerk in the store of his brother, George A., holding the position both at Somerset and Addison for about six years. He then bought a half interest in the firm of Smith Bros., of Addison, and he and his brother Legrand J, continued together in the mercantile business ten years. Charles A. subsequently purchased the interest of his brother, the latter returning to the old homestead, where he has since remained, having bought out the interest of the other heirs in the property. Our subject, in connection with the mercantile business, has carried on farming considerably in Woodstock Township.

Mr. Smith, on the 2d of July, 1867, was married to one of the most accomplished young ladies of Jackson County, Miss Nellie D., daughter of Salmon H, and Catharine (Gordineer) Holmes. The Holmes family was originally from Connecticut, where Salmon H, was born and whence he came to Michigan during his early manhood; he is still living and a resident of Jackson County. Mrs. Smith was born in Liberty Township, Jackson County, Jan. 30, 1846, and is a lady of great amiability of character and one of the comparatively few who believe we are placed in this world not alone to seek our own pleasure and happiness, but to do good as we have opportunity. Nature endowed her with large benevolence and fine mental capacity, and these talents she has sought to increase in accordance with the Scriptural injunction. She has been an active worker in the temperance cause, and was Corresponding Secretary of the county W. C. T. U. for a term of two years, and occupied the same position in the Baptist Foreign Mission Society of Lenawec County, seven or eight years. She possesses rare executive ability, and the local societies invariably call upon her for assistance in their undertakings, and to fill important offices. Her

name has long been familiar in all good works throughout Lenawee County.

Mr. and Mrs Smith have four children, recorded as follows: The eldest, a daughter, Shirley H., was born May 7, 1870, and is completing her fourth year at Hillsdale College; she has inherited in a marked degree the talents of her mother, and is finely advanced in those accomplishments in which she is ambitious to excel. Bruce was born Sept. 9, 1873; Charles V., May 31, 1876, and Zoe N., Nov. 4, 1877; they all make their home with their parents.



LIE. MUNN. The subject of the following sketch is operating one of the largest fruit farms in Lenawec County, pleasantly located on section 26, in Adrian Township. For many years past he has given close attention to horticulture, and seems particularly adapted to the business in which he has met with fine success. As a citizen and a business man, he possesses the desirable elements which reflect credit upon a community, and is in all respects a leading light among the enterprising men of this section.

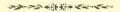
Mr. Munn, like many of the early settlers of Lenawee County, is a product of the Empire State, and was born near the town of Ontario, Wayne County, Sept. 26, 1820. His father, Horace Munn, a native of Massachusetts, was the son of Israel Munn, also of New England birth and parentage, who removed with his family to Ontario County, N. Y., during its early settlement, and there with his excellent wife spent the remainder of his days; he lived to be seventy-three years of age, and Grandmother Munn was sixty-five or seventy at the time of her death. Israel Munn was a man of great energy and force of character, always busy and active, and had a thorough contempt for the idler. He carried on blacksmithing and farming, and at one time conducted a hotel in New York State.

Horace Munn, the father of our subject, learned the trade of a millwright, and was twenty-two years of age when he started out for himself. Hl-health, however, prevented his following his trade, and he accordingly engaged in farming in Monroe County, but died in middle life when forty-live years old. He married Miss Rowena Gardner, the wedding taking place at the home of the bride in Skaneateles, N. Y. She is now ninety-three years old, and makes her home at Ionia, Mich. Her father, John Gardner, of Connecticut, was a shoemaker by trade, and died near Syracuse, N. Y., many years ago. Grandmother Gardner survived her husband, and living to be ninety years old, departed this life at Owego. Tioga Co., N. Y.

Eli E. Munn remained under the home roof until twenty-five years of age, then started out for himself, working by the month, and, desirous of adding to his store of knowledge, still pursued his studies in his leisure hours. There were six children in his father's family, of whom he had the principal oversight and assisted in their maintenance. He lived economically, however, managing to save something from his hard earnings, and in 1853 he purchased 120 acres of land in Gratiot County. This, however, he never occupied, and not long afterward traded it for a farm in Fairfield Township, which he also sold, and in the year 1856 started for California, via the 1sthmus. Upon arriving near the port of Aspinwall, United States of Columbia, the train was wrecked, and about 250 passengers were killed and wounded. Mr. Munn concluded he would now give up his California trip and return home, and accordingly he resumed farming in Dover Township, where he continued six years. His next venture was in the State of Pennsylvania, where he took up his residence at Townville, where he engaged in teaming a year, then returned to Michigan, and purchasing twenty acres of land in Madison Township, this county, farmed three years. He then sold out and engaged on the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad as a carpenter, and upon retiring from this position he purchased forty acres of land in Dover Township, which he operated four years, and then engaged in trade in the city of Adrian, in the meantime buying a house and lot, where he lived with his family. He subsequently farmed in Deerfield Township, and after a short experience at hotelkeeping, purchased his present property. This includes thirty acres of land, which Mr. Munn has carefully cultivated, and which yields bountifully the products to which he is now giving his attention A view of Mr. Munn's residence and its surroundings is shown elsewhere in this work.

Our subject, while a resident of Perrinton, N. Y., was married, March 27, 1844, to Miss Mary, daughter of Morris Long, and a native of Dublin, Ireland. Mrs. Munn was born July 2, 1827, and came to the United States with her father when a child four years of age. They located first in Montreal, Canada, thence removing to Malone, N. Y., and from the Empire State, in 1855, to Michigan. Here Mr. Long engaged in farming until resting from his earthly labors, his death taking place about 1857, when he was sixty-one years old; his wife is still living in this county, making her home with her son John, and is about eighty-nine years old. Mr. and Mrs. Long were the parents of twelve children. of whom five are living, and all engaged in farming pursuits.

Mr. and Mrs. Munn commenced life together in a modest dwelling, and in due time became the parents of six children, as follows: Sarah S, is the wife of W. White, of Elkhart, Ind., and the mother of two children; they are living at present on the home place. Horace married Miss Mary Bemendiffer, and lives in Morenci; they have two children. Schuyler J. married Miss Nellie LeSage, and is conducting a restaurant in Clayton, Ill.; they also have two children. Charles H. married Miss Ida Kooney, and is engaged as a telegraph line repairer at Toledo, Ohio; they have one child. Addie Della is the wife of Ira Wilcox, a prosperous farmer of Rome Township, and Byron E., the youngest, lives with his parents and attends the distriet school. Mr. Munn, like his father before him, votes the straight Republican ticket.



OHN SORBY. There are very few persons in the northeastern part of Lenawee County to whom the name of this gentleman is not as familiar as a household word. He is a native of Yorkshire. England, where he was born June 28, 1849, and spent the years of his boyhood and youth upon his native soil until July, 1870, when he embarked for America. After a few months spent in traveling through the United States

and Canada he returned to his native land. He was married in this county to Miss Mary De-Greene,

In 1872 Mr. Sorby once more crossed the Atlantic, and with his young wife took up his location in Rollin Township, this county, where he engaged in farming pursuits for a period of fourteen years, Then determining to retire from active labor, he established himself in Addison in November, 1886, and invested a portion of his capital in general merchandise. Three years later he removed into the fine block now occupied by his business, and makes a specialty of dry goods in connection with his store of general merchandise. He still retains possession of his farm, which embraces 330 acres of choice land under a high state of cultivation, Upon it are a commodious frame dwelling, good barns and other out-buildings, and a choice assortment of live stock and machinery.

Richard Sorby, the father of our subject, emigrated to America when Southern Michigan was a wilderness. He was proprietor of a coal mine, and spent his last years in England, dying in the spring of 1862 at the age of fifty-six years. He had married in his native country Miss Margaret DeGreene, who died in 1877 in England, when sixty-five years old. They were the parents of seven children, of whom five are living; our subject is the only one who came to this country.

Mr. and Mrs. S. became the parents of six children. Their eldest son, John, was born May 25, 1873, and is pursuing his studies in the village school; the next child died in infancy; Edgar A. was born Jan. 29, 1876; Florence M., Aug. 23, 1881; Earnesteen, May 28, 1885, and Josephine E., Sept. 7, 1886. Mrs. Sorby is an active worker in the W. C. T. U., and a member of the Congregational Church, in whose home missionary society she has been warmly interested for some time.

The grandmother of Mrs. Sorby was a Gifford, and a portion of the Gifford family genealogy from the English book of Heraldry, commonly called "The Dooms-Day Book," is as follows: The family of Giffords are of great antiquity, and were seated at Honfleur, in Normandy, three centuries before the conquest of England by Duke William. At the battle of Hastings, in 1066, Leo Rudolph De-

Gifford was one of the Conqueror's standard-bearers, and was rewarded by him with lands in Somerset shire and Cheshire, which were created into a barony, from which his descendants had summons to Parliament. In the reign of King Henry H. Sir Peter Gifford married Alice, daughter and heiress of Lio Grey DeCorbuchin, with whom he had the Lordships of Chillingston in Cheshire, which was the seat of the Dukes of Buckingham, of his family.

Lio Stephen Gifford was one of the Barons accompanying Richard Cour de Lion to the Holy Land, and was killed at the siege of Jerusalem, while his son, Sir Stephen, was wounded in the same engagment. This family enjoyed great distinction in the English Court for several centuries, and no fewer than five peerages existed in it at one time. Baron George Gifford was made Earl of Buckingham by King Henry V., but joining the House of York against that of Lancaster, and being one of the prime favorites of King Edward V., he was created Duke of Buckingham, and married the Princess Mande Plantaganet, the King's cousin. His son George Gifford, Duke of Buckingham, was one of the favorites of the Duke of Gloucester, afterward King Richard III., but being detected by that tyrant in the act of corresponding with the Earl of Richmond, afterward Henry VII., he was accused of high treason, attainted, and beheaded by Richard's orders.

The Duke of Buckingham left several infant children, but as they had been deprived of their lands and title that mercenary King, Henry VII., found it more convenient not to restore them, and Henry Stafford, a very powerful noble, having married the eldest daughter of Henry, was created by hm Duke of Buckingham. The Staffords followed the fate of their maternal ancestor; the grandson of Humphrey was beheaded and his family deprived of their vast estates.

Of the sons of the last George Gifford, Duke of Buckingham, George continually solicited the Crown and Parliament for his restoration, but from the opposition of his powerful brother-inlaw, Stafford, was always defeated. The Giffords, in the reigns of King Henry VIII, and Queens Mary and Elizabeth, put their claims before the English Parliament, never, however, being able to attain judgment. In the reign of James I, Sir Ambrose Gifford claimed before the House of Peers to be Duke of Buckingham, but in the second year of the reign of Charles I, his claims were disallowed on account of his poverty.

Walter Gifrord, son of Sir Ambrose, enigrated from England to Massachusetts in 1630, and was the originator of the American branch of this ancient family. Of their descendants who have been noted are the celebrated Sir John Gifford, and Lord Gifford, the Master of Rolls who prosecuted, while English Attorney General, Queen Caroline, the wife of George IV., upon a charge of high crimes and misdemeanors. The motto of the Gifford family was "Nothing without the Divinity."

The Sorby family in England was a popular, prominent and wealthy one, one of the late ancestors of our subject having been closely indentified with the famous cuttery manufactory at Sheffield, and left to each of his sons £10,000.

ICHAEL SMELTZER. Among the emigrants who settled in Ireland in the reign of Queen Anne, induced by a colonization society, whose object it was to establish Protestantism in the South of Ireland, were the ancestors of our subject. As an inducement, land was offered to them at a nearly nominal rent on perpetual lease, or, as the document was worded, "as long as grass grows and water runs." Here, in County Limerick, Dec. 29, 1805, was born Arnold Smeltzer, the father of our subject.

At the age of twenty-six, on the Lith of May, 1831, Arnold Smeltzer came to America, landing in Quebec, Canada, with \$1 in his pocket. During that summer he worked in a shipyard at fifty cents per day, and in the fall of the sume year he went to Scneca County, N. Y., where he engaged with a farmer for \$4 per month, which was increased to \$40 for the summer months. Here he remained until 1837, when he came to Michigan, and engaged in the same occupation for several years. He became possessor of a hotel in the village of Ridgeway, which he was obliged to take in payment for the money loaned to the man that built it. Soon

after he exchanged the hotel with Stephen V. Miller for land on section 29, in Macon Township, where he settled and made improvements in the way of building and clearing the land. During his life he owned several farms in Lenawee County, and made a good deal of money by dealing in real estate. In religion he was an Episcopalian, in politics a Democrat. After selling his farm in Macon Township, he came to Raisin, where he died Dec. 29, 1871, and where his son, the subject of our sketch, now lives.

Michael Smeltzer first saw the light in Macon Township, Lenawee County, in 1843, and in 1860 he removed with his father to Tecumseh and lived there two years, during which time he pursued his studies, already begun in the district school, by an attendance at the Tecumseh High School. He then returned to Macon Township, remaining two years, when in 1864 he came to Raisin Township, where he lived with his father until the latter's death, as above stated. Soon after his father's death Mr. Smeltzer purchased the interest of the other heirs in the farm, which he has owned and lived on until the present time. This fine farm embraces part of sections 2 and 3, Raisin Township, and has been very much improved by Mr. Smeltzer since it came into his possession. He has built thereon a beautiful and commodious residence. and repaired and enlarged his barns until he has now all the conveniences in that line for the successful pursuit of his ealling. The farm is in a high state of cultivation and very productive, always returning a good dividend for the labor expended upon it.

On the 14th of March, 1872, the subject of our narrative was united in marriage with Miss Mary Josephine Bangs, a resident of the township of Raisin. To them have been born two children: Luella, April 10, 1873, and Bertha Florine, March 6, 1875; Luella died July 27, 1881. Mrs. Smeltzer was born in Raisin Township, Feb. 12, 1851, where she lived at the homestead until her marriage, receiving her education at the district schools and Tecunsch High School. She is a singularly gifted and intelligent lady, and is the daughter of John Bangs, a man prominent among the old settlers. Mr. Bangs was born in Stamford, Dehaware Co., N.

Y., and was married March 26, 1805. He lived with his father, a minister of the Methodist Church, until his majority, when he came to Michigan and located in Raisin Township, where he died March 25, 1869.

Mr. Smeltzer has three sisters living: the eldest, Mrs. John McCleod, now resides in Detroit; the second, Mrs. Fred Landgraff, lives in Adriau, while the youngest resides with her mother in Detroit, Mr. Smeltzer's maternal ancestors lived in New Jersey, and were engaged in active service in the Revolutionary War.

During the autumn of 1864 Mr. Smeltzer cast his first vote for George B. McClellan for President, and has never failed to avail himself of the right of franchise since, voting with the Democratic party.

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HILO C. MILLS. The subject of this sketch settled in Lenawec County in 1832, and for over forty years was a resident of Franklin Township, Mr. Mills was born in Mt. Morris, Livingston Co., N. Y., Aug. 16, 1810, and is the son of Maj. Philo Mills, a native of Connecticut, and born in 1775. His grandfather, Rev. Samuel Mills, during his early life removed his family to Western New York, locating in Livingston County, and in that locality the sons, Alexander, Lewis, William and Philo, and the daughter, Sally, grew to maturity. Alexander Mills settled in Belfast, Allegany Co., N. Y., where he was a large lumber dealer and miller, then removed to Olean, that State, and subsequently to Ohio City, near Cleveland, where he died, Capt, Lewis Mills died in Mt. Morris, leaving a large family. Gen. William Mills was one of Mt. Morris' most honored citizens until his death. Mrs. Sally Whitney, the daughter, died at Fishkill, N. Y.

Maj. Philo Mills married Mary Green, and resided on a farm in Livingston County until 1835, when he removed with his family to Lenawee County, Mich., locating in Franklin near the son, Philo C. Mills. Here Maj. Mills became an extensive land-owner, having at one time 1,000 acres in a body. He was one of the leading farmers and stock-raisers in the county, introducing the first fine

cattle in this section. He was a large-hearted, public-spirited man, and a zealous Baptist, assisting in organizing a church and donating ground and a house of worship to that society. Maj. Mills was a lineal descendant of Samuel J. Mills, the missionary, the name of Samuel J. being preserved to the present generation. Mary Green, the wife of Maj. Mills, was the youngest child of Ebenezer Green, of the Mohawk Valley, N. Y., and was born June 9, 1783. There were ten children, five sons and five daughters. The father and three brothers were soldiers in the Revolutionary War. Joseph, the youngest brother, enlisted at fifteen years of age, and served the last year of the war. He received a pension to the time of his death, in 1852. Three brothers were subsequently killed by Indians while working in a sugar camp. Their ancestry is traced to John Green, who was a compeer of Roger Williams, and expelled with him from the Massachusetts Bay Colony, subsequently forming the colony of Rhode Island, and the first Baptist Church of America. Mr. and Mrs. Mills were the parents of fourteen children, of whom thirteen lived to maturity. In consecutive order they were Samuel J.; Nancy G., Mrs. Turner; John P.; Ebenezer G.; Mary A., Mrs. Workman; Philo C.; Sarah A., Mrs. Rundell; Harriet N., Mrs. Hampton; George II.; Jane M. and Henrietta M.; Almira N., Mrs. Greene, and Edwin J. Jane and Henrietta died unmarried at twenty-six years of age. Maj. Mills died in August, 1841, and Mrs. Mills, Feb. 22, 1842.

Returning to the subject of our sketch, Philo C. Mills, we find that after two years' residence in Michigan he returned to New York, and Sept. 10, 1834, he married Miss Mary Keeney, at Le Roy, Genesee County. After a few months, Mr. and Mrs. Mills came to Michigan to make their permanent home. They located in the midst of heavy timber, and when the forest was cleared and the log house reared, there is a tinge of romance as well as heroism in the eagerness with which they hastened to dwell under their own roof-tree, and begin their life of independent proprietorship. The grandchildren of to-day listen as to a fairy tale to the story of those days as told by the grandfather, when with a half-laid floor and almost literally a "deer skin for a window, and a blanket for a door," the brave little grandmother, who had been reared in comfort and refinement, cheerfully and resolutely did her part in the making of a home. Privations, hardships, hard work, many losses and discouragements were before them, but by united effort they steadily prospered until they possessed a well cultivated farm of 244 acres, with a commoditious house and barns, and were known as among the most presperous farmers of Lenawee County. Mr. Mills delighted in raising fine cattle and sheep, and felt special pride and satisfaction in sheltering and tenderly earing for his stock. No enterprise for public good or private benevolence was inaugurated in his township without his aid and sympathy, while the hospitality of their home was unbounded.

Mrs. Mary Mills was the second daughter of Joseph and Mary (Bishop) Keeney, and was born in New London, Conn., June 8, 1808, When six years of age, her parents removed to Le Roy, Genesee Co., N. Y. The family consisted of ten children, namely: Allen, Betsey, Mary, John W., Naney, Bishop, Ezra, Nicholas, Joseph and Emma. The brothers, Allen and Nicholas, and the sister, Mrs. Betsey Parsons, are prominent citizens of Le Roy, N. Y. Ezra died in youth, and Dr. Joseph at Lebanon, Ill. Dr. John W., Mrs. Nancy Cadman, Mrs. Mary Mills, Bishop and Mrs. Emma Bixby, located in Lenawee County, and all reared families. The parents, Mr. and Mrs. Keeney, were earnest Baptists; we find their names among those of the constituent members of a church at Lyme, Conn., and Mrs. Keeney was the last surviving constituent member of the Baptist Church of Le Roy, N. Y. She died at the age of ninety-three years and six months. From their parents the children inherited a healthy organization of muscle and brain, with habits of industry and self-reliance, which gave moral tone and strength, as well as physical vigor, to long and useful lives. Mrs. Mary Mills was a woman of remarkable energy, decided convictions, heroic in hopefulness and courage, and possessed of a native dignity of demeanor that won and held the confidenee of all who knew her.

Mr. and Mrs. Mills, in 1873, disposed of their farm to their son LeRoy, and removed to Tecumseh, resting from their labors and enjoying the fruits of their toil. In 1882 they removed to Adrian. On Feb. 23, 1887, surrounded by her husband and her five children, Mrs. Mills finished her earthly work and passed into the skies, calmly wafting messages of love and good-byes until she touched the other shore. Mr. Mills, at the age of seventy-seven, retains vigor of mind and body in an imusual degree. His time is divided among his children, in each of whose homes he has a warm welcome. With an ample income and sound health, he seems entitled to years of active usefulness. The only other remaining member of his father's family is his sister, Mrs. D. B. Greene, of Ypsilanti, Mich.

Mr. and Mrs. Mills are the parents of seven children. One son died in infancy and a promising daughter, Hattie, died at the age of nine years. In consecutive order the others are Mary E., Helen L., Frances M., Adelbert W. and Edwin Leroy.

Mary E. Mills was born Aug. 11, 1835, in Franklin, this county; at the age of seventeen, April 20, 1852, she became the wife of Daniel C. Blair, a farmer by occupation, and now residing in Napoleon, Jackson County, this State. They are the parents of six children: two sons, Charlie, aged two, Herbert, aged thirty, and a daughter, Hattie, aged sixteen, are deceased; three daughters, Mrs. Nellie P. Wood, Miss Minnie and Miss Bertha, are living. Mrs. Blair is a woman of untiring energy and acknowledged ability, and her influence and usefulness in religious and social circles are felt and appreciated.

Helen L. Mills was born in Franklin, Aug. 11, 1837. She is the wife of David A. Dodge, of Adrian, an attorney by profession. He was Captain of Company 1, 18th Michigan Infantry, in the late war, and is at present a member of the subscription book house of Mills, Dodge & Pomerov. They were married July 20, 1865, and are the parents of two daughters: Mamie E., who was born Oct, 18, 1867, and died March 13, 1884, and Lonise Frances, who was born March 22, 1875, and is still living. Mrs. Dodge was a teacher in the Tecumseh schools three years, and was Principal of one of the ward schools in Toledo, Ohio, for seven years previous to her marriage. She is Vice President of the Chautauqua class of 1888, and holds positions of responsibility in the church of which she is a member.

Frances M. Mills was born in Franklin, March 11, 1840. She is the wife of Henry M. Pomerov, of Adrian, successively a merchant, farmer, and at present connected with the firm of Mills, Dodge & Pomerov. They were married Nov. 4, 1871, and are the parents of two daughters: Flossie Helen, born Feb. 8, 1875, and Margery Lincoln, born Oct. 12, 1881. Mrs. Pomerov was one of the corps of teachers of the Adrian schools under Prof. Franklin Hubbard, for several years, and later was Principal of one of the ward schools of Toledo, Ohio. She has held responsible positions as private secretary of a leading journal in Chicago, and as equal active partner in a mercantile house in Denver, Col., and Atchison, Kan. Her business ability is well known, and in matters of church interest or public enterprise her generous and competent service can always be relied upon. Of each of the daughters of Mr, and Mrs. Mills it can be truthfully said that their present financial prosperity has been largely promoted by their personal energy and skill.

Adelbert Workman Mills was born July 20, 1843, and attended country schools until sixteen years of age, when he entered the hardware store of his uncle, E. J. Mills, of Ypsilanti, and remained two years. He then completed his school education at Adrian College. Thirteen days after attaining his majority he enlisted as a private soldier in the war of the Rebellion, joining a regiment already in the field, and became a member of Company G, 11th Michigan Cavalry. Two weeks later the command left Lexington, Ky., on the famous Saltville raid, and from that time until he was mustered out, at the close of the war, he was never in camp longer than necessary to be remounted. He was in the battles of Saltville, Marion, Salisbury, Wythville, Bean Station and many minor engagements. No regiment has a better record for bravery than the 11th Cavalry, and robust health enabled A. W. Mills to be always found at the post of duty. Receiving an honorable discharge he returned to Franklin Township, and rented and worked his father's farm for the next three years, making a financial success. During the next three years he taught school and worked with a book agency in Iowa, when he began to employ and manage agents for himself, which business he has continued to the

present day with marked success. From 1873 to 1876 he was located in Toledo, Ohio, and in 1876 removed to Tecumsch, where he became permanently established as a book publisher. His public duties as member of and President of the Village Council three terms, member and President of the School Board, Quartermaster, and Commander of Beers Post, G. A. R., etc., indicate the respect in which he is held as a citizen of Tecumseh, while the "Mills Block" and his attractive residence are evidence of his financial thrift. On the 10th of October, 1876, A. W. Mills was married to Rosa McKinney, a graduate of Tecumseh High School and a successful teacher. Their family consists of four children: Mary Alice, born Nov. 22, 1877; Mabel Dixon, July 29, 1882; Adelbert Philo, Nov. 10, 1883, and Truman Raymond, Feb. 19, 1887.

Edwin Leroy Mills was born Nov. 16, 1846, in Franklin, being the sixth child and third son of his parents. He received a common-school education at the district school, and later attended Adrian College some three years, teaching winter terms of school in the country to obtain necessary funds to pursue his studies. Possessed of energy and applieation, and never shrinking from any honorable labor, he soon laid a good foundation for success. Upon leaving the old farm he engaged in the book business, taking orders on the road nearly twelve years, during which time he became general agent for a book firm, and handled a corps of agents. In 1873 he purchased the old homestead, which at intervals he occupied and rented, and finally exchanged for a farm in the same township, three and one-half miles west from Tecumseh. In 1879, on account of failing health he quit the road and assumed the management of his farm. Mr. Mills is identified among the best stock-raisers of the county, having reared the celebrated horse "Hunter," record 2:26, and other valuable animals. At this time he is possessed of some of the best bred horses in the State. In 1884 he rented his farm of 132 acres, which he still owns, and removed to Adrian, becoming one of the firm of Mills, Dodge & Pomeroy, subscription book publishers and agency, the business extending over several States.

In 1886 Mr. Mills was elected Secretary of the Lenawee County Agricultural Society, and has been twice re-elected to the same position. In the spring of 1887 he was elected Supervisor of the Third Ward, city of Adrian, and re-elected in 1888. On Jan. 1, 1873, Mr. Mills married Miss Amie Hunter, second daughter of Andrew J. and Abial (Wimple) Hunter, a woman of sterling worth. They have three sons: Hugh Hunter, born Feb. 10, 1874; Harrie LeRoy, Jan. 8, 1877, and Herbert Wade, Jan. 27, 1887.

ETER R. ADAMS. There came to Southern Michigan, before the Territory had been transformed into a State, one of its bravest spirits, enthroned in the person of the gentleman whose name stands at the head of this sketch, and who prior to his lamented death built up a record which his descendants for many generations hence will be proud to receil. A native of Pennsylvania, he was born in the town of Tioga, Feb. 10, 1805, and was the son of Rufus and the grandson of Isaac Adams, the latter a native of Connecticut, who emigrated to Pennsylvania and died in Tioga County, in 1812.

Rufus Adams in early manhood married Miss Mary Roberts, a native of Livingston County, N His early death left his son Peter R., at the age of seven years, obliged to depend mainly upon his own resources, as there was but a small property to serve as the support of the mother. labored at whatever his hands could find to do, and at an early age evinced a desire for an education. Although his school advantages were rather limited, by devoting his leisure time to study, he obtained a good knowledge of the common branches, and when a youth of eighteen began Having in view the legal profession he teaching. repaired to Danville, N. Y., and commenced the study of law, and in 1825 was admitted to practice. He was married, in 1829, at Tioga, Pa., to Miss Cordelia M., daughter of David Waller, of Palmyra, Ohio, and in May, 1830, he came with his wife to Detroit, and not many weeks later they took up their residence at Tecumseh, this county, which remained their home from that time. In Tecumseh, then the county seat, Mr. Adams began the practice of law, which he continued with fair success until the fall of 1842, and then on account of impaired health found it necessary to seek more active employment.

During these years Mr. Adams, besides giving close attention to his professional duties, has interested himself in the affairs of his adopted county, serving as Township Supervisor, Prosecuting Attorney, Judge Advocate, etc., and would have been called to other and higher offices could be have been persuaded to accept them. Upon giving up his practice he retired to a farm a mile east of the village, and from that time until 1861 gave his attention principally to agricultural pursuits. He lived easily and comfortably, engaging very little in manual labor, spending his time principally in superintending the operations of his farm. He returned to the village in 1861, and five years later was elected President and one of the Directors of the National Bank of Tecumseli, holding these offices until the institution closed up its business. In 1866 Mr. Adams commenced the publication of the Raisin l'alley Record, and for several years thereafter received a liberal public patronage. Its editorial columns, over which Mr. Adams himself presided, were conducted in a temperate and judicious manner, and reflected his sentiments on moral and financial questions which the experience of years of observation enabled him to discuss in a manner befitting their importance. He finally transferred his interest in this journal to other parties, and at the organization of the People's Bank became its President, retaining his position until it was succeeded by the bank of Fitzsimons & Co.

To Peter R. Adams and his wife Cordelia there were born three children, as follows: Peter W. is married and a resident of Tecumseh; Eliza M. became the wife of Col. W. C. Fitzsimons, and died April 20, 1878, leaving two sons, while Mary C., Mrs. John D. Schull, is a resident of Tecumseh.

Mr. Adams was a man particularly kind and generous in his disposition, benevolent and straightforward, and impressed those around him as being more than ordinarily conscientious, and anxious to be of service to his fellowmen. In the channels into which his natural talents led him he was unostentatious in his benefactions, preferring that his left hand should not know what his

right had done. His name and his labors will be remembered years hence, when men will talk to their sons concerning the works of the men who came to Lenawee County at a time when industry and talent were needed to develop her resources. While his intellect might have called him to a much higher position than he occupied in life, he took pleasure in tilling the soil and watching the handiwork of Nature in her various operations. He left behind him an influence for good which will be recognized unto the second and third generation.



RASMUS DARWIN ALLEN, for a long time editor of the Morenci Observer, on the 28th of February, 1885, finished a busy life. For some months before his death, friends noticed that his step was not so elastic as usual, and that his frame was giving way to some extent under the burden of years. Seeking by rest to recuperate himself, he took a trip to his boyhood home, but neither there nor at the springs of St. Louis, Mich., could be regain his wonted health. Returning to his home at Morenci, surrounded by all the comforts, attention and sympathy which loving friendship could give, he calmly faced the dread destroyer, Death.

Erasmus Allen was born in the township of Farmington, Ontario Co., N. Y., on the 3d of May, 1823, and was one of a family of seven brothers, several of whom are residents of Lenawee County. His beloved mother was a sister of Rev. Augustus Eddy, a noted Methodist minister of Western New York, whose son, Rev. Thomas N. Eddy, was for so many years the distinguished editor of the Northwestern Christian Advocate. farmer's son, was early ambitious to acquire a good education, and in furtherance of that object attended the Canandaigua (N. Y.) Academy, where he was a very apt and industrious young student, especially proficient in mathematics. Subsequently to this he attended the State Normal School at Albany, N. Y., in order to prepare himself for the profession of teaching. Shortly after graduating

therefrom, he became Principal of the Mendon (N. Y.) Academy, where he remained some time.

In June, 1846, Mr. Allen was united in marriage with Miss Maria McOmber, and three years later, impelled by the emigration fever, they removed to Michigan and first settled in Medina, Lenawee County, where Mr. Allen entered into partnership with his brother in the mercantile and milling business. Here his integrity secured him a good standing in the community, and his active enterprise and a wide acquaintance throughout the section brought its necessary return. He at that time formed friendships which remained strong and true until his death. Still interested in the cause of education, he materially assisted in the establishment of an academy at Medina, and was one of the contractors who erected the building to be used for that purpose. After about eight years' residence at that place, he emigrated to Nebraska, and purchasing some land, began farming operations near Brownville. About 1859 he decided to return to Michigan, and coming to this county located at Morenci. where, with the exception of a brief interval, he resided nearly a quarter of a century. He at once assumed the Principalship of the public schools, and filled that honorable position for several terms. To his thorough methods of teaching, many of his pupils, now respected men and women, lay whatever degree of prosperity or success they have had in the world.

About this time the subject of this sketch entered upon his editorial career, first publishing the Morenci Star, a journal which prospered, until the late conflict between the States broke out and overshadowed all interests of a local or business character. He then entered the dry-goods house of J. P. Cawley & Co., as book-keeper, which position he retained for nine years. In 1872, Morenei, for the first time heard the sound of a locomotive whistle, and entered upon a very lively and rapid growth. Mr. Allen, with ready discernment characteristic of him, saw the opportunity to make a village newspaper profitable, and at once embarked in the publication of a journal appropriately named the New Era, for which, by his untiring energy and tact, he soon secured a large circulation, and assisted largely in the growth and welfare of the village. After pub-

lishing the New Era for some three years, he was induced to sell his office and go to Detroit as publishing agent of the Michigan Christian Advocate. of which he was one of the original stockholders, Protracted sickness in his family prevented him from discharging the duties incumbent upon him in connection with that office satisfactorily to himself. and he therefore resigned it and returned to his old home in Morenci. In the autumn of 1875 he purchased the office of the Morenci News, which had been started in the meantime, and rechristened it the State Line Observer. This journal and the Morenei Observer he managed until his death. Unremitting toil and devotion to his business doubtless laid the foundation of the disease which caused his death. It was with the greatest possible reluctance that he obliged himself to cease from work, and to resign the entire business into other hands, even at the last moment.

Politically Mr. Allen was a stanch Republican, almost from the foundation of the party, and his voice was often heard in County, Congressional and State Conventions. His political associates, many of them leading politicians, sought his counsel, and his judgment was trusted by all. Having no political aspirations for bimself, he helped his friends to office through the influence which he commanded. While a young man, a talent for ready speaking which he had, he developed, and he was never at a loss to express his views. Ifaving strong convictions on most important questions, he was quite frequently called upon to address public meetings of various characters. Ever maintaining a deep interest in all educational matters, he encouraged and advised the teachers in their difficult labors, and helped them to organize institutes. For thirteen years he was Director of the public schools, filling that place when the fine school building was creeted. He was also elected Township and Village Clerk for several terms, and was the first Secretary of the Morenci Agricultural Society, besides being chosen to other minor offices. For some time he filled the position of President of the Morenci Reform Club, and throughout life was an entirely temperate and temperance man. Fearlessly advocating the cause of prohibition, when it was not so favorably received. as at present, he sought in every way to improve the moral status of the community. In the journalistic field, where he succeeded so well, he was an indefatigable newsgatherer and a facile writer. His idea of a local paper was one whose every column should be filled with items of home concern, put into condensed, spicy paragraphs. justly thinking that long and heavy editorials were out of place in a village paper.

In his religious views Mr. Allen was strictly orthodox, having no sympathy with the so-called liberal movement. On the 30th of June, 1867, he was baptised and received into full membership with the Methodist Episcopal Church, by Rev. J. T. Hankinson. He was afterward licensed as a local preacher, and later still, ordained as local Deacon at the Detroit Conference, and was for many years active in the official councils of the church. For about two years before his death he worshiped at the Congregational Church, singing in its choir. By his death his friends and the community in general met with a sad loss, but their loss was his great gain.

"There is no death; an angel form
Walks o'er the earth with silent tread;
He bears our best loved things away,
And then we call them 'dead.'
He leaves our hearts all desolate.
He plucks our sweetest, fairest flowers;
Transplanted into bliss, they now
Adorn immortad bowers."

ARON K. WALDRON. The flourishing little town of Tecumseh, among the other good things which have fallen to it, is the residence of many of those remarkable men who came to Southern Miebigan in the pioneer days and rescued the land from the wilderness. Among these the subject of this biography has borne no unimportant part. He first set foot in Tecumseh Township when a young man, in 1845, purchasing eighty acres on section 32, one mile west of the present village site, in Tecumseh Township. This land had scarcely been touched by the hand of the husbandman, having been the property of speculators for years. Young Waldron at once turned his attention to its improvement and

cultivation, and after the lapse of years transformed it into one of the most valuable and desirable homesteads in this section. Here he has lived, the object of esteem and confidence by his fellowcitizens, and a man who has done much to encourage the settlement of Southern Michigan by an intelligent class of population.

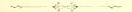
The childhood days of Mr. Waldron were spent in Seneca County, N. Y., where he was born near the town of Romulus, Oct. 23, 1823. His parents, William and Hester (Matthews) Waldron, were natives respectively of New Jersey and New York, the father born in January, 1789, and the mother, July 2, 1795. Some years after their marriage the parents removed to the Empire State, locating there on a farm, where the death of William Waldron occurred Nov. 14, 1833, when his son, Aaron K., was a lad ten years of age. He had labored industriously to improve his farm, which had been cultivated but very little when he took possession, and his death was a severe blow to his devoted wife, as they had naturally formed many plans for their future happiness, and the welfare of their little family, which included six sons and one daughter. After the death of the father these were scattered among strangers, Aaron K. being bound out to a farmer for seven years. The mother departed this life some years after the removal of her son, Aaron K., to the West.

Young Waldron received a common-school education, which was supplemented by an attendance at Ovid Academy for six months, after reaching his majority. In 1845 he emigrated to this State, being employed first as a farm laborer, and the year following purchasing the land already spoken of. He was prospered in his labors upon the new soil of Lenawee County, and in due time became the owner of 232 acres, which he brought to a fine state of cultivation. His stock operations were mostly confined to sheep-raising, in which he embarked about 1869, and in which he has been unusually successful.

On the 19th of September, 1846, Mr. Waldron having laid the foundation for a competency, considered himself justified in taking upon himself the responsibilities of a family and a home, and was accordingly united in marriage with Miss Sarah Gunderman, one of the most estimable young ladies of Seneca County, N. Y. Mrs. Sarah M. Waldron was born Feb. 26, 1826, and is the daughter of Jacob and Clarissa Gunderman, natives of New Jersey, who after their marriage removed to Lodi, Seneca Co., N. Y., where the death of the father occurred in 1845, and that of the mother in the spring of 1874.

Mr. and Mrs. Waldron, after their marriage, took possession of the little house creeted upon the new farm, and in due time became the parents of six children, three sons and three daughters: Lewis M. developed into a bright and studious boy, and in 1870 was one of the most promising graduates of the Detroit Business College; William J. is written of elsewhere in this work; Charles A. was graduated from the High School at Tecumsch, and also holds a diploma from the Veterinary College of Philadelphia; he is a resident of Raisin Township, and engaged in farming. Clara A. is teaching; Ada E. is a teacher in Tecumsch, and Sarah H. is at home.

Mr. Waldron, upon becoming a voter, identified himself with the old Whig party, with which he remained until the organization of the Republicans, and since that time has cheerfully supported the principles of the latter. Although almost sixty-five years of age, he enjoys good health and a large proportion of the energy which distinguished his young manhood. He is widely and favorably known throughout Teeumseh and vicinity, and no man is more highly respected, or deserves in a greater measure the confidence of his fellow-citizens.



LBERT COLLINS. For the last ten years the subject of this biography has held possession of the sing farm of seventy-three acres on section 3, Macon Township, where he has successfully carried on general farming, and established himself in the confidence and esteem of his neighbors. The land is mostly improved and quite fertile, and the buildings are shapely and convenient, and well adapted to the general purposes of country life.

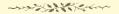
Our subject was born Dec. 2, 1841, at the old

homestead of his father, Isaac Collins, on section 2, in Macon Township, where the latter settled about 1834. Isaac Collins was born in Monmouth County, N. J., and was the son of James Collins, also of New Jersey, and of New England ancestry, who were characterized by their loyal adherence to the Quaker faith. He followed the occupation of a boatman while a resident of New Jersey, and came to Michigan with his son Isaac when the latter was a youth of eighteen years. It is supposed that they settled in the wilderness of Macon Township as early as the fall of 1832. They took up a tract of land on section 5, and after making some improvements, Grandfather Collins returned to New Jersey after his wife and family. Before they had started on the return journey, however, his wife Her remains were laid to rest in her native soil, and then James Collins proceeded to carry out his original intention, coming to Michigan with the remaining members of his family. Upon his arrival here he went forward with the cultivation of his land, but subsequently returned to his native State and married a second wife. His death took place in Macon Township, in 1864, when he was quite well advanced in years.

Isaac Collins, the father of our subject, was a youth of great energy, and at once commenced working as a farm laborer in order to pay for the quarter section of Government land which he had located in Macon Township. He was a praiseworthy citizen, and possessing the essential qualities of an honest man, was held in high regard wherever known.

The mother of our subject was in her girlhood Miss Mary A. Allen, of Ontario, Canada. After the decease of Mr. Collins she was married to Andrew Wilson, now a retired farmer, who is spending his later days comfortably at a pleasant home in the village of Tecumsch. Albert Collins, who was the eldest of the five children born to his parents, remained at home until reaching his majority, and was married, Jan. 9, 1868, to Miss Abbie J. Harriott, who was born in Saline Township, Washtenaw County, Aug. 45, 1846. Mis. Collins is the daughter of William and Sarah J. (Sanford) Harriott, natives of New York State, who emigrated to

Sonthern Michigan during its early settlement, and are still living, occupying a good farm in Saline Township. Mrs. Collins remained withher parents until her marriage, in the meantime receiving her education in the district school. Of her union with our subject there was born one child, who died in infancy. Mr. Collins votes the straight Republican ticket, and is a worthy representative of the family so widely known throughout this county.



EORGE G. ATWOOD, of Rome Township, is the son of one of its earliest pioners, and has here spent the greater part of his life. He was born at his father's homestead, on section 24, Aug. 19, 1838, and still calls it home where he first opened his infant eyes to the light, having for his portion eighty acres of the land which his father entered from the Government over fifty years ago.

Seth Atwood, the father of our subject, was born in Romulus, N. Y., about 1811, and was the son of William Atwood, an Englishman who crossed the Atlantic in early manhood, and settling in New York State there spent the remainder of his days, dying at the age of seventy years. Grandmother Atwood was sixty-two at the time of her death, which occurred some years before that of her husband. Seth Atwood remained in his native State until reaching his majority, and not long afterward decided to cast his lot with the pioneers of Michigan Territory. Upon reaching this county, being possessed of limited means, he commenced modestly and first took up 160 acres of Government land. To this he afterward added, but did not live to carry out his plans, being cut down by the hand of death while still a young man but thirty years of age. He had, however, become of considerable note as a good citizen, and was a Deacon of the Presbyterian Church.

The mother of our subject was in her girlhood Miss Jane A. Hood, and was born in Seneca County, N. Y., in 1813. Her father, John Hood, was from Pennsylvania, and served as a soldier all through the Revolutionary War. He was born on the 10th of June, 1762, married Miss Lucinda Moody, and died in the Empirie State, aged about seventy-two years. His wife died in Michigan at the advanced age of over ninety years. After the death of her first husband, Mrs. Atwood was married to Isaac Raymond, who died in California in 1880. Of her first marriage there were born four children, and one by the second. Sophia, the eldest, is now the wife of Clark Raymond, of Adrian: Esther, Mrs. Charles F, Finch, also lives in Adrian: George G, was the third child; Levia R, died at the age of eighteen years, and Mary, Mrs. Bacome, is living on a farm in Rome Township.

Our subject spent his carly years about the farm, assisting his mother and attending the district school in the winter season. His school days were practically over at the age of fifteen, and from his earliest recollection he has been in the habit of exercising prudence and economy, endeavoring to make the wisest use of his money and laboring diligently to secure a competence. At the age of seventeen he started out for himself by commencing the cultivation of the land apportioned from his father's estate, and in 1868 he put up the neat and substantial residence occupied jointly by his mother and himself.

Mr. Atwood has been quite prominent in local affairs, serving as Township Treasurer and Pathmaster, and was a member of the Masonic fraternity a number of years, belonging to the lodge in Marion.

ALSEY LEWIS, one of the oldest and most highly respected residents of Adrian Town, ship, like many of the early settlers of Lenawee County, is a product of the Empire State. He was born May 9, 1811, in Tompkins County, and is the son of Martin Lewis, who was born in Cayuga County. They were people of modest means, and the father followed farming, spending his entire life in the vicinity of his birth.

Young Halsey left home at the age of eleven years, and two years later, in company with a family of his own county, migrated to Michigan, locating in Adrian Township in the fall of 1824. He worked as a chore boy that winter, and in the spring of 1825 engaged to work on a farm in Monroe

County for his board and clothes one year. At the close of this contract he returned to New York with the family who accompanied him here, and remained a resident of his native State five years. He then returned to Michigan, and engaged to work on the farm of Gen. Brown, of Tecumseh, and the year following he was employed by Col. Anderson, receiving \$100 for twelve months' labor. He had now a small amount of money, which he invested in eighty acres of land in Tecumsch Township, and moving into a frame house, which he had put up, he kept bachelor's hall for a year, and then employed a family to keep house for him. After five or six years he sold out, and purchased 160 acres of land near Eaton Rapids, which, however, he never occupied. Subsequently he made his home with a neighbor, and rented his farm for ten or twelve years. He then purchased a farm at Monroe Junction, which he rented until 1848. That same year he took possession of 160 acres of land owned by Mr. George L. Shurts, the father of Mrs. Lewis, and who died that year. He proceeded with the cultivation of this land, and the following year, in the month of June, he was married to Miss Mary E. Shurts. This land afterward became the property of Mrs. Lewis, and since that time Mr. and Mrs: L. have occupied it and effected the improvements which have now rendered it quite valuable.

Mrs. Lewis was born Nov. 4, 1828, in Seneca County, N. Y., while her paternal grandfather, Jacob Shurts, was of German birth and parentage. He crossed the Atlantic when a young man, and located in Pennsylvania, where he was married and where his son, George L., was born. The latter married a Miss Margaret Mettler, and came to Michigan about 1833. He spent his last days in Adrian Township, dying at the age of forty-eight years, while his wife, Margaret, was but thirty-nine years old at the time of her death. The maternal grandfather of Mrs. Lewis, Daniel Mettler by name, was also a native of Germany, and a miller by trade.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis are recorded as follows: George H. was born June 20, 1849, and has always remained at the homestead; Margaret E. was born Oct. 9, 1850, and is the wife of Charles Hill, a prosperious farmer of this township; Winfield 8, was born May 17, 1852, and died in June, 1886; he was married and left a wife and four children. Martin was born Aug. 15, 1854, and died July 3, 1859; Mary J. was born June 2, 1855, and is the wife of William Snook, a mason by trade, and they are residents of Raisin; Emma J. was born Sept. 22, 1857; Charles J., June 17, 1859, and William E., Aug. 1, 1861; these three are at home with their parents. Eva A. was born Nov. 13, 1863, and is the wife of John Handgen, who is occupied at farming, and lives in Dover Township.



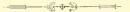
ILLIAM II. WIGGINS. The saug home-stead of this gentleman lies on section 21, Adrian Township, and comprises eighty acres of land with good improvements, which have been made principally by the present proprietor, and are in all respects indicative of industry and good taste. There is a fair assortment of five stock, and the farm machinery is of the most improved pattern, and embraces everything required for the successful prosecution of agriculture. Mr. Wiggins has been a resident of this township since 1873, and has acquitted himself as an honest man and a good citizen.

Our subject, like many others of his neighbors, is a native of the Empire State, having been born in the town of Floyd, Oneida County, April 8, 1839. His parents, Annin and Sarah (Tennent) Wiggins, were natives respectively of New York and Warwick, R. L., the former born Oct. 9, 1805, and the latter Oct. 6, 1807. They are living in Wyoming County, N. Y., which has been their home for forty-eight years; their family included four sons and six daughters. William II, Wiggins spent his childhood and youth under the parental roof, working on the farm and learning what he could during the winter at the district school, taking also one term at Middlebury Academy. Upon leaving home he worked for a time with his brother-in-law, and in 1861 started for the young State of Michigan, where he located in Washtenaw County, and engaged in peddling patent medicines in Bridgewater and vicinity; six months of this employment satisfied him, and he resolved to again try farming.

He was not supplied with sufficient capital to purchase to good advantage, and accordingly rented 320 agres of land near Manchester, upon which he operated three years, after which he removed to a quarter section near Bridgewater, which he occupied about the same length of time. He rented land one more year, and had now saved sufficient from his income to purchase a moderate-sized farm in the same neighborhood. Upon this he worked diligently for six years, with such good results that he sold out at a net profit of over \$2,000, and then purchased his present farm. Upon this there was much to be done in order to make it what Mr. Wiggins desired, and he persevered through many obstacles until he has succeeded in building up one of the most attractive homesteads in Adrian Township. His skill as an agriculturist, and his usefulness as a member of the community, long ago secured him the entire respect of his neighbors, He was elected Town Clerk the second year of his residence here, and has since held the position. He has served as School Director in his district, and has several times been called upon in the settlement of estates. His duties as administrator have been discharged in a faithful and conscientious manner, and he has been fortunate in giving general satisfaction. In 1885 he was elected to the House of Representatives, State Legislature, and served one term.

The marriage of William II. Wiggins and Miss Ellen M. Shipman took place at the home of the bride in Warsaw, N. Y., Jan. 3, 1865. Mrs. W. is the daughter of Stephen and Mary Shipman, and was born in Wyoming County, N. Y., Oct. 29, 1841. Her father was one of the most highly respected farmers of that region, and Mrs. Wiggins had been carefully trained by her excellent mother. She was a devoted member of the Baptist Church, and a lady who possessed many womanly virtues. After becoming the mother of two children, Mary O. and William S., she departed this life at her home in Manchester, Nov. 9, 1870.

The second wife of our subject, to whom he was married Aug. 16, 1871, was formerly Miss Clarissa A. Russ, a native of Cambridge, Mich., and was born Feb. 19, 1845. Her father, Silas H. Russ, came to this State during its early settlement, locating in Cambridge and engaging in farming and Mrs. Clarissa A. Wiggins died at the homestead, Dec. 29, 1885. She was a most worthy and excellent wife and a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. By the death of this lady two little daughters were left motherless-Minnie B., now twelve years of age, and Laverna M., aged six. Minnie is especially bright and promising, with a decided talent for music, in which art she has made good progress, and bids fair to excel. The present wife of William H. Wiggins is Sarah A., daughter of Alfred D, and Emily A. (Todd) Hall, natives respectively of New York and New Hampshire. Mrs. Wiggins was born in Tecumsel, Mich., Dec. 27, 1854, and had taught seven terms of school prior to her marriage, Sept. 21, 1887. She is a member of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Wiggins is a Democrat politically, and a member of the Masonic fraternity.



AMES W. ASH, who for the last twentylive years has been one of the familiar figures in the agricultural districts of Raisin
Township, was born on the homestead which
he now occupies, July 28, 1857. The farm is beautifully located and highly cultivated, and comprises
167 acres, occupying the northeast quarter of section 34, and a part of section 27. It has about it
the air of permanency and solidity which is especjully pleasing to the eye, and a place which involuntarily suggests all of the comforts and many of the
luxuries of life.

The father of our subject, William Ash, was born in Yorkshire, England, in 1810, and was of pure English ancestry. He continued on his native soil until a young man twenty years of age, then crossed the Atlantic July 3, 1831, and for a year thereafter was employed as a farm laborer in New York State, He was ambitious and adventurous, however, and finally set out for the Western country, coming to Michigan when a large part of the country was still in its primitive condition. He located first in Monroe County, whence he shortly afterward removed to Washtenaw County, being in his travels independent of horses or steam cars, making his way

mostly on foot, and thus having a good chance to look over the country.

The father of our subject finally decided that there was no locality more desirable than Lenawee County, and after a short time spent at the house of Sylvanus Westgate, he selected a tract of eighty acres, and walked to Monroe. Mich., to make the proper entry, Oct. 6, 1835. He then commenced in earnest the improvement and cultivation of his purchase, laboring like his brother pioneers, under many difficulties, tilling the soil with rude machinery and transporting his crops laboriously to market by means of horse or ox teams. He had come to stay, however, and whatever emergency arose, never thought of giving up or retreating from his standpoint. His land patent was signed by President Jackson, and our subject still holds the deed of the ground which was transferred from Uncle Sam to the Ash family, and has been owned solely by these two.

William Ash found it rather a lonesome business working by himself, and decided to bring a companion to his cabin home. The lady of his choice, Miss Esther Westgate, was the daughter of the gentleman before spoken of, Sylvanus Westgate, Esq., who was one of the carliest settlers of Lenawee County. The young people began life together in a manner suitable to their means and station, and the little household in due time included four children, of whom two are living and residents, one of this township, and one of Allegan County, this State. The mother only lived to be middle-aged, her death taking place at the homestead Dec. 7, 1844. She was a good woman in the broadest sense of the term, and greatly mourned by her family and friends.

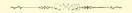
William Ash, some time after the death of his first wife, was married in Michigan, on the Maumee River, not far from the city of that name, to Miss Harriet Houghtby, a native of Lincolnshire, England, who came to the United States with her parents when a young woman. They settled in Southern Michigan and she remained under the home roof until her marriage. William Ash continued his residence on the home farm, adding improvements year by year, and there he finally looked his last upon the scenes of carth, his death taking place

at seventy years of age after a brief illness, July 13, 1880, and resulting from rheumatism of the heart. His career had been marked by honesty and uprightness, and by his industry and economy he had acquired a good property, at one time owning a large area of hand, and at the time of his death still had 200 acres. Mrs. Harriet Ash preceded her husband to the silent land, her death occurring Oct. 26, 1874. The seven children born of this union were named respectively: Adaline, Emeline, Clara A., Harriet C., James W., Chloe J. and Sophia E.

Our subject was the only son of the second marriage of his father, and in common with the rest of the family his services were utilized at an early age around the farm. During the time the district schools were in session he employed his time with his books, but aside from this he gained a good insight into the general methods of doing business, and being a bright and ambitions youth, early in life began to lay his plans for the future. Like his father before him, he at an early age possessed the knowledge required by a skillful and thorough furmer and was well fitted to assume the management of the homestead after his father had retired from active labor.

Our subject had already formed the acquaintance of the lady whom he intended to make his future wife, namely, Miss Emma Anderson, to whom he was married in Kent County, Mich., Feb. 10, 1881. Mrs. Ash is the daughter of Goram and Maria E. (Earl) Anderson, natives of Sweden and New York respectively. The mother passed away Aug. 26, 1873, when her daughter Emma was but a child; the father is still living and makes his home in Sparta. Kent Co., Mich. He had operated successfully as a farmer, and is now enjoying the ease and comfort which he justly earned by years of industry and frugal living. They were the parents of four children—William II., Ida C., Emma J. and Lizzie V.

Mr. Ash, soon after his marriage, conducted his bride to the old homestead where they have since lived, and to which each year he adds those improvements which steadily contribute to its beauty and value. The household circle includes three children: Ernest W., who was born March 18, 1882; Clyde J., March 22, 1884, and Pearl G., Feb. 26, 1886. Mr. Ash, politically, uniformly supports the principles of the Democratic party, and with his estimable wife, is a member in good standing of the Palmyra Grange, an association called into existence for the protection of farmers.



OSWELL BENNETT, an ordained minister of the Protestant Methodist Church, a gentleman of deep piety, and one who has been active and earnest in religious work for a period of forty years, took up his abode in Rollin Township in the spring of 1863. He was reared to farming pursuits, of which he is naturally fond, and, in connection with his other duties in life, has given considerable attention to agriculture.

Mr. Bennett was born in Ontario County, N. Y., Sept. 14, 1815, and is the son of Moses Bennett, a native of New Jersey, where he was born Oct. 18. 1795, and married Miss Edith Collins, a native of his own State, and born March 30, 1797. They removed to the Empire State after their marriage. and the father served in the War of 1812. The paternal grandfather of our subject, Jeremiah Bennett, was a soldier in the Revolutionary War, and at the close of the struggle took up his residence on a farm in Outario County, N. Y., whence he removed to Orleans County, and there died when seventy-live years of age. He married Miss Nancy Randolph, who survived him six years and was sixty-eight years of age at the time of her death. Moses Bennett removed from New York State to Michigan in 1868, locating in Hillsdale County, where his death took place when he was eighty-eight years old; the mother had died in 1872, aged seventyfive years. The parental household included ten children, one of whom died in childhood.

Our subject continued with his parents until a youth of eighteen years, in the meantime receiving his education in the district school. When starting out for himself he engaged as a farm laborer by the day or month, and since that time has made his own way unaided. He located in Palmyra Township, this county, in 1856, and eight years later purchased his present farm in Rollin Township. About one-quarter of his land had been cultivated,

and in due time he had tilled the remainder, put up the necessary buildings and made many other improvements, as may be seen by examining the view of the homestead shown elsewhere in this volume. He was elected Justice of the Peace in 1867 or 1868, on the Republican ticket, which office he occupied ten years. He has always been interested in the establishment of educational and religious institutions, and has expounded the Word through various parts of Southern Michigan for a period of twenty years. Although now having passed his threescore years and ten, he retains his old-time ambition and intelligence, and is still warmly interested in Sunday-school work, and is a great temperance advocate. He is decided in his views, fearless in the maintenance of his principles, and a man who at once commands respect.

Mr. Bennett was united in marriage, Dec. 31. 1854, with Miss Mary J, Hodges, a native of Wyoming County, N. Y., and born Feb. 20, 1833. She is the sixth child of Rodman and Naney (Pool) Hodges, also natives of Wyoming County, where they earried on farming and became the parents of eleven children. They removed to Michigan about 1859, and died in Kent County at a very advanced age. There were born to Mr. and Mrs, Bennett eight children, of whom the record is as follows: Edwin O., Ellen M. and Lydia G. are deceased: those living are: Florence M., who married Henry Kemberling, and lives in Detroit; Mary E., who married John Darling, and lives in Woodstock; Dora A., the wife of Martin Ball, of this township, and Edith C. and Edwin R., at home with their parents. By a former marriage Mr. Bennett had three children-Benjamin R., who lives in this county, and George S. and Lewis, deceased.



HARLES B. STOWELL. Among the enterprising and intelligent agriculturists of Hudson Township the gentleman whose name stands at the head of this sketch is one of the best known, and one of the most prominent. He is a native of New England, his birth having taken place in Londonderry, Windham Co., Vt., Aug. 25, 1843. Luther Stowell, his grandfather, was born in

Massachusetts, in 1772, and of English descent. He was a farmer, and removed to Vermont previous to 1800, the journey being performed by means of an ox-team. He first located in Windham, but two or three years later he moved to Londonderry, where he bought a partially improved farm, and there he and his wife died, each at the age of eighty-four years. He was a Deacon in the Congregational Church, and served as Justice of the Peace for over forty years, and then resigned. His farm is now owned and occupied by one of his sous.

Gen. Josiah Stowell, the father of our subject, was born in Petersham, Worcester Co., Mass., April 30, 1797, and was an infant when his parents removed to Vermont, where he was reared on the farm, and remained at home until, at the age of twenty years, he bought his time, and went to Albany, but after spending one winter there he went to Manchester, N. H., where he assisted in buying the land and water power before the city was chartered, was a prominent member of the Congregational Society, and assisted in building the First Congregational Church of that city. He was early inclined to military life, and at the age of sixteen was Captain of a company of boys in Londonderry, Vt. He joined the New Hampshire State Militia in Manchester, and was first appointed Ensign, and subsequently promoted through the different grades to the rank of Brigadier General. He was appointed by the Governor of New Hampshire to review the troops at the time of Lafayette's visit to America, and was present at the laying of the corner stone of Bunker Hill monument. About 1841 he returned to Londonderry, Vt., and there built a hotel which he managed for a time, managing also the Mountain House, a famous summer resort near by. In 1854 he came to Hudson, and resided here for a time, engaged in mercantile business, but two or three years later failing eyesight compelled him to retire to the homestead, which our subject now owns and occupies, and here his death occurred Dec. 11, 1873. He was a man of great energy and superior ability, and occupied a prominent place among his fellow-citizens wherever he made his home. Gen. Stowell was three times married, and had one child by each marriage. His third wife, the mother of our subject, whose maiden name was Charlotte Barr, was born in Bedford, N. H., Jan. 8, 1810, and is a daughter of Samuel Barr; she now resides with her son, our subject.

Charles B. Stowell was in his twelfth year when he came to this county with his parents. He had attended the district schools and the academy in Londonderry, and after coming to Hudson entered the district school, and subsequently pursued his studies for five terms in Hillsdale College. During that time he taught school one term, but after his father became blind returned home and took charge of the farm, which he has since managed. He was married, Oct. 27, 1868, to Miss Ellen C. Olds, a native of Favette, Hillsdale Co., Mich.

Mrs. Stowell's grandfather, James Olds, was a native of Massachusetts, and became a pioneer of Ashtabula County, Ohio, and also of Jonesville, Hillsdale Co., Mich., where he settled in 1830. He bought a large tract of land in the township, on which he erected a sawmill, and also purchased village property, and when the post-office was established he was the first Postmaster appointed in Jonesville. For a time he managed a hotel and kept a grocery, and having become familiar with the language of the Indians he earried on quite a trade with them. He was elected the first Register of Deeds of Hillsdale County, and was chosen as Moderator of the first town meeting, and was also first Assessor of Fayette Township. He remained a resident of Hillsdale County until his death,

Harley J. Olds, the father of Mrs. Stowell, was born in Painesville, Ohio, in 1816, and was fourteen years old when he came to Hillsdale County with his parents. He subsequently returned to his native town, but after completing his education at the academy where he was graduated he returned to Michigan and engaged in business in Jonesville. He bought quite a tract of land heavily timbered, and superintended the improvement of a farm while carrying on his business. He held various offices of trust in Scipio Township, including that of Supervisor, and also served as Justice of the Peace for several years; his death occurred Jan. 4, 1885. His wife, whose maiden name was Diantha Bowman, was born near Claremont, N. H., July 31, 1817, and is now a resident of Jonesville.

Mr. Stowell did not drop his studies on leaving

college in his youth, but has always been a student, and is an intelligent man well versed in the natural sciences. He has a special taste for geology and mineralogy, as his large collection of specimens indicates; and, undoubtedly, his knowledge of the chemical and mineral constituents of the soil has been of use to him in agricultural pursuits. His valuable library contains many works of the best authors, and he is also well informed in the general literature of the day.

Our subject takes an active interest in the welfare of the township, having served as Chairman of the Board of School Inspectors, and is now a member of the City Council. Both Mr. and Mrs. Stowell are esteemed members of the Congregational Church, of which he is a Deacon. He has been an active worker in the Sunday-school, in which he has served as Superintendent. Mr. Stowell in politics is a stanch Republican.



OHN BRYANT is among the many successful and intelligent farmers who make up the population of Seneca Township. He owns and occupies a beautiful farm of 165 acres on section 5, in Seneca, and 120 acres in Dover Township. He is the son of John and Margaret (Watson) Bryant, and was born in Monroe County, N. Y., Sept. 18, 1835.

John Bryant, Sr., was a native of Leeds, England, and was born in 1801. After growing to manhood he followed the business of farming in his native isle until he had reached the age of thirty years, when growing dissatisfied with his lot in life, he determined to seek his fortune on this side of the ocean, and accordingly setting out, after a tedious voyage, he landed in New York City. For seven years thereafter he was engaged in laboring in a plaster-mill, during which time he was married to Margaret Watson, a native of Scotland, who had come to America with her parents when she was yet a girl. Four years after his marriage John Bryant came to Michigan with the laudable purpose of establishing a home. He had made a trip in 1835, and taken up 200 acres of land lying in what is now Dover Township, in this county, and had erected a

log cabin of the usual type. It was neither elegant in its architecture nor spacious as to accommodation, but it was warm and comfortable, and bore a strong family resemblance to all the houses in the locality. Returning to New York State for his family, which then consisted of his wife and three children—Samnel, William, and John, the subject of this sketch—he the following year brought them with him, and made a permanent settlement. In this place he remained the rest of his life, rearing a family of nine children, and dying in 1856, having completed his fifty-fifth year. His wife, who was born at Perth, Scotland, in 1807, is still living on the old homestead.

John Bryant, the subject of this sketch, passed his early days upon his father's farm, and received his education in the old log cabin school-houses of the day. He was early familiarized with hard work, as were most of the boys in the days of the pioneer, but the stern experience through which he passed in his youth developed in him a noble manhood and an energy that has placed him in his present independent circumstances. For several years succeeding his father's death he worked on his mother's farm in Dover Township, but on attaining his majority he purchased 205 acres of wild land in Seneca Township, and while engaged in clearing it up and in making a farm out of what was a leafy desert, he still continued to manage the homestead for his mother. Having succeeded in fully reclaiming from "Nature in her wildest mood" the place where he now lives, he erected a neat and comfortable dwelling-house, to which, on the 12th of November, 1863, he led his chosen bride. She was Miss Sophronia, a daughter of Harman and Ann (Bordine) Vedder, and was born in Lenawee County, Mich., April 25, 1841. Her father, Harman Vedder, was born Jan. 15, 1806, in the State of New York, and coming to Michigan in 1836 he took up a farm in Dover Township, and continued to cultivate the soil until his death, which occurred Sept. 23, 1885, after having attained almost eighty years of age. Mrs. Bryant's mother was born in Montgomery County, N. Y., and was married to Harman Vedder in Orleans County, N. Y. Mrs. Vedder, a most estimable old lady of threescore and ten, is now making her home with Mr. and Mrs. Bryant.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryant are the parents of four children, namely: Helen M., who was born July 19, 1865; Frank E., Sept. 10, 1866; Ida M., June 20, 1871; and Ralph J., Dec. 21, 1879; all of whom remain at home.

Mr. Bryant is a member of the Republican party, believing that in that direction lies the best hope for the perpetuation of the "best government the world has ever seen." He has no political aspirations, however, considering his duties to his family as paramount to all others. In all the affairs of life Mr. Bryant has been eminently successful. He is a shrewd and close observer, a man of most undeninble integrity, and his position in the community is a very prominent one.



MOS OPDYKE. leading lumber dealer of the village of Hudson, is a native of Humberdon County, N. J., and was born June 9, 1819. His grandfather, Luther Opdyke, was a farmer residing in the same section of the State, and also owned a gristmill. He was an extensive slave-owner, slavery then existing in his native State, and a prominent and influential citizen of that locality. He passed his last years on his farm, which was situated about a mile and a half east of the village of Everittstown.

The father of the subject of this sketch, Luther Updyke, was reared in his native county, and after attaining his manhood commenced work on a farm, in the neighborhood of his father's place, which had been presented to him by his parents. In 1831 he sold out and removed to New York State, and settled down on a farm in Fayette Township, Seneca County. At the time of this removal he was the owner of a slave, to whom he gave his freedom, but the faithful servant, notwithstanding this, followed his master into New York and remained with him until his death. The place purchased by the senior Mr. Opdyke was but partially improved, as the country was quite new at that time. There were no railroads in those days, and the Eric Canal furnished the only mode of travel other than that by team or on foot. In

fact the subject of this personal sketch relates in an amusing manner the account of the first time he ever saw a railroad train; he was at that time about seventeen years of age, and was much surprised at its appearance. The track only extended from Schenectady to Albany, and the cars resembled old-fashioned stage coaches, while the engine was quite different from those of the present time. The locomotive was not allowed to enter the city of Albany, and the cars were drawn in and out of that place by a number of horses or mules hitched one before the other. Luther Opdyke remained upon his farm for a number of years, but after the death of his wife he removed to the town of Waterloo, and retiring from the active cares of life, remained there until his death.

The subject of this biography received his education in the district schools of New Jersey and New York, than which there are no better, assisting his father in the work on the farm in the meantime. On his nineteenth birthday his father gave him the rest of his time, and he immediately commenced work for himself, renting land and farming it on shares. He was energetic and industrious, and being entirely free from any vices or bad habits. such as using tobacco or liquor, was eminently successful in all his undertakings. Being desirous of securing a home of his own, in 1853 he came to Michigan and located in Lenawee County, where he purchased a farm on section 31, Hudson Township, but after two years' residence upon that place, he sold it and purchased a tract of land on section 29. where he lived until 1869, and then removed to the village of Hudson. In the meantime he had purchased another farm east of the town, and a few years after removing to Hudson, managed its cultivation. In 1874 he engaged in the lumber business, in which he has since remained and is meeting with a great deal of success.

Mr. Opdyke was united in marriage with Miss Lavina Lowe, a native of Ulster County, N. Y., and daughter of Jonathan and Jane Lowe. They have become the parents of five children, as follows: George, Jane, Charles, Frances and Della May. Politically, Mr. Opdyke is a Democrat of prohibition proclivities. He is not in favor of a third party, however, as he considers it unnecessary and unwise at the present time. Both he and his wife are sincere and consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and are quite active in all religious work.



R. INCREASE S. HAMILTON, for long years one of the most popular physicians of Tecumseh, is now retired from the active duties of his profession, and in a pleasant home, surrounded by hosts of friends, is spending his declining days. He has now almost reached his fourscore years, and over forty years ago left his New England home to seek his fortune in the West. Fate has dealt kindly with him, giving him a good measure of success, and investing him with those qualities which have secured him the esteem and confidence of his fellowmen. He has been prominent in the building up of the town where he has made his home so many years, and is ranked among the most liberal-minded and whole-hearted citizens.

Dr. Hamilton, a native of Massachusetts, was born Jan. 5, 1809, near the home of the poet, William Cullen Bryant. The father of our subject, Obediah Hamilton, Esq., was a native of Salem. Mass., and a saddler and harness-maker in early years, but he afterward settled upon a farm and engaged in agricultural pursuits. He married in early life a Miss Richardson, who was born in Cummington, Mass., where she was reared, and where the young people settled after their marriage, and lived until after their son, Increase, was eight years of age. Thence they removed to Northampton, and a few years later to Fairport, N. Y., whence they removed and settled in Orleans County, that State, where the father died in September, 1829, leaving his wife with seven children.

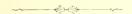
Increase S. Hamilton was the youngest child of his parents, and received his early education in Orleans County, N. Y., after which he entered Monroe Academy, where he acquired a knowledge of the higher branches, including Latin and Greek, under the tutelage of private teachers. When about twenty-one years of age he commenced the study of medicine in the office of Dr. James Willard, of Geauga County, Ohio, and later entered the Western Branch of the New York University, at Fairfield, from which he was graduated in 1835. Young Hamilton, in casting about for his future location, decided to seek a place in the Territory of Michigan, and in the mouth of May, 1835, first set foot in Lenawee County, stopping near Canandaigna, on Bean Creek, where he commenced the practice of his profession, and remained in that vicinity for the following nine years. In the spring of 1844 he took up his residence in Tecumseh, where he followed his profession continuously until the spring of 1887, when failing health admonished him that it would be wise to retire.

Dr. Hamilton was first married, in 1834, to Miss Sarah B. Wheeler, by whom he became the father of two children, Ann F. and Sarah B., who died at about the ages of twenty and thirty-four years respectively. The mother passed away at her home in Medina, Mich., Oct. 17, 1844, and the year following Dr. Hamilton was again married, to Miss Harriet R. Daniels, who also became the mother of two children, Elizabeth A. and Harriet L., both now deceased. Harriet L. became the wife of A. L. Brewer, and died while young, leaving one child. Mrs. Harriet R. Hamilton departed this life at her home in Tecumsel, in July, 1872.

The present wife of our subject, to whom he was married in September, 1873, was formerly Miss Ann E. White, a native of New York, and the daughter of Thomas and Sophrina White. The Doctor has devoted his entire life to the duties of his profession, looking upon it in its true light, as a solemn responsibility, and one in which it behooved him to gain all the knowledge possible. He has consequently been a close student, and availed himself of the instruction of the eminent men of the profession who have gone before and left to posterity their written experiences and opinions. He has watched with interest the development of Michigan from a Territory to its present proud position as one of the most important States of the Union, and has contributed his full quota toward the interests of Lenawee County. The establishment of schools and churches has always been warmly supported and encouraged by him, and during the Rebellion

there was no warmer advocate of the cause of the Union throughout the land.

Dr. Hamilton, as a man of more than ordinary intelligence, was at an early date recognized as a valuable addition to the community of Tecumsch, and was called to the various local offices. In 1842 he was the candidate of the Republican party in this county as their representative in the State Legislature, but was defeated with the rest of his ticket. In the various enterprises set on foot for the cause of education he has held a prominent position, and for a period of thirty-five years was a member of the Board of Trustees of Kalamazoo College, resigning the position in the spring of 1887. He has a fine property in Tecumseh, including a handsome and commodious residence, and for a number of years was the owner of a valuable farm in Medina Township.



ENJAMIN D. OSBORN, one of the solid men of Medina Township, at an early age took upon himself the cares and responsibilities of life, and from a thoughtful and industrious boy, grew up to an earnest and reliable man, who has taken his rightful place, socially and financially, among the leading citizens of Lenawee County. In 1836 be came to Southern Michigan from Dutchess County, N. Y., bringing with him his father's family, for whom he paid the whole fare from Poughkeepsie to Medina Township, and which involved an expense of \$170. It must be remembered that there were no palace cars or hotels along the route, the pilgrims making their way by the aid of canal, lake, and teams overland. Mr. Osborn first purchased eighty acres of land in Wright Township, Hillsdale County, from which he removed to Medina in 1844. His father, about five years later, also purchased eighty acres at that place, where he built up a comfortable home and died in 1857, nine years after the death of the mother. The property there had been willed to the daughter Elizabeth, upon condition that she should take care of her father during his lifetime.

The parents of our subject, William and Catherine Osborn, were natives of Dutchess County, N.

Y., the former born in 1791, and the latter in 1797. They were there reared and married, and subsequently removed to Orange County. Two years later, however, they returned to the vicinity of their childhood's home, where they lived nineteen years before their removal to Michigan. They were the parents of eleven children.

The educational advantages of our subject were exceedingly limited, and when a lad twelve years of age he began the career of continuous industry which he followed afterward for thirty years. He found employment in the vicinity of his birthplace, and his intelligent face and willing hands resulted in making friends for him wherever he cast his lot, He continued in Dutchess County until reaching his majority, when he was married, Aug. 25, 1841, to Miss Mary Baker, and they became the parents of twelve children, of whom but two, John B, and George, are now living, and are residents respectively of Medina Township, this county, and Broadland, Dak, John married Miss Martha Consaules. The present wife of Benjamin D. Osborn was formerly Mrs. Mary L. Edwards, the daughter of Thomas and Charlotte (Terrell) Williams, who were among the earliest pioneers of Lenawee County. They were natives of Genesce County, N. Y., and lived in the town of Bennington, that State, eleven years, after which they came to this county and settled in Medina Township. They were the parents of five children, four of whom are living, namely: William W., residing in Canada; Mary, Mrs. Osborn; Jane, Mrs. Allen, of Seneca Township, and Thomas C., Principal of a High School, and a resident of Oakland County, Mich, The wife of our subject was born April 3, 1831, in Bennington, N. J., and received a good education, becoming an efficient teacher, which vocation she followed two years before her marriage with David Edwards. which took place Feb. 14, 1852. Mr. E., during the late war, enlisted as a Union soldier, and met death on the battle-field at Chattanooga, Tenn. Of that marriage there were born two children: Ellen J., the wife of E. C. Palmer, of Hudson Township, and the mother of one child, a daughter, Eva May, and Ida, deceased. Mrs. Osborn became connected with the Baptist Church in Medina, with which denomination she has since continued, transferring

her membership in 1857, to the church at Morenci. She contributed liberally to the erection of the church edifice in the latter place, and is a lady greatly respected and active in all good works. Mr. Osborn, politically, votes the straight Republican ticket. He has held the school offices of his township for the last ten years, and while a resident of Wright Township, Hillsdale County, was a member of the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Osborn, on the 5th of March, 1873, was married to his present wife, formerly Mary Edwards, the daughter of Thomas Williams. They were among the early settlers of Medina Township, and were prominent in religious matters, assisting in the organization of the first Baptist Church, to which they ever gave their liberal and cheerful support. They established a good home in Medina Township, where the father died in the fall of 1867, and the mother five years later, in 1872. Mr. Osborn himself has been no unimportant factor in assisting to maintain the churches of Medina Township, having contributed to the erection of three houses of worship, and otherwise giving of his means for the promotion of the institutions calculated to insure the morality and well-being of the people around him.

Two sons of our subject served in the Union army during the late war. John B. enlisted in the 4th Michigan Infantry, and fought at South Mountain and Antietam, besides meeting the rebels in various minor engagements. He was promoted Corporal, Horace died in the hospital at Miner's Hill, and was buried there on the banks of the Potomac.

In noting the history of a man who has made his mark in the world and been a useful member of his community, nothing is more natural than the wish to know something of his antecedents. Richard H. Osborn, the paternal grandfather of our subject, was born on Long Island, N. Y., and was the son of a wealthy farmer. Through the instrumentality of his uncle he was placed on shipboard when a boy twelve years of age, and followed the sea until reaching manhood. His uncle then presented him with a ship, and he circumnavigated the globe three times, and thrice viewed from terra firma the ruins of Pompeii. His grandfather, William the ruins of Pompeii. His grandfather, William

Fritz Osborn, was a native of Glasgow, Scotland, and closely allied to royal blood. Richard H. at one time was shipwrecked and east away on an island, where he was obliged to stay for seven years, his relatives in the meantime giving him up for lost. He served as a soldier in the Revolutionary War and participated in the battle at Harlem Heights, also meeting the enemy in various other engagements. He endured great hardships and was wounded three times. He was a finely educated man and master of five languages.

HLIAM ASHLEY was a worthy and esteemed resident of Dover Township, where he spent the latter part of his life. He was a native of New York, where he was born in Utica, Jan. 2, 1828. His parents were John and Sarah (Rawson) Ashley, natives of England, who emigrated to America and settled in the State of New York, where they spent their remaining years. They were the parents of eight children.

William Ashley was the fifth child in order of birth in the parental family, and spent his early life in the place of his nativity, remaining a citizen of New York until he came to Michigan and settled in Dover Township. Here he purchased a tract of land on which he erected ample and convenient buildings, and at the time of his death left a farm of eighty acres under a good state of cultivation. He held high rank in the community as an honest man and a good citizen, and was always interested in general and local affairs, using his influence to promote the welfare of the township; several of the minor offices of the town he satisfactorily filled. While yet in the prime of life he was called from his earthly home "to a house not made with hands," passing away Sept. 29, 1879, and leaving a widow and six children to mourn their loss.

Mr. Ashley was married in Hudson, Mich, Sept., 13, 1860, to Margaret, daughter of John and Margaret (Watson) Bryant. (For parental history see Samuel Bryant's sketch.) Mrs. Ashley was born in Dover Township, Aug. 28, 1838, and was reared in that township, where she has always lived. Ste became the mother of seven children, six of whom

are living, namely: Mary, who is the wife of A. G. Hartle, and resides in Newaygo County, Mich.; Josse A., who married Altha V. Smith, and resides in Dover Township; Charles B., Myrtle M., Edua M. and Ira W. Mr. Ashley was a member of the Free Methodist Church, and Mrs. Ashley is also a member of the same denomination.

Mrs. Ashley is a capable, energetic woman, of excellent business capacity, as is shown by her successful management of her farm, of which she has had charge since the death of her husband. In her widowhood she shows rare qualities of courage and endurance, which have enabled her to cope with the difficulties of life, and in her strict devotion to duty she has won the respect and good-will of all who know her.

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ILLIAM E. JEWETT, M. D., who has been a practicing physician in the city of Adrian since 1872, and has largely identified himself with the social and material interests of the city, is a native of the State of New York, and was born in Sangerfield, Oneida County, on the 8th of December, 1842. His parents were Eri and Harriet (Winehell) Jewett, also natives of the Empire State, of which his paternal grandfather, Jonathan Jewett, was an early pioneer. Jonathan Jewett lived for eighty-two years on the same farm, which was land taken up by his father, and died at the age of ninety, June 11, 1872, at the same hour that the Doctor's youngest child was born. The maternal grandparents, William F, and Submit Winchell, were natives of Connecticut, and removed from Goshen, that State, to the vicinity of Sangerfield, N. Y., during the early settlement of Oneida County.

Eri Jewett, in 1855, removed with his family to Ohio and settled on a farm near Austinburg, in Ashtabula County, where they remained until 1868. Thence they removed to Constantine, St. Joseph Co., Mich., and to Vistula, Ind., in 1871, where the parents passed the remainder of their days. Our subject, until 1857, attended the district school and assisted his parents in their work on the farm. During that year he entered Grand River Institute,

in Austinburg, a noted seat of learning in those days, which was founded in 1832, and is still fourishing. He worked on a farm and taught school during vacations until after the outbreak of the Civil War, and in May, 1862, enlisted as a private in Company K. 87th Ohio Infantry, serving in Virginia in the Army of the Potomae.

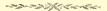
Young Jewett was taken prisoner at the surrender of Harper's Ferry, Sept. 15, 1862, but not long afterward was paroled and exchanged. At the ing, he was mustered out, and re-enlisted in June, 1863. This time he was rejected by the examining surgeon, and now determined to turn his attention to the study of medicine. In 1864 he entered the office of Dr. E. A. Munger, of Waterville, N. Y., and the year following attended the medical college at Cleveland, Ohio. From there he went to the Homeopathic Medical College in New York City, from which he was graduated on the 1st of March, 1867. He spent the winter of 1867-68 in the colleges and hospitals of New York City, and made the best use possible of his time and opportunities for gaining a full knowledge of the profession which he intended to follow.

Dr. Jewett, in May, 1868, opened his first office in Constantine, Mich., and on the 24th of November following, was united in marriage with Miss Clara A., the accomplished daughter of Henry E. and Lucinda Root, of Censtantine. This union has been blessed by the birth of two children— Henry R., who was born Oct. 24, 1870, and William E., June 11, 1872.

In February, 1872, Dr. Jewett took up his residence in Adrian, and is now in the enjoyment of a large and lucrative practice. In July of that same year, he identified himself with the Masonic fraternity, and is a member of Adrian Lodge No. 19, F. & A. M. He has attained to a high position, having taken the degrees of the Chapter and Council, and the orders of the Commandery of Knights Templar. In these hodies he has been honored with the highest offices in their gift, having been Master of Lodge, High Priest of Chapter, Thrice Illustrious of Council, and Eminent Commander of Commandry, He is also an officer of the Grand Commandry of Michigan and a member of Michigan

gan Sovereign Consistory, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Detroit. He is also a member of Woodbury Post No. 45, G. A. R. He cast his first Presidential vote for Lincoln, and has since continued an active supporter of the Republican party. In 1877 and the following year he served as Alderman of the First Ward. He is physician to the State Industrial Home for Girk, located near the city, and in religious matters belongs to the Presbyterian Church. Possessing considerable musical talent, Dr. Jewett several years ago became proficient as an organist, which office he has filled in several churches.

Dr. Jewett is a successful physician and a publicspirited citizen, ever active in promoting the welfare and prosperity of Adrian and vicinity. Kindly and generous in his relations with other physicians, and benevolent to the poor in his large clientele, he enjoys the confidence of the community to a marked degree, and his best friends are those who know him the most intimately.



HARLES M. LEWIS is a leading farmer of Hadson Township, where he owns and occupies one of the best farms in this vicinity. Both himself and his wife are representatives of pioneer families, and are themselves native-born citizens of Michigan. When their parents came here this State was yet a Territory, and but little was known of it; Indians still inhabited its vast forests, and where are now situated the most beautiful farms wild beasts were roaming at will through trackless swamps.

Mr. Lewis was born in Superior Township, Washtenaw County. May 6, 1841. His grandfather, Samuel Lewis, was a farmer, and spent his last years in the State of New York, where his son Russell, the father of our subject, was born in Cayuga County, and there grew to manhood, remaining a resident of the county until 1828, in which year he came to Michigan, and located in Washtenaw County, in what is now Superior Township. Not meny years before, surveyors employed by the Government had pronounced the interior of Michigan as composed mostly of sand barrens and

swamps, and incapable of supporting much of a population. Therefore prospects were not of the brightest to this courageous pioneer, but he set bravely to work, built a log cabin, and then commenced to fell the trees to clear his land for tillage, and there made his home until his death, in December, 1878. He had in the meantime overcome every obstacle in the way of the successful pursuit of his calling as a farmer, clearing and draining his farm, and bringing it to a high state of culture, and erecting a good set of farm buildings. He witnessed the rapid growth of Washtenaw County, which was almost entirely developed from the wilderness to its present advanced state during his residence there of half a century. He was twice married. His first wife, the mother of our subject, whose maiden name was Emily Freeman, died in June, 1846, leaving six children. His second marriage was with Susan (Joselyn) Chapman, who became the mother of two children, and died in May,

The subject of this sketch received his education in the public schools of Washtenaw County, and as he grew to manhood in the pioneer home of his birth, and developed strength and muscle, he became of great assistance to his father in the farm work, and continued to reside on the homestead until his marriage, when he established a home of his own. On the 2d of November, 1864, he was married to Miss Mary E. Mott, a native of Canton, Wayne County, this State. The pleasant wedded life of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis has been blessed by the birth of three children, namely: Otis Burton, Charles Leonard and Grace Eloise.

Mrs. Lewis is of Quaker ancestry, her paternal grandfather, Thomas Mott, being a member of the Society of Friends. He owned a farm in Columbia County, N. Y., and there spent the last years of a useful life. His son Adam, the father of Mrs. Lewis, was born near New Bedford, Mass., but was reared on his father's farm. He married Miss Betsy Patrick, likewise a native of Columbia County, and after marriage they made their home in Western New York for a year. Then, about 1829, they came to the Territory of Michigan, and made their home in Canton, Wayne County, where they continued to reside until death; his wife died





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Nov. 4, 1860, leaving six children. Mr. Mott afterward married Isabella (Robinson) Franciser; she was the mother of one child. During the residence of Mr. Mott of nearly sixty years in Wayne County, he had reclaimed a fine farm of 190 acres from the wilderness, and had erected substantial buildings; he died in March, 1886.

In 1866 our subject and his wife came to this county, and located on their present place of residence in Hudson Township. By industry, energy and good management, Mr. Lewis has developed a fine farm of 174 acres, noted for its fertility and productiveness; 160 acres are improved, and some of it is devoted to pasturage. He has substantial farm buildings well adapted to agricultural purposes.

Our subject and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and take a prominent part in its affairs, Mr. L. having been Trustee. Steward and Class-Leader. He conscientiously and honorably discharges the duties incumbent on him as a man and a citizen. He always stands up for the right and in any good cause is foremost. In politics he is an earnest believer in and advocate of the Prohibition party.

ILLIAM C. MORAN, Treasurer of Lenawee County and a gentleman now in the prime of life, was born near Hudson, this county, on the 23d of November, 1848. He has since been a resident of this section, and the people among whom he has fived so long and before whom acquitted himself so creditably, have learned to respect him for his excellent traits of character, which combine uprightness and integrity with good business capacities. He was elected to his present office in 1886, and is discharging its duties in an efficient and praiseworthy manner.

Michael Mornn, the father of our subject, was a native of Ireland, where he was born in 1813. Staplestown Parish, county of Kildare, was the place of his nativity, and from there he immigrated to this country when a young man nineteen years of age. He first located in New York where he remained until 1835, when he cast his lot with the pioneers of Michigan, locating upon the tract of land where he continued to live until called hence, His death occurred on the 9th of May, 1881, when sixty-eight years of age.

The father of our subject was a man who had traveled extensively, and had been keenly observant of what he had seen during his wanderings, He visited California in 1850, remaining upon the Pacific Coast two years, and upon his return traveled over many of the new States and Territories of the West. As a father, husband and citizen, he was held in the highest regard, and found to be uniformly upright and straightforward in his business affairs. He was a great sufferer during his last brief illness, having typhoid-pneumonia, but bore his affliction with great patience and retained full consciousness until quietly breathing his last. His death was the occasion of universal regret in the community which had known him so long and learned to respect him for his personal worth.

The mother of our subject, formerly Miss Lucy Andrews, was married to Michael Moran, in Toledo, Ohio, in 1844. She accompanied her husband to this county, sharing with him the trials and difficulties of life in a pioneer settlement. They became the parents of six children, of whom William C., our subject, was the eldest son; Matthew E. is a resident of Warsaw, Ind.; Julia E., the eldest daughter and child, married B. F. Richardson; Mary F. and Addison B., all reside in Warsaw, Ind. The mother of our subject is now a resident of Hudson, and has reached the age of sixty-four years.

The subject of this biography received his education in the common schools of his native township, which was supplemented upon his approaching manhood by attendance at Oak Grove Seminary. He then returned to the farm and continued actively engaged in agricultural pursuits. In the meantime his warm interest in public affairs and a more than ordinary intelligence, had attracted the attention of his fellow-citizens and commended him to them as one worthy of preferment. He was accordingly elected County Treasurer, and assumed the duties of his office on the 1st of January, 1887. As the conservator of important interests he is looked upon with confidence and esteem, and is proving himself worthy of these in a marked degree.

Mr. Moran, March 18, 1874, was united in marriage with Miss Rachel McCarty, one of his child-hood associates, and who was born in his own town, Feb. 26, 1850. She was also reared to woman-hood there and remained with her parents, H. N. and Regina (Unangst) McCarty, until becoming the wife of our subject. Mr. and Mrs. McCarty were natives of Pennsylvania. Our subject and his wife became the parents of six children, four sons and two daughters, namely: Gertie C., Bertha E., Charles Frederick, Jerome N., William M. and Benlamin R.

During his residence on the farm Mr. Moran served five years as Commissioner of Drainage. Politically he has always voted the straight Republican ticket. Socially, he belongs to the Masonic fraternity, being a member of Clayton Lodge No. 278. He is genial in his manner and popular as a citizen, and occupies a snug home in Adrian, which is the resort of the cultivated people of his acomaintance.

Prominent among the well-known and highly respected citizens of Lenawee County, who enjoys the confidence of its best citizens, stands Mr. Moran, and as such we gladly present his portrait in this volume.

OHN IVESON is one of the able and progressive citizens of the township of Ridgeway, where he has been engaged in farming and carpentering since he came to the township. He was born in Queens County, Long Island, N. Y., Dec. 1, 1822, and is the son of John and Anna (Beardwood) Iveson, natives of England, where they were married. After the birth of three children they set sail for the United States, where they hoped to secure better conditions for their growing family. When they reached these shores they landed on Long Island, and there made their home until 1838, when they removed to Lenawee County, and Mr. Iveson took up some land in Woodstock Township. He made many improvements on this land, and had a part of it under a good state of cultivation at the time of his death, which occurred June 23, 1864; his wife's death occurred in January, 1881.

The youth of our subject was passed in his native place, acquiring, besides an education in the district school, those habits of thrift and usefulness which so greatly conduced to his success in after life. At the age of sixteen he came to Woodstock Township, and assisted his father in the arduous task of clearing the land for cultivation. At the age of twenty years he left the parental home, and going forth to seek work elsewhere, secured employment with Stephen Titus, of Raisin Township, in whose employ he remained for two years. In payment for these two years of labor Mr. Iveson received five horses, which he sold for a good sum of money, and this formed the nucleus of the competency which he has since acquired.

Feeling that he could well afford to establish a home of his own, John Iveson was married, Dec. 27, 1845, in Woodstock Township, to Miss Miranda, youngest child of David and Comfort (Gilman) Chandler, natives respectively of Vermont and New Hampshire. They were most likely married in New England, and early in their married life settled in Niagara County, N. Y., within six miles of Lockport, and there the father engaged in farming until his death in 1827, at the age of forty-eight. Heleft a widow and nine children, seven of whom are living. The mother spent her declining years in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Iveson, and died in April, 1866, at the advanced age of eighty-four years. Mrs. Iveson was born in Pendleton, Niagara Co., N. Y., March 4, 1825, and was thirteen years old when she came to Michigan. She here completed her education, and was engaged in school teaching for some years prior to her marriage.

To Mr. and Mrs. Iveson have been born four children, whose record is as follows: Mary J. died at the age of thirteen months; Angie is the wife of Oliver Darlington, a merchant of Wheeler, Gratiot Co., Mich.; William married Priseilla Tompkins, and they reside on a farm in Blissfield Township, and Libbie is the wife of Herman Atwell, a farmer of Ridgeway Township.

Mr. and Mrs. Iveson have a pleasant home on section 19, Ridgeway Township. The farm contains eighty acres of land, showing in its carefully cultivated fields and ample and well-kept farm buildings, evident marks of a thrifty, energetic owner.

Mr. Iveson, besides superintending the cultivation of his farm has been extensively engaged in carpentering. In politics he is a stanch adherent of the Democratic party and has ably fulfilled the duties of some of the town offices. For eight years he has satisfactorily held the office of Justice of the Peace.

ESLEY REYNOLDS, a native of New York State, was brought by his parents to this county when a young child, and has since made Rome Township his abiding-place. He continued on the farm of his father until reaching his majority, receiving his education in the district school, and soon after his twenty-first birthday he was married and rented a farm, which he occupied His next residence was in Ionia, three years. where he engaged in the meat and grocery trade for one year, at the end of which time his house and its contents were destroyed by fire. Returning to Rome Township, he worked a year on the farm of his father-in-law, and then purchased sixty acres of his present farm, to which he subsequently added until it embraces 200 acres. On this he has effected fine improvements, putting up nearly all the buildings which are upon it. He has engaged considerably in stock-raising, keeping good grades of cattle, sheep and horses, and of the two former feeding and selling a large number each year. As a farmer he is thorough and skillful, and as a neighbor and business man he ranks among the representative men of the community.

The parents of our subject, Leonard and Betsey (Halsted) Reynolds, were natives of Greene County, N. Y., the former born in August, 1800. and the latter in August, 1804. They were married in the Empire State, and soon afterward emigrated to the Territory of Michigan; the father died March 27, 1882, and the mother Oct. 3, 1880. Samuel Reynolds, the paternal grandfather of our subject, was also a native of Greene County, N. Y., whence he removed, first to Yates County, then to Allegany County, and from there to Michigan, after which

he made his home with his son William, in Adrian Township, and died at the age of seventy-six years, Grandmother Reynolds, whose maiden name was Abigail Belding, survived her husband several years, and died when seventy-five years old. Grandfather Reynolds served, when a young man, in the War of 1812, and politically was a staneh Democrat. He was the father of seven children.

Wesley Reynolds, on the 20th of November, 1860, was united in marriage with Miss Clarissa, daughter of Charles L, and Sally F. Thomas, and the eldest of their seven children. She was born in Adrian Township, June 14, 1838, while her father was a native of Penfield, N. Y., and continued a resident of the Empire State until a youth of nineteen years. With him came his father, Ransom Thomas, and they settled in Adrian Township, where the latter died in 1850. His wife was Miss Katic Cure, and they were the parents of nine children, of whom Charles L. was the third. The latter lived with his parents until twenty-three years of age, picking up what learning he could in the country schools in the winter session. In 1837 he purchased a tract of unimproved land in Adrian Township, and there, in the midst of the forest, he and his young wife commenced in earnest the battle of life. His first business was to clear a spot upon which to creet a log cabin, and the next to clear the ground and prepare it for cultivation; but he was thrifty and enterprising, and a careful calculator, and in due time was rewarded for his industry in a valuable and fertile farm of t60 acres, he having added to his first purchase. He was known far and wide as an honest man and a good eitizen, professing no creed, but recognizing a marked distinction between right and wrong, and aiming to act justly under all circumstances. He suffered greatly with neuralgia during the last years of his life, and entered upon his final rest upon the 14th of June, 1876, dying while sitting at the breakfast table.

The mother of Mrs. Reynolds was in her girlhood Miss Sally F., daughter of Joseph and Sally Baker, of Rome Township, and twin sister of Joseph F. Baker, of Adrian. She was born in Manchester, Ontario Co., N. Y., June 18, 1819, and came to Michigan with her parents in 1833. She and her husband became the parents of seven children: Clarissa A., the wife of our subject; Marcelline R., who died when five years old; Statira E., who also died in early childhood; Amanda S., many years a teacher in the Adrian public school; Jefferson R., a well-to-do farmer of Adrian Township; Xara F. and Frederick.

Jefferson R. Thomas, the brother of Mrs. Reynolds, was born May 15, 1848, in Rome Township, and remained at home until his marriage, which occurred Dec. 9, 1877. His wife was Miss Ida M., daughter of George W. and Jane Spear, of Rome Township, where she was also born Oct. 26, 1856. After marriage Mr. Thomas worked his father's farm on shares for a time, then purchased ninety-six acres which he operated six years, when disposing of this property, he, in 1884, purchased forty acres, where he has since lived and effected excellent improvements. He is the father of four children: Bruce, who was born Jan. 12, 1881; Charles L., Sept. 15, 1882; Grover C., July 1, 1885; and Genevieve, Jan. 26, 1887.

To Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds there were born two children: Luella, Oct. 30, 1862, and Charles L., May 21, 1865. The latter is well educated, and spent several months in the Evanston Business College. The brothers and sisters of Mr. Reynolds are—Reuben, Norman, Mary Ann, Emily, John, Melissa, Jerome, Abijah, Lucinda and Elizabeth Jane. Mr. Reynolds, politically, is considered one of the most reliable members of the Democratic party in Rome Township.



ANCELIER MILLS. Though dead, Mr. Mills yet lives in the memory of all who knew him for the good deeds that marked his Gearthly life. His memory is a sweet savor to those who knew him best, and an inspiration to all who knew him at all to a nobler life and higher purposes, as friends of truth and lovers of their fellowmen. He made his home in Franklin and Clinton Townships, this county, though residing principally in Franklin. Here he settled in 1837, and by the continued efforts of himself and most estimable wife managed to seeme possession of 240

acres of "God's footstool" in their own right and title. He mastered nature's obstacles, overcame society's barriers, and made a successful record as a farmer, stock-raiser, and buyer and seller of the stock of surrounding farmers. His family, its comforts, its best interests were, as they should have been, his first care, but his work of love extended also to the improvement of the condition of those around him. His kindly sentiment and unselfish spirit are a splendid heritage to those who in life were nearer and dearer to him than life itself.

Mr. Mills was born in Niles Township, Cayuga Co., N. Y., July 13, 1806, and spent his early life on the farm, unmarked by any event differing from that of other boys of similar environments. Mr. Mills' first marriage occurred in his native county with Miss Elizabeth Duyree, whose home was in the same locality. Here they remained until after the birth of three children, when he sold out in the Empire State, and with his family came direct to the thrifty township of Franklin, where he pitched his tent in 1837, as stated above. He went to work with a will to build up a home in the new country, but met with a sad misfortune so many of the pioneer settlers sustained, that of losing a dear wife. Four of her children survived her, and two are still living: George, who is in business at Huron, Dak.; and Lansen, who is engaged in trade at Dallas, Tex.

Mr. Mills found a second wife in the person of Mrs. Sallie A. (Wright) Booth, with whom he was united in marriage in 1842. Mrs. Mills was born in Barrington Township, Yates Co., N. Y., and was the only child of Elijah and Polly (Sunderlin) Wright, who were born and reared in that State, where Mr. Wright followed the occupation of a farmer. Some years after their daughter's birth they came in 1830 to the wilds of Michigan, bringing with them, as was customary, their earthly effects, and located near what is now the village of Clinton, on section 4, Clinton Township. This was when the Chicago turnpike was being built, when the country was a boundless forest with searcely the necessaries for the life of a pioneer. Mr. and Mrs. Wright were among the most active of the pioneers of that promising country, and were energetic, intelligent and progressive people.

Wright came into possession of a large tract of land from the Government, which he improved to a good degree, and on which he and his wife spent most of their remaining days. Some time before their death they went to live with their daughter, one of the principals of this sketch, in Franklin Township, where their death occurred, Dec. 4, 1863, and April 28, 1857, respectively; the father was born Jan. 26, 1793, the mother Sept. 25, 1796. They were worthy members of the Baptist Church for many years, and Mr. Wright took the usual interest in local politics.

Mrs. Wright grew to womanhood surrounded with Christian influences, and was united in marriage with Belden Booth, a gentleman from York State. About one year after their marriage Mr. Booth sickened and died, leaving a loving wife to mourn her loss alone in the world. The marriage of Mrs. Booth with our subject was a union of purpose and effort as well as of hand and heart, and they gathered together many of the comforts of life to use while they might live, and to leave as a heritage to those who came after. They added to their earthly possessions some land in Clinton Township, where Mr. Mills' death occurred Sept. 8, 1876. He was said by those who knew him best to have been an exemplary man in nearly every feature of his life, and in religious convictions he stood identified with the Congregational Church. The Democratic organization voiced the sentiments he entertained, but he was no aspirant for office or preferment.

Mrs. Mills survives her husband, and is identified with the Baptist Church, where she enjoys the confidence and love of those whose ideal is worth, and good works as a test of fellowship, and also as an index of the tree that bears such fruits. Since the death of Mr. Mills she has held property in her own right. By her marriage with her last husband she had six children, three of whom have passed over the sea of death. The survivors are as follows: Wright E., R. B. and A. S. Wright E. lives on a farm in Allegan County, Mich.; he married an intelligent and worthy lady, Clara English, and they have now two sons, Willey and Edward. R. B., a representative man, owns a farm in Clinton Township, and has for his wife an accomplished

lady, Miss Maggie, daughter of David Brooks, an old and venerated pioneer of Clinton Township. The mother makes her home with her youngest son, A. S., who found favor in the eyes of Miss Alice J. Ellis, and they became united in life's work. They are the parents of twin children—Ina and Rena. The deceased children of Mrs. Sallie J. Mills were named Mary J., Charles W. and Ida, The love of a worthy ancestry is very strong in Mrs. Mills, and is indicative of a loving heart and an unsellish spirit. She has been a worthy daughter, a faithful wife and a loving mother.

RLANDO II. ALGER, of the firm of O. II. Alger & Sons. established as a dry-goods merchant at Fairfield in the spring of 1865. He conducted his business alone until 1869, then formed a partnership with John E. Higgins, and under the tirm name of Alger & Higgins they continued together until 1879. A few months later Mr. Alger admitted to the business his sons, Emery P. and Herbert O., and they are now probably taking the lead in general merchandising in Fairfield.

Like many other leading business men of this section of country. Mr. Alger is a native of the Empire State, and was born in Lewis County, Dec. 23, 1824. His parents, Ezra and Harriet (Coles) Alger, were natives of Connecticut, whence, soon after their marriage, they removed first to Lewis County and thence, in 1832, to Rochester. Four years later they migrated to Illinois, locating in Cook County, where the father engaged in farming and where the mother died in 1842. Ezra Alger, in 1854, left Illinois for Wisconsin, residing in Walworth County two years, and then returned to Cook County, Ill., and from there, in 1868, he came to Fairfield, where he continued a resident at intervals until his death, April 1, 1877. His decease was almost instantaneous, occurring just as he had passed out of his own house in the morning. The parental household included three daughters and two sons, of whom Orlando H, was the second.

Our subject was a lad of about thirteen years when his parents removed from the Empire State to Cook County, Ill. He continued with his father until about twenty-three years of age, engaged mostly in farming pursuits, though he taught school during the winter season for a period of ten years. He also perfected himself in the science of surveying, and eventually became Deputy Surveyor of Cook County, which office he held two terms.

Mr. Alger was married while a resident of Cook County, Ill. March 17, 1852, to Miss Sally Higgins, a native of his own State and born in Tioga County. Jan. 25, 1827. The parents of Mrs. Alger, Isaac and Nancy (Arthur) Higgins, natives of New York, settled after their marriage in Tioga County, whence they subsequently removed, in 1836, to Cook County, Ill., where the father engaged in farming pursuits, and died in the spring of 1853, Mrs. Higgins then removed to Fairfield, where her death took place in October, 1876. Mr. and Mrs. Higgins were the parents of eleven children, seven daughters and four sons, of whom Sally, Mrs. Alger, was the sixth child and is the only surviving daughter of the family.

To our subject and his wife there were born eight children, as follows: Adelbert died when about three years of age: Emery P. married Miss Mary Furman, and is engaged with his father at Fairfield; Augustine C. died when about three years old: Herbert O. married Miss Alida White, and resides in Fairfield, engaged in business with his father; they have two children—Harley C. and Fern R. R. Beatrice is at home with her parents; Lafayette and Pearl died in early childhood, and Clarence A., who was the first born, died Aug. 20, 1855.

Mr. Alger represented Fairfield Township in the County Board of Supervisors one term, served as Assessor ten years, and Postmaster twenty-one and one-half years. He was elected Justice of the Peace in 1887, which office he still holds, and politically is a solid Republican.



ILAS MARSHALL is now pleasantly located on section 34. Seneca Township, where he has resided since 1855. Mr. Marshall's first purchase consisted of forty acres of land, to which he has since added until he now owns a tract of 100 acres. He has erected

thereon commodious and substantial buildings, and has provided himself with the modern appliances in use in his occupation, and has brought his farm to a high state of cultivation. Here he expects to spend his declining years in the enjoyment of that ease and prosperity to which he is so justly entitled.

The subject of our sketch was born in Geauga County, Ohio, Jan. 3, 1828, and was reared on a farm until about twenty years of age, attending the common schools, where he acquired such a taste for study that he subsequently entered Geanga Seminary, where he spent about three years. Soon afterward, in 1851, our subject was seized with the gold fever and started for California to seek his fortune. Unfortunately, however, he was severely poisoned by what is known in that country as the poison oak, which resembles our poison ivy. This so interfered with his work in that country that after a few months he returned to his old home and engaged in peddling notions at which he had been employed previous to his departure for the Pacific Coast, His field of operations was the city of Cleveland, in which he followed this business about fifteen years, meeting with quite good success. In the early part of 1855 Mr. Marshall came to this county and settled in Seneca Township, where he purchased forty acres of land on section 34, where he has since resided and to which he has since added until he now owns 100 acres.

In June, 1853, Mr. Marshall was united in marriage, in Hillsdale County, Mich., with Miss Phebe J., daughter of Peter and Hannah (Havens) Havens, who was born in Pultney, N. Y., Oct. 17, 1833. To Mr. and Mrs. Marshall have been born two children—Ella B. and Emma E. Ella is the wife of Marion Hart, of Seneca Township, and has two children—Arthur O. and Stella.

William O. Marshall, the father of our subject, was born in New Hampshire and was twice married. His first wife died in Ohio, and he was a second time married, to Miss Polly Ryder, a native of Massachusetts. After marriage the young couple settled in Chardon, Geauga Co., Ohio, where they reared a family of five children, named as follows: Betsey, George, Seth, Nathan and Silas. Two of these children are deceased. On their removal from Geauga County, Ohio, the parents resided in

different places, finally settling in Wisconsin, where the father died in 1860; the widow died in Pewamo, Mich., about 1870.

The parents of Mrs. Marshall were born in Pultney, N. Y., and first settled in that State, whence they removed to Hillsdale County, Mich., at an early day, being among the pioneers of that county, and settled in Somerset Township in the year 1838. They became the parents of six children, who are all living in Michigan—Andrew J., Horace A., Benjamin F., Phebe J., Eliza C. and Hannah D.

Mr. Marshall relates many interesting incidentsconnected with his trip to California, although his sickness prevented his appreciation of the experiences of the latter part of his stay there and his return home. He is a gentleman of intelligence and is well informed on current topics. Mr. Marshall is a member of the Methodist Church, in which he is at present Class-Leader. In politics he is identified with the Prohibitionists.



LBERT C. HUNTINGTON, Superintendent of the Clinton Woolen Mill, assumed his present position in April. 1886, and has since that time ably represented the interests of one of the most important industries of the village. He had held this position some twelve years before, and has had a thorough experience in this business, being at one time superintendent in the mills of the Hanover Manufacturing Company at Hanover. III. He possesses considerable mechanical genius, which developed at an early age, and took naturally to machinery, being keenly observant of its workings whenever opportunity afforded.

Mr. Huntington, a New Englander by birth and parentage, was born in the town of Middlebury, Yt., Jan. 3, 1834. His father, Jonathan Huntington, was a blacksmith by trade and a skilled mechanic, but only lived eight years after the birth of his son Albert. Our subject three years later entered the mills of his native town, where he continued until reaching manhood, and at the age of twenty-one years he repaired to Burlington, in his native State, and served a thorough apprenticeship as a machinist. He was occupied three years at this business, after which he returned to Middlebury and took the position of foreman in the mills of the Middlebury Woolen Company, which he held five years. Later he engaged in the well-known manufactory of George II. Gilbert, of Gilbertville, Mass.

Mr. Huntington, in 1864, left New England and came west as far as Hanover, Ill., where he established the Hanover Mills and operated these eight years. He then returned to Massachusetts, and engaging once more in the Gilbert Mills, remained East until 1872, when he returned to Hlinois, became once more connected with the Hanover Mills, and resided in that section until his advent into this county. Besides being Superintendent here he owns valuable shares in the enterprise, and has been a Director since April, 1887.

Mr. Huntington was married in his native town in Vermont to one of his childhood associates, Miss Sarah E, Stearns, who was also born and reared in the town of Middlebury. Her parents, Ansel D, and Frances Stearns, were also natives of the Green Mountain State, and the father was a mechanic, Mr. and Mrs. Huntington became the parents of three children—Carrie, Sadle, and Laura, deceased. They occupy a sung bone, and number their friends by the score in Clinton and vicinity, while Mr. Huntington is very popular among the business men of Clinton and greatly liked by his employes. He is a gentleman born and bred, intelligent, well-read, and pleasing to converse with. Both are members in good standing of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

EORGE W. BALEY, whose history is here briefly sketched, is an honored resident of Dover Township, and is the son of Joseph and Olive (Burgess) Baley, natives of New York State. After their marriage they settled in Seneca County, N. Y., and there Mrs. Baley died in 1836. They were the parents of six children, of whom the record is as follows: George W.: Louisa P. is the wife of M. P. Stockville, of Dover Township; Cinderella is the wife of N. P. Ellis, and resides in Iowa; William P. died in New York when quite young; Henry when last heard of was in Wiscon.

sin; A. Judson died in Dover Township when a lad of eight or nine years. In the spring of 1836 Mr. Baley came to Lenawee County, and being pleased with the country, he sent the next year for his children, having decided to make this his permanent home. He purchased 330 acres of land in Dover Township, on sections 1 and 12, and lived there until his death, which occurred in November, 1884.

George W. Baley was born in Romulus, Seneca Co., N. Y., Oct. 13, 1821, and coming to Lenawee County in the summer of 1837, remained with his father, assisting him in his farm labors until he attained his majority. The succeeding four years he spent in travel, during which time he visited several States, and became familiar with the topography of a large part of the country. Finding no place that suited him better as a permanent abidingplace than Michigan, he returned to Dover Township, where he settled. In 1847 he erected a sawmill and operated that almost exclusively until 1864, when he turned his attention to farming, and carried on both vocations until the spring of 1887. Since that time his attention has been given entirely to agricultural pursuits, and his large farm of upward of 100 acres, with its substantial and commodious buildings, is indicative of the good management of its possessor.

Mr. Baley was married, in 1847, in Dover Township, to Miss Mary E. Bradford, who was a native of Wayne County, Mich. She bore him one child, Joseph, who died in infancy, but her married life was of brief duration, her death occurring July 2, 1848. Mr. Baley's second marriage occurred July 7, 1864, in Adrian, Mich., when he was united to Miss Mary C. Pontius, who was born in Seneca County, N. Y., Nov. 11, 1837. She was the daughter of Henry and Mary (Smith) Pontius, natives of Pennsylvania, who after marriage first settled in Seneca County, N. Y., but subsequently removed to Lenawee County, this State, where they died, his death occurring Oct. 28, 1869, and hers in October, 1877. They had nine children, of whom the record is as follows: Anna is the widow of David Ireland, who died in Barry County, this State, in September, 1886; Eliza became the wife of Lewis Ireland, and died in Plainville, Allegan County, in September, 1882; Sarah is the wife of John Gambee, of Dover Township: William married Rosanna Goodman, and died in Dover Township, Feb. 22, 1850; David resides in Clayton: Caroline is the widow of Henry Spoon; Margaret is the wife of William B. Downe, of Coldwater; Emma is the wife of Charles Gambee, of Dover Township; and Mary C. is the wife of our subject.

Mr. and Mrs. Baley have one child, Johnnie C. Mr. Baley is a public-spirited man, and takes an intelligent interest in all matters pertaining to his community and the country at large. He has been Supervisor one year, and for several years was School Inspector, and for more than two years he has served as Justice of the Peace. Socially he is a member of the Clayton Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Adrian Chapter No. 10, R. A. M., and of Adrian Commandery No. 4, K. T. He and his wife joined the Presbyterian Church at Clayton, in 1880.

AMUEL K. KINNEY, of Seneca Township,
who has now reached his threescore years
and ten, came to this county in the summer
of 1828, when a lad ten years of age, accompanying his brother Amos from the vicinity

companying his brother Amos from the vicinity of Canandaigua, X. Y. They made their way from Detroit overland with a team, and Amos Kinney located a tract of land and erected a log cabin, into which he removed with his family. Samuel Kinney made his home with his brother, and was joined by his parents and the rest of the family in July following.

Elias Kinney, the father of our subject, purchased eighty acres of Government land in Sencea Township, and all the children who were old enough assisted in clearing it and building up the homestead. Samuel attended the first school in the township, which was conducted in a log house twenty feet square, and was called the Kinney school-house on account of being projected by the father. It boasted but one window, while a blanket hung up at the opening served as a door, and in this rude structure our subject commenced his education when fourteen years of age, and which continued but a brief time afterward, being carried on about three months in the winter.

The early life of our subject was thus spent amid

the seenes of pioneer life, and he developed into manhood stout of heart and strong of muscle, admirably fitted for the duties which lay before him. He made his home with his parents until after he his preparations for a home of his own by his marriage, Nov. 29, 1846, with Miss Mary, daughter of Benjamin and Sarah Secor, of Seneca Township, The parents of Mrs. Kinney were natives of New York State, the father born in Rockland County, and the mother in Orange County. They settled first in Rockland County, whence they afterward removed to Orange County, where the mother died when fifty years of age. Mr. Secor, in 1843, came to Michigan with his children and located in Seneca Township, where his death took place in 1848, when he was fifty-five years of age. The parental family included twelve children, six sons and six daughters, of whom Mary, Mrs. Kinney, was the third, and was born in New York City March 19, 1824, but was reared and educated in Orange County. She was nineteen years of age when she came to Michigan with her father, and continued with him until her marriage. The Secor family are of Scotch descent, and the first representatives in this country crossed the Atlantic during the Colonial days.

Mr. and Mrs. Kinney have one child only, a daughter. Hannah Elizabeth, who is the wife of Benjamir F. Graves, a leading lawyer of the city of Adrian. The farm of Mr. Kinney includes 120 acres of land, with one of the linest dwellings in the county. The barns and other outhouses are near and substantial structures, and the live stock and machinery first-class in every respect. The land is exceedingly fertile, and the farm in all its appointments indicates the supervision of excellent judgment and cultivated tastes. Mr. Kinney, politically, votes with the Democratic party, and has occupied some of the minor offices in connection with schools.

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ILLIAM M. WILEY, a gentleman who has scarcely reached middle life, has made an excellent start toward a competency, being the owner of 140 acres of good land on section 14, in Seneca Township. Here he carries on stock-

raising, being principally interested in Short-horn cattle, of which he has a fine herd of twenty head, In a life that has been comparatively uneventful, he has pursued the even tenor of his way, true to his early training in the first principles of success, namely, industry and economy. Whatever he does is done well, and his success has been brought about by his even, upright method of procedure, which has not only given him standing as a reliable man in his community, but has led him to make wise investments, together with a good use of his time.

Our subject is the son of the well-known pioneers, Augustus B, and Lucretia (Packard) Wiley, natives of New York State, who came to this county before their marriage. The grandmother of our subject, Submit Bagley, was a consin of Gov. Bagley, of Michigan. After marriage, Augustus Wiley and his young wife located in Seneca Township, where they spent the remainder of their lives, employed in building up a home from the uncultivated soil, and in which they succeeded well. The father died on the 20th of March, 1855, at the age of fifty-four years. The mother survived her husband twenty-six years, dying in 1881.

The father of our subject by his own efforts had acquired a fair education, and was particularly interested in the establishment of schools in his adopted county. Here he officiated as a teacher several terms, and was a Director in his district for many years. His first farm consisted of 112 acres in Seneca Township, and he then purchased the farm known as the "Five Points," which he occupied until his decease. The parental household included six children, three sons and three daughters, of whom William M. was the third in order of birth. He came to the household of his parents after their removal to this county, and was born in Seneca Township, April 30, 1850. His education was conducted in the common schools, and he continued with his mother until twenty-four years of age.

In 1874, our subject having in view the establishment of a home of his own, was united in marriage with Miss. Effie J., daughter of Micajah and Phila (Sanger) Hayward, and commenced nousekeeping in semeen, but the year following they took possession of their present farm. To the little household in due time there came two children, Floyd A., who was born Oct. 22, 1882, and David Ray. Sept. 13, 1885. They are at home with their parents.

Mr. Wiley, like his father before him, has been prominent in the school affairs of his district, and has officiated as Director for the past four years. He is an independent voter, and socially belongs to the Masonic fraternity of Morenci.



EORGE W. WILT, a resident of Ogden Center, actively engaged in farming, was born in Preston County, W. Va., or, more properly speaking. Virginia, as West Virginia was not then separated from the Old Dominion. His great-grandfather, Michael Wilt, was born in Bedford, Pa., of German parentage, and was one of the earliest settlers of West Virginia. He located in that part of Randolph County now included in Preston County, four miles from the present site of the village of Aurora, where he bought quite a large tract of land, engaged in farming, and spent his last vears there.

The grandfather of our subject, Michael Wilt, was born either in Pennsylvania, or soon after his parents settled in Virginia; however he grew to manhood in the latter State. After his marriage with Lydia Waltz he settled on a tract of land which his father had bought, and cleared his farm from the wilderness. The father of our subject was born on that homestead, and there reared to manhood. He married in his native place Maria Martin, a native of Germany, and the daughter of Peter Martin, who was born, reared and married in that country. Sometime after his marriage he emigrated with his family to America, and settled in that part of Alleghany County now included in Garrett County, Md., where he improved a farm, and there died. After his marriage, Mr., Wilt settled on a tract of land which his father had given him, and which he improved into a fine farm. He now lives in retirement in the village of Elkins, Garrett Co., Md., but his good wife, the mother of our subject, departed this life in 1863.

Our subject, who was the second child in the

parental family, was reared on his father's farm, and remained with his parents until he was nineteen years old. He then enlisted, in February, 1863, in Company I, 3d Maryland Infantry, and immediately marching to the front did valiant service for his country in the Army of the Potomac until the close of the war. He was in the battles of Winchester, South Mountain and many minor engagements. He was discharged with his regiment in June, 1865, and returned home, where he resumed his farming occupations until 1868. He then left Preston County, and coming to Michigan obtained employment in Ogden Township, where he worked by the month for three years. He then made his first purchase of a tract of forty acres of timber land on section 23 of Ogden Township, and later he bought sixty acres adjoining his first purchase. He cleared about forty acres of his land, and drained and cultivated it, but in 1882 he sold out, and bought the farm on which he now resides, containing 100 acres of land, seventy acres of which are cleared and very productive. There is a fair set of farm buildings on the place, and Mr. Wilt has made many important improvements in the few years the property has been in his possession. He is a practical, energetic man, paying careful attention to all the details of farming, and bids fair to have a very fine farm in the course of a few years.

Mr. Wilt did not begin farming for himself without first securing the aid of a good wife, to whom
he was married Dec. 21, 1871. Her maiden name
was Sarah Robertson, and she was born in Medina
County, Ohio, May 3, 1851, the daughter of James
and Elizabeth Robertson, the former the second
child of George P. Robertson. Mr. Wilt is a
member of David Becker Post No. 25, G. A. R.
He is a faithful and patriotic citizen, and actively
advocates the interests of the Republican party.



ILAS ALDRICH came to Southern Michigan with his father in 1835, when a lad eleven years of age. They made the journey to Buffalo by team from Rutland County, Vt., and then boarded the "Daniel Webster," by means of which they proceeded to Detroit,

whence the father drove through to Adrian, arriving on the 20th of June, with \$25 in money. All but \$2 of this he paid out soon afterward for a barrel of pork, which proved to be half made up of heads. He rented a tract of land on Wolf Creek, where he lived until March following, then traded his team and wagon for eighty acres of land on section 30, in Rome, and section 25, in Rollin Township. After building a log house he commenced clearing the land around him, and that spring he laid low three acres of timber, cleared the ground, and planted it with corn and potatoes. The fall previously he had purchased a cow, which was choked to death by getting a potato in its throat, and he was mable to buy another for nearly two years.

In the fall of 1836 the father of our subject harvested nine acres of wheat, which had yielded plentifully, but after it was in the shock, rain commenced to fall, and continued until the whole crop was ruined by sprouting. This was a great blow to the family, for they had been much elated with the prospect, and were therefore compelled to deny themselves of the comforts they had expected. In the winter of 1837-38 Mr. Aldrich ran in debt for a voke of oxen, and labored thereafter as cheerfully as he could under the circumstances. In due time he found himself upon a more solid footing, and succeeded in building up a comfortable home. His experience was like that of many others who came into the wilderness without means, but his resolute spirit enabled him to persevere where others failed, and abandoning what little they had accomplished, left the country. He died Sept. 13, 1883, at the old homestead in Rome Township.

Silas Aldrich was born in Wallingford, Rutland Co., Vt., May 12, 1824, and is the son of Welcome Aldrich, a native of New Hampshire, where he was born in Richmond, Dec. 28, 1796. The father was the son of Silas and Mehitable Aldrich, who removed from the Old Granite State in 1806, and purchased a farm in Rutland County, Vt. Welcome continued in his native State until the spring of 1835, and then came to this section of country as we have already related. He was married in his native State, when nineteen years old, Feb. 15, 1815, to Miss Phebe, daughter of Isaac and Lucinda Doty, of Wallingford, and they became the

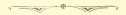
parents of six children, of whom Silas of our sketch was the fourth child and eldest son. Mrs. Phebe Abdrich was born in Wallingford, Vt., Sept. 30, 1798, and died at the homestead in Rome Township, this county, July 3, 1876.

Mr. Aldrich continued with his parents in Rome Township until he was twenty years of age, and was then married, Sept. 24, 1814, to Miss Lucy, daughter of Phillip and Phebe (Moon) Roberts, of Chatham, Columbia Co., N. Y. The young people commenced life together on a farm adjoining the old homestead, and still occupy the land which Mr. A. purchased nearly forty-four years ago. Upon this he has made nearly all the improvements which we see to-day, erected all the buildings, and by his careful cultivation of the soil has one of the most valuable homesteads in this section. He is intimately acquainted with all the phases of pioneer life, attending school in the log school-house, with seats made of slabs through which the legs protruded, and which he asserts were quite uncomfortable to sit upon. He has often been hungry, when his mother was unable to give him anything to eat, and labored long and incessantly in attaining his present position in life.

Philip W. Aldrich, the eldest son of our subject, was born Oct. 16, 1845, and married when twentyone years of age, Miss Clarissa Hutchins, the wedding taking place at the home of the bride, Dec. 25, 1866; he is now farming in Rome Township, Phebe R. was born Aug, 19, 1847, and is the wife of A. P. Keith, a prosperous farmer of Adrian Township; they have one child, a daughter Lina, born April 1, 1874. Silas L. was born Jan. 24. 1849, and married Miss Saddie McKay; he is farming in Burlington, Coffey Co., Kan., and is the father of two children-Clarence, born in March, 1882, and Ada, in 1884. Melissa C. was born May 31, 1851, and died Nov. 20, 1858. The mother of these children was born in Chatham, Columbia Co., N. Y., July 9, 1821, and died in Rome Township. this county, March 6, 1855.

Mr. Aldrich took for his second wife a sister of the first. Miss Charity Roberts, to whom he was married on the 8th of May, 1856. Mrs. Charity (Roberts) Aldrich was born in Chatham, N. Y., Jan, 2, 1816, and is the daughter of Phillip Roberts, a native of Putnam County, N. Y., where he was born March 4, 1768. He removed to Columbia County with his parents in 1777, and lived there until his decease, Nov. 1, 1855. He married in early manlrood Miss Phebe, daughter of John and Ruth Moon, the wedding being celebrated in Stephentown, Rensselaer County, Nov-26, 1794. Phillip Roberts came of a long-lived race: one of his brothers was a physician, and another a minister.

Philip Aldrich, the eldest son of our subject, with whom he now lives a retired life, has a family of four children, as follows: Edith M. was born July 22, 1869, and is the wife of Cassius Miles, a telegraph operator, of Arbor Springs: they have one child, Vere, born Dec. 26, 1887. Lucy E. was born Feb. 28, 1872; George L., April 8, 1874, and Elmer A., April 18, 1878. This son is Republican in politics, differing somewhat from his father, who casts the weight of his influence with the Prohibitionists.



ORRIS SELLECK, an intelligent farmer residing on section 2. Hudson Township, has met with more than ordinary success in his chosen vocation. Commencing at the lower rung of fortune's ladder he has steadily elimbed upward until now he holds an assured position among the prosperous citizens of Lenawee County. The grandfather of our subject, Peter Selleck, moved from Connecticut to New York, and was one of the early settlers of Oneida County, where he bought land in Paris Township, and lived there until his death about 1838. He served in the Revolutionary War, and became a pensioner.

The father of our subject, Ebenezer L. Selleck, was born in Stafford, Conn., Sept. 16, 1796, and accompanied his parents to Oneida County. On the 3d of April, 1822, he was married to Nancy Wetmore, in Oneida County, N. Y., the place of her nativity. Her parents, Elisha and Cynthia Wetmore, were natives of New England, and pioneers of Oneida County, where they spent their last years. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Selleck settled on his father's homestead, and resided

there until the spring of 1836, when they started for the Territory of Michigan with their six children, coming via the Erie Canal to Syracuse, thence by the Oswego Canal, Lake Ontario, Welland Canal and Lake Erie to Toledo, whence they came to Lenawee County by means of an ox-team, arriving in Woodstock on the 8th of June. The father of our subject had in a previous visit to this county bought a tract of land in what is now Woodstock, a few acres of which were cleared, and the frame for a barn, and a plank house had been erected. The family moved into the house, and he at once commenced clearing a farm, and later bought more land, but in the fall of 1839 he disposed of his property there, and removed to Adrian Township, where he bought 160 acres of land on the plank road two miles from the village. Quite a tract of land had been improved, and besides a barn there was on it a log house, which the family occupied until 1841, and then built a substantial frame house. They resided there a number of years, and improved the greater part of the land, but subsequently Mr. Selleck sold out, and with his family removed into the city of Adrian, where he lived retired until his death, in February, 1881; his wife had died three years previously.

Morris Selleck, the subject of this sketch, was eleven years old when he came with his parents to Michigan, which was then under Territorial Government. The trip from New York was an enjoyable one for him, and the various incidents of the journey made an ineffaceable impression on his young mind. The almost trackless wilderness in which the family settled contained deer, turkeys, and wild animals of all kinds, which, with the few remaining Indians, were the principal inhabitants. His early education was obtained in the pioneer schools, and the school-house which he first attended was constructed of logs, and furnished with home-made seats, and the bench used by the pupils when writing was made of a rough board supported by poles that were inserted in holes bored in the logs. When out of school he assisted his father in clearing the land, often being called on to drive the oxen, which his father used entirely at first for farming, milling, marketing and church going. He remained at home until twenty-one years of age, then

commenced working out by the month, and continued thus employed until his marriage in 1819, when Olive Arobelle Shaw became his wife, November 14. She was born at Saratoga Springs, N. Y., Aug. 29, 1834, and is the daughter of Nathan and Esther (Conklin) Shaw, the former born near Saratoga Springs, and the latter in Poughkeepsie, N. Y. After their marriage her parents continued to reside in Saratoga County until 1835, when they removed to Castile, in the same State, where they purchased a farm of fifty acres from the Wadsworth estate, and four years later they started with a team for Michigan. Arriving at Buffalo they embarked, team and all, in a steamer for Toledo, thence proceeded with the team to Hanover, Jackson County, where Mr. Shaw purchased 160 acres of land, on which he erected a log house; the family in the meantime occupied a log house with another family. He eleared a farm from the wilderness, and remained there until the death of his wife, Sept. 15, 1877, after which he purchased a house in the village of Hanover, where his death occurred Feb. 22, 1884. His father, Thomas Shaw, was of English ancestryand his last years were spent in Chantangua County, Mrs. Selleck's maternal grandfather was born in France, and, coming to America in the eighteenth century, he took part in the Revolutionary War, and was made a pensioner; he was a merchant by occupation, and the last years of his life were spent in Norwalk, Ohio; his wife was a native of Germany.

After their marriage our subject and his bride settled on the place which they now own and occupy, which was then heavily timbered land, and not a tree of it had been marred by the ax. They occupied a log house with another family until Mr. Selleck could build a frame house on his own land, and in the course of time, as money grew more plentiful with him, he purchased more land, and now is the proprietor of 206 acres, 150 of which are under cultivation. In 1868 he erected a large frame house, and the barn which was built prior to that time has since been remodeled and enlarged, so that now his improvements compare favorably with any in the county. Besides his farm our subject owns a steam gristmill in Clayton, which he is now refitting with the latest improved machinery.

Our subject has traveled quite extensively in the United States. In 1876, accompanied by his wife, he visited the Centennal Exposition in Philadelphiaand his old home in New York State, and later he made an extended tour to the Pacific Slope, visiting on the way Nebraska and Colorado, where he ascended Pike's Peak, and explored the gold mines. In Utah he visited Salt Lake City, where he astended the Mormon Church, and bathled in Salt Lake; then, crossing the Rockies, he stopped at Sacramento and San Francisco, and from there he went via steamer to Oregon, and thence to the head of navigation on the Colombia River. Returning to San Francisco he started on his return trip via the Santa Fe Railway, visiting the principal points of interest in Southern California, New Mexico and Arizona. During the journey he wrote many interesting letters, describing the principal secuic features and the people whom he met on his travels.

Mr., and Mrs. Selleck have an adopted son, James B. Mrs. Selleck is an active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of Rollin Center, and is held in high estimation for her amiable character. In politics Mr. selleck is a Republican, having affiliated with that party, and warmly advocated its principles since its organization.

EORGE N. TORREY took possession of his pleasant homestead on section 25, in Rome Township, in the spring of 1869, having removed from a farm a half mile west. He has here eighty acres of good land with suitable buildings, and ranks among the thrifty and well-to-do men of this section of country. He has known no other home than this country, having been born here April 1, 1835, and here has thus far passed his life.

Noah Torrey, the father of our subject, was a mative of Herkimer County, N. Y., where he spent his boyhood and youth, and learned the trade of a blacksmith, which had been the occupation of his father of the same rame. Noah, Jr., in the spring of 1830 left his native State for the West, and upon reaching Adrian, engaged at his trade, and in time put up a shop. In 1844 he removed to Rome Township, and seven years later crossed the Mississippi and spent several years in Colorado, after which he went in 1851 to California, and remained until 1855. Upon returning to this county, he staid here until fall, then went to Colorado and lived until 1880. Returning, he took up his residence with his son, where he spent the last six years of his life, and died on the 3d of January, 1887, at the age of seventy-eight. The mother of our subject was formerly Miss Thankful Howes, and was born in New York; her father, Ezra Howes, was a ship carpenter by trade, and spent his last years in Adrian.

Mr. Torrey, of our sketch, started out for himself at the age of sixteen years, and engaged to work by the month. His education was acquired in the district school and the High School at Adrian, and he was married at the age of twenty-seven, Oct. 15, 1862, to Miss Harriet I., daughter of E. L. and Nancy Selleck, and sister of Charles W. Selleck, of Adrian. Upon becoming a voter, he identified himself with the Democratic party, of whose principles he has since been a stanch defeader.

Mrs. Torrey was born Oct. 28, 1840, and continued with her parents until her marriage. The only child of Mr. and Mrs. Torrey, Ethel I., was born Aug. 31, 1882. Our subject has been a member of the Masonic fraternity for a period of twenty-four years, and belongs at present to Adrian Lodge No. 19.



ARVIN HOWARD came from the Mohawk Valley during the early settlement of this county, and after some years spent in Manchester, he located near its northern line, first in Cambridge Township, and afterward in Tecumsch Township, of which he is now a resident. His birth took place in Herkimer County, N. Y., Feb. 12, 1809, and he is the son of Joseph and Nancy (Smith) Howard, the former a native of New York State, and the latter of Scipio, in the same State, Joseph Howard was killed while serving in the War of 1812, leaving his widow with four small children. After the death of her husband Mrs. Howard continued in Herkimer County, and was married again to a Mr. West. The chil-

dren were subsequently scattered among strangers, and our subject, Marvin, was reared by Asa Smith, of Herkimer County, with whom he remained until reaching manhood.

The foster father of young Howard died when the latter was twenty years of age, and then, the farm being sold, our subject was compelled to start out on his own account. He was employed as a farm laborer by the month in his native State until January, 1833, when he found his way to the Territory of Michigan, making his first stop in the unpretending hamlet of Manchester, where he continued engaged in agricultural pursuits, and located a quarter section of land. This he sold two years later, and purchased another tract four miles west of Manchester, and which consisted of eighty acres. Upon this he effected good improvements, planting an orchard, putting up a set of comfortable farm buildings, and making a snug and pleasant home for his little family. After a residence here of twenty years he sold out, and purchased a fine tract of 200 acres near Springville, in Cambridge Township, which he occupied until his removal to his present farm, which contains sixty acres, and is located about one mile west of the village of Tecumseh. Here also Mr. Howard has built up a good home, and in the enjoyment of a competence will spend his declining years in ease and comfort,

After his removal to the West, there occurred in the life of our subject perhaps one of its most interesting and important events, and which had much to do in shaping his future course. This was his marriage, in December, 1835, with Miss Lavina Reed, of Manchester, who was born in Niagara County, N. Y., and became the mother of two children. Their elder son, Albert R., died when two and one-half years old, and the other, Orlando P., after reaching manhood, was married to Miss Eliza Weadhead, and died in 1870, leaving one son, Albert O. The mother followed her children to the better land in the summer of 1871.

Mr. Howard, now in the seventy-ninth year of his age, is hale and hearty, and bids fair to shed the light of his countenance upon the people of his community for many years to come. He has been quite prominent in local affairs, representing Cambridge Township in the County Board of Supervisors and serving as Township Clerk and Commissioner of Highways, holding the latter office twelve years. He cast his first Presidential vote for Andrew Jackson, and continued a Democrat for a number of years. Later he wheeled into the Republican ranks, but the past few years his warm interest in the temperance movement has caused him to take sides with the Prohibitionists. He was one of the eleven who effected the organization of the Baptist Church at Manchester, and soon afterward was appointed Deacon, which office he held until his removal to Cambridge. He subsequently identified himself with the Baptist Church in Tecumsch, of which he still remains a member.

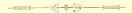
OSIAH METCALF, a respected resident, and Justice of the Peace, located on section 35, Seneca Township, owns forty acres of finely improved land, well cultivated and provided with buildings suitable for agricultural operations. Coming to this county in 1852, Mr. Metcalf has made this township his home with scarcely any interruption since that time.

The parents of our subject were William and Mary (Newell) Metcalf, the former born in Washington County, Pa., and the latter in Ashland County, Ohio. When but six weeks old William Metcalf left the Keystone State with his parents, who settled near Ashland, Ohio, whence they removed in 1852, and coming to Lenawee County settled in Seneca Township. They engaged with characteristic energy in the work of building up a home and educating their family, and lived to see the desire of their hearts accomplished. Mr. Metcalf passed away to the silent land in 1869, while his widow still survives. Their family comprised seven children, five sons and two daughters, of whom our subject was the eldest. Josiah Metcalf was born in Ashland County, Ohio, on the 7th of February, 1837, and was reared to farm life, receiving such education at the common schools of that time as could be obtained. He remained in Ohio until he had reached his fifteenth year, when he accompanied his parents to Lenawee County.

On the 29th of March, 1859, in Osseo, Hillsdale

Co., Mich., our subject was united in marriage with Miss Mary II., daughter of James and Sarah A. (Harper) Seeley, natives of New York, whence they migrated, in 1854, to this county, settling in Dover Township. They subsequently removed to Seneca Township, and are now residents of Morenci. Their family included five children, three sons and two daughters-William E., Mary H., Ellen M., Isaac (deceased) and Hamlin. Mrs. Metcalf was the second child in order of birth in the parental family, and was born in Seneca County, N. Y., Sept. 26, 1841. In her early days she had the advantage of a better class of schools in that State, and being bright and intelligent received a good education before coming to this county. She and her husband have become the parents of six children, whom they named as follows: Lozelle C., Rosa, Lilly, Otho, Stella and Ole. Rosa is the wife of Walter Plummer, and resides in Chesterfield, Ohio; the remainder of the children are at home.

Mr. Metealf has been Justice of the Peace for a period of twelve years, and in order to better further the cause of education he has accepted the office of School Director. He took the census of his township for the current decade. In politics he is an uncompromising Democrat, fearlessly advocating what he believes to be the right, not only in politics but in all his business relations. This course has naturally won for him the confidence and esteem of those with whom he has been brought into contact, socially or in business.



OLOMON WOLF. The subject of this sketch came to this county in 1818, and not long afterward felled the first tree upon the land which constitutes his present homestead. Although the face of the country at that time was considerably changed from its primitive condition, still the pioneer days had not gone by, and Mr. Wolf, with his young family, had their full share of privation and hardship. Our subject toiled industriously upon the eighty acres of unimproved land which he had purchased, and has now all but twenty acres cleared, with five acres of choice sugar maples. These trees he utilizes in the manufacture of the country of the country acres are the unities of the country acres of choice sugar maples.

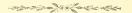
facture of syrup and sugar, which each year yield him handsome returns.

The Wolf family is of German ancestry, possessing all the sturdy and reliable traits of their forefathers. George and Nancy (Gerwell) Wolf, the parents of our subject, were natives of Cumberland County, Pa., and Virginia, respectively, and removed with their parents to Ohio before their marriage. After uniting their lives and fortunes they settled in Ashland County, where the father died June 11, 1864, when sixty-nine years of age. The mother is still living, making her home in Ashland County, Ohio, and has now reached her eightythird year. They were the parents of ten children, six sons and four daughters, of whom eight are living, and residents of Iowa, Missouri, Ohio and Michigan. Grandfather Gerwell was a witness of the massacre at Ft. Meigs, but he was fortunate enough to escape.

Solomon Wolf was the eldest child of his parents, and was born in Wayne (now Ashland) County, Ohio, on the 12th of January, 1826. He spent his boyhood and youth after the manner of most farmers' sons, acquiring a limited education in the district school and working with his father until after reaching his majority. The next important event of his life was his marriage with Miss Sophia Van Siekle, which occurred Nov. 1, 1849. Mrs. Wolf was the daughter of Andrew and Mary (Straight) Van Sickle, natives of New Jersey, but who were married in New York State, and from there removed first to Ohio and then to this county, Mr. Van Sickle built up a good homestead, where he spent many long and useful years' and died in May, 1885, when eighty-four years old; the mother is still living at the old homestead, and is in the eighty-second year of her age.

Mrs. Wolf was the eldest child in a family of two sons and five daughters, and was born in December, 1827. She was reared to womanhood in Cheming County, N. Y., having the common educational advantages and being trained by an excellent mother to the various duties pertaining to the good housewife. She continued under the parental roof until her marriage, and soon afterward Mr, and Mrs. Wolf took possession of their farm, which it is hardly necessary to say hore at that time little resemblance to its present condition. They labored together many years, and the wife and mother passed away at the homestead on the 5th of June, 1885. Their eldest son, George, married Miss Estella Camburn, and is a painter in Seneca Township; Nancy is the wife of Jesse Tuttle, and has one child, a son, Floyd; William married Miss Ida Van Sickle, and they reside on the homestead.

Mr. Wolf takes life easily and sensibly, and has given into the hands of his son the principal care and responsibility of the farm operations. He is a life-long Democrat and an earnest supporter of the principles of his party, although never making himself conspicuous in political matters.



ATHANIEL LANE. a unachinist living at Hudson, became a resident of the township in 1834. He was born in Enfield, Hampshire Co.. Mass., July 1, 1830, and is a son of Bereah H. and Phebe (Parkman) Lane, both natives of the same place. His grandfather, Nathaniel Lane, also a native of Massachusetts, was a farmer and cattle-dealer, and resided in Enfield until 1834, when he came to this county with his family, and located on the present site of the village of Hudson. He creeted a small frame house on the land now occupied by the Comstock House, where he remained engaged in farming until his death.

The father of our subject was born in 1800, and was reared in his native town, where he learned the trade of a carpenter and joiner, which he pursued until the spring of 1834, when he came to this county, and entered a tract of land from the Government one mile south of the present village of Hudson. He soon exchanged 160 acres of it for eighty acres now included in the village, lying north of Main street. On it was a log cabin, which was then the only dwelling where the city of Hudson now stands. After erecting a sawmill, the first in the vicinity, he returned to Massachusetts for his family, coming back with his wife and two children in the fall of the same year. On their way they staid for a short time at Elvria, Ohio, and from there journeyed to this town with an ox-team, and at once took possession of the log cabin, and commenced

clearing the land. In due course of time other settlers moved in and took up sections, or parts of sections, of land near his; the forests were climinated, verdant and smiling fields taking their places; the log houses which were the first habitations of the new-comers were replaced by frame houses neatly and tastily constructed, and churches, schools, warehouses and manufactories sprang up as if by magic.

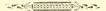
The father of this town, as Bereah H. Lane may be justly termed, witnessed during his half century's residence here its development from a wilderness, with his rude log house as a nucleus, to a thriving city of 3,000 inhabitants. In this wondrous change he took a prominent part, always aiding financially, or otherwise, anything that would add to its advancement. The first election in Hudson was held in his house, and at that time he was elected Justice of the Peace. When a post-office was established here, it was named Lanesville in his honor, and he was appointed Postmaster, an office which he held a number of years. He died here in November, 1887. mourned not only by his family, but by the entire community, who held him in the highest respect and esteem, and who have always a kindly word to speak in praise of his memory. He was a member of Hudson Lodge No. 26, 1, O. O. F., in which he served as Noble Grand. His first wife died leaving three children-Anna Maria, Nathaniel and Edward P.; the eldest died at the age of eighteen years, and the youngest when two years old. He was married a second time, to Julia Anderson, a native of New York State; she is now living in Adrian, Four children were born of this marriage, only one of whom is now living, Theresa, the wife of C. W. Rose, of Adrian.

Nathaniel Lane, the subject of this sketch, was four years old when he came to this county. The Indians, who had not yet forsaken their original haunts, were occasional visitors at the cabin, while wild game was plentiful, and held a prominent place in their daily fare. Our subject was a pupil of the first school ever taught in the village, and which was held in an unfinished frame house that was being built for a residence on the west side of the river. As soon as large enough he assisted his father on the farm, remaining at home until eighteen

years of age, when, a farmer's life having no attraction for him, and in order that his natural aptitude for mechanics might be developed, he went to Newark, Ohio, to learn the machinist's trade. After spending a year there, he went to Urbana, a few miles away, where he pursued the same vocation for a year, and the succeeding six months he spent in Dayton, Ohio. Then journeying westward across the Mississippi River, he located in St. Louis, whence after a brief stay he removed to Chicago, Ill., then a straggling village, where he remained two years. At the expiration of that time he returned to Hudson, and formed a partnership with Franklin Smith, who was already established in a machine-shop here, Their partnership extended over a period of a little more than two years, when Mr. Lane bought out his partner's interest. In 1863 he went to Nashville, Tenn., as an expert machinist in the employ of the Government, and continued there in its service until the close of the war, then returned to Hudson and re-opened his machine-shop, and has since carried on here a lucrative business.

The subject of our sketch was married in May, 1858, to Martha Fuller, a native of Calhoun County, Mich. Nathaniel Fuller, her grandfather, spent his last years in Dutchess County, N. Y., and in that county her father, Lewis Fuller, was born and grew to manhood. When twenty-four years old he removed to Monroe County, N. Y., and there married the daughter of Judge Williams, who died two years after her marriage. His second wife, the mother of Mrs. Lane, was Chloe Lee, a native of Batavia, N. Y., and daughter of Thomas and Mehitable (Henniker) Lee. William Henniker, the greatgrandfather of Mrs. Lane, was a native of New England, and a pioneer settler of Batavia, and her grandparents spent their last years in Greece, Monroe Co., N. Y. Her parents came to Michigan Territory in 1835, and first located in Calhoun County, being pioneers there. Her father bought timbered land and resided there until 1851, when he removed to Hillsdale County, and in 1857 came to this county and resided here some years, then returned to Hillsdale County, where he died June 27, 1887. Mrs. Fuller now resides with her daughter, Mrs. Lane. Our subject and his wife have two children -Annie and Gracie May.

As one of the representative business men of the county, as well as one of its most estimable citizens, Mr. Lane occupies a prominent place in the community, where he is well sustaining the reputation of his father for integrity, public-spiritedness and open-hearted hospitality. Mrs. Lane is held in equal estimation with her husband, and is a valued member of the Congregational Church.



ERRITT H. HIGBY, a manufacturer of all kinds of hard and soft wood lumber, whose mills are located near the tracks of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern and Wabash Railroads, in Adrian, is a gentleman who has been and is a prominent figure in the commercial circles of this city. He is a native of the State of New York, and was born in Wayne County. Jan. 23, 1844. His parents, Hiram M. and Polly H. (Harris) Higby, were natives of the same State, where the former was born June 8, 1820; he died Jan. 12, 1886. After their marriage the parents settled permanently in Wayne County, N. Y., where they remained until 1844, in which year they removed to Lenawee County, and located on a farm in Madison Township, south of the city of Adrian. On this farm they passed the remainder of their days, the father being one of the successful and substantial farmers of the county, widely known and universally esteemed.

Merritt H. Higby, the subject of our sketch, was but an infant when brought by his parents to this county. His boyhood was passed upon his father's farm, and he attended the district schools, after which he became a student in Hillsdale College, where he pursued his studies for a time, and then returned to the farm. In 1870 Mr. Highy embarked in the purchase and sale of walnut lumber and logs, dealing largely at Michigan, Ohio and Indiana, and shipping to Eastern points. In 1881 he established a sawmill at Ogden Station, which he operated until 1887, when he erected his present mill in Adrian. This sawmill, located in East Adrian, is one of the finest in the county, the boilers being of the best manufacture, and the engine a double cylinder, which was built after plans drawn by Mr. Higby. The mill throughout is supplied with the latest machinery, and is of most wonderful capacity. The engine was planned by Mr. Higby, and built by George Hoxie, of Holloway, and is the first of the kind used in the State. The engine and planing-mill machinery are on the ground floor, and all the sawing of lumber is done on the second floor of the mill. The carriage for handling the logs is the best used in this section of the country, and the mill throughout is furnished with the most approved labor-saving machinery.

Mr. Higby in connection with his other business carries on an ashery on his farm, which has a capacity of one ton per week; this part of the business is under the supervision of A. W. Pollock. who has had charge of it for fifteen years. The potash produced is shipped to Philadelphia, New York and Boston. In his various business enterprises Mr. Highy employs from forty to 100 men. The success he has attained is largely due to the skill and judgment used in his work, and in handling his men. He has now one of the best improved farms in Madison Township, on which are a magnificent residence, a substantial and commodions barn, and numerous other out-buildings. The farm is well stocked and every feature denotes thrift and systematic care.

On the 1st of January, 1868, Mr. Higby was married to Miss Sarah H. Davis, a native of this county, who was born in November, 1843, and is the daughter of Isaac and Amelia (Yan Ostrand) Davis, They have one daughter, Emily E., living at home. Mr. and Mrs. Higby have known each other almost from infancy, and in their youth were schoolmates.

EWIS P. ONSTED, one of the most prosperous farmers and stock-raisers of Cambridge Township, is pleasantly located on section 32, where he has eighty acres of finely cultivated land, and makes a specialty of raising graded animals, including thoroughbred sheep. He located upon his present farm in 1882, and has eighty acres besides on section 29.

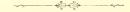
Mr. Onsted has spent the greater part of his life in Cambridge Township, where he was born at his father's homestead, on section 33, April 18, 1847, His father, Peter Unsted, a native of Sussex County, N. J., was born March 10, 1808, and was the son of John Onsted, who married Miss Nancy Ann Himes, of Sparta, by whom he had thirteen children, Peter being the eldest son and third child. The latter continued in his native State until twenty-two years old, then went to Yates County, N. Y., and six years later, in the spring of 1836, came to this county and settled on section 33, in Cambridge Township. He had already visited the Territory and selected his location, after which he returned to Xew York, and made his preparations for removal,

The father of our subject first located 160 acres, and added to his real estate from time to time until he finally had a farm of 515 acres, of which he cleared and improved 140 acres, and put up a large frame house with barns and sheds. He was among the earliest settlers, when Indian trails and blazed trees were the only guides to the traveler through the wilderness. At times no provisions could be had for any amount of money, and many new-comers suffered from hunger as well as discouragement. The market at Adrian involved a two days' journey, and from twenty to twenty-five bushels of wheat was a full load for a voke of oxen over the terrible roads and the hills which were almost impassable. Peter Onsted left Cambridge Township in the spring of 1871, and removed to the city of Adrian, where he retired from active life.

The mother of our subject was Elizabeth, the daughter of Isaac and Jane Conklin, of Sparta, N. J., and she became the wife of Peter Ousted on the 21st of March, 1829. To them there were born ten children, recorded as follows: Ann is the wife of William Pulver, of Hillsdale, and Mary Jane, of Richard Moore, of St. John's; John died when eighteen years of age; Lafayette is a resident of Iowa; Charlotte is the wife of J. O. Maxwell, of Cambridge; George H, served in the Union army during the Rebellion and died at New Madrid, Miss.; Sarah is the wife of Edwin A. Taylor, of Cambridge, and Delilah, of Isaac Russell, of the same place; Lewis is a farmer, and Melissa E. is the wife of Andrew Riley, of Cambridge. Mrs. Elizabeth Onsted was born in New Jersey, Sept. 30, 1809, and died at the old homestead in Cambridge Township, Feb. 3, 1852. Peter Onsted was subsequently married to Miss Martha, daughter of William Aldrich, of Cambridge, by whom he had eight children. This lady died in Cambridge Township, Nov. 26, 1870. Mr. O. was afterward married to Mrs. Charlotte (Houghton) Treat, who came to Michigan from Orleans County, N. Y., in 1836, with her parents, who were natives respectively of Vermont and New Jersey.

Our subject was reared to the occupation of a farmer, receiving his education in the district school, and upon reaching manhood he was married at the home of the bride in Cambridge Township, March 19, 1869, to Miss Edna, daughter of Henry and Esther (Maxwell) Powell, natives respectively of New York and New Jersey. They came to Michigan with their parents when young, and after marriage located upon a farm in Cambridge Township, where they are now living, the father being sixtyseven years of age, and the mother sixty-two, They became connected with the Methodist Episcopal Church many years ago. Mr. Powell has been a Republican in politics since the organization of that party, and is in all respects a worthy and rehable citizen. Mrs. Onsted is the youngest of three daughters born to her parents; one sister, Mrs. Phebe Smith, is the wife of a well-to-do farmer of this township. They were educated in the district school and Mrs. Onsted followed teaching for some time before her marriage.

Mr. and Mrs. Onsted are the parents of two children, of whom one daughter, Mabel, died at the age of eight months. Peter II. continues at home with his parents. Mr. Onsted has lived in Cambridge Township since his marriage, with the exception of three years spent in Adrian Township. He votes the straight Democratic ticket, and is a man of decided views and opinions who universally commands respect.



APT. CHARLES H. DEWEY comes from New England stock, in which conscience seems to have been as hereditary as intelligence, and in which the fine accumulative results of the moral struggles and triumphs of many generations of honest lives appear to have been trans-

mitted, in which originality and practicability are combined with an ambitious and energetic support of action. These qualities, which have been noticed in Capt. Dewey's individuality, are easily traced. Perhaps there is no one of the old pioneers of this county more widely known or more highly appreciated than the subject of this notice.

Capt. Dewey was born in Concord, N. H., July 25, 1823, and is the son of Simeon Dewey, a native of Hanover, in the same State, who was born Oct. 7, 1784. Until 1826 the family of the elder Mr. Dewey remained in the Old Granite State, and then removed to Buffalo, N. Y., and made their home until 1829. Among the little band of pioneers who about that year came to Michigan, and made a settlement in Teeumseh, was this family. The father purchased some 480 acres of land about a mile west of the village on sections 29 and 32, and resided in Tecumseh until his death, which took place in Monroe County, April 1, 1863. 1806 he was united in marriage with Miss Betsey, the daughter of William and Susanna N. Bigelow, of Hanover, N. H., and they had a family of seven ehildren, Charles H. being the third son and seventh child.

Mrs. Betsey Dewey was a native of Waltham, Mass., where she was born April 28, 1783, and died in this county, May 3, 1868. Charles resided with his parents until he had attained the age of twenty years, attending the district school at Hanover, N. H., a select school at Buffalo, and Perley Bill's Academic School in Tecumseh, from which he was graduated in the winter of 1838-39. About that time he commenced to read law with the Hon. C. A. Stacey, of Tecumseh, which he followed for about two years, but never made application to be admitted to the bar. In the spring of 1840 he made a trip to Virgil, Cortland Co., N. Y., where he spent a year in looking after property belonging to his father, and then returning to Tecumseh, in 1841. he made that his home for two years. In 1843 he purchased a farm on section 7, in Cambridge Township, where he resided for eighteen years, when, in 1861, he sold out and purchased another farm at Cambridge Junction, where he now resides. In the year 1869 he opened a store for the sale of general merchandise at Cambridge Junction, and is still engaged there in that line. He has been one of the largest buyers and shippers of wool in this locality for the past twenty years.

In politics Capt. Dewey is known as an ardent Democrat, and has been more or less connected with the politics of the county since reaching his majority. In 1844 he was elected to the office of School Inspector of Cambridge, which position he held continuously for some nineteen years. In 1864 he was the candidate of the Democratic party for the State Senate, and subsequently was candidate for Representative in the Legislature, but owing to his party being largely in the minority he was not successful. He has represented his township as Supervisor for more than twenty years, fourteen of which were consecutive. For many years he has been connected with the Lenawee County Agricultural Society, of which he was President during the years 1864 and 1865, and subsequently was a Director in the State Agricultural Society.

During the summer of 1861, when the dark cloud of war overshadowed our fair land, Mr. Dewey with commendable patriotism offered his services to Gov. Austin Blair, the great war Governor of Michigan, who commissioned him Lieutenant, and ordering him on detached duty, made him general recruiting officer for the army. For three years and a half he continued in this business, during which time he enlisted 101 men for the United States army, all of whom went to the front and participated in the active engagements. He had his headquarters at Detroit, but spent much of his time in scouring the State, and discharged the onerous duties placed upon him much to the eredit of himself. He traveled more than 8,000 miles in procuring these men, who were obtained at a cost of about \$21,475. At the close of the war he received his discharge and returned to Cambridge Township.

Charles H. Dewey and Miss Elvira Moulton were united in marriage, in Cambridge Township, March 30, 1843. Mrs. Dewey is a daughter of Dr. Arba N. and Patience Moulton, of Cambridge Township, who were married Feb. 16, 1816. She was born in Union, Broome Co., N. Y., Oct. 1, 1820, and came to Michigan with her parents in 1835. For one year the family made their home at Manhatton, on

Maumee Bay, but owing to sickness incurred there removed to this county and township, settling on section 7. Her father was a native of Greene County, N. Y., where he was born July 2, 1793, and was the son of Nathaniel and Elizabeth (Grant) Moulton, natives of Massachusetts and Scotland respectively. Dr. Moulton died in South Haven, Mich., June 8, 1869. Mrs. Moulton, formerly Patience Virgil, was a native of Greene County, N. Y., and was born Jan. 8, 1800.

The Captain and Mrs. Dewey are parents of five children-Malinda P., Ander S., Warren C., Eliza M. and Charles A. Warren C. is an attorney, practicing in New York City, while the rest of the children are residents of this county. Capt. Dewey has always been very active in everything that tended to the benefit of the community, both in social and political affairs. Both he and his estimable wife are active and consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In monetary and mercantile fields he is well known to be a man of undonbted integrity and substantial business ability. In his social and public life, he is one who is capable of forming his own opinions and resolutely adhering to them. Genial and kind in all his intercourse with his neighbors, his number of friends is legion.

OLLIN ROBINSON, one of the oldest settlers of Palmyra, came to this section of country from Wayne County, N. Y., where he was born June 3, 1810. His father, Gain Robinson, a native of Massachusetts, was fairly educated, and early in life learned the trade of a carpenter. He was more than ordinarily intelligent, and subsequently took up the study of medicine, and after his removal to New York State, practiced successfully in connection with farming. He became a prominent and highly respected citizen of Wayne County, where his death took place in 1828, in the sixty-third year of his age.

The mother of our subject, before marriage, was Miss Chloe Bradish, also a native of Massednisetts, born in the town of Hardwick, April 1, 1775. She survived her husband many years, and after his death returned to her native State and spent her last years at the home of her daughter in Northampton, where she passed away in the ninetythird year of her age. She was the mother of ten children, of whom Rollin, our subject, was the seventh. He continued on the farm of his parents until fifteen years old, then removed with them to Palmyra, where he continued his studies in the schools of the village, and carried the Wayne Weekly Sentinel to the subscribers in the town. He also learned to set type in the office, which he entered when seventeen years of age as a regular apprentice, and was thus occupied two years, and in the meantime assisted in the printing of the first edition of the "Book of Mormon," or Gold Bible, for the prophet, Joseph Smith, with whom young Robinson became well acquainted, and who was a neighbor of his father.

Young Rollin, in 1827, wishing to see something of the world, started out by himself, and making a tour of the New England States, returned home and engaged in clerking until the fall of 1832, when he migrated to the Territory of Michigan. He employed himself at whatever he could find to do in the new country, chopping wood and assisting in clearing land at \$26 per month, and assisted in the erection of the first gristmill at Palmyra. In 1835 he purchased a tract of timber land on section 22 in Palmyra Township, which lay on the west side of the Raisin River. He put up a good house on the place, which, however, he never occupied, but returning to New York State, engaged as a clerk in the city of Buffalo one summer, then returning to Michigan, commenced operating as a orain dealer in Adrian. In 1843 he was appointed Station Agent of the Michigan Southern Railroad at Adrian, which position he occupied five years, when the State sold the railroad, and young Robinson returning to Buffalo, purchased a line of canalboats, and engaged in freighting on the Eric Canal until 1854. He afterward proceeded to Chicago and became agent for the American Transportation Company, but in the spring of 1860 he returned to Michigan and resided in the village of Palmyra two years, then repaired to the farm which he now owns and occupies.

Mr. Robinson was the first Constable and Col-

lector of Palmyra after its organization as a township, and represented the township several terms in the County Board of Supervisors; he also served as Justice of the Peace for a period of eight years. He east his first Presidential vote for Andrew Jackson in the fall of 1832. He was directly opposed to the extension of slavery, and for a time was a Republican, but of late years he has voted the Demoeratic ticket.

Our subject was married, on the 12th of February, 1835, to Miss Celestia Ann, daughter of Ziba and Emma Corbett, of Palmyra, and they became the parents of one child only, a daughter, Margaret S., who died in Adrian at the age of five years, Mrs. Robinson was born in Villanova, Chautauqua Co., N. Y., April 3, 1814, while her father, Ziba Corbett, was also a native of New York State, born in 1785, and spent his entire life in his native county. Ziba Corbett, in 1830, emigrated to Michigan at a time when it took a schooner a week to make the vovage from Buffalo to Detroit, and thence removed his family to Adrian with ox-teams, and located on eighty acres of land near the present site of that city. It is hardly necessary to say that it was then but a mere hamlet of a few rudely conconstructed houses. Mr. Corbett afterward located at Palmyra, where his death occurred April 28, 1859. He was a Captain in the War of 1812, and by his marriage with Miss Emma Noble became the father of eleven children,

Mrs. Robinson died May 17, 1885, and is buried in the cemetery at Palmyra. Mr. Robinson is still residing at the old home place on his farm at Palmyra, enjoying good health; by his early industry and economy he succeeded in accumulating a competency.

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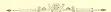
EORGE F. WOTRING, of the firm of Wotring & McKimmy, manufacturers of tile and brick, Ogden Township, was born in Preston County, Va., Aug. 13, 1860. He is the son of Frederick Wotring, and grandson of Jacob and Sarah (Harsh) Wotring (for history see sketch of Nicholas Wotring.)

Frederick Wotring, the father of our subject, was born in Preston County, Va., in 1808, and was bred

a farmer in his native county, where he married Catherine Rhinehart, who was also a native of Preston County. Soon after marriage he bought a tract of land near Aurora, in the same county, and was there engaged in agricultural pursuits until 1874, when he sold a portion of his land, and came to Lenawee County, arriving here in February of that year. Later in the spring he bought a tract of land on section 27 of Ogden Township, which was only partially cleared. There was a log house on the place, into which he moved with his family, and there spent the remaining months of his life, dying in April, 1875; his wife survives him, still living on the homestead. They were the parents of ten children, nine of whom lived to maturity. Our subject was the youngest child of the family, and was in his fourteenth year when he came with his parents to this county. His life while in Virginia had been largely spent at school, and after coming here he continued his education in the district school, meanwhile assisting his father on the farm. After his father's death, our subject lived with his mother until sixteen years of age, then, with the courage and ambition of youth, he determined to become a selfsupporting member of society, and accordingly securing a position as farm laborer, continued working by the month until 1874. He then purchased twenty acres of land on section 36 of Ogden Township, and later bought two more tracts of twenty acres each. In 1886, having an opportunity to sell at an advantage, he did so, and invested in 140 acres on section 25 of the same township, but soon after sold sixty acres of this, and bought a one-half interest in the brick and tile works, since which time he has devoted his entire time to brick and tile manufacturing. Mr. Wotring's marriage was celebrated Oct, 17, 1886, with Miss Eva Cheney, a native of Lucas County, Ohio, her birth occurring there June 9, 1867. Her father, Alpheus Cheney, was born in Lenawee County, and his father, John Chency, was a native of Vermont, and removing to Lenawee County in 1832, has been a continuous resident here ever since. The father of Mrs. Wotring was reared in Lenawee County, and removed to Lucas County, Ohio, where he was married to Miss Eugenia DeMott, a native of that county, and daughter of Ellison DeMott, who was a native of

New York, and an early pioneer of Lucas County; he is now living in Toledo. When only fourteen years of age, Mrs. Wotring had the misfortune to lose her mother, from whom she had received a careful training. Mr. and Mrs. Wotring are the parents of one child, a son, Clark Otis.

Mr. Wotring, though a young man, has the requite energy and ambition to make him a successful business man, and a valued resident of the township. In politics he is a Democrat.



OHN C. HOGABOAM, a worthy and respected citizen of Hudson, was born in Harford, N. Y., March 17, 1807. His father, Jacob Hogaboam, was born in Dutchess County, that State, while his grandfather, of Dutch ancestry, married a lady of English extraction, and as far as known spent his entire life in Dutchess County, following the occupation of a farmer.

Jacob Hogaboam was reared and married in Dutchess County, then went to Saratoga County previous to the beginning of this century, and was an early settler in Harford, where he bought a tract of land and improved a farm, on which he continned to reside until his death in 1822. His wife, whose maiden name was Marian Sprague, was a native of Saratoga County, and daughter of David Sprague, a Presbyterian preacher, who came from Scotland and settled in that county, where he held the pastorate of a Presbyterian Church for the long period of fifty-two years. He was twice married and reared twenty-one children. The mother of our subject spent her last days in Saratoga County, where she died in 1810. She was the mother of ten children, of whom our subject was the youngest, He was but three years old when his mother died, and he was then cared for by an elder sister. He was reared on a farm and after his father's death he was apprenticed to learn the carpenter and joiner's trade. At the close of his three and onehalf years' apprenticeship he did journey work, and when he was twenty-one he went to Canada and located in Cornwall, Ontario, where he bought village property and built a house,

Previous to going to Canada to settle our sub-

ject was married, Sept. 14, 1826, to Miss Betsey Brounell, of Osnabruck, Stormont County, Ontario, where she was born July 2, 1866. Her parents, John and Hannah (Backus) Bronnell, were natives of New York State, and the former was of English descent. He removed from New York to Canada in 1783 and located in Osnabruck. He was a mill-wright by trade, but after removing to Canada he bought a large tract of land and engaged in farming. He took quite an active part in public affairs, and died while a member of the Canadian Parliament; his wife died on the homestead in Canada.

Our subject and his wife continued to reside in Canada until 1836, he in the meantime industriously prosecuting his trade, but in that year he sold his property in Cornwall and came to Michigan, then a Territory. He first settled in Monroe and worked as a carpenter until 1840, when he removed with his family near Hudson. He had traded property in Monroe for land located on the Hillsdale side of the county line, one mile from Hudson, and he now turned his attention to farming. Ten acres of his land were improved and the rest in timber. He erected a temporary house and located on his land but hired the most of it cleared, while he was more profitably carrying on his trade of carpenter and builder in the town of Hudson. He occupied that farm for twenty-one years, and then sold it and removed to the village of Hudson, and has resided here continuously ever since. He has always been a tireless worker and has secured a competency. Mr. Hogaboam has witnessed with interest the growth of Hudson from a little hamlet with a few straggling log cabins and small frame houses to a beautiful city with a population of 2,000 people, When he came to the county there was no railway west of Adrian.

The wedded life of Mr. and Mrs. Hogaboam has been blessed by the birth of three children, namely: Ruth C., the wife of P. H. Stroud, of Hudson Township; James Ira, who lives in Chicago, and Harriet L., who lives at home with her parents. James is a lawyer by profession and a man of much literary ability; he is the author of a very interesting work entitled "The History of Bean Creek Valley."

Mr. and Mrs. Hogabeam are valued members of

the Methodist Episcopal Church of Hudson, for which they have done much to establish it on a firm foundation. Mr. Hogaboam became interested in Methodism and joined a church of that denomination when a young man, and has ever since held steadfastly to that faith and been an ardent worker for the church. There was no church of that sect in the part of Canada where he lived, although there was quite a congregation, so he started a subscription paper and secured money enough to build a place of worship. Since coming to this State he has assisted in building a church at Monroe and also one at Hudson. In politics our subject was in early days a Democrat and east his first vote for Andrew Jackson, but since the formation of the Republican party he has given his allegiance to that body. Our subject and his wife, as the shadows of life are rapidly lengthening in their near approach to the last milestone that marks the end of an earthly pilgrimage, can peacefully await that great end in the happy consciousness that they have led blameless lives and have been of use to those around them.



ILLIAM H. FOWLER. As one of the honored citizens of Lenawee County, and as a fine representative of the agricultural interests of Ridgeway Township, we are glad to present to his friends a brief sketch of the life of William H. Fowler. He was born in Cohocton, Steuben Co., N. March 17, 1824, and is a descendant of a long line of worthy ancestry, characterized by much vigor of intellect and physique.

Notable among the descendants of this family is the celebrated Prof. O. S. Fowler, who, though of a former generation, still holds sway in the scientific world as an eminent phrenologist and the author of advanced ideas on the cranial struture of the haman race. His father, Horace Fowler, was a brother of Levi Fowler, father of our subject, and his mother, Susan Fowler, was a sister to the mother of our subject, thus making them doubly connected; and we may here remark that Mr. Fowler's resemblance to his noted kinsman is very striking, especially about the forehead. The parents of Mr. Fowler were Levi and Anna

(Howe) Fowler, both natives of New York, the former of whom was born June 16, 1774. After their marriage they settled on a farm in Steuben County, N. Y., and there the following-named children were born to them: Temperance, Electa, Emeline, Caroline, Delia, Martha, James, John, William H., Abigail C., Thankful, Mary J. and Salome Ann.

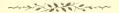
In 1837 the parents of our subject removed with their family to Michigan, and settled on an unbroken tract of land in the forest near the town of Liberty, Jackson County, and built for their shelter a log eabin with a chimney made of sticks and mud. Although that was the year in which Michigan was admitted as a State into the Union, and the interior of the State had for several years been opened to settlement, and settlers had been steadily pouring in from the Eastern States, yet the population was scattered, and pioneer conditions still obtained. The settlers who sought these new fields had, in the words of a recent writer, "to battle for everything with nature and the savage," for large tracts of forest were still uncleared, and remnants of the Indian tribes who had been removed beyond the Mississippi still lurked in their old haunts. Four years after their settlement in Liberty Township the father died, in February, 1842, at the age of sixty-seven. After the death of her husband, Mrs. Fowler went to live with her daughter, Mrs. Martha Andrews, finally removing with her to Jonesville, Hillsdale County, and there died at an advanced age. Mr. and Mrs. Fowler were worthy members of the Congregational Church, and were much respected for their sterling integrity.

Our subject was the seventh child of his parents, and in their busy household he was early trained to ways of usefulness, nor was his mental education neglected, and being naturally an observing and intelligent lad, he made good use of the time spent in the district school. He was thirteen years of age when he accompanied his parents to Michigan, and in the township of Liberty he grew to manhood, and there was married, Nov. 26, 1848, to Miss Mary J., daughter of Chauncey and Susan (Hitchcox) Root, natives of New York. She was horn in Orleans County, N. Y., Sept. 18, 1830, and came with her parents to Liberty Township, Jackson Co., Mich., in 1840. Her father died on the farm at

about threescore years of age, while her mother died in Lenawee County, near the city of Adrian, at the age of sixty-five. Mrs. Fowler received a careful home training, and a good education, which well fitted her for the duties of school teaching, which profession she pursued some years before her marriage.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Fowler settled in Liberty Township, and lived for nine years, after which they removed to Madison Township. Since the year 1861 Mr. Fowler has confined his attention exclusively to agricultural pursuits, and in 1866 he purchased the farm he now owns on settion 19 of Ridgeway Township. The farm contains sixty-six acres of good land, which by wise management, and an intelligent application of the principles which govern the tillage of the soil, Mr. Fowler has brought to a high state of cultivation, He has a fine residence, beautifully located, and commodious farm buildings.

Mr. and Mrs. Fowler became the parents of three children: Ida A., who is deceased; Charles L., who assists his father on the farm, and Eva E., who is attending school at Toledo, Ohio, from which she will be graduated this year (1888). Mr. and Mrs. Fowler are connected with the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Fowler is Republican in politics, and advocates the principles of the party with zeal and intelligence.



APT. JEHU F. WOTRING, the subject of the following biography, is a farmer residing in Ogden Township. He was born in Preston County, W. Va., March 18, 1834, and his father, Abraham S. Wotring, was a native of the same county, while his grandfather, also Abraham Wotring, it is thought was born in Maryland, and resided for many years in Frederick County, that State, but removed from there to Virginia and settled in Preston County, where he bought quite a large tract of heavily timbered land. He was a tanner by trade and established a tannery on his farm, and superintended the work of that, besides attending to his farm, until his death. The maiden name of his wife, the grandmother of our subject, was Mary Smith. She was born near the boundary

line of Maryland and Virginia, and died on the homestead in Preston County. Abraham 8. Wothing, the father of our subject, was reared and married in his native town, after which he bought a tract of partially improved land, and resided there until 1846, when he sold out and removed to Marion County, afterward named Taylor County, W. Va., and bought a farm four miles from Grafton, where he still resides. The maiden name of his wife was Ruth Hood, who was also a native of Preston County, and is still living. They were the parents of nine children, six of whom lived to maturity.

Our subject, Jehu F. Wotring, was the eldest child of his parents, and as soon as old enough had to assist his father in the blacksmith-shop. He worked diligently at the anvil, and when he had mastered the details of the trade, started in business on his own account. In 1854 he secured employment in the shops of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company, in Grafton, Va., and continued working there until the shops were captured by the rebels during the early part of the late Rebellion. He then invested a part of his accumulated capital in a farm within nine miles of Terra Alta, Preston County, and there erecting a smithy, was soon engaged in the two branches of industry, farming and blacksmithing. He continued thus employed until the spring of 1864, when at the request of Gen. Pierpont, he assisted Capt, J. S. Hyde in recruiting a company, and then enlisted in the United States service. This company was designated as Company L, and was attached to the 6th West Virginia Cavalry, and after the consolidation of the 5th and 6th Cavalry, it became Company E. Mr. Wotring was mustered in as a private, but in a few days was made First Lieutenant, and ere long received a second well merited promotion, and became Capt. Wotring. He was captured at New Creek, W. Va., Nov. 27, 1864, and was confined in the rebel prisons of Libby and Danville until Feb. 22, 1865, when he was exchanged. After that he served with his regiment until June, 1865, and was present at the "grand review" in Washington.

After his discharge our subject returned home and resumed his former occupation until 1866, then sold his farm in Preston County and removed to Morgan County, the same State, where he bought another farm, and after building a blacksmith-shop, pursued his former vocation for a few months, and then selling out returned to Terra Alta and engaged in mercantile business until 1870. At this time he came to Lenawee County and followed his trade of a blacksmith for one year in Ogden Center, after which he purchased a farm one mile east of town and lived there four years. At this time having an opportunity to sell at an advantage, he did so, and bought the farm where he now resides on section 19.

During all these years of which we have been writing, Mr. Wotring had not been alone. His life had been blessed by the companionship of a wife and children, who had shared his troubles and increased his joys. July 1, 1855, he had married Mary A. Crane, a native of Preston County, W. Va., where she was born April 3, 1836. To them have been born nine children: Alice Belle, the wife of William McComb, living in Ogden Township; Artenis O., a physician in Palmyra; Dora, who died at the age of four years; Ida M., who died at the age of two and one-half years; Ruth O., Bruce B., Mary E. and Mand.

Mrs. Wotring's father, Calvin Crane, was a pative of Preston County, W. Va., and her grandfather owned and operated a farm and gristmill in Preston County. He was a soldier in the War of 1812 and spent his last years on a farm in Preston County. The father of Mrs. Wotring grew to manhood and married in his native county, and there he bought a tract of land a few miles from the old homestead on Roaring Creek, There was a saw and grist mill on the place, which he operated besides carrying on the farm. He added to his land until he owned 300 or 400 acres, and lived there until his death, June 28, 1886. His wife, whose maiden name was Jane Elliot, was also a native of Preston County, and died on the homestead, Feb. 25, 1886.

Mr. Wotring is a charter member of the David Becker Post No. 25, G. A. R., and was the first Commander of the post. He was on the staff of the Commander of the Grand Army of Michigan, and was also Second Vice President of the Michigan Prisoners of War Association. In polities he is a strong Republican. Mr. and Mrs. Wotring, though not among the early settlers of Ogden Township, have won a secure position among the esteemed citizens of the community, and their home is an attractive place to their large circle of friends. They are both valued members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and of Grange No. 660, Ogden Center. Mr. Wotring is serving his second term as Justice of the Peace of Ogden Township.

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AVID B. HECKERT, a much respected farmer residing in Ogden Township, was born Sept. 8, 1833, in Preston County, W. Va., which had not then been separated from Virginia. Peter Heckert, his grandfather, a native it is thought of Pennsylvania, and of German parentage, was an early settler of Preston County, where he improved a farm two and one-had miles southeast of the present village of Aurora, and there passed his last days.

John G. Heckert, the father of our subject, was born on that homestead, and growing to manhood in his native county, married, and settled on a farm on which he continued to reside until the year 1862. when he sold out, and followed his son David to this county, where he bought a farm on the southwest quarter of section 29 of Ogden Township, and there lived until his death, Nov. 1, 1886. Thus the pioneer spirit descended from sire to son for many generations, as far back as we can trace them, from the hardy Tenton, who long ago left his home across the seas to found a new home in America, to those of the present generation who have assisted in the settlement of this State. The father of our subject was three times married. His first wife, whose maiden name was Mary Bishoff, was a native of Preston County, and the daughter of Christian Bishoff, also a native of Pennsylvania, and of German ancestry. She bore her husband six children, and her death occurred in 1842. Mr. Heckert's second marriage was to Julia Wagner, who bore him five children, and died in Preston County, Mr. Heckert's third marriage was to Lucy A, Hile; she died in Ogden Township, leaving one child.

David B. Heckert was the fourth child of his

father's first marriage, and grew to manhood in his native county, attending school as opportunity of-fered, and assisting his father on the farm. In 1855 he decided to engage in farming for himself, and came to Michigan as a State affording many advantages over his native State for the successful culture of the soil. He bought land heavily timbered in the northeast quarter of the northeast quarter of section 16 of this township, paying 85,25 per acre. He was yet unmarried, and did not locate there, but worked out by the month for two years, when he bought sixty-four acres where he now resides, at 85,25 per acre, to which in 1859 he added forty acres near by, and while working out by the month put in his spare time improving his land.

Mr. Heckert was married, Nov. 12, 1858, to Margaret E. Hile, who was born in Rockingham County, Va., Jan. 10, 1839, and is the daughter of Peter and Lucy (Pense) Hile (for parental history see sketch of N. V. Hile). After his marriage he located on his land, having previously built a log house 14x20 feet, but he has since creeted a more commodious and convenient frame house, and a good set of farm buildings, and has sixty acres of his land cleared, and under a good state of cultivation. To Mr. and Mrs. Heckert two children have been born: Dora A., who was married, Oct. 30, 1887, to Howard E. Lour, of this township, and Esther May, who lives at home.

Mr. Heckert is a faithful and zealous member of the Church of the Seventh-Day Adventists, and his dealings with his fellowmen are characterized by honesty and justice. His wise management and industrious habits formed the basis of his prosperity.

OHN MONAHAN is one of the largest landowners in Lenawee County, the greater portion of his real estate lying in Medina Township, and comprising 735 acres. One of the peculiarities of his make-up is that he has always had a fashion of attending strictly to his own concerns, and the consequence is he has accumulated a sung fortune and is respected by the people of this county, who have known him for over forty years.

The Monahan family history takes us back a

hundred years or more, to the North of Ireland, where it originated, and where the paternal grandfather of our subject, who was also called John, was born, reared, married, and became the father of a large family. The name of John was given to a son of each successive family. John, Jr., the father of our subject, married Miss Margaret, daughter of Peter Hoy, of Drogheda, County Louth, and like his father before him, was a weaver by trade, at which he served a regular apprenticeship and which he followed all his life. They continued to make their home amid the beautiful scenery of County Louth, where their son, our subject, was born in 1827. He spent his boyhood days near the birthplace of his father and mother, and came to America in 1837, preceding them to this country some months. He was the eldest of their three children, of whom the other two were Mary and Bridget. The father emigrated to the United States, and when he had selected his location he sent for his family. They lived in New York State until the fall of 1840, the father in the meantime having abandoned his trade, and engaged in the more active labor of assisting to build canals and railroads,

The father of our subject, upon coming to this county in October, 1840, purchased forty acres of land on section 4, in Medina Township, put up a log house and commenced the building of a homestead. Being a man frugal and industrious in his habits, he was welcomed by the struggling community as a useful addition to their midst, and here continued to live until 1859. Thereafter he made his home with his daughter, Mrs. John Coleman, in Toledo, Ohio, where his death took place Dec. 31, 1875. The mother had passed to her long home some years before, dying on Easter Sunday, in April, 1859, at the old homestead.

Our subject completed his education in the public schools of Medina Township, and when starting out in life for himself was variously engaged, sometimes in farming and sometimes in chopping and splitting rails. In the summer of 1856 he resolved to join the caravan making its way to the Pacific Slope, and started via the Isthmus on board the saling-vessel "Orris Abba," embarking on the 8th of March, 1856, and reaching Nicaragua in safety. The Nicaraguans were at war with the Costa Rueas,

and in view of the imminent danger, the purser of the "Orris Abba" offered to take the crew back to New York at reduced rates. Mr. Monahan, however, declined to return. After being detained at Grenada thirty-three days, they sailed up Lake Nicaragua and thence proceeded across the mountains to San Juan del Sur, where they took passage on the Pacific steamer "Golden Gate," and landed in San Francisco three days later, on the 6th of June. Here the vigilance committee had possession of the city, but our hero escaped their espionage and three days later started for Sacramento.

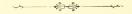
Not long afterward Mr. Monahan made his way down the Sacramento Valley, where he engaged in harvesting on the ranch of Rooney & Riley, who owned a tract of 500 acres. Mr. M. received for his services \$50 per month, and six weeks later engaged in gardening at \$10 less, but was seized with bilious fever and obliged to escape to the mountains. He found an asylvm at Rock Canyon, and upon his recovery engaged in hauling lumber with a six-mule team, his load sometimes being varied with provisions. Later he went into the mines in company with two other men, but this venture did not prove very successful, and going to the valley again he engaged as a wood-chopper. On account of the flood he was soon led to abandon this, but in the meantime he had gained an enviable reputation at this work, having had a rich experience previously in the forests of Michigan. In competition with other men in the valley, he invariably came out ahead, and received therefore better pay than his fellow laborers.

There being great opposition to river navigation, and Mr. Monahan having satisfied himself with California and its glories, he returned to San Francisco, and boarded the "Golden Gate" for Panama, whence he crossed the Isthmus and embarked at Aspinwall for New York City, where he arrived in March, and set foot upon his old tramping ground in this county on the last day of that month. He at once went to work with his father on the farm, and the year following, on the 7th of January, was married to Miss Eliza, daughter of William and Mary (Russell) Haley, natives of Kildare, Ireland. She was born in Hudson Township, this county, in May, 1842, and departed this life at her

home in Medina Township on the 3d of March, 1878. The four children born of their union were named respectively: John W., Mary, Louisa and Eva. The eldest son, John W., married Miss Deborah O'Neil, and is numbered among the successful farmers of Medina Township. He is the father of three children—Daniel, Don and John J. The three youngest children of our subject remain at home with their father.

The present wife of our subject, to whom he was married Nov. 11, 1878, was formerly Miss Mary, daughter of Daniel and Margaret (O'Connor) O'Neil, natives of County Kerry, Ireland. They came to America in 1848, locating first in Cavuga County, N. Y., where the father was engaged upon a railroad until about 1850. They then came to this county, purchasing a tract of land in Medina Township, where Mr. O'Neil opened up a good farm and spent the remainder of his life, passing away on the 23d of October, 1877. Mrs. O'Neil is still living and occupies the old homestead. Their family included two sons and five daughters, most of whom remain with their mother. Of this marriage of our subject there were born four children —Daniel, Blanche, Charlotte and Mabel C., all still at home with their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. M. belong to the Catholic Church of Hudson, with which they have been connected since its organization, and have greatly assisted in sustaining and keeping the society together. Mr. Monahan about the time of his first marriage purchased forty acres of land of his father, and from that modest beginning has grown up one of the most valuable estates in Lenawee County. His property lies mostly in Medina Township, occupying a part of six sections. He has recently given his son John eighty acres, thus providing the young man with a good start in life.



OMER L. STEWART, the famous "celery grower" of Southern Michigan, has 100 acres of fine land, three miles southwest of the village of Tecumseh, twenty acres of which have for some time been devoted to the cultivation of this luscious salad, and which in the

future he expects to increase to thirty-six acres. this he has given much time and attention, making repeated experiments, by which he has discovered a new method of treating celery, which causes it to develop rapidly and to be of superfine quality, He receives the highest price, shipping to different cities in the East, and commands the bulk of the orders from the famous Delmonico restaurant of New York City. He also furnishes the Gilsey House and other public places of entertainment and fashionable resort, and it is hardly necessary to say, receives from this source a handsome income annually. In consequence of this Mr. Stewart has seeded his other land mostly to timothy and clover, and thus carries on his farm in the most profitable manner and with comparatively little labor,

Our subject is a native of this county, and was born at the homestead of his father, near the town of Macon, Jan. 3, 1835. The father, Ira Stewart, Esq., was a native of Massachusetts, whence he removed with his parents when a child to the vicinity of Utica, N. Y., where he developed into manhood and married a lady of that region, Miss Elizabeth Canfield. Not long afterward the young couple made their way to Wayne County, Mich., locating first near the little hamlet of Plymouth, whence in 1833 they removed to this county. Here the father took up a tract of land in Macon Township, which he converted into a good farm, and where he spent the remainder of his days; the mother had died early in life, in 1838. They were parents of five children, four sons and one daughter, recorded as follows: Charles D, is a farmer in Livingston County, Mich.; Oliver sought the Pacific Slope and is now in Nevada County, Cal.; Lucian is a resident of Calhoun County, this State; Helen M. is the wife of I. Seoles, and resides in Washington County, Ark,; Homer L., the youngest child, attended school in his neighborhood during his younger years and completed his education in the High School at Tecumseh. In 1856 he crossed the plains to California, and for a period of eight years was successfully engaged digging for the yellow ore in the Placer mines, after which he returned to Michigan and took up the practice of dentistry, which he followed sixteen years. In the meantime he had accumulated a snug amount of capital, which he

now invested in the farm, which has proved to him a source of both pleasure and profit.

One of the most important events in the life of our subject, and which doubtless had its effect in insuring his success in life, was his marriage with one of the most estimable young ladies of Teenmsch, Miss Fannie F. Brewer, who became his wife in the spring of 1864. Mrs. Stewart was born in Livingston County, N. Y., and came to Michigan when a child with her father, Joseph Brewer, a partive of Hartford, Conn. The three children born to Mr. and Mrs. Stewart were named respectively: Zehna B., Uena M. and Frank K.

Mr. Stewart has been a resident of the village of Tecumseh since 1872. He identified himself with the Masonic fraternity about 1870, and has been deeply, interested in the success of the temperance work for the last forty years. He is conservative in politics, and it is hardly necessary to say a Prohibitionist. Both he and his estimable hady are members in good standing of the First Presbyterian Church in Tecumseh, and are looked upon as leaders in the social circles of its refined and cultivated people.

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HOMAS J. HILLER, attorney-at-law, practicing in the village of Hudson, was born in Monroe County, N. Y., Nov. 28, 1830, and is the son of Rev. Isaac and Pamelia (Phelps) Hiller, Isaac Hiller was born in Herkimer County, N. Y., July 21, 1779, and was the son of John Hiller, a native of Germany, who on coming to America settled in Herkimer County, and after a residence there removed to Monroe County in the same State, He lived in the latter place until a few years before his death, when he came to Michigan, and spent his declining days with a son who lived near Pontiac. He married a Miss Frank, and they became the parents of ten children.

Isaac Hiller, the father of the subject of this sketch, was quite a young child when his parents removed to Monroe County, N. Y., where he was reared to manhood on his father's farm. He was converted in his youth, and at an early age became a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which denomination he was later ordained a min-

ister. He made his home in Monroe County until 1832, at which time he came to Michigan by way of the Erie Canal and Lake Erie to Detroit. Hiring a team at the latter city he went to Oakland County, and entered a tract of Government land in what is now West Bloomfield Township. It was what was popularly termed oak openings, and on it he built a log cabin of the crudest description, roofed with shakes, which were held in place by poles, for want of nails, while the chimney was built of clay and sticks. The family had no stove, and the mother of our subject did her cooking for years at an open fireplace. She spun and wove the cloth with which the family was clothed, and did many other things that pioneer families were called upon to do, which would astonish the present young generation. In 1840 Mr. Isaac Hiller traded his property for a farm in Macon Township, Lenawee County, where he removed. He continued to preach the Gospel of his Master, and minister to the spiritual wants of the people of the community, while he superintended the improvement of his farm until 1855, when he passed to his heavenly home. His wife, Mrs. Pamelia Hiller, was a native of Phelps, Ontario Co., N. Y., and was born April 8, 1804; she died in Hudson in March, 1865. Her father, Silas Phelps, claimed the State of Connecticut as the place of his birth, and gave his name to the village of Phelps, of which he war the of the pioneers. At the age of sixteen years he enlisted in the Continental army, and served until the battle of White Plains, Long Island, when he was captured by the British, and confined on a prison ship for three months. On his exchange he returned to his home, where he was attacked by the smallpox, father, a surgeon in the Merchant Marine, took care of his son, but in doing so caught the disease himself, and died. Silas Phelps, however, recovered, and again entered the service of the Colonial Government, and served under Gen. Washington. He was one of the army which crossed the Delaware River, and captured the Hessians at Trenton, in December, 1776. He also participated in the battles of Brandywine, Germantown, and many others in that locality, and in the siege of Lord Cornwallis' troops at Yorktown. While scaling the walls of an English fortification at the latter place his belt was

cut in two by a ball. After the war he returned to Phelps, where he died, after having lived nearly a century.

Thomas J. Hiller was about two years of age when he was brought by his parents to what was then the Territory of Michigan, where he received his earlier education in the pioneer schools of Oakland and Lenawee Counties, finishing with a course at Tecumseh. In the year 1856 he commenced the study of law in the office of Balden & Draper, at Pontiac, and was admitted to the bar in 1859. He at once opened an office at Constantine, St. Joseph County, and entered upon the practice of his chosen profession, but after a short time he came to Hudson, and opening an office has been in active practice in this village ever since. About the time that he settled here he bought his present home, a fine farm, located two miles from the village.

The marriage ceremony which united the lives of Mr. Hiller and Miss Clara Nichols took place Sept. 1. 1859. The lady is a native of London, Monroe Co., Mich., and was born May 20, 1834. Her father, Samuel Nichols, was born in Antrim, Hillsboro Co., N. H., in 1789, and was the son of Thomas and Hannah (Clarke) Nichols, the former a native of Scotland, and a sailor by profession. He was in command of a vessel for many years, and finally settled in Antrim, N. H., where he died. Samuel Nichols was quite young when his mother removed with the family to New York State, and after a short residence, spent in the Black River Country, removed to Bloomfield, Ontario County. He was reared in the latter place, and after attaining to years of manhood for some time operated a flouringmill, but his health failing him in 1831 he came to Michigan, and remained for a time in Monroe By breathing in the pure free air of the native forest he became physically much better, and being pleased with the country entered some 300 acres of Government land with the intention of settling. He at once erected a sawmill, and was engaged in the manufacture and sale of lumber for some years. He built the first frame house in London Township, of black walnut lumber, and was the first Postmaster of that settlement. He taught the district and singing schools, and in the absence of the preacher led the services at the religious

meetings and read the sermon. He served as Town Clerk and as School Inspector for a number of years, and died in the township in 1846. Nov. 18, 1831, Samuel Nichols was married to his second wife, Evelina Seymour, who became the mother of Mrs. Hiller. She was a native of Victor, Ontario Co., N. Y., born in 1801, and was the daughter of 1ra and Betsey (Moorehouse) Seymonr, who had come to Michigan in 1826, among the pioneers of Webster Township, Washtenaw County. Mr. Seymour improved a fine farm in the latter county, where death took from him his good wife in 1845, and he then sold the farm and removed to Lansing, where he lived a retired life until 1861, when his demise occurred, Mrs. Hiller has two sisters: Alice E., the wife of Jacob Korn, who lives in Kansas, and Cornelia S., the wife of H. G. Humphrey, a resident of Lansing, this State.

Mr, and Mrs, Hiller are the parents of three children—Alexander II., Charles C. P. and Francis L. L. In politics Mr, Hiller is a stanch adherent to the principles and party of Jeffersonian democracy.

HARLES W. SHEFFIELD. Many of the pioneers of Southern Michigan were natives of the Empire State, representing its thrift, its intelligence, and the qualities of resolution and perseverance which were so essential in bringing about the development of a new section of country. The subject of this biography, a native of Oneida County, first opened his eyes to the light Dec. 18, 1824, and east his lot among the people of Michigan Territory in 1835. His father, William Sheffield, and his paternal grandfather, were natives of Rhode Island, in which State the latter spent his entire life and died at an advanced age. William Sheffield, in early life learned the trade of a carpenter and joiner, and when twenty-three years of age was married to Miss Mary E. Carpenter, of Long Island. Soon afterward the young people took up their abode in Utica, N. Y., where they spent the remainder of their lives.

Our subject remained in his native county until a lad eleven years of age, and being of a highly independent and adventurous disposition, then set ont by himself for the Territory of Michigan. He made his way via the canal and lakes to what is now Monroe City, and thence overland to Adrian. He made his home with an uncle for the following five or six years, then employed himself as a farm laborer, and later learned the carpenter's trade. He possessed much mechanical skill naturally, and did not have to serve a long apprenticeship before he became expert at the business. He continued in Adrian Township until the breaking out of the Mexican War, when he enlisted as a soldier on the 9th of February, 1848, and started for the scene of conflict.

Mr. Sheffield was married. May 5, 1853, to Miss Mary E. Skinner, a native of New York, and daughter of Calvin D. Skinner, who was one of the early settlers of Wayne County, that State. Mrs. Sheffield was born there May 25, 1829, and came with her parents to Michigan in 1831. Her father at that time was comparatively a young man, having been born in 1801. He took up a tract of wild land upon which he operated eight years, then returned to his native State to settle up some debts which he had been forced to contract before coming West. He spent four years in New York State, then returned to his property in this county, where he labored until 1850, when in March of that year he set out for California, but was taken ill with mountain fever, and died in Salt Lake City July following at the age of forty-nine years.

The Skinner family was quite prominent in Wayne County, N. Y. Solomon Skinner, the grandfather, having been a farmer of considerable means, and his boys, like Calvin D., all natural mechanics, they operated grist and saw mills, and were generally industrious and well-to-do. Calvin Skinner put up the first frame house in Adrian, and was afterward concerned in the crection of many other buildings in the township. Politically he was an old-line Whig. He was married when twenty-five years of age to Miss Betsey II., daughter of Lemuel Scott, a native of Warren County, Vt. She was deprived of her mother in early infancy, but found a good home in the family of Russell Fletcher, of Wayne County, N. Y. When eighteen years old she commenced working in a woolen factory, and three years later was married to Mr. Skinner. She remained in New York while her husband was preparing a home for them in the West, being then the mother of one daughter, the wife of our subject. They made the journey most of the way overland, and subsequently endured all the privations and hardships of pioneer life. Mr. Skinner was a remarkably kind-hearted man, always willing to lend a willing hand to those who were struggling for a foothold upon the uncultivated soil of the new Territory, and was instrumental in upholding the hands of many an emigrant who, had it not been for his assistance, would have returned discouraged to his Eastern home.

Mrs, Sheffield was a child of two years when her parents settled in this county, and remembers to this day the efforts which her father subsequently made to have a school-house erected in Adrian Township. In this first building, which was located on section 22, she pursued her first studies, and also attended school afterward in her native State for a period of four years. She was a bright and apt scholar, and when eighteen years of age began teaching, which she followed six years, and until her marriage with-our subject. This union resulted in the birth of seven children, as follows: Leonora H., an accomplished lady, has, like her mother, developed into a teacher, and is following her chosen profession in Shawneetown, Ill.: William C. died when two years of age; Ward B. is in the employ of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad; Clara W., also a teacher, is in Illinois with her sister; Mary A. is teaching in Adrian Township; Viola B. is the wife of C. C. Fisher, of Adrian, and the mother of one child, while Laura F. is completing her studies in Raisin Valley Seminary. These children comprise a bright and intelligent family group, in whom the parents may justly take pride. Mrs. Sheffield, during the financial embarrassment of her mother, assisted her greatly in relieving herself from debt, and she was enabled at her death to leave an unincumbered farm.

R. ALEXANDER W. SEGER, a physician of most excellent standing in Adrian, has been especially successful in his undertakings, both as physician and farmer, he being fond of agricultural pursuits and hawing a

fine farm in Dover Township, which is equipped with all the appliances required in modern farming. He came to this section of country in the summer of 1847, after having been graduated from Worcester (Mass.) Medical College, and at about the time of engaging in practice secured a tract of land on section 22 in Rome Township. Of this he is still owner, and realizes from the products of the soil, in addition to his practice, a handsome income.

Dr Seger is a native of Chittenden, Rutland Co., Vt., where his birth took place Oct. 15, 1822, and is the son of Aaron Seger, a native of the same place, and born April 26, 1794. Upon reaching his majority Aaron Seger went to the State of New York, and engaged at work in the nail factories of Lansingburg and Troy for several years, but in 1821 he returned to his native county where he purchased a farm, and settling down upon it spent the remainder of his days, and passed away on the 9th of October, 1863. He was a man of much force of character and greatly respected in his community, where he was intrusted with various town offices, and followed the teachings of his father, Elijah Seger, who was a Puritan, a patriot, and a soldier in the Revolutionary War.

The mother of our subject, Miss Rebecca Harrison, was a native of the same town as her husband and son, and was born April 8, 1792. She became the wife of Aaron Seger Jan. 1, 1822, and died at the old homestead in Rutland County, July 10, 1876. Her parents were of English birth and ancestry, and emigrated from London to Vermont early in life. Her father upon coming to America took part in the struggle of the Colonists for their independence. His wife was Miss Rebecca Keeler. Grandfather Harrison had been well educated in England, and taught school there during his early manhood.

The subject of this biography remained with his parents on the farm in Rutland County, Vt., until reaching his majority. He was a lad of classic tastes, and at an early age determined to enter one of the professions. He became interested in medicine, and entered the office of Dr. J. G. Ross at Middlebury. under whose instructions he studied four years and commenced practice. Later he attended lectures at Woodstock Medical College, and





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completed his studies at Worcester, as we have already mentioned. Dr. Seger, in the spring of 1848, removed from his farm to Rome Center, where he engaged in the practice of his profession, which he continued there until 1870. In the spring of that year he sold his property in Rome, and removed to the city of Adrian, purchasing a fine residence on the corner of Michigan avenue and Madison street. During the eighteen years in which his career has been silently noted by the people who have learned to view him with respect and confidence. he has established himself as a first-class physician, and a valued member of the community. He was for a time interested in the drug trade, but since 1880 has given his entire attention to his practice. He is a close student, and keeps himself well posted upon the most approved and modern methods of treatment.

Our subject was married, Sept. 30, 1847, to Miss Philura M. Stockwell, the wedding taking place at the home of the bride, in Monroe. Mrs. Seger is the daughter of Cartice W. and Therina (Fisher) Stockwell, natives of New York. She was born March 25, 1825, in Yates, Orleans Co., N. Y., and by her union with our subject became the mother of five children, as follows: Ellen J. was born July 20, 1848, and is now the wife of W. A. Lord, of St. Joseph, Mo.; Lucy T. was born June 26, 1850, and died Sept. 17, 1851; Viola M. was born April 20, 1853, and is the wife of James Schaffer, of Adrian; Ida Adell was born March 30, 1856, and died July 28 following: Aaron W. was born May 5, 1858, and died in infancy. The mother came to Michigan with her parents about the year 1835, and departed this life Jan. 20, 1859.

The second wife of Dr. Seger, to whom he was married Oct. 11, 1859, was Miss Olive L., daughter of James and Lydia Eggleston, and a native of Pittsfield, Rutland Co., Vt. Her father, who was a native of the same county, and born Jan. 1, 1798, spent his entire life in the Green Mountain State, dying not far from the place of his birth, in September, 1863. The mother was born in Ware, March 14, 1805, and died in 1876. Dr. Alexander and Mrs. Olive L. Seger became the parents of three children, as follows: Frank G. was born Jan. 9, 1861, and died Aug. 30, 1886; Fred R. was born

Feb. 3, 1863, and is practicing medicine in connection with his father; and Mattie R. was born Dec. 19, 1867, and is the wife of Charles R. Burr, and lives in Adrian.

Dr. Seger has always been a strictly temperate man, having never tested a drop of intoxicating liquor or used tobacco in any form. He has always taken an intelligent interest in the welfare of his adopted city, and is numbered among its substantial and reliable men. He has very little to do with politics, but upon occasion of important elections votes the Democratic ticket.

AMES W. BRADNER, a successful farmer and stock-raiser now living in Clinton, this county, owns a good farm on sections 5 and 6, Clinton Township, consisting of 160 acres of well-improved, well-drained land, supplied with a set of substantial and commodious farm buildings. Mr. Bradner located on this farm June 10, 1859, and has lived here almost constantly since, except the few years which he spent at Clinton, where he owns a fine property. He has developed his farm from a partially wild condition. He has been a successful man in business, and has been Supervisor of the township from 1877 to 1883, and has also held other important township offices, He was Vice President and one of the Directors and principal stockholders of the Clinton Woolen Mills for nine years. In politics he has always been a solid Democrat since 1856.

The subject of this sketch was born on the 4th of October, 1821, in Orange County, N. Y., and is the son of Benjamin Bradner, a tanner and currier for some years, but afterward a farmer. He married Charity Mills. The Bradners came from Scotland, while the Mills are of New York descent. Benjamin Bradner and his wife were natives of Orange County, where he followed his occupation of a tanner and afterward that of a farmer. Here they both died, the mother in 1837. The father was a second time married, to Mary Sly, and he afterward married Elizabeth Demorest.

Our subject was reared at home, receiving a common-school education, and sustained the loss of his mother when he was fifteen years of age. Mr. Bradner was married in Blooming Grove, Orange Co., N. Y., to Jane A. Thorn, who was reared in Orange County. She came to Michigan with her husband, and died at her home in Clinton Township, Sept. 28, 1863, leaving six children, one of whom is now deceased. The living are: Albert, a teacher living in Steuben County, Ind.; Henry, now in Washington Territory with his brothers, Coe G, and Edgar; Coe G, is a merchant, and the other two are farmers. The daughter is Hattie, wife of C. N. Greene, a farmer of Bridgewater.

Mr. Bradner was again married, in Clinton Township, July 28, 1864, to Miss Mary E. Plumb, who was born in Middletown, Conn., April 18, 1835, and early in life went to Monroe Connty, N. Y., with her parents, who were natives of Connectient. The father, Seth G. Plumb, was a farmer, and in 1861 came with his family to Clinton, where he was Postmaster for some years, during the Johnson administration, and died in this State. Mrs. Bradner was educated in Rochester and became a teacher early in life, following that profession here for some years. She is the mother of two children—Seth B., at present in business in Texas, and Mary P., an intelligent girl. Mrs. Bradner is a Congregationalist in religion.

At the time of the terrible accident at Adrian fair grounds, when the heavily loaded amphitheater of that place fell with a crash, Mr. Bradner happened to be in it, and sustained very severe wounds about the body and head, from which he has never entirely recovered. As a representative citizen of this section of country, we are pleased to present in connection with this sketch a portrait of Mr. Bradner.



R. EDWIN P. ANDREWS. The subject of our sketch, who is one of the oldest and most successful practicing physicians of the city of Adrian, has been for many years greatly devoted to his profession, and has achieved much more than the average success of physicians. While making the practice of medicine his calling, and an answer to the summons of his patients a duty, he has found time and op-

portunity also to make judicious investments and exercise his ability as a financier. He is the owner of a very excellent farm, and as a matter of recreation from the eares of his profession, he indulges to a considerable extent in raising fine blooded horses, and in this business, as in his profession, success has crowned his efforts. Dr. Andrews and family live in an elegant brick residence, in a pleasant part of the city, surrounded by all the comforts which a liberal provider can secure with money.

Dr. Andrews is a native of Michigan, and was born in the village of Plymonth, Wayne County, on the 26th of August, 1826. His father was Justice Andrews, who was born in Stillwater, Saratoga Co., N. Y., on the 26th of September, 1801, where he lived until he was five years of age, at which time his father, John J. Andrews, moved to Western New York and lived in Steuben, Orleans County, until 1825, when he came to Michigan. On his journey hither he came west as far as Cleveland, Ohio, with an ox-team, where he worked on a vessel, and after it was completed he put his team and goods aboard and went to Detroit. On his arrival he located Government land in Plymouth Township, Wayne County, and in the following spring with his family he settled on this land, and there lived until 1847. In that year he sold out and came to Lenawee County, and purchased a farm in Fairfield Township, where he resided until 1862, in which year he removed to Adrian and there resided until his death, which occurred on the 14th of September, 1878. He and his brother-in-law built the first gristmill in Plymouth Township, Wayne County, manufacturing the mill stones from rocks found near home. On the 21st of August, 1825, Justice Andrews, the father of our subject, married Mrs. Deborah Lard, whose maiden name was Deborah Butterfield, by whom he had three sons. Edwin P. being the eldest. Mrs. Andrews was born in Amherst, N. H., Nov. 26, 1801, and came to Michigan with her husband in 1826. She died in Adrian, March 11, 1878.

Dr. Edwin P. Andrews remained at the home of his parents and assisted in the work upon the farm, including the clearing of the timber from the land, until he was twenty-one years of age. Early in his boyhood he developed a taste for a professional life, and

at the age of twenty-one began the study of medicine with Drs. Graham and Decker, prominent and successful physicians of Adrian. He remained under their careful instructions until the fall of 1848, when he was so far advanced as to become a student in the Starling Medical College, of Columbus, Ohio. During the prosecution of his medical studies in college he was obliged to work during the vacation in order to procure money to defray his expenses, He was graduated from this college with credit to himself in the spring of 1850, and in that year began the practice of medicine in Adrian, where he has continued in the profession ever since. Besides attaining great popularity as a skillful physician among the people, he has on several occasions been chosen to discharge not only professional, but public trusts. In 1861 he was appointed by President Lincoln as Examining Surgeon for Lenawee County, to examine all candidates for the service of the Government during the war of the Rebellion, He was also, for a number of years, the examining surgeon for soldiers' pensions, but resigned both positions because of their encroachment upon the time he was required to devote to his professional business. He has served four years as Alderman of the Fourth Ward of Adrian, and during that time was a liberal advocate of all proper improvements in the city.

On the 14th of May, 1851, Dr. Andrews was married to Miss Sarah M., daughter of Rev. William G. and Elizabeth Wisner, of Manchester, Washtenaw Co., Mich. Mrs. Andrews was born in Castile, Wyoming Co., N. Y., on the 7th of August, 1832, and came with her parents to Miehigan in 1841, when her father was installed pastor of a church at Jonesville, Hillsdale County. Her father was born in Aurelius, Caynga Co., N. Y., Dec. 9, 1802, and at the age of twenty-nine he was installed as a Baptist minister, remaining in the ministry until his death, Feb. 9, 1888. The maiden name of Mrs. Andrews' mother was Elizabeth Hudmutt, and she was the daughter of Nathaniel Hudmutt; she died in November, 1881.

To Dr. and Mrs. Andrews have been born five sons: Edwin H., Feb. 22, 1853; Frank E., Jan. 25, 1857; Clarence B., Jan. 14, 1860; Fred B., April 20, 1862, and Harry W., March 27, 1871. Adrian was the birthplace of all these children. Frank E. is a practicing physician at Adrian, Mich. Dr. Andrews has been liberal in affording educational advantages to these children. Whatever part our subject takes in political matters is to the advantage of the Republican party, of which he has been a zealous and carnest member for many years. He has never indulged in politics with a view to becoming a seeker after the spoils of office, and whatever of activity he has displayed has been through purely patriotic motives. He is a broad and liberal-minded citizen, and warmly endorses all projects that will promote the welfare of the city of his residence.

ENRY G. COLEGROVE. The man who came to Lenawee County forty-five years ago, and contributed his share toward bringing about those marvelous changes which it has since undergone, redeeming the land from the forest primeval, and making it to bring forth in abundance the choicest crops of this section, is worthy of a place in the annals of his country. Such a man is the subject of our sketch, now a retired farmer, spending his declining years in ease and retirement in the quiet village of Morenci.

Henry Colegrove was born in Norwich Township, McKean Co., Pa., on the 30th of April, 1819. He was reared on the farm, receiving a commonschool education, and remained there until twenty years of age. He has all his life been engaged in agricultural pursuits, first for a short time in New York State, and afterward in this county. He first came to this county in 1843, and worked one summer in Medina Township, then returning to Pennsylvania, he was married, and bringing his young bride, he settled on a farm in Medina Township, where he remained until he removed to Morenci. in December, 1874. His farm in Medina Township consists of 200 acres of excellent land, which he has brought to a high state of cultivation, and he has also a valuable residence in Morenci.

Believing that it is not good for man to be alone, our subject took to himself a wife in the person of Miss Harriet Coleman, to whom he was married in what was then Clearfield County, Pa., May 22, 1844.
Mrs. Colegrove was born in that county on the 18th
of November, 1819. She and our subjecthave become the parents of two children: Herman L., who
married Gette VanWort, and resides in Medina
Township, and Coleman, who is deceased.

Mrs. Colegrove is a haly of much force of character, who has ably assisted her husband in all his undertakings, and is a kind and generous neighbor and friend. She and her husband are attendants of the Congregational Church, to which they give their hearty support. In politics Mr. Colegrove is a Republican.



ETER V. SMITH, a farmer residing on section 16 of Hudson Township, is a self-made man in every respect implied by the term, the success with which he has met and conquered all difficulties in life's battles being due entirely to his own industry, economy, perseverance and good judgment. He is a native of New York, and was born in Ira, Cayuga County, June 14, 1822.

Nathaniel Smith, the grandfather of our subject, was a native of Massachusetts, where he was reared and married, but afterward he removed to New York, and was one of the original settlers of Amsterdam, where he improved a farm, and died at the home of his son Nathaniel in Cayuga County. His wife, whose maiden name was Annie Ford, was a native of England, and her father, the great-grandfather of our subject, was a Baptist preacher, who came to the United States from England, and died in Massachusetts.

Nathaniel Smith, Jr., the father of our subject, was born in Amsterdam, Montgomery Co., N. Y., where he grew to manhood and married, and became a pioneer of Ira Township, where he improved a farm and resided sixty years; he died in Hudson when nearly ninety years of age. His wife, whose maiden name was Mary Voorhees, was horn in Scholarie County, N. Y., while her parents, John I. and Martha (Teeple) Voorhees, were born, it is thought, in New Jersey, and were pioneers of

Schoharie County. Mr. Voorhees, a miller by trade, spent his last years in Adrian.

Peter V. Smith was reared in his native town, where he received a good common-school education, and practical lessons in farming from his father, with whom he lived until grown to manhood. In 1842 he visited an uncle residing in Michigan, and was much pleased with the appearance of the country, but did not then locate here. He returned to New York, and the following year carried on his father's farm on shares, clearing \$50, and with this sum as his sole capital, he again started for Michigan, coming by the Eric Canal to Buffalo, thence on the steamer "Governor Harrison" to Monroe, and on by rail to Adrian. That winter he worked on a farm, receiving \$10 per month, and the following spring was employed for a short time on the railway between Adrian and Tecumseh. In the fall of 1845 he came to Hudson, and engaged as foreman of a section on the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway, a position which he held ten years. Meanwhile he had been anticipating the time when he might have a home of his own, and feel himself settled in life. With this end in view he labored assiduously, and saving his money, he bought eighty acres of timber land on section 16 of Hudson Township, and hired a man to clear and break up a part of it.

October 27, 1850, Mr. Smith and Lucia Brightman became man and wife, and settled on the homestead referred to, and six years later our subject gave up railro.ding, and turned his entire attention to agriculture. He now has sixty-five acres of his land under cultivation, and has erected a large frame barn and other necessary farm buildings, besides a spacious brick house, which he built in 1871.

Mrs. Smith was born in Bloomfield, Ontario Co., N. Y., Oct. 8, 1832, and is the daughter of Samuel Brightman, who was born Nov. 8, 1794, in Massachusetts, near Fall River. His father, Benjamin Brightman, was born Sept. 29, 1763, and was also a native of Massachusetts, which, as far as known, he made his home his entire life, being engaged as a sailor. We are told that the Brightmans were originally from the Isle of Wight, and were early settlers of Massachusetts. Mrs. Smith's father was a sailor in his boyhood, and at the age of twenty

years became mate, and after one voyage in that capacity was made captain of a trading-vessel, During his seafaring life he visited the principal ports of the United States, West Indies and Europe, but during his last voyage he was taken sick at New Orleans, and remained there, his brother Henry taking charge of the vessel the remainder of the voyage. The vessel was captured by pirates off the coast of Matanzas, and his brother and all the crew but one were murdered. After that he retired from sea service, and removing to New York, settled in Ontario County, where he worked as a carpenter. In 1844 he came to Michigan, and locating in Hudson Township, bought timber land on section 9, where, with the assistance of his sons, he cleared a farm, and resided there until his death, Jan. 26, 1849. His wife, whose maiden name was Phebe Marble, was born in Taunton, Mass., Aug. 26, 1794, while her father, Charles Marble, was a native of Massachusetts, and a shoemaker by trade. He removed to New York, probably as early as 1820, and settled near Canandaigua, Ontario County, where he bought land, and engaged in farming beside working at his trade, He resided there until 1843, when he came to Michigan, and spent his last years in Oakland County. The mother of Mrs. Smith spent her last years with her children, dving at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Uri Blodgett, in Coldwater, Mich.

Our subject and his wife have two children—George Harvey and Willis S. George was horn in Hudson, June 24, 1832, and married Ida Lamb, of Clayton; they now reside on section 9 of Hudson Township, and have one child, Floyd L. Willis was born Nov. 22, 1857, and married Anna C. Teeling; they reside in Marshalltown, Iowa, and have one child, Mabel L. Mr. Smith was formerly a Whig, but since the formation of the Republican party has uniformly endorsed its principles at the polls.

OSWELL H. HICKS, a leading agriculturist of Rome Township, and a scion of one of the pioneer families, deserves particular is one in a work of this character, as to him is due in a large measure the growth and development of at least a portion of the Territory. His

birthplace was in Rensselaer County, N. Y., and he was born Nov. 28, 1834. He is the son of John Hicks, and a grandson of Joseph Hicks, both of whom were born in Rensselaer County, N. Y., where the latter followed the profession of school teacher, and at one time filled the responsible position of Sheriff of his native county. He died while a young man, lamented by all. His wife, Ruth Hubbard, a native of Connecticut, was born in 1776, and died in this county in her eightieth year. Most of her ancestry were sailors, although there were a few merchants, mechanics and farmers among them.

John Hicks, the father of the subject of this sketch, first saw the light in Rensselaer County, N. Y., March 22, 1808, and after the death of his father he was taken by an uncle, Mordica Hicks, who reared him. Oct. 25, 1833, he married Miss Jane, daughter of Ulric and Elizabeth (Wiemans) Winegar, who was born in the State of New York, Dec. 22, 1811. Her father and mother were both natives of the same State, where they followed farming, John Hicks and his family came to Lenawee County from New York in 1836, and located in Rome Township, on the place where Roswell now resides. Here he lived for many years, passing a life of usefulness both for himself and the community, until his death, March 18, 1881. For some time before his death he was a cripple, which incapacitated him for active life. His estimable wife passed to her rest Nov. 22, 1879.

Roswell II. Hicks remained at home with his parents, assisting his father in earrying on the farm, until the had reached years of manhood. On attaining his majority he started for Kansas to look over the country, but after spending eighteen months there, he returned to this country, and took charge of his father's farm. He did this, although possibly to his disadvantage, that his two brothers might avail themselves of a collegiate education. He has had his reward for what self-denial he suffered, as both of the brothers now occupy prominent positions in the world, Joseph Hicks being a banker, and S. P., a rising lawyer.

Roswell Hicks was married, Dec. 30, 1868, to Miss Charlotte Marks, a native of Wayne County, N. Y., and daughter of Hollen and Betsey (Knapp) Marks. She became the mother of two children, Myron and Nellie, both of whom are deceased, and died April 9, 1864. In Rome Township Roswell Hicks was a second time married, to Sarah Smith, a native of England, where she was born near Dover, but she died Nov. 8, 1879, leaving one child, Arthur P., who was born Sept. 3, 1876. On the 10th of March, 1881, Mr. Hicks again entered into a matrimonial alliance, this time with Mrs, Sarah Blanchard, a daughter of George and Amarilla Thompson, the former of whom was a native of Connecticut, Mrs. Hicks was twice married before she married our subject; first to Gilbert M. Pettys, and afterward to Marshall Blanchard. When the hand of traitors struck at the life of our Union, Gilbert Pettys, imbued with intense patriotism, enlisted in Company A, 101st Ohio Infantry, but after six months' endurance of the hardships of the campaign, was taken sick, and offered up his life a sacrifice on the altar of his country. Mrs. Hicks was born in New York, Feb. 7, 1842, and was one of a family of six children, By her first marriage she became the mother of two children: Emma, the wife of Frank Poucher, born July 10, 1860, and Clemie R., the wife of F. M. Harlow, who is professor in one of the schools of Jackson County, Mich.

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ON, CHARLES E. MICKLEY, a resident of Lenawee County for a period of fiftyfour years, is most properly classed among its earliest pioneers. He was a vonth of fifteen years when coming here, and in company with his mother and brother, his father being deceased, had made the journey from Buffalo to Detroit, spending six days on Lake Erie, From the City of Straits they reached Adrian by ox-team when the town was in its infancy, and the country around composed of forests and uncultivated land. He commenced working by the month clearing land, and in the fall of 1836, three years later, began operations on his own purchase. Of this he has been in possession since that time, his only removal being from the old log house to the new frame one, The changes which he has witnessed, and the scenes through which he has passed, if properly written up would comprise a large volume. Even in the early days he became prominent in the affairs of his township and has since been largely identified with those of his State and Nation. He has been foremost in all good works and benevolent enterprises, and deserves the plandit of "Well done, good and faithful servant."

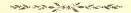
Mr. Mickley was born in Northumberland County, Pa., Aug. 26, 1818, and is the son of Daniel Mickley, a tailor by trade, though during part of his life he had been engaged in mercantile pursuits. Aside from the fact that he was of excellent German ancestry, very little is known of his history, About 1799 he was married to Miss Tamar Elizabeth Evans, of Northumberland County, Pa., and settling there they became the parents of seven children, Charles E. of our sketch being the youngest of the family. Mrs. Mickley was born near Philadelphia, Dec. 5, 1779, and was the daughter of a millwright, who settled in the Quaker City at an early day. The Evans family were of Welsh ancestry and Quakers in religon. Young Mickley continued with his mother as long as she needed his filial offices, and she spent her last years at his home, passing away May 23, 1865.

Charles Mickley, after becoming a property owner, worked quietly on his farm for several years, and in the meantime had identified himself with the Democratic party. In 1850, when the anti-slavery movement was inaugurated in Adrian, he esponsed the cause of liberty for the oppressed, and became an active worker for the freedom of the colored race. The anti-slavery people at that time were looked upon with derision and suspicion, but Mr. Mickley took a bold stand for the right, and opened his house to all who sympathised with the cause of those who were held in bondage. The Boston Liberator was then being published by William Lloyd Garrison, and to this Mr. Mickley was a frequent contributor, while he was also frequently called upon as a public speaker in defense of the cause to whose members there were now daily accessions. Upon the organization of the Republican party, Mr. Mickley at once wheeled into its ranks, and as time passed on his public services were rewarded by his election to the House of Representatives of the Michigan Legislature. this he was advanced to the Senate and served on

various important committees. He was the first to introduce the measure in the Legislature for the admission of ladies to the Michigan University, and by almost superhuman efforts succeeded in bringing it to a successful issue.

In 1871 Hon, Charles Mickley was appointed by Gov. Baldwin one of the commissioners for selecting the site for the State public school, and was Chairman of the board until disabled from further duty by illness. This period he regards as one of the most arduous and responsible of his public life, and one in which he took great satisfaction notwithstanding, as having been connected with one of the greatest public charities in the State. This institution has reached grand proportions and has been the means of incalculable good. Mr. Mickley, however, did not cease his good work, and in the midst of many other public duties, identified himself with the temperance movement, working and speaking for the cause to the best of his ability, and being enabled by his excellent judgment and forethought to accomplish great good.

Mr. Mickley was married early in life to Miss Adeline J. Hayward, the wedding taking place on the 12th of February, 1837. Mrs. Mickley was born in Farmington, Ontario Co., N. Y., Sept. 17, 1817, and came to Michigan with her parents in 1834. The latter were natives respectively of Massachusetts and Connecticut. The father died in Royalton, Ohio, May 15, 1872, and the mother died in Dover, this county. April 1, 1869. Mr. and Mrs. Mickley became the parents of two children only, both daughters: Eliza M., who was born in Fairfield, July 1, 1838, and is now Mrs. L. P. Russell, and Mary J., who was born Dec. 10, 1842, and resides in Adrian.



B. GILLESPIE is the present Supervisor of the township of Clinton, where he is successfully engaged in general agriculture on his fine, well-improved farm of 160 acres on section 16. The Gillespie family, of which our subject is a representative, originated in Ireland, or at least had their home in the northern part of that island for many years. The first member of the

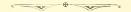
family of whom we hear as leaving the land of his nativity and coming to America, was Brown Gillespie, the grandfather of our subject. He came here when a young man, accompanied by his family, and settled in Steuben County, N. Y., where he afterward died.

R. B. Gillespie, Sr., the father of our subject, was born in Steuben County in 1790, and there grew to manhood. From that home he went forth to take part in the War of 1812, in the hard struggle of our country with Great Britain, and at its elose he returned home uninjured, and with the title of Major which he had won by his valor. After the war Mai, Gillespie married for his first wife Margaret Gray. They made their home in Livingston County, where, after the birth of two daughters, Maria and Jane, Mrs. Gillespie died. The Major's second marriage was with Miss Clarinda Roberts, who was born in 1802, and after the birth of two children, Maj. Gillespie, in the fall of 1832, eame with his family to Michigan, via Lake Erie to Detroit, and thence over a muddy road to what is now the township of Clinton, where he took up some Government land, the southeast quarter of section 15. He first built a log cabin, with two windows, a shake roof, and a puncheon floor, whose only door for the first two years was a quilt suspended at the entrance. They cheerfully experienced all the hardships and trials that the early settlers had to undergo. They had to go to Monroe County to the mill, requiring a journey of six or seven days to make the round trip. By energy and perseverance they succeeded in making a home in the wilds of this county as it was fifty-five years ago. Maj. Gillespie died on the farm he took up from the Government in the early days of the conntry, his death occurring June 16, 1870. He was a life-long Democrat, and an honest and useful citizen. His wife survived him until July 1, 1880, and was then seventy years old; they were both Episcopalians.

Our subject was born on the old homestead of his parents Dec. 29, 1835, and was the fourth child of a family of six, two daughters and four sons, all living and married. He was educated in this township, where he grew to manhood and where the most of his life has been spent; and here he was married to his first wife, whose maiden name was Martha Biddle, Dec. 23, 1864. She was born in Macon Township in 1841, and grew to womanhood in the home of her birth. She died at the home of her husband in Clinton Township, Oct. 10, 1868, her only child having died previously. Mr. Gillespie's second marriage, March 1, 1871, was with Miss Lucy A., daughter of John 1, and Pamela (Raymond) Rector, the former a native of the State of New York. Shortly after marriage her parents went to Fulton County, Ohio, and as early settlers of that county suffered all the hardships sustained by the pioneers. In their pioneer home in the township of York their daughter, Mrs. Gillespie, was born Dec. 14, 1845, and in 1858 John Rector came with his family to Raisin Township in this county. They afterward removed to Tecumseh and lived near the village, where the father died at the age of seventy-seven, Dec. 30, 1887, and the mother at the age of seventy-three still survives.

Mrs. Gillespic received a fair education and a good practical training from her mother m the care of a household. Her marriage has been blessed by the birth of five children—Garland R., Grace E., Ora B., Jennie P. and Ralph R. After marriage Mr. and Mrs. Gillespic lived two years in Raisin Township and then removed to their present home, where they have since lived in the enjoyment of the comforts and luxuries of life, having the respect and confidence of their neighbors.

Mr. Gillespie takes an active part in local affairs, and is at present Township Supervisor, while he has held the office of Drain Commissioner, and has been Justice of the Peace. He is much interested in political affairs, and uses his influence in behalf of the Democratic party. Mr. and Mrs. Gillespie are attendants of the Presbyterian Church.



EBULON WATSON. The hands on the dist of time have covered more than half a century since the first little band of hardy pioneers broke their way into the prestine wilds of Lenawee County. Bold, active men, women and children—for there were heroes as well as heroines—they had left their homes neath Eastern skies to

hew out resting-places for themselves in the then untrodden wilderness. Among this company was the family of which our subject was a member,

Zebulon Watson was born in Eric County, N. Y., near the town of Batavia, Feb. 16, 1827, and is the son of William and Electa (Cole) Watson, both natives of the same State. His father dying when Zebulon was but a small child, his mother remarried, and the little family, hoping to better their fortune, emigrated to the West, and in the fall of 1835 settled in Rome Township on section 11, where they purchased about 160 acres of land, then covered with the "forest primeval." Here they settled down to the hard life of pioneers, with but few neighbors to keep them company. All the trials and tribulations attendant on a new settlement were endured by them nearly always with remarkable patience. The family remained here until about the year 1841, when they removed to Hillsdale County, Mich., where they resided for some time. Not feeling satisfied with their new locality they returned to this county, which they made their residence thereafter.

Zebulon Watson remained with his mother until he had reached his maturity, when he started out to battle for an existence in this world on his own account. After working for a little time on shares for Mr. Bates, his father-in-law, he removed to Branch County, in this State, where he worked in the same manner for two years, when he purchased forty acres of land on which he made his residence another two years. At that time he returned to this township and purchasing some farm property, settled thereon, where he lived about twenty-two years. About 1874 he sold out and purchased the place where he now resides, as nice a piece of land as lies within the boundaries of the township, and all under a high state of tillage.

Zebulon Watson and Miss Phebe D. Bates were united in the holy bonds of matrimony on the 31st of October, 1847. Mrs. Watson was born in Eric County, N. Y., Dec. 29, 1828, and is the daughter of Daniel Bates, of Rome Township. Notwithstanding the disadvantages of procuring an education in those early days, and in spite of her being compelled to attend the district school only at evening sessions, with a strong will Mrs. Watson managed

to acquire a fine education. She is a woman of exceptional intelligence, and keeps well posted on all current events. She and her husband are attendants of the Baptist Church and try to live Christian lives. In polities Mr. Watson is now a Republican, having been formerly one of the great Whigparty.

Young men of Lenawee County can find in the career of Mr. Watson a most excellent example. Here is seen what may be accomplished by a man beginning at the lowest step of the ladder, but with honesty, prudence, energy and industry, gradually climbing up until his later years are passed in comparative affluence. Possessing but few advantages in early life, with his schooling limited to a great extent, without wealth or position, he has been compelled from very early years to depend upon his own exertions. Throughout a busy life, however, he has never deviated from the strict path of rectitude, and is esteemed one of the most reliable men of Lenawee County.



OHN F. LEWIS, a prominent and leading young merchant of the village of Addison. is a native of Woodstock Township, Lenawee County, and first saw the light Aug. 1, 1865. He is the son of George M. Lewis, the pioneer merchant of Addison, and Elizabeth B. (Tower) Lewis, his wife. The great-great-grandfather of our subject, John Lewis, lived on a farm near Walpole, Mass. About 1740 he married a Miss Fisher, and to them were born seven children-John. David, Joseph, Oliver, and three daughters. Of these children one of the daughters married a Mr. Morse and another a Mr. Bacon; David was a farmer, Joseph a hotel-keeper, Oliver went to sea and never returned, and John was our subject's great-grandfather. In his younger years he enlisted in the Continental army, and after serving about seven years he settled in Rensselaer County, N. Y. He was twice married, his first wife being Anna Pratt, by whom he had six children, namely: John, Deborah, Polly, Abigail, Betsey and Anna. His

second marriage was with Mrs. (Sweeting) Danby.
Of the children of his first marriage Deborah married Oliver Rogers, Polly became the wife of Jonas
White, Abbie died unmarried, Betsey became the
wife of Simon Rogers, Anna married Samuel
Andrews, and John married Miss Rizpah Smith.

John Lewis, last named, was our subject's grandfather. He was born Feb. 10, 1783, and his good wife, Rizpah Lewis, first saw light Nov. 21, 1786. To them were born a large family of children, most of whom are deceased. George M. Lewis, one of these children, made his appearance upon the stage of life Aug. 28, 1825, in Whitestown, Oneida Co., N. Y. At the age of fourteen he quit the parental roof in order to hew out for himself a path in life, and to better his worldly position. He at once entered upon the duties of a fireman on board one of the palatial steamers that plied on the Hudson River, of which a brother was the engineer. After three years labor in that capacity he went to Knowlesville, Orleans Co., N. Y., and-for about a year was in the employ of another brother in that locality on a farm. Being seized with the western fever, in 1843 he came to Michigan, and at first located in Brooklyn, Jackson County, and worked as a farm laborer in the vicinity of that village for about two years. He came to Addison in the fall of 1845, and in the following spring started in the mercantile business in that place, in a building which he rented at the time that he purchased, the stock. The next year he cleared the land and commenced the erection of the building where his son is at present located, and in which he was engaged in carrying on trade at the time of his death. During the course of his business life he had two partners. The first was Charles Carmichael, Jr., who remained with him about three years, and the other, Lyman Hayden, was a member of the firm for about twelve months. He continued in trade in this store until 1876, when, owing to failing health, he removed to a farm which he owned north of Addison. There, enjoying the free air and laboring in the fields, he somewhat restored his declining health, and in 1881 he removed to the village of Kelly's Corners, purchasing the store of Orson Kelly, who bought his farm. He remained in the last-named place until 1883, when he returned

to Addison, and in the building which he had erected nearly forty years before again entered into the mercantile life of the community. Here, in the active pursuits of his business, he was called to his heavenly home early in the morning of Sunday, Feb. 6, 1887.

On the 26th of November, 1846, George M. Lewis was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth B., daughter of Joseph P. and Cynthia (Pullen) Tower, who was born in Phelps, Ontario Co., N. Y., Feb. 22, 1827. She was the mother of ten children, five of whom are living, as follows: Imogene, Mrs. George Bowen, was born Oct. 21, 1847, and is the mother of four children; they reside on a farm in Woodstock Township, Casporetta, Mrs. John Kelsey, was born May 26, 1850, and is the mother of one child by her first husband, J. M. Wyand; Bertha L., Mrs. Engene Woodward, was born Nov. 26, 1851, and resides in Clayton, where her husband is an attorney; they have one son, Frankie R., Mrs. George E. Lewis, was born July 4. 1858, and is a resident of Jackson, Mich., where her husband carries on the grocery business, and she is the mother of one daughter; John F., the subject of this sketch; five children died in infancy. John was born Feb. 20, 1854, and died August 27 of the same year; Byron was born Feb. 3, 1856, and died when fourteen days old; Alice was born Jan. 1, 1860, and died Aug. 15, 1860; Charles and George M. (twins) were born Oct. 15, 1861; George M. died October 28 of the same year, and Charles two days later.

George M. Lewis was the oldest merchant in the village of Addison, and his circle of friends and acquaintances, both in social and business spheres, was naturally very extensive. He was a man of most excellent judgment, a keen thinker, with a kind and loving heart, and no worthy object failed to elicit from him a tangible assistance. In all public improvements, and in the educational advancement of the community, he was ever prominent, taking a leading part, both with his own exertions and a liberal outlay of money. As one of the pioneers of Lenawee County he saw the aboriginal wilderness give place to highly cultivated farms; the squalid village of the native Indian replaced by neat and busy towns, and all the hardships and

privations of the earlier settler succeeded by all the comforts and advantages of civilization. In the family circle he was a loving husband and a kind and indulgent father, ever ready to enhance, by any means in his power, the pleasure and enjoyment of his loved ones.

In politics Mr. Lewis always affiliated with the Democratic party, and filled many positions of honor and trust in the village and township with most excellent results; he was Justice of the Peace for some five terms. His business experience was both varied and successful, as besides dealing extensively in general merchandise, his purchases and sales of real estate were considerable, and at various times he conducted a number of manufacturing industries, while he also fulfilled contracts for building to some extent. When he passed away the entire community were in gloom, fully realizing the extent of their loss. His funeral took place on the 8th of February, 1887, from the Methodist Episcopal Church, on which occasion the Rev. K. H. Crane, the pastor of the Congregational Church, preached a very eloquent sermon from the text: "David slept with his fathers and was buried in the city of David." I. Kings, 2:10. Rev. O. F. Winton, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, assisted in the ccremony, which was attended by almost the entire population of the village,

On the 10th of February, 1887, at a meeting of the Trustees of the Addison public schools, the following resolutions of respect were adopted by a manimous vote:

Whereas, It has pleased Divine Providence, the dispenser of all events, suddenly to remove from this life the Hon. George M. Lewis, who has for many years been a member of this board; and

WHEREAS, He has been untiring in his efforts to preserve good order and promote the interests of popular education in our midst; therefore

Resolved, That in the death of G. M. Lewis this community has lost a most judicious and efficient member and our village a worthy citizen.

Resolved, That we tender to the family of the deceased our heartfelt sympathy and condolence in this, their most afflicted bereavement.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be tendered to the family of the deceased, that a copy be spread on our school records, and published in the Addison Courier.

S. C. LOMBARD, A. J. KEMPTON, O. B. BOWEN,

Miss. Nellie II. Shith, J. C. Morley, Trustees, John F. Lewis, the subject of this sketch, has always remained at home. He was educated in the schools of his native village, wherein he attained extreme excellence. He is a young man of great natural ability and most excellent characteristics. Endowed with high moral qualities, a generous heart and noble principles, he is looked upon by the community as a model young man. Although but twenty-three years of age he has been called upon by the death of his estimable father to take a place at the head of the business life of the village, and bids fair to prove no unworthy bearer of the mantle of his sire.

HOMAS V. HOAGLAND is known as one of the representative men of the township of Ridgeway, and is pleasantly located on section 34, in the fractional part of the township, and owns another tract on section 3 in the township proper, having in the combined property eighty acres of land, nearly all of which is under a high state of cultivation, and containing good improvements. The place occupied by our subject is the property taken up by his father, Henry Hoagland, in 1832, at which time it was an unbroken wilderness, with nothing to attract the attention of a person seeking a home, yet so great was his desire to make a home in one of the best parts of the great State of Michigan that he located here.

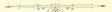
The subject of this sketch was born on this farm on the 7th of March, 1838. Henry Hoagland, his father, was a native of New Jersey, having been born there near Perth Amboy, in 1800, of English parentage, originally of Holland and Scotch descent, Henry was but a boy when he went to New York State with his father, John Hoagland, and they took up their abode in Seneca County, near Cayuga Lake, in the township of Romulus. There John Hoagland died, and Henry Hoagland met and married Mary Van Tyle, who came of Dutch ancestry, and whose parents were natives of New Jersey. She was born in Seneca County, where she developed into womanhood, and became the wife of Henry Hoagland in the year 1824. Henry Hoagland and his father-in-law, Thomas Van Tyle,

together with their families, determined to try their fortunes in the West, and after several weeks' travel on the canal and Lake Eric, they arrived at Monroe, Mich., and then came through the almost unbroken wilderness to Ridgeway Township, Henry Hoagland settled on section 31, and Thomas Van Tyle on a part now covered by the village of Britton, where he resided for some time and improved the place, but he subsequently went to Ridgeway, where he died at the age of seventy-three years. The father of the subject of this sketch died at his home in this township in 1852. He was a member of the Methodist Episeopal Church and a good citizen, while in polities he was an old-line Whig. His wife died on the old homestead in 1839, when her son, Thomas V., was one year old, He afterward was reared under the care of his grandmother and a sister until he arrived at manhood.

Thomas V. Hoagland was married in Ridgeway Township, on the 6th of November, 1866, to Miss Harriet E. Smith (for parental history of family see sketch of George W. Smith). Mrs. Hoagland was born in this township on her father's old farm, in 1849, where she was reared, and attended the district school until she arrived at womanhood. She is now the mother of three children—Lamount C., Lettah M., and one deceased; the former are bright and intelligent, and will be given a good education. Mr. and Mrs. Hoagland are consistent and active members of the Christian Church. In polities Mr. Hoagland has always been a stanch Republican, and the probabilities are that he will so remain.

Mr. Hoagland has a creditable military record, having enlisted in the army on the 16th of May, 1861, in the 4th Milchigan Infantry, in which he was assigned to Company G, commanded by Capt. D. D. Marshall, of Teeumseh. The regiment went to the front on the 20th of June, 1861, and participated in nineteen general engagements. The 4th Regiment suffered severely during this term of service, and of the 1,040 men who enlisted in 1861, but 170 lived to return to their homes. Among the battles in which Mr. Hoagland participated are the following: Chancellorsville, Gaines' Milk Malvern Hill, Yorktown, New Bridge and South Mountain. He was also in the second battle of

Bull Run, Fredericksburg, Gettysburg, and many minor engagements. He escaped unburt by the enemy's missiles, and was honorably discharged at Detroit, Mich, in 1864, at the expiration of his term of service. He now lives in the knowledge of having done his duty to his country in its hour of peril, and is thankful that he went through the ordeals of war unburt.



RTHUR C. MANCHESTER. It has been well said that "Agriculture is the basis of a nation's strength, and from this springs its prosperity." This is eminently true as regards the source of the strength and prosperity of Lenawee County, and among her intelligent agriculturists is the man whose name stands at the head of this sketch, and who is a respected resident of Seneca Township.

Mr. Manchester is a native of Madison, Madison Co., N. Y., where his birth occurred Dec. 1, 1845, and is the son of James D. and Deborah (Church) Manchester, who were also natives of Madison. James D. Manchester was born May 14, 1806, and Mrs. Manchester Oct. 4, 1810. They first began their wedded life in their native county, where Mr. Manchester was a clothier by trade, and lived in different places in his native State engaged in that business. He first came to Michigan with his family in the year 1836, and settled in Seneca Township, where he took up 160 acres of land. After living here a year they returned to New York, and resided there for many years, but in 1866 Mr. Manchester retired from his business, and returning with his family to Seneca Township settled on the land he had taken up thirty years before, and turned his attention to farming. Mr. and Mrs. Manchester continued to live in the pleasant home that they had built up by their thrift and industry until their death. Mrs. Manchester died Feb. 27, 1879, and Mr. Manchester Sept. 18, 1886. They were true and faithful citizens, and their death was a loss to the community. They were the parents of two children: Julia C., who is the wife of P. F. Richmond, of Madison Township; and Arthur C.

The subject of this sketch grew to manhood in

his native State, where he was bred on a farm, and naturally turned his attention to agricultural pursuits as his vocation in life. In the spring of 1866 he came to Lenawee County with his father, and engaged with him in farming on his land in Seneca Township until his death, when Arthur became the possessor of the farm which he had helped to imimprove. It is pleasantly located, and still consists of the 160 acres intact which his father took up over fifty years ago.

Mr. Manchester was married in Medina Township, Nov. 4, 1866, to Miss Emily, daughter of Aaron Jones. She was born in Dover Township, July 25, 1846, and is a lady of much culture, who before her marriage was engaged in teaching school. To Mr. and Mrs. Manchester have been born three children—Helen D., Frank and Julia. Helen is the wife of Fred Lewis, and the mother of one child, Arthur.

Mr., and Mrs. Manehester are warmly regarded in social circles for their geniality and kindliness, and are members of Medina Grange. Mr. Manehester is a member of Evening Star Lodge No. 173, F. & A. M., of Medina, and in politics he is a Republican.

ORTON II. BAILEY, M. D., is a practicing physician of the city of Morenci, and, though only a young man, has already acquired an extensive practice, and is numbered among the substantial and respected citizens of this county. Dr. Bailey was born in Saline, Mich., April 11, 1857, and settled in Morenci in January, 1883.

The parents of our subject were Peter H. and Jane A. (Weatherwax) Bailey, who were natives of New York State. They were born in the Mohawk Valley, and there brought up their family of four children—three sons and one daughter—of whom Norton II. was the second in order of birth. He attended the common schools until ten years of age, and afterward entered school at Spring Harbor, Mich. Thence he went to Hillsdale Coilege, and after some time spent in study in that institution he studied medicine with S. P. Town, M. D., of Jackson, Mich., and remained with him about two and

one-half years. He then attended a course of lectures at Pulta Medical College, Cincinnati, Ohio, and at the end of eighteen months he established himself in the practice of his profession at Red Cloud, Neb., where he remained about one year. He then returned to the college at Cincinnati, and completing his course of study was graduated in the winter of 1879–80. He then engaged in the practice of medicine at Concord, Mich., where he remained about three years, and then after spending a year in traveling he settled in Morenci as above stated, where he has a large and growing practice.

Our subject sustained the loss of his mother when he was but nine years of age, and was thus left without her guiding eare during that period of life when a child is so susceptible to the tender influences of a mother's teaching. He was married in Jackson, Mich., Aug. 29, 1877, to Miss lida Harding, who was born in Ypsilanti, Mich. To Dr. and Mrs. Bailey have been born two children: Florence and Bonella, the latter of whom died when an interesting child three years old.

Though only a young man Dr. Bailey, by his extensive course of study and travel, has become well acquainted with the duties of his profession, and keeps well abreast of the age in its inventions and discoveries relating to the healing art. In politics he gives his support to the Democratic party.

UDGE LEWIS SANFORD, of Woodstock Township, is an old settler, one of the men who have been instrumental in the development of the township, a man of wealth and standing, and concerned in most of its worthy enterprises. He has served as Justice of the Peace for a period of twenty-six years, during which time he has discharged the duties of the office with rare good judgment, and pursued the even tenor of his way with the earnest desire to dispense justice in an impartial manner, according to the best of his ability. His long residence in this section, and his qualities as a man and a citizen, have caused him to be regarded both with esteem and affection, and there have been few enterprises of note which have not enlisted his interest and his services in their

development. He represented the township in the County Board of Supervisors four or five years, and in storm and sunshine has preserved his faith in Democracy, and given to it his hearty support now for over forty-seven years. He owns over 600 acres of some of the finest land in Southern Michigan.

Judge Sanford is a native of Eric County, N. Y., and was born near the town of Wales, April 14, 1820. His father, Ezekiel Sanford, was born in Lebanon County, Pa., and died in Erie County, N. Y., in 1828, aged sixty-two years. The mother, Mrs. Susannah (Badger) Sanford, was a native of Connecticut, and after the death of her husband she came to this county with her son Lewis, and died at his home in Woodstock Township, in June, 1844, when sixty-six years old. Ezekiel Sanford was a cooper by trade, but also carried on farming. The family is of English descent, and of good old Quaker stock. The paternal grandparents of our subject came from England, and spent the last years of their lives in New York. Ezekiel and Susannah Sanford were the parents of eight children, six sons and two daughters, of whom Lewis was the youngest, and is the only survivor,

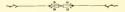
Young Sanford continued in his native county with his mother until sixteen years of age, in the meantime receiving his education in the district school. In the spring of 1836 he set out for the Territory of Michigan, and worked out by the month for three years following. His first purchase of real estate was a half aere of ground which he secured in exchange for a gun. The early habits of industry and economy to which he had been carefully reared served him well now, and about 1840 he was enabled to purchase with the money he had saved eighty acres of wild land, from which he cleared ten acres the first year. The second year he had forty-five acres cleared, and now finding himself on the road to prosperity, he decided to share his lot with some good woman. His affections were finally captured by Miss Delilah Wheaton, who was then a resident of Raisin Township, but who was born in Cayuga County, N. Y., Feb. 21, 1824. Her parents, Egbert and Catherine (Jackson) Wheaton, were natives of Connecticut, whence they emigrated to Michigan in 1836. The father

took up eighty acres of Government land in Branch County, but never lived there. He settled first in Raisin Township, this county, whence he removed later to Adrian, and there spent the remainder of his days, his death taking place in August, 1840, at the age of fifty-seven years. The mother followed her husband in less than a month, dying also in August, and was fifty-three years old. Of their six children but three are now living: Betsey, who married C. Wheaton, a farmer of Franklin Township; Lydia R., the wife of H. Reed, a farmer of Lapeer County, this State, and Delitah.

The household of our subject and his wife was brightened by the birth of nine children, all natives of Woodstock Township, and of whom we give the record as follows: The eldest, Adelaide A., was born June 28, 1844, and is the wife of Frank Pearson, of Woodstock Township, and the mother of three sons; Lewis was born Oct. 15, 1847, and died Aug. 12, 1850; Adeline D. was born Sept. 15, 1851, and married George Lewis, who is operating a farm of his father-in-law; they have one child, a daughter. Charles Wesley was born Sept. 27, 1853, and works with his father at home; he married Miss Agnes Bakewell, and they have two sons and one daughter; Mr. Bakewell is of English birth and descent, and is still living, a resident of Ingham County, and a minister of the Church of England. Elsie was born May 28, 1855, and is the wife of Charles D. Binns, who is working another farm of the Judge; they have a daughter. Ella A. was born Oct. 31, 1859, and is the wife of James Lamb, and the mother of a son; they occupy a part of the Judge's land. Horace was born March 31, 1850, and died Sept. 22, 1850, when six months old; Leroy was born July 1, 1866, and died March 25, 1870, when four years of age; Ida M. was born Oct. 26, 1868, and died Nov. 3, 1885.

The land owned by Judge Sanford is almost all under good cultivation, with numerous houses and other buildings necessary for the successful prosecution of general farming and stock-raising. To the latter industry he has given close attention, and is particularly fond of fine horses. Amid the extensive private interests which have necessarily involved the ontlay of much time and labor, Judge Sanford has interested himself in schools and

churches, and for forty years has officated frequently in the pulpit, having been an ordaned minister of the Congregational Church thirteen years. His children have been given a sensible and practical education, finishing at the High School in Addison, while Charles W. took a course in the commercial school at Adrian, and have already taken their position in life as honored and respected members of the community. The works of such a man as Judge Sanford will remain a monument to his credit long after he shall have gone the way of all the earth.



ON, ALFRED D. HALL, There are few men in Lenawee County whose names will be held in more grateful remembrance than that of the subject of this sketch. Mr. Hall came to this section of country shortly after reaching his majority, and since that time has been closely identified with its business and agricultural interests for over a period of thirty-four years. The main points in a life history unusually interesting are as follows: Mr, Hall was born in the town of Byron, Genesee Co., N. Y., Jan. 6, 1824, and is the son of Capt, Stephen P. Hall, a farmer by occupation, and a native of New London, Conn., where he was born Dec. 15, 1797. The paternal grandfather, Benjamin Hall, followed the sea in the West India trade during the winter, and in summer superintended the operations of his farm in Connecticut, Later in life he removed with his family to Cooperstown, N. Y., and thence to Genesee County, of which he was one of the pioneers, and where he spent his last days.

Stephen P. Hall, the father of our subject, spent the early years of his life with his parents in Genesee County, N. Y., and was married June 1, 1822. In 1845, with his family, he made his way to the young State of Michigan, settling on a tract of land near Albion, Calhoun County, where he built up a good homestead, and lived until his death, which occurred March 4, 1861. His wife, the mother of our subject, was in her girlhood Miss Clarissa, daughter of Andrew Dibble, of Genesee County, N. Y., and by her marriage with Stephen Hall there were born four sons and four daughters, all of whom lived to become men and women, Alfred D. being the eldest in the family. Mrs. Clarissa Hall was born May 4, 1801, in Delaware County, N. Y., and is still living, making her home with her daughter, Mrs. Frances J. Dean, in Reed City, Osceola County, this State. Mr. Hall's father served for many years as Justice of the Peace, and was for some time a Captain in the State militia. He took a lively interest in educational and religious matters, and for many years before his death was a Deacon in the Baptist Church.

Our subject came with his father to this State, and purchased a tract of land adjoining that of his father in Calhoun County. This he cleared from the heavy timber and occupied it until the winter of 1853-54, when he sold out and purchased his present homestead in Tecumseh Township. This farm is pleasantly located one and one-half miles northeast of the village, and the little family took possession in the spring of 1854. Mr. Hall early in life became a leading citizen, and filled various offices of trust and responsibility in Tecumseh Township, He had served as Justice of the Peace in Calhoun County, and after his removal to Tecumseh Township he was elected President and Treasurer of the Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company, of which he was one of the original incorporators, and held the position for ten or twelve years. Subsequently he served as Secretary, and until a few years ago continued on the Board of Directors. He was President of the Lenawee Agricultural Society five years, and held the office of Supervisor six years, during one year of which he was Chairman of the board.

Mr. Hall had now amply distinguished himself as a man of more than ordinary ability, and in the fall of 1876 he was elected a representative to the Michigan Legislature, and re-elected in 1878. During his services at the capitol he served on various important committees, and introduced various measures which had a perceptible effect upon the matters under consideration. He did not aspire, however, to be a politician, and as soon as relieved from the cares of office, gladly returned to his farming pursuits, and resolved to give to them his entire attention. He has now for a period of thirty-five

years occupied the charming homestead which invariably attracts the eye of the passing traveler, as one of the most finely appointed farms in the northeastern part of Lenawee County. The Hall homestead includes 130 acres of highly cultivated land with handsome and substantial buildings, situated upon a slight elevation, and commanding an extensive view of the surrounding country. The soil is particularly adapted to the growing of grain, and the proprietor gives special attention to the breeding of high-grade cattle, while his horses and other live stock are of a quality calculated to reflect credit upon the proprietor. The farm machinery is of the latest and most approved pattern, and everything about the premises denotes the thorough and skilled agriculturist, in love with his calling and ambitious of the best results.

Mr. Hall, while a resident of Calhoun County, this Nate, was united in marriage, Sept. 9, 1851, with Miss Emily A. Todd, of Byron, N. Y., and they became the parents of two children: Daniel T., who was born May 15, 1852, and is now junior member of the firm of Baker & Hall, of Teenmsch; and Sarah A., who was born Dec. 27, 1854, and married E. J. Stevenson, a prominent business man of Adrian, who died in 1883, leaving his widow and two sons, George and Al red. Mrs. Stevenson afterward married Hon. William H. Wiggins, and continues her residence at Adrian. Mrs. Emily A. Hall departed this life at her home in Tecumsch Township, Feb. 21, 1862.

The present wife of our subject, to whom he was married Feb. 15, 1865, was formerly Miss Engelina, daughter of Rudolph and Petronella Heesen, of Cleveland, Ohio, who were born in 1801. Of this union there were five children, the record being as follows: Frank H. was born July 22, 1866, and is completing his education in the Agricultural College at Lansing; George E. was born June 16, 1868, and died April 20, 1869; William E, was born May 15, 1870; Rachel N. M., Dec. 5, 1872, and Emily E., Feb. 15, 1875. The three youngest are at home with their parents. Mrs. Engelina Hall was born in Dinxperlo, Holland, April 19, 1838. Her parents were also natives of that country, whence they emigrated to America in 1844, and located in Cleveland, Ohio, where the mother died July 4, 1860. The father continued in Cleveland until a short time before his death, which occurred at the home of his daughter in Tecumseh, April 17, 1861.

Our subject has been one of the most useful members of his community, and one interested in the various enterprises having for their object the general welfare of the people. No man has more warmly encouraged the establishment of religious and educational institutions, or lent, according to his means, more substantial aid. He has officiated as a Ruling Elder in the First Presbyterian Church of Tecunseh for a period of nearly twenty years, and is one of its chief pillars. He cast his first Presidential vote in 1847, and continued with the old Whig party until the organization of the Republican party, since which time he has given his support to Republican principles.



RCHIBALD M. SICKLY was born in Morris County, N. J., Dec. 7, 1829. His parents were William and Sarah A. (Sutfin) Sickly, also natives of New Jersey, and both born near Hackettstown. The former was born in 1801, and the latter in 1808. The father of our subject followed farming during his early manhood in his native State, removing in 1833 to Livingston County, N. Y., where he purchased a farm and remained until 1850. During that year he came to Michigan, the journey being made by team to Buffalo, thence by water to Monroe, and from there by team to his farm of 120 acres of land in Woodstock Township, this county. This land has remained in the family since, and is now occupied by Archibald, of our sketch. Here William Sickly finished life's labor, passing away at the age of sixty-six years. His estimable wife died in Somerset, Mich., June 5, 1887, aged seventy-nine. They were the parents of cleven children, three of whom died in childhood. The eldest, John W., is now living in East Groveland, Livingston Co., N. Y. The next is Archibald, our subject, and the third Mary J., now Mrs. Turrell, of Somerset, Mich.; the fourth, Sarah A. Chapman, of Chico, Cal.; then in the order are: Martin V., of Macon, this county: Louisa Maria Babcock, of Leslie, Ingham Co., Mich.; Lydia W. Lamb, of Blissfield, Mich., and James Augustus, of Somerset.

The Sickly family was originally from Holland, whence the grandfather of our subject emigrated during the Colonial days, and served as a soldier in the Revolutionary War. He had a brother who came with him, and served by his side during the struggle for American freedom. William Sickly was a life-long Democrat, and his son, our subject, is an active worker in the same party.

Archibald M. Sickly after leaving the district school attended Temple Hill Seminary, at Genesco, N. Y., and also at Lima Seminary, and at the age of twenty-one commenced teaching. In the fall of 1850 he went to New York City, where he remained during the winter, purchasing a lot and erecting a house thereon. He then sold out and returned to New Jersey, his native State, and took charge of the Milburn Academy, which he conducted for two years. He then came West on a visit to his father in Woodstock Township, remaining during the year. He decided to make this his permanent residence, and the year following purchased a tract of land in the same township.

On the 31st of May, 1856, occurred one of the most important events in the life of our subject, namely, his marriage, which took place in this township, his bride being Miss Sarah M. Clark, who was born in Detroit, May 14, 1833. Mrs. Sickly is the daughter of George W. and Mary (Osborn) Clark, who were of New England parentage. Mr. Clark came to Michigan in its pioneer days, about 1830, and died while a young man twenty-eight years old. July 3, 1836, leaving a wife and two children, Mrs, Sickly and a brother. The latter died in Woodstock Township at the age of thirty-one years. The mother of Mrs. Sickly was three times married. The second marriage was to Stephen Turrell, to whom she bore one child, Noble C., who is now deceased. Her third marriage was to Hiram Johnson, and to them there was born one child, Augusta D., who was graduated at Ypsilanti, and is married to Prof. George Barnes; they at present reside at Howell, Livingston County, where he has charge of the school. Mrs. Clark died in Woodstock Township, on the 20th of May, 1872, at the age of fifty-six years. Both the maternal and

paternal grandparents of Mrs. Sickly died when she was quite young. The latter were Zachariah B. and Lefa Clark, who spent their last years in one of the New England States.

Mrs. Sickly was educated in the district school in Woodstock, and like her husband, developed into a teacher, following this profession some time before her marriage. They became the parents of ten children, but have been called to mourn the loss of three of these. Their eldest daughter, Nevada M., was born April 4, 1857, and married J. E. Phillips, of Ionia, this State; they have had two children, one of whom is deceased. John W. was born Nov. 29, 1858, and died Feb. 15, 1861; Mary E. was born Feb. 22, 1862, and is the wife of M. F. Turrell, of Springville, where he is teaching; they have one child, a daughter. Charlotte E. was born Aug. 17, 1864, and died March 17 following; Fred, L. was born June 16, 1866, and after completing his studies at Brooklyn, engaged as clerk in a store at Somerset and is Postmaster at that place; Catherine M. was born Nov. 27, 1867, and makes her home with her parents: Bessie W. was born Sept. 22, 1869, and has been a student of the High School in Brooklyn; Ernest was born April 15, 1872, and is at home with his parents; like his brothers and sisters he will receive a good education. Archibald M. was born Sept. 20, 1873, and died April 21, 1876; Theo was born June 23, 1875, and is a bright girl thirteen years old.

Mr. and Mrs. Sickly after their marriage occupied a rented farm for two years, and Mr. Sickly employed his time during winter as a teacher. He then purchased a farm in this township, which he lived upon fourteen years, and then selling out purchased the interest of the heirs in the homestead, and added to it until he has now 135 acres of land, all fertile and well cultivated. The improvements are the result of the united labors of his honored father and himself. During his younger years Mr. Sickly traveled quite extensively as agent for various business firms, and for eight years was agent of the Fairbanks Scale Company. He was also for some time connected with an insurance company, During the construction of the railroad running from Hillsdale to the city of Ypsilanti he was tie and bridge contractor for the distance of twelve miles.

Mr. Siekly uniformly votes the Democratic ticket, and has served as Supervisor, Township Clerk and Treasurer, and has also been School Inspector for a period of seventeen years. He was chosen as a candidate for the Legislature in 1878, but defeated with the others of his ticket. He believes in temperance, but does not consider the prohibition policy the wisest measure to be adopted at present.

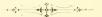
AMUEL P. WHITMARSH, a prominent druggist and grocer of Palmyra, was born on the 8th of July, 1831, in Springfield, Mass. His father, Deacon Alvah Whitmarsh, was born in Cummington, Hampshire Co., Mass., in 1796, and the grandfather was a farmer who spent the last years of his life in Cummington.

Deacon Alvah Whitmarsh was reared to manhood in his native town, and when a young man learned the trade of a carpenter and joiner, and worked in Springfield as a contractor and builder until 1834, when he removed to Brooklyn, N. Y., and carried on that business for two years. He then became a resident of Newbury, and while there built the Reformed Church. In 1839 he removed to Cold Springs, N. Y., and engaged at his trade until the fall of 1841, when he came west by the way of the Erie Canal and the Lakes to Chicago, There were no railroads running into Chicago at that time, but he met a man from Bureau County, Ill., who was going back with a team, and accompanying him to Princeton, he soon afterward made a contract for the erection of a court-house. This man was one of the original members of the Hampshire Colony that settled Princeton about 1831. Alvah Whitmarsh remained in Princeton engaged in the business of building, until his death in 1862, at the age of sixty-six years. During his life he was an Abolitionist, and his hatred of slavery was as deep seated as any conseientious conviction he ever had. He was an associate and contemporary of Owen Lovejoy, the great Illinois Abolition leader, and was a Deacon in the church of which Mr. Lovejov was the pastor. During the years which preceded the war that resulted in the extermination of slavery in this country, Deacon Whitmarsh's house was a depot on the underground railroad which carried many slaves to freedom. The mother of the subject of this sketch, whose maiden name was Naomi M. Clark, was born in Hampshire County, Mass., and she still lives in Princeton in the eighty-fifth year of her age. Deacon Whitmarsh was twice married, his first wife being Lydia Clark, sister of his second wife. There were four children as the result of each marriage.

Samuel P. Whitmarsh was the eldest of the children of the second family, and was ten years of age when his parents removed to Illinois; he attended the school established at Princeton by the Hampshire Colony, and when a young man learned the trade of carpenter. In 1848 he paid his first visit to Lenawee County, where during the winter of 1848-49 he taught school, and then returned to Princeton, where he remained until 1852, when he started to California by the overland route. In making this trip with teams six months were consumed, and upon his arrival in California he worked at his trade of carpenter and millwright, and also mining and prospecting for gold. Eleven years of his life were spent in California and two years in the Mexican possessions and Lower California. Upon his return in 1865 he settled in Ohio, where he lived for two years, and then located in Palmyra Township, this county, where he now resides. Upon reaching Palmyra, he engaged at carpentering which he continued until 1871, when he entered the drug and grocery business, in which he has since continued.

In October, 1865, Sannel P. Whitmarsh was married to Mary Steele, who was born in Cayuga County, and was the daughter of Solomon and Laura (Downey) Steele. To them two children have been born—Rollin II. and Olive. Being the son of a man who was thoroughly imbued with the ideas of liberty, and the equality of man before the aw, it is little wonder that Mr. Whitmarsh was

ripe to join a party which formulated the declaration of the principles on which Gen. John C. Freemont was nominated as the candidate for the Presidency in 1856, the year our subject cast his first vote. His loyalty to the Republican party has been constant ever since.



EVI B. FORD, one of the substantial farmers of Riga Township, has been very successful in life, and since starting out in the world with a capital that did not exceed \$200, has acquired wealth by his own indefatigable and well-directed toil. He was born amid the pleasant scenes of the old town of Cummington, Mass., on the 19th of March, 1836, and is the eldest son of Charles and Fidelia (Bates) Ford. The genealogy of the family, which has been most widely preserved through several generations, is as follows:

Hezekiah Ford (1st) was born in the year 1688 in Abington, Plymouth Co., Mass., and was of Scotch parentage. He was married to Ruth Whitmarsh in the year 1712, and in the following year a son was born to them who was given the name of his father. The latter was one of the Selectmen of the town in 1720, and died in 1721.

Hezekiah Ford (2d) was born in the year 1713 in Abington, Mass., and was married to Deborah Beals in 1734. A son was born to them in 1735, who also received the name of his father. Part of the life of the latter was spent as a Lieutenant in the army. He removed from Abington to Cummington, Hampshire County, June 20, 1774, and died in 1775.

Hezekiah Ford (3d) was born in Abington, Mass., in 1755, and was married in 1755 to a Miss Fisher, They became the parents of four children, namely; Hezekiah (4th), who was born Dec. 29, 1759; Amos, who died childless, and two daughters, one of whom married late in life, and the other remained unmarried; they all lived to be very old. Hezekiah

(3d) removed to Cummington, was in the French and Indian War, also in the war of the Revolution, participating in the battle of Ticonderoga. He made nails by hand from old hoop iron that he himself hauled from Albany, N. Y. He removed to Cummington, June 20, 1774, and there his death occurred Feb. 8, 1826.

Hezekiah (4th) was born Dec. 29, 1759, in Abington, Mass., and went with his father and grandfather to Cummington. He also took some part in the Revolutionary War. He was married to Hulda Cobb Jan. 23, 1787, and the children born to this couple are recorded as follows: Ansel was born June 27, 1788, and died Dec. 21, 1858; Darius and Cyrus (twins) were born May 16, 1790; the former died April 6, 1859, and the latter April 13, 1864. Otis was born March 22, 1793, and died Oct. 2, 1795; Hannal was born Nov. 2, 1796, and lived less than a day; Delia was born Feb, 22, 1798, and died July 3 following; Otis was born April 26, 1799, and died Aug. 28, 1801; Roxy was born Oct 9, 1802, and died August 18, year not known; Lewis was born Feb. 20, 1806. The father lived in Cummington until Oct. 3, 1842, at which time he removed to Cleveland, Ohio, to live with his son Cyrus, who supported him during the remainder of his life. He was a man of limited education, but good common sense enabled him to make good use of what he knew; he died at East Cleveland, Dec.

Ansel Ford, the first son of Hezekiah (4th) was born June 27, 1788, in Cummington, Mass., and lived with his father until his marriage with Deborah Tower, June 7, 1807. Having nothing for the support of a family but his own earnings, he worked mostly at earpentering and was handy at almost anything that offered itself. He soon had a large family to support, and his efforts to save anything from his daily labors were discouraging. The children born to him are recorded as follows: Deborah was born Aug. 15, 1807, and lived only until the following day: Charles was born Jan. 22, 1809, and is still living; Hosea was born April 4, 1810, and died Oct, 27,1867; Otis was born Jan. 5, 1812, and died Jan, 2, 1886; Amos was born Dec. 6, 1813, and died July 28, 1877; Lucius was born Nov. 9, 1815, and is still living; Almina was born March

11, 1817, and died Sept. 1, 1846; Franklin was born March 7, 1819, and died in August, 1821; Cyrus was born March 18, 1821, and died Ang. 24, 1868; Anna was born Nov. 27, 1824, and died Feb. 27, 1886; Delia was born April 29, 1827, and is still living; Darius was born in May, 1829, and died upon the same day; Franklin was born Dec. 4, 1831, and is still living. Ansel Ford resided most of the time during his younger manhood at Williamstown and Cummington, but observing the tide of time was carrying many energetic people westward to build up new homes in a country which had heretofore been uninhabited by white men, he started west with his wife and younger children in the hope of gaining the independence which nature and wellbeing demands. Coming first to where Toledo now stands, and thence to Gorham Township, Fulton Co., Ohio, he arrived there in the spring of 1841 with only \$5 in money. He purchased 120 acres of land, from which he soon began to realize the hopes of his ambition, and before his death, Dec. 21, 1858, he had his farm in good shape for cultivation, and had creeted convenient and substantial buildings. He was a believer in Spiritualism, and the last few years of his life possessed the power of a medium. His wife was born July 16, 1786, and lived a number of years after his decease. She departed this life Aug. 1, 1869.

Charles Ford, first son of Ansel Ford, was born Jan. 22, 1809, in Cummington, Mass., and as soon as old enough he began working out by the day and month. One season he labored at \$10 per month. and worked at quarrying stone at Ft. Lee, to build the Delaware breakwater near New York City, for fifty cents per day. He thus continued until his marriage to Fidelia Bates, a lady of his own town, their wedding occurring on the 20th of May, 1835. Their children were: Levi B., who was born March 19, 1836; George F., March 2, 1838; Eugene F., April 5, 1841; Lucius L., Oct. 24, 1843; Lovina B., Oct. 31, 1848; Charles D. was born July 24. 1853, and died May 23, 1854, and Ellen M. was born May 8, 1858. The father supported his family by farming and making scythe snaths. His father having removed to the West, Charles sold his property, and with his family and \$2,600 in money, joined his parent in Ohio in the fall of 1850. Toward the following spring he purchased 310 acres of land in Richfield Township, Lucas County, which has since been his home; he has improved a good farm and always superintended its operations. He charged his wife after they were married to be saving and economical in her management, saying that he would rather do without some things than to be compelled always to work by the day to support his family. He cared very little about fine clothes and his personal appearance, being better satisfied to have the money in his pocket with which he could buy a horse, than to have a horse for which he was owing. These principles followed out by himself and his estimable partner resulted in the accumulation of a fine property, upon which he pays the largest tax of any man in his township. He is hale and active, and in the en owment of a vigorous old age. The mother, who was born July 4, 1813, died on the 21st of May, 1879.

There are certain principles consecrated by the family, and among these are industry, economy, and the practice of immediately paying for what they buy, thus keeping their expenses within their income. There is always an endeavor to impress upon the minds of the younger members of the family the importance of these principles to a successful life,

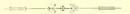
Levi B. Ford, the subject of this biography, attended the district school quite regularly in his native town, until the removal in 1849 of his parents to Windsor, Vt., where his father was employed as Superintendent of the State Prison. In the following year they removed to Lucas County, Ohio, going via Erie Canal and lake to Toledo. Before settling down the family paid a visit to the grandparents of our subject, going by railway to Adrian, and thence to Fulton; at that time wooden rails were used, and the trains moved very slowly. Our subject grew to manhood in the home of his parents in Lucas County, remaining with them until he was twenty-two years old. He first started out in life as a farm hand, working by the month, and was employed in that capacity by his uncle, Lucius Ford, now living in Fulton County. At the end of three years he returned to Lucas County and worked for his father the next year.

On the 12th of April, 1863, occurred the marriage of our subject to Nancy Lenardson, who was born in Lucas County, Ohio, June 17, 1834. Her paternal grandfather was a pioneer of Montgomery County, N. Y., where he was occupied in farming until his removal to Lucas County, Ohio, where he bought a farm near Sylvania, on which he lived until his death. The father of Mrs. Ford, James Lenardson, grew to manhood in New York, and when a young man went to Ohio, where he was married in Whiteford Township, Lucas County, to Hannah Dean, also a native of New York State: they were the first couple ever married in that township. Her father, James Dean, was a native of Ireland; he was impressed into the British service, but succeeded in making his escape to America, and first settled in New York State, where he lived for a time, and then removed to Monroe County, Mich., where he died.

After marriage Mr. and Mrs. Lenardson returned to their native State, and resided there for a time, and then returned to Lucas County, Ohio, where they lived until about 1843. Mr. Lenardson then traded forty acres of land in Lucas County for 160 acres, heavily timbered, in Bridgewater Township, Williams County, where he built a log house and commenced the improvement of his farm. In 1852 he sold out and returned to Lucas County, where he bought a farm in Richfield Township, and there spent the remainder of his life; his wife also died in that county.

In 1863 Mr. and Mrs. Ford settled on their farm in Riga Township, which has ever since been their place of residence, and here their united industry. wise economy and judicious expenditure, have resulted in a beautiful home, replete with the conveniences of modern life. When Mr. Ford purchased his farm it was heavily timbered, and he first had to cut away the trees to make room for the roomy log house that he soon after erected. He then entered upon the labor of clearing the land and preparing it for cultivation. The area of his present farm is 220 acres, eighty acres of which are in timber, and the remainder improved and highly productive. He has three commodious barns, conveniently arranged, and his farm is well stocked; he also has all the modern farm implements. In 1877 he erected a large and substantial brick house of modern style of architecture, and has it well furnished.

To Mr. and Mrs. Ford have been born four children, as follows: Dorrance was born Jan. 23, 1864: James B. was born March 16, 1867, and died Aug. 25, 1870; Jay L. was born June 4, 1871, and Ivey L., Dec. 22, 1878. Mr. and Mrs. F. occupy a high social position in the community. Our subject is a man of more than ordinary ability, one among those to whom the present position of Lenawee County is largely due. In politics he has always been a Republican. Three of his brothers-George, Engene and Lucius-and three brothers of Mrs. Ford-Hezekiah, Levi and John-served in the Union army during the late Rebellion. The Ford homestead, as will be seen by the view presented, combines one of the most finely improved farms in the southern part of the county, and Levi B. for many years has been the largest tax-payer in Riga Township.



JRA HOLLOWAY, formerly a resident of Ogden Township, was born in the town of Covert, Seneca Co., N. Y., Sept. 15, 1812. His father, Benjamin Holloway, was a resident of St. Lawrence County, N. Y., and removed from there to Seneca County during its early settlement. He bought land and cleared a farm, on which he lived until 1834, when, accompanied by his family, he removed to Ohio, traveling thither via the Eric Canal and lake. He located in Peru Township, Huron County, where he bought a tract of land, and improving a farm spent the last days of his life in that county with his children.

The subject of this sketch was reared in his native county, receiving a good education in the public schools, and at the early age of sixteen he commenced teaching, continuing the vocation in winter after removing to Ohio with his parents, but turning his attention to tarming during summer. He engaged in teaching and farming alternately for a number of years and was very successful as an instructor. After his marriage he bought a farm in Norwich Township, Huron County,

and then became engaged exclusively in agricultural pursnits. At the end of six years he disposed of his property there and bought his father's farm in Peru Township, on which he lived until 1882, when he came to Ogden Township and resided on his farm on section 5 until his death, Sept. 3, 1887. He had been the owner of this farm a number of years prior to his settlement, and had spent part of his time here superintending its improvement. He was a man of well-known ability, and was a good citizen in every sense of the word. During his long term of residence in Peru Township, Ohio, he held many offices of trust in the township and was influential in town affairs. He had a good knowledge of law, and though never admitted to the bar he was considered a wise and safe counselor. His marriage with Miss Achsah Boughton occurred Oct. 15.

Mrs. Ira Holloway was born in Grafton, Lorain Co., Ohio, Feb. 10, 1820, and now occupies the homestead in Ogden Township. To her unceasing care and helpfulness her husband was much indebted for the success that he attained. She is the mother of ten children, recorded as follows: Louisa Adams and Emeline McFarland live in Buffalo County, Neb.; Caroline Gribbin lives in Appanoose County, Iowa: James lives in Fairfield Township, this county; Chester lives in Buffalo County, Neb.; Almena Tilson lives in Eaton County, Mich.; Horace lives on the hometead with his mother, in Ogden Township; Cal C. lives in Buffalo County, Neb.; Hattie Hambrook lives in Palmyra Township, and Elmer E. lives in San Luis, Obispo Co., Cal.

Mrs. Holloway's father, Guy C. Boughton, was born in Stockbridge, Berkshire Co., Mass., and his father, Nathan Boughton, removed from Massachusetts to Ohio about the year 1818, the entire journey being made with ox-teams. He was forty days on the road through the wilderness of Western New York and settled in Lorain County, Ohio, buying a large tract of land which he afterward gave to his children, with whom he spent his last days. Guy C. Boughton grew to manhood in Massachusetts, and accompanying his parents to Ohio, soon after married Harriet Sprague, a native of Vermont, and daughter of David and Mary (Jones) Sprague. After his marriage Mr. Boughton set-

tled on a tract of timber land and built a log house, in which Mrs. Holloway was afterward born. He lived there until 1854, then sold that farm and bought a farm in Norwich Township, where he died in 1854. His wife survived him many years, dying in Huron County in 1885.

Horace Holloway, who carries on the homestead farm, was born in Peru Township, Huron Co., Ohio, Feb. 27, 1850, and attended the district school during his boyhood, in the meantime assisting in the farm work. He had a great desire to become a soldier, but was too young during the war, though finally, at the age of sixteen, he was enrolled as a member of the regular army of the United States, March 26, 1866. He served three years as a member of Company 11, 22d Regular United States Infantry, the greater part of the time in the Territories of Dakota and Wyoming. After his discharge from the army, he resumed his farm labors in Ohio for two years, and then bought land in the northern part of this State, and lived on it three years, after which he came to Ogden Township and has been a resident here ever since.

Horace Holloway was married, July 12, 1876, to Miss Maria Maloney, a native of Palmyra Township, in this county, and the daughter of Edward and Sarah Maloney, natives of New York, and pioneers of Lenawee County. To Mr. and Mrs. Holloway have been born five children—Bertha, Bessie, Urban, Irvin and Blanchie. Mr. Holloway is a man of the same ability and industrious habits that characterized his parents, and he has been quite successful in his chosen career as a farmer.

OHN T. MEAD. In the decade that followed the year 1830 there was a large exodus of the people of York State to Michigan, attracted hither by the reports of the great agricultural resources of the country. Among these emigrants were John and Anna (Tenbrook) Mead, with their children, who came to Lenawee County in June, 1836, and in the fall of that year located on land in Fairfield Township, thus being among its early settlers. They were worthy people of industrious and frugal habits, making them

valued citizens in the young settlement. In the life of toil and struggle that succeeded this early settlement on unbroken land, they received the cheerful assistance of their children, whom they had early trained to habits of usefulness; nor did they neglect their mental improvement, but contrived to give them such an education as was afforded by the common schools. There were seven of these children, all born before their removal from New York, and all lived to maturity: Elizabeth, Allie, Peter, Ezra, John T., Garrett T. and Lewis. Mr. and Mrs. Mead resided in Fairfield Township until their death, his occurring in 1872 and hers in 1851.

John T. Mead was the fifth in order of birth of the children born to his parents, his birth occurring Oct. 22, 1827, in Tioga County, N. Y., and he was consequently about nine years old when he came with his parents to Lenawee County. He received the same good training that was accorded to his brothers and sisters, and being reared on a farm he acquired a taste and aptitude for farming, which vocation he chose for his life-work. He married, April 22, 1852, in Fairfield Township, Miss Elizabeth H., daughter of Davis D, and Melinda (Hagaman) Bennett. Mrs. Mead was the eldest of ten children, and was born in Adrian, Lenawee County, Oct. 27, 1830. She was well educated, and before her marriage successfully engaged in teaching for several terms.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Mead lived in Ohio for nine years, until 1861, and then returned to Fairfield, where they have since resided. Here Mr. Mead owns a fine farm of 120 acres on section 6, whose productive soil has well repaid his careful culture. He has erected convenient farm buildings, and has ample means for carrying on farming successfully. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Mead, namely: Frances E., Carrie E. and Charles S. Frances died when she was about two years old; Carrie is the widow of Francis E. Quick, who was a son of Cornelius Ouick, and died in Fairfield Township in June, 1883; she has two children-Mabel J. and Frances H. Charles married Miss Belle Holden, and they reside in Kansas.

Mr, and Mrs. Mead are much honored in the community in which they live for their many good

qualities. Mr. Mead is a man of much tact and ability, and has served in some of the minor offices of the township. Politically he is a Democrat, voting with the members of that party and advocating its principles as time and occasion offer.

LIVER C. McLOUTH, prominent in church and temperance work, and all other enterprises having for their object the general welfare of the people, was born in Rollin Township, Lenawee County, Jan. 20, 1847, and grew to man's estate at his father's homestead. John McLouth, the father of our subject, a native of Wayne County, N. Y., came to Michigan before it had been admitted into the Union as a state. He took up a tract of land in Hillsdale County, of which he has since continued a resident, and occupies the farm which he redeemed from the wilderness.

Oliver C. McLouth took kindly to his books and made the most of his opportunities when a boy at school, becoming a teacher at an early age, and continning the profession six terms before his marriage, This latter interesting event occurred in October, 1872, the maiden of his choice being Miss Mary C., daughter of William and Rachel Beal. Mrs. McLouth was born in this county, Oct. 27, 1848, to which her father had come in 1831, being one of its earliest settlers. The young people commenced life together in a small house in Rollin Township, and in 1873 our subject purchased his present homestead. This comprises seventy acres of land upon which he has effected good improvements, and put up the present house in 1882. Their oldest child, DeWitt, was born at the homestead, Nov. 24, 1875. and is now a bright lad of twelve years attending school at Addison; Florence was born Dec. 6, 1881.

The wife of our subject attended Raisin Valley Seminary in 1861, and subsequently engaged in teaching. She is a lady of more than ordinary intelligence and considerable literary ability, having been correspondent of the Rural New Yorker for some time. Like her husband, she is warmly interested in the success of the temperance movement, and for some time has been an officer of the Women's Christian Temperance Union. Mr. Me-

Louth politically is a strong Republican, although at the local elections he votes for the best man, irrespective of party.

The Beal family was represented in this county at an early day, when Indians were plentiful and often made friendly calls, asking for something to eat; they seemed to relish bread more than any other kind of food. Joseph Beal, an uncle of Mrs. McLouth, is the oldest resident in the town of Rollin, where he took up his abode over fifty years ago. He was active and enterprising, and foremost in the establishment of schools and churches, contributing of his private means liberally to those enterprises tending to the best interests of the community.

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ACOB MITCHELL, of the firm of Mitchell & Son, paper manufacturers of Palmyra, is one of the most diligent, as well as successful, business men of Lenawee County, and has done much to build up the manufacturing interests of the town in which he resides. He has also contributed largely to beautifying Palmyra, by the erection of a splendid residence, which is patterned after the most modern style of architecture, and its appointments include all the conveniences necessary for comfort and sanitary purposes,

Mr. Mitchell was born on the banks of the River Moselle, in the Province of Rhenish Prussia, on the 20th of November, 1836, and his father, Franz Joseph Mitchell, was born in the same locality, and is of French ancestry. He learned the trade of a tailor, and carried on that business until 1845, when he set sail from Antwerp for America, accompanied by his wife and five children, and after a tedions voyage of twelve weeks they landed safely at New York City. He went directly to Milwaukee, and there worked at his trade until the breaking out of the war, when his sons enlisted in the army and he went to Peoria, at which place his daughter resided. and died there in 1866, at the age of sixty-six years. Our subject's mother lived in Peoria, in comparatively good health, at the age of eightyeight years. To the parents were born seven children, as follows: Anna Maria married Charles Fox, and lives in Peoria; Jacob is our subject: Kate married Prof. William Walter, and lives in Minwaukee; Mary married Henry Moenighoff, and lives in Peoria; Leonard lives in Monroe, Mich., where he is interested in a paper-mill; Eliza married William Faber, and lives in Peoria; Andrew lives in Monroe, and is interested in a paper-mill there.

Our subject is the eldest of the children, and was

nine years of age when he came to America with his parents. He attended the public schools in the city of Milwaukee, and resided at home with his parents until he was sixteen years of age, at which time he began learning his trade of paper-making in a mill near Milwankee. When he was seventeen years of age he left Milwankee, and going to Illinois worked in paper-mills at various places, and among others, in the first mill built in Illinois, at St. Charles. After remaining in Illinois for three years he went to Appleton, Wis., where he engaged one year in the mill business, and then returned to Illinois and continued the business at Geneva, St. Charles and Clintonville. From there he returned to Appleton, Wis., and thence to Milwaukee, where he remained until 1862, and then removed to Monroe, Mich. He bought a mill in the latter place one year later, which he sold to his son, who now operates it. In 1871 he went to Tecumseh and purchased an interest in the paper-mill there, which he disposed of at the end of one and one-half years, and then went to Adrian and had charge of the building of a paper-mill there. In 1874 he began building the mill which he now owns and operates, and which was completed and in running order within a year from its commencement. His brother Leonard was interested with him at that time, but in 1880 he purchased his brother's interest, and in 1883 he admitted his son Leonard E. as a partner. In 1882 he erected a commodious frame house as a place of residence, which is built after the modern style of architecture, and elegantly as well as comfortably furnished throughout, and is pleasantly surrounded.

In October, 1856, Mr. Mitchell was married to Miss Anna Maria Lite, who was born in Eric Connty, Ohio, on the 1st of February, 1838, and is the daughter of Peter and Christine Lite, who were natives of Bavaria, Germany. To Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell seven children have been born, whose

names are: Charles, who lives in Monroe; Albert, who lives in Adrian; Leonard and Henry, living in Palmyra; Jacob and Ella, students in Adrian, and Clara, who is at home. Mrs. Mitchell is a member in good standing of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to which she is much devoted. Mr. Mitchell, believing in the progressive principles of the Republican party, early attached himself to that organization and has since remained with it. In his social intercourse with men he is pleasant and affable, and in his business relations prompt and reliable. The business in which he is engaged is one of the most important industries of the country, as the products of the paper-mill enter so largely into the consumption of the country. In this he has been signally successful, as might have been expected, for besides a natural aptness for business he practically understands all the details of papermaking. He was Postmaster four years while living in Monroe County, holding office under part of the administration of Mr. Lincoln.

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OSEPH B. ROBINSON, who has spent his entire life in this county, is the son of one of its earliest and most honored pioneers. His father, Richard Robinson, a native of Yorkshire, England, was reared to agricultural pursuits in his native county. In 1834 he came to the United States and located first in Ogden, N. Y., where he carried on butchering and farming, but the following year removed to the vicinity of Springville, this State, and took up forty acres of Government land. After making some improvements he sold out and purchased eighty acres in Rome Township, upon which his son, our subject, now resides.

Richard Robinson was a man of more than ordinary ability, and became prominent in the affairs of his township, which he largely assisted in building up, and gave his uniform encouragement to those enterprises tending to result in the best good to the people. His wife, Susanna, the mother of our subject, was the daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Smith, and was born in East Kent, near Dover, England, July 25, 1817. She came with her parents





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to America in 1837, and they at once located in this county, her father following the trade of a shoemaker, which he had learned in his native land. They spent their last years in Cambridge Township, and both died at about the age of seventy-five years. Richard Robinson departed this life at his home in Rome Township, May 30, 1869. He was a good man in the broadest sense of the term. He was a Democrat, politically, and in politics, as in the other relations of life, pursued the course which commended itself to his judgment as the nearest approach to the right. He is remembered by his family as a considerate husband and father, and by his neighbors and fellow-townsmen as an exemplary member of the community. The mother is still living, and occupies the homestead left her by her husband, and which is to be under her control during her life.

The mother of our subject was one of a family of nine children, three boys and six girls, and her union with Mr. Robinson resulted in the birth of six children, as follows: Agnes Matilda was born May 1, 1841, and acquiring a good education, engaged as a teacher in the district school; she became the wife of Charles E. Potter, and the mother of a son and daughter, when her death took place at her home in Rollin Township, July 10, 1885, William II, was born Oct. 17, 1842, and married Miss Caroline Baker; they are the parents of two sons and two daughters, and reside in Rollin Township, Richard A, was born July 9, 1844, and during the late war enlisted in the 11th Michigan Cavalry; he died in the hospital at Mt. Sterling, Jan. 21, 1865. Susannah E. was born Dec. 25, 1850, and died Aug. 8, 1852; Joseph B., of our sketch, was the next in order of birth; Dora B, was born Aug, 5, 1860, and remains at home with her mother. The children were all given the advantages of a good education, and the boys were engaged in farming,

The marriage of Joseph B. Robinson and Miss Nellie Kane was celebrated at the bone of the bride in Woodstock Township, Nov. 5, 1885. Mrs. R. is the daughter of Wilson II. and Betsey (Wilsey) Kane, who were natives of New York and Ohio respectively, and are now in Woodstock Township; Mrs. Robinson was born in October, 1865. The Robinson family are regular attendants of the Baptist Church, and Joseph B. for many years has been warmly interested in temperance work, and votes with the Prohibitionists,

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of this valued citizen of Ridgeway Township has been passed mostly in this county, to which he came when a young man, having traversed many miles in order to secure a permanent abiding-place and a section of country where he would receive a satisfactory reward for his labors. Mr. Pilbeam is now comfortably located in a pleasant home in Ridgeway Township, where he has a small tract of land with a group of neat buildings, while across the line in Macon Township he has a line farm of 200 acres, well improved, with a tasteful and substantial farm dwelling and all other conveniences required in the management of a country estate.

Our subject, like many of the early pioneers of Southern Michigan, is a native of England, and was born in the county of Kent. May 11, 1812. He grew to manhood upon his native soil, and when twenty years of age he set sail for the United States, landing in New York City and proceeding directly westward to this county. He took up his abode in Ridgeway Township, where he has since resided, and in 1852 purchased the property in Macon Township, which he redeemed from a wild state.

Mr. Pilbeam started out in life dependent upon his won resources, being the recipient of no legacy, and carning his bread by the sweat of his brow. His early years of persevering labor were in due time amply rewarded, as he has now a fine property and a sing bank account. He came to Michigan with a cash capital of twenty-five cents, and considering his present condition financially, it is hardly necessary to say that he has improved his time and opportunities to good advantage. Mr. Pilbeam was married in December, 1842, in Ridgeway Township, to Miss Hannah Hause, who was born near the city of Rochester, N. Y., in 1826, and came to Michigan with her father, Sanford Hause, when a young woman. Of her union with our subject there were born sixteen children, of whom four are deceased. Mrs. Hannah Pilbeam departed this life at the homestead in Macon Township, in the spring of 1866.

Mr. Pilbeam contracted a second marriage, with Mrs. Betsey (Hitchings) Doriell, one of his own countrywomen, who was born April 16, 1828, and came to America with her father, Joseph Hitchings, when fourteen years of age. They located in Milan Township, Monroe County, this State, where the father died about 1857, aged sixty-eight years. The mother, whose maiden name was Mary A. Rogers, died in Macon Township at the age of fifty-two years. They were of pure English ancestry who principally followed agriculture. Mr. Hitchings, during the early years of his life, was engaged as a silver plater.

Mrs. Pilbeam was first married, in Milan Township, to William Doriell. He was born in Milan Township, Monroe Co., Mich., in 1822, and died there in 1859, leaving his widow with four children. The mother kept her little ones together, rearing them at home and giving them a good education. They are all living and making their home in this State. By his later marriage Mr. Pilbeam became the father of four children, one of whom is deceased, and one, Minnie, is at home with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Pilbeam were formerly members of the Christian Church. Our subject is warmly interested in the temperance movement and in 1884 allied himself with the Prohibitionists. He has held some of the minor offices of his township, and in all the relations of life he has acquitted himself in a creditable manner, being now one of the most highly esteemed citizens in his community. As a good representative pioneer who has "borne the burden and heat of the day," we are pleased to place in connection with this sketch a portrait of Mr. Pilbeam.

ILLIAM WOOD, of Rome Township, is accredited with having built up one of the finest homes in this part of the county. His farm embraces a quarter section of land, and upon it he has creeted handsome and substantial modern

buildings, including a fine residence and the other structures required by the progressive and intelligent agriculturist. In addition to the cultivation of the soil, Mr. Wood is giving considerable attention to stock-raising, making a specialty of thoroughbred sheep, principally Spanish Merino.

Mr. Wood was born in Onondaga County, N. Y., June 21, 1826, and came to this section of country when he was eight years of age. In the month of October, 1847, he was married, and shortly afterward the young couple settled upon forty acres of land in Rome Township, which had been presented to William by his father. This he cultivated with care, and like the man in Scripture who made good use of his talent and added to it, young Wood in time was enabled to add to his estate by the purchase of 120 acres. He occupied with his family a log house until about 1870, and then put up the present fine residence at a cost of over \$3,000. There is a good orehard on the place, and this, with the fine fruit and shade trees, and the farm stock and machinery, adds to the general air of thrift and comfort which pervades the premises. Mr. Wood's flock of sheep includes 200 head, a number of them registered animals. This industry is the source of a handsome income, as he sells quite a number each year, and is in the habit of carrying off the blue ribbons at the State and county fairs. He contemplates in the near future the breeding of fine horses.

Mr. Wood was united in marriage with Sally A., daughter of Uriah Decker, Oct. 14, 1847. This lady was born in Manchester, Ontario Co., N. Y., April 12, 1830. Her father, Uriah Decker, was a prominent and highly respected pioneer of Lenawee County. Ilis demise occurred Dec. 10, 1886,

The Wood household was brightened by the birth of five children, of whom one died at the age of one year. Elizabeth J. was born March 15, 1849, and is now the wife of William II. Smith, of Adrian Township; they have a son and daughter, aged ten and nine years respectively. Albert II. was born Sept. 27, 1850, and died when twelve months old; William II. was born Sept. 25, 1854, and married Miss Mary, daughter of Adolphus Lewis, of Adrian Township; she was born in Otsego County, N. Y., Feb. 8, 1860, and came with her father's family to Michigan in 1873; the father

died in Adrian. William H. was the father of three boys: Edward L., who was born Dec. 11, 1877; Edwin A., Oct. 6, 1879, and Emmett H., Jan. 14, 1881. Clark L. was born June 30, 1864, and works on shares with his father.

Our subject and his boys all vote the Democratic ticket, and being men of decided views, are no unimportant factors in the interests of the party in this section. Mr. Wood, religiously, attends the Universalist Church at Wolf Creek.

LINY VAN FLEET. The subject of this sketch owns and occupies a sung homestead in Palmyra Township, where he has 100 acres of finely cultivated land with all suitable farm buildings. Although not, perhaps, the hero of any very thrilling events he has, by his straightforward and persistent efforts at tilling the soil and building up a comfortable home, become one of the valued factors of an intelligent and thrifty community. He has given his attention to general farming, producing good crops and a fair assortment of the domestic animals. His home circle includes his amiable and intelligent wife with their five children—M. L., Blanche, William T., Ralph and Edna.

Mr. Van Fleet was born in Westerville, Ohio, April 28, 1845, while his father, Cornelius Van Fleet, was a native of Pennsylvania, and the son of Col. Mathias Van Fleet, a native of the same State. whose ancestors came from Holland. They emigrated to this country probably in the seventeenth century, and the male descendants of the family have almost uniformly been engaged in agricultural pursuits. The grandfather of our subject removed first from his native State to Dayton, Ohio, and thence to Lucas County, in 1832, of which he was one of the earliest pioneers. He purchased 500 acres of timber land, and opened up a good farm in the wilderness, where he reared his family, and spent the remainder of his days. He was quite prominent as a citizen in that locality, and a Colonel of the State Militia. His son Cornelius was quite young when his parents removed to Ohio, and he developed into manhood in Lucas County, where he subsequently purchased eighty acres of hand, and was married. He afterward rented his farm and removed to Mamme City, where he resided seven years, and was employed as an engineer in the construction of the Wabash & Erie Canal, Subsequently he purchased another farm, on which he resided until his decease.

The mother of our subject was in her girlhood Miss Hannah Runyan, a native of Pennsylvania. and the daughter of William Runyan. Of her marriage with Cornelius Van Fleet there were born eight children, Pliny of our sketch being the third in order of birth. He commenced his education in the district school at Maumee, where he was reared to manhood. During the Rebellion our subject enlisted in February, 1864, in the 23d New York Independent Battery, serving under Gen, Foster, in North Carolina and Virginia, until his discharge in July, 1865. He then returned home, and continued with his parents until his marriage in November, 1871, with the lady of his choice, Miss Lucretia Taylor. The young people commenced life together on a part of the old homestead in Ohio, forty acres of which Mr. Van Fleet had purchased, and resided there until 1882. He then sold out his interest in the Buckeye State, and came to this county, locating at Palmyra, where he has since resided. Our subject contines his attention mostly to his farming operations, and meddles little with polities or public affairs.

Socially Mr. Van Fleet is a member of Corlett Post No. 360, G. A. R., and also belongs to Palmyra Grange. In the sketch of Miner Cole, found elsewhere in this volume, is given briefly the narrative of William Taylor, the father of Mrs. Van Fleet.

ATHAN II. BASSETT, the subject of this sketch, was born in Cheshire County, N. II. March 3, 1812, and is the son of Artemas Bassett, who in early life was a tanner and currier, but after his marriage followed agriculture. He was a native of Massachusetts, being born at Uxbridge, June 19, 1782, and went to New Hampshire with his parents, William and Margery Bassett, when a child. His wife was, before her marriage,

Miss Sarah Harkness, daughter of Nathan and Susannah Harkness, of Riehmond, N. H., and they were married March 28, 1805. Of this union there were born two sons and four daughters. All the members of his family belong to the Society of Friends, and possess the conscientions and upright traits of character for which that religious sect is noted.

Our subject was the second son and fourth child of his parents, with whom he removed in 1823 to Starksboro, Vt., where he lived until he was twentyone years of age. He attended the district school until eleven years old, after which he assisted in the labors of the farm, going to school only in winter. When twenty-one years of age he sought his fortunes in the West, migrating to Michigan, where he arrived in the spring of 1833. For three years after coming to Lenawee County he worked as a farm hand, then in 1836 he established the woolen factory and carding-machine at Medina, this county, which was the second establishment of the kind in the county, and did the business of the farmers for forty miles south and west. This he operated successfully for about fourteen years, and in 1855 sold it to Hotchkiss & Daniels and purchased a farm in Adrian Township, about halfway between Adrian and Tecumseh, which he has greatly improved, fitted up with comfortable buildings and brought to a high state of cultivation, where he now resides in the enjoyment of comfort and plenty, and that freedom from anxiety and care which his long and active life has so richly earned,

Mr. Bassett was married, Sept. 15, 1836, to Miss Adelia Webb, a native of Hackensack, N. J.; her parents were early settlers of Raisin Township, this county. Of this union there were four children, as follows: William J. was born in September, 1837, and died in the Indian Territory Aug. 16, 1869; Albert H. was born Sept. 15, 1842, and married Miss Hallie, daughter of Asa James, of New York, and is farming in Illinois; he has two sons. Edgar A. was born Aug. 29, 1844, and married Miss Drum, whose people were from Illinois; he resides in Ashland, Dak., and is engaged in the hardware business. Francis M. was born Nov. 21, 1849, and died Aug. 16, 1855, on the old home. Our subject assisted his sons, Albert and Edgar A., giving them

both an excellent start in life. The mother of these children was born in Hackensack, N. J., Nov. 4, 1812, and came to Michigan with her parents in 1825. She died on the present homestead in 1880, at the age of sixty-eight years.

In 1863 Mr. Bassett turned his attention to stock-raising, and ever since that time has taken life easy, giving his attention mainly to the raising of fine stock. His sheep are of the highest grades, his horses are of very fine quality, and in fact all his stock may be classed as thoroughbred, and he has taken many premiums at the county and State fairs. About half of his farm lies in Raisin Township, and the other in Adrian Township, and he has resided upon it thirty-two years. The father and mother of our subject died on the homestead here at the ages of seventy-seven and eighty-live years respectively.

In politics Mr. Bassett is a solid Republican, and exerts himself strenuously for the success of that party. On the temperance question he believes in the theory of high license. He is an earnest, conscientions and upright citizen, interesting himself in every movement that looks to the improvement of society. His honesty and upright course in life have won for him a large circle of friends, whose society he now enjoys, retired from the turmoil of active life.

DWARD CLARK. In reviewing the industrial resources of any community it becomes necessary to mention those establishments which are the best representatives of the different lines of trade, and in this connection attention is called to the popular and reliable institution conducted by Mr. Clark in the village of Morenci. Mr. Clark established his brick and tile yard in 1858, and has since conducted quite an extensive business, manufacturing as many as 1,000,000 bricks in a single year, and about 500,000 feet of tile.

The parents of our subject were Thomas and Rhoda (Kinney) Clark, natives of New England, the former born in Vermont, and the latter in New Hampshire. They became the parents of nine children, five boys and two girls of whom grew to maturity. Our subject was born in Homer, Cortland Co., N. Y., March 22, 1818, and passed his early life there where he learned the trade of a mason. At fifteen years of age he went to Hamilton, Madison Co., N. Y., where he remained about five years, and then removed to Syracuse, where he worked at his trade during two summers.

On the 4th of January, 1841, the subject of this biography was united in marriage with Miss Louisa Fornerook, who was born in Lysander, Onondaga Co., N. Y., on the 1st of October, 1821. She is the daughter of Christopher and Mary (Baird) Forncrook, who were natives of Montgomery County, N. Y. The parental household included nine children, six sons and three daughters, of whom Mrs. Clark was the third in order of birth. Mr. and Mrs. Clark are the parents of five children-James F., Mary M., Edward R., who died at the age of two years, Willis E. and Kate L. James F. married Miss Margaret Andrews, who is now deceased; he was subsequently united in marriage with Miss Ella Sinclair, Mary M. is the wife of Dudley C. Heniou; Willis married Miss Elizabeth Mason, and Kate is the wife of John M. Burk. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Clark settled in Skancateles, N. Y., where they resided about two years, and then going to Fulton County, Ohio, they remained until coming to Morenci, where they have resided principally since 1858,

Mr. Clark has a small farm, which he carries on in connection with his manufacturing business. In the spring of 1887 he sustained quite a heavy loss in the destruction by fire of his engine and drying house, which, however, he soon replaced with suitable buildings. In politics Mr. Clark gives his support to the Prohibition party, while he and Mrs. Clark are members of the Baptist Church.



HLIAM W. CRABBS is the proprietor of one of the most attractive and fashionable dry-goods stores in Morenci. In 1883 he purchased the stock of C. D. Fuller, and has since that time conducted quite an extensive business. Mr. Crabbs thoroughly understands the wants of

his patrons, and selects his goods with great care. He enjoys the respect and confidence of the entire community to the fullest extent, and the popularity of his business is equaded only by its prosperity.

The subject of this narrative was born in Savannah, Ashland Co., Ohio, on the 29th of October, 1848, and was educated in the common schools until he reached his fifteenth year, at which time he engaged as clerk. After about six years in this employment he was taken into partnership with Joseph Hagaman, and remained with him two years. At the end of that time they sold out, and Mr. Crabbs engaged with a Toledo dry-goods house as commercial traveler, following that occupation nine years. He then came to Morenci, and purchased his present business.

On the 29th of April, 1886, Mr. Crabbs was united in marriage with Miss Georgia M. Perkins, who was born in Kalamazoo, Mich., Dec. 5, 1863, and one bright-eyed child, Hazel, has come to gladden their home.

In 1886 our subject creeted one of the finest residences in the city, beautiful in design and commodious in all its appointments. Mr. Crabbs is a member of the Masonic fraternity, while in politics he stands identified with the Republican party.

OHN C. LAMBIE is the senior member of the firm of Lambie & Corbin, proprietors of the Adrian Packing Company, which business was established upon a small scale by Mr. Lambie in 1871. As the demands increased for his products, he enlarged the capacity of his works, and continued this business until 1881, when the building and the plant known as the Adrian Paper Mill Company was purchased by Mr. Lambie, and he removed his business to the abovenamed place. The dimensions of the main buildings are 40x100 feet, three stories in height, with an addition of 60x80 feet, one story high, the whole structure being composed of brick and stone, They use two thirty-horse and one ten-horse power engine, and employ from 150 to 200 persons during the packing season. In 1887 William Corbin was taken into the firm as a partner, and the style

of the firm name was changed to Lambie & Corbin. The business of the firm is the canning of fruits and vegetables, the principal product of the house being apples and tomatoes. They find their principal market in Chicago, but have a good local trade, besides shipping goods to many of the larger eities in the State of Michigan.

Mr. Lambie is a native of the State of New York, and was born in Oneida County in July, 1848. His parents were John and James (Richmond) Lambie, both of whom were natives of Scotland, and emigrated to the United States, settling in Oneida County, N. Y., where the father of our subject conducted a store and mill for many years. Mr. Lambie remained with his parents until he arrived at manhood, and during that time received a good common-school education. He now undertook to steer his own way through the world, and obtaining employment with the New York Meat Pressing Company, he went to Texas, to take charge of a large concern, which was owned by the company in that State. Not long after arriving there he became the sole manager of the business, and continned in that capacity until 1874, in which year he came to Adrian, and established his present business.

This enterprise in which Mr. Lambie is engaged is one of the most valuable conducted in the city of Adrian. It not only gives employment to a large number of people during certain seasons of the year, but it furnishes an ample home market for the surplus of the garden and orchards of the farmers and horticulturists of the county, and as the products of the establishment are necessarily shipped abroad, the money which pays for them is brought to Adrian, and enters into the volume of circulation in the city and surrounding country.



IMON SHULTIS. A successful general farmer and stock-raiser is this gentleman, who owns and occupies a fine farm, part of it on section 15, in Cambridge Township, where he has resided since 1859. Many of the most thrifty and intelligent agriculturists of this section of the State were born and reared on the other side of the Atlantic, and to Germany espec-

ially is Lenawee County indebted for some of her most enterprising and prosperous citizens. Among this number is Mr. Shultis, who was born in Baden, Germany, Oct. 21, 1826.

Simon Shultis is the son of Christian and Barbara (Wagner) Shultis, natives also of Baden, who lived and died in their native country. Simon was the eldest of a family of four sons and one daughter, and is the only one who ever came to the United States. He received the rudiments of a most excellent education in the fine schools of Germany, and like all the Teutonic youth, served his apprenticeship in the army of his country, and for six years did duty as a private soldier. Soon after receiving his honorable discharge he concluded to emigrate to America and seek in the wilds of a new country the fortune denied to him in the land of his birth. In 1854, after a stormy voyage lasting some forty-six days, he landed in the city of New York with only \$1 in his pocket. Fortunately for him a friend loaned him enough money to take him to Detroit, Mich., and from that point he came to Lenawee County with a cattle drover. For about three years he was engaged in working for other parties, when he concluded to settle down, and consequently on the 6th of March, 1859, he married Miss Catherine M. Booher, a native of this county, having been born on her father's old homestead, April 19, 1835. She is the daughter of Jacob and Margaret (Snyder) Booher, who were natives of Switzerland and Wurtemberg, Germany, respectively. Both of the old people had come to the United States when quite young and were united in marriage while residents of Washtenaw County, this State, but soon after located on a farm on section 14, in Cambridge Township, quite early in the thirties. Both have since passed away, the father dying Oct. 1, 1870, and the mother July 16 of the same vear.

Mrs. Shultis is the eldest of four children, all daughters, three of whom are yet living. She lived at home with her parents until her marriage, receiving her education in the district schools of that day. She is the mother of three children: William J., who married Dora Taylor and now lives in Springville, and Simon J. and Charlie, who are at home assisting their father in managing the farm. On their marriage Mr, and Mrs, Shultis purchased the farm where they now live, and on this they have passed all their years of married life. Industry and energy, coupled with the known frugality of the race from which he sprang, have lifted him and his from a state of comparative poverty to alluence and comfort. In politics Mr. Shultis is a Democrat, and enjoys the confidence of his fellow-citizens, who have several times honored him by hestowing upon him the position of Township Treasurer.

iLLIAM HENRY COLYER, son of one of the early pioneers of Lenawee County, is operating a good farm on section 28, in Blissfield Township, of which he has been a resident since his birth, on the 6th of May, 1843. He was educated in the pioneer schools, and in his boyhood days, when not occupied with his books, assisted his father in clearing the land and preparing the soil for cultivation.

The subject of this notice remained under the parental roof until his marriage, and then located on forty acres of land on section 27, about fifteen acres of which were under the plow. His first house was a small frame one, which he occupied with his family about three years, then sold out and purchased the land which constitutes his present farm, Upon this he has brought about fine improvements. including a commodious frame residence, has enlarged the barn and put up other necessary buildings. His property now includes ninety-nine acres of good land, a choice assortment of live stock, and the farm machinery requisite for the carrying on of agriculture after the most approved methods. As a man and a citizen, Mr. Colver is held in high respect, and bids fair to build up a record of which his descendants may be proud.

The parents of our subject, William and Olive E. Colyer, were natives of England and New York, respectively, and came to this county when the land was mostly covered with timber and peopled largely by wild animals. They endured all the privations which were the inevitable lot of the early settlers, and after rearing a family and building up the record of a well-spent life, the father departed

hence in 1884, when ripe in years; the mother is still living. William II, Colyer, after the outbreak of the late war, enlisted in the old Michigan Infantry, entering the ranks in Angust, 1864, and participating in the engagement at Chattanooga, Tenn. He was afterward engaged with his comrades in guarding captured prisoners, and in April following his regiment was consolidated with the 11th Michigan Infantry, and our subject was assigned to Company B, and detailed to duty, being stationed mostly around McDonald in East Tennessee. The war was then nearing its close, and in June, 1865, Mr. Colyer, with his comrades, was mustered out and returned home.

Prior to his army experience Mr. Colyer was united in marriage with Miss Mary E. Vandyne, the wedding taking place at the home of the bride in Blissfield Township, Oct. 25, 1863. Mrs. C. was born in Ontario County, N. Y., and is the daughter of George and Catharine (Miller) Vandyne, who were residents of the same county. Her paternal grandfather, Peter Vandyne, was of German ancestry, and spent his last years in Ontario County. George Vandyne followed farming, and in 1854 removed from his native county to Lenawee County, Mich., locating in Blissfield Township, where the mother's death took place at the home of her daughter, in 1864.

Mr. and Mrs. Colyer are the parents of five children, as follows: George Otis, Ada Blanche, Clarence William, Cassius M. and Clifford Henry, Mr, Colyer has lived quietly and unobtrusively, meddling little with public affairs, but upon occasions of important elections votes the straight Republican ticket.



ICHOLAS VALENTINE HILE, a progressive farmer representing the agricultural interests of Ogden Township, is the son of Peter Hile, who was born in Germany, and at the age of twenty-one came to America and settled in Rockingham County, in the valley of Virginia, where he bought land, and engaged in farming mtill his death, which took place Dec. 17, 1887. He married in his adopted home, Lucy A. Pense, a native

of Rockingham County, and her death occurred here in Ogden Township, June 30, 1881. Her father, Valentine Pense, was a native of the same county, and his father, George Pense, removed from Pennsylvania or Maryland to Virginia, and bought some unimproved land in Rockingham County, which he eleared and cultivated until his death. The grandfather of our subject served in the War of 1812. After his marriage with Miss Margaret Miller, a native of Rockingham County, and daughter of Peter Miller, he bought a farm one mile from his father's homestead, and eight miles from Harrisburg, and there he and his wife passed the years of their married life.

Nicholas Valentine Hile, of whom we write, was born on the homestead of his parents in that Virginia valley, July 21, 1840, and there passed his boyhood. He attended school in his youthful days as opportunity offered, and as soon as he was large enough helped his father in tilling the soil. The latter was a very active, industrious man, and from him Nicholas learned lessons which have been useful to him in later life. He made his home with his parents until he was sixteen years of age, then started out in life for himself, his only capital being good health and willing hands. He came to Michigan, hoping for better opportunities to make his way in the world, and soon engaged to work by the month, except in the winter, when he chopped wood and split rails. Wages were low then, but he stuck to his work, and having no bad habits, saved his earnings, and in 1859 had money enough to buy forty acres of timber land. He was then a single man, and did not locate on his land, but industriously kept at work by the month. In 1863 he had been so successful that he was enabled to buy forty acres more land joining his first purchase. There were about five acres from which the trees had been felled, and the stumps had not been removed from the ground, while the rest of the land was heavily timbered.

Mr. Hile was now in a position to establish a home, and in 1865 he married Caroline, a daughter of James and Elizabeth Robertson (for whose history see sketch of George P. Robertson), and a native of Medina County, Ohio. After his marriage Mr. Hile settled on his land, and has lived here continuously ever since, erecting good buildings and making many other improvements. From time to time he has added to his original purchase of land, in 1875 buying thirty acres, which increased the area of his farm to 130 acres, ninety of which are cleared, fenced and cross-fenced. He has his farm under good tillage, and well provided with good stock.

Mr. and Mrs. Hile have a pleasant home, in which four children have been born to them—James R., George P., Alpheus J. and Jessic Mand. They well deserve the respect of their neighbors as people whose good character and habits make them valued citizens of this community.

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BRAHAM CRAMER, one of the oldest settlers and most extensive land-owners of Lenawee County, is a descendant of substantial German ancestry, and possesses in a marked degree the sturdy industry and persistence of those from whom he drew his origin. His boyhood years were spent in New York, in which State the first representatives of the Cramer family settled in this country soon after the Revolutionary War.

Comrad and Elizabeth Cramer, the parents of our subject, were residents of New York for a period of more than forty years, during which time the former was greatly prospered in his labors and business transactions, and at his death left a valuable estate. He spent his last years at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Nancy Wilder, of Perryville, where his death took place in 1872. The mother was a victim of the cholera scourge in New York, where she was stricken down in middle life, aged about forty-five years.

Abraham Cramer came to the Territory of Michigan in 1836, and purchased eighty acres of land in Rome Township. Two years later, however, he traded his first purchase for a quarter section of land in Medina Township, into which he brought the first yoke of oxen, and by the aid of these commenced clearing his land. He had been married, Nov. 28, 1835, before his removal from the Empire State, to Miss Sarah Ann Sterling, who accompanied





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him to the West, and died in Medina Township, Oct. 28, 1849. They became the parents of five children, as follows: The eldest, Edwin C., married Miss Jane Ann Wilcox, and is farming in Medina Township; Mary Ann is the wife of William Charles, who owns and operates a farm near Bangor, and also deals largely in wheat and hay; George married Miss Jane DeLong, and lives in Hillsdale County; Wellington S. is married and resides on a farm in Medina Township, and Lorenzo L., also a farmer, is married and a resident of Hillsdale County, this State.

Mr. Cramer was a second time married, in Hillsdale County, to Miss Mary A. Harris, who was a native of Ohio, and came to Michigan when a young woman; she died at her home in Medina Township, May 6, 1887. Mr. Cramer is a Democrat, politically, and has served in the various minor offices of his township. His life has been one of active industry, and his property includes 600 acres in Medina Township, lying mostly in one body, and largely devoted to the raising of grain. The residence and farm buildings are commodious, and kept in good repair, while the stock and machinery are of the best description.



ARVIN M. MAXSON, a leading druggist of Hudson, has been a resident of Michigan since 1837, coming with his parents from New York State to Pittsford, Hillsdale County, in that year. He was born in Centreville, Allegany Co., N. Y., Oct. 20, 1831, while his father, Jesse Maxson, was a native of Stephentown, Rensselaer County, in the same State. His paternal grandfather was named Joseph.

The Maxsons are of English ancestry, and the first representative in this country crossed the Atlantic in 1638 as one of a colony, which was the first to make the attempt at settlement on the shores of Connecticut. They landed and comenced trading with the Indians, who for a time appeared friendly, but soon disclosed treachery and made an attack upon the whites, driving them to their shallop. Some of them returned the next day to get provisions and produce from their gardens,

but met with another attack, in which Mr. Maxson and his son Richard were killed. His wife escaped, and with the rest of the survivors landed on the island then called Aquidneek, but now Rhode Island, where shortly afterward her son, John Maxson, was born, March 24, 1638, and was undoubtedly the first white child born there. In 1661 this John Maxson joined the colony that was formed at Newport to purchase and settle a part of the Narragansett country, and removed thither. In his religious belief he was a Seventh-Day Baptist and was ordained as an Elder in that church on the 20th of May, 1668. He died Dec. 17, 1720, in his sixtysecond year, and a blue slatestone marks his restingplace in the Clark burying-ground in sight of the Hopkinton meeting-house. The maiden name of his wife was Mary Mosher, and it is recorded in the Rhode Island Historical Society's collection. Their son John (2d), the next in line, was born in 1666, and in 1687 married Judith, daughter of Joseph Clark, and niece of John Clark, founder of the first Baptist Church at Newport. He became an extensive land-owner, and died in 1747 in his eighty-first year, John Maxson (3d) was born in 1701 and died about 1785. Although known to have been a relative of the grandfather of our subject, the connection is not definitely traced. One of the sons of Grandfather Joseph Maxson, also named Joseph, uncle of our subject, was one of the pioneers of Allegany County, and the first settler on the present site of Centreville, where he went when a young man and secured a tract of land. He was very poor in this world's goods at that time and was obliged to sell his shoes in order to pay for an ax which was to be used in felling the first tree on the ground now occupied by the village of Centreville. His father afterward removed there and remained until his death,

In a short time the father of our subject also removed to Centreville and bought a tract of land from the Holland Purchase Company, on which he built a log house and commenced the improvement of a farm. There were no railways at the time and few means of transportation, and the consequently slow sale for farm produce made it hard to pay for a home. Accordingly in 1834 he visited the Territory of Michigan and entered 160 acres of Gov-

ing the land he returned east, and two years later made another visit, bringing with him a nursery stock. Part of the trees he planted on his own land, on space which he had hired a man to clear, and the others he sold. Having disposed of his stock he went back to New York, and after settling his affairs there he bade farewell to his friends and neighbors, and accompanied by his wife and children, started for his future home in Michigan. They journeved with a term to Lake Eric, then via the lake to Toledo, thence by way of the Cottonwood Swamp and Adrian to Pittsford Township. The family occupied a house with a neighbor until one on their own land could be completed. This was soon done, and Mr. Maxson at once commenced the arduous task of evolving a farm from the wilderness. He labored hard and perseverance and industry brought their reward. He remained there, contented and successful, until his death, June 21, 1878. His wife, whose maiden name was Marietta Dayton, was also a native of Rensschaer County, N. Y., and she died at the homestead in 1844. They were the parents of four children, three of whom are now living, namely : Marietta Matilda Beach, residing in Livingston County, Mich.; Marvin M. and Manley M., who live on the old homestead.

The subject of this sketch was six years old when he came with his parents to this State, and during his residence here of fifty and more years he has witnessed the wonderful transformation of the country, changing in an incredibly short space of time, from a forest-covered land, whose inhabitants were wild beasts and a few untutored savages, to a rich and fertile agricultural region, dotted here and there with pleasant hamlets, smiling villages, and busy cities teeming with life. The now wide-awake and enterprising city of Adrian, then a village, was at that time, and for many years after, the western terminus of the railway. The house in which the boyhood of our subject was passed was built of logs, and in the style of architecture common to that day. Bricks were scarce, and in consequence mud and sticks were the component parts of the mother cooked by the fireplace. He attended the pioneer schools, and assisted his father in the labors of the farm, remaining at home until he had grown to manhood.

In April, 1865, Mr. Maxson took a most important step toward his successful establishment in life, being at that time united in marriage with Miss Delia Chipman, who was born in Malone, Franklin Co., N. Y., and was the daughter of Elan and Rebecca Chipman. After marriage our subject engaged in various employments and enterprises until he established himself in his present business. He inherited great musical talent and became quite proficient as a musician, and for many years the people in this section of the country depended on him to furnish the music at their social gatherings, It was in 1867 that he opened his drug-store in Hudson, and since then he has met with unusually good success, his undoubtedly honest word and deed, and his genial and courteous manner, winning a large patronage.

To him and his wife has been born one child, Gny, who is associated with his father in business. Mr. Maxson and his family are leading factors the social life of Iludson, and at their attractive home their numerous friends are often warmly and hospitably entertained. The portrait of Mr. Maxson is welcomed to the collection of faces in this Alekum, which forms one of the most attractive features of its embellishment.



BRAM WING, time-keeper and store-keeper in the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway shops, in Adrian, is numbered among the oldest railroad men of Southern Michigan, and has held his present position for a period of twenty-two years. This fact is also further remarkable because he has during this time continued unremittingly at his labors without a single month's intermission, having been remarkably strong and healthy, physically, and otherwise fortunate.

Mr. Wing is a native of this State, and was born in the city of Ypsilanti, July 28, 1836, at the time when the young town was struggling for existence. His father, William Wing, was a native of New York State, and his ancestry as far back as is known

were Quakers in religious belief, and possessed all the simple and honest elements of character peculiar to that seet, whose integrity was never questioned, and whose lives before the world have been remarkable for purity and the love of peace. The mother was in her girlhood Miss Marie Soop, a descendant of one of the excellent old Dutch families who settled in the Mohawk Valley during the pioneer days of the Empire State.

The parents of our subject came to Michigan in their youth, and were married in Ypsilanti, where they continued until the death of the father, which occurred in 1857. The mother was left with two daughters and one son, and surviving her husband, died at the home where she had lived so many years in Ypsilanti. The brother and sister of Abram died in their infancy, and he was reared to manhood in his native county of Washtenaw, where he only during the brief period of his boyhood. In 1848 he was taken to the home of his uncle in Rockford, Ill., where he remained two years, and from there went to Madison County, Wis., making his home with his uncle, David Gardner, until after the death of the latter. He afterward returned to Ypsilanti, where he was variously occupied until February, 1857, when he made his first entrance into Adrian, and entered the drug-store of Samuel E. Hartnett as clerk, with whom he remained until after the outbreak of the late Rebellion. Soon after the first call for Union troops, he enlisted in Company B, 47th Ohio Infantry, and on account of his active labors in the organization of the company, and his manifest patriotism, was elected Second Lieutenant. The regiment remained at Camp Dennison a few weeks, and were then ordered to the front, their first operations being in West Virginia under command of Gen. Rosecrans. Lieut. Green was the greater part of the time on detached service, and was finally appointed Quartermaster of his regiment, but compelled to resign a few months later on account of failing health.

Lieut. Wing, upon returning to Adrian, made arrangements to re-engage in the drug business, and to establish a home and domestic ties. He was maried, in 1863, to Miss Alice E. Sizer, of Adrian, who became the mother of two children—Henry A. and

Adelia A. For two years following his marriage, Mr. Wing was engaged as clerk in the drug-store of Remington & Bennett. In 1865 he entered the employ of the Michigan & Northern Indiana Railroad Company as time-keeper and store-keeper in the carshops at Adrian, which position he held until the consolidation of the two roads, and through the various changes which had occurred in the meantime.

Mr. Wing has officiated as School Trustee in Adrian four years, and is President of the Workingmen's Mutual Aid Association, which was organized in 1882, and incorporated in 1885.

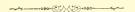
AMES K. JEFFERY is a resident of Rome Township, Lenawee County, where he came in 1836, and bought 160 acres of wild land from the Government. He first cleared eighty acres on which he built a log house, and removed his family onto this farm in 1836. Our subject was born in the county of Kent, England, Jan. 29, 1803, and came to New York July 4, 1830, settling in Oneida County, where he bought a farm and lived until the spring of 1836, when he sold out and came to this county. Mr. Jeffery was married in 1826, to Miss Harriet Marsh, who was also born in Kent County, England, Aug. 11, 1800, and was the daughter of Edward Marsh, a carpenter, who died in Dover, England, at the age of forty years. His wife's death occurred at the same place, at the advanced age of ninety-five years. The family of Mrs. Jeffery came of a long line of

The father of our subject, James Jeffery, was a native of Kent County, England, where he followed the occupation of a farmer, and died in his native county in the fifty-eighth year of his age. His wife, Rebeeca Sanford, also a native of that county, died at sixty years of age, while her father, Mark Sanford, a farmer and sailor, reached the advanced age of ninety-nine years. The grandfather of our subject, Hunt Jeffery, followed a scafaring life in his youth, and afterward owned and farmed several tracts of land. At the time of his death, when seventy-two years of age, he left cach of his two

sons £40,000. A sister of our subject was reared by an uncle and aunt and was left considerable property.

The wife of our subject died at her home in this county, Dec. 13, 1883, and left seven children, named as follows: Harriet, Margaret, Eliza, Naney, Eleanor, Edward J. and Susannah. One daughter, Rebecca, died at the age of seventeen years; Harriet is the wife of Cornelius Knapp (see sketch); Margaret married D. O'Dell, of Stockton, Cal., and they have one son; these three were born in England. Eliza is the wife of William Willit, a farmer of Ingham County, Mich.; Nancy married J. Ryder, also a farmer of Ingham County; Eleanor was first married to J. Johnson, and was subsequently married to John Hart, now of Stockton, Cal., and has two children, one by each husband; Edward J. married Miss King, and is engaged in general merchandising in Portland, Ore.; they have a family of six children. Susannah is the wife of G. W. Garland, a farmer of this county, and has three children. Mr. and Mrs. Jeffery have also four or five great-grandchildren.

Our subject is a Democrat in politics, recording his first vote for Andrew Jackson. He was one of the pioneers of this county, assisting in building churches and schools, and has since been actively engaged in all enterprises which have for their object the promotion of the cause of morality and the advancement of his community. He has been Highway Commissioner and Pathmaster, and while in England he was a member of the I. O. O. F., holding almost every office. The old gentleman is still hale and hearty and retains all his mental faculties.



OMER BICKFORD. This gentleman, who is a natural mechanic and an expert machinist, for twenty-two years of his early life gave his attention to the manufacture of the celebrated grain drill of Macedon, N. Y., a part of which was his own invention and the manufacture of which he carried on extensively in the Empire State. This drill has a world-wide reputation and was awarded the first prize at the Centennial Exposi-

tion in Philadelphia, in 1876. Mr. Bickford in 1886, desiring a change of location and occupation, separated his interests from the forge and anvil, and coming to the wide West, located upon a farm where he has since enjoyed the free and independentific of an agriculturist. His property is situated on section 17, in Raisin Township, where he is operating successfully as a farmer and stock-raiser, and where the result of his labors bears fair comparison with those of the intelligent men around him.

The boyhood and youth of our subject were spent in the township of East Bloomfield, Ontario Co., N. Y., where he was born at his father's homestead, Dec. 20, 1834. He is the son of Azariah Bickford, a farmer in easy circumstances, who in the early days migrated from his native State of Maine to New York, and there met and married Miss Philena Perkins, who was born in Ontario County in the latter State. They became the parents of nine children, and spent the remainder of their lives in Ontario County. Of their five sons and four daughter, all married: Lyman lives in New York; Marcus in Iowa; Delia in New York, and Harlow in Iowa.

Mr. Bickford was the seventh child of his parents, and after becoming of suitable age to leave the parental roof, he served an apprenticeship at the machinist's trade, mostly in Wayne County, where he subsequently established a manufactory in the town of Newark. He carried on business there five years for himself, and subsequently took the forentanship of the Bickford & Huffman shops, with which he was connected until coming to this county.

In April, 1886, Mr. Bickford took possession of his present farm, comprising eighty aeres of finely improved land, which yields in abundance the choicest crops of Michigan. Although his farming experience has been somewhat limited, he possesses a fund of general information and the good judgment which has already insured his success. He has inaugurated various improvements since taking possession of his present property, and is bound to make his mark in the agricultural community of this section. His straightforward method of doing business and his industry and enterprise at once commended him to the people around him as a man

who would prove a valued accession to their numbers. His family includes, in the immediate household, only himself and his wife, as the three children which were born to them were taken away at an early age. Carry P. was born March 5, 1860, while her parents were residents of Newark, and died Oct. 9, 1864; Willard C. was born July 28, 1862, in Newark, and also died Oct. 9, 1864; Fanny E., the youngest, was born July 27, 1865, and passed away Nov. 3, 1866.

Before coming to the West Mr. Bickford was united in marriage with a lady of his own county, namely, Miss Emily Watkins, a native of Victor Township, where she was born and reared, and where her wedding was celebrated at the home of her parents, Marshall and Caroline (Ingersoll) Watkins, who were natives of New York. The father in early life learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed until departing from the scenes of his earthly labors. Both parents passed away in middle life, the mother preceding her husband a few months to the silent land. They spent their lives in their native State, and their remains were laid to rest side by side, not far from their birthplace. Of the six children born to them one son and three daughters are now living: Emily, Mrs. Bickford, was born Nov. 24, 1835, and continued under the parental roof until her marriage with our subject. Mr. and Mrs. Bickford located on a farm in Ontario County, N. Y., and there our subject operated three years before going into business on his own account in Newark. where he formed the nucleus of his present property.

SCAR P. BILLS, an extensive land-owner of Lenawee County, and member of the banking firm of O. P. Bills & Co., at Tecumseh, is a son of one of the earliest pioneers of Southern Michigan who contributed largely to the development of its resources and the building up of Lenawee County. The family for generations has been distinguished for the capability of its men and the virtue and intelligence of its women. The life history of the father of our subject being closely identified with the early settlement of this county, is given as a matter which will be of interest to all.

Perley Bills, a native of the Green Mountain State, was born far up among its eastern hills near the town of Wilmington, June 5, 1810. His parents, Hiram and Virtue Bills, were natives of Connecticut, whence they removed soon after their marriage to the mountainous regions of Vermont, There Hiram Bills engaged in lumbering principally, although carrying on farming to some extent, and with his excellent wife passed from the scenes of his earthly labors in 1840. Amid these wild and simple scenes Perley Bills spent his childhood and youth, and possessing more than ordinary ability, at the early age of nineteen made arrangements to embark in trade at Honesdale, Pa. He had associated himself with a Mr. Whiting, but before they had fairly commenced, the illness of the latter compelled them to abandon the undertaking. Young Bills then went to work as a house carpenter, which occupation he followed during the summer and in winter engaged in teaching school. He finally returned to his native State and spent the summer in Vermont at the mountain farm of his father.

Perley Bills, upon leaving New England, migrated to Ohio and first engaged in teaching in Medina County. He was of studious habits, desirous of obtaining a good education, and in the spring following joined the preparatory class at the Western Reserve College, where he studied two years, paying his expenses by labor when not in school. He finally returned to Bennington, Vt., spending two years in the seminary there as pupil and tutor. and m 1835 retraced his steps to Ohio, becoming a student of Oberlin College. The two years following were spent partly in teaching in an academy at Strongsville, whence he came to Michigan and located at Tecumseh in the spring of 1837. Here he established and conducted primary and advanced classes for young men who designed to enter college. He was foremost in encouraging the establishment of schools, and by his own unaided efforts and constant application to his books, obtained a thorough knowledge of common law, and in 1842 was admitted to practice in the courts of this State. He had in the meantime been prominent in political affairs, and in 1837 was a delegate to the Young Men's State Convention at Marshall, having in view

the organization of a branch of the Whig party. In 1854 he was elected to the State Senate, relected in 1857, and chosen by the Senate as their Speaker pro tem. In 1867 he was elected a member of the State Constitutional Convention. Mr. Bills organized the first primary school district in the village of Tecumsch, and was a member of the School Board for nearly forty years. In 1861 he instituted the savings bank of P. Bills & Co., and four years later became a Director and Vice President of the National Bank of Tecumsch. After the close of this institution, in 1874, he at once organized a bank under the firm name of Bills, Lilly & Co., of which he was made President.

The marriage of Perley Bills and Miss Caroline Brown was celebrated on the 8th of November, 1838. While residents of Tecumseh there were born to them three sons and three daughters, namely: Frederick H., deceased; Oscar P., our subject; Caroline M., the wife of Gen. Lemuel Saviers, of St. Louis, Mich.; Mary H., the wife of Lieut. Col. Nathan Church, of Ithaca, this State; Harriet V., a graduate of Howland College, Cayuga Co., N. Y., and of the medical department of the Michigan University, and now practicing physician at East Saginaw, Mich., and Chandler D., of Tecumseh. Mrs. Bills is the daughter of Isaac and Rebecca Brown, natives of New England, who came to Michigan in 1837; she was born in Charlemont, Mass., April 17, 1817, and after coming to Michigan taught school in Tecumseh one year, then removed to Illinois with her parents and resided until her marriage.

Oscar P. Bills continued with his parents until reaching his majority, being reared as a farmer's boy and attending the district school. He was bright and ambitious, however, and fond of study, in which landable labor he was always assisted and encouraged by his father, and in 1861 entered the Michigan University, taking a full literary course and being graduated four years later. He then went into the bank with his father, but subsequently erossed the Mississippi into the Indian Territory, where he engaged as a trader with the Indians and operated a cattle ranch and warehouse until 1873. He subsequently migrated to Missouri and engaged in mining for some time, after which he returned to

Michigan, and going into the bank'at Ithaca, which was conducted by the well-known firm of Church, Bills & Co., he remained until 1882. Then on account of the death of his father the bank was reorganized, and Mr Bills came to Tecumseh and has since been largely interested in this institution, besides looking after extensive tracts of land of which he has become owner.



ILLIAM H. KURTZ, a young and enterprising capitalist of Blissfield, is a native of this commonwealth, his birth occurring in Riga Township, April 11, 1849. His father, Jacob Kurtz, was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, Dec. 18, 1814, the son of David and Catherine Kurtz. He was educated in the excellent schools of his native land, which he attended from the age of six to fourteen. He then served two years to learn the butcher's trade. He afterward bought a farm of his father in his native place, and carried on farming for some years, at the same time conducting his business of a butcher. During these years he was married to Frederica Swaderrer, who was born in Wurtemberg May 4, 1819.

In the year 1847, one of the years of great political disturbances in Germany and other European countries, public affairs being in an unsettled condition, Mr. Kurtz decided to leave the Fatherland and seek a home on American soil. After selling his farm and other property, he embarked with his wife and children, May 25, from Wurtemberg, Germany. They were two months on the ocean, landing in New York City July 25. They went from there up the Hudson River to Albany, and went thence to Detroit, Mich., via Eric Canal, Lake Eric and Detroit River.

Mr. Kurtz left his family in Detroit, and went to search for a suitable place to establish his home. He came by the way of Lake Erie to Monroe County, and from there to Blissfield. He was a stranger in a strange land, almost totally unacquainted with the language. In Blissfield he was so fortunate as to fall in with a man, a Pennsylvania German, with whom he could converse. The Pennsylvanian after ascertaining his wants, directed

him to a friend of his, one Gottlieb Krapp, living two and one-half miles from Blissfield. He was not long with Mr. Krapp before he concluded to settle in that vicinity, and returned for his family, whom he left with Mr. Krapp while he looked about for land that would meet his requirements. On the 24th of Angust he bought a farm on section 5 of Riga Township, Fifty acres of the land were cleared, and there was a log cabin on the place into which he and his family removed. He continued to live on that farm until 1886, having cleared twenty-five more acres of land, and erected good farm buildings and a more commodious dwelling, In that year his buildings were burned, and he removed to the home of his daughter, Mrs. Snyder, in Blissfield, with whom he continues to reside, His good wife, who came with him from the Eatherland and so faithfully shared his labors in this home, departed this life Oct. 7, 1878. To her and her husband had been born twelve children, whose record is as follows: Mathew, born Jan. 18, 1810, lives in Riga Township; Frederick, born March 9, 1842, lives in Mattoon, Ill.; Charles G., born Nov. 3, 1843, at Oedernhardt, Wurtemberg, Germany, died in Deerfield Township, May 6, 1882; John L., born June 16, 1843, died July 16, 1843; Ludwig, born July 17, 1846, died Oct. 21, 1847; William H., our subject; Louisa, born Aug. 28, 1851, married Jacob Ingold, of Blissfield; John D., born July 28, 1853, died Feb. 12, 1876, in Riga Township: Paulina, born May 21, 1855, married John Wagenlander, and died in Riga Village June 15, 1877: Carrie, born Jan. 10, 1858, died Nov. 10. 1883; Helen, born April 3, 1860, died Nov. 3. 1862; Jennie, born April 11, 1863, married Henry R. Snyder, of Blissfield.

William Kurtz, of whom we write, received the radiments of his education in the Blissfield school, which he commenced attending when he was eight years old. At the age of fourteen he left school to assist his father in getting out bumber for a railway company. This hard labor proved too much for the active, growing lad, and his health began to fail when he was sixteen years of age, and his father wisely decided to withdraw him from work and send him to school again to complete his education; accordingly he entered the district schools. He

studies. After leaving college he worked for a for two years and sev n months. Then, after a lin Business Institute, at Oberlin, Ohio, where he business, and was graduated from there in 1871, maining with them until the spring of 1872, when, fied, but was prevailed upon by Messrs, Eaton & that a branch store would pay them very well, he conducting the store awhile for Messrs, Eaton & ness became much better, he decided to keep Mr. the store longer, but through the misfortune in burning out at Toledo, Ohio, the firm was com-They wanted Mr. Kurtz to buy the stock, but havrequire \$500 more. Messrs, Eaton & Co., however, having the greatest confidence in Mr. W. H. Kurtz, said to him, "You never mind: we will trust you for the balance and goods too." He therefore purchased the stock, paying down the \$550 they owed him. They trusted him for the balance, never even so much as taking a scratch of a pen as security on the balance nor for future purchases, accepting his word and honor as a man, and be it said, to Messrs. Eaton & Co. he owes his everlasting gratitude for his fortune. Said firm was run under the name and firm of W. H. Kurtz & Co. while he was running it for Eaton & Co., and was so continued after Mr. Kurtz had purchased it, for nearly fourteen years, or until March 11, 1886. Mr. Kurtz' health compelled him to discontinue business, and at above date he sold out to Messrs, F. H. Brown & Co., of the same place. Mr. Kurtz then turned his attention to the real-estate business, and formed one of the company that boomed real estate in Chattanooga and Knoxville, Tenn. He is still interested in realty in both cities, and is a prominent member of the Knoxville Real Estate Company.

Mr. Kurtz was married, Feb. 4, 1875, to Miss Mary Crouse. She was born in Brownhelm, Lorain Co., Ohio, May 18, 1850. Her parents were Casper and Catherina (Schwab) Crouse, natives of Ger-Her grandfather, Adam Crouse, was a soldier in Napoleon's army, and was one of his mighty host of 600,000 men, who, in the month of September, in the year 1812, invaded Moscow, He witnessed the destruction of the great city by the conflagration which the patriotic Russians had themselves kindled so as to more surely destroy the French army. In that ever memorable, terrible retreat of Napoleon and his forces from Moscow in the early winter of 1812, he suffered with his comrades in arms all the horrors of hunger and of the bitter cold, to which were added the continual harassments of a vindictive foe. Not one-twentieth part of that great army led into Russia returned in After that dreadful experience of the horrors of war, Adam Crouse retired from the army and emigrated with his family to America, and spent his last years in Birmingham, Ohio. The father of Mrs. Kurtz was seventeen years of age when he came to America with his parents. He is now a prosperous farmer, residing with his wife on his farm one mile from Birmingham, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Kurtz are people of culture, whose

pleasant and attractive home it is a pleasure for their many friends to visit. They are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. They have one child, Ella M., who was born in Birmingham, Eric Co., Ohio.

In politics Mr. Kurtz is a Thomas Jefferson Democrat. He is a man of sound judgment and unimpeachable honor in all business transactions, and already holds an assured position among the financiers of the county.

LFRED A. MILLER. The name of this gentleman, who is United States Pension Attorney and Notary, is widely and favorably known throughout Blissfield and vicinity. He located here in 1873, and since that time has devoted his entire attention to the prosecution of soldiers' claims in the various departments at Washington, in which he has been exceedingly successful, commanding a business now extending all over the United States. This success is not attributable to advertising, of which he has done very little, but to the conscientious manner in which he has discharged the trusts placed in his hands by his clients.

Our subject was born in Cleveland, Ohio, on the 14th of April, 1844, and on account of the death of his father, Alfred McKnight, was adopted when three years of age by the family of Tobias Miller, whose name he assumed, and with whom he lived in Westfield, Medina County, until 1853. During this year the family came to Michigan, locating in Cambridge, this county, and later locating in Palmyra, same county. While in Ohio young Miller attended the common schools, and after coming to this State pursued his studies in Cambridge and Palmyra, mostly in the winter terms, till 1859. In the seasons of sowing and reaping he assisted in the work of his foster father's farm until in January, 1862, after the Rebellion had been in progress nearly a year, Then, although not eighteen years of age, he tendered his services to the Government, and was accepted as a member of Company H, 15th Michigan Infantry, with which he served until he was discharged on account of disability, the result of



Alfred A. Miller McKnight



exposure, hardship, improper food and the attendant ills of a soldier's life. The nature of his ailment can be inferred from the fact that, although his stature was six feet and two inches at the time of his discharge, he weighed but ninety pounds,

For a considerable time after leaving the service, Mr. Miller was wholly unfit for any kind of labor, and has never recovered his health and is now drawing a pension for disability. In 1864, finding himself not sufficiently robust for manual labor, he decided to fortify his intellect for other duties, and accordingly entered Evans' Commercial College at Adrian, and after a season of study there, took a course of commercial instruction and telegraphing at Dillsdale College. This completed, from that time until 1873 Mr. Miller was variously engaged at cheese-making, book-keeping, photography and telegraphing.

The 2d of April, 1873, witnessed the marriage of Alfred A. Miller and Miss Harriet E. Fitch, who was born in Rome, this county, and is the daughter of James and Pamelia Fitch, who were among its earliest pioneers. Of this union there have been born the following children: Alfred D., Grace E., Clifford J., Galen M., and one girl who died Oct. 5, 1883. The first residence of Mr. and Mrs. Miller in Blissfield was a small frame house on the west side of Lane street. In July, 1882, Mr. M. purchased the house which he now occupies. The dwelling is a commodious and handsome brick structure, built in modern style of architecture and located on the east side of Lane street. Here, surrounded by an interesting family, he is enjoying an ample share of the good things of life, together with the society and friendship of the people around him.

Afred McKnight, the father of Mr. Miller, was a native of Scotland, whence he emigrated to America when a young man and settled in Cleveland, Ohio. He was a well-educated gentleman, and possessed of considerable wealth. For a long time preceding his death he was a confirmed invalid, and during this period of affliction lost his property, necessitating thus the seeking of a home by his son Alfred with strangers. Many McKnight, the mother of Mr. Miller, was a native of Ireland, and is now hving and resides in Cleveland, Ohio, where also

reside a brother and two sisters. From the date of his adoption and removal from Cleveland, Ohio, twenty-eight years classed before he heard of or saw his mother, brother and sisters. Our subject, however, fell into good hands, as Mr. and Mrs. Miller eared for him as tenderly as if he had been their own child, encouraging his natural taste for study and assisting him in developing the talents with which nature had endowed him. He now keeps himself well posted upon matters of general interest affecting the progress and welfare of his town. In politics Mr. Miller is a pronounced Republican, and boldly speaks his convictions in all places and to all men, He is exceedingly industrious, careful and shrewd in the management of business; genial, manly and kind in his intercourse with his friends and society, a hail fellow well met; gentlemanly, vivacious and agreeable. He has enough Scotch blood in his veins to make him hate and despise the "small potato" class of men, and he can strike back with great force when he considers himself imposed upon. Socially he is a member of Greenly Lodge No. 103, A. F. & A. M.; he is also a comrade of Scott Post No. 43, G. A. R. The portrait list of the leading men of Blissfield and vicinity would scarcely be complete without the pictured features of the subject of this biography, and we accordingly, as is fitting, thus present them to our readers.



SAAC A. BARTLETT is a respected and reliable citizen of Ogden Township, where he has large landed possessions. He was born in Augusta, Oneida Co., N. Y., June 12, 1809, while his grandfather, Abraham Bartlett, was a native of England, and came to America in Colonial times, settling in Connecticut, where he married Submit Evits, a native of that State. After spending several years in Connecticut, he removed with his family to West Stockbridge, Mass., where he bought a farm, on which he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives.

The father of our subject, Isaac A. Bartlett, was ten years of age when he left his native State and accompanied his parents to Massachusetts. He

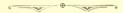
grew to manhood in West Stockbridge, and when in his teens did good service to his country as a valiant soldier in the Revolutionary War. He married in Stockbridge, Melinda Camp, who was born in Durham, Conn., and was the daughter of John and Eunice (Coc) Camp. After their marriage they settled down in West Stockbridge, where nine children were born to them. In 1806 the pioneer spirit, which seems to have been strong in the family, possessed Mr. Bartlett, and he resolved to remove with his family to the wilderness of Central New York, where land was cheap and very productive when once cleared; accordingly he, his wife, and their numerous progeny, left their home in Massachusetts for a new home amid the forests of New York. In those days of poor roads and slow modes of traveling, this was a great undertaking, and their means of conveyance was rather novel. As Mr. Bartlett had several cows that he wished to take with him he made them work their passage by yoking them in pairs and making them assist the oxen in drawing the wagons that conveyed the family and household goods to their destination. They finally arrived at their journey's end in Augusta, Oneida Co., N. Y., where Mr. Bartlett bought a farm, on which there were a log house and a frame barn. The family lived on that place until 1833, actively engaged in clearing and cultivating the land, and then removed to Madison County, whence after a short residence, the parents went to Pompey Hill, Onondaga County, and lived with a daughter until 1844, when they took up their residence with their son, the subject of this sketch. in Peterboro, Madison County, and spent the remainder of their lives under his roof, the father dying in March, 1847, and the mother in November, 1848, They were the parents of tenchildren, whose record is as follows: John C. spent his last years in Lagrange County, Ind.; Eunice married Isaac Jackson, and died in Augusta, Oneida Co., N. Y., Melinda married Luther Howe, and died in Ft. Wayne, Ind., the home of her daughter: Ruth was married to J. G. Curtis, of Peterboro, N. Y., and died at the home of her daughter in Canastota, N. Y.; Sarah married Charles Crane, and after his death she married William Bradley, M. D., of Greece, Monroe Co., N. Y., where she died; Abra-

ham died in Syracuse, N. Y.; Achsah and Elizabeth never married, and now live with their brother, our subject; Phebe married William J. Curtis, and now lives at Pompey Hill, N. Y.; Isaac A., of whom we write.

The subject of this biographical sketch was the youngest of his parents' children, and was the only child born to them after their removal to New York. In his youth he attended school and assisted his father on the farm, and when he was twenty-one years of age he visited the Territory of Michigan-This part of the Territory was then one vast, almost unbroken wilderness, with but few settlements, as the borders were settled many years before the interior. The Territory could not at that time have given much indication of its present high rank among the States of the Union as a great and prosperous commonwealth. Mr. Bartlett did not then locate in Michigan, but returned to Augusta and worked by the mouth on a farm for one year, then became clerk in a store in Seneca Falls, where he remained two years. He then became a clerk in his brother Abraham's store in Oriskany Falls for one season, after which he revisited Michigan, and spent the winter in Monroe County. He then returned to New York and bought a half interest in his brother's store, but two years later he disposed of that interest and became a clerk in Peterboro, Madison Co., N. Y., for two years. In the meantime he bought a farm near that village, and settling on it, superintended its cultivation until the year 1863. During the time he lived on his Peterboro farm he visited Lenawee County, this State, and bought eighty acres of land on section 17, Ogden Township, and in 1862 he came here for the purpose of disposing of it. He was offered only \$700 for the whole eighty acres, which he thought was too little for the land, which by careful culture and drainage would ultimately become valuable. He concluded that instead of selling the land at a sacrifice, he would buy more land and locate here: accordingly he bought the farm on which he now resides on section 20 of this township, and after arranging his affairs in New York, he returned and settled here in 1863, and has since been a valued resident of this community. His foresight and good judgment have been amply justified by the success

which his wise management has since brought about. He now owns 398 acres of valuable land, which in these later years is under the care of good tenants.

Mr. Bartlett has a comfortable home, where, in the pleasant companionship of his sisters Achsah and Elizabeth, he is quietly passing the last years of a long and useful life. His sisters, though older than himself, still retain to a remarkable degree that intelligence and force of character which in earlier life made them successful teachers in New York State, where they taught for many years. This household composed of elderly people is attractive to those of a younger generation by the geniality of its inmates, who still have warm hearts always onen to their friends.



LANSON B. TREAT, the representative of an old and prominent family, established in the drug business at Adrian in the spring of 1873, and is numbered among its most valuable and reliable citizens. Not having yet reached the forty-first year of his age, he is consequently in the prime of life, well equipped for its further struggles and duties, both by his natural business capacities and financial standing.

Mr. Treat, a native of this county, was born on a farm in Adrian Township, Jan. 20, 1847. His father, Butler Treat, Esq., was born in Holland Patent, N. Y., May 15, 1818, and was first married April 15, 1840, to Miss Nancy Tingley, who was a native of the same State as her husband, and was the mother of our subject. This lady died at the homestead in Adrian Township in 1847. Samuel and Rebecca Tingley, the maternal grandparents of Alanson Treat, emigrated to Michigan during the early settlement of this county, locating, like the Treat family, on a tract of land in Adrian Township.

Butler Treat built up a good homestead from the uncultivated land, where he spent the remainder of his days, his death taking place Nov. 30, 1879. He had been married three times, and became the head of a family including twelve children, three by the first wife, four by the second and five by the third, the whole including three daughters and nine sons,

who present the remarkable spectacle of a group still unbroken by the hand of death. The most of them are married and located principally in this State.

The subject of this history was a child of the first marriage of his father, and was reared to manhood at the homestead where he was born. His early studies were conducted in the district schools, and later he attended Raisin Valley Seminary. Upon completing his studies, he returned to the farm where he remained until twenty-three years of age, then took up his residence in the town and engaged as a clerk for the drug firm of Stephenson Bros. The next year he commenced in business for himself at his present location at No. 16 Main street, where he keeps a large and finely assorted stock of drugs, medicines, oils, paints, etc. He ranks among the leading business men of the town. and has followed those methods by which he has gained an honest footbold among his compeers. Politically, he is a stanch adherent of the Democratic party. He east his first Presidential vote for Horatio Seymour, and is a warm admirer of the present National Executive. Socally, he belongs to the I. O. O. F., being a member in good standing of Adrian Lodge No. 8.

One of the most important events in the life of our subject was his marriage with Miss Clara M. Lincoln, of Jackson County, this State, which took place at Napoleon, in that county, in the fall of 1871. Mrs. Treat was born there April 22, 1849, and is the daughter of Richard and Matilda Lincoln. Her union with our subject resulted in the birth of six children, three only of whom are living, namely: Grace N., born Dec. 27, 1875; Butler, Nov. 25. 1880, and Horace, June 12, 1886. The family residence, pleasantly located on Allis street, is a neat and substantial structure, and both within and without gives evidence of refined tastes and an abode replete with all the comforts of life. We subjoin the genealogy of this branch of the Treat family, which is a most important record, and the preservation of which is one of the most forcible illustrations of the intelligence and forethought of the progenitors of our subject,

Richard Treat, born about 1590, in England, died in 1669, in Wethersfield, Conn.; he was a very

wealthy and influential man, and one of the patentees of Connecticut in 1662. He had three sons and five daughters; two of the latter married patentees. His son, Robert Treat, was born about 1622, in England, and died July 12, 1710, in Milford, Conn.; he was the greatest of our Colonial Governors, being Governor and Lieutenant Governor of Connecticut for a period of thirty years, and was the founder of Newark, N. J. He had four sons and three daughters. One son, Capt. Joseph Treat, was born Sept. 17, 1662, in Milford, Conn., and died there Aug. 9, 1721. He was the father of seven sons and five daughters. His son Stephen was born Oct, 10, 1715, in Milford, and died Nov. 13, 1794, in Middletown, Conn.; his family consisted of three sons and six daughters. His son, Stephen Treat, Jr., was born May 26, 1747, in Middletown, and became the father of eight sons and seven daughters. The record of his death is lost. His son, Hosea Treat, was born June 8, 1781, in Middletown, Conn., and died Sept. 17, 1818, in Holland Patent. He was married, April 4, 1802, to Hannah Bonfoey, who after his death became the wife of Obediah Platt. Among the eight children was his son, Butler Treat, Sr., and the father of our subject. He was married to his second wife, Anna Euritt, June 14, 1849, and to the third, Marietta Vedder, March 6, 1861.



OBERT M. BAILEY, a prominent business man and farmer of Adrian Township, was born at Newbury, Vt., on the 12th of De-© cember, 1826. He is the son of T. H. Bailey, whose father was also a native of the same place. The father of our subject was an itinerant preacher and his son gained his education by attending the various country schools in his father's circuits and also a select school in Grahamtown. Robert M. Bailey continued to live at home with his parents until his marriage, which important event in his life occurred March 6, 1850, when he was united to Susan, a daughter of John Pierce, who was a pioneer of Madison Township. Her father came to Michigan at an early day, and engaged in agricultural pursuits, but finally went to Ohio and died at a very advanced age; his people lived in New England.

Some time after his marriage our subject embarked in the grocery and provision trade in the town of Adrian, in which he continued for twelve years, when he sold out his business and settled upon the property which his father had left and which was involved in debt. By careful business management our subject had succeeded in accumulating some capital, which he now used in rescuing the home property, consisting of 130 aeres of fine land, and which he has brought under a good state of cultivation and equipped with excellent farm buildings. The barn was destroyed by fire in 1879, and in the following year Mr. Bailey built the present substantial and commodious structure; the house was built many years ago. Our subject had two children by his first wife: Amelia, who is at home, and Marcus M., who married Miss Dunreath Thompson, and has four children; he also lives on the homestead, and two of his children are attending the district school.

Our subject's first wife having died, he afterward married Jane, daughter of Seldon Strong, of Massachusetts, where he followed his trade of a blacksmith. Mrs. Bailey departed this life at the home place in 1878, and Mr. Bailey was married a third time, to Laura M. Strong, a cousin of his second wife.

Mrs. Bailey is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and Mr. Bailey, politically, is a strong Prohibitionist. Since taking possession of the homestead Mr. Bailey has stocked the farm with an excellent grade of horses and cattle, some of which are among the finest in the township. He is a wideawake, progressive citizen, and has won a large circle of friends by his upright conduct and straightforward business methods



R. GEORGE HOWELL. On his father's side Mr. Howell's ancestors are of Welsh descent. Charles Howell came from Wales and settled in New Jersey about 1735, and his son David was born while on the voyage, two days before they landed in New York.

David was a friend and an acquaintance of George Washington, whom he frequently entertained at his home in New Jersey during the Revolutionary War. David's son Joseph, the grandfather of Dr. Howell, was born at Bound Brook, N. Y., Nov. 8, 1766. He married Catherine Scabring, Dec. 7, 1788, and about the year 1800 he left New Jersey and settled in Seneca County, N. Y., between Lodi and Ovid. At this place Dr. Joseph Howell, the father of the subject of this sketch, was born May 5, 1803.

Lutitia Howell, the mother of the subject of this sketch, was a daughter of Dennis Vanduyn and Anna Covert, and was of Holland descent. She was born in New Jersey Oct. 19, 1803. When six months old, her parents removed from New Jersey to Seneca County, N. Y., where she and Joseph Howell grew up schoolmates and playfellows. They were married Nov. 5, 1826, and in August, 1831, they removed from Seneca County, N. Y., to the Territory of Michigan, and settled in what afterward came to be the township of Macon, Lenawee County.

At Macon, in a little log cabin, George Howell was born Nov. 4, 1836, and grew up amidst the scenes and incidents of pioneer life. Although engaged in all kinds of farm work, yet not being very strong physically, he was permitted to attend the summer terms of the district school until fifteen years of age, and the winter terms until nineteen. While at work on the farm and attending the distriet school he became the possessor of Comstock's Botany, Flint's Surveying, and an old compass and chain. With these he became quite proficient in the Sinnæan System of Botany, and so skilled in the use of the compass as to do surveying for the neighborhood. There ran through the township and across his father's farm a creek called the Macon, and as much of its course lay through woodlands abounding in game, it gave an opportunity for hunting and trapping. With his gun and traps, his compass and chain, and his botany and wild flowers, in the quiet stillness of the woods George Howell found greater enjoyment than in society. When nineteen years of age his father gave him his time and permitted him to work the farm on shares. At the end of two years he entered Hillsdale College

and attended five terms, and then attended one term at the Tecunsch High School. In 1860 he entered the medical department of the University of Michigan, and was graduated in March, 1863. He at once commenced the practice of medicine in his native township, and to it closely applied himself for nineteen years.

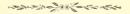
Among Dr. Howell's early schoolnates was Ann Amelia Remington, a quiet, modest, barefoot girl, with hair always neatly combed and tied with a ribbon, her pleasant face shaded by a calico sunbonnet, and her neatly fitting dress covered by an apron with sleeves and with long wide apron strings tied in a double bow knot. She was born Feb. 8, 1844, and was married to Dr. Howell Jan. 7, 1864. There have been born to them three children—Edith, Veva and Gertrude.

Many are the little offices his townsmen have given the Doctor. In 1881 he was elected Supervisor, and re-elected in 1883. Among the measures he introduced and advocated while on the board was one to build the new court-house. In 1882 he and James Cook, of Raisin, were candidates for nomination in the first representative district of Lenawee County to the State Legislature, Mr. Cook was a very competent man, and the contest was an exciting one. Dr. Howell received the nomination, and at the November election ran against James Bradner, Democrat, and W. H. More, Prohibitionist, and was elected by a small majority. In 1884 he was re-elected to the House, running against Horace Holdridge, Democrat, and George Humphrey, Prohibitionist. In 1886, Hon. M. Carpenter not desiring a renomination to the State Senate, the nomination was given to Dr. Howell by acclamation. His opponents were Henry C. Hall, Fusionist, and Cornelius Quick, Prohibitionist; his majority was 466.

One among the measures Dr. Howell introduced while in the Legislature and which became law, was a medical bill, the intent of which was to prevent the further admission of incompetent persons to practice in the State. Its provisions were that only those could practice who had practiced within the State for five years, those who were graduates of some reputable college, and those who were students practicing under a preceptor. But the good

intent of Dr. Howell's bill has been nearly or quite defeated. The courts decided, in the first instance, that a medical society authorized to grant diplomas was a medical college. Then the medical colleges and the practitioners of medicine permitted incompetent persons to register as students practicing under them as preceptor, and these students have gone out and practiced anywhere in the State, thus evading the intent of the law.

In September, 1886, Dr. Howell removed from his native township to Tecumseh, where he now resides and practices his profession.



FORGE R. COCHRANE, ex-County Treasurer and formerly Supervisor of Blissfield Township, is now numbered among the most esteemed citizens of Palmyra, where he owns a handsome home and a good property besides. He first opened his eyes to the light on the other side of the Atlantic in County Cavan, Ireland, Feb. 18, 1841, and as his parents emigrated to the United States five yeurs later he knows no other home than his adopted country.

The father of our subject, David Cochrane, also born in County Cavan, Ireland, was of Scotch ancestry and remained a resident of his native county until 1845. He had been principally engaged since seventeen years of age in the constabulary of Ireland, but his continued labor and self-sacrifice found little to encourage him upon his native soil. He determined to try his fortunes in the New World, and accordingly in the year mentioned embarked on a sailing-vessel with his wife and two children, and after a tedious voyage landed in New York City. Thence he proceeded directly to Brockport, where he worked at shoemaking until 1861, when he removed to Rochester, and continuing at his trade, spent the remainder of his days there, his death occurring in 1869.

The mother of our subject, in her girlhood Miss Lyda Young, was a native of the same county as her husband and son. She died in Brockport in 1857, before the removal of the family to Rochester, leaving two children, Lydia A. and our subject. The sister married William Unger, a chemist

and perfume manufacturer of New York City, George R. received his early education at Brockport, and after the death of his mother made his home with an uncle in Genesee County, and completed his studies at Pembroke Academy. Upon the outbreak of the Rebellion he enlisted in 1863, in Company G, 8th New York Artillery, and was on garrison duty at Baltimore until the spring of 1864. His regiment was then assigned to the Army of the Potomac, and young Cochrane afterward took part in the important battles of the Wilderness, Spottsylvania, Cold Harbor and Petersburg, at which latter place the conflict raged from the 16th to the 22d of June. He was then wounded in the left arm, and soon after its amoutation, during which time he had been in the hospital at Troy, N. Y., he received his honorable discharge in December, 1864.

Mr. Cochrane upon returning to New York State located upon a farm near Batavia, and at the next election was chosen Township Treasurer. He served his term, and the following year sold off his property at Batavia, and repairing to Rochester engaged in the sale of millinery and fancy goods. This business, however, did not quite meet his requirements, and in 1868 he sold out, and coming to this county engaged at farming in Palmyra Township. Three years later he disposed of this property also, and removed upon a farm near Blissfield, where he continued until 1878. Afterward his residence for four years was in the city of Adrian, and he then purchased another farm near Blissfield, the operations of which he superintended and upon which he lived until 1885. From there he removed to his present farm on section 23, Palmyra Township. Although not able to do much manual labor he has possessed in a marked manner the ability to superintend, and his operations have been uniformly successful. He has a neat set of frame buildings and the premises are supplied with all the improved machinery required by the modern agriculturist.

The marriage of our subject with Miss Bessie M. Chittenden was eelebrated at the home of the bride in Bethany, N. Y., Nov. 29, 1865. Mrs. Cochrane was born at Bethany, Genesee County, Aug. 3, 1839, and is the daughter of Jesse B. and Mary (Eastland) Chittenden, natives of Cayuga County,

N. Y., and Mrs. Chittenden is residing in Palmyra but her husband died in 1875. Mr. and Mrs. Cochrane after their marriage commenced life together at Batavia, N. Y., and in due time became the parents of three children: Lilly, who was born in 1869; William, in 1871, and George, in 1877; they all reside at home with their parents. Our subject politically is an active Republican, and he and his estimable lady are members in good standing of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Mr. Cochrane served six consecutive years as Treasurer of Blissfield Township, and then the law was changed so that no County or Township Treasurer should hold office more than two terms. He was then, in 1878, elected County Treasurer, and served the two terms allowed, and upon his return to Blissfield, at the next election he was chosen Supervisor, These procedures on the part of his fellow-townsmen are sufficient evidence of the estimation in which he is held by the people of his community. He is a gentleman of excellent business capacity, self-educated, and a keen observer of what is going on around him in the world. Although quiet and unostentatious in his manner, his influence has been of no small moment in the furtherance of those enterprises calculated for the general welfare of the people and the establishment and maintenance of the institutions calculated to build up this part of the county. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., of the G. A. R., and also a member of the Grange, at Palmyra.

ORENTUS S. CALKINS, one of the pioone neers of the Territory of Michigan, planted
his stakes in Palmyra Township as early as
1841. This fact at once indicates him as a man of
courage and enterprise, and he has been distinguished for these traits of character for a period of
over fifty years. He is quiet and unassuming in
demeanor, but stored up in his active brain is a large
fund of useful information, which, coupled with a
long experience, has assisted to perfect his judgment
and make his life one worthy of imitation. He has
been largely identified with the development of the
resources of Southern Michigan, and is justly deserving of the credit which attaches to his name as

one of its most valued citizens. His early advantages were somewhat limited but he has made the most of his opportunities in life, and has learned from experience that which could scarcely have been taught him in a school whose rules were laid down by others.

Our subject was born in Cayuga County, N. Y., Aug. 23, 1812, and is the son of Jared and Susanna (Austin) Calkins, natives of Rutland, Vt. The early life of Jared Calkins was spent under adverse circumstances, he having been deprived of the affectionate care of his mother when a lad five years of age, and was afterward bound out to learn the trades of a tanner, currier and shoemaker. After becoming master of these he ran away from his stern employer, and going to Sackett's Harbor, on a bay of Lake Outario, in Jefferson County, N., Y., pursued his trade until reaching his majority. Time, which smoothes down all rugged places and influences, had changed his feelings somewhat toward his former employer, and he now returned to his old haunts and resumed his labors with the gentleman from whom he had learned his trade. He continued there and in Caynga County until about 1814, then removed to Wayne County, N. Y., and in the town of Macedon pursued his chosen vocation and formed the acquaintance of the lady who afterward shared his fortunes in life,

Subsequently Mr. Calkins became a resident of Genesee County, N. Y., whence he emigrated in July, 1836, to the Territory of Michigan, resolved on making it his permanent home. He entered a quarter section of land in Rives Township, Jackson County, and then returned to New York State for his family. Circumstances afterward induced him, upon his re-entrance into Michigan, to rent a tract of land in Raisin Township, this county, and he afterward invested his surplus cash in a tract of timber land on section 10, in Palmyra Township. Here he put up a log house into which he removed his family and began to fell the trees around it and propare the soil for cultivation. This continued his home until he retired from active labor and took up his abode with his son, A. B., near Petersburg, where his death took place at the age of eighty-one years. The mother survived her husband six years, and died in Monroe County. The maternal grandfather of our subject, William Austin by name, served with two of his sons in the War of 1812, and spent his last years in Genesee County, N. Y.

Our subject was reared in his native State and was quite young when his father secured fifty acres of timber land in Genesee County, which was a part of the Holland Purchase. Lorentus made himself useful at an early age, being but twelve years old when he commenced felling the trees and otherwise assisting his father in clearing the farm, and he was thus employed until reaching his majority. He started out for himself in life without other capital than his courageous spirit and willing hands, and engaged as a farm laborer at \$12 per month. The following year he received \$1 additional, and was thus occupied in New York State until 1836. In the meantime he had been married and now, in the fall of that year, accompanied by his wife, emigrated to the Territory of Michigan and located in Jackson County, where he worked as a carpenter for five years, in the meantime making it a point to live within his income and save what he could of his slender earnings. His first purchase in this county was seven acres of land on section 10, of Palmyra Township, at \$7,50 per acre. He hired men to clear his land while he continued at his trade, and in due time increased the amount of his realestate by the purchase of fourteen acres more on the same section. He erected a modest frame dwelling which constituted a shelter for his family until the advent of the Michigan Southern Railroad induced him to sell out, and he purchased the land included in his present farm, consisting of eighty acres, only ten of which were cleared. He has now cleared the entire tract and erected a good set of frame buildings. He worked at his trade two years after taking possession of his property, and then gave his attention mostly to his farm until he retired from active life.

The wife of our subject, who became the sharer of his fortunes in April, 1836, was formerly Miss Sophia Hollister, a native of Elba, Genesee Co., N. Y., and the daughter of Amazi and Mollie Hollister, natives respectively of England and Holland. Mrs. Calkins was born in 1816, and after becoming the mother of ten children, died at her home in Palmyra Township, Oct. 13, 1882. Of their chil-

dren the record is as follows: Ann is the wife of George Jones, and a resident of Palmyra, Lenawee County; Eliza married W. D. Archer, and lives on a farm in Palmyra Township; Harrison married Phebe Walters; Harriet, the wife of Clarence E. Judson, and Willard, are also residents of Palmyra Township, while Filura remains at home with her father. Those deceased were named respectively, George L., David, Samuel L. and Nancy J.

Mr. Calkins and his wife were reared in the Society of Friends, with which the wife remained connected until her death, and to which faith our subject still adheres. He cast his first Presidential vote for Martin Van Buren and voted for Lincoln in 1860, and clings stoutly to the principles of the Republican party.

HARLES G. BIRD is one of the oldest citizens of Lenawee County, as he came here in 1831 with his parents when a child, and lived with them in Adrian Township. He is a native of Windsor, Broome Co., N. Y., and the 30th of August, 1820, was the date of his birth. His father, Benjamin Bird, it is thought was also a native of that county and there resided, engaging in his occupation of a farmer until his death, which occurred in the prime of his life in 1825. His father, the grandfather of our subject, was a farmer, and spent his last years in that county. The maiden name of the mother of our subject was Maria Merchant. She married her second husband, William Moore, in 1830.

In October, 1831, the family started for the Territory of Michigan, via the Eric Canal, Lake Eric and Detroit River, to Detroit, where Mr. Moore hired two teams to take the family to Adrian. That city was then in the first stages of its existence, containing only three frame buildings and about a dozen log houses, and the county seat was then at Tecumseh. Mr. Moore had previously visited the county and had purchased a tract of timber land four miles west of the court-house, and one-half mile north of the plank road. There were no buildings on his land, and the family lived in the house of a neighbor until Mr. Moore had cut away the trees,

and built a log house on the cleared space for their shelter, into which they moved in the fall of the year. Mr. Moore cleared and improved a good farm, on which he made his home for half a century, and then sold out in 1881 or 1882, and moved into the city of Adrian, where he is still living at a good old age, being in his ninety-first year. The mother of our subject died March 10, 1874; she was a woman endowed with much vigor of character, and with her husband occupied a conspicuous place among the pioneers of this county.

Our subject was a lad of eleven years when he came with his parents to this county, and received his education in the primitive pioneer school of the time. The first school he attended was three miles west of Adrian, in a log cabin built for that purpose, with a chimney of earth and sticks and a large fireplace to heat the room. Many a time on his way to that humble institution of learning has a deer or some other wild animal crossed his path, His father was an expert hunter, and kept their table supplied with venison, wild turkey and other game, which the mother cooked before the oldfashioned fireplace. His father raised flax and wool, from which his thrifty mother spun and wove the cloth out of which she fashioned his garments. Our subject assisted in the management of the home farm until he was twenty-four years old, when he went to Binghamton, N. Y., and learned the trade of a house painter, living there a year and a half, He then returned to Michigan and worked at his trade in Adrian until 1846, at which time he came to Hudson, and has here pursued his calling very successfully ever since. In 1848 he bought a house lot, pleasantly located on the corner of Church and Pleasant streets, and has since built his present neat and comfortable residence.

December 30, 1847, Mr. Bird married Miss Mary A. Hood, who was born in Waterford, Eric Co. Pa., May 28, 1825, and was the daughter of John Hood, who was born in 1789, in Seneca County, N. Y. His father, John Hood, Sr., was a native of one of the Eastern States, who became a pioneer of Seneca County, where he bought a tract of land and cleared a farm. He was, however, unfortunate and lost his farm, after which he made his home with his children. Mrs. Hood's father was reared in his

native county, and when twenty-two years of age he went to Eric County, Pa., and there married Olive Hall, who was the daughter of Harvey and Sarah (Hull) Hall, and was born in Connecticut, Dec. 29, 1803. Mr. Hood bought a farm and followed the occupation of a farmer in Eric County until 1833, when he sold out and came with his family to the Territory of Michigan, where he bought a tract of wild land in what is now Rome Township, containing a log barn and also a house, in which the family lived for a year. Mr. Hood then removed with his wife and children to Adrian Township, and bought a partially improved farm, on which they lived for a number of years, until his removal to Hudson, where his death occurred in 1878, in the month of April. His widow now resides with her daughter, Mrs. Bird.

Mr. and Mrs. Bird have three children—Martin A., Charles II. and John II.—and are held in high estimation by all who know them as genial, whole-souled people, whose daily lives are guided by the highest principles of rectitude. Mr. Bird takes an intelligent and active interest in public affiars. In early life he was a Democrat, and later became a member of the Free-Soil party, but on the formation of the Republican party he joined its ranks, and has since been a faithful follower, sustaining its measures at the polls whenever opportunity offers. In religious views Mr. Bird is extremely liberal, holding to good deeds rather than meaningless creeds for his salvation.

MITH BRIGGS. This gentleman, widely and favorably known throughout Lenawee County, is one of the earliest pioneers of Michigan, coming here with his parents in 1833, when a lad eight years of age. He was born in Sempronius, now Moravia, Cayuga Co., N. Y., Dec. 22, 1825. The family settled in Hillsdale County, where the father, John Briggs, took up a tract of Government land and resided a few years, then sold out, and taking up his residence in Woodstock, this county, here passed the remainder of his days.

John Briggs was a native of the Empire State,

and was born near the town of Easton, Washington County, in 1782. In early life he learned the hatter's trade, which he followed until after his marriage, and then engaged in the more congenial pursuits of farm life. He was wedded in Stillwater, N. Y., to Miss Triphena St John, and they became the parents of eight children, five sons and three daughters. Mrs. Triphena Briggs was born in Stillwater, and died in Woodstock Township, this county.

Our subject left the parental roof when eleven years of age, and going to Tecumseh engaged with Gen. J. W. Brown, as a stage-driver. His first route was between Tecumseh and Adrian, the stage being a two-horse conveyance, of which the boy had sole charge, and delivered the mail safely for about six months. He was then promoted to fourhorse coachman, his route now lying along the road from Tecumseh to Springville, and he was thus occupied about four years. Mr. Briggs being in favor with Gen. Brown. during the Toledo War accompanied him through the entire campaign, being furnished with a good horse, and otherwise well provided for. In the spring of 1839 he abandoned stage driving and going to Auburn, N. Y., learned the iron molder's trade and how to forge scythes and hoes, which he followed for about three years. After being in charge of an iron foundry at Seneca for a year, he subsequently, in company with a partner, purchased a plant and engaged largely in the manufacture of pumps. From there, in 1845, he removed to Burlington, Vt., and the following spring became connected with the Champlain Transportation Company, then operating a line of steamers from Whitehall to St. John's, Canada, His next location was at Albany, N. Y., where he was made general agent for the Hudson River Railroad Company, and in 1866 became connected with the Swift-Sure line of steamboats and barges between Albany and New York City. This was one of the most important transportation lines on the river, and had at its head Erastus Corning, Samuel Schuyler and Smith Briggs.

Mr. Briggs remained with this company until 1873, and was identified with the Albany Car Wheel Company until 1877, when he came to Michigan and located in Jackson. In the meantime, while connected with the Transportation Company, he had been largely interested in the building of several fine vessels which plied upon the Great Lakes.

Mr. Briggs was one of the original stockholders of the Watervliet Turnpike and Railroad Company, operating between Albany and Troy, and was for several years its President, resigning in 1877, to come to the West. He still owns his original stock in the road besides valuable property in Albany, His transactions in this county have mostly embraced agricultural pursuits, especially stock-farming, in which he has gained an enviable reputation. He has 360 acres of valuable land, on which he makes a specialty of raising thoroughbred Hambletonian horses for breeding purposes, and exhibits some of the finest animals in Southern Michigan. His fame in this line has spread throughout the Northwest, and his operations extend through both the Eastern and Western States. He also raises excellent grades of Short-horn cattle and sheep, and for the care and comfort of these has all the buildings and conveniences necessary.

The fact that Mr. Briggs has attained to his present position by his own unaided efforts tends to make his career more than ordinarily interesting. His carly education was extremely limited, being confined to a few days' schooling, but his intelligence and forethought enabled him to make the most of his opportunites, and there are few men better read or better informed. In all the essentials of the self-made man he has proved himself equal to the best. He takes no part in politics, and has been no office-seeker, simply consenting to serve as School Director in his district. He has his own views, however, upon political matters, and is an earnest supporter of the Republican party.

Mr. Briggs was united in marriage with the lady of his early choice, Miss Laura Jones, in April, 1842, the wedding taking place at the home of the bride at Seneca Falls, N. Y. Mrs. Briggs was born in Onondaga, that State, May 8, 1829, and was the daughter of Thomas and Lucy (Gunn) Jones. Thomas Jones, a native of the Empire State, was born Nov. 15, 1776, and was a well-educated man, following the profession of a teacher the greater part of his life, and dying on the 17th of March.

1860. His wife, Lucy, was a native of the same State as her husband, and was born Dec. 25, 1776, the same year of his birth. She survived her husband some years, and died at the home of our subject in Albany, in March, 1864. They were the parents of ten children, of whom four are still living. Thomas Jones was of English descent, the family being first represented in this country at an early period in its history. They settled in New England and from there probably scattered south and west. They were characterized for their piety, and many of them were active and prominent in church work

To Smith and Laura Briggs there were born four children, of whom but three are living: Laura Josephine was born in New York, Oct. 21, 1844, and is now the wife of Charles A. Hoyt, of Butte City, Mont,, where he is engaged as a mining engineer; they have two boys. Francis E. was born in Burlington, Vt., March 14, 1847, and makes his home with his father; Mary W. was born in Albany, N. Y., Aug. 12, 1859, and died April 12 following: Grace E was born in Albany, Jan. 11, 1866, and is at home. The children all enjoy the advantages of a first-class education, and Miss Grace is a musician of rare merit, being an expert as a performer on the violin, while there are few instruments which she does not handle readily. Mrs. Laura Briggs, the mother of these children, departed this life in Jackson, this State, Aug. 14, 1880.

The paternal grandparents of our subject, Thomas and Mary Briggs, were both born in April. 1706. They belonged to the Society of Friends and inherited the reliable and substantial traits of an excellent ancestry; they passed away at a ripe old age.

ILLIAM II. BROOKS, an intelligent farmer of Woodstock Township, is a native of New York, having been born in Delaware County, April 14, 1832, and is the son of Merchant and Mary (Every) Brooks, a sketch of whom is given elsewhere in this volume. William Brook-remained at home with his parents attending the district school, and assisting in the necessary farm labor until his marriage. On the 4th day of

July, 1856, he led to the altar Miss Deborah Dean, who was born in Delaware County, N. Y., June 26, 1837.

Mrs. Brooks is the daughter of Harvey and Polly (Every) Dean, the former a native of the Empire State, where he was born in Delaware County, in 1804. In 1848 he came to Lenawee County, Mich., locating in Woodstock Township, where he purchased eighty acres of school land, which he cleared and brought to a fine state of tillage. There he made his residence until 1869, when he was compelled by ill-health to dispose of his property, and found a purchaser in his son-in-law, Mr. Brooks, Mr. Dean then removed to the village and took up his abode. He was a man of more than average ability, and of considerable literary attainments, a great reader, a shrewd analyzer and a deep thinker. He was an encyclopedia of all useful knowledge to the people among whom he lived; the history of the country he knew by heart, and his memory for dates and events was prodigious. Kind and gentle in his manner, and smooth in speech, he was greatly beloved by all his neighbors. In politics he affiliated with the Republican party, but it is said of him that his opponents were often his warmest friends. Being the son of a Revolutionary sire, his patriotism was part of his nature. His demise occurred in Woodstock Township in 1878, when he had reached the ripe age of seventy-four years. His loss to the community was deeply felt, and the bereaved family had the hearty sympathy of the entire neighborhood. His wife, who was a native of Putnam County, N. Y., was born in 1808, and was the mother of five children, all of whom are living and residents of the great State of Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. William Brooks are the parents of four children, as follows: Merchant D. was born March 27, 1856, and was united in marriage with Miss Emma Nicholson, by whom he has two children; he is a farmer in this State. Stella I. was born Oct. 4, 1858, and is now the wife of Percy Kelley, a farmer in Woodstock Township, and the parent of one child; Hopkins was born June 2, 1863, married Clara Kelley, and is farming in this township. Shirley was born July 29, 1872, and died Dec. 11, 1879, at the age of seven years and four months. The last-named little girl was re-

markable for her musical talent, which even at so young an age had commenced to develop, and her friends are persuaded from her having picked up without any assistance the rudiments of the art, that she would have made a record of considerable note had she been spared.

Mr. Brooks has always closely applied himself to the cultivation of his farm, having no time to spare, nor inclination for the responsibilities of political office. He is a Democrat of the Jackson school, and is always prepared to fulfill his duties as a patriotic citizen. His wife, a most estimable woman, inherits the taste and ability of her father, and occupies a very prominent position in the social eircles of the township of Woodstock. She was appointed Postmistress under the present administration Jan. 1, 1887, and has continued to fulfill the duties of that office to the eminent satisfaction of all concerned. She is a member of the Baptist Church, a warm-hearted and consistent Christian woman, and an active worker in church and Sundayschool work, and has been so for a number of years.



SAAC B. KELLOGG was born in Lucas County, Ohio, July 26, 1847, and inherited from a A sturdy New England ancestry that independent and self-reliable character to which his success is mainly attributable. His ancestors had their home in the beautiful valley of the Housatonic River, in the State of Connecticut, not far from the Massachusetts line. His grandfather, Joseph Kellogg, was a farmer, who married Martha Bebee, and they passed their entire lives in Canaan, Litchfield County, where, on the old Kellogg homestead, their son Harvey, the father of Isaac B., was born. In that New England home, as he grew to a vigorous manhood, he was trained to all the labors of a farmer, and in the year 1836 he married Miss Betsey Kellog, also a native of Canaan.

After their marriage Harvey and Betsey Kellogg tarried awhile longer in the town of their birth, but in the year 1838 they set forth to make for themselves a new home in what was to them the "great West." They settled in Adams Township, Lucas Co., Ohio, where Mr. Kellogg bought a

tract of timber land, and first built a log house for their home, which subsequently gave place to a more commodious frame house. He now has a fine farm of 160 acres, well improved, containing a substantial brick house, a frame barn, and other buildings. He and his good wife still reside on this farm, which their toil has reclaimed from the wilderness, and now, as the shadows of life are lengthening, they can spend their declining years in comfort and plenty. Five children were born to them, of whom but two are living: Joseph G., the eldest, who resides on the homestead, and Isaac B., the subject of our sketch; the other children died young.

Our subject passed the years of his boyhood in the home of his birth, assisting in the labors of the farm. His parents, true to their New England origin and principles, gave their sons the benefits of a good education, and our subject, after he had gained the rudiments of an education at the district school, learning all that could be taught there, was sent, when he was eighteen years old, to the Central Ohio Conference Seminary. When his edueation was completed by a course of study at that excellent institution, he returned home, and actively engaged in farm labor for his father until his marriage, which took place on the 28th of February, 1872, to Miss Adelma Hill. Adelma Hill, a native of Adams Township, obtained a thorough education at the Central Ohio Conference Seminary, and for a number of years was a successful teacher in the district schools of Lucas County. Mrs. Kellogg personally superintends the education of her children, depending but little on the ever-changing teachers of our district schools of to-day, and her greatest regret of the past is that she didn't spend more time and money on her own education, thus better fitting herself as a mother and teacher of her children. Grandfather Hill, a native of England, was one of the pioneers of Wood County, Ohio, and there died. Iu 1846 Mrs. K.'s father, James Willison Hill, married Martha Lewis, a native of New York, and daughter of Ephraim Lewis. Soon after their marriage they removed to Lucas County, and settled in the woods, in what is now Adams Township, where Adelma Hill was born, and lived till her marriage with I. B. Kellogg. Her father, James Willison Hill, died July 14, 1858. Her mother is still living on the homestead.

After his marriage Isaae B, and his brother rented their father's farm on shares until the year 1875, when our subject came to this State and settled in Riga Township, on the farm he still ocenpies, his father having bought the land several years previously. There were four acres of the land cleared, but there were no buildings on it. and he at once set about erecting the needed shelter, and actively engaged in clearing and tilling his soil. He now has forty acres of his land cleared and well tilled, and has a comfortable dwelling, a good barn and other necessary frame buildings. Mr. Kellogg pays much attention to the cultivation of grain, to which his soil is well adapted, while he is also much interested in the rearing of stock, and has had much success in that line,

The wedded life of Mr. and Mrs. Kellogg has been blessed by the birth of six children—Engene, Howard D., Bessie, Waldo B., Charles and Hazel Dell. With the joys of parentage, they have suffered its sorrows in the death of their first-born, Eugene, at the age of four months; and Charles, their fifth child, at the age of one year.

Mr. and Mrs. Kellogg are highly respected in this community as people whose daily lives are guided by high moral principles, and are esteemed members of the Methodist Protestant Church. Mr. Kellogg, believing in the divine right of everyone to his own opinions, is an Independent in politics, and works for the good of his country, rather than for the interests of party. He is much interested in whatever promotes the welfare of the town, and is doing efficient service during his second term as Drain Commissioner.

OBERT L. ROGERS. One of the most active and successful general farmers of Cambridge Township is the gentleman whose Gname heads this article. On section 24 he has a fine farm of 280 acres, all in one tract, and well under cultivation, and he has erected thereon

a fine residence and neat farm buildings. Mr. Rogers is a native of the township of Pultney, Steuben Co., N. Y., and was born Feb. 3, 1831. He is the son of Ira Rogers, a native of Onondaga County, N. Y., who was a blacksmith by trade, following that calling for about fifteen years of his life. In early life he was united in marriage with Nancy Tomer, a native of the same State, and of German ancestry. Ira Rogers' parents were of New England birth, his father, Clark Rogers, having been born in that division of the United States, as was also Rebecca (Babcock) Rogers, his wife, who came of English parentage; both of these died in New York.

After Ira Rogers had grown to manhood he pursued his trade in Steuben County for a short time, when he came to Michigan with his wife and four children-Rebecca, Robert L., Adelsa and William C. They came across the lake to Toledo, and thence by team across the country to Cambridge Township, where he located on a farm on section 35, in May, 1837. Here he made his home, improving the land which was in a comparatively wild state when it came into his hands, until he brought it to a high state of cultivation. In 1869 he removed to Rome Township, where he purchased 110 acres of land, upon which he resided until called from this world by death, Oct. 23, 1886. He was one of those men, so rarely found, who were reared under the beneficent influence of schools and religious institutions, and were equipped to go forth and open up new empires without loss of self-respect. He enjoyed the esteem of all who knew him, and was accounted one of the best citizens of the county, while his honesty and reliability were almost proverbial. In politics he was a Republican, and held nearly all the offices of the township, from that of Supervisor down. His wife died in 1847, at the age of thirty-nine years, leaving four children in addition to those named, viz.: John A., who was Captain of Company K, 12th Tennessee Infantry, during the late war, and was killed by the guerrillas, June 14, 1864; and Wesley, Emily and Joel After his wife's death Mr. Rogers married her sister, Mrs. Clarissa Ross, who had a family of eight children by a former marriage, but who died some time subsequently. For a third time Mr. Rogers entered the married state, this time with Delilah (Gullick) Hathaway, who still survives.

Robert L. Rogers was reared at home, receiving his education in the public schools which at that time were sparsely planted in this country. Approaching the age of manhood he took up the trade of a blacksmith, which he followed for some fifteen years, two of which, 1856 and 1857, were spent in Marshall County, Iowa. While engaged in that trade in this country, he established his business in Springville, but in 1867 he took up the business of farming, which he has since followed. Following the footsteps of his noble father, he is continuing to add to the improvement of his place, and has it now in fine condition and well stocked with numerous high-grade animals.

Robert L. Rogers and Miss Susan Rogers were married, Sept. 28, 1853, in Eric County, Pa. She was the daughter of Jacob and Susanna (Brown) Rogers, natives of New York and Massachusetts respectively, who had been married while residents of the Empire State, but shortly after removed to Eric County, Pa., and located on Government land, in 1832, in Elk Creek Township. There they died, the father March 19, 1865, at the age of sixty-mine years, and the mother, Feb. 19, 1876, at the age of eighty-three.

Mrs. Robert Rogers was the youngest of five children, the other four of whom are recorded as follows: Nathan C. married Sylvia Davis, and now resides in Albion, Erie Co., Pa.: Lucy died in infancy; Ira is also deceased, while Reuben married Polly Spaulding, and is now a resident of Venango County, Pa. Mrs. Rogers was born in Erie County. Pa., Sept. 1, 1833, and was reared at home, receiving her education in the district schools of her native State. She is the mother of five children, as follows: Mary F. is the wife of Joseph II. Smith, the popular cashier of O. P. Bills' Bank, at Tecumseh, and has two children-William Laverne and Lena F .: J. Ira married Miss Carrie E. Lee, and is now operating part of the homestead, and is the father of two children (twins), Lelia Fay and Leda May: Burt E. married Cora Van Sickles, and is a resident of one of his father's farms in this township; Winnie I, is the wife of Herbert S. Werring, a resident of Tecumseh, while Cecil E, is at home.

In politics Mr. Rogers owes fealty to the Demoeratic party, and is quite an influential factor in local circles. He has held almost all the offices in the township, and enjoys the esteem of all his neighbors. He is favored with a good physical constitution, and combines strictness of moral principles with energy and decision of character. Orthodox in religious views, benevolent and kind, a good neighbor, a kind father and husband, he is entitled to, and possesses the confidence of his neighbors and a large circle of friends.



ILLIAM M. CORBET, one of the most popular men of Blissfield Township, as has been evidenced upon several occasions, particularly in his election to the office of Supervisor by the people, notwithstanding the fact that the party to which he belonged was in the minority in the township by at least 100 votes, was born in Villanova, Chautauqua Co., N. Y., on the 22d of May, 1826. His father, Zibra Corbet, was born in New York, in 1785, where he was brought up a farmer, and lived in Chautauqua County until 1830, when he emigrated to Michigan, and arrived at Detroit on the 4th of July, on a schooner after a week's sail from Buffalo. At Detroit he secured ox-teams and removed his family to Adrian, arriving there about the middle of the month. He at once located eighty acres of land near the village of Adrian, and did some work on it, during which time another settler had gone to Monroe and entered the same land, and Mr. Corbet was obliged to vacate, but he afterward took up eighty acres on section 26 in Palmyra Township, where he lived most of the time until his death, April 28, 1859. He was a soldier in the War of 1812, was promoted to the rank of Captain, and participated in the battle of Sackett's Harbor, which was under the command of Gen, Jacob Brown, About 1810 he married Miss Emma Noble, and they had eleven children, of whom William was the fourth son and tenth child. Mrs. Emma Corbet died in Palmyra, on the 16th of April, 1840.

William M. Corbet lived at home until the death of his mother, when he went to Monroe, and lived

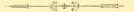
with W. G. Powers for several years, spending a part of three or four years in school during this time. On the 9th of January, 1843, when he was seventeen years old, he commenced as a locomotive fireman on the Michigan Southern Railroad, on a locomotive called the "Hillsdale," of which Edwin Reese was engineer. He acted as fireman about two years, when Thomas G. Cole, then Superintendent, promoted him, and he at once became a full-fledged engineer of the old locomotive "Ypsilanti," the first that ever ran on the Michigan Southern Road; it had previously been used on the Michigan Central, but was shipped to Detroit from Monroe by vessel. He ran on the Michigan Southern for about six years, then went into the employ of the Michigan Central, and remained nearly a year, after which he returned to the Michigan Southern, and ran a locomotive until 1853, since which time he has run but little. During the ten years of his services as fireman and engineer he was in several accidents, including two collisions, The most important event, and the one most vivid in his mind, was a collision near Lenawee Junction, in 1851. He was bringing a freight train from Monroe to Adrian, and Leonard Neufer was taking a similar train from Adrian to Monroe, both trains being "under orders," and having the "right of way" until they met at the curve just west of the junction. No lives were lost, but both locomotives and a large number of ears were destroyed. After the collision it was noticed that the telegraph wire was under the boiler of one of the locomotives, showing that the great crash had sent it into the air at least fifteen feet. Some idea of the wonderful force of a train of cars under full motion may be obtained from the fact that from the point where the engines went together to the point where they landed after going into the air was seventy-five feet parallel with the track to the east, while at the point where the collision occurred the track and road bed were depressed at least one foot. In 1853 Mr. Corbet went to Toledo, and there clerked for W. G. Powers until 1854, when he purchased the Pratt farm near the village of Blissfield, which he sold to W. G. Powers in 1860, and purchased the Fitch Dewey farm about two miles northeast of Blissfield, where they now reside.

Mr. Corbet is a Democrat in politics, and was first elected to the office of Supervisor in 1883. During that year he served as a member of the committee which superintended the building of the court-house, and was again elected in 1885, and has been re-elected every year since. At one time he was the candidate of his party for a seat in the Legislature, but party lines were so closely drawn that he was defeated by a small majority. In the Board of Supervisors he has served upon several small committees, the most important of which was upon equalization. At one time he was the candidate of his party for Chairman of the Board of Supervisors.

On the 25th of June, 1860, Mr. Corbet was married to Miss Susan C., daughter of Obediah and Clotilda Spalding, of Monroe, Mich. The father was a native of Pennsylvania, where he was born in Sheshequin, on the 11th of August, 1790, and was reared on a farm until old enough to learn the trade of a blacksmith, at which he worked until he came to Michigan in 1833, and settled at Monroe. Here he engaged in the hardware business until his death, which occurred on the 3d of December. 1847. Mrs. Corbet's mother, Clotilda Hoyt, was born in Sheshequin, Pa., on the 1st of July, 1795, and died on the 3d of September, 1834. There were nine children born to them, eight of whom grew to maturity; Jane Kendall died in Monroe, Lamira Rodney in Buffalo, N. Y., and Ellen Kelly, at Monroe, Eliza died at the age of eighteen: Julius lives in Dundee; Ulysses died in Monroe; David P. lives in Tecumseh; Obediah G. died in California, and Clotilda is the wife of Mr. Corbet. Mr. Corbet's brothers and sisters were as follows: Clark E. died at Palmyra, Clarissa A. Chapin at Osseo, Hillsdale County, Celestia A. Robinson and Emery P. at Palmyra, Maria Hubbard in Ogden, Mary E. Powers in Cleveland, Wayne A, at Bay City, Mich .: Martha E. Brigham lives in Chicago.

To Mr. and Mrs. Corbet have been born ten children, recorded as follows: Rollin S. was born April 28, 1851, and died Sept. 30, 1862; William P. was born March 27, 1853, and lives in Riga, Mieh.; Mary E. was born Nov. 4, 1854, and died Sept. 17, 1862: Lizzie M. was born April 23, 1856, and is the wife of Hudson Orr; Frank B. was born April

1, 1858, and lives in Toledo; Addie L. was born May 17, 1862, and died March 24, 1864; Burton O. was born Feb. 25, 1866; Mattie B., Ang. 4, 1867; Susan M., Jan. 26, 1871; and Anna C., April 3, 1872. The first two were born in Monroe, and the others in Blissfield Township. Mrs. Susan C. Corbet, the wife of the subject of this sketch, was born at Athens, Bradford Co., Pa., March 13, 1831, and was brought to Michigan by her parents in 1883, settling in Monroe City.



OHN PETER HECKERT was born four miles southeast of the present village of Aurora, Preston Co., W. Va., Feb. 20, 1828. He came to Ogden Township, this county, in 1865, and since that time has been a continuous resident here and closely identified with the interests of the community around him. His family is of German ancestry, his grandfather being Peter Heckert, who was one of the pioneers of Preston County, W. Va. He took up a tract of land about three miles southeast of the present site of Anrora, where he built up a comfortable homestead, and spent the remainder of his days engaged in agricultural pursuits.

Solomon Heckert, the father of our subject, was born in Preston County, W. Va., where he was reared to farming pursuits, and at the time of his marriage purchased 100 acres of land about a mile from the old homestead. He continued to live upon this until about 1869, then sold out, and comping to this county, purchased land in Ogden Township, on section 4, the cultivation and improvement of which he carried on until resting from his earthly labors. He had married in the Old Dominion, Miss Maria Nines, a native of his own county, and the daughter of Christian Nines, a pioneer of that region. The mother of our subject came to this county with her husband and also died on the old homestead in Ogden Township.

The subject of this biography availed bimself of the limited opportunities afforded for an education, but in his youth the free schools of Virginia had not yet been established. His first studies were carried on as were those of the children of that day, on the subscription plan. Being fond of his books, however, he obtained a useful fund of information by a continued course of reading, obtaining all the literature he possibly could, choosing this rather than the amusements common to most young people.

Our subject continued under the parental roof until reaching manhood, when his father presented him with a tract of land four miles south of the old homestead, where he settled upon his marriage, and commenced housekeeping in a dwelling of hewn logs. He cleared forty acres and lived there until 1865, then sold out, and coming to this county purchased the land which he now occupies. From this five acres of the trees had been chopped, but the stumps were still remaining. Mr. Heckert put up a log house and now has forty acres cleared and the first dwelling replaced by a good brick residence and other buildings to correspond.

The wife of our subject, to whom he was married Dec. 30, 1856, was formerly Miss Martha Ellen Porter, who was born near Frostburg in Maryland, Aug. 7, 1837, and died July 29, 1879. They were the parents of seven children: Mary E., Albert W., Hannah V., John S., William F., Edward W., and one who died in infancy.



ON, JOHN M. OSBORN was born in Perrinton, Monroe Co., N. Y., March 9, 1819, and is the seion of an excellent old family which came to this country from England during the Colonial days. His paternal great-grandfather was loyal to the Crown during the Revolutionary War and afterward returned to England, Tradition reports that his estate was confiscated as the result of Colonial success and the absence of claimants. The paternal grandfather of our subject was, it is supposed, a native of Connecticut, where he was married and where his son John, the father of our subject, was born. The latter was quite young at the time of his father's decease, and soon afterward became a member of the family of one Mr. Kellogg, of Eastern New York, with whom he lived until able to support himself.

John Osborn, the father, learned the trade of



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eabinet-maker and subsequently that of carpenter and joiner. Upon the outbreak of the War of 1812, he enlisted, and was among those who crossed the river at the storming of Queenston Heights. After a severe engagement, for want of support and being confronted by British reinforcements, the Federals were ordered by the officer in command to lay down their arms, which they did by throwing them with their utmost strength into the Niagara River. John Osborn was soon afterward paroled, but did service quietly in aiding the transportation of supplies for soldiers on duty during the war. After peace was declared he settled in Perrinton, N. Y., among its earliest pioneers.

The father of our subject now resumed his trade as carpenter and joiner, and at one time took a contract for excavation on the Eric Canal, then in process of construction. In 1838 he visited Michigan Territory, and purchased a tract of land on section 17 in Pittsford Township, this county. He then returned to New York State, where he remained a resident until 1840, then made his way westward again and worked at his trade in the village of Lanesville, as the present Hudson was then called, In the fall of that year he went back East, and on the 20th of October started with his family for their new home in Michigan. They proceeded via the Eric Canal to Buffalo, and thence by lake to Toledo, where they took cars for Adrian on the Erie & Kalamazoo Railroad. The remainder of their journey was made by team.

Mr. John Osborn located in the village of Hudson and followed his trade until 1847, when an exchange was made of a residence which John M, had obtained in Hudson, for eighty acres of the land in Pittsford, the place which his son, our subject, now occupies. He followed his trade but little after this removal, but gave most of his attention to the improvement of the home, which by the joint efforts of father and son, was transformed into a most desirable piece of property, both attractive and valuable. Here the father resided until his death, which occurred April 28, 1867. His wife, formerly Mrs. Mercy Ann Eaton, was a native of Duanesburg, N. Y., and there were born to them three children: Eliza Ann, who lived to be only about six years of age; John M., the subject of this sketch, and Delora O., who is now Mrs. William Baker. As the birthdays of the two latter occur on the same day of the same month, namely, March 9, they since 1821 have always visited together on its recurrence and usually with some extra "lay out" befitting the occasion.

Our subject acquired his education in the common schools and mainly prior to fourteen years of age, after which time he commenced to earn his own living, working on a farm at \$6 per month, with the exception of the winter season, during which he continued his studies at school. That early experience which taught him self-reliance, proved of inestimable value in after years. As time progressed and his usefulness increased, his wages as a farm hand were raised, and when sixteen years old he commanded \$13 per month. All this time he had not suffered his mind to rust, but had availed himself of every opportunity to peruse instructive books, acquire a knowledge of business principles, and keep himself posted upon current events. When nineteen years old he commenced teaching school near Fairport, N. Y., and two years later found him a resident of the new State of Michigan and a teacher in the young town of Hudson. He first presided over one of the pioneer schools which was located on the east side of the river. The session was commenced in the rear part of a building, the front of which was utilized as a grocery. In the meantime a school-house was in process of construction and the term was finished in the new building.

Young Osborn followed teaching in the winter seasons several terms in that locality, and during the summer seasons worked first on the Michigan Southern Railroad, then operated by the State, and in process of construction from Monroe, Mich., westerly across the State. As the result of his reading and study, he proved an efficient assistant to the civil engineer who was establishing and perfecting the grade, estimating quantity and value of exeavation of embankment, also for material furnished, or for special labor done. Mr. O. subsequently aided as laborer in construction, and afterward in keeping the road in repair in the locality. When not thus employed he confined himself to general farm work until 1846. During that year, in company

with William Baker, he engaged in mercantile business, the firm name being J. M. Osborn & Co. Their stock consisted of almost everything required in the household and about the farm, which they parted from in exchange for all kinds of farm produce, termed "dicker," which had a broad meaning in those early days of pioneer life.

Mr. Osborn continued merchandising with some change of partners until 1851, and for seven years was engaged in buying and shipping black walnut lumber eastward. In 1858 he opened up as a drygoods dealer in company with Mr. S. A. Eaton, under the firm name of Osborn & Eaton, and they conducted business successfully until 1863; they then sold out, dissolving the copartnership. Subsequently Mr. Osborn engaged in a like enterprise three years, during which time occurred the death of the mother, wife and father. All this tended to lessen temporarily his life of activity.

Finally, being strongly importuned, Mr. Osborn lent his aid in organizing a private bank, under the firm name of Osborn, Perkins & Co., and which for several years was conducted under the personal supervision of the senior partner, and continued until his retirement from the firm. The institution is now perpetuated by Thompson Bros. About 1883 Mr. Osborn was a member of the company which purchased the Hudson Woodenware Manufactory, which up to this time had never been a success. He was chosen to conduct the business, and under his judicious management the enterprise became a paying institution. His business capabilities and his growing experience were now contributing to make of him one of the leading men in mercantile circles, and his cool and temperate judgment in all his dealings seldom led him to do anything in haste or that which was unadvisable.

Mr. Osborn was a Democrat, politically, in his early manhood, and until the Free-Soil movement, but as he was conscientiously opposed to slavery, he identified himself with the Republican party at its organization. He has always taken a lively interest in National affairs, and in his township has been honored with the various offices within the gift of his fellow-citizens. He was Clerk of Hudson Township in early years, and represented Pittsford Township in the County Board of Supervisors three terms,

In 1869 he was elected a member of the Michigan Legislature, and succeeded himself in 1871. In 1875 he was selected to represent his county as State Senator, and thus has come honestly by his title of Honorable. Among the social orders he is an affiliant with the Masons, and has knowledge of the Blue Lodge, Chapter and Commandery degrees; also of thirty-two degrees of Scottish Rite Masonry, and ninety-six degrees of Rite of Memphis. He claims to general Christian theology, and favors the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Mr. Osborn has been twice married, being first wedded in 1851, to Miss Elizabeth Daniels, a native of Wayne County, this State. This lady remained his companion fifteen years, her death taking place in 1866. Our subject was subsequently married, April 5, 1870, to Mrs. Harriet A. W. Robinson, of Jacksonville, Tompkins Co., N. Y., and who was born May 28, 1832. Her father, Rev. William White, was of Quaker parentage, and born in Rensselaerville, Albany County. He, however, became connected with the Baptist Church when quite young, and was a lad fond of reading and study. He commenced teaching at an early age, and thus earned money which enabled him to secure a college education. His ministerial duties began in the Baptist Church at Trumansburg, N. Y., and he afterward preached at Ithaca. He left the Empire State for Ohio in the year 1842, and preached in the cities of Monroeville, Chardon, Clarksfield and Fairfield. In 1852, deciding upon another change of location, and also of occupation, he came to this county and purchased a farm in Wright Township, which he occupied a few years, then sold out and purchased in Linden Township, Genesee County, where he spent the rest of his days. He had married, in early manhood, Miss Prudent Wickes, who was born at the head of Cayuga Lake, N. Y. Her father, Israel P. Wickes, was a carpenter by trade, and owned a fine farm, which through his manipulation became one of the most beautiful homesteads of that section. His wife, the mother of Mrs. O., is still living, being now in her eightieth year, and makes her home with a son and daughter in the village of Linden, Genesee County, this State.

Mr. Osborn was one of the inaugurators and stock-

holders of the Cincinnati, Jackson & Mackinaw Railroad which runs through Hudson, and which was constructed in 1887. He worked carnestly and successfully in behalf of this road, giving to it the same zeal and conscientious support which has marked his career as a helper in the various other enterprises which have tended to the welfare of the people at large. After this half century or more of an active and busy life, it is pleasant to note that in all the vicissitudes of business Mr. Osborn has invariably paid full value for every obligation incurred. He is now in the seventieth year of his age, and has lost little by the accumulation of years, being still active and vigorous, and possessing in a marked degree the energies and capabilities of his younger years. His pictured features in the fine lithographic portrait accompanying this sketch will be looked upon with interest by the people to whom his name has been familiar for such a length of time, and to whom his business talents have proved of such effective service.

EORGE ROHRBACK. Many of the honored cred citizens of Lenawee County are among the so-called self-made men, prominent in all the walks of life throughout the United States, and in these brief records of their lives, wherein we read of their early struggles with poverty and other ills of life before they attained independence, we may learn many a lesson of courage, endurance and perseverance. The man whose name stands at the head of this sketch may be classed among the self-made men of this county, as when he landed on American soil he was without money and without a home, or any immediate prospect of obtaining either. He is to-day a prosperous farmer and honored citizen, residing in Ogden Township.

Mr. Rohrback was born in Germany, Oct. 25, 1823, and is the son of Henry and Martha Rohrback, who spent their entire lives in that country. George attended school quite steadily until he was fourteen years old, acquiring an excellent education, and at that youthful age he began life in earnest, working to support himself and also assisting in the support of the rest of the family. The first two years he received for his work \$10 a year, two pounds of wool, and cloth to make a pair of pantaloons. He afterward received \$26 a year for his services. In 1853 he started out to try his fortune in America. Here he hoped to be better paid for his labor, and finally be enabled to purchase land, After a tedious voyage of ten long weeks he landed in Texas. The expenses incidental to the voyage had used up all his little stock of money, but with good courage and a willingness to work at what his hands found to do he faced the difficulties of his new life in a strange country. He married Elizabeth Kline, a native of his own country, and they engaged in work on a farm, where they received \$10 a month for their united labors; after the first six months their wages were increased to \$12.

In 1854, having saved \$125 of their united earnings, Mr. Rohrback concluded that they could do better in Ohio, so they left Texas and proceeding to that State, settled in Lorain County. The expenses of their journey left them but \$36. Mr. Rohrback then found employment on a farm, and three years afterward, having saved his earnings, he bought eleven acres of land near Elvria, and also bought a horse and a cow. There was a log house already built on the place into which he and his family moved. In that humble way he commenced farming for himself, still working out a part of the time to add to his means. In 1860 he sold his place in Elyria and removed to this State. where he bought thirty acres of land in Ogden Township, which still forms a part of his present farm. He moved his family into the log house which stood on the place, and immediately commenced clearing his land, from three acres of which the trees had been already felled.

Mr. Rohrback's work of clearing and improving his farm was soon interrupted, as the next year the war between the North and South broke out, and was not suppressed, as so many had hoped, at the end of a few months. More men were needed by the Government, and in the fall of 1861 Mr. Rohrback left his work and enlisted in Company F, 67th Ohio Infantry, and went to the front to fight for the country which had become his own. Among the important battles in which he participated we mention the following: Blooming Gap, Winchester,

Mt. Jackson, Harrison Landing, Morris Island, first attack on Ft. Wagner, and later at its capture, Chester Station, Drury Bluff, Edinburg, and in the battles before Richmond and Petersburg. He was severely wounded in the left arm at the battle of Cross Roads, Va., May 24, 1864. The surgeons wished to amputate the arm, but he protested, and it was saved to him in a crippled condition. He veteranized in 1864, but on account of his wounded arm he was honorably discharged in January, 1865. He returned to his little farm in Michigan, and as soon as his health would permit he resumed the work he had left to go to the front. He has since bought other land, and has now seventy acres in a good state of cultivation. He has erected a commodious brick house, and many other improvements which have greatly increased the value of his homestead, a view of which may be seen on another page of this work.

Mr. and Mrs. Robrback are respected by all for their worth and true nobility of character. We cannot conclude this sketch without a good word for the wife and mother, who, in all the trials and discouragements which they encountered in settling in a strange country, was ever ready to cheer her busband, and it is by her constant help that he has become so successful. They and their children, Laberas, George, Annie and Martha, are members of the German Methodist Episcopal Church, and Mr. Robrback is a member of David Becker Post No. 25, G. A. R.



ILLIAM HOUGHTBY is a self-made man, and one of the most enterprising and liberal-minded citizens of Ogden Township; a man who is always ready and willing to assist any enterprise which is intended to promote the public good; an earnest worker in the church, and a devoted friend of all educational interests. He is a constant reader and a student of the times, thoroughly posted on all public affairs, and able to discuss intelligently all matters which engage the attention of the American people. Such are among the characteristics of the subject of this sketch, who resides on section 34, Ogden Township, in the set-

tlement of which township he is a pioneer of 1848.

Mr. Houghtby was born in Lincolnshire, England, on the 2d of January, 1822, and his father, John Houghtby, was born, reared and married in the same shire, and remained there until 1844. In the spring of that year, accompanied by his wife and nine children, a son-in-law and four grandchildren, he landed at New York and went directly to Ohio, traveling by way of the Hudson River and overland, and by the lakes to Toledo. He settled in that part of Lucas County, Ohio, now known as Fulton County, where he rented land and worked at clearing other land, by which he earned money to pay his rent. After four years he came to Ogden Township, this county, and bought twenty acres of land which had been entered by Elisha Benton, in the southeast corner of section 28, Of this land there were but a few acres cleared, on which he built a log house and immediately began the work of clearing. On this farm he resided until he died, in February, 1872. John Houghtby was three times married. His first wife, the mother of the subject of this sketch, was Elizabeth Godfrey, a native of Lincolnshire, England, and she died a few years after settling in Ogden Township. She had twelve children, two of whom died young, one son died at ten years of age, nine grew to maturity and came to America.

The subject of this sketch was the second child and the cldest son of the parental family, and as soon as he was old enough he began to earn his own living. When he was nine years of age he undertook work in a brickyard at ninepence per day and board himself. At the age of twelve he commenced work by the year on a farm at three pounds and his board for a year's labor. As his services became more valuable, his wages were increased until he received fourteen pounds per year. He came to America with his parents in 1844, but was sick with fever when he landed at Staten Island, and was compelled to lie in a hospital for a few weeks. During this time his mother and one sister remained with him, and when he was able to travel, they joined the father and he worked with him in Ohio until 1848, when he came to Ogden Township and bought forty acres of land, fifteen of which were improved, and constitute part of his present home. The land was originally entered by Elisha Benton, from whom Mr. Houghtby bought it, and has in possession the original title issued by the Government. In 1855 he bought the south half of the same quarter section, and now has 120 acres, eighty acres of which are under cultivation, and contains a set of good frame buildings. For the first forty acres he paid \$300, and for the eighty which was all timber land, he paid but \$200.

In February, 1849, William Houghtby was married to Melinda Ritchey, who was born in Cambria County, Pa., and was a daughter of Joseph and Rebeeca (Young) Ritchey, natives of Pennsylvania. They have had seven children, as follows: Amanda A., the wife of D. D. Baluss, lives in Ogden Township; Hattie married Luther Harsh, and also lives in Ogden Township: Henry: John: Libbie married M. H. Rubey, lives in Randolph County, Ind.; Esther and Albert. Albert had the misfortune to stick the point of a knife in his eye, which totally destroyed the sight; his other eye became affected and he also lost the sight of that, and for three years was totally blind. During this time he attended the school for the blind at Lansing, and learned to write upon the caligraph, and do many other things which are taught the blind. In the fall of 1886 he went to Detroit and had two operations performed by Dr. Lundy, which partially restored his sight.

Mr. and Mrs. Houghtby and the members of their family belong to the United Brethren Church. Mr. H. has filled various offices of trust and honor in Ogden Township. He was Justice of the Peace for fifteen years, and three terms was Commissioner of Highways, while for many years he was School Director, and a Trustee in his church, in all of which positions he displayed unusual judicial and executive ability.

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EV. CASIMIR ROHOWSKI, Priest of St. Joseph's German Catholic Church, Adrian, was born in Prussia, Dec, 11, 1843. He is the son of Peter and Victoria Rohowski, natives of the same Province as their son, and now deceased. His early years were spent in the place of his birth, where he first attended the elementary

schools, and later the seminary, in which he studied four years, and began fitting himself for the duties of the sacred office to which he was ordained Feb. 24, 1871. He was now twenty-eight years of age, and was given charge of a mission house in Alsace, where he continued three years. He then determined to pursue his pious labors on another hemisphere, and accordingly, on the 18th of December, 1875, repaired to Liverpool, and set sail for the United States.

Father Rohowski first set foot on American soil in New York City, whence he proceeded not long afterward to Detroit, Mich. He there met Bishop Burgess, and was admitted to the diocese of Detroit and assigned, as assistant of 8t, Boniface, to a charge in that city. Thence, soon afterward, he was sent to Bay City, Much., from which place, in 1876, he came to Adrian, and connected himself with his present congregation. This includes about sixtyeight families, and they have a neat church edifice.

Father Rohowski has exhibited the qualities necessary to the building up of a young parish, and is not only held in warm regard by his own people, but by all who have the pleasure of his acquaintance. He is laboring conscientiously for the good of his people as individuals and as a society, and his ministrations cannot result otherwise than in great good.

ARON M. PHILLIPS. The gentleman whose name heads this brief notice is an early settler of Dover Township, where his fine and productive farm lies on sections 19 and 20, and embraces 160 acres of valuable land. His parents were Aaron and Lavina (Burroughs) Phillips, who were natives of Hunterdon County, N. J. The father was born Aug. 6, 1791, and the mother Aug. 19, 1797. They were there married and settled. Later they moved to Seneea County, N. Y., where the mother died May 8, 1836, when thirty-eight years old. The father of our subject eame to Michigan in October, 1837, and lived until the following spring in Wayne County, and thence came to Lenawee County, locating in Madison Township. In the fall of 1838 he removed to Dover Township, where he lived until his death, which

occurred March 16, 1877, in the eighty-sixth year of his age. Mr. and Mrs. Phillips were the parents of six children, of whom the record is as follows: Titus died in Wisconsin, April 14, 1877; Aaron M. is our subject; Phebe died in Seneca County, N. Y., Nov. 7, 1822; Phebe M. is the widow of Gilbert Gage, and resides in Dover Township; Susanna A. is the wife of Henry S. Miller, and resides in Romnlus, Seneca Co., N. Y.; Martha died in the latter-named county, Oct. 30, 1833, when four months old.

Aaron M. Phillips, our subject, was born in Seneca County, N. Y., May 15, 1819. He remained at home during his earlier years, attending the common schools and assisting his father in the lighter duties of the farm. In the fall of 1837 he came to Michigan with his father, and remained a member of his family until after their settlement in Dover Township, Mr. Phillips was married in Adrian Township, Nov. 1, 1840, to Miss Catherine E. Stockwell, a native of Ira, Cavuga Co., N. Y., where she was born March 1, 1821. She is the daughter of Eliathah and Esther (Perkins) Stockwell. (For parental history see sketch of M. P. Stockwell,) After marriage Mr. Phillips bought a tract of timber land on which he settled. has since added to his original purchase until he has increased the acreage of his farm fourfold. He has erected ample and commodious buildings, and has all facilities for carrying on agricultural pursuits,

To Mr. and Mrs. Phillips have been born five children, of whom the following is the record: Saron P. was a carpenter in Dover Township, and married Eleanor A. Raymond, by whom he had one child, Helen A., who died in Dover Township, March 2, 1869, when one year old; his death occurred in the same township, Feb. 22, 1869, when township, Feb. 22, 1869, when township, July 25, 1846, at the age of two years; Charles W. married Miss Sarah Lozier, and resides in the above-named township; they have five chil, dren—Elmer A., Ethel C., Robb V., Lena M. and Seward M. Helen died in Dover Township, Feb. 12, 1864, at the age of twelve; George C. resides at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Phillips have not attained their present prosperous condition without some strug-

gles, and encountering and overcoming many obstacles. Mr. Phillips' first purchase of land consisted of forty acres, situated in a dense forest, for which he agreed to pay \$160. He possessed \$10 which he paid down. He chopped wood, and worked with unceasing ardor and conrage, and in time, assisted by the frugality and excellent judgment of his wife, had saved sufficient money to pay \$100 of his indebtedness. Meanwhile he had sown a field of wheat on shares, from which he realized \$50, which enabled him to make his final payment. In this manner he became possessor of his first forty acres of land. Adrian was the nearest market for farm produce, and he often walked there carrying butter and eggs on his arm. For the first fifteen years after the railway was built to Adrian, Mr. Phillips did not feel that he could afford to pay the fare, and so continued his pedestrian trips to market. He and his good wife are now reaping the reward of their early toils, and, though enjoying their present life of comfort, can recall with satisfaction many happy incidents connected with their early pioneer life.

Mr. Phillips has always been prominently identified with the interests of his adopted town, and during his long residence of fifty years has been present at every town meeting and election held in the township. For six years he has acceptably filled the office of Highway Commissioner. Politically he is a Republican, the principles of which party he endorses and maintains with characteristic firmness and decision. Mrs. Phillips is a consistent and valued member of the Free-Will Baptist Church.

ETH B. SAYRES, of Seneca Township, presents an admirable illustration of the self-made man, who, thrown upon his own resources early in life, was enabled to make good use of his time and opportunities. From a humble position in life, he has arisen without other aid than his own industrions hands and stout heart, until now he is ranked among the representative men of one of the most intelligent communities of the West. He has always chosen his home in the rural districts, and on section 9 of the above town-

ship has a good farm of 130 acres, which he transformed from the forest into a series of cultivated fields.

Our subject is the offspring of a good family, his parents having been Squire and Eunice (Meech) Savres, the former a native of New Jersey and the latter of Connecticut. They were of New England ancestry and Squire Sayres served as a Lieutenant in the War of 1812. Seth B, still remembers his father's military cap, upon which was inscribed in gilt letters the title of the regiment, "Amsterdam Volunteers," with the motto, "We defend and pro-After the war Lieut, Savres settled with his family in Galway Township, Saratoga Co., N. Y., where they lived until Seth B, was about six years of age. Thence they removed to Auburn and four years later to Genesee County, whence after a ten years' residence they joined their son, our subject, in this county. They remained with him in Seneca Township a year and then removed to Wayne County, where the mother died about 1855, when about sixty years of age. Squire Sayres survived his wife until 1860, and quietly passed away after he had reached his fourscore years. Their family consisted of ten children, seven sons and three daughters, of whom nine lived to mature years and two are still surviving.

The subject of this biography was the fifth child of his parents, and was born in Saratoga County, N. Y., Aug. 21, 1817. He assisted in the lighter labors on the farm and attended school as much as possible during his boyhood, and subsequently earried on his education by his own efforts, working to pay his tuition, for a number of terms. Before this was finished, however, his father had hired him out at \$3 per month. The latter was without means and could do very little for his children. Seth B remembers attending school barefoot in the winter when it was good sleighing. Those early experiences contributed to his self-reliance and courage, and no doubt had much to do with his success in life. His motto has always been "A shilling a day and board rather than a chance for a greater amount or nothing."

Mr. Sayres when twenty-two years of age was united in marriage, Feb. 12, 1840, with Miss Hannah Laycock, who was a native of New Jersey and came to Michigan with her parents about 1836, Mr. Laycock died in 1858, and the mother subsequently took up her residence at the home of our subject, where her death took place in 1865. Mrs. Hannah Sayres departed this life at her home in Sencea Township on the 18th of August, 1865. Mr. Sayres was again married, Oct. 22, 1866, to Mrs. Eliza (Foot) White, widow of Warren White. She was born in New York State, and died in Sencea Township, Aug. 20, 1880.

Mr. Savres was a third time married, Oct. 25, 1883, to Mrs. Catherine, widow of Robert Sloan, and daughter of Tyson and Sarah (Bell) Bagerly. natives of Maryland, whence they removed to the Empire State in their youth and were there married. Mr. Bagerly died when his daughter, Catherine, was but two years old, while the mother came to Michigan in 1857, and died in Seneca Township in 1876, at the advanced age of eighty-six years. She was the mother of six children, two sons and four daughters, of whom Mrs. Sayres was the fifth child and was born in Wayne County, N. Y., July 12, 1820. She attended a common school and a select school, and received careful home training from a wise and judicious mother. She became the wife of Robert Sloan in 1838, and by him became the mother of two children, Mary Ann and Spencer. The former is the wife of Jacob N. Borick, of Seneca Township, and the mother of five children-Della, Willie, Katie, Emma (deceased) and Lulu. Spencer married Miss Allie Bemandeifer, and they have one child, Robert.

The eldest brother of Mr. Sayres, Samuel by name, died in Kalamazoo County, Mich., in 1848, and left two children, Julia and Edmund, who were reared by our subject. Edmund, a bright and promising youth, took kindly to his books and turned his attention to the legal profession. He was admitted to the bar in 1868, and has since served as Prosecuting Attorney for Lenawee County; Julia is at home. Mr. Sayres also adopted a child of his first wife's sister, a baby boy ten months old, who was named Ervin Eugene Sayres, and became his legal son. This young man, upon reaching his majority, married Miss Julia Bates, and is farming in Rome Township; he is the father of two children, Arthur and Halsey.

Mr. Sayres takes little part in political matters, although voting the straight Democratic ticket. He has steadily declined becoming an office-holder of any kind. He is a member of the Protestant Methodist Church, and Mrs. Sayres belongs to the Pioneer Club, devoted to the interests of the Pioneer Society of Seneca Township and of which she is President.

ENRY W. HOWD, a son of one of the early pioneers of Rollin Township, has spent the greater part of his life in this section of the country, and is recognized as one of its most energetic and enterprising men. Of late years he has been dealing in fine horses, principally trotters, and has also given much attention to sheepraising, having at one time about 900 head. This latter industry, however, has been superseded by his operations in horses, his extensive dealings in wool and his loan business. It is safe to say that he handles the best breeds of horses to be found in Lenawee County, and is in the habit of carrying off the blue ribbon at county fairs. At the head of his stables is a valuable five-year-old, "Don Rothschild," which is valued at \$900, and trotted his mile in 2:43 when four years old. Mr. Howd is located on a fine farm, the property of his mother, with whom he lives, on section 33 in Rollin Township. It is a fine illustration of the model country home; the residence is attractive in its surroundings, and the barns and other out-buildings are admirably adapted to the purposes of stock-raising after the most approved methods.

Mr. Howd is the scion of an excellent old family, and was born in Rollin Township on the 8th of May, 1848. His parents, Harvey B. and Betsey E. (Pitcher) Howd, were natives of New York State. His father was born in Cazenovia, June 11, 1816, and the parents were married Feb. 19, 1844. Two years previously, in 1842, Harvey Howd came to Michigan, settling in Rollin, this county, and was at once recognized as a liberal-minded and public-spirited eltizen, willing to do his part toward the building up of the county, and sustaining those enterprises set on foot for the advancement of the people. For one year he occupied himself as a carpenter and joiner, and in 1846 he built the

Rollin sawnill in partnership with Eli Marvin. In 1850 he traded the mill for the farm of A. J. Comstock, which is now owned by his widow. He worked at his trade and farmed subsequently until his death, which took place at the homestead on the 28th of March, 1875, when he was about fifty-nine years of age.

The father of our subject held the various township offices and was Postmaster of Rollin for eight or ten years before the late war. He also served as Justice of the Peace, and in his public as well as his private life, labored faithfully and conscientiously as one building up a record which would in all probability be given to the future, and of which he desired his children should never be ashamed. In the family circle he was kind and indulgent as a husband and father, and lives in the memory of his children as a model of manly integrity and worth.

The paternal great-grandparents of our subject were Samuel and Amy (Baldin) Howd, the former born Dec, 1, 1712, and the latter Oct, 12, 1724, They were married Feb. 14, 1754, and became the parents of six children, who were born as follows: Amy, Dec. 2, 1754; Abigail, July 3, 1757; Samuel, April 26, 1759; Althera, Feb. 6, 1763; Hannah, Oct. 24, 1764, and Anthony, July 6, 1768. Their youngest son, Anthony, was the grandfather of our subject, and died June 16, 1841. March 11, 1797. he married Martha Harrington, who was born March 12, 1777, and died Dec. 2, 1857. Their children are recorded as follows: Hannah was born June 9, 1798, and lived to be quite aged; Laura was born July 21, 1800, and died Aug. 22, 1887; Elsna was born Sept. 30, 1802, and died Dec. 29, 1842; Harriet was born Feb. I1, 1805, and died Oct, 13, 1885; Samuel B, was born Sept. 17, 1807, and died Sept. 25, 1881; Amy was born March 14, 1810, and died June 22, 1883; John W. was born May 8, 1812, and died May 6, 1886; Harvey B. was born June 11, 1816, and died March 28, 1875; Eli S, was born Nov. 22, 1818, and is the only one now living; he was married Feb. 4, 1844, to Phebe A. Renvan, who died Aug. 1, 1875. Their family included five children, namely: Charles A., Orin A., Delos, Harvey J. and Jennie M.

The maternal grandparents, Henry and Maria (Scott) Pitcher, were born respectively in 1787

and 1788, in Johnstown, N. Y., and were married in 1812, the year of the war with Great Britain, in which Grandfather Pitcher served six months. In 1835 he removed to Ohio, purchasing a farm near Painesville in 1836. He died on the 7th of December of the following year, leaving a wife and eight children, the latter bearing the names of Sally, William, Catherine, Betsv E. (Mrs. Howd), John, Rhoda, Andrew and Abram. In the spring of 1838 the widow and her family came to this county and purchased eighty acres of land in Rome Township, Mrs. Pitcher, with the assistance of her children cleared the land and built up a good homestead. She passed from earth on the 28th of September, 1880, her death being the result of a fall. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church. She drew a pension from the Government, receiving in 1879 the sum of \$824.50,

The mother of our subject was born in Areadia, Wayne Co., N. Y., Jan. 26, 1821. She came with her parents to the West, and by her marriage with Harvey Howd became the mother of four children, who are named as follows: Amelia, Henry W., Helen I. and Harvey.

Heury W. Howd continued under the home roof until reaching his majority, at an early age evincing uncommon business talent, and then starting out for himself in the spring of 1870, he engaged as a dealer in live stock, buying cattle and sheep which he at first drove to Toledo. A year later he commenced selling to parties who shipped stock to Buffalo, and added to his transactions the purchase and sale of fine horses. To these latter he gave his entire attention after a few years, and no man takes more pride in his stables or seeks more industriously to keep himself informed upon all matters regarding this noble industry. Although comparatively young in years, he has already attained an enviable reputation as a breeder, and the future will probably develop still greater results from his labors.

ON. MARSHALL REED was elected, in 1874, on the Republican ticket, to represent this district in the State Legislature. He was one of the early settlers of this county, with whose interests he identified himself from the

time of his coming here, and was considered eminently fitted for his responsible duties. He was appointed on various important committees, and endeavored by all honorable means to promote the interests of his constituents. He had for a number of years been prominent in local affairs, and after his term in the Legislature had expired, he returned to his home, feeling that he had done his duty as far as his judgment guided him and with the goodwill of those who had thus honored him.

Mr. Reed owns a fine farm of eighty acres on section 34 in Cambridge Township, and has employed himself largely in stock-raising, especially for the last few years. He was born in Richmond, Ontario Co., N. Y., Aug. 21, 1833, and came to this county in 1854. His father, Wheeler Reed, was a native of Vermont and of New England ancestry. He was born in 1788, and went with his parents when a small boy to Ontario County, N. Y., where his father, Philip Reed, was one of the earliest settlers, taking up his abode there in 1795. Philip Reed opened up a large farm, built a costly mansion and accumulated a fortune. Before his death he divided a portion of his property among his sons, and had the satisfaction of seeing them settled comfortably about him.

Philip Reed was the son of Jacob Reed, of Saybrook, Conn., a scafarer, and was born in 1756. When a boy he was bound out to learn the weaver's trade. At the age of sixteen he went to Vermont, where he was employed by one William Fitch to teach his girls the art of weaving. He seems to have combined pleasure with business, as he courted and married the second daughter. In 1795 he with his wife and three children, of whom Wheeler, the father of our subject, was the youngest, left Paulet, Vt., and emigrated with ox-teams to Richmond, Ontario Co., N. Y., where three more children were born to them. As soon as they could procure lumber, they built a shanty, in which they lived three weeks, performing their culinary work by the side of a log in the meantime, then moved into a new log house. In that primitive day Philip Reed was considered a "Crossus," bringing with him \$3,000. He purchased two lots of land, paying fifteen shillings per acre, and continued to add to his real estate until he owned 1,500 acres. In 1804 he built a large brick mansion, which yet stands and is inhabited by one of the descendants. He also built a grist or flouring mill, and a wool carding and cloth manufactory, which, for many years were known as "Reed's Mills." The first township meeting in Richmond was held April 5, 1796, when he was elected Assessor, Commissioner of Schools, and one of the Overseers of the Poor. During the Revolutionary War Mr. Reed was a member of the militia, and fought under Gen. Stark at Bennington, Vr.

The grandmother of our subject, whose maiden name was Margaret Fitch, was the second daughter of William and Altie (Wheeler) Fitch, who were married Oct. 9, 1760. She was born Nov. 7, 1763, and died at Richmond, N. Y., in 1833.

Wheeler Reed, the father of our subject, as soon as old enough to be of service, occupied himself in assisting to clear his father's farm, and remained under the parental roof until reaching his majority. He then set out on his own account, and in due time had accumulated about 1,000 acres of good land, and like his honored father, lived to see his sons settled in comfortable homes upon the land which he had given them. He married in early manhood Miss Margaret Risdon, who was born and reared in Ontario County, and died leaving three children. Mr. Reed then married Hannah Risdon, the sister of his first wife, and she became the mother of our subject. Of the two marriages of Mr. Reed there were born sixteen children and all but one lived to years of maturity. Eleven yet survive and are residents mostly of Michigan. Wheeler Reed departed this life in 1868, at the advanced age of eighty years, while the mother died at the same age in 1878. They were honest, hard-working people. active and intelligent, devoted to the interests of their family and kind and obliging neighbors. Mr. Reed in early manhood identified himself with the Whig party and upon its abandonment became a Republican. He and his aged partner were beloved by a large circle of friends, who hold their names in kindly remembrance.

Marshall Reed was the cle enth child in his father's family and the twin of a sister who died when four years of age. He continued on the farm, becoming thoroughly familiar with its various employments, and remained with his parents until reaching his majority. Soon afterward he came to Michigan, and locating in Rome Township, purchased fifty-seven acres of land and prepared to establish a home. His next important step was his marriage, which occurred Nov. 22, 1855, the lady of his choice being Miss Julia, daughter of William and Mary A. (Allen) Barrus, and a native of Rome Township, where she was born Aug. 22, 1839. Her parents were natives of Vermont and New York, respectively, and coming to Michigan during their youth were married in Rome Township, of which they were among the early pioneers, William Barrus was the son of Rev. William Barrus, Sr., who came to this county during its first settlement and devoted himself to the ministry in the Wesleyan Church the remainder of his days, dying at the age of seventy-five years in Dane County, Wis. He had removed there in 1840 without means, and taking up a tract of land succeeded in accumulating a comfortable property. His wife also died there previous to his decease. The father of Mrs. Reed is still living at seventy-five years of age and makes his home in the city of Adrian, retired from active labor, while the mother is also living and is two vears older than her husband. Both enjoy very good health and are quite active. Mrs. Reed was the younger of the two children born to her parents and is the only survivor. She was remarkably fond of books when a child and learned about all that could be taught in the district school. Since that time, by a thorough course of reading, she has kept herself well informed and is a remarkably intelligent lady.

Our subject and his wife became the parents of three children, as follows: Frederick P. married Miss Elsie Russell, and is farming in Cambridge Township; Alice C. is the wife of J. B. Daniels, a thriving farmer of Rome Township; these two taught in the public schools before their marriage. Byron L. married Miss C. Maude Willits, and is a resident of Wilmington, N. C., being connected with the United States Marine Service as Lieutenent of a revenue cutter. He has been holding a Government position for the last eight years, officiating for a time as Pension Clerk. After accepting a cadetship Mr. Reed entered the marine serving

ice, to which he seems most admirably adapted.

After their marriage Mr, and Mrs. Reed labored together in their efforts to build up a home for themselves and their children, in which they succeeded admirably. They have been members of the Free-Will Baptist Church from nearly the time of its organization in Cambridge Township, and Mr. Reed is accounted one of the chief pillars. He is a decided Republican, politically, and has held the office of Justice of the Peace for a period of eleven years.

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ARK A. CANNON. This old and honored resident of Deerfield Township, possesses a history which will be perused with more than ordinary interest. The days of his boyhood and early youth were spent at the modest home of his father in Buckinghamshire, England, where he first opened his eyes to the light Oct. 11, 1821. The Cannon family had been residents of that part of England for several generations, and Joseph Cannon, the grandfather of our subject, spent his life there from the time of his birth until resting from his earthly labors. He married a lady of that county, and his son George, the father of our subject, learned the trade of a carpenter and joiner, and was married near the old home, continuing upon his native soil until the spring of 1837.

At the date mentioned George Cannon, accompanied by his wife and nine children, embarked on a sailing-vessel at London bound for America, and set foot upon the soil of the New World nine weeks later in New York City. They did not tarry at the metropolis, but at once proceeded westward via the Hudson River to Albany, and thence by the Eric Canal to Buffalo. At that point they took a lake steamer for Toledo, and from that then unimportant town proceeded by rail until reaching Blissfield in this county. Their first stopping-place was at Kedzie's Grove, now Deerfield, where the father rented a log house, into which the family removed and lived there until the following spring.

George Cannon, in the spring of 1838, purchased eighty acres of timber land on section 10, Deer-field Township, for which he paid the sum of \$200.

During the winter preceding, he and his sons had as awed lumber enough with a whip-saw to build a small frame house, which they now creeted upon their land. This latter was heavy timber as was all the country surrounding, but they cleared a small area around the dwelling, and not having any team, put in with a spade their first crop of corn. At this time deer, squirrels, turkeys, coons and other wild game were plentiful. These not having been frightened by the inroads of civilization, were quite tame, and the coons especially were far too familiar in the vicinity of the corn crop, which, if not watched very closely, they would entirely destroy.

The second year of their residence here Mr. Cannon contracted to clear ten acres of land for another party, for which he was to receive a yoke of oxen. Hitherto he had done his farming and marketing in a very laborious manner, without any team, working with the hoe and spade and carrying his produce on his back from Kedzie's Grove two miles through the woods, while the family provisions which they were obliged to purchase were transported in the same manner. A few years of resolute and continuous labor, however, effected a material change in their condition and their hardships were greatly lessened. George Cannon lived to accumulate a good property, and witness the development of the country around him from a wilderness into fertile fields and valuable homesteads. In 1864 he sold his farm, and retiring from active labor, took up his residence in Blissfield, where he died in 1871, at the age of seventy-five years. He had married near his childhood home in Buckinghamshire, England, Miss Ann Saunders, who was also of English birth and aneestry, and who departed this life at her home in Blissfield in the year 1883.

The parental family of our subject included twelve children, of whom seven are living and residents of Blissfield. Mark A. was in the sixteenth year of his age when he crossed the Atlantic with his father's family. He remembers well the old home in Buckinghamshire and the incidents connected with the preparations for the long voyage to America. He assisted his father in clearing the land around their cabin home, and delighted in hunting, by this means keeping the family well sup-

plied with the choicest of wild meat. When twentyfour years old, desirous of a change of scene and occupation, he engaged to work on the Lake Shore Railroad, but a year later met with an accident in the breaking of his leg, which incapacitated him for active labor for nearly two years thereafter. In the meantime he occupied his time in school and when able to work again went to Adrian and learned cabinet-making. He worked there three years, then repaired to Blissfield, and was occupied at his trade until 1862. He was now in possession of some means, and in company with a consin, Edwin Cannon, he bought a steam sawmill which had been built on his father's farm, to which he removed and engaged in the manufacture of lumber; a few years later he purchased the interest of his cousin and became sole proprietor. In 1870 he purchased land adjacent to the homestead and built his house.

At this time Mr. Cannon had been married twenty years, Miss Susan Camp having become the sharer of his fortunes on the 17th of November. 1850. Mrs. Cannon was born in Port Bay, Wayne Co., N. Y., Aug. 19, 1827, and is the daughter of Daniel Camp, a native of Connecticut. Her paternal grandfather, Isaac Camp. a physician and surgeon of good repute, was a Scotchman by birth and a soldier in the Revolutionary War. During the dark days of that struggle he was a warm friend and advisor of Gen. Washington, who frequently extended to him his confidence. He met with many narrow escapes during his seven years of army life, and fought in the ranks with the common soldiers, and at the close of each engagement applied himself to the care of the wounded. He was under fire in three of the hardest fought battles of the Revolution, and was always at his post with his weapons of defense when his self-imposed duties to the wounded would permit. After the war he settled in Connecticut, where he spent the remainder of his life.

Daniel Camp migrated to Canada when a young man and learned the cooper's trade, establishing a shop and becoming very successful. He purchased two farms in the Dominion, and in 1812 was drafted into British army. He could not, however, take up arms against those with whom his father

had fought, and refusing to serve, was confined in prison upon a diet of bread and water. Upon the first opportunity he deserted and came over into the States. His large landed property was confiscated and he settled at Syracuse, N. Y., where he became owner of a part of the land now included within the public square of that city, and engaged in the manufacture of salt. Upon leaving that section of the country he purchased a farm at Port Bay, in Wayne County, where he resided until June 1837, then set out for the Territory of Michigan.

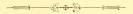
The father of Mrs. Cannon assisted in building the first railroad from Toledo to Adrian, upon which ran the first steam ears within the State limits. His first venture into this section had been made alone, but the year following he returned to the Empire State after his family. He rented a farm in Deerfield Township, this county, two years, then purchased forty acres of timber land on section 10, Like most of the pioneers, his first business was to put up a log house and his next was the commencement at clearing the land, which process was carried on in the most laborious manner. Daniel Camp was permitted to live until building up a good homestead, and accumulated real estate until he became owner of 200 acres in Deerfield Township besides eighty acres in Barry County. He spent his last days at the homestead, his death taking place Nov. 11, 1848, when he was sixty-four years

The mother of Mrs. Cannon, formerly Miss Polly Bailey, of Bridgewater, Mass., was the daughter of Ebenezer Bailey, and the fourth in descent from John Bailey, an Englishman by birth and ancestry. In the early history of New England he came to this country with his two brothers and settled in Scituate, Mass. On her mother's side, Mrs. Cannon is the fifth in descent from John Howard, her maternal grandmother having been Sylvia Howard. John Howard also came to this country from England and Mrs. Polly Camp was also related to Gen. Howard by a Bailey on his mother's side. The Baileys and Howards intermarried freely and were both a very superior class of people. They filled many places of trust, and furnished to the country ministers, lawyers and doctors, while they also suceessfully engaged in munufacturing and agricultural

pursuits. They formerly owned slaves, but voluntarily freed them before the question of emancipation was agitated to any extent. They were strictly temperate and upright in their habits, and as a consequence, were long-lived, many of them reaching eighty and even minety years, while the grandmother of Mrs. Cannon reached the almost unprecedented age of one hundred and eight years, Mrs. Polly Camp died at her home in Decrifield, this county, when about seventy-eight years of age.

To Mr. and Mrs. Cannon there were born five children, of whom but three are living, namely: George, a resident of the Dominion of Canada; Della, the wife of Allen McKee, of Danville, Ky., and Frank E., who is engaged in house-building at Louisville, that State. Winfield, who was born Nov. 22, 1854, died on the 13th of May, 1878, and Earl L., who was born April 19, 1863, died September 7 of the following year.

In the early part of 1888 the dwelling of Mr. Cannon, which he and his estimable wife had occupied so many years, and to which they had grown so strongly attached by the associations which lingered around it, was destroyed by fire with much of its contents. Neighbors and friends from far and near rallied in the endeavor to save the noble old structure, but it slowly dissolved before their eyes, the flames resisting all efforts to subdue them. There was upon it a reasonable amount of insurance and many of the valuable personal effects of the family were saved. The origin of the fire is still a mystery, as the Cannons, with the forethought which is a characteristic of their race, have always used the greatest precaution in regard to fire. They are making preparations to rebuild, and the new residence will be put up under the supervision of their son Frank, of Louisville.



ATTHEW B. McCONNEL, of Adrian Township, came to this county over fifty years ago, when a youth of nineteen years. He looked upon the face of the country in this section when very little of the sod had been turned by the plowshare, and there were few evi-

dences of civilization. He is consequently one of those privileged characters who were permitted to note the wonderful changes passing like a panorama before the eye, and the result of which could only be a source of the deepest gratification to any man at all interested in the spot where he purposed making his home.

The father of our subject, Amsey L. McConnel, a native of Orleans County, N. Y., spent his childhood and youth in the Empire State, and became the owner of 100 acres of land. He operated upon this until 1831, then sold out and cultivated rented land until the spring of 1833. Upon coming to Michigan he took up a claim of eighty acres of the land which our subject now occupies, and first putting up a log house for the accommodation of his family, proceeded with the improvement of his purchase. He was fairly prospered, and the following year added a large barn to the group of primitive buildings, while as time passed on he was enabled to surround himself and family with the comforts of life, and here passed his last days, his death taking place about 1836, when he was forty-five years of age.

The paternal grandfather of our subject, Matthew McConnel by name, settled in New York State at an early day, and purchased 600 acres of land for an old coat. He brought a portion of this to a fair state of cultivation, and spent his last days near the city of Elmira, at which place his death occurred when he had arrived at an advanced age. Grandmother Ludlam was aged seventy-four at the time of her death. They became the parents of a large family of children, and after the death of his first wife, Matthew McConnel was a second time married.

The mother of our subject before her marriage was Miss Catherine, daughter of Henry Beers, of New Jersey, where she was born and reared to womanhood. Of her union with Amsey McConnel there were born eight children, seven of whom grew to mature years. Matthew B. remained under the home roof with the exception of one year until reaching his majority, and after the death of his father he assumed charge of the property, which he still retains, and for which he has the affection quite natural under the circumstances. To this old home

he brought a bride in the spring of 1838, being married to Miss Hannah Soop, who was born in New York, and became the mother of seven children, of whom but five are now living, namely: Maria, the wife of Henry Braze; David, a resident of Wayne County, Mich.; Madison, a resident of this county; Hattie, Mrs. Eugene Westfall, of Wayne County, Mich., and Dora, Mrs. Joseph Marsh, of Springville. Those deceased were Rachel, who died young, and Matthew, the twin brother of Madison. Mrs. Hannah McConnel departed this life at her home at Adrian Township, in February, 1862, at forty years of age.

Mr. McConnel, for his second wife, married Mrs. W. R. Moody, the sister of the first wife, but she lived only about two months after her wedding. The third wife of our subject, to whom he was married Jan. 6, 1864, was Miss Harriet, who was born in Tecumseh, and is the daughter of Peter McCollum, a native of New Jersey, and the son of Moses McCollum, of that State, both farmers by occupation. Moses McCollum married a Miss Burke, and Peter married Miss Mary Nesbit, a native of New Jersey. The wedding of the latter took place in LeRoy, N. Y., and they came to Michigan in 1828. Peter McCollum took up a tract of land of large extent from a Mr. Woodworth, who sold very reasonably in order to encourage emigration, and the cultivation of the soil. It contained a log cabin, and in this humble dwelling Mrs. McConnel was born Oct. 12, 1829. Afterward Mr. McCollum erected another home, and under its roof he breathed his last at the age of seventy-eight years. The mother survived fifteen years, her death taking place at Franklin when she was eighty-six years of age. The McCollum household included ten children, of whom six are now living and residents of Michigan.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. McConnel are recorded as follows: Susan J. was born March 14, 1865, and is now the wife of Nathan W. Simons, a flourishing grocer of Adrian; Joseph was born Jan, 12, 1867, and died Jan. 10, 1873; Eugene K was born June 24, 1869, and continues at home with his parents, working on the farm and completing his studies. David and Matthew McConnel, during the late war, served as Union soldiers, the former

in the 7th Michigan Cavalry, the latter in the 11th.

Mr. McConnel having spent his entire life upon the farm has a thorough knowledge of agriculture in all its details, and has aimed to keep up the reputation of the estate in accordance with the plans of his honored father. The latter, in early days a Whig, later identified himself with the Republican party, of which the son is also one of the stanchest supporters. The love of freedom, and the belief that it is the natural inheritance of man, was born and reared in him, and nothing but a miracle could bring about a change in his political views. He has never, however, aspired to office, but has been content in exerting a silent influence in the little circle of his own neighborhood, and doing good in all directions as he has opportunity. He possesses in a marked degree the confidence and esteem of his neighbors, who regard him as an old landmark, whose place, when he has departed hence, it will be difficult to fill.

IIARLES BURRIDGE, Justice of the Peace and attorney-at-law at Tecumseh, was born in the city of London, England, Jan. 5, 1837. His father, William Burridge, a native of the same place, married Miss Louisa Steele, and they became the parents of ten children, of whom our subject was the youngest. The family emigrated to the United States in 1852, when Charles was a lad of fifteen years. They settled first in Richland County, Ohio, and not long afterward came to Michigan, and after a brief stay at White Pigeon and Constantine, came to this county.

Our subject not long afterward went on a pleasure trip to Kentucky, by way of the Mississippi River, and upon his return to this county attended school and finally developed into a teacher. This occupation he pursued three winters, and then entered the State University, where he took a two-years course. This considerably depleted his purse, and he became the employe of William Hayden, taking charge of his warchouse in Tecumseh, and dealing in flour, mill feed and lumber. Two years later he entered the law office of C. B. Wood as clerk, and continued with him, finally as partner,

until 1879. He served as Justice of the Peace for a period of eight years, and as Village Recorder nine years in succession. Mr. Burridge has been Justice of the Peace and Village Trustee continuously many years, and otherwise been prominent in public affairs.

Our subject was married, in July, 1867, to Miss Harriet M. Blinn, of Tecumseh, who was born in New York and was brought to Michigan by her parents when an infant of six months. Of this union there have been born three children—Walter C.. Mary L. and Charles. Mr. and Mrs. B. are members of the Presbyterian Church. Our subject was admitted to the bar after being graduated from the State University, and still gives his attention to the practice of law in connection with his duties as Justice.



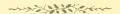
OHN WOODFORD, a well-to-do farmer of Madison Township, is pleasantly located on section 4, where he is industriously engaged in the prosecution of his independent calling. He is a son of Noah N, and Charlotte Woodford, both of whom were natives of New York. The parents removed to Lenawee County prior to their marriage, and both settled in Adrian. There the father was engaged in the grocery business, and also occupied in keeping a boarding-house and running a brickyard. He subsequently settled in Hillsdale, where he continued to act in the capacity of "mine host" for a time, and thence removed to Madison Township, where he engaged in farming and lived until fifty-three. During that year he went overland to California, and was absent about a year and again returned to this county. In 1859 he again crossed the plains to California, and was absent in the land of gold for about three years. Returning to this county, he remained here until 1864, when he made a third trip to California, remaining there about two years. During the period in which he was in the latter State, he was occupied for three years in keeping a hotel. In 1866, Noah Woodford came to this county and located again in Madison Township, and energetically engaged in the prosecution of his chosen vocation until his death, which event occurred April 14, 1881. His good wife died Feb. 20, 1859. Six children were born of their union, five sons and one daughter.

John Woodford was the fifth in order of birth of his parents' children, and first saw light in Hillsdale, Mich., May 18, 1846. He was reared mostly on a farm, and after attaining the age of manhood, he was for about four years employed as a section hand on a railroad. He accompanied his father twice across the plains of California in 1859 and 1864, and assisted him for three years in running his hotel in that State. Mr. Woodford is the owner of forty acres of the old homestead in Madison Township, and is meeting with success in his vocation. He was married in Lansing, Mich., Sept. 22, 1868, to Miss Mary L. Thurber, who was born in Washtenaw County, Mich., Dec. 22, 1852. Her parents were Caleb and Louisa (Houghton) Thurber, and both are deceased. Six children were born to them, all of whom lived to attain the age of maturity, and Mrs. Woodford was the fourth in order of birth. The union of our subject with Miss Thurber has been blessed by the birth of two children, and their household saddened by the death of one, Charlie C., who died when sixteen years old. Frankie II. lives at home. In politics, Mr. Woodford is a Democrat.

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REDERICK G. BEAGLE, late of Blissfield Township, was a native of Baden, Germany, and born Feb. 11, 1834. His parents, George and Barbara Beagle, were natives of the same Grand Duchy, and emigrated to America in 1817. They came immediately to Michigan, where their son, Frederick G., grew to manhood and learned the carpenter's trade, at which he worked for a time, was afterward employed as a clerk, and finally opened a store of general merchandise. By the exercise of economy and prudence he made very good headway, and during the war conducted a flourishing grocery trade.

He finally developed into a prominent dealer in wheat, wool and fruit, and is said to have done more business and worked harder than any man in the eastern part of the county. On the 12th of November, 1852, he was married to Miss Catherine C., daughter of Christopher Beagle, of Adrian, by whom he became the father of seven children. Mrs. Beagle was born in Baltimore, Md., Dec. 28, 1833, and came to Blissfield with her parents in 1836, her father being one of the first German settlers of this part of the country. He was one of the founders of the Evangelical Church of Adrian, and also of Blissfield. The parental family included four children: Justina married John Brooker, and died at South Bend, Ind.; Caroline is the wife of Charles Myers, of Adrian; Mary died in Blissfield some years ago. The mother departed this life at Adrian on the 24th of January, 1849, and Mr. Beagle married the second time and became the father of seven more children. Politically he was always a Republican. Of the seven children born to Mr. and Mrs. Frederick G. Beagle, the record is as follows: Catherine is the wife of D. P. Wheeler, of East Saginaw; Charles L. is a resident of Detroit; Ella died on the 3d of May, 1876, at the age of eighteen years; Ida, Mrs. Dr. G. G. Mosher, lives in Kansas City; Mary is at home; Frederick is a resident of Jackson, and Burton II., of Kalamazoo, this State. Mr. Beagle departed this life on the 22d of February, 1888, and his widow occupies a comfortable home, the result of his forethought and industry.



OHN W. ALLEN. Few passing through Rollin Township on the main road leading from Quaker fail to observe the valuable and well-apppointed homestead which is pleasantly located on section 20, and denotes on all sides the hand of thrift and prosperity. The Allen farm, by a process of careful cultivation and the exercise of cultivated tastes and ample means, is one of the most desirable in that section of country. The fields are conveniently laid off and enclosed with neat fences, and the farm buildings, erected in modern style, are all that could be reasonably required by the progressive agriculturist. The proprietor came to Southern Michigan fifty-four years ago, and the greater part of the time since then has bent his energies to the establishment of a good home, while he has not been unmindful of the welfare of the people around him, and has aided in all good works and purposes to the best of his ability. He possesses excellent judgment, and a good practical education, and has been uniformly fortunate in his labors and investments.

The Allen family traces its ancestry to Scotland. The first representatives in this country of whom the record is preserved settled in New York State, where Joseph S., the father of our subject, was born in Washington County, Aug. 5, 1805, and was reared to manhood. He married Miss Lucinda Robbins, and came to Michigan in 1834, taking a quarter section of land in Rollin Township, upon which he lived and labored until his death, which occurred on the 25th of April, 1883. The grandfather of our subject, John Allen, Jr., was born in one of the New England States Oct. 20, 1774, and died on a farm in White Creek, N. Y., when eighty-four years of age. He was of Scotch-Irish ancestry, and the family was connected with the ancestors of Horace Greeley. John Allen, Jr., married Miss Rosanna Stewart, who was born July 1, 1782, and who died at the age of thirty-five vears.

Mrs. Lucinda Allen, the mother of our subject, was born in Shaftsbury, Vt., May 31, 1806, and died at the homestead in Rollin Township, April 28, 1870. Of her marriage with Joseph S. Allen there were born five children, two of whom died in infancy. Hassan D. during the late war served as a soldier in the Union army, enlisting toward its close, in 1864, and died in the Joe Holt hospital, at Jeffersonville, Ind., on the 2d of February, 1865. David H. resides in Rollin Township.

John Allen continued a member of the parental household until twenty-two years of age, and then purchasing a tract of wild land of his grandfather immediately set about its improvement and cultivation. He wisely refrained from taking upon himself the responsibilities of a family until he had laid the foundations for a good home, and after diligently laboring five years upon his little farm, was united in marriage on the 15th day of March, 1860, to one of the most amiable young ladies of Prairie du Sac, Wis, Miss Mary J., daughter of Bethuel and Hannah (Robinson) Newcomb, who were natives of Vermont, and Quebec, Canada, respectively. The father was born Feb. 11, 1810, and the mother June 28, 1818. They were married at Stanstead, Canada, June 5, 1838, and became the parents of four children, as follows: Laura died in infancy; Mary N. is the wife of our subject; Laura Ann married George Robbins, and resides in Omaha, Neb.; and John 1. married Della Chrisler, and is a manufacturer, of Lodi, Wis. Mrs. Hannah (Robinson) Newcomb died at her home in West Point, Wis., March 22. 1870, aged fifty-two years; while the father, Bethuel Newcomb, is at present making his home with his son John 1., in Lodi, Wis., aged seventy-eight years, and is a remarkably well-preserved man,

Bethuel Newcomb traces his lineage back to Capt. Andrew Newcomb, who emigrated from the west of England, probably Devonshire, to Massachusetts. The date of his arrival in this country is not definitely known, but it is quite probable that he was among the earliest settlers of New England. First mention of him is made in 1663, in Boston, where he and his wife Grace resided. In the "Genealogy of the Newcomb Family," a compiled work by John B. Newcomb, of Elgin, III., is found the direct ancestral line, along which Mary Newcomb Allen is of the eighth generation. Hannah C., daughter of John and Mary (Metcalfe) Robinson, was of English parentage. Her father was born in London, Aug. 13, 1787, and died in Stanstead, Quebec, Aug. 13, 1869, just eighty-two years old. Mrs. Newcomb's mother, Mary (Metcalfe) Robinson, was born in Middleham, Yorkshire, Sept. 14, 1793, and was the daughter of John Metcalfe, Rector of St. John's, Middleham, and a descendant of the old family of Metcalfe, of Metcalfe Towers, in Wensleydale. Sir Thomas Metcalfe, the founder of this family, was one of the Knights of Richard the Third, Dr. Nicholas Metealfe, Third Master of St. John's College, Cambridge, and Lord Metcalfe, at one time Governor of Canada, were also descendants of this house. Metcalfe Towers are among the finest views in England, and their study gives much interest in connection with feudal times. The crest and motto of this family are now in the possession of Sir Ralph Metcalfe Canfield, of Stanstead, Quebec.

To Mr, and Mrs. Allen there were born five children, four of whom are now living. Stella Awas born Oct. 10, 1861, and married C. C. Fuller, of Rollin Township; she has one child, a daughter, Roxie M. Grace R. was born May 5, 1865, and completed her education at Raisin Valley Seminary, she is at present in Herkimer, N. Y., on a visit. Bertha H. was born Feb. 18, 1868, and like her sisters took a course in Raisin Valley Seminary, and is now occupied as a teacher in Medina Township; Maude E. was born March 4, 1870, and died Aug. 24, 1872. Lizzie L. was born May 17, 1876, and is still attending the district school.

Noble lineage has done much for Mary (Newcomb) Allen, but "good family" and worthy prestige does not always prove a blessing. The subject of our sketch has rightfully engaged every opportunity for doing good, has brightened the talents with which she was endowed, and shows conclusively that one can be "pure, womanly," and yet in the van in all questions of importance. She never misses an opportunity for expressing her opinion on the all important subject of temperance, and both she and her husband are straight out-andout party Prohibitionists. Her words give no uncertain sound, since whatever she says on this theme, whether in newspapers, social clubs, or neighborhood circles, is easily understood. Indeed, every question of reform, every topic having the uplifting of humanity for its object, has for Mrs. Allen a lively interest. The farmer's clubs are frequently enlivened by her sprightly, timely articles, which she reads in excellent taste; the newspapers of Lenawee County know full well the value of articles signed "M. N. A." and a larger circle of readers for years have been interested in the pithy stories and lively sketches of "Aunt Mary," who, whether she "lisps in numbers," or writes in prose, has always something worth saying, and says it well. And after the verse or theme is finished Mrs. Allen, the neighbor, the friend, the humane sympathizer, is ready with the kind word, the timely advice, or the helpful hint so oftentimes needed. And through it all, under it all, and over it all, this busy little woman has for her kindred the liveliest assistance. No project of her daughters regarding self-improvement that does not find a responsive echo in the mother's heart, no word of cheer, or syllable of encouragement, is withheld from her husband in plans for their mutual weal. She is also Secretary of the Western Lenawee and Eastern Hillsdale Horticultural Society. Both Mr. and Mrs. Allen are members, together with their children, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which Mr. Allen has officiated as Class-Leader, and is one of the chief pillars.

The homestead of our subject is familiarly known as the "Hillsdale Farm," of Rollin Township, on account of its peculiarly pleasant and desirable location. Mr. Allen has taken much interest in fruit-growing, and has a flourishing peach orchard of 1,500 trees, which usually produce abundantly of this rich fruit.

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NOS CANNIFF, a pioneer of Hudson Township, was born in Knowlesville, Orleans Co, N. Y., Feb. 11, 1822, being the son of John Camiff, one of the first settlers there, and one of the first to buy land from the Holland Purchase Company. He superintended the excavation of the Erie Canal through that section, and met his death by drowning at Ashtabula, Ohio, about 1830. The mother of our subject was Lydia (Morse) Camiff, a native of Massachusetts, and the daughter of one of the first settlers of Mouroe County, Mich.

After the death of her husband, the mother of our subject resided with her sisters in Orleans and Monroe Counties until 1839. In the meantine she visited the Territory of Michigan and purchased land in what is now Wheatland. Hillsdale County. She located in Pittsford in 1839, and resided with her son Stephen until her second marriage, with John Bird, and thereafter lived in Clayton until her death.

Our subject was eight years of age at the time of his father's death. He lived with an uncle a year and then with Alpheus Phelps near Knowlesville, and acquired his education in the common schools, mostly during the winter season. In the fall of 1839, he came with his mother to Michigan, but subsequently returned to New York State, spending part of the time there and a part of the time in Michigan until locating in Richfield, where he engaged in the manufacture of brooms two years. At the expiration of this time he took up his residence in Hudson, where he has since continued. He was an Abolitionist from his earliest recollection and one of the founders of the Republican party in this State. Early in 1864 he purchased the Sentinel, the first journal ever published in Hudson, which he conducted until after the election of Gov. Bingham, then sold out.

Mr. Canniff has officiated as Supervisor of Hudson Township, was the first Street Commissioner and the first Marshal of the village, and in 1883 was appointed Postal Clerk from Granger, Wyo, to Huntington, Ore. He ran the first mail train passing over the route, and after his service of two years in this capacity, was made Deputy Postmaster of Weiser, Idaho, when, after serving satisfactorily, he returned East.

Hudson was but a hamlet when Mr. Canniff first came to this vicinity. Here he has invested a large share of his capital, erecting several dwellings and being generally interested in its progress. He was married, on the 15th of May, 1842, to Miss Lucy B. Estes, a native of Massachusetts, and the daughter of Sylvanus and Ruth (Ramsdell) Estes, pioneers of Lenawee and Hillsdale Counties. This union resulted in the birth of four children: Emma, the wife of W. W. Carter, of Hudson; ida, Mrs. W. H. Tower, of Union City; Alena, the School Inspector of Hudson, and Rosa, a teacher at Union City. The latter was Census Enumerator of Hudson in 1880.



ICHOLAS AMOS PAGE was born in the city of New York, June 23, 1817. His grandfather, Jeremiah Page, came to this country a mere boy, having been born in England, and settled in New London, Conn., ahout the year 1765. But little is known of his ancestors; it is clear, however, that he was in possession of large wealth which has been the means of much speculation among his descendants.

This property consisted of land lying in and near the city of London, England. Schooled for a physician, but not liking the profession, he upon reaching manhood constructed a home from a large tract of land, but in his later years lost the whole of it on account of an imperfect title. He married a lady by the name of Ames, who was said to be a descendant of one of the families who came to this country in the Mayflower that landed the Pilgrim Fathers on Plymouth Rock in 1620. Jeremiah Page followed the sea as Captain of one of the vessels which sailed between the Colonies and the mother country.

On the New London farm Dobson Page was born in the year 1780, and removed with his father and family when seventeen years of age to the town of Columbus, Chenango Co., N. Y., where he resided until reaching his majority. He then left those frosty hills where the pioneer had to struggle so hard to secure sufficient food to make life enjoyable, and went to New York City, and engaged in boating on the Hudson River, between New York and Albany. In 1814 he was married to Evelina S. Hall, who was born in St. Albans, Vt., on the 7th of June, 1797. Her parents, Prince Bryant and Abigail Hall, were from Massachusetts, and settled in St. Albans at an early day. Prince B. Hall was a graduate of Harvard College, an able scholar and business man,

Dobson Page removed to the West in the fall of 1823 and after locating on several farms in the western part of New York State, he made up his mind to migrate to the Territory of Michigan, a bold move, but one that proved a success. On the 7th of June, 1834, with his wife and two sons, N. A., aged seventeen years, and John Olson, aged fifteen, they started for their new home. Three weeks later found them in the far West, and after a short time spent in locating land, the east half of the northeast quarter of section 20 was selected, on which a house was built, and the family moved into it while it was yet without roof, floor, doors or windows. This remained the habitation of the Pages until October, 1835, when they removed to Rollin Township and located the west half of the northeast quarter of section 28, where the father died on the 5th of June, 1847. His widow survived him many years, and died at her old home in Rollin, Sept. 25, 1874.

N. A. Page lived with his parents until twentylive years of age, and commenced for himself on the day he was twenty-one, but only worked one day at that time as he could not be spared from the old home. On the thr of July, 1841, he was married to Charity, daughter of John Marlatt, formerly of Ridgeway, Orleans Co., N. Y., but subsequently of Rollin, where he came in 1840.

Charity Page was born in Yates Township, Orleans Co., N. Y., on the 10th day of March, 1823, A woman of sterling merit, ever ready to minister to the wants of the poor and needy, though not strong in health, she gave great attention to her large family. She did not belong to any Christian order, but enjoyed the heartfelt blessings of her Redeemer and Lord. Her children rise up and call her blessed. Charity Page died the 7th day of May, 1882, and all mourned the loss of a true and noble woman.

N. A. Page scittled on the west half of the southcast quarter of section 28. After he had cleared the greater part of this eighty acres, he purchased the east half of the northeast quarter of section 3, also the northwest quarter of the northeast quarter of section 33, making a farm of 200 acres, mostly cleared and with good buildings, one of the finest homes in the town of Rollin, and showing what a man can do who possesses energy and a will to act well his part.

Mr. Page never held office, though considered competent to do so. He is classed as one of the intelligent men of the town, and one well acquainted with the history of the times. Eight children were given to the family: Melissa A., born March 5, 1842, was married, Dec. 20, 1865, to David II. Allen, born May 30, 1838; George S, was born Aug. 6, 1844, and was married, Nov. 15, 1882, to Anna J. Coppins, born Nov. 15, 1853; Orien C. was born Jan. 15, 1847, and died August 5 following; Frank A. was born July 28, 1854, and was married, Dec. 12, 1877, to Ida Roys, who was born Oct. 27, 1855; Carter I., son of Frank and Ida Page, was born Nov. 30, 1882; Eva A, was born Feb. 15. 1857, and was married, Nov. 27, 1878, to George S. Roys, who was born Feb. 13, 1851: their son, Hervey N., was born Nov. 16, 1879, Harrison W. was born Nov. 24, 1858, and died Dec. 25, 1871; Stephen A., born Sept. 13, 1860, was married, Dec. 5, 1883, to Lottie Raymond, who was born Feb. 2,

1864; John T., who was born Nov. 13, 1862, died Aug. 25, 1864. The children of the family all live in the town of Rollin, excepting Frank, who is a resident of Wheatland. All are farmers by occupation, active and well-to-do good citizens, supporting the principles of temperance and religion.



ON JOEL CARPENTER. There is probably in Lenawee County no name which is more familiarly known, or held in higher respect than that of the subject of this biography, over whose head the snows of sixty-nine winters have passed.

In the year of 1563 a coat of arms was granted to William Carpenter of the town of Cobham, Surrey, England. William Carpenter, his son, came to America in 1633, and was a representative from Weymouth, Mass., in 1641, and again in 1643. In 1644 he removed to Rehoboth, in the same State, and died in 1658. His son, William (3d), was born in 1631, and came with his father to America when two years old. He lived in Rehoboth, and married the second time in 1663. His second son by this marriage was Nathaniel Carpenter, who was born about the year 1666, and died in 1754, at Attleboro, Mass. His son, Rev. Ezra Carpenter, was born at Rehoboth, in 1698, and graduated at Cambridge College in 1723. He was stationed at Hull, near Boston, till 1752, and removed to Swanzev in Cheshire County, N. H., and preached at that place and at Keene for many years. He died at Walpole, N. II., in 1785. His wife's maiden name was Elizabeth Greenwood, daughter of Rev. Thomas Greenwood, of Rehoboth, Mass. His son, Greenwood Carpenter, was born about 1730, and about the year 1750 went to live on Bunker Hill. in Charleston, now in Boston, where he married, and lived several years, but finally sold out and went to Swanzey, N. H., and died in 1814. He was High Sheriff of Cheshire County, N. II., many

Greenwood Carpenter's son William was born on Bunker Hill in 1752, and came with his father to Swanzey, where in 1780 he married a daughter of the Rev. Clement Sunner. He served in the Rev. olutionary War, and was in the battle of Bennington, Aug. 16, 1777. In 1808 he removed to Potsdam, St. Lawrence Co., N. Y., where he died in 1843 at the age of ninety-one. His eldest son, Clement Carpenter, the father of the subject of this sketch, was born at Swanzey, N. H., Oct. 10, 1781, and at the age of twenty-one he married Elizabeth, daughter of Robert Gilmore, formerly of Londonderry, N. H. He and his young wife in 1808 removed to Potsdam, St. Lawrence Co., N. Y., where he reared a large family and died May 1, 1860; his wife died March 20, 1863. They were a kind, honest, hard-working, well-read and intelligent couple, and were loved and respected by all, The eldest son, Guy Carpenter, came to this county in 1830, and died Jan. 18, 1849, at the age of forty. He was a man of great force of character, and was for many years Supervisor of Blissfield. He was County Commissioner for one term, and Representative in the Legislature for 1843-44. He was loved and respected by all, and his death was more lamented perhaps, than that of any man who ever died in the township. The second son of Clement and Elizabeth Carpenter is David Carpenter, now of Mt. Dora, Fla., a sketch of whose busy life is given on another page of this volume.

Joel Carpenter, third son of Clement Carpenter, and the subject of this sketch, was born at Potsdam, St. Lawrence Co., N. Y., Sept. 3, 1818. He attended the common schools until he was seventeen years old, and then attended St. Lawrence Academy, after which he taught school two terms, and then started for the West Sept. 15, 1838, arriving in this county September 23. He taught school during the winter of 1838–39 at Deerfield, and then began the study of law at Adrian with Halsey and Greenly, June 10, 1839; taught school in the winter of 1839–40 in Mouroe County, and again in 1841–42 near Adrian, and was admitted to the bar April 9, 1842.

Joel Carpenter married his first wife, Theodocia A. Carpenter, at Potsdam, N. Y., Oct. 12, 1842, and coming West taught school in Blissfield Village during the cold winter of 1842-43. In the spring of 1843 he opened the first law office in Blissfield, and began work. His wife died of consumption Dec. 7, 1843, and Dec. 25, 1844, he married his second wife, Minerva L., daughter of the Hon. Darius Mead, by whom he had three children, as follows: Clement was born March 23, 1848, is a law graduate of the State University, and is a lawyer in good practice in Toledo. Ohio; he has been quite active in political affairs, is a scholarly young man of good habits, and acceptably represented his country as Secretary of Legation at Chili, Carrie F, was born Aug. 6, 1850, and fives with her father at his beautiful home at Blissfield Village, his loving sympathiser and the solace of his declining years. His daughter, Minerva E., died in infancy, following in a few days the dear, gentle mother, the second wife, who died March 12, 1852, at the early age of twenty-eight years. Sept. 1, 1859, Mr. Carpenter married Lucy M., daughter of Asa Gilmore, of Teeemseh, Mich., by whom he had a son, Guy D., who was born Sept, 23, 1861, and died March 4, 1864. His young mother died, greatly beloved, Oct. 3, 1861, at the early age of twenty-three years, The present wife, to whom Mr. Carpenter was married Jan. 14, 1864, was formerly Miss Esther C., daughter of E. Newton, of Blissfield, and was born May 24, 1833. Robert B. Carpenter, the youngest brother of Joel, lives on the old homestead in Potsdam, has a fine property and has reared a fine family; he is a strong, well-posted, intelligent farmer,

In 1850 Mr. Carpenter went into the mercantile business with his brother David, but in 1852 he bought out his brother and formed a partnership with his brother-in-law, the late M. S. Stone, and after Stone's death, in 1854, continued in the business until 1858, when he again took up his law business. In politics Mr. Carpenter was originally a Whig and east his first Presidential vote for Harrison, but as early as 1842 he joined the "Liberty Party," and east one of the sixteen first distinctly Abolition votes ever cast in the county, He voted for Birney in 1844, and attended the great Free-Soil National Convention held at Buffalo, Aug. 9, 1848, which nominated Van Buren and Adams, and defeated Gen. Cass for the Presidency. He attended the Great State Convention "under the oaks" at Jackson, which first named the Republican party. He has been one of the best local party managers in Southern Michigan; prompt, sharp, and

ready; a generous backer of his friends an enthusiastic and determined supporter of the war of the Union; a hater of drunkenness, extortion and crime, and a lover of justice and fair dealing. He has a cheerful habit of looking at the bright side of life, and can be counted on to always take the part of the "under dog" in the fight.

Hon, Joel Carpenter has held many places of trust at the hands of the people. He has been Supervisor, and for several years Postmaster at Blissfield; has served two years as State Senator; was enrolling officer during the war, and afterward Deputy United States Assessor. He was United States Enumerating Officer for this township in 1880, and was elected one of the delegates at large to the National Convention at Chicago in 1880, which nominated President Garfield. In 1859 he introduced the first general insurance law ever passed in the State, and in conjunction with the late Royal Barnum, of Adrian, organized under it the State Insurance Company.

Mr. Carpenter is still in the vigor of health and life, and promptly attends, in his office, to the crowds who come to seek his assistance and advice in all the busy concerns of life.



ARTIN LITHER ROBERTSON, an extensive farmer of Ogden Township, residing on section 22, was born in Preston County, Va., March 15, 1840, and is the fourth son of James and Elizabeth Robertson. The parents, when Martin L. was a child four years of age, removed to Ohio and fourteen years later came to this county.

Our subject continued under the home roof until reaching his majority, and then going to Palmyra Township, commenced working by the month on his own account. Eight months later his father induced him to return home, proposing to give him a share of the profits of the farm. To this he acecded, and a year later purchased forty acres of land on section 22, which is included in his present farm. It was then covered with brush, stumps and timber, but the young man while at the same time continuing with his father, put in his leisure hours upon his own land, and at the time of his marriage had brought it to such condition that he was enabled to settle upon it. By the exercise of great industry and economy he was enabled not only to cultivate his first purchase, but to add to it, and is now the owner of 200 acres, half of which is under good cultivation, thoroughly drained and supplied with a good set of buildings.

Mr. Robertson also owns eighty acres in Marion County, Fla. In the fall of 1886 he rented his farm and went to that State, where he spent the winter. In the spring, however, he returned North, considering this locality as good as he could find. The wife of our subject, to whom he was married in 1870, was formerly Miss Rachel Richardson, who was born in Lorain County, Ohio, and is the daughter of John Richardson, a native of New York State, who removed to Ohio and was there married to Miss Lucy, daughter of Peter Wright. A few years later they emigrated to Michigan, settling in Ogden Township, this county, where the father died in February, 1887. Mrs. Riehardson is still living, making her home in Ogden. Our subject and his wife are the parents of two children -George Manfred and John Hiram. Mr. Robertson is a member in good standing of Blissfield Lodge No. 114, A. F. & A. M.

AMES K. CRANE, a soldier of the Union in the great Rebellion, and a resident of Lenawee County since a child three years of age, came to Michigan with his parents in the latter part of the summer of 1837. His infant eves were opened in Sodus, Wayne Co., N. Y., on the 8th of March, 1834. He has had a ripe experience of life in a new settlement, and during his residence of over fifty years in Southern Michigan has been an interested witness of the wonderful changes which have transformed the wilderness into a civilized commonwealth. He returned from the army greatly broken down in health, and since that time has been a resident of Deerfield, where in a comfortable home he enjoys all the good things of life and the friendship of a large circle of acquaintances.

The Crane family is of German descent, and it is supposed that the great-grandfather of our subject removed from New England to New York State during its early settlement. Edwin D. Crane, the father of our subject, was born in Onondaga County, May 14, 1812, and was the son of Archer and Vilitia (Cornish) Crane, who in 1829 took up their residence in Wayne County. Here Edwin lived until starting for Michigan in August, 1837. and upon entering the Territory he located in Freedom Township, Washtenaw County, While in New York State, Mr. Crane upon the recommendation of another party, had purchased a tract of land in Washtenaw County, but when he came to take possession, he found that all but four aeres of it was the bottom of a lake. Having thus virtually no land of his own to work upon, he took a job of clearing and feneing for another man, receiving his pay in forty acres of land. This work he did with his own hands, and sold rails to live upon, saving also enough to purchase a voke of oxen and a eow. After securing forty acres more he sold out, and in 1839 purchased a farm in Genesee County which had some improvements upon it. He resided there until the fall of 1842, then secured a tract of land in Blissfield Township, this county, which he occupied until 1864, going thence to Adrian Township, where he lived on a farm until 1866. His last days were passed in the city, where his death took place Feb. 14, 1867.

During his residence in Blissfield Edwin D. Crane served as Assessor and Justice of the Peace, and was one of the three Drain Commissioners first appointed under the present ditch law. He was a man of remarkable physical strength and endurance, and his excellent judgment was called into requisition concerning all matters of public interest. He opened up a farm from a heavily timbered tract of land in Blissfield Township, put up good buildings, and created a desirable home. He was a kind, genial neighbor and friend, a thoughtful and indulgent husband and father, and possessed all the qualities of an honest man and a good citizen.

Edwin D. Crane, on the 22d of May, 1831, took for his wife Miss Sarah B., daughter of James and Abigail Keyes, of Sodus, Wayne Co., N. Y., and they became the parents of four children: Maltion D., a resident of Dakota; James K., of our sketch; Charles E., who was a prosperous farmer of Knox County, Ind., and died Jme 16, 1887; and Helen M., who became the wife of John D. Smead, of Blissfield Township, and died Dec. 20, 1882. Mrs. Sarah B. Crane was born in Townsend, Mass., Feb. 12, 1813, and removed with her parents to Wayne County, N. Y., when a child four years of age. Her father, James Keyes, was born in Newburyport, Mass., Nov. 28, 1789, and died in Lyons, N. Y., Jan. 22, 1819. Her mother was Abigail Davis, a native of New Hampshire, and born Feb. 13, 1789, She came to this county with her husband, and died in Blissfeld, Dec. 26, 1854.

The mother of our subject endured bravely with her husband all the trials of pioneer life, which, however, were by no means unmixed with pleasure. At first they lived in a shanty without door or window; without stove, fireplace or chimney, and the mother did the cooking in a kettle hung on three poles out of doors, gypsy fashion. She experienced all the anxiety of a mother when her children were in the woods after dark, when she heard the wolves howling, and imagined they might be making merry over the mangled corpse of her boy. In later years she was wont to recount in an interesting manner the many incidents of pioneer life, the dangers and hardships, the hopes and the later successes which crowned the labors of herself and her family. She was a good woman in the broadest sense of the term, and the object of the warmest regard by all who knew her; she died June 20, 1884.

James K. Crane was a lad eight years of age when his parents removed from Washtenaw to Lenawee County, and here he developed into manhood, attending the pioneer schools during the winter season and working around the homestead in summer. His first studies were carried on in a log cabin on section 21 of what was then a part of Blissfield Township. The chimney of the "temple of learning" was built of sticks, and the fireplace occupied nearly the entire end of the building. The seats were constructed of slabs, and the only desk was a board fastened against the wall. What the teacher lacked in erudition was made up by a healthy application of the smaller limb of a tree. The boyhood of young Crane was passed in a comparatively

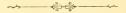
uneventful manner, interspersed with pleasurable meetings of the young people of the settlement, during which time he made his selection of the future partner of his joys and sorrows, and after his marriage settled upon the land which constitutes his present homestead. But a few acres were cleared when he took possession of it, and the only attempt at improvement was a log cabin. Under this humble roof Mr. Crane and his bride commenced life together, with a very limited supply of furniture, with an equal amount of crockery and a dry-goods box for a cupboard. It was a great event in the family when Mr. Crane brought home a regular emploard for the earthenware, and when it did come the wife laughingly inquired what she should put into it. Their wedding day was March 27, 1856, and the bride was Miss Cynthia A., daughter of Enoch and Lucretia Sperry, of Ogden Township. On the 2d of December following they took possession of their cabin home, which they occupied twenty-two years, and then in 1878 put up a good frame home. In due time there were erected a barn, sheds, and all the other outhouses required for the convenience of the progressive farmer. The land was mostly covered with heavy timber which Mr. Crane succeeded in elearing, and brought the soil to a good state of cultivation. The little household was completed by the birth of six children, the three eldest natives of Deerfield Township. Dwight II, was born April 1, 1857, and is now connected with street railways in San Francisco; Cynthia A. was born May 2, 1859; Myra A., March 18, 1861; J. Alfred, Aug. 16, 1863; Edmund B. was born in Palmyra Township, July 19, 1866; and Helen A., Jan. 20, 1870.

Mrs. Cynthia A. Crane was born in Hudson, Summit Co., Ohio, Ang. 30, 1828, and came to Michigan in October, 1854. Her father, Enoch Sperry, was born in New Haven, Conn., May 2, 1801, and was the son of Joseph and Sarah (Beecher) Sperry, the latter being a cousin of Rev. Lyman, the father of Henry Ward Beecher. Joseph Sperry spent his entire life in his native State of Connecticut. Grandmother Sperry reared a large family of thirteen children, whom she never saw all together. She was a widow forty years, and died at the home of one of her sons in Parkman, Ohio.

Enoch Sperry, the father of Mrs. Crane, started when a young man from Connecticut to Ohio with a horse and wagon accompanied by a friend, but it was late in the fall and the roads were so bad they were obliged to walk much of the way. After his arrival in the Buckeye State Enoch Sperry, on the 4th of August, 1827, was married to Miss Lucretia Jones, and in May, 1854, they emigrated to Michigan. Mrs. Lucretia Sperry was born in Connecticut, May 28, 1808, and removed with her parents to Cleveland, Ohio, in 1817, at a time when that now important city was composed of only a few log houses. Her father, Daniel Jones, was born in Connecticut, whence he removed to New York State in 1810, and from there to Ohio; the winter of 1816 he spent in the barracks at Buffalo. He was a blacksmith by trade, and carried on his business in Cleveland, where he spent his last years. He had married in early manhood Miss Lucretia Young, a native of his own State, who accompanied him in his removals, and also died at Cleveland, Ohio.

Enoch Sperry purchased a farm near Hudson, Ohio, after his arrival there, but he soon sold it and rented land until starting for Michigan, in 1854. Here he settled in Ogden Township, and eventually became possessor of a good farm which he had cleared from the wilderness and provided with good buildings. Upon this he spent the last years of his life, his death taking place Nov. 7, 1882, while the mother had preceded her husband to the silent land in May, 1881. Mrs. Crane made good use of her time at school during her youthful days, and developed into an efficient teacher, following this profession, first in the Buckeye State, and in Blissfield and Summerfield, Monroe County, after the removal of the family to Michigan.

Mr. Crane continued the improvement and cultivation of his farm until the outbreak of the late war. He watched the coming struggle with deep interest, and when it became apparent that it was to be prolonged, he enlisted in August, 1862, in Company F, 26th Michigan Infantry, with which he served three years, in the meantime being promoted Corporal, Sergeant and First Lieutenant. The greater part of the last year of his service he was engaged in picket duty on Washington's old plantation, near Mt. Vernon. He experienced many hardships and privations by which his constitution was undermined, and upon returning home in 1865, he found himself unable to resume the active duties of farm life. He then sold the farm and removed to Palmyra, but two years later, however, he purchased back the old place, and taking up his residence there, has since remained. In 1878 he put up a commodious frame dwelling, and the barn and other buildings rank with the best in the township. He is a Republican in politics.



HARLES M. CROSWELL, City Editor of the Adrian Times, is a native of this city and was born on the 30th of May, 1861. He is the son of the well-known Governor, Charles M. Croswell, Sr., who was born at Newburg, Orange Co., N. Y., Oct. 31, 1825, and was the son of a paper-maker who carried on business in New York City.

The father of our subject came with an uncle to Adrian when a boy eleven years of age, arriving here in July, 1837. He had spent some time in the common schools of New York City, but after coming to Michigan commenced learning the carpenter's trade at which he worked until nearly reaching his majority. He was a young man who attracted much attention on account of his intelligence, was more than usually well-informed, and in 1846 received the appointment of Deputy Clerk of this county and commenced the study of law. He was subsequently elected Register of Deeds, and in 1854 was member and Secretary of the State Convention at Jackson, which organized the Republican party. He was the law partner of Judge T. M. Cooley from 1855 until 1859, and was subsequently City Attorney and Mayor of Adrian. Iu the fall of 1862 he was chosen State Senator, in all serving three terms, and during this whole period was President pro tempore and Chairman of the Judicial Committee. He subsequently served as a member of the Constitutional Convention, and after filling various other offices, was elected Governor of Michigan in 1876, by a majority of 23,434 over his Democratic competitor. His wife was Miss

Lucy M., daughter of Morton and Wealthy Eddy, pioneers of Adrian. Their children were Charles Morton of our sketch, Hattie and Lucy Elizabeth.

The subject of this biography, after leaving the primary schools entered the military school at Latimer Hall at Fenton, this State, where he spent one and one-half years, and was afterward a student in Raisin Valley Seminary and Oberlin, Ohio. Upon returning home and after his father's election as Governor, he officiated as elerk in the office of the latter and continued in that position under Gov. Jerome. Upon returning to Adrian he became manager of the Opera House, with which he continued four years, and thereafter was City Editor of the Record until the 1st of January, 1887, when he transferred his services to the Times. In polities he is a Republican.

ENJAMIN CONVERSE is a much honored citizen of Medina Township, where he has been engaged in farming for many years, Mr. Converse is a descendant of respectable and well connected families of Massachusetts, of which State he is himself a native. The grandparents of our subject were James and Phebe (Perkins) Converse, the former of whom was born in Brookfield, Mass., May 11, 1750, and the latter in Bridgewater, Mass., Jan. 25, 1753. They lived and died in Massachusetts, where he followed the time-honored occupation of a farmer.

The parents of our subject were Ephraim and Lucy (Pratt) Converse, the former of whom was born in Brookfield, Dec. 1, 1779, and the latter in Belchertown, Mass., July 11, 1778. They settled in Western Massachusetts, probably in Belchertown, where the husband engaged in farming and shoemaking. They continued to live in their native State until 1851, when they came to this State and made their home in Medina Township, where they spent the closing years of their lives. Though they were already well advanced in life, they lived for several years after coming to Michigan, his death occurring Nov. 7, 1867, and hers Oct. 13, 1876; thus their honorable and useful lives were prolonged to an extreme old age, Mrs. Converse,

indeed, nearly rounding out a century of existence. They had a family of eight children who grew to maturity, six sons and two daughters.

Benjamin Converse was the fifth child born to his parents, and his birth occurred in Belchertown, Mass., Oct. 29, 1813. He was bred on a farm to the calling which his forefathers had pursued for many years on Massachusetts soil. When he was about six years of age his parents removed to Northampton, and in that beautiful New England town our subject grew to manhood, remaining on the home farm and assisting his father until the fall of 1834, when he came to Michigan to take up some Government land. He selected a tract of eighty acres of land in Medina Township, which was fertile and favorably situated for culture, and had it entered in his brother's name, for in those days money was , searce, and the pioneers had to resort to various expedients to save expense. As soon as the land had been entered, he and his brother Amasa returned to Massachusetts, and Benjamin remained in his native State for one and one-half years. In 1836 he returned to Michigan and began the improvement of the tract of land which he had taken up on his previous visit, but after spending two years in elearing his land, he returned to his old home. In 1840 he again came to Michigan, and permanently located on his land in Medina Township, and has since lived on it, with the exception of two years, when he rented it and lived in Massachusetts. He has added eighty acres to his original purchase, and by vigorous and thrifty management he has brought his land into a well-cultivated condition, has erected good buildings, and has made many other substantial improvements. Besides accomplishing all this, he has engaged in the manufacture of brooms for several years, which pursuit has added greatly to his income.

Mr. Converse was not married when he first made his home here, but in 1845 he returned to the East and was married in Brattleboro, Vt. on the 9th of September, to Miss Elizabeth Plumley, who was like himself a native of Massachusetts. Their union resulted in the birth of one son, Lewis H., who was born Sept. 12, 1846, and before the second anniversary of their marriage the young wife and mother was stricken by death, that sad event occurring on the 1st of August, 1847. Lewis H., the son, has always made his home in Medina Township, and was married here, Dec. 18, 1867, to Harriet L. daughter of John L. and Caroline (Crane) Hall, She was born in Medina Township, April 14, 1849, and three children have been born to her and her husband—Charles L., Carrie E. and Lena E. Mr. Converse was again married, Sept. 5, 1848, in Enfield, Mass., to Miss Mary Tyler, a native of that State, and to them has been born one son, Herbert S., who married Miss Della Cleveland, and lives in Ionia.

Mr. and Mrs. Converse are valued members of the Congregational Church, and are held in high regard in the community for their true worth, which is illustrated in their daily lives. Mr. Converse is a man of cautious discrimination and far-seeing intelligence. In his political beliefs he is a thorough Republican; his high character and standing in this community have made him an acceptable officeholder, and he has been honored by his fellow-townsmen by election to the offices of Treasurer, Collector, and Highway Commissioner, in which office he served for one term, and he has also held the various offices of the School Board.



AMES L. BROWN. This highly favored resident of Adrian Township owns and occupies the old homestead of his father, which the latter built up from the wilderness during the early settlement of Lenawee County. Since he assumed the management of this property he has succeeded admirably in keeping up its reputation as one of the best appointed farms in Adrian Township. The aged father is still living, making his home with his son, and is still in good health although eighty-two years of age.

Mr. Brown was born in Orleans County, N. Y., Sept. 7, 1831, and his father was the son of Abner Brown, who was born in Connecticut, Aug. 21781. The great-grandfather of our subject, Jonathan Brown, was born in 1741, and enlisted as a Revolutionary soldier during the struggle of the Colonists for their independence. He was a shoemaker by trade and was detailed to return to his shop and manufacture brogans for the Continental soldiers. Abner Brown passed his boyhood and youth in his native county and left the Nutmeg State for the Territory of Michigan in 1836. He took up a tract of land in 1845, upon which he labored until his death, at the age of eighty-five years. He had married in early manhood Miss Hannah Cook, a native of his own State, and born May 20, 1780; she came to the West with her husband and died at the homestead when seventy-one years of age.

The father of our subject was born Sept, 2, 1805, in Otsego County, N. Y., and was over thirty years of age when coming to Michigan with his father, They first located in Washtenaw County, and in 1845 traded their property there for the present Brown homestead in Adrian Township. He was married, Nov. 5, 1828, to Miss Sallie, who was the daughter of Lewis Stone, and was born Oct. 14, 1802. Her father was a native of Saratoga County. N. Y., where he continued all his life, following mostly the trade of carpenter, though he became an extensive land-owner. Mr. Brown continued in Orleans County a short time after his marriage, engaged in farming. His excellent wife accompanied him to the West, and after becoming the mother of one child only, James L., of our sketch, passed away at the old homestead, Jan. 13, 1870, at the age of sixty-seven years,

Our subject received his education in the district schools and in early life became familiar with the various employments of the farm. His first plans were naturally closely connected with the homestead to which he was sole heir and upon which he has been content to labor all his life. After his marriage he commenced working it on shares and the father has since retired from active labor, although never abandoning his old habits of industry.

Mr. Brown was married, May 26, 1853, to Miss Maria Mattis, who was born in New Jersey, March 10, 1837, and was the daughter of Garrett Mattis, a carpenter by trade, who came to Michigan in 1836 and cultivated a tract of land on shares for many years. His death took place in Franklin County when he was seventy-five years old. When a young man he had married Miss Catharine Bailey, who survived her husband several years and died at the

advanced age of eighty-two. Mrs. Brown departed this life at the homestead, March 30, 1881.

The eldest son of our subject, Charles L. Brown, was born March 31, 1854, and married Miss Barbara Zaler; he is working the old homestead with his father on shares. Mary L. was born Oct. 23, 1855, and was married to W. Lewis; they became the parents of four children. Edward II. was born Aug. 19, 1857, and is farming in Adrian Township; his wife was formerly Miss Mary G. Mapes, and they have one child. George D, was born Nov, 29, 1860, married Miss Ella Mapes, and is farming in Adrian Township; Alice E. was born Dec. 3, 1864, and married George Stewart, a thrifty young farmer of Adrian Township; Burt was born Feb. 8, 1867, and is farming in the northern part of this State; Nellie M. was born April 14, 1869; Blanche E. was born Aug. 30, 1875, and died when about eleven months old; Alvord M, was born Aug, 6, 1877, and is at home with his father.

Mr. Brown was married a second time, May 20, 1885, to Miss Eile M. Brown, who was born in Lucas County, N. Y., Sept. 5, 1838, and is the daughter of Orlando and Maria (Allen) Brown, of New York State, where the father was engaged in agricultural pursuits, and the parents spent their entire lives. The paternal grandfather of Mrs. Brown was a Justice of the Peace for many years,

The father of our subject was an old-line Whig until the abandonment of that party, when he identified himself with the Republicans. James L., politically, follows in the footsteps of his father, but this branch of the Brown family has little to do with political affairs, the sons preferring to give attention to their own private interests. They make it a point to vote upon occasions of general elections, and uniformly abide by the party platform.

OHN S. MARKS, in the spring of 1844, when a young man not quite twenty years of age, set out from his native State of New York to seek a permanent location in the West. The face of the country in Southern Michigan pleased him well, and he returned to make his final preparations for a removal. Two years later,

accompanied by his father, he took up his abode in Adrian, where he followed his trade of a carpenter and joiner for a period of twelve years. Subsequently he became an employe of the Michigan Southern Raifroad Company, and afterward of the Chicago, Alton & St. Louis.

In 1847 Mr. Marks made his first purchase of land, comprising forty acres, in Rome Township, of which he has since retained possession, and which constitutes his present homestead. This was a wild and uncultivated tract when he took possession of it, and the improvements which we behold to-day are the result of his industry and enterprise. In addition to farming and carpentering Mr. Marks has been quite prominent in county and township affairs, serving as Deputy Sheriff nine terms, and as Constable for a period of twelve or fourteen years. He has also been Township Collector, and during the Civil War was Deputy Provost Marshal, being ever faithful and energetic in the discharge of his dutits. He has made good use of his opportunities in life, acquiring an excellent understanding of general business methods, and becoming well acquainted with the details of common law.

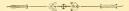
Our subject was born in the town of Nassau, Renselaer Co., N. Y., July 3, 1824, and is the son of Howland and Elizabeth B. (Knapp) Marks, also natives of that county. The father learned the trade of a shoemaker during his early manhood, which he followed in connection with agriculture for some years in his native State. When John S. was a lad of five years, the parents with himself and a younger brother removed to the town of Galen, Wayne County, and there seven more children, four boys and three girls, were added to the household. Our subject remained on the farm with his father until nineteen years old, and then learned earpentering, at which he worked about two years longer in New York State.

In the fall of 1844 young Marks came to this county, where he remained until the last of June following, then returned to his father's in New York State, and continued there two years. He had not, however, by any means given up his plans in connection with the West, and now persuaded his father to sell out and come to Michigan, the removal being effected about 1846. Howland

Marks, upon arriving in Rome Township, purchased of Uncle John Wilber 160 acres of land on sections 18 and 20, the only improvements upon it being an old log house and a barn. Upon this the father of our subject by years of industrious labor put up good buildings, brought the soil to a fine state of cultivation, and here spent the remainder of his days. He passed away on the 17th of October, 1873, at the advanced age of seventy-three years, six months and six days. The mother survived her husband nearly five years, her death taking place on the 7th of April, 1878, her age being eighty years, eight months and twenty-six days.

Five children besides the father and mother died at the homestead which Howland Marks had purchased when he first came to this State. The four children living are, with one exception, engaged in farming pursuits. Jeremiah, during the late Rebellion, went from Hudson and enlisted in De Golyer's Battery, and served all through the war, receiving his honorable discharge at its close. The paternal grandfather of our subject, Jeremiah Marks, and the great-grandfather, Joseph Marks, were also natives of the Empire State, and lived to an advanced age, the former being ninety-three years old at the time of his death. A great-uncle of our subject served in the Revolutionary War, and the male members of the family generally have been notable for their correct habits in life and good business capacities. Joseph Marks, the greatgrandfather of our subject, was born Jan. 28, 1748. and on the 11th of March, 1771, he was united in marriage with Hannah Witlesy, who was born Feb. 14, 1750. They became the parents of six children, born as follows: Hannah, Sept. 27, 1772; Jeremiah, Nov. 29, 1775; Mary, Nov. 25, 1781; Benoni, Sept. 7, 1782; Sarah, Sept. 9, 1787; and Polly, Oct. 25, 1790. Jeremiah Marks, the grandfather of our subject, married Elizabeth Souls, who was born Dec. 4, 1775, and there were born to them eleven children, as follows: Malinda was born March 11, 1796; Joseph, April 28, 1798; Howland, April 11, 1800; Hannah, April 6, 1802; Cornelius, April 6, 1804; Sally Mariah, June 18 1806; Deborah, March 22, 1808; Judith, April 5 1810; Malvina, May 3, 1812; Martin, June 10, 1814; and Delia, Dec. 30, 1824.

John S. Marks was married in Jackson, Mich, April 14, 1858, to Miss Julia A., daughter of Curtis and Therina (Fisher) Stockwell, and who was born in Orleans County, N. Y., July 3, 1829. Mr. Stockwell emigrated to Southern Michigan about 1852. taking up his abode in Rome Township, where his death occurred in 1858, when he was about sixty-three years of age. Mrs. Therina Stockwell was born July 27, 1799, and survived her husband many years, her death taking place March 13, 1879. They were the parents of seven children, five of whom are living, residents of this State, and mostly engaged in farming pursuits.



EORGE A. WILCOX, of the firm of Wilcox, Brother & Co., dealers in hardware, in Adrian, was born in this city on the 12th of October, 1848, and is the second son of William S. and Sarah F. (Clay) Wilcox. He was educated in the schools of his native city, but supplemented his studies by a scientific course in Chicago University. His mercantile experience began when he was a youth of seventeen in the hardware store of his father, and he became a member of the present firm in 1873, which started out under favorable auspices and has met with continued success.

In July, 1874, Mr. Wilcox was married to Miss Susette R., daughter of James Berry, Esq., an old settler and wealthy resident of Adrian. Mrs. Wilcox, like her husband, is a native of this city. They are the parents of two children—S. Fanny and William Seward.

Hon. William Seward Wilcox, the father of our subject, was born in the town of Riga, Monroe Co, N. Y., April 25, 1819. He was reared to farm pursuits, and assisted his father in conducting a hotel until 1836, when he migrated west to Milan, Ohio, where for a few months he was engaged as clerk in a dry-goods store, after which he came to the Territory of Michigan and took up his residence in Adrian on the 18th of September, that year. His former employer accompanied him with his goods, and young Wilcox remained with him, finally becoming his partner. In a few years he disposed of his interest in the business and com-

menced for himself with an entirely new stock of goods, continuing his mercantile pursuits until 1855.

In the meantime Mr, Wilcox had become prominent in township affairs, being elected as Village Treasurer in 1848. After selling his dry-goods stock he invested in hardware with a partner, but eighteen months later he purchased the interest of the latter and continued the business alone until about 1867, when the firm of Wilcox & Brother came into existence. As his family became grown George, of our sketch, was admitted to the firm, the name then being changed to Wilcox, Brother & Co., which continues its name to the present time.

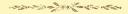
In 1864 the father of our subject was elected to the State Legislature, and the spring following he became Mayor of Adrian; in the fall of 1870 he was chosen State Senator. The year previously he was appointed State Prison Inspector, and during most of the years of his residence here he has been prominent among the people as the conservator of important interests. His excellent wife died on the 12th of February, 1852, and he was subsequently married to Miss Josephine Southworth, daughter of Dr. William Southworth, of Avon Springs, N. Y.

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EV. JOHN CRABBS, a resident of Morenci is the son of Abraham and Priscilla Crabbs and is the eldest of their family of five Ochildren. He settled in Morenci in the autumn of 1855, since which time he has been a resident of this place. Our subject was born in Springfield, Jefferson Co., Olio, Oct. 22, 1823. The early years of his life were spent in different parts of Ohio, where he was variously employed, and at the age of twenty-one he began his preparation for his present noble calling. Prior to this he had learned the trade of a tailor, which also he followed for some years.

The marriage of our subject took place in Ashland, Ohio, with Miss Susan Ilger, who was a native of Pennsylvania. Of this union there were born four children, whom they named as follows: Watson C., William W., John C. and Jennie M. Watson married Miss Anna Conley, and resides in Toledo: John C. married Miss Minerva Packer, and Jennie is the wife of Lewis M. Rorick, of Morenci. The parents of Mrs. Crabbs were Jacob and Catherine Ilger, who were natives of Pennsylvania.

As might be expected, the subject of this sketch is an uncompromising Profibitionist, and engages heart and hand in any movement tending to promote the cause of temperance and suppress the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors. Mr. Crabbs is a minister in the Universalist Church, in fellowship with the Universalist State Convention of the State of Michigan, of which he has been a member since 1879. He withdrew from the Methodist Episcopal Church, after having been a minister in that denomination upward of thirty years.



EORGE SCOTT, one of the old settlers, and a prominent farmer of Adrian Township, is of English descent, having been born March 12, 1803, in Cumberland Country, England. Not satisfied with his prospects in that country, and believing that better opportunities awaited him in the New World, he emigrated to America in 1824, landing in New York City. From there he went to Henrietta, N. Y., where he spent one or two years engaged in such employments as he could find. He had learned the trade of a baker in his native land, but did not follow it in this country.

In 1826 our subject determined to seek his fortune in the far West, and coming to Michigan with his young wife, located near Adrian, where he took up 160 acres of timber land, on which he built a log cabin, and lived there until 1857, experiencing all the hardships and drawbacks of pioneer life. By dint of industry and continuous hard labor, he succeeded in clearing his land of timber, and brought it under cultivation, after which he sold it and bought his present home, consisting of eighty acres of improved land. Our subject had been in the United States but one year when his heart was captivated by an American lass, and he was united in marriage, in 1825, with Miss Mary, daughter of Joseph Pratt, a farmer, and a native of New York State.

The father of our subject, Thomas Scott, was a

native of England, where his whole life was spent, and where both he and his wife died at a good old age. The wife of our subject died in 1874, after a happy married life of nearly fifty years. She was always the faithful helpmeet, counselor and encourager of her husband, and an affectionate and careful mother to her children, of whom the record is as follows: Lydia is now Mrs. B. Laur; Rebecca, Mrs. Aleck Brown, resides in Monroe Township, Mich.; Melissa is the wife of Benjamin Bevelhammer; George M. D. and James K. P. were twins: the latter was killed in a runaway accident at the age of sixteen; George married Miss D. Wimple, daughter of John F. and Cornelia (Bradley) Wimple, and died Aug. 15, 1880, leaving a widow and two children, John F. and Lena May. Thomas H. married Abbie Miller. Mrs. Scott, the widow of George, was married the second time, in 1882, to Frank Chaffee, the son of Oscar Chaffee, an old resident of this county. By her second husband she has had one child, whose name is Clyde. Mrs. Chaffee owns the farm on which they now live, and which descended from her former husband's estate.

Our subject, politically, is a Democrat, being thoroughly persuaded of the soundness of the principles advocated by that party, and to it all his sons also belonged, except Thomas II. His wife is a member of the Quaker Church.

# DMUND LAPHAM has a fine farm of 118

acres on section 28 of Rome Township,

where he has made his home almost constantly for over fifty years. He is a native of Dutchess County, N. Y., and first saw the light Feb. 6, 1815. He is the son of Jacob and Mary (Case) Lapham, both of whom were pioneers of this region.

Jacob Lapham was born Nov. 27, 1792, and was a son of Reuben and Betsey (Finch) Lapham. Reuben Lapham was a great politician in his time and filled several important offices of honor and trust. He was of considerable literary notoriety, and was the composer of many campaign songs of 1828, and in 1832, when Andrew Jackson was the popular Presidential candidate. He died in Columbia County, N. Y., at the age of seventy-eight

years. His son Jacob, the father of our subject, was a farmer in the Empire State, and Dec. 27, 1813, ne married Mary Case, a native of Dutchess County, that State, who was born May 18, 1790. In 1836 Mr. Lapham came to Michigan with his wife and three sons and an adopted daughter. They settled on coming to this State in Rome Township, where the parents died, the father Jan. 7, 1876, and the mother April 27, 1886. Mrs. Jacob Lapham was a daughter of Ephraim Case, of Dutchess County, N. Y., who followed farming in that part of the country and died there at the advanced age of ninety-five years.

Edmund Lapham was the eldest of the parental family and was reared beneath the parental rooftree, assisting his father with the farm work in summer and attending the district school during the winter. At the age of seventeen he apprenticed himself to a cooper to learn the trade, and worked at it until he had attained his majority. When the gold excitement broke out in 1849, and so many were flocking to the shores of California, he made a trip to that golden land, whose sunset glories were so alluring, but after a year spent there, in which he had been quite successful, he returned to his old home in this county. June 3, 1861, he was united in marriage with Miss Alvira Waggoner, who was born in the township of Rome, this county, Jan. 18, 1839. She is the daughter of Nicholas and Abigail (Taylor) Waggoner, the former a native of Vermont, born among its granite hills July 12, 1803. In early youth the family of which he was a member removed to New York, where he was reared and educated. In 1837 he came to Michigan and located in Rome Township, where he is still living. His wife, formerly Miss Abigail Taylor, was a native of New York, and was born Nov. 7, 1821; she died in this county, Dec. 14, 1845. Nicholas Waggoner's father, of the same name, was a native of Montreal, Canada, where he died at the age of sixty-five. His father was a native of Germany, who had settled in Canada at a very early day.

Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Lapham are the parents of six children, recorded as follows: Walter was born Nov. 24, 1864, and married Jennette Ryder, Dec. 10, 1884; Flora, Mrs. Llewellyn Raymond, was born March 2, 1866, and married Feb. 9, 1887. Adell, Mrs. George Onsted, was born Feb. 20, 1869, and her marriage took place Feb. 22, 1886; Rosanna, born Jan. 12, 1872; Alfarata L., April 24, 1878, Bessie L., Aug. 25, 1881. Mrs. Lapham and her family are attendants of the Baptist Church. Mr. Lapham is in politics a Democrat. The whole family enjoy the respect and esteem of the entire community, and by their neighbors they are regarded as among the most reliable citizens of the township.

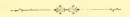
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OHN TEN BROOK, late of Fairfield Township located on section 9 about 1848, and continued a resident there until his death, which occurred Jan. 10, 1865. In the meantime he was engaged continuously in agricultural pursuits, and brought the eighty acres of land which he purchased at the time of his arrival to a good state of cultivation, erecting upon it an excellent set of frame buildings and adding all the conveniences and comforts of a country home. He was a peaceable and law-abiding citizen, and fulfilled his duties in life in a creditable and praiseworthy manner.

Mr. Ten Brook was born Nov. 21, 1804, in Chemung County, N. Y., while his father, John Ten Brook, was a native of Somerset County, N. J., and was born Aug. 5, 1767. The mother was in her girlhood Miss Allie Lowe, of New Jersey, and died in 1832, while the father-survived until 1843. They passed their entire lives engaged in agricultural pursuits. Their son John, of our sketch, remained with his parents upon the homestead until reaching manhood, and continued in his native State until after his marriage and the birth of three children, In 1847 he emigrated with his family to this county, locating first in Dover Township, but in less than a year removed to Fairfield, where he spent the remainder of his life.

Mr. Ten Brook was married in Ypsilanti, Mich., June 7, 1838, to Miss Sarah J. Allison, who was born in Orange County, N. Y., June 22, 1815. This union resulted in the birth of five children, recorded as follows: The eldest, William L., during the late war served as Captain of Company A, 4th Michigan Infantry, in which he had emlisted as a musician before receiving his commission of Captain. He was wounded at the battle of the Wilderness while bearing the colors, but succeeded in escaping with his precious charge to a place of safety. He served in the army about four years and returned home unharmed; he married Miss Jane Cole, of Fairfield Township, and resides in Missouri. Miss Susan S. Ten Brook, the second child of our subject, is the wife of Walker G. Porter, a well-to-do farmer of Fairfield Township. Helen married John P. Tunison, and died while on a visit to friends in Ohio, Sept. 23, 1882; Thomas died at the home of his father in Fairfield Township, Jan. 27, 1865, when a promising youth of seventeen years, and Judson remains with his mother on the farm.

Mrs. Ten Brook is a lady greatly respected in her community. She and her husband united with the Baptist Church during the early years of their married life. Mr. T. continued his membership until his decease, and his widow has loyally adhered to the religious faith of her youth.



NSON BACKUS, one of the early settlers of Lenawee County, was born in the .town of Winfield, Herkimer Co., N. Y., July 25, 1818. He is of English and Scotch ancestry, and his father, Anson Backus, Sr., was born in the town of Lee, Mass., where he grew to manhood and married Miss Hannah, daughter of Robert Town, and who was also born in New England.

Soon after their marriage, the parents of our subject took up their residence in Herkimer County, N. Y., where they spent the most of their after life. Anson Backus, Sr., was a blacksmith by trade, which he followed in connection with farming, and accumulated a good property. Late in life he removed to Orleans County, where his death took place in 1865, in the eighty-third year of his age. The mother had passed away a year or two previously in her seventy-eighth year. They reared a family of nine children, all of whom lived to maturity, and the parents had the satisfaction of seeing them settled in life.

The subject of this sketch was the third son and sixth child of his parents, and was about eighteen years of age when his father moved from Herkimer to Orleans County. He received his education near the home of his early childhood, completing his studies in Cedarville Academy. His first venture for himself was as clerk in a dry-goods store, which position he held about three years. Subsequently he clerked elsewhere in Orleans County, where he continued until coming to this State. Here he taught school in Adrian, and later officiated as instructor among the Wyandotte Indians in Sandusky County, Ohio.

Our subject now returned to New York, and had charge of his father's farm two years. While a resident of Obio he had formed the acquaintance of a most estimable lady, Mrs. Letitia (Wilson) Thoms, who became his wife in 1842. When next leaving New York he returned to this county, and locating in Adrian, became the employe of George Bidwell in the capacity of clerk, and with whom he remained for a period of eight years. His next residence was in Hillsdale County, where he purchased a farm and engaged in agricultural pursuits twenty-five years thereafter. Then returning to Adrian he was placed in charge of the E. L. Clark estate, which involved property estimated at \$500,000, and which our subject succeeded in settling up satisfactorily. He is now assisting Prof, J. W. Crocker, who married the only daughter of Mr. Clark, in the further adjustment of property.

The wife of our subject departed this life in March, 1886, leaving one daughter, Mary J., who is now the wife of Capt. J. H. Fee, of Adrian.

Mr. Backus waged war on slavery during the existence of the peculiar institution, and was one of the organizers of the Republican party in this county. He is now a strong Prohibitionist. He has served as Justice of the Peace and holds a good position among the leading men of his community.

HILIP S. DePUY, the subject of this sketch, was born Nov. 21, 1817, in Owasco, Cayuga Co., N. Y., he being the youngest but one of a family of ten children. His father, Philip DePuy, was born April 24, 1774, and was married, Jan. 18, 1798, to Sally Comfort. During their early married life, Mr. and Mrs. DePuy lived

on a farm in Orange County. N. Y., but in after years they sold out and removed to Owasco, Cayuga County, where they subsequently accumulated a large property. As the years advanced and his property increased, Mr. DePuy began to look about him for new investments. His shrewd eye soon measured the value of that beautiful stretch of country lying between Mt. Morris and the Nunda Valley, in Livingston County, N. Y., and in 1831 he bought a farm in the township of Mt. Morris, removed thereon and spent the remainder of his days in that delightful section of country. He and his wife were members of the Presbyterian Church, Mrs. Sally DePuy died Oct. 5, 1837, and two years later, Oct. 8, 1839, the husband followed. Active, thrifty, industrious, possessed of that peculiar tact which some men have of making money, the father was enabled at his death to leave a comfortable fortune to each one of his nine heirs then living.

Philip S. DePuy, the subject of this sketch, inherited the homestcad. He was married, Dec. 31, 1837, to Maria J. Smith, and of this marriage two children were born: Harriet Eliza, Oct. 11, 1842, and Harrison Smith, May 9, 1844. The mother died June 29, 1844, leaving her baby boy of seven weeks, and a little two-year old daughter to the care of a widowed father.

In 1845, on the 26th of February, Mr. DePuy was again married, to Miss Milancy Chandler, of Nunda, Livingston Co., N. Y. Miss Chandler was the daughter of Henry and Sally Chandler, and was born in Coventry, Chenango Co., N. Y., Jan. 29, 1820. Her ancestors were of a long line of New England Puritans, reaching back to Anns and William Chandler, who settled in Roxbury, Mass., in 1637. The Chandlers as a family throughout, are people of rare intellect, and it is Mrs. DePny's pleasure to record among her relatives, Hon. Zach Chandler, Michigan's famous Senator, Louise Chandler Moulton, the authoress, and Bancroft, the Historian. During their residence in Mt. Morris, N. Y., there were born to Philip S. and Milancy DePuy five children: Josephine M., Dec. 13, 1845; Favette W., Nov. 21, 1847; Wellington, Aug. 20, 1849; E. Cora, Aug. 11, 1851, and Roselle, Sept. 25, 1853.

In 1854 Mr. DePuy sold his farm in Mt. Morris,

and bought a farm of eighty acres in what was then the township of Teeumsch, upon which he has since lived. He has made improvements, and added to his land until the farm now comprises 185 acres, under excellent cultivation, and bearing all the improved methods of the day and age. Here one child, the youngest, Emma C., was born, Aug. 1, 1858.

In 1861, May 9, occurred the first marriage in the family, Josephine M., the second daughter, being married to John M. Hendershott, of Tecumseli, where they now reside. It was this year too that the Civil War broke out in America, and the cry for volunteers was rung throughout the land. Mr. De-Puy's eldest son, Harrison S., a mere lad of seventeen, was among the first eager to respond. Obtaining his father's consent, he enlisted in Company D, 3d Michigan Cavalry, under Capt. Kellog, in October, 1861. His division was stationed at St. Louis, Mo., through the winter of 1861-62, and in the spring it was ordered to Island No. 10. But the hardships and privations of war were unsuited to one of so frail a constitution, and on the 3d of June, 1862, he died in the hospital at Louisville, Ky., of fever contracted in Southern lands. He is buried in the beautiful "Cave Hill Cemetery," of Louisville, where 4,000 Union soldiers sleep by his side.

On the 28th of January, 1864, Mr. DePuy's oldest daughter, Eliza, was married to William Butler, of Mason, Ingham County, and Nov. 22, 1867, Fayette W., the second son, was married to Carrie G. Updyke, of Tecumseh. This son possesses the peculiar tact required to financier successfully, and has acquired a comfortable fortune. His wife died Jan. 5, 1888, leaving him childless.

In 1869 the township of Tecumseh was divided, and Mr. DePuy by this division became a resident of the township of Clinton. He has held several offices of the town, being three times Justice of the Peace, seven years Highway Commissioner, and has held many other positions of trust and confidence. The youngest son, Wellington, entered Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio, in 1870, and took a commercial course, graduating in 1871. From there he entered Hillsdale College, where he took a classical course, and was graduated in 1878. Having decided to enter the ministry, he went to Bates College, Lewis-

ton, Me., and took a theological course, graduating in 1882, and has accomplished some noble work in the fields where he has labored. He was married, Oct. 7, 1885, to Miss Ella A, Reynolds, of Grand Ledge, Mich.

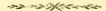
The three youngest daughters-E. Cora, Rose and Emma-were educated at the Tecumseli Union School, Raisin Valley Seminary and Hillsdale College. E. Cora has devoted her life to literary pursuits. Under the nom de plume of "Pearl Diamond" she was known to Western readers for several years before her identity was revealed. In 1882 she received a cash prize for a short story entitled "The Little Girl Who Picked up Coal," which established her reputation as a short story writer. Her literary articles, correspondence and miscellaneous works have appeared in various newspapers and magazines throughout the country. A short story from her pen which appeared in the Detroit Free Press, March 20, 1887, entitled, "Room at the Top," attracted universal attention, the editors receiving letters from several different. States inquiring of the author. Miss DePuy inherits her literary tastes and talent from her gifted mother. She was named "Coraline," for the heroine of a novel which the mother read when a young lady, and has well fulfilled the mother's dream, so far as romance and the printed page can define.

After leaving college, Rose became a teacher in the public schools. She was an accomplished teacher and followed the vocation until her marriage, June 13, 1883, with Thomas Taber, of New Bedford, Mass.

Emma was a musician of rare talent, and also became a teacher. It is Mrs. DePuy's proud boast that she has had four school-teachers among her children. Emma was married to Ozen Keith, Dec. 25, 1878, and three years later Mr, and Mrs. DePuy went through the hardest trial their married life had ever known, the death of their two daughters, the eldest and youngest, within three days of each other. Eliza, the eldest daughter, and wife of William Butler, died of apoplexy, March 22, 1882, and Emma, the youngest, and wife of Ozen Keith, died March 25, 1882, the two deaths occurring on Wednesday and Saturday of the same week.

Mr. and Mrs. DePuy have been members of the

Free-Will Baptist Church nearly all their lives. Charitable and generous, their home has sheltered many a weary traveler from a night's storm, and has relieved many a heart from the pangs of hunger. In politics Mr. DePuy is a stanch Democrat. He has served several times as delegate to the district convention, and in 1884 was a delegate to the Democratic State Convention held at Whitney's Opera House, Detroit, in June of that year.



IBNI KELLEY. This aged and venerated citizen of Raisin Township cast his lot with the pioneers of Lenawee County over fifty years ago, and has by a long career of virtue and usefulness endeared himself to them in a thousand ways which they will remember long after he shall have been gathered to his fathers. He still occupies the home on section 23, the land which he secured from the Government in the fall of 1836. He purchased at that time sixty acres, to which he subsequently added by degrees until he became the owner of 580 acres in Raisin and Palmyra Townships. A large proportion of this he has bequeathed to his children, who are now following in his footsteps as worthy members of the community, and doing honor to the training of wise and judicious parents.

The Kelley family came originally from Ireland, but Mr. Kelley is a New Englander by birth and parentage, and first opened his eyes to the light on the 27th of January in the year 1799. His father, John W. Kelley, was a native of Cape Cod, Mass., and the family were among the early settlers of that part of the Bay State, having located there in the Colonial days, and were prominently identified with the peaceable friends. The religion of this quiet and unostentatious sect has been held sacred in the family for generations, and from which its later members have never departed.

John W. Kelley was a natural mechanic, and also followed farming. He married Miss Content Hoxsie, a Massachusetts lady, also of the old Quaker stock, and of pure English ancestry. After the birth of three daughters and one son, our subject, they left their home in Cape Cod, and removed to Kennebee, Me., where they lived upon a farm some years, during which there were born to them six more children. Of these ten children one son died in infancy, and the remaining nine lived to be married and have families of their own, though Libni and his brother, Zeno, are now the only survivors of that once blooming family. The latter was the youngest, and, like his father, inherited remarkable mechanical genius. He is now a resident of Oakland, Cal., having spent his life at the two extremes of the continent.

In 1839 John W. Kelley and his wife, although considerably advanced in years, determined upon another removal, and set out from their home in Kennebee on the long journey to the Territory of Michigan. They had been preceded to this section by their son Libni, and located near him, in Raisin Township, where they spent the remainder of their lives. John W. Kelley was born Nov. 23, 1768, and departed this life Aug. 14, 1841, while his wife was born Nov. 7, 1771, and died Feb. 3, Both were prominent in the Society of Friends, and most estimable people who passed their lives devoted to each other and to their family, The paternal grandfather of our subject, Wayne Kelley, was the son of John Kelley, Sr., who emigrated from Ireland, and was also imbued with the Quaker faith. He was a man of fine intelligence and good education, and carried on a small farm in Massachusetts, where he reared his family and spent his last days.

Libni Kelley grew to manhood in Kennebec, Me., to which his parents removed when he was one year old, and was there married, the maiden of his choice being Miss Deborah Estes, a native of Maine, and the daughter of Benjamin and Sarah (Kirby) Estes, natives of Massachusetts, and also of the Quaker faith. Upon their removal from Kennebec they took up their residence in Wheatland Township, Monroe Co., N. Y., where they spent their last years and died at an advanced age. They lived worthily, and were among the most highly respected residents of that part of the country. They reared their children to habits of industry and principles of honor, also instilling into their minds the virtuous precepts of the Quaker

faith. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Kelley removed from Kennebee to Western New York, where our subject followed blacksmithing, which had learned when a young man under the instruction of his father. In 1836 Mr. Kelley determined upon another removal westward, and gathering together his personal effects, started with his family for the wilds of Michigan. Their journey was made by teams, and twenty-one days from the time they started they landed in Raisin Township, this county. Mr. Kelley selected a portion of section 23, where he built up a home from the wilderness, in the meantime watching with intense satisfaction the development of the country around him.

The wife of our subject departed this life in the spring of 1839, at the age of thirty-six years. She was greatly mourned by her husband and friends, being a lady of refined Christian chracter, a devoted wife, and a tender mother. On the 6th of May, 1840, Mr. Kelley contracted a second marriage, in Palmyra Township, with Lydia Hoxsie, who was born in Galloway Township, Saratoga Co., N. Y., Aug. 12, 1810. Her parents, John and Phebe (Slade) Hoxsie, were natives respectively of Dutchess County, N. Y., and Fall River, Mass. They were married in Saratoga County, N. Y., Nov. 4, 1804, and in 1833, after the birth of seven children, came to Michigan and settled in the unbroken woods of Palmyra Township. Mr. Hoxsie put up a log cabin and felled the trees around it over a large extent of territory, being prosperous in the cultivation of the soil, and in time, with his sons, became the owner of 800 acres of land. Here

the parents spent the remainder of their lives. The mother was born April 8, 1786, and died on the 8th of August, 1842, at lifty-six years of age, while the father survived his wife for a period of thirty-one years, and died at the home of his daughter. Mrs. Benjamin Kelley, in Raisin Township, this county, Jan. 24, 1873. He was born Feb. 13, 1783, and lived to the advanced age of nearly ninety years. They also were of the Quaker faith, and led blameless and correct lives.

Libni and Mrs. Lydia Kelley became the parents of three children, recorded as follows: Edwin C. married Miss Eda Potter, and is living on a farm in Ellis County, Kan.; Allen H. married Miss Elizabeth Price, and occupies the old homestead, of which he is now the owner, while Betsey M. is the wife of Garrison Moore, a well-to-do farmer and stock-dealer of Battle Creek, Mich. Mr. Kelley takes a lively interest in State and National affairs, is a strong advocate of temperance principles and votes the Prohibition ticket. Both he and his estimable wife belong to the Friends' Church. The paternal grandfather of Mrs. Kelley, Joseph Hoxsie by name, was a native of Massachusetts, and married Miss Elizabeth Benson, who died in Dutchess County, N. Y. Grandfather Hoxsie subsequently removed to Saratoga, where he passed his last days, They were likewise Quakers in religion, and spent their lives in the farming community. Upon her mother's side her grandfather, Buffen Slade, was the son of Samuel Slade, who was of New England birth and parentage, and spent his entire life near Fall River, Mass., where both father and son died and were buried.





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