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DAVID J. FENNER, successful farmer and prominent citizen of Royalton township, where he has made his home for nearly half a century, was born in Lake county, Ohio, March 4, 1847, being a son of Pallid and Mahala (Way) Fenner, the former of whom was born in Connecticut and the latter in the State of New York. The parents were numbered among the pioneers of Lake county, Ohio, whence they came to Fulton county in 1858, the father purchasing eighty acres of wild land, in Section 9, Royalton township, where he developed a valuable farm property, continuing his residence on this homestead until his death, at the age of sixty-seven years, his cherished and devoted wife having passed away at the age of sixty years. Anthony Fenner, father of Daniel, was likewise an early settler of Royalton township, where both he and his wife died. Of his children those who became residents of Fulton county were as follows: Daniel, father of the subject of this sketch; Alpheus, who reclaimed several farms in Chesterfield and Royalton townships ; Irwin and Thomas A., who likewise were prosperous farmers ; Almira, who became the wife of David Pates, of Royalton township; and Jane, who married Ichabod Edson. Daniel Fenner was twice married, the maiden name of his first wife having been Caroline Pitcher, who bore him two sons, Charles and Irwin, both now deceased. Five children represented the offspring of his marriage to Mahala Way, namely: Caroline and Dennis, who are deceased; David J., whose name initiates this paragraph; Julia, 'who is deceased; and Angeline, who is the wife of Nicholas McGurer. David J. Fenner became the owner of the old homestead farm of his parents, and there he continued to reside until the spring of 1905, when he removed to his present fine farm, of one hundred and fourteen acres, in Section 17, same township, but he still owns the old home farm, previously mentioned, thus being one of the large land-holders of the county and having been signally prospered in his energetic and progressive endeavors as a representative husbandman of his native county. In politics he is a staunch adherent of the Republican party, both he and his wife hold membership in the Christian church at Lyons, and he is identified with the Knights of the Maccabees. January 22, 1881, Mr. Fenner was united in marriage to Miss Evaline Wood, daughter of Joshua and Ann (Ingle) Wood, the former a native of Monroe county, N. Y., and the latter of London, England. Mrs. Fenner was reared in

the State of Iowa, but has been a resident of Fulton county since 1870. Mr. and Mrs. Fenner have two sons, Rufus B. and Omer, both of whom remain beneath the home roof being associated with their father in the work of the farm.

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MRS. SARAH L. FRAKER, who owns and occupies one of the most attractive rural homes in Fulton township, is the widow of George W. Fraker, whose death occurred in his forty-fourth year, on the 14th of December, 1895. He was a member of one of the old and honored families of the county, and a due record concerning the same is given in the sketch of Andrew J. Fraker, appearing on pages immediately preceding this memoir. Mrs. Fraker was born in Fulton township and is a daughter of Isaac and Rachel A. (Watkins) Fauble both of whom were born and reared in Ohio. They were numbered among the early settlers of Fulton county, taking up their abode on a primitive farm near the present Fulton Union church, in Fulton township, where the father died at the age of fifty-eight years, his devoted wife living to attain the age of sixty-five years. They had six children: Christopher, who died in childhood; Mary Jane, who is the widow of Frederick Koos, and resides in Clinton township; Robert, who is a representative farmer of Fulton township; James Edward, who resides in Swan Creek township, where he is a prosperous fanner; Sarah L. whose name initiates this sketch; and Rachel Ann who is the wife of Andrew J. Fraker, mentioned in preceding sketch. The marriage of George W. Fraker and Sarah L. Fauble was solemnized on the 14th of January, 1877, and they immediately located on the farm where Mrs. Fraker now maintains her home. This farm, which comprises eighty acres, in the southeast corner of Section 33, Fulton township, was but partially reclaimed and had few and inferior improvements at the time when Mr. and Mrs. Fraker here took up their abode. Mr. Fraker was a man of good judgment, comprehensive knowledge of the details of farm work, and of indefatigable industry, and these forces came into effective play in the improving and management of the new farm, which he cleared and placed under an advanced state of cultivation, building substantial fences, installing an excellent system of tile-drainage and making the place a model farm. He erected the handsome modern residence which adorns the place, and the fine barn was erected through the efforts of Mrs. Fraker since his death. In politics he was a supporter of the cause of the Democracy, he was affiliated with the Knights

of Pythias, and was a zealous member of the Methodist Episcopal church at Swanton, in which his widow also holds membership. The family is one of marked prominence and popularity in the social life of the community, and the beautiful rural homestead is a center of gracious hospitality. The residence, with, its fine lawns, hedges, flowers and shrubbery, occupies a commanding site, overlooking the surrounding country, and the interior gives evidence of refined taste and of appreciation of the ideal home-life. Mr. and

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Mrs. Fraker became the parents of three children, the eldest of whom, Mabel, is now the wife of Lyman Eugene Wiley, who n has charge of the Fraker homestead farm, he and his wife making! their home with the latter's mother. Mr. Wiley is a son of Isaac, Wiley, of whom individual mention is made elsewhere in this work Mr. and Mrs. Wiley are the parents of one child, Frank Fraker Wiley, born December 7, 1901. Frank, the only son of Mr. ant Mrs. Fraker, died October 1, 1898, a promising and noble youth toff seventeen years and a member of the senior class in the Delta, high school at the time of his demise. Ethel, the youngest of the children, completed her education in Fayette Normal University, this comer, and she has since been a popular teacher in the district schools of her native township. She is a member of the Daughters of Rebekah,. auxiliary of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and both she and her sister hold membership in the Rathbone Sisters, adjunct to. the Knights of Pythias.

THOMAS H. FRAKER is one of those enterprising citizens who find a due measure of satisfaction and profit in carrying forward. the various lines of farming industry and is one of the progressive; and successful farmers and stock-growers of York township, where, he owns and operates the old homestead on which he was born and. reared. He was born April 23, 1863, and is a: son. of Isaac, and Nancy Jane (Kizer) Fraker, both born in Wayne county,. Ohio, the former on the 24th of April, 1826, and the latter on. the 22d of Apt;; 1837. They were married in October, 1852, at East Swanton, Lucas county, and forthwith took up their abode on the farm. where their son, Thomas. H., now lives, the fine farmstead being located on the eastern line of York township; and adjacent to the thriving village of Delta. This property was secured from the government, in the early pioneer days, by Thomas Fraker, grandfather of the present owner, and the original entry comprised a large tract of land, of which one hundred and six acres are

retained in the present homestead. In addition to this place Mr. Fraker also owns another farm, of eighty acres, in the same section, and a good farm of one hundred acres in Lucas county. He has always made his home on the ancestral farmstead except for one year, during which he was engaged in business in Montpelier. His honored father was one of the prominent farmers and business men of the county, having been for many years engaged in the buying and shipping of live stock and having also dealt somewhat extensively in real-estate. He was a man of unassuming worth, had traveled much and was broad in his intellectuality, and he commanded the esteem of all who knew him. He died January 24, 1901, his wife having passed away January 11, 1889. Of their four children, Thomas H. was the only son and he is the only one now living. Elizabeth I., the eldest, was born October 11, 1853, and died in her eighteenth year; Susannah M., born February 20, 1858, died March 24, 1859; and Ida Ethel, born August 30, 1860, died November 17, 1864. Thomas H. Fraker was reared to manhood on the old homestead and duly availed himself of

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the advantages of the excellent public schools of the village of Delta. He finally purchased the home farm from his father, and he has become recognized as one of the leading representatives of the thrifty farming element of this favored section of the Buckeye State, each of his three farms being well-improved and conducted under his general supervision, though he gives his personal attention more particularly to the old home place. He is one of the leading growers of short-horn cattle in Fulton county, having made this department of his enterprise a specialty during the past eight years and breeding from thoroughbred stock. He has at the present time a herd of about twenty-five thoroughbreds, and he also has about twenty head of milch cows, selling his dairy product principally to the milk condensery at Delta. In politics he clings to the ancestral faith and is an uncompromising Democrat, taking a lively interest in the party cause but never being an aspirant for office. April 2, 1889, Mr. Fraker married Miss Jennie L. Watkins, who was born in this county, being a daughter of Wesley and Catherine (Fesler) Watkins, concerning whom more detailed mention is made in the sketch of their son, George W., on another page of this work. Mr. and Mrs. Fraker have no children.

SAMUEL FRYBARGER, one of the representative farmers of Fulton

township, is an honored veteran of the Civil war and in all the relations of life he has shown the same loyalty and integrity which marked his course during the days when he followed his country's flag on the battle-fields of the South. He was born in Somerset county, Pa., on the 5th of October, 1843, being the eldest son of John Henry and Mary (Schultz) Frybarger, the former of whom was born in Germany and the latter in Pennsylvania, and the respective years of nativity were 1800 and about 1810. They were married in the old Keystone State, whence they went to Missouri where the father was engaged in farming for a time, finally returning to Pennsylvania, whence they came to Fulton county, Ohio, in 1854. They located on a tract of wild and heavily-timbered land in Fulton township, one mile east of the homestead of their son, Samuel, of this sketch, and there the father died in the following year, and his widow remained on the farm with her children until her death, in June, 1888. Of the twelve children eight are living: Caroline is the wife of Joseph Gehring, of Delta, this county; Samuel is the subject of this review; Barbara is the wife of a Mr. Petty, of California; Margaret is the wife of Washington Hall and they reside in Oklahoma; John Henry is a resident of Delta; George W. remains on the old homestead, which he owns; and Henry is a successful farmer of Indiana. Samuel Frybarger secured a common school education and remained at home until he had attained the age of twenty-six years. Exceptional Burdens of responsibility were early placed upon his shoulders, since he was the eldest son and was but twelve years of age at the time of his father's death. Largely through his personal effort the home farm was cleared and reclaimed to cultivation, placing his loved mother in comfortable

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circumstances. The early years of toil were very rigid in their demands, and the utmost economy had to be observed by the family, but with the passing of years prosperity yielded its grateful tribute in compensation for past labors and self-denial. August 15, 1862, Mr. Frybarger enlisted as a private in Company K, One Hundred and Eleventh Ohio volunteer infantry, with which he served three years in the Western army. He participated in the Atlanta campaign, returning with his command, under General Thomas, to the defense of Nashville, and taking part in the battles of Franklin and Nashville, as well as in many other important engagements incidental to the great conflict which perpetuated the integrity of the Union. Among the engagements in which he was an active participant may be mentioned the

battles of Knoxville, Campbell's Station, Hough's Ferry, Strawberry Plains, Siege of Knoxville, Burnt Hickory, Lost Mountain, Kenesaw Mountain, Peachtree Creek and Atlanta, besides innumerable skirmishes. He was never captured or seriously wounded, though escaping by very close margins on several occasions. He received his honorable discharge, June 27, 1865, at Salisbury, N. C., having thus served until the close of the war, and in recognition of his fidelity and of disabilities resulting from his service he receives a pension. In 1875 Mr. Frybarger went to Kansas and Secured a homestead in Pawnee county, where he remained four years. Two years of protracted drouth caused him to meet with entire failure of crops and he therefore left the Sunflower State and purchased a farm in Lenawee county, Mich., where he resided one year, when he disposed of the property and purchased his present fine homestead of one hundred and two acres, where he has resided for a score of years, having sold his Kansas farm after returning to Ohio, He is engaged in general farming and stock-growing, and for a number of years "has also conducted a successful dairying business, being associated with his son John in the work and operation of the farm. He is a stalwart Republican in his political proclivities and while he has ever taken a lively interest in public affairs he has never sought or held office. Mr. Frybarger has been thrice married. September 21,- 1867, he wedded Miss Lucinda Schrock. who was born in Holmes county, Ohio, April 4, 1847, and who died February 25, 1875, leaving one daughter, Rosa B., who is the wife of Herrick McArthur, of Fulton township. January 24, 1877, Mr. Frybarger married Miss Sarah Ann Cook, who died February 27, 1883, leaving two children: Laura, who is the wife of Norton Miller, of Pike township, and Eliza, who remains at the paternal home. February II, 1885, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Frybarger to Miss Jane Ann Egnew, who was born in East Swanton, Lucas county, Ohio, being a daughter of James and Mary J. (Emmick) Egnew, both of whom died in that county in 1882. Mr. and Mrs. Frybarger have two children. John and Grace, both of whom remain members of the home circle.

JOHN J. GAMBER.—Lying immediately contiguous to the little city of Fayette, on the northeast, is the fine farm estate of Mr. Gam-

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ber, who is one of the sterling pioneers and prominent farmers of Gorham township. He was born in Fayette, Seneca county, N. Y., tin the 11th of September, 1835, and is a son of Henry and Polly (Hartrauft) Gamber, both

natives of Pennsylvania, whence they removed to Seneca county, N. Y., where the father was engaged in farming until 1852, when he came with his family to Fulton county, Ohio, having previously visited this section and selected a location for his future home. He and his wife and their six children made the entire trip with a team and heavy wagon and a one-horse buggy, being thirteen days en-route. He purchased one hundred and sixty acres, on the present site of Fayette,—eighty acres on each side of the town as now established, with Main street as the southern boundary. He paid seven hundred and fifty dollars for the east half and eight hundred dollars for the eighty acres on the west side, and about one-half of the present town of Fayette is on the land which he thus secured and which he cleared and improved. The old family residence was on the site of the present fine brick dwelling which institutes the attractive home of John J. Gamber, subject of this sketch. There were two log houses on the property when the other came into possession of the same, one on each tract described in the foregoing lines, one being situated on either side of the street and about ten rods south of the present residence of John J. Gamber. The entire wet eighty acres have been cut up into town – lots, and of the east eighty Mr. Gamber retains thirty-seven acres for agricultural purposes, the remainder being solidly built up with business buildings and residences. Save for the portions sold for Village lots the property has remained in the possession of the family from the time of purchase, more than half a century ago. Henry Camber was born June 11, 1808, and his death occurred May 29, 1854, only two years after he took up his residence in the county. His wife was born August 7, 1809, and her death occurred on August 1, 1884. They became the parents of seven children, of whom only the youngest was born in Fulton county. William resides near Norwalk, Ohio; John J., of this review, was the next in order of birth; Maria married a Mr. Tuesly and is now deceased; Sarah is the wife of Myron Smith, of Chesterfield township; Lorenzo is a resident of Fayette; Susan is the wife of Charles L. Allen, of Fayette; and Francis died in childhood. The father, who was a ranch adherent of the Democratic party, held several local offices after taking up his residence in this county, and both he and his wife were worthy members of the Lutheran church. John J. Gamber. availed himself of, the advantages afforded in the common schools of his native county in New York, and was fourteen years of age at the time of the family removal to Fulton county. He remained at the parental home until the death of his father, after which he was engaged in work for others in this locality, principally in farm labor. In 1860 he located on that part of the ancestral homestead which is his present place of abode, and two years later

he purchased a farm farther to the north, giving his attention to its cultivation and improvement until 1868, since which time he has resided on his pres-

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ent fine homestead, which he owns partially through inheritance and partially through purchase. He is a worthy representative of one of the old and honored families of the county, and is held in uniform esteem in the community which has been his home for so many years. He has always been a loyal supporter of the cause of the Democratic party, and has served in various local offices, and he is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His wife was a devoted member of the Disciple church, their long and gracious companionship having been severed by her death, which occurred in September, 1898. In 1859 Mr. Gamber was united in marriage to Miss Elvira Sales, daughter of George W. Sales, who was numbered among the pioneer settlers of Fulton county. The only child of Mr. and Mrs. Gamber is Lerichmod, who is a representative farmer of Gorham township. He married Miss Clara Coffin, of Fayette, and they have two children, Howard and Louise.

HON. WILLIAM GEYSER, ex-senator from the Thirty-third Ohio district, was born in Wurttemberg, Germany, on October 3, 1840. He came with his mother to Lucas county, Ohio, when about ten years old, where he resided until 1862, when he enlisted in Company I of the Fourteenth Ohio volunteer infantry, serving in the army of the Cumberland, and participating in the battles of Mill Springs, Pittsburg Landing, the Atlanta campaign and the march to the sea coast under General Sherman. At the expiration of his time of service he re-enlisted in the field and remained at the front until the end of the war. He followed the varying fortunes of the Third Brigade of the Fourteenth Army Corps throughout the war, the list of battles to his credit being a long one, and his military record unimpeachable. At Green River Bridge, Ky., while on the chase after the raider, Morgan, he sustained a hernia which has practically disabled him through life. This, at present, protrudes some nineteen inches, and is seventeen inches in circumference, and for thirty-five years the parts have refused to return to their normal condition. In consequence of this disability he receives a liberal pension from the National government. After his return from the war he engaged in the grocery business in Swanton. Beginning in a small way he rapidly increased his business until the sales averaged \$40,000 a year for a number of years. He was the first merchant of Swanton and shipped the first grain

from this station. He was extremely prosperous for many years, his credit being unlimited. His venture in the cold-storage business at Wauseon proved disastrous, owing to the indifferent management of his partner. In 1887, unexpectedly to himself and without solicitation on his part, he was chosen a delegate to the senatorial convention at Toledo, where he was nominated as one of the two candidates of the joint district embracing the counties of Lucas, Wood, Hancock, Henry and Fulton. The district was normally Democratic, but by energetic work and proper management Mr. Geysler and his colleague, William Carlin of Findlay, were triumphantly elected by a majority of eighteen hundred and forty votes. While serving in the Eighty-eighth general

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assembly he favored the Sunday-closing law, thereby incurring the displeasure of the saloon element, and at the election following he was defeated by four hundred votes. After serving as mayor of Swanton for several years he declined further honors in that direction. For seven years he acted as a member of the board of trustees of the State Hospital for the Insane, at Toledo. At present he is serving as assessor for the incorporated village of Swanton. He has always been a power in the counsels of the Republican party and active and energetic in anything that he has undertaken. Mr. Geysler has been thrice married. By his first wife he had two children, both living. They are Maude and Lizzie, both married. Mrs. Geysler having died in young womanhood, he was wedded to Miss Catherine Schrock and by her had one daughter, the wife of Robert Finn of Fulton county. Two years after the death of his second wife he married Miss Amy Haubiel of Fulton county, who prior to her marriage had taught for eight years in the Delta public schools. To this union there have been born two children, a son and a daughter. William, Jr., the elder child, for the past two years has been bookkeeper for the International Harvester Company of Chicago. He received a liberal education at Oberlin and Gambier and the Cleveland Business College. Dorothy, the younger child, has achieved an enviable reputation as a musician and linguist, having spent two years at the German and French capitals. While her strongest forte is music, now has attained great proficiency in foreign languages. She is now engaged in teaching music and conducting musical concerts in New York City, where she has relatives of high standing in the musical world, and where she stands very close to the aristocracy. Mr. Geysler has always taken a deep interest in

the organizations of the Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias and the Elks. Mrs. Geyser, as the granddaughter of a colonel in the Continental army, is actively identified with the Daughters of the Revolution, being vice-president of the Wauseon chapter.

WILBUR M. GIVIN, a representative farmer of Gorham township, was born in Cadiz, Harrison county, Ohio, on the 21st of September, 1853, the place of his nativity having been a primitive log cabin, which was the family domicile for a number of years. He is a son of George and Eliza (Lavelly) Givin, both of whom were likewise born in Harrison county, where the respective families were founded in the early pioneer days. The Givin family is of staunch Scotch-Irish lineage, and the original representatives in America were two brothers, who came from the Emerald Isle to this country as young men, one of them being Robert Givin, grandfather of Wilbur M., subject of this sketch. This worthy ancestor, first settled in Lancaster county, Pa., whence he removed to Steubenville, Jefferson county, Ohio, and later he took up his residence in Harrison county, where he died in the year 1854. He was a paper-maker by trade, but after locating in Ohio he devoted his attention principally to agricultural pursuits, in which he was successful. George Givin made fanning his principal vocation during his active career, and

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for several years he was a resident of Illinois, but he passed the closing years of his life in Harrison county, Ohio, where he died in 1902 at the age of seventy-seven years. His widow, who is of German and English ancestry, now resides with her son, Robert A., of North Platte, Neb. Of the three children, Wilbur M. is the eldest ; Robert A. is a resident of North Platte, Neb., as just stated, and Harvey L. is a resident of Harrison county, Ohio. Wilbur M. Givin was afforded the advantages of the public schools of Harrison county, after which he was a Student for one year in Scioto College. He was a successful teacher in the public schools of Harrison county for a period of three years, and since that time his vocation has been that of farming, in which he has met with marked prosperity, his efforts having been directed with consummate energy, intelligence and enterprise. In 1876 he removed to Crawford county, Ohio, where he maintained his home until 1900, when he took up his residence in Gorham township, Fulton county, on his present farm, which comprises one hundred and Sixty acres of valuable land, and the place has excellent improvements of a permanent

nature. Mr. Givin is a Republican in his political proclivities, is serving in the office of justice of the peace, and he was a school director for several years in Crawford county. He is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is a member of the Methodist church, as is also his wife. On Christmas day of the year 1877 Mr. Givin was united in marriage to Miss Rebecca Bukey, of Franklin county, Ohio, daughter of William and Mary Bukey, prominent citizens of West Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Givin have three children: Austin C. and Clark A. are residents of Crawford county, and Mary E. is the wife of Charles Young, of Toledo, Ohio.

JOHN W. GODDEN merits recognition in this compilation by reason of his being one of the prosperous farmers and sterling citizens of Pike township, and he has passed his entire life in Fulton county. He was born in Amboy township, on the 8th of February, 1857, and is a son of William and Mary (Bennett) Godden. William Godden was born in county Rent, England, on the 10th of September, 1820, and his wife was born in the same county in November, 1820, and there their marriage was solemnized on the 27th of November, 1840. They immigrated to America in 1849, arriving in the month of May, and resided for a short time in Syracuse, New York, whence they came to Ohio, residing for a time in the city of Cleveland and thence coming to Fulton county about 1855. The father was 'a tanner and currier by trade, but after coming to Fulton county he devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits, developing a good farm in Pike township, where he died in 1902, his wife passing away in 1897. They became the parents of ten children, six of the number having been born prior to the removal to the United States. Robus is the wife of Sylvester I. Spring, of Fulton county; William is nOW residing on the old homestead farm; Martha has been thrice married and widowed, her last husband having been Ephraim J. Padgham, and she resides in Fulton county ; Sarah is deceased;

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Mary resides in North Baltimore ; Margaret is deceased; Stephen also resides on the old homestead; Phoebe is deceased; Eliza is deceased, and John is the immediate subject of this review. John Godden was reared on the homestead farm and has never wavered in his allegiance to the industry of agriculture, in connection with which he has met with excellent success in his independent operations. He is indebted to the public schools of Fulton county for his early educational discipline, and is a man of broad and

progressive ideas. His farm comprises thirty-four acres, is under a high state of cultivation and is improved with excellent buildings, including a fine modern residence. He is a Republican in politics. November t, 1899, Mr. Godden was united in marriage to Miss Nettie Arnold, who was born in Hillsdale county, Michigan, on the 8th of January, 1863, being a daughter of Levi and Nancy (Truman) Arnold, early settlers of the Wolverine State, both being now deceased.

NATHAN N. GORSUCH is one of the representative farmers of Pike township and has passed his entire life in Fulton county, where he commands the high regard of all who know him. He was born on the homestead farm, in Clinton township, on the 2d of December, 1864. and is a son of Ephraim and Anna M. (Castleberry) Gorsuch, both representative of pioneer families of the old Buckeye State. He was afforded the advantages of the public schools of his home township and was reared to the sturdy discipline of the farm, and he has shown excellent judgment in making agriculture his vocation throughout his mature career, finding in the connection ample scope for effective and 'profitable endeavor and enjoying that independence which is denied those who mingle in the "madding crowd's ignoble strife." Mr. Gorsuch is the owner of a well improved farm of 100 1/4 acres, the same. is devoted to diversified farming and stockgrowing, and special attention is given to dairying, which proves a profitable department of the farm enterprise. In politics Mr. Gorsuch is independent, and he is one of the prominent members of the Church of God in his native county, being a minister in the same and being a devoted worker in the vineyard of the divine Master, as is also his wife. On the 6th of December, 1886, Mr. Gorsuch was united in marriage to Miss Lucy S. Becker, who was born in Wayne county, this State, on the 3d of December, 1861, being a daughter of Charles and Lucy S. (Shaffer) Becker, both of whom were born and reared in Germany, their marriage having been solemnized in Wayne county, Ohio, where they continued to reside until 1874, when they came to Fulton couy and located on a farm in Clinton township, where Mr. Becker died on the 19th of April, 1905, and where his widow still maintains her home. Mr. and Mrs. Gorsuch have four children, concerning whom the following brief record is entered: Florence M., who was born February 20, 1888, is the wife of Orrin Baughman, an engineer on the Lake Shore railroad; Robert W. was born January 10, 1893; Sophia, September 25, 1896; and Maria, March 23, 1900.

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HARMON GASCHE, one of the representative farmers of the younger generation in Clinton township, is a native of Fulton county and has here passed his entire life thus far, and he has maintained an unwavering fealty to the great fundamental industry of agriculture and has met with marked success in his efforts. He was born in German township, this county, on the 29th of December, 1861, and is a son of George and Catherine (Honeberger) Gasche. His father was born in Wetzlar, Prussia, on the 1st of May, 1819, and in 1832 he severed the ties which bound him to the fatherland and emigrated to America, settling in Cumberland county, Pa., whence he later came to Wayne county, Ohio, where he took up his residence in Fulton county in 1858, having purchased a tract of land in German township, in 1840. His wife was born in the Kingdom of Bavaria, Germany, April 23, 1824, and came with her parents to America in 1837, the family first settling in Canton, Stark county, Ohio, and she was a resident of Holmes county at the time of her marriage. Her honored husband passed to the life eternal on the 24th of January, 1895, and she now resides with her daughter, Amelia L. Sower, wife of G. H. Sower, of German township. Hannon Gasche was reared on the home farm and was able to properly avail himself of the advantages of the public schools of the locality, and he initiated his independent career by engaging in the vocation to which he had been reared. In 1887 he purchased his present farm, which comprises eighty acres and which is one of the model places of the township, having the best of improvements in the way of buildings and being devoted to general agriculture and to the raising of high-grade live stock. In politics Mr. Gasche maintains an independent attitude, being a man of well defined convictions and opinions and taking an intelligent interest in the issues and questions of the hour. He served two years as road supervisor, but has never been ambitious for public office of any sort. March 9, 1899, Mr. Gasche was united in marriage to Miss Maria Kimerer, who was born in Fulton county, July 23, 1864, being a daughter of Charles and Christena (Biddle) Kimerer, the former of whom was born in Preston county, West Va., October 21, 1812. In 1838 Mr. Kimerer married Christena Biddle, who was born January 3, 1822,

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and they came to Fulton county in 1842, the father here turning his attention to farming, which was his vocation during the remainder of his active career.

He died October 26, 1898, his wife having passed away on the 11th of March, 1897. Mr. and Mrs. Gasche have two children—Carl H., born May 5, 1902; and Catherine, born August 11, 1904. In a fraternal way Mr. Gasche is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Patrons of Husbandry.

THOMAS E. GOODWIN, a representative of one of the old and prominent families of Fulton county, of which he is a native son, is one of the leading farmers and stock-growers of the younger generation in York township, where he has a fine property. He was born in Swan Creek township, this county, on the 7th of November, 1869, and is a son of Thomas and Rosetta (Keene) Goodwin, being he seventh in order of birth of a family of eight children. He was geared to the strenuous and wholesome life of the farm, and productive agriculture, with its allied lines of enterprise, has never lost its attraction in his case, and he has so systematically and ably directed his efforts in that connection that he has gained recognition as one of the progressive and substantial farmers and stock-growers of his native county, and his status as a citizen is altogether creditable. On the 26th of October, 1889, Mr. Goodwin was united in marriage to Miss Ruth A. Tremain, and he thereafter operated rented farms until 1894, when he purchased his present place, which comprises sixty-two and one-half acres, and which was the original homestead of his wife's parents, having been entered from the government by her paternal grandfather, then descended to her father, and it remained under the Tremain title until Mr. Goodwin purchased the property, on the 25th of January, 1894. Mr. and Mrs. Goodwin have four children: Piercie A., born August 9, 1890; Leon D., August 2, 1893; Helen F., November 2, 1899, and Charles E., February 20, 1905. In politics Mr. Goodwin has been aligned as a stanch supporter of the cause of the Republican party from the time of attaining to his legal majority, and he has served two terms as township assessor, and for the past several years he has been a Valued member of the township school board. He and his wife are members of the Christian church, and in a fraternal way he is identified with Delta Lodge, No. 460, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he is past grand, and with the Fulton Encampment, No. 197, of the same fraternity. Reverting to the family history of Mr. Goodwin, it has been stated that he was the seventh in order of birth of the eight children of Thomas and Rosetta (Keene) Goodwin, and of these children seven are living, Charlotte having died in young womanhood. The names of the others in order of birth, are as follows: John C., Adella, Jeanette, Agnes M., Lucy, Thomas E. and

Albert P. Charlotte, who was the sixth child, became the wife of Allen Swartz of Fayette, this county, and was killed by a runaway team, in the very flower of her young womanhood. She is survived by two children . Lucy, the sister next older, is

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the wife of Harry Persing, of Clyde, Ohio; Jennette is the wife of James Pease, of Traverse City, Mich.; Agnes Margaret is the wife of Courtland A. Knapp, of York township; and the brothers all reside in Fulton county, as does also the eldest sister, Adella, who. is the wife of Alfred Bloom, of Swanton. The father of these children was born at New Church, Radnorshire, in the south of Wales, and came to America when a youth, his marriage to Rosetta Keene having been solemnized in the eastern part of Ohio, of which State she was a native. She died in Fulton county in 1875, and her husband survived her by nearly a score of years, his death occurring September 3, 1894. Ruth Ann (Tremain) Goodwin, wife of the subject of this review, was born in Fulton county and is the younger of the two children of Daniel M. and Catherine (Markel) Tremain. Her sister, Lillie Arthilla, is now the wife of Robert Carpenter, and they reside in Henry county, Ohio. Daniel M. Tremain was born in York township, this county, January 25, 1840, being a son of Gardner and Elizabeth (Miller) Tremain, the former of whom was born in Cuyahoga county, Ohio, April 15, 1813, and the latter was born in Dutchess county, New York, March 8, 1814. They were married October 14, 1834, and came ,to Fulton county, Ohio, in 1836, here passing the remainder of their lives, and each attained advanced age. They were numbered among the early and honored pioneers of the county, which was not organized as such until nearly a decade and a half after they took up their residence here. They became the parents of eight children, of whom three are living, and their descendants are numerous in Fulton county. John J., the eldest of the children, died of smallpox, while serving as a soldier in an Ohio regiment during the war of the Rebellion, his death occurring in a hospital in Knoxville, Tenn., in 1864, at which time he was years of age, having been a Member of the One Hundredth Ohio volunteer infantry. Daniel M., the father of Mrs. Goodwin, was the next in order of birth. He also was a soldier in the Civil war, having enlisted, in 1861., in Company K, Thirty-eighth Ohio volunteer infantry, with which he was in active service four years and seventeen days. He escaped disabling wounds, but while in the service contracted disease from the effects of which he has never recovered, and in

recognition of which he receives a pension. Phoebe E., the wife of John Schloff, died in 1872; Benjamin Tremain died in childhood; Abraham is a retired farmer, residing in Delta; this county ; Martha is the wife of A. A. Duamersq, a lumber dealer in Delta ; Arthilla died in childhood, and Warren Benjamin, the youngest of the family, resides in Delta. The Markel family was early established in Fulton county. William and Ruth A. (Williams) Markel, parents of Mrs. Catherine Tremain, came here in 1844, shortly after their marriage. William Markel here traded a span of horses and a wagon for eighty acres of wild land, and initiated the development of a farm in the midst of the forest, his cash capital at the time being represented in the sum of six dollars. He became one of the well-to-do farmers of the county, where he died at an advanced age. Mrs. Catherine (Markel)

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Tremain died in Delta, in 1891, and five years later her husband was united in marriage to Miss Helen Bayhe, who was born in Bluffton, Wells county, Indiana, being a daughter of George and Agnes (Hopplitzel) Bayhe, both of whom were born in Wurttemberg Germany, the death of the former occurring in 1884 and that of the latter in 1892. In his early manhood Daniel Tremain was employed four years as a government mail carrier, transporting the Mail from Waterville, Lucas county, to Bryan, Williams county, and making one round trip each week. He encountered many hardships and perils during these years of service in the undeveloped country, and his reminiscences of the early days are graphic and interesting.

SOLOMON GOTSHALL is a representative of one of the pioneer families of Ohio and is one of the prominent and influential land-holders and business men of Fulton county, maintaining his residence near Fayette. He was born in Richland county, this state, on the 1st of February, 1836, and is a son of George and Elizabeth (Castle) Gotshall, the former of whom was born in Pennsylvania, of sturdy German lineage, and the latter was of English descent and was born in Ohio. At the age of nineteen years, in 1833, George Gotshall came to Ohio and located in Richland county. About two years later his parents also took up their residence in the county, where his father, Solomon Gotshall, engaged in farming, there passing the remainder of his life, as did also his wife. George Gotshall continued a resident of Richland county until 1885, when he came to Fulton County, where he made his home until his death, though he was in Michigan at the time when the summons

came to enter the eternal his wife having passed away several years previously. They were the parents of four children, of whom Solomon was the first born Rachel is the wife of John Bard, of Gratiot county, Michigan. Daniel is a resident of near Fayette; and Mary is the wife of Adam Dare, of Mansfield, Ohio. Solomon Gotshall was reared on the homestead farm, in Richland county, in whose common schools he secured his early educational training. After attaining his majority he there engaged in farming on his own responsibility, continuing operations in this line four years, at the expiration of which, in 1861, he removed to Williams county, where he was engaged in the same line of enterprise until 1866, when he removed to Gorham township, Fulton county, where he engaged in farming. He also became prominently identified with lumbering and stock-dealing interests, and for a number of years he conducted an agricultural store, in Fayette, and also controlled an extensive business in the handling of agricultural implements and machinery, such as engines and separators. His progressive spirit became further manifest in his operation of a threshing outfit, and he was the first man in the township to make a success of utilizing a steam engine for power in this line, the first person for whom he did work with the new outfit of this sort demanding that Mr. Gotshall insure his barn against fire while doing the threshing. In 1881 he engaged in the lumber business at Archbold, where he purchased a saw-mill and planing-mill, also equipped

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for the manufacture of staves and headings. He was with his son, L. D., in this enterprise, and a branch factory is maintained in Delta and Toledo, run by his sons, L. D. and J. W. The Archbold institution is the leading manufactory of the town and in the same employment is given to about 160 men. Mr. Gotshall is the owner of two hundred and forty acres of valuable land in Fulton county, and has taken a foremost part in advancing the agricultural interests of the same. He was the first man to propose the circulation of a petition for the improvement of Bean creek, which has been made to drain in an effective way the southeastern part of Gorham township, increasing the value of the swamp lands in that section by the amount of fifty to one hundred dollars an acre. He had a great deal of opposition in this project, and was compelled to give a bond of \$10,000, signed by Heman A. Canfield. Mr. Gotshall was also one of the principal promoters of the Toledo and Western electric railway, coming into Fayette. In this project he also had opposition, many thinking it would be a detriment to the village. But it

proved to be the reverse. Mr. Gotshall felt confident that it would be a great benefit to the village and surrounding county, and now feels a pardonable pride in the results of his faithful work. Mr. Gotshall is a stalwart supporter of the principles and policies of the Democratic party, and has held various local offices, including that of trustee of Gorham township, and he was secretary of the school board of that township for eighteen years. He is a charter member of the Fayette Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. On the list of December, 1856, Mr. Gotshall was united in marriage to Miss Maria Whistler, who was born in Ashland county, Ohio, being a daughter of Christopher and Eliza Whistler, both of whom were born in Pennsylvania, whence they removed to Ashland county, Ohio; and her parents took up their residence in Richland county when Mr. Gotshall was six years of age, there passing the remainder of their lives. Mr. and Mrs. Gotshall became the parents of four children: Granville is deceased; L. D. is a resident of Toledo and is interested in the mills with which his brother is identified in Archbald; Minnie is deceased; and I. W. is also concerned in the milling business at Delta, Toledo and Archbold, he residing at the latter place.

FRED GRANDY, who is engaged in the livery business in Delta and who is also the owner of a good farm in Fulton township, is a son of that sterling pioneer citizen, Henry R. Grandy, to whom a due tribute is paid on pages 385, 386 and 387, so that a recapitulation of the family history is not demanded in the present connection. Fred Grandy was born on the homestead farm now occupied by his father, in Fulton township, on the 29th of August, 1861, was reared to the discipline of the farm, and his educational advantages were those of the public schools of his native county. He has been engaged in the livery business in Delta since 1900, and controls a large patronage, having the only well-equipped livery in the town. He has done much to raise the grade of horses in this section, having kept thoroughbred breeding stock for many years and being a lover of the noble animals

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to whose breeding and raising he has thus devoted his attention. He and his wife own a fine farm of ninety-five acres, two miles north of Delta, and also have a handsome modern residence in Delta. He is a stalwart Republican in his political proclivities, and is affiliated with Fulton Lodge, No. 248, Free and Accepted Masons; Octavius Waters Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, and Aurora Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, of which last Mrs. Grandy also is

a member. February 22, 1885, Mr. Grandy was united in marriage to Miss Eva F. Thompson, who was born and reared in this country, being a daughter of the late Abraham B. Thompson, one of the old and honored pioneers of Fulton county, concerning whom more specific mention is made in the sketch of the career of his son, Addison B., published AM another page of this volume. The only living child of Mr. and Mrs. Grandy is Grace Evelyn, who remains at the parental home. Mr. Grandy served several years as deputy sheriff of Fulton county, and he is at the present time a valued member of the village council of Delta, being one of the progressive business men and popular citizens of this place.

MARSHAL TIMOTHY GRAVES, real-estate dealer and pension attorney of Wauseon, was born in Glencoe, Ontario, Canada, in 1858. He is the son of Peter W. and Hannah (Warner) Graves, both natives of Pontiac, Mich. His grandfather Graves and John Graves, an uncle of the father of the subject of this sketch, saw active service in the War of 1812. The wife of the grandfather Graves, a native of Pennsylvania, was Mary Cooley before her marriage. One uncle and three brothers of the subject of this sketch served in the Civil war. Marshal Timothy Graves came from Canada to Ohio when seventeen years old, having received his education in the schools of Glencoe. For four years he was a sailor on the fresh-water lakes and then for two years he was employed in the railway service for the Wabash Company. In 1898 he enlisted in company G. Sixth Ohio volunteer infantry, at the age of forty years, with the rank of corporal, and was discharged May 24, 1899. He was stationed at Cuenfuegos, in the Island of Cuba. In 1901 he came to Wauseon and bought a farm south of the city, and is now living in Wauseon. After coming here he embarked in the real estate business, establishing at the same time a pension agency. He has met with marked success in everything that he has undertaken. In the sale of real-estate he operates in Fulton and the adjoining counties. As pension, attorney he does business in many States. Few pension attorneys have served their clients more successfully than he. Mr. Graves has always taken an active part in all matters pertaining to the general improvement of Wauseon. By subscribing liberally to its stock he succeeded in locating in his home city a large canning factory. He married Mrs. Emma C. Fenton, a widow, of Franklin township, Henry county, O. She is the daughter of Rev. N. S. Waden of Henry county, a minister of the Methodist Episcopal church North, well-known all over the State of Ohio. The subject of this sketch is commander of Camp Candalaria, No. 20,

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United Spanish War Veterans, of Wauseon. He is a wide-a-wake, progressive business man and farmer, part owner of a fine farm of one hundred and forty acres, in a state of high cultivation, one and one-half miles south of the city. A fine modern residence and large barn are among the improvements he has erected on the land.

GEORGE GRAY, a leading contractor and builder of Lyons, is a well-known and popular citizen of this part of the county and is a representative of one of the sterling pioneer families of Fulton county, which figures as the place of his nativity. He was born in York township, December 5, 1845, and is a son of Charles and Marilla (Donaldson) Gray. Charles Gray was born in England, whence he came to America when a young man, and he became one of the early settlers in York township, this county, where he reclaimed and improved a farm of 120 acres. With advancing years, he retired from active labor, taking up his residence in the city of Wauseon, where he died August 6, Two, at the venerable age of eighty-two years. His first wife, Marilla, nee Donaldson, died in 1850, having become the mother of three children, George, James and Mary, the last-named having become the wife of Stephen Coff and being now deceased. For his second wife Charles Gray married Esther Cooper, and they had three children, Charles W., Amos A. and Jennie. After the death of his second wife he married Miss Mell Hodges, who died a few years later, leaving one daughter, Etta. Mr. Gray thereafter consummated a fourth marriage, wedding Elizabeth Cooper, who survives him. George Gray was reared to manhood in Fulton county and duly availed himself of the advantages of the common schools, and farming was his principal vocation for many years. He took up his residence in Royalton township in 1886 and has been a resident of the village of Lyons for ten years. He was identified with agricultural pursuits in this township until 1898, since which time he has followed the trade of carpentry, being an excellent workman and being successful in his efforts. He rendered loyal service in the Union ranks at the time when the integrity of the Republic was menaced by armed rebellion. In October, 1862, he enlisted as a private in Company K, Thirty-eighth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with which he took part in the memorable battles of Stone River and Missionary Ridge, after which he was detailed as division teamster, in which capacity he served until the close of the war, receiving his honorable discharge, at Columbus, Ohio, June 22, 1865. He is a valued member of Baxter Post, No. 238, G. A. R., at

Lyons, and in politics his allegiance is given to the Democratic party. February 20, 1867, Mr. Gray wedded Miss Mary Kane, daughter of Henry and Mary (King) Kane, who were born and reared in Ireland and who were pioneers of York tOWnship, this county. Mr. and Mrs. Gray have two daughters: Cora, wife of Michael Heiner, and Clara, wife of William Seward.

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RUDOLPH GIGAX, a retired farmer of Elmira, Fulton county, O., is a native of Switzerland, having been born on a farm about six miles from the city of Berne, July 20, 1850. He is the son of Jacob and Magdalena (Burkholder) Gigax, both natives of Switzerland. Jacob Gigax was a successful farmer in the old country until 1854, when, with his family, consisting of wife and six children, he emigrated to the United States. Coming directly to Ohio, he located in German township, Fulton county, where the present village of Burlington is situated, and followed general farming until his death, on March 5, 1871, aged sixty-four years. His widow survived him until March 15, 1882, aged sixty-seven years. To these parents there was born a family of nine children, two of whom were born in this country. Their names follow : Fred, who died in 1904, aged sixty-five years, followed farming in Franklin township; Elizabeth, the wife of L. W. Brown, died in 1881; Godlip, a farmer of German township ; Mary, now Mrs. John Keller of German township; Rudolph ; Rosetta, the wife of Eli Wyse of Franklin township; Christina, (deceased), the wife of George Younges ; John, of German township, and Mary Ann, who died in infancy in Switzerland. Rudolph Gigax was reared on his father's farm and educated in the public schools. Until 1882 he was engaged in general farming, when he embarked in the mercantile business, conducting a hardware establishment for two years. Then he purchased the general store at the village of Burlington and conducted it with unusual success for two years. Disposing of this business, he retired to his fine farm, a half-mile north of Elmira. In politics he has always acted independently, preferring to use his own judgment when passing on the fitness of candidates for public office. His success in life is largely due to his untiring energy, his close application to business and his scrupulous honesty in dealing with his fellow-men.

HENRY R. GRANDY.—The annals of the pioneer days read almost like a romance to those of the younger generation, but stern reality robbed the era of much of its glamor for those who were active participants in the drama of initial development .which has reached its denouement in the opulent material

and civic prosperity of the present day, as the grand twentieth century rolls into the cycle of the ages. Mr. Grandy is one of those honored citizens whose memory links the formative epoch with that of latter-day prosperity, and he is now living practically retired on his fine farmstead, in Fulton township, where he has made his home for nearly sixty years, being a scion of one of the well-known pioneer families of this section. Mr. Grandy was born in Clinton county, N. Y., on the 9th of Septem-

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ber, 1832, and is a son of Michael B. and Anna (Leggett) Grandy the former of whom was born in Massachusetts, December 5, 1802, and the latter was born in New Hampshire, December 21, 1809. They were married in Easton, Washington county, N. Y., on the 24th of December, 1827, and thereafter resided in Clinton county, that State until 1838, when they came to Fulton county, Ohio, having four children at the time, and three more were born after they became residents of this county. Betsy J., born October 17, 1828, was married on the 8th of November, 1846, to Charles Thompson, who is now deceased, and she resides in Edgerton, Williams county, having five children. Judson W. was born August 2, 1830, and his death occurred January 30, 1858, his wife and one child having preceded him into eternal rest. Henry R. of this sketch, was the next in order of birth. Samuel P., born May 21, 1835, married Ann E. Harris, March 27, 1859, and of their three children two are living—Jennie, wife of Daniel K. Ladenburg, of Delta, and Charles, manager for the Pittsburg Coal Company in the city of Toledo. Samuel P. resides in Delta and is employed by his nephew, Fred Grandy, of whom mention is made in the preceding sketch. John A., who was born, January 31, 1839, resides in Delta, being a notary public and a pension attorney. Moses D., born July 13, 1841, was killed in the battle of Honey Hill, S. C., December 1, 1864, having been in service at the time as a member of the One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. Ann E., born June 4, 1844, is the widow of William A. Lingle, to whom she was married, October 25. 1866, and she resides in the city of Owosso, Mich. Henry R. Grandy secured his early educational discipline in the pioneer schools of this section, and his earliest practical duties were in connection with the work on the farm, in the midst of the primeval forest. The family lived on rented farms in Swan Creek township until 1845, when the father purchased a tract of eighty acres, comprising a portion of the fine landed estate now owned by the subject of this review, this having been the fink

permanent home of the family after coming to Ohio. The land was wholly unimproved, and the father and sons found theirs the task of felling the giant forest trees and reclaiming the tract to cultivation, all having rendered due quota of aid in the development of this section. The first house 'was constructed of logs, being sixteen by twenty-eight feet in dimensions, with a "lean-to," fourteen feet wide, running its entire length at the rear. This was one of the best houses in the locality at the time. A mammoth fireplace occupied one end of the living room, and when this was filled with the crackling logs of burning hickory a generous warmth was diffused and the interior made attractive in a homely way. The cooking was largely done in or in front of the fireplace, and bread was usually baked in an iron kettle, which was embedded in live coals and covered with a high flanged lid, which also held its complement of coals. A later device was the tin reflector, which was supposed to catch and concentrate the heat from a roaring fire and thus do the baking. Mr. Grandy recalls that the roads of those days usually followed the ridges, or highest ground, winding around through the forest, by blazed trail, until the

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desired destination was reached. Some of the larger cabins of the pioneers were often used for religious services, led by the itinerant preachers or circuit-riders of the day, and log houses which had been discarded for larger ones were frequently used for the primitive 'schools. The nearest mill was at Maumee, twenty miles distant, and the ox teams were principally utilized by the early settlers. Amusements were simple but wholesome, consisting principally of neighborhood parties and "bees" of various descriptions, and hospitality and good cheer were never lacking. September 20, 1860, Mr. Grandy was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Cameron, who was born near Lockport, Niagara county, N. Y., June 14, 1840. She was left an orphan in early childhood and was reared by her paternal grandmother. She had two brothers, Joseph and Alexander, the former of whom died in the spring of 1863, while serving in the Union army, and the latter is a resident of Osborne county, Kan. Mr. and Mrs. Grandy had two children, concerning the older of whom, Fred, an individual sketch appears immediately preceding this one. Ida was born June 8, 1863, and remains with her father on the old homestead. She was afforded good educational advantages and is an accomplished musician, to the teaching of which art she has devoted her attention for a number of years, having large classes in Delta and in the

neighborhood of her country home, and she is held in high regard in the community, being popular in its social circles. Mrs. Grandy was called to the eternal life on the 7th of October, 1893, and her remains lie at rest in the Fulton Union cemetery. She was a woman of gentle and noble character and endeared herself to all who came within the sphere of her influence. She was a devoted member of the Christian or Disciples church, with which Mr. Grandy also has been identified for nearly half a century, his daughter also being an active member. In politics Mr. Grandy has ever been a staunch supporter of the Republican party and its principles, having cast his first presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln. He has been incumbent of various offices of local trust, including those of township trustee, district clerk and school director, and his aid and influence have always- been freely given in support of measures and enterprises for the general good of the community. He inherited a half-interest in the old homestead of eighty acres, and purchased the other half-interest, and here he has maintained his home since he was a youth of sixteen years. He is one of the sturdy pioneer citizens of Fulton county, where he has ever stood as a synonym of honor, integrity and loyalty.

JOHN A. GRANDY, township clerk of York township and engaged in practice as a pension attorney, at Delta, is an honored member of one of the sterling pioneer families of Fulton county, which has been his home from the time of his birth. He was born in Swan Creek township, on the 30th of January, 1839, the old homestead being located three miles east of Delta, and is a son of Mishel B. and Anna (Leggett) Grandy, whose marriage was solemnized in the State of New York, whence they came to Fulton county in 1838, locating in Swan Creek township as pioneers. There the father developed a

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farm, becoming one of the prominent citizens of this section and ever commanding unqualified esteem in the community. Concerning and his wife detailed mention is made in the sketch of their son Henry R. appearing immediately before this one, and to the same reference may be made for genealogical data apropos of the article at hand. John A. Grandy was reared on the home farm, and in the common schools secured his elementary education; which was supplemented by a course in the graded schools at Waterville, Lucas county. His independent career was initiated by his service as a school teacher, and in this way he earned the first money which he ever

could definitely call his own. He taught his first term of school when he had just passed his fifteenth year, and he received eighty-eight dollars in gold for his services. He states that never since has he had a sum of money which looked as large to him or one in which he took so great pride. This first pedagogic experience was gained in the winter of 1854-5, and thereafter he continued to teach, especially during the winter terms, until 1863. On the 2d of May, 1864, he tendered his services in defense of the Union, enlisting as a private in Company H, One Hundred and Thirtieth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with which he served one hundred and forty-five days, at the expiration of which he received his discharge. Thereafter he continued to teach for several years, in the meanwhile devoting much attention to the study of higher branches of learning, and in the winter of 1864-5 he was employed as principal of the Delta schools. In May, 1865, he sold his farm in Swan Creek township—a property which he had acquired some time previously, paying for the same with money earned by teaching—and he invested the proceeds in a general store at Centerville, now known as Swanton, where he conducted a profitable business until 1875, when his establishment was destroyed by fire, entailing an almost total loss, as his insurance indemnity was very small. This misfortune made it impossible for him to resume business, and he again had recourse to his ability as a teacher, continuing his work in the school-room, and also working as a fire-insurance agent, until 1883. He then went to Hand county, South Dakota., where he secured a homestead, to which he proved title in due time, continuing to reside on the place about five years and then returning to his old home. After returning from the west he taught one term of school, and in 1889 he adopted His present profession of prosecuting pension claims before the various departments in Washington, in which field of endeavor he has been specially successful, gaining proper recognition of the claims of many deserving veterans of the Civil war. He is also a notary public, and has served consecutively as township clerk since 1892, through successive re-elections every two years. In political matters Mr. Grandy is a stalwart supporter of the principles of the Republican party, in whose cause he has been a somewhat active worker in a local way. He served four years as a member of the board of school examiners of the county, and has always maintained a deep interest in educational affairs. In a fraternal way he is a valued member of McQuillin Post, No. 171, G. A. R., of Delta, and is also a member of the National Union, a social

and beneficial order. On New Year's day of the year 1863, Mr. Grandy was united in marriage to Miss Amelia L. Quiggle, who was born in Hampden, Geauga county, Ohio, being a daughter of Calvin and Louise Quiggle, who came to Fulton county in 1852, here :passing the remainder of their lives. Mrs. Grandy has five brothers .and two sisters. Romanso C. is a resident of Michigan; Horatio H., Clarence C. and Frederick E. reside in Delta; and Elmer C. maintains his home in Hartford, Conn.; Lucy is the wife of Russell G. Merrill, of Lincoln, Neb.; and Maria is the wife of Jacob N. Bechtol, of Toledo, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Grandy have three children. Frank, who is now engaged as salesman in a mercantile establishment in Delta, was here engaged in the general merchandise business for himself until his place was destroyed by fire, in December, 1904. He served thirteen months during the Spanish-American war, as a member of Company G, Sixth Ohio Volunteers, his command having been held in reserve for a number of months at Chickamauga Park and having been on duty in Cuba about six months. Jessie is the wife of Frank Shumaker, engaged in the meat-market business in Delta, and they have one child, Elmer. Mary, the youngest of the three children, still remains at the parental home, being one of the popular young ladies of the community.

SYLVESTER GREEN, a prominent farmer and popular citizen of Royalton township, was born n Fairfield township, Lenawee county, Mich., on the 28th of June, 1843, and is a son of James and Eliza (McConnell) Green, both of whom were born near the city of Belfast, Ireland, where they were reared and where their marriage was solemnized in the year 1830. In the same year they left the Emerald Isle and set bravely forth to establish for themselves a home in America. They remained several years in the State of New York, and then came to Toledo, Ohio, where the father secured employment in connection with the construction of the Maumee canal. He was thus engaged about one year and then settled in Fairfield township, Lenawee county, Mich., where, in 1840, he purchased forty acres of land, retaining possession of the same about two years and then exchanging the property for a tract of eighty acres, in the same township. This latter farm he reclaimed and improved and there both he and his wife continued to reside until his death, which occurred in September, 1888, at which time he was seventy-nine years of age. His widow still survives and has reached (1905) the venerable age of ninety-one years. They became the parents of ten children, of whom six attained years of 'maturity Eliza, James Henry, Sylvester, William, Rachel and George. Eliza, who is deceased, was the wife of Edwin Smith,

and Rachel is the wife of Richard N. Miller. Sylvester Green had an adequate experience in strenuous work during his boyhood and youth, since he aided in the reclaiming and cultivation of the pioneer homestead, in Fairfield township, Lenawee county, Mich., and his educational training was limited to the somewhat primitive schools of the locality and period. He continued to remain at the parental home until his

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marriage, in 1869, when he purchased a farm of eighty acres in his native township, where he continued to reside until 1875, when he purchased 'forty acres there and then came to Royalton township, Fulton county, where he purchased forty acres, in Section 9, later adding forty acres of adjacent land, clearing a considerable portion of the place from the wild condition, and he has continued to add to his landed estate from time to time until he now owns three hundred and six acres, lying in Royalton township and across the Michigan line in his native township of Fairfield. It includes also the little homestead of twenty-six and one-half acres where he now resides, a portion of the same being within the corporate limits of the village of Lyons, where he has an attractive home and where he has maintained his residence since the autumn of 1902, being practically retired, though still having a general supervision of his extensive farming interests. He is a stalwart Republican and has been incumbent of minor offices in his township, including that of land appraiser. He is affiliated with Lyons Lodge No. 622, I. O. O. F., and with the adjunct organization, the Daughters of Rebekah, of which latter Mrs. Green also is a member. He and his wife are prominent members of the Lyons Christian church, in which he is a deacon. Mr. Green has been three times married. August 9, 1869, he wedded Miss Lavina Catlin, daughter of Burge Catlin, of Norwalk, Ohio, and she died in 1878, leaving two children—Almon B., /who married Miss Fannie Oaks; and Mary L., who is the wife of Arthur Wood. For his second wife Mr. Green married Miss Eliza_ Catlin, sister of his first wife, and she died in 1887; leaving no children. He later married his present wife, whose maiden name was Celia Catlin and who is likewise a sister of the two former wives of Mr. Green: No children have been born of this union.

GEORGE W. GRIESINGER, whose life was one of earnestness, industry and devotion to duty and who stood as one of the representative citizens and farmers of Fulton county, died on, his homestead place, in Fulton township,

on the 7th of December, 1904, secure in the abiding esteem of all who knew him and leaving a record which stands both as lesson and incentive. Mr. Griesinger was born in Somerset county, Pa., on the loth of February, 1836, and was a son of Gottfried H. and Esther (Schultz) Griesinger, the former of whom was born in the kingdom of Wurtemberg, Germany, and the latter was a native of the State of Pennsylvania, where their marriage was solemnized. George W. was a child of seven years at the time of his parents' removal from Pennsylvania to Ohio, and the family located in Fulton county, on land adjoining the homestead now occupied by the widow of the subject of this sketch, and here the parents passed the remainder of their lives, having been worthy pioneers of the county and having assisted in the initial Stages of its agricultural and civic development. George W. Griesinger early gained a knowledge of arduous manual labor, since he assisted in the reclamation of the home farm and otherwise assisted in its work, and his educational advantages in a fundamental way were those

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offered in the somewhat primitive schools of the locality and period. He became a man of high attainments, largely through self-discipline, well-directed reading and a course of study in the normal school at Wauseon, and as a young man he was successfully engaged in teaching for some time. August 15, 1862, Mr. Griesinger enlisted as a private in Company K, One Hundred and Eleventh Ohio volunteer infantry, with which he served until January 24, 1865, when he received his honorable discharge, by reason of disabilities caused by wounds received in action. His command was a part of the Western Army, and he took part in practically all the engagements in which that army was active from the time of his enlistment until the close of the war. Among the principal engagements in which he participated may be mentioned the following: Huff's Ferry, Loudon Creek, Lenoirs, Campbell Station, Knoxville, Blaine's Crossroads, and Dandridge, Tenn.; Buzzard's Roost, Resaca, Kenesaw Mountain, Nickajack Creek, Chattahoochie river, Atlanta, Peachtree Creek and Lovejoy Station, Ga.; and Columbia, Franklin and Nashville, Tenn. He was thrice wounded, and never recovered entirely from the effects of his injuries, in recognition of which he eventually was granted a pension by the government. The same loyalty and fidelity which characterized his service as a valiant soldier of the Republic typified his entire life in its other relations, and he was the soul of honor and integrity, ever appreciative of the higher ideals and striving to order his course in

harmony therewith. Shortly after the close of the war Mr. Griesinger purchased sixty acres of the present homestead, in Fulton township, later adding an adjoining twenty acres, and here he made his home until death, having developed and improved one of the fine farms of the county and having attained a success worthy the name. In his political allegiance he was a stanch Republican, fraternally he was identified with the Masonic order, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Grand Army of the Republic, and he was a zealous member of the Evangelical Association, with which religious body he became identified when but twelve years of age. He was called upon to serve in various township offices, and was justice of the peace about five years, being incumbent of this position at the time of his death. Mr. Griesinger was twice married, the maiden name of his first wife, who died. April 3, 1868, having been Mary M. McQuillan. They became the parents of three children, Ada May, John H. and Mary M., the last named being deceased. October 13, 1870, Mr. Griesinger married Miss Lydia A. Siegel, who survives him and still resides on the old homestead. She was born in German township, this county, on the 12th of June, 1852, and is a daughter of Jacob and Catherine (Naftzinger) Siegel, both of whom were born and reared in Germany, where they were married. They came to Ohio in an early day, having three children at the time, and first located in Wayne county, whence they removed to German township, Fulton county, in 1852. They were in very modest circumstances financially, as is evident when we revert to the fact that in caring for his family the father worked for some time for thirty-seven and one-half cents

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a day. By industry, economy and good management he acquired a fine property, and he was the owner of a well-improved and valuable farm of one hundred and Sixty acres, near Archbold, German township, at the time of his death, which occurred in 1884, his wife having passed away in 1882. They became the parents of nine children, of whom five are living, all being residents of Fulton county, where the four sons are prosperous farmers. To Mr. and Mrs. Griesinger were born twelve children, concerning whom the following brief record is incorporated: Daisy Almira, born September 14, 1871, died October. 19, 1881; Thomas, born December 21, 1873, died on the 23d of the same month; Jacob A. was born December 25, 1874; George Peter, June 4, 1876; Daniel F., July 28, 1878; Dora Etta, July 1, 1880; Clarence E. and Clara E., twins, June 11, 1882; Katie, June 12, 1884; Emily

V., February 10, 1887; Ola, January 10, 1889; and an infant son who died February 6, 1894. MrS. Griesinger and her daughters are devoted members of the Evangelical Association, and they are prominent in the church and social life of the community, the attractive family home being a center of generous hospitality.

CONLEY E. GUILFORD is incumbent of the office of treasurer of Fulton county and is a popular and well-known citizen, so that it is incumbent that he be accorded representation in this work. He was born in the town of Cuba, N. Y., on the 24th of July, 1851, and is a son of Robert G. Guilford, who came to Fulton county in 1858 and located on a farm in Dover township. In 1863 the father tendered his services in defense of the Union, enlisting in the One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Ohio volunteer infantry, and he sacrificed his life on the altar of his country, his death occurring in 1863. He was a son of Samuel Guilford, a native of Massachusetts and of old Puritan stock. The latter removed from Wakefield, Mass., to the State of New York, where he passed the remainder of his life, having rendered valiant service as a soldier in the War of 1812. The maiden name of the mother of the present treasurer of Fulton county was Phoebe Post, and she was born in Cazenovia, N. Y. By reason of the loss of her husband a heavy burden of responsibility was thrown upon her shoulders, in the management of the estate and in caring for her children, and it is fitting that in this connection a statement of tribute be paid her memory for the noble and unselfish way in which she performed the duties which thus made so great exactions upon her mind, heart and strength. She died on the old homestead farm, in Dover township, in the year 1869. Conley E. Guilford is indebted to the public schools of Fulton county for his early educational privileges, having been about seven years of age at the time of his parents' removal to this State, and in order to aid and relieve his widowed mother he early began the battles of life on his own responsibility. Having been reared on a farm, he naturally initiated his independent career as a worker along the lines to which he had been trained, but he was early called upon to serve in positions of public trust and responsibility. He was incumbent of

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the office of clerk of Clinton township about twelve years, and for two years was a valued member of the Wauseon school-board. In 1886 he engaged in the drug business in Wauseon, continuing in this line of enterprise until 1896 and being numbered among the representative business men of the county

capital. In 1881 he was commissioned postmaster, by President Garfield, continuing in same of the Wauseon office until the accession of Grover Cleveland to the presidential chair. In 1901 Mr. Guilford became the candidate of the Republican party for the office of treasurer of Fulton county, was elected by a gratifying majority, and the popular estimate placed upon his administration was best indicated by his reelection in 1903. The routine of the office work was very summarily interrupted in January, 1905, by the daring robbery of the in the treasurer's office, and naturally, Mr. Guilford feels greatly disconcerted and aggrieved over the affair, though by no means could he have anticipated or forefended the crime, which entailed a very considerable loss to him personally. Thus far all efforts to apprehend the guilty persons have proven futile. No iota of blame attaches to any of the county officials, since every reasonable provision and effort were made to safeguard the county funds. It is evident that the robbery was committed by experts, the vault and safe been reduced to a chaotic mass of wreckage by means of nitroglycerine and other powerful explosives. The county's loss was good by the insurance company which had indemnified the safe its contents. Mr. Guilford has for many years taken a prominent part in the political affairs of the county, and is a leader in the Pal councils of the Republican party. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity and deeply appreciative of the noble and time honored organization. In 1881 Mr. Guilford was united in marriage to Miss Florence McConnell, daughter of A. W. McConnell, who removed to Fulton county from Medina county, in tarn and who sow resides in Wauseon. He served six years as auditor of the county and is a well-known and honored citizen. Mr. and Mrs. Guilford have two sons, Frank R., who is a student in the Ohio State University, in Columbus, and Clarence A., who is attending the Wauseon public schools.

GEORGE Z. GUNSAULLUS, one of the representative farmers of Royalton township, was born in Richland county, Ohio, March 15, 1840 and is a son of Melvin M. and Isabel (Forbet) Gunsauillus, of German and Irish lineage respectively. The patents came to Fulton county in 1846 and settled in Franklin township, where the father reclaimed forty acres of land from the virgin- wilds, becoming one of the well-to-do. farmers of the county and standing high in the esteem of all who knew him. Both he and his wife continued residents of Franklin township until their death. Of their eight children seven grew to maturity—George Z., Daniel E., (deceased), Margaret J., (deceased), Anna M., Nancy M., (deceased), Mary E., (deceased), and Elizabeth E., (deceased). George Z. was reared on the home

farm, in Franklin township, early became inured to the work

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of the pioneer farm, and he secured his educational training in the common schools of the locality. September 10, 1862, he manifested his patriotism by enlisting in Company K, Thirty-eighth Ohio volunteer infantry, with which he went to the front, taking part in the battles of Missionary Ridge, Jonesboro, Chickamauga, Stone River, Lookout Mountain, and in the Atlanta campaign, and he was with Sherman's forces on the ever memorable "march to the sea!" He was in active service nearly three years and received his honorable discharge at Columbus, Ohio. On his return home he found employment as a farm-hand, and in the spring of 1871 he purchased his present fine homestead farm, comprising one hundred and sixty acres, in Section 28, Royalton, township, where he has since made his home, reclaiming much of the land from the wild State and making the best of improvements, including the erection of substantial buildings. He is a staunch adherent of the Republican party. December 6, 1866, he married Miss Lovina Ann Venetten, of Gorham township, this county, daughter of Gilbert and Julia Ann (Depew) Vanetten of Ulster County, N. Y. Mr. and Mrs. Gunsaulus have no children.

EPHRAIM GORSUCH, a representative farmer and pioneer citizen of Clinton township, was born in Wayne county Ohio, December 20, 1835. His father, Nathan Gorsuch, was born near Pittsburg, Pa., whence he came to Wayne county, Ohio, when a young man, being they married and there continuing his residence until 1854, when he came to Fulton county, settling in Section 15, Clinton township, and later establishing his residence in Section 16, where he died on the 3d of March, 1886. He served in the War of 1812 and represented Wayne county in the State legislature for one term. The maiden name of his wife was Elizabeth Ayers, and she was born and reared in Wayne county, and she died in Clinton township, Fulton county, November 29,

1872. This honored pioneer couple became the parents of seven sons and seven daughters, and of the number five are living. One son, Mordecai, was a member of an Ohio regiment in the Civil war, being taken prisoner and having been held in captivity for some time at Belle Isle and later at Jackson, where he died. Ephraim Gorsuch passed his boyhood and youth in Wayne county, in the common schools of which he secured his early educational training, and he was about nineteen years of age at the time of the family

removal to Fulton county, where he has ever since resided and where he has attained to a high degree of success in temporal affairs. He is the owner of five well-improved farms in Fulton county, four of them being operated by his sons, and the aggregate area of his landed estate is four hundred and five acres, making him one of the exten-

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sive land-holders of the county. He is a man of liberal views and much public spirit, and is held in unqualified esteem in the community in which he has so long maintained his home. Mr. Gorsuch is now living essentially retired, having an attractive little place of five acres, improved with a fine residence and other buildings, and is here making his home near the scene of his former indefatigable labors as an agriculturist. After his marriage he located on a tract of eighty acres of land, of which only seven acres had been cleared, the remainder being covered with a dense growth of timber. In the reclaiming of the farm he utilized an ox team, a number of years passing before he secured horses, and in the early days he was accustomed to utilize his oxen in driving to the church which he and his good wife attended. He has contributed his quota to the development and progress of the county and is known as a worthy citizen. In politics he gives his support to the Democratic party, and he and his wife are members of the Christian church. On the 3d of March, 1862, Mr. Gorsuch was united in marriage to Miss Maria Cattleberry, daughter of David and Louisa (Davenport) Cattleberry, who settled in Fulton county in 1844, here residing until death. He passed to his reward in 1886 and his wife died in 1895. David Cattleberry was born in Pennsylvania, in 1807, and as a young man he removed to Holmes county, Ohio, where he followed the trade of gunsmith, also engaging in farming. He was married in that county, and after his removal to Fulton county made farming his principal vocation. Mr. and Mrs. Gorsuch have four sons, each of whom has been provided with a good farm, through the providence and kindness of their father. Edwin L., who resides in Section 30, Clinton township, married Miss Margaret Mohr; Nathan N., whose farm is in Sections 4 and 33, Pike township, married Miss Lucy Becker; David W., whose farm is in Section 30, York township, married Miss Ida Bryant ; and Frank P., who resides on the old homestead, in Clinton township, married Miss Henrietta Genter. The sons received good educational advantages and are numbered among the representative young farmers of the county.

GEORGE B. HEISE, a prominent and well-known lawyer of Wauseon, is a native of Pickaway county, O., where he was born on November 6, 1862. He is the son of Solomon S. and Olivia (Coontz) Heise, both natives of Pickaway county. Solomon Heise is a representative of a very early established family in that section of the State. The father of Solomon Heise was George Heise, a native of Pucks county, Pa., who came to Pickaway county at the age of eighteen years and entered government land, a portion of which has remained in the family for nearly a hundred years. George Heise was a soldier in the War of 1812, being a member of a Kentucky regiment that participated in the campaign against Detroit. Martin Heise, the father of George Heise, was a Revolutionary hero. This family has been represented in America for more than two hundred years, the founders of the American branch being natives of Germany. The

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mother of George B. Heise was a daughter of Henry Coontz, a native of Pennsylvania, who came to Pickaway county in young manhood, with his wife, a Miss Wall, a descendant of the well-known Wall family, who emigrated to America with Lord Baltimore. The Walls were a prominent and wealthy family whose influence did much towards establishing the right of Americans to worship God according to the dictates of their own consciences. Henry Coontz, a native of Virginia, was a teacher in the early history of that commonwealth, and a man of influence and prominence. The parental home of George B. Heise is still in Pickaway county, about twenty miles from that on which his father was born. George B. Heise grew to manhood on the parental home, near Circleville, receiving his elementary education in the public schools of his native county. He prepared for teaching at the Central normal school, Worthington, O., supplementing this by a course of study at the Fayette Normal University. Then for twelve years he taught in the schools of Fulton and Pickaway counties and earned the reputation of being a successful educator. But like most young men who enter the teachers' profession, he did not consider that calling permanent. Under the tutorship of John W. Roseborough, the nestor of the Fulton county bar, he read law and was admitted to practice on June 8, 1893. In September following he began his professional work at Wauseon, where he has since resided. Though engaged in general professional work, he has given special attention to probate business and the settlement of estates, and has built up a large and lucrative practice. George B. Heise easily ranks among the

foremost lawyers of the Fulton county bar, being a thorough student and indefatigable worker and the possessor of a valuable professional library. In politics he is an earnest Democrat and he wields a potent influence in the counsels of that party as an organizer of great strength. He was the prime mover in the organization of a successful opposition to a clique of corrupt politicians who for years dominated politics in Fulton county, dictating nominations and elections, and resorting to the worst questionable/ means 'to carry out their nefarious ends. The confidence of the people in the sincerity and honesty of Mr. Heise brought to his standard well-meaning men of every political faith, and through their energies the county was purged of its political leprosy and brought to a system of honest caucuses, honest conventions and honest elections: Being an, earnest adherent to the principals advocated by the National Democratic conventions of 1896 and 1900, he believes that if any faction of the party needs "reorganizing," it is the one that followed strange gods and allied itself with the so-called party which came into existence for the purpose of defeating the nominees of the "regular" Democratic party. He is a thoughtful, careful writer upon political subjects, expressing himself in language that cannot be misconstrued, and has no patience whatever with ambiguous political platforms. Recently Mr. Heise has become interested in the organization of, the -Mercer Co-Operative Department Store in Wauseon, of which corporation he is the treasurer. The purpose of this establishment is to make the stockhold-

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ers participants in the profits arising from the sale of goods. A wide distribution of the stock of this concern is assured by the fact that it is non-transferable and limited to one hundred-dollar shares. A competent manager is employed to supervise the details of the business. As the experimental stage has been successfully passed, the promoters of the enterprise are planning to establish similar stores at suitable places throughout the United States. Mr. Heise, while at school at Fayette, became a member of the Good Templars, and he still adheres to the principles of that fraternity, using neither tobacco nor intoxicants in any form. He is treasurer of the local camp of the Modern Woodmen of America, recorder of the local camp of the Court of Honor, and a member of the Encampment and subordinate lodges of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In his religious views he is quite liberal, being nominally a Methodist, though not wholly in accord with the discipline of that church. George B. Heise chose for his helpmeet on life s

journey Miss Minnie E. Reiger of Franklin township, a daughter of George and Barbara Reiger, both of whom are deceased. Two promising sons have come to bless this union. They are: Roscoe S., a student at the Ohio State University and Bryan, a pupil of the Wauseon city schools.

DERICK HELFRICH, mayor and prominent merchant of Swanton, Fulton county, O., is a native of Lucas county, having been born in Richfield township, nine miles northeast of Swanton, on October 18, 1859. Frederick and Mary (Pitzen) Helfrich, his parents were both natives of Germany, the former of Hesse Darmstadt and the latter of Prussia. They emigrated to America with their parents and were married in Perrysburg, Wood county, O. From there they removed to Richfield township, Lucas county, Ohio, where Frederick Helfrich spent his life farming, dying in 1874, aged fifty-nine years. His widow, who survived him many years, died in November, 1903, at the ripe old age of eighty-two years. To these parents there were born seven children, of whom six are yet living. Their names follow: Frances, the wife of Adam Myers, a farmer of Lucas county, O.; Barbara, the wife of Henry Langenderfer, also a farmer of Lucas county; Anthony, an undertaker and furniture dealer of Lorain, O.; Frederick; Mary, unmarried and living with her relatives; Stephen, a merchant of Raab's Corners, Lucas county; and John the eldest, who was killed when thirteen years old by a vicious animal. Frederick Helfrich was reared on a farm and received his education in the public and parochial schools of his native county. For some years after attaining to his majority he followed farming. Then he was employed for one year as salesman in a dry-goods store in Toledo, O. In 1886 he came to Swanton and engaged for the next nine years in the livery business. Quitting the livery business, he established the only exclusively crockery store in Swanton, in which business he has met with marked success. This establishment carries a full line of crockery-ware, tinware, lamps, notions, etc. In connection with this business he is also ticket-agent of the Toledo and Indiana Electric railroad. In 1903 he was elected mayor of

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Swanton, his term expiring January 1, 1906. In political views he is liberal, not controlled by party lines, though he usually supports the Democratic ticket in national elections. He has served several years as a member of the board of health and one term in the village council. He is a past chancellor commander of the Swanton lodge of Knights of Pythias and with his wife a member of St. Richard's Catholic church. On May 5, 1892, he was united in

the bonds of matrimony to Miss Elida Reed, a native of Swanton and the daughter of A. A. and Sarah Reed, pioneer settlers of this locality. To Frederick Helfrich and wife have been born two children. They are:- Ruth, aged twelve years, and Fern, aged ten years.

WILLIAM HILL, retired farmer and highly respected citizen of Swanton, is a native of Tuscarawas county, O., where he was born on June 5, 1844. He is a son of Capt. John Hill, a native of Ohio, his mother in maidenhood being Elizabeth Buffington of Pennsylvania. In early life John Hill was a canal-boat captain, operating on the Miami and Erie Canal and the Wabash river, and to a limited extent on the Great Lakes. When the canal was superseded by the railroad he was forced to give up his avocation. He at the home of his son, William, in his seventy-third year, his wife having died just one month before. They were the parents of seven children, of whom only three are now living. Those living are: William; James, a farmer of Fulton county; and Alice, the wife of James Berry of Swanton. Charles died at the age of seventeen and the other three in childhood. William Hill accompanied his parents to Fulton county when he was ten years old. His education was quite limited, as his father put him to work on the canal-boat immediately after the removal of the family to this county, depriving him each year of a mother's care and attention during the months of the boating season. Tiring of this monotonous work, he ran away and enlisted in the Union army. After having failed to pass the required examination, he finally succeeded in getting enlisted into the One Hundred and Eleventh Ohio volunteer infantry and served three years. His regiment was for a time under command of General Brailey. He participated in fourteen battles among which may be mentioned the following: Bowling Green, Ky., Resaca, Ga., Campbell's Station, Term., Siege of Knoxville and Dandridge, Tenn. At the last named engagement he received a disabling wound and was sent to the hospital at Lancaster, Ky. while convalescing at the hospital, he with others of different regiments and companies was organized into a company to take part in the race after the Rebel raider, Morgan. In 1865 he was discharged from the service at Cleveland, O., and at once returned to his parental home near Swanton. For the first two years after his return from the war he was an employee of the American Express company. At the age of twenty-five, after his marriage, he located permanently at Swanton. After being engaged in different lines of work for many years, he has laid aside everything else except that looking after his garden and fruit orchards. In politics Mr.

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is a staunch Republican. For twelve years he served as constable and for four years as deputy-sheriff of Fulton county. He is a member of Quiggle Post, No. 289, Grand Army of the Republic, having filled the various chairs in that organization, and with his wife a member of the Baptist church. In 1870 he chose as his life partner Miss Mary Lucinda Berry, a daughter of Isaac and Armina (Frost) Berry, pioneer settlers of this community. Of the five sons that have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Hill three are still living. The names of those deceased were John L. and Bert. Walter I., the eldest, is master-mechanic of the American Tin-Plate company, located at Monessen, His position is as lucrative as it is responsible, and it is needless to state that he is filling it to the entire satisfaction of his employers. The maiden name of his wife was Miss Carrie Benz, a native of Fayette. Pearl D., the second of the living sons, is a member of the Regular Army, and holds the position of First-Sergeant, and is stationed in Arkansas. Louis G., the youngest child of the family, is foreman of the machine shops of the American Tin-Plate company at Monessen, where he is living a happy married life. William Hill is a progressive, public-spirited citizen. By industry and sobriety he has earned a fine home, where he and wife enjoy the pleasure of perfect domestic harmony. Their lives have been congenial and happy, and the parental home is still the dearest place on earth to the devoted sons whose business life has called them to other localities. For the disabilities incurred in army life, Mr. Hill is now drawing a liberal pension. William Hill and his most estimable wife have just cause to be proud of the achievements of their sons, all of whom have attained prominence.

JOHN P. HOLLAND is a progressive farmer and honored citizen of Royalton township, where he has resided from the time of his birth, and it was his to represent Fulton county as one of the 'valiant "boys in blue" who followed the old flag on the battlefields of the South during the greatest Civil war known in the annals of history. Mr. Holland was born on the homestead farm, in Royalton township, on the 26th of December, 1844, and is a son of Thomas R. and Deborah M. (Thompson) Holland, both of whom were born and reared in Buckinghamshire, England, being representatives of sterling old English families, long settled in that section of the "right little isle." They came to America in 1832, and the father made his way to Toledo, Ohio, where he was employed until about 1835, when he came to Fulton county and settled in Royalton township, as one of the early pioneers of this section,

which was then a part of Lucas county. He took up eighty acres of government land, the same being still covered with the native timber, and he reclaimed the greater portion of this tract to cultivation, the same being located in Section 24, and there the family home was retained until 1861, when he removed across the line into Fairfield township, Lenawee county, Mich., where he made his home for a score of years, engaged in agricultural pursuits. He then removed to the village of Weston, that county, where he lived retired until his death,

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October 24, 1904, at the patriarchal age of ninety-three years. His first wife, the mother of John P., died in 1849, five children having been born of the union, namely: Annie M., deceased, wife of Henry Ritchey; Ezekiel U., a resident of Amboy township; Louisa A., wife of Joseph Southworth; John P., to whom this sketch is dedicated; and Esther J., deceased wife of Lewis Miller. For his second wife Thomas R. Holland married Mary A. Boyce, and after her death he married Elizabeth C. Hindee, who survives him. John P. Holland was reared to manhood in Royalton township, his memory links the pioneer era with these latter days of opulent prosperity and advanced facilities in the section where his life has been passed, and his early education was secured in the common Schools of the locality. On the 9th of August, 1862, when but seventeen years of age, he enlisted as a private in Company H, One Hundredth Ohio volunteer infantry, which was assigned to the Army of the Ohio, and he was with his command in the battle of Limestone, Tenn., September 8, 1863, being there taken prisoner and being taken to Libby prison, Richmond, Va., and later to Belle Isle, where he remained in captivity until March 13, 1864, when he was paroled, reaching City Point four days later and rejoining his regiment in the following June, at Big Shanty, Ga. He took part in the battles of Jonesboro, Ga., Wilmington, N. C., and Columbia, Franklin and Nashville, Tenn., besides many minor engagements, and continued in the ranks until the close of the war, having received his honorable discharge June 20, 1865, at Goldsboro, N. C., and the regiment was mustered out at Cleveland, Ohio, on the 1st of the following month. After the termination of his military career Mr. Holland returned to Fulton county, and in the spring of 1868 he settled on his present farm, comprising eighty acres. In Section 13, Royalton township, having reclaimed the greater part of the tract from its wild state and having made excellent improvements of a permanent nature, so that it is now one of the

attractive and valuable farmsteads of this section of the county. In politics Mr. Holland is an uncompromising Republican, he has ever shown a loyal concern in local affairs of a public nature, and he has served in various township offices. He and his wife are prominent members of the First Baptist church of Weston, Mich., about ten and one-half miles distant from their home. January 5, 1868, Mr. Holland was married to Miss Ann E. Sprague, daughter of Charles and Rebecca (Herrick) Sprague, natives of New York and New Hampshire, respectively, who settled in Royalton township, this county, in the autumn of 1857, here passing the remainder of their lives. Mr. Sprague improved a good farm of one hundred and sixty acres, and the property is now owned by his daughter Ann, wife of Mr. Holland, Subject of this sketch. Mr. and Mrs. Holland have one son, Rupert, who is engaged in the practice of law in the city of Toledo.

ELMER W. HOLMES, who is incumbent of the office of trustee of Royalton township, is one of the progressive farmers of this section of the county. He was born in Fairfield township, Lenawee

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county, Michigan, on the 14th of September, 1865, being a son of John and Lucretia (Packard) Holmes, the former of whom was born in England and the latter in the State of New York. John Holmes was one of the early settlers of Lenawee county, having first located in the city of Adrian and having later taken up his residence in airfield township, where he was engaged in farming for many years. e died in Royalton township, Fulton county, Ohio, May 8, 1893, which time he was sixty-two years of age. John and Lucretia (Packard) Holmes reared three children, Henry, who is a resident of North Dakota; Elmer W., who is the subject of this sketch; and Amanda., who became the wife of Ernest Spencer and who is now deceased. Elmer W. Holmes was reared to maturity on the old homestead farm, in Fairfield township, Lenawee county, Michigan, and his vocation throughout life has been that of farming, in connection with which he has attained marked success, and he has been a resident of Royalton township since 1891. He has a well improved farm of 160 acres, is one of the enterprising and progressive farmers of the county, and he is held in high esteem in the community. In politics he is a stanch supporter of the cause of the Republican party, and he is now serving his first term as a member of the board of trustees of Royalton township. On the 15th of December, 1886,

Mr. Holmes was united in marriage to Miss Wilda Onweller, daughter of Samuel and Amanda (Hilton) Onweller, of Royalton township, and they have three children: Frank, Ralph and Mabel.

CHARLES C. HOLT is one of the largest land owners and one of the most progressive and farmers of Royalton township, where he made his home from the time of birth. He was born In this township, on the 26th of May, 1858, and is a son of Frederick and Jane (Gilmore) Holt, The father was born and reared in Prussia, whence he immigrated to America in 1837, passing the first two years in Rochester, N. Y., and then coming to Toledo, Ohio. About 1842 he took up eighty acres of government land in Royalton township, Fulton county, reclaiming the same from the virgin forest, and thereafter, as his affairs prospered, he continued to add to his original purchase until he accumulated a landed estate of four hundred and eighty acres, of which he retained possession until his death, a large part of which he personally cleared and improved, and his success was entirely due to his own thrift and industry. His name was a synonym of integrity, and no man in the community commanded more unqualified esteem and confidence. He died in 1896, at the age of seventy-four years, and his devoted wife passed away the same year, aged sixty-two. The latter was a daughter of Ambrose Gilmore, who was a native of Pennsylvania, and who settled in Royalton township in 839, one of the earliest pioneers, passing the remainder of his life on the farm of eighty acres which he reclaimed from the wilderness. Frederick and Jane Holt became the parents of six children, of whom the following named attained maturity: Oliver, who is the present sheriff of Lenawee county, Mich.; James, who is a prominent farmer, owning land in Lenawee county,

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Michigan; Charles C., who is the subject of this review ; and Hattie, who is the wife of Perry Carpenter, a leading merchant of Lyons, this county. Charles C. Holt was reared on the old homestead farm, received his education in the public schools of the vicinity, and he continued to reside upon the home farm until 1904, when he removed to the village of Lyons, though he still maintains a general supervision of his extensive farming and stock interests. After his father's death, through inheritance and purchase, he came into poSSession of the home farm, being the owner of five hundred and seventy acres of most arable and well-improved farming land, all in one body, and he also owns his attractive residence in Lyons. In politics he is a

stanch Republican, and is at the present time serving as trustee of Royalton township. He is affiliated with Lyon Lodge, No. 622, I. O. O. F., and both he and his wife are prominent and zealous members of the Christian church, in which he is a deacon. November 8, 1880, Mr. Holt was married to Miss Mary Naylor, who was born May 7, 1858, in Ashland county, Ohio, and reared principally in Royalton township, being a daughter of James and Priscilla (Deibler) Naylor, and the two living children of this union are Pearl and Mabel, both daughters being still at the parental home.

MONTRAL B. HOYT, of York township, is employed by the National government in the capacity of general agent in the rural free mail-delivery service and is held in high esteem in this section of the county, where he has lived from the time of his birth. He was born on the homestead farm, in York township, November 5, 1858, and is a son of John and Rebecca (McLaughlin) Hoyt, the former of whom was born in Columbiana county, Ohio, and the latter in the state of Pennsylvania. Their marriage was solemnized in Fulton county and they located on a farm two miles west of the present home of their son, Montral B., subject of this sketch, where both passed the remainder of their lives. The father passed away when Montral B., was but one year of age, and the death of the mother occurred in 1882. Mr. Hoyt was reared to maturity on the farm which he now owns, his widowed mother having come to the place to reside with her mother, Mrs. Susan McLaughlin, who then owned a portion of the farm. Mr. Hoyt duly availed himself of the advantages of the public schools of his native township and also attended the graded, school in Delta. That he made good use of his opportunities is evident when we revert to the fact that he engaged in teaching in the schools of his native county, following this vocation at intervals for fifteen years and meeting' with marked success in his pedagogic labors. For three years he gave his attention to farming and in 1889 he was elected county surveyor, in which office he served about seven years. In his official capacity he was identified with many important internal improvements in the county, notably the Bean Creek enterprise, --which resulted in protracted litigation and was finally settled by the supreme court of the State. In September, 1896, Mr. Hoyt retired from the office of surveyor and thereafter gave his supervision to the operation of his farm until 1900, when he was appointed route

inspector in the rural free mail-delivery service, later being promoted special agent and finally to his present position, as rural agent. His field of labor thus far has covered nearly every State east of the Mississippi river. When he entered the service there were but two hundred rural mail-routes in the Union, and at the present time the number is fully thirty-five thousand. He has proved an able and discriminating executive and has found his work agreeable and profitable. In politics he is a stanch adherent of the Republican party, and in a fraternal way he is identified with Fulton Lodge, No. 2, F. & A. M.; Waters Chapter, No. 154, R. A. M.; Delta Lodge, No. 460, I. O. O. . F.; Fulton Encampment of the last mentioned order; and with the Knights of Pythias and the Knights of the Maccabees. In 1881 Mr. Hoyt was united in marriage to Miss Addie Allman, who was born in llamas county, in 1860, being a daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth Allman, well-known residents of Swanton. Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt have an adopted son, Rollo D., a promising and popular youth of sixteen years.

JOHN M. HULL, manager of the Fulton County Co-operative company; of Fayette, is one of the representative business men and popular citizens of this place, and it is largely due to his executive ability and unflagging energy that the enterprise over which he is placed in charge has forged to the front rank in prestige and success. He was born in the township of Venice, Seneca county, Ohio, on the 9th of November, 1849, and is a son of George and Elizabeth (Resh) Hull, the former of whom was born in New Jersey, January 21, 1802, and the latter was born in Pennsylvania. The father was a child at the time of his parents' removal from New Jersey to Franklin county, Pa., where he was reared to manhood and where his marriage was solemnized. In 1846 he removed to Seneca county, Ohio, purchasing a farm in Venice township, where he made his home until 1863, when he disposed of the place and removed to the city of Van Wert, Ohio, where both he and his wife passed the remainder of their lives. John M. Hull has the invigorating discipline which is ever involved in the life of the farm, having been reared until ten years of age on the homestead in Seneca county, and his educational advantages were those of the public schools, though his attendance was somewhat irregular. When ten years of age he went to work in a general store at Benton, Crawford county, where he remained one year, passin the ensuing three years in Chatfield, that county, having been his brother, Michael R., in bath places. His father then sold the farm and engaged in the grocery and provision business in Van Wert, and John M. was employed in the store for the ensuing four years, at the expiration of

which his father disposed of the business. John M. thereupon joined his brothers, George W. and Henry S., who had established themselves in the dry-goods business in Wauseon, Fulton county, and he was associated with this enterprise, in the capacity of salesman, until 1870, when he entered into partnership with Jacob M. Longnecker, under the firm name of J. M. Hull & Company, and engaged in the general merchandise business in Delta. He continued thus engaged until 1879, when he disposed of his interest

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in the business and removed to Angola, Ind., where he conducted a dry-goods store until 1882, when he sold out and removed to South Dakota, taking up a half-section of land, in Hand county, perfecting his title to the two claims and being still the owner of a quarter section, which has greatly appreciated in value, with the rapid development of the country. After proving up on his farm he engaged in buying grain for the firm of G. W. VanDusen & Company, having charge of their elevator at New Ulm, Minn., for three years. The following decade he maintained his home and business headquarters in Canby, Minn., where he had charge of the flour-mills of the same company, for whom he continued to buy grain. He thereafter was engaged in the grain and coal business for himself, in the same town, where he remained until 1898, when he purchased a stock of dry-goods and engaged in business at Delta, disposing of the business in 1901, and taking up his residence in Fayette, where he engaged in the general merchandise trade. In 1903 he effected the organization of the Fulton County Co-operative company, to which he turned over his Stock, becoming manager of the concern. This represented the first co-operative store in the county, and the success of the enterprise has been most gratifying, a dividend of five per cent and eight per cent interest on capital invested having been declared the first year. The company is incorporated with a capital stock of twenty-five thousand dollars, with shares at one hundred dollars each, no stockholder being entitled to more than one share and to only one vote. The company store is large and well-equipped, being conducted on the department plan and having a select line of general merchandise, and the business is conducted on a strictly cash basis. Mr. Hull is a member of the common council of Fayette and is one of the town's most liberal and public-spirited citizens and he is a Republican in politics, and is-affiliated-with the lodge and-chapter of the Masonic order and with the Independent Order of Odd' Fellows. April 13, 1871, Mr. Hull was united in marriage to Miss Telitha C.

Jones, of Wauseon, daughter of the late John Jones, an honored citizen of Fulton county. Mr. and Mrs. Hull became the parents of four children: Edwin C, born March 1, 1872, is agent for the Toledo and Western Railroad at Blissfield, Lenawee county, Mich ; Dora died at the age of two years, and Ora at the age of five; and Blanche W. was born March, 6; 1896.

ARBY JOHNSON is a representative of one of the well-known families of Fulton county, where he has lived from the time of his birth; and he is numbered among the prosperous farmers and popular and loyal 'citizens of Dover township. He was born in Amboy township, this county, on the 3d of March, 1851, and is a son of Sullivan an Adelia (Woiden) Johnson. His father was born in the State of Vermont, where the family was early founded, the date of his birth having been July 1, 1814. He came to Ohio as a young man, having received a good common-school education, and his marriage was solemnized in" Toledo, 'which was then represented by only three buildings. He came with his wife to Fulton county in 1838, and became the owner of a farm of one hundred and twenty acres,

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in Amboy township, having reclaimed the greater portion of the tract from the virgin forest. He impressed himself deeply upon the civic and public life of the community, ever holding the unqualified confidence and regard of his fellow-citizens, and being called upon to serve in various offices of public trust. He held, at different intervals, practically all of the township offices, including that of justice of the peace, of which he was incumbent about thirty-six years, and he served aS sheriff of the county four years, giving an admirable administration and one that called forth unqualified popular approval end commendation. For a number of years prior to his death he lived retired, in the village of Metamora, where he died on the 17th of, May, 1897, at the venerable age of eighty-three years. His wife was born in the State of New York, on the zest of April, 1818, and stied, August 7, 1905. Following is a brief record concerning the eight children in the family: Falena is the wife of Thomas Whitney, of Lorain county, Ohio; Roba is the wife of Myron Richardson, a farmer of Fulton couy; Aim is the wife of Joseph Warren, of Tedrow; Alice is the wife of Levi Chamberlain, of Ypsilanti, Mich.; Jennie became the wife of Alphonso Covill and died in Colorado; Hattie is the wife of David S. Brown, of Lyons, Fulton county; George is a successful farmer of Amboy township; and Arby is the

immediate subject of this review: Arby Johnson grew to manhood on the home farm and was accorded the advantages of the common schools, and his vocation throughout his independent career has been that of agriculture and stock-growing. In 1895 he took up his residence on his present well-improved farm, which comprises eighty acres. He gives a staunch allegiance to the Republican party, and though he has never been ambitious for 'office, he served four years as deputy-sheriff under the regime of his father and two years under that of Sheriff Alfred F. Shaffer. He is affiliated with the Tedrow lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and with the Masonic lodge in the village of Lyons. In 1878 Mr. Johnson was married to Miss Effie A.; Sellers, who was born and reared on the farm where she and her husband now reside, the date of her birth being August 16, 1859. She is a daughter of Elias and Emberetta Sellers, the former of whom was born July 1s, 834, the latter in Summit county, Ohio, October 4, 1836, and she was about twenty years old at the time of coming to Fulton county, where she met and married Elias Sellers, who was one of the honored pioneers of Dover township and who was one of the representative farmers of the county, his death here occurring on the 17th of May, 1904. His wife now resides in Tedrow. They became the parents of two daughters, of whom Mrs. Johnson is the elder. May, born April 27, 1866, is the wife of Frank A. Potts, and they reside in Chattanooga, Tenn; Mr. Sellers served three years as a soldier in the Civil war, having enlisted as a member of Company H, One Hundredth Ohio volunteer infantry, of which lie was corporal at the time of receiving his honorable discharge. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have seven children, whose names, with respective dates of birth, are as follows: Davis B., December 30, 1881 ; Floy, December 13, 1883; Marvin B.. February

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1885; Otis, November 5, 887; Sullivan, November 12, 1891 ; Ruth, April 19, 893; and Beulah, February 19, 1904.

GEORGE DANIS JOHNSON, who is one of the representative farmers and stock-dealers of Amboy township and also the OWner of a finely-equipped carriage and wagon emporium in the village of Metamora, was born on the old homestead farm where he now resides, in Section 15, Amboy township, on the 16th of April, 1853, the date bearing its measure of significance in that it indicates that his parents must have been early settlers in this section. He is a son of Sullivan and Fidelia (Warden) Johnson, natives of Vermont

and New York, respectively, and both represented families long identified with the annals of America. Sullivan Johnson settled in Amboy township in 1844, this Section at that time being a portion of Lucas county, and his original homestead was the one now owned and occupied by the subject of this review. The original farm comprised eighty acres, the most of which was covered with a heavy growth of native timber, and the father cleared and improved the property; to which he later added an adjoining forty acres, developing one of the best farms in this part of the county. He continued his residence on the homestead until 1896, when he removed to Metamora, where he lived retired until his death, which occurred on May 18th of the following year, at which time he was in his eighty-third year. His devoted wife passed away August 7, 1905. They became the parents of eight children, namely: Philena, wife of Thomas Whitney ; Roby, wife of Marvin D. Richardson; Ann, wife of Joseph B. Warren; Jennie, deceased wife of Alfonso A. Covell; Alice, wife of Levi Chamberlin; Hattie, wife of Davis Brown; Arby, a resident of Fulton county; and George D., subject of this sketch. For more than half a century Sullivan Johnson was prominently identified with the civic and industrial history of Amboy township, and no man in the township was held in higher confidence and regard. He held practically every office of importance in the gift of the people of the township, including that of justice of the peace, of which he was incumbent many years, making the office justify the name and wisely adjudicating difficulties for his friends and neighbors, who had confidence in his integrity, fairness and discrimination. He served two terms of two years each as Sheriff of Fulton county, and his record in the office is recalled as one of the best made in the annals of the county's history. He was at first a Whig and later a Republican. George Danis Johnson was reared to manhood on the home farm, was afforded a good public-school education, and he was signally favored also in having the guidance of a loving and intelligent father and mother. He early began to assume personal responsibilities in connection with the work of the home farm, and ever since he was fourteen years of age he has been engaged in the buying and selling of live-stock, being one of the best judges of stock in the county and being still one of the extensive buyers and shippers at this section. For several years also he was identified with the wholesale butchering business in Metamora and Toledo. In 1904 he engaged in the retail

carriage and wagon business in Metamora, as a member of the firm of Johnson & Scheuer, and in March, 1905, he became the sole owner of the business. He purchased the old homestead of his father in the year 1896, and has made the place his home from the time of his birth. In politics Mr. Johnson is a loyal and uncompromising advocate of the principles and policies of the Republican party, and he served two terms as trustee of Amboy township. He is affiliated with Royalton Union Lodge, No. 434, Free and Accepted Masons ; Lyons Chapter, I No. 75, Royal Arch, Masons; and Toledo Commandery, No. 7, Knights Templar, taking deep interest in and showing marked appreciation of the time-honored Masonic fraternity. Mr. Johnson has been twice married. November 2, 1879, he wedded Miss Margaret Biehl, daughter of Conrad and Catherine Biehl, of Amboy township, the parents having been born in Germany and having come to Fulton county in an early day. Mrs. Johnson was summoned into eternal rest on the 31st of July, 1901, having borne six children, of whom one survives, Carma, who still remains at her paternal home. February 12, 1903, Mr. Johnson was united in marriage to Miss Cora Jones, daughter of John and Arabella Jones, of Hillsdale county, Mich., where she was born and reared.

JOHN HOWARD JOHNSON, a prominent and highly-successful physician and surgeon of Wauseon, was born in Springfield, O. He is the son of W. S. Johnson, who makes his home with him. The subject of this sketch received his literary education in the Cleveland, O., schools where he made an enviable record as a brilliant student. He was one of a class of ninety-one to graduate from the medical department of the University of Cleveland in 1897. For one year he practiced his profession in the city of Cleveland, when he removed to Wauseon, where he has built up a large and lucrative business, his practice calling him to all parts of Fulton county. Doctor Johnson has always taken an active interest in public affairs. At present he is serving as president of the board of education, having been elected first to the board in 1900. The same year he was appointed to the office of coroner of Fulton county, to which office he was elected in 1901 and re-elected in 1904. In politics he is identified with the Republican party and is now serving as a member of the county executive committee. In 1901 he was appointed surgeon for the Montpelier division of the Wabash railway, a position which he still holds. In fraternal matters he is identified with the Masonic fraternity. His repeated election to office and his appointment to such an important office as that of division surgeon of a great railway system speaks volumes for the push and energy of the subject of this sketch. He

holds these important positions because he merits them, and not because of the influence of prominent and influential friends. By his rapid advancement he has shown clearly what a young man can accomplish if he will but apply himself and strive with all his might to succeed in anything he may undertake. He married Miss Christine Bollmeyer, the daughter of John C. Bollmeyer, deceased, who at the time of his death was editor of the Democratic Expositor. During the

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second administration of Grover Cleveland, Mr. Bollmeyer was postmaster of Wauseon. He was prominent for many years, not only in Wauseon but also in Fulton county. The subject of this sketch and wife have two children, John Gordon Johnson and Howard B. Johnson by name. Surely Dr. Johnson deserves to be proud of the record he has made, and it is to be hoped that his rise in the profession will continue until his death.

S. M. JONES, local representative of the general produce firm of The Smith & Jones Company of Cleveland, O., at Wauseon, was born in Cleveland. He was educated in the public schools of that city and afterwards thoroughly trained for the business he is now engaged in. The firm which Mr. Jones represents established a branch office at Wauseon on July 21, 1904, locating opposite to the depot of the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern railway, a very desirable place for that line of business. In the brief period of six months the Wauseon branch did a business of fifty thousand dollars. The subject of this sketch, a brother of one of the members of the firm, has removed to Wauseon with his wife and intends to make it his permanent home. His ability as a business man is recognized by the members of the firm for which he operates, and so thoroughly does he enjoy their confidence that he is given full control of the Wauseon branch. His judgment is accurate and he makes no mistakes in his dealings with his customers, all of whom respect him both as a man and a business man. To stand so high in the estimation both of his employers and his customers means much to him and he has just cause to be proud of the enviable record he has made. Certainly no mistake has been made in the matter of entrusting the business of this branch entirely to him. The main office of the firm of The Smith & Jones Company is at No. 100 Broadway, Cleveland, O. The commercial rating of this firm is highly satisfactory, showing that it has met with success in its operations., It deals in everything that the farmer has to sell, paying the

highest Market prices. Mr. Smith, the senior member of the firm, is recognized as one of the oldest and best known produce merchants in Cleveland, where he has been engaged in that business for the past fifty years. Mr. Jones, the subject of this sketch, has had a large experience in the business of buying and selling produce, and prior to coming to Wauseon was for many years connected with the main office. During the coming year he hopes to do a business of two hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars for his firm, and nothing short of that amount will satisfy him. All produce is shipped directly to New York City, Boston, Philadelphia, Newark and Cleveland. The farmers of Fulton county now have an opportunity to dispose of their produce at the highest market price in cash, and they, no doubt, cordially welcome the establishment of a branch of the firm at Wauseon.

MILES A. KAHLE, one of the substantial farmers of Amboy township, and vice-president of the the and Merchants' Banking company, of Metamora, claims the old Keystone state of the Union as the place of his nativity, since he was born in Butler county, Pa., on

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the 4th of February, 1851, being a son of James and Mary (Gates) Kahle. The former was born in Alsace-Lorraine, France, now a portion of the German empire, and his wife was born in Clarion county, Pa. The father was a stone-mason and plasterer by trade and immigrated to America in 1828, taking up his residence in Pennsylvania and being married in Clarion county, that State, where he resided for a term of years. In 1849 he removed to Butler county, Pa., where he continued to follow his trade until 1864, when he came to Fulton county, settling in Dover township, where he purchased a farms of 135 acres and also a sawmill. He resided on his farm four years and then removed to Lucas couy, where he purchased a farm of 150 acres. Six years later he purchased a farm of eighty acres, one mile east of Matamora, and about the same time purchased the farm of ninety acres on which Miles A. now resides, on which he resided about seven years. Some years later he broke up house-keeping and resided then among his children until his death, which occurred in Fulton county, March 28, 1889, at the venerable age of eighty years. He became the owner of several farms in this locality, and all but one of the same are still held by his children. His devoted wife passed away in 1888, at the age of sixty-eight years, both having been consistent members of the Lutheran church. They became the parents of nine children, namely: Henry, deceased, Catherine A., deceased, Daniel. A. deceased,

William, George, Rose, deceased, James, deceased, David M., Miles A., John and Samuel. Catherine is the wife of Archibald D. Robinson, of this county, and Rose was the wife of Lewis Blair. Miles A. Kahle was about thirteen years of age at the time of his parents' removal to Fulton county, having thus received his rudimentary education in the: schools of his native State of Pennsylvania. He was reared to manhood in Fulton and Lucas counties, and in initiating his independent career he engaged in the stove and lumber business in Blissfield, Mich., and three years later he purchased the farm where he now resides, its area at the time being eighty-eight and one-half acres, but by subsequent purchase he has brought the estate up to one hundred and sixty-eight and one-half acres, all in one body, and well improved, making it one of the valuable farms of the township and one whose appearance indicates the thrift and prosperity which well-directed effort has brought. He was one of the founders of the Farmers' and Merchants' Banking company, of Metamora, of which he has been vice-president from the time of organization, in 1899. In politics he supports the principles and policies of the Democratic party, he served two terms as trustee of Amboy township, and he has been incumbent of minor offices in his township. He is affiliated with the tent of the Knights, of the Maccabees at Metamora. April 8, 1880, witnessed the marriage of Mr. Kahle to Miss Lanah Clarke, daughter of Sanford and Melia J. (Champion) Clarke, of Metamora, and they have five children: Lulu, Zellah, Clarke, William H. and Nelson A. Lulu is the wife of Asbury Loar, of Amboy township, and Nelson A. was graduated in the Boxwell, examination in the spring of 1905, when but twelve years of age, being the youngest graduate in the county.

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ADAM KANAUER is fortunate in being the owner of one of the fine farm properties of Gorham township, and he is known as an upright and liberal citizen and is an honored veteran of the Civil war. He was born near Shelby, Richland county, Ohio, June 5, 1840, and is a son of Andrew and Elizabeth (Fenicale) Kanauer, both of whom were born in Berks county, Pa., whence they came to Richland county, Ohio, as pioneers of 1837. In 1849 they removed to Williams county, where they passed the remainder of their lives. The father was a tailor by trade, but after coming to Ohio gave his attention to farming as a vocation. His children were seven in number, namely.: Franklin, a resident of Pioneer, Williams county; Barbara, the wife of Samuel Glime, deceased; John, deceased; Adam, subject of this sketch;

Andrew, who died at Nashville, Tenn., during the Civil war, having been a member of Company C, One Hundred and Eleventh Ohio volunteer infantry; Harriet, wife of John Smith, deceased, of Hillsdale county, Mich.; and Willard, a resident of Pioneer, Williams county. Adam Kanauer was nine years of age at the time of his parents' removal to Williams county, in whose common schools he completed his early educational training, being there reared to manhood.. His entire active career has been one of successful identification with agricultural pursuits, and he has resided on his present fine landed estate, in Gorham township, since 1862. In 1864 he enlisted as a private in Company F, One Hundred and Eighty-second Ohio volunteer infantry, with which he served in the Army of the West, having assisted in the building of a fort at Nashville, Tenn., where he was stationed at the close of the war and where he received his honorable discharge, on the 10th of June, 1865. He and his wife own four hundred acres of fine land, the greater portion being under effective cultivation, and the improvements are of the best order, including a commodious and substantial residence, large barn and other farm buildings. Mr. Kanauer gives his attention to diversified farming and to the raising of high-grade live-stock, and is one of the prominent and aggressive farmers of the township, standing high in the esteem and good will of the community in which he has so long maintained his home. He is a stockholder in the Fulton County Co-operative company, and has other capitalistic interests aside from his farm. He is a stanch Republican, has held various local offices, and for several years he was a member of the board of directors of the Fulton County Agricultural Society. Mr. Kanauer is a member of the Methodist and Mrs. Kanauer of the Presbyterian church. He is affiliated with the Grand Army of the Republic, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias. July 10, 1862, Mr. Kanauer was married to Miss Leoline Beilhartz, daughter of Martin and Mary Beilhartz, both of whom were born in Germany. They resided in Seneca county, N. Y., until 1846 and then came to Fulton county, Ohio. Mrs. Kanauer having been a child of two years at the time, her birth having occurred in Seneca county, N. Y., in 1844. The father was a shoemaker by trade and had followed the same until his removal to Ohio, and here also he found ample demand for his services in the work of his handicraft. He bought a tract of wild land

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Section 35, Gorham township, erecting a frame house on the property and working at his trade, and he hired men to fell the timber and clear his farm.

On this homestead, to which he greatly added in the passing years, he passed the remainder of his life, and the place is the present home of Mr. and Mrs. Kanauer, the latter having been an only child. Her father died at the age of seventy-six years and her mother at the age of eighty-three. To Mr. and Mrs. Kanauer was born a son, Martin A., born February 15, 1876, on the old home-homestead where he was reared and educated. On May 31, 1899, he was married to Miss Etta Miller, daughter of Christopher K. and Alice (Ritter) Miller, whose sketch appears in this work. Martin A. Kanauer owns a fine farm of 100 acres in Gorham township, and assists his father in managing the old homestead farm. To these parents have been born one child, Gwendolin, born May 26, 1904.

DAVID KELSEY.—Among the most prominent and successful farmers and stock-raisers of Swan Creek township is David Kelsey, who was born in Huron county, O., on September 19, 1839. His parents were John and Cornelia (Morris) Kelsey, both natives of Canada. About the year 1837 they removed from New York, to which State they had previously come from their native country, to :Huron county, where they engaged in general farming and spent The rest of their days, both dying in middle life. David Kelsey has been self-dependent practically since his ninth year, his mother dying when he was only three years old. For about eleven years he made his home with the family of F. C. Payne, and during that time acquired such an education as the common schools afforded. On October 2, 1859, he was united in marriage with Miss Frances A. Glasford, who was born near Ogdensburg, St. Laurence county, on October 27, 1836. She is the daughter of John and Cynthia (Hodges) Glasford, both natives of Canada, who removed in an early day to Huron county, O., and there ended their days, the former dying July 5, 1854, aged sixty-five years, and the latter in February, 1874, aged eighty-one years. Of the twelve children born to these parents, the only ones now known to the living are Mrs. Kelsey, the youngest, and Mrs. Anna Potter, who resides at Bowling Green, O., aged ninety-three years. After their marriage David Kelsey and wife located on the Glasford homestead, where the latter spent forty years of her life. In 1881 they removed to Henry county, O., where they spent three years. For the next nine years they resided on a farm near Wauseon, and about 1893 removed to their present farm in Swan Creek township. While living near Wauseon Mr. Kelsey operated a fruit and garden farm with unusual success, which business he is to some extent still following. Since the marriage of their youngest son, Mr. and Mrs. Kelsey have been left alone for the first time in

fifty years, as the mother of the latter had made her home with them for some years after their marriage. In politics David Kelsey is a straight Republican. He never sought or held public office except that of school director and clerk of the board in Huron county. Both the Kelsey and Glasford families, the

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former of Irish and German extraction and the latter of Scotch and German stock, have long been established on American soil. John Glasford, the father of Mrs. Kelsey, was a soldier in the Canadian army in the War of 1812. To Mr. and Mrs. Kelsey there have been born three sons. They are: Charles K., who married Miss Mary Ann Baker, a sister of A. D. Baker of the Baker Manufacturing company; Timothy Hodges, an insurance agent of Toledo, O., who married Miss Maude G. Harrison, and Frederick C. of Swanton, a rural free delivery mail-carrier, who chose as his wife Miss Adeline Harrison, a sister of his brother's wife. The grand-children are: Harrison David, son of Timothy Hodges, and Laurence, the son of Charles K.

ELIAS KESLER is properly accorded a memorial tribute in this publication, for he was one of the honored pioneers of Fulton county and is here represented by many descendants. He was born in the State of Virginia about the year 1819, and while he was a boy his parents removed from the Old Dominion State to Ohio, settling in Fairfield county, where he was reared to manhood, securing such educational advantages as the primitive schools of the locality and period afforded. His vocation throughout life was that of farming, though as a young man he devoted several years to teaming or freighting, driving a five-horse team to Cincinnati, Columbus, Chillicothe and other Ohio cities. In 1847 he removed to that part of Lucas county which is now included in Fulton, county, taking up his residence upon the southeast quarter of Section 20, York township, where he resided two years, after which he purchased the southeast quarter of Section 29, same township, where he passed the remainder of his life, reclaiming his land from the virgin forest and developing a good farm. The entire section (29) had been entered from the government by his father-in-law, George Pontius, who had served in the War of 1812 and who had thus been granted a soldier's privilege of entering claim to one hundred and sixty acres of land for each of his children. Mr. Kesler died in 1866, honored by all who knew him. He was a staunch Republican in his political adherency and his religious faith was that of the United Brethren church, of which his wife also was a devoted

member. In Fairfield county was solemnized his marriage to. Miss Sarah Pontius, daughter of George Pontius, previously mentioned, and she survived her husband many years, passing away in 1902, at the advanced age of eig four years. This worthy pioneer couple became the parents of five children, namely: Margaret, who died at the age of one year; Laura A., who is the widow of Calvin Williams and-who resides in Wauseon; Delilah C., who is the wife of Hugh Murray, of York township;. Clara Ellen, who is the wife of Samuel A. Biddle, of York township; and George, who is a successful farmer of York township.

ISAAC R. KINDALL, D. D. S., a successful dentist and highly respected citizen of Swanton, is the representative of a distinguished family that located in Monroe county, O., in an early day, his grand-

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father being Reason Kindall. On the maternal side his ancestors came to Ohio from Maryland, also locating in Monroe county. He is the son of Elias and Elizabeth (Scarborough) Kindall, the former a disabled war veteran and pensioner, living a retired life at Harrietsville, Noble county, O., and the latter dying when Isaac R. was an infant nine months old. Isaac R. Kindall was born in Monroe county on July 23, 1869, reared in the family of his maternal grandparents and educated in the public schools of his native county. Dr. Kindall's professional history is somewhat peculiar. He mastered the inquired curriculum of study without a preceptor. Being successful kin his chosen profession, he was easily enabled to comply with the legal requirements and was enrolled on the list of practitioners in the State in November, 1902. He first engaged in practice in 1889 at Tedrow, a village of Fulton county, where for nine years he met with unusual success. Then he removed to Toledo and for five years conducted a very extensive practice. In 1904 he sold his practice at Toledo and located in Swanton, where he has succeeded by once his most sanguine expectations. Being a skillful artist and a thorough master of his profession, success has naturally, crowned his efforts. In political views he is untrammled by party lines, supporting men rather than measures, especially in local elections. He is actively identified with the organizations of the Odd Fellows and Modern Woodmen. On February 27, 896, he was wedded to Miss Mamie A. Hay, orphaned when a child, and reared in the family of her uncle, the Reving Robert Shepherd pf Tedrow. Mrs. Kindall has one brother and one sister living. They are:

Edward, an engineer in the State of Oregon, and Lillian, the wife of Collin Brown, a coal-mine operator of Scranton, Kas. John Kindall, an only brother of the subject of this sketch, is a well-to-do farmer of Monroe County. He was united in marriage with Miss Florence Bates. To this union there have been born four children. Dr. Kindall is a zealous student, both of professional literature and general reading, and is the proud possessor of a large and carefully-selected private library.

ELIAS O. KING.—In the front rank of successful farmers and stock-raisers of Swan Creek township stands Elias O. King, of German extraction and a native of Stark county, O., born on April 28, 1843. He is the son of John M. and Sarah (Baughman) King, both deceased. John King followed the occupation of milling for twenty- two years, after which he devoted all of his time to agricultural pursuits, meeting with unusual success. In 1851 he changed his residence from Stark to Henry county, O., where he spent the balance of his days. He was thrice married, Elias O. King, the subject of this sketch, being a son by his second wife. To this union there were born four sons and one daughter, as follows: Wilson S., a retired farmer residing in Wauseon; Jesse T., a civil engineer of Cleveland; Elias O.; Mahlon P., a farmer residing near Goshen, Ind., and Sarah, the wife of Ira Butt, a farmer of Elkhart, Ind. Mrs. King died September 13, 1854 and on August 15, 1852, Mr. King

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was married for the third time, the lady of his choice being Ruth McCullough, who survived her husband many years, dying December 8, 1892. By his first marriage he had ten children. He died September 28, 1858. Elias O. King grew to manhood on the home farm and acquired a fair common-school education in the schools of Henry county. After the Civil war he took a commercial course at Hartsville, Ind. On December 7, 1863, he enlisted as a private of Company G of the One Hundred and Twenty-eighth Ohio volunteer infantry and was honorably discharged on July 17, 1865, by reason of the end of the war. His regiment, a part of the Twentieth Corps, was put on detached duty, guarding the prisoners at Jo son's Island, near Sandusky, O. After his father's death he mained for one year on the homestead and then devoted his to various occupations, among them teaching, railroading, der in a warehouse and operating a stone-quarry. In 1869 he loca on his farm of eighty acres, which he had previously purchased. the time he bought this land it was wholly unimproved and la

covered with water. By a thorough system of ditching and undertiling, he has brought it to a high degree of fertility. The fertility of the soil and the substantial residence and out-buildings erected, upon it make the farm one of the most desirable ones in the county. With but little assistance from hired help, Mr. King has practically unaided done all of this arduous labor. No labor was too hard and no day too long for him. While in former years he devoted much attention to stock-raising, of late he has utilized his land almost wholly for the growing of grain. In politics he is one of the leading Republicans of the township, having served on the township, and county central committees, as assessor for several terms and as trustee for three terms prior to his present term. As a veteran of the war, he is the recipient of a liberal pension from the government that he helped to defend. A "free thinker" by profession, he identified with any religious organization. On June 2, 1868, in Creek township, he was united in marriage with Miss Eliza Baker, born in Tuscarawas county, O., the parental home located on the line between Tuscarawas and Stark counties. the daughter of Henry and Catherine (Bender) Baker. Of they children that were born to Mrs. King's parents all are still They are: George W., a resident of Stark county; Mrs. Er King; Esther, the wife of Amos Mays; Eli, a farmer of Swan township; John and Adeline, twins, the former a resident of county and the latter the wife of W. S. Kline of Fulton town Mrs. King's mother dying in middle life, her father contra second marriage, and this union was blessed by the birth of sons. Henry Baker died on November 5, 1904, aged eighty-four years. Mr. and Mrs. King have no children.

ALBERT J. KLINE, V. S., is one of the representative of his profession in Fulton county and is successfully establish practice as a veterinary surgeon and dentist in Wauseon. The for was born in. Ridgeville township, Henry county, Ohio, on

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39th of December, 1872, and is a son of Abraham and Alice J. (Gibbs) Kline the former of whom was born in Pennsylvania and the latter in Wyandot county, Ohio. Joseph Kline, father of Abraham, took up his residence in Henry county in 1849, there purchasing land and engaging in farming. He eventually removed to Missouri, where he passed the remainder of his life. The mother of Dr. Kline was a daughter of John P. and Catherine Gibbs, who came to Ohio from New Jersey, first settling in Wyandot county and

later taking up their residence in Ridgeville township, Henry county. Dr. Kline secured his preliminary education in the public schools of his native township and later attended the normal school in Wauseon. Having finally determined to adopt the profession of veterinary surgeon and dentist, he entered upon the work of preparation under the most favorable circumstances. On the 7th of February, 1893, he was graduated in the veterinary dental school in Toronto, Canada, and on the 24th of March, 1894, he was graduated with honors in the Ontario Veterinary College, in the same city, receiving his degree of Doctor of Veterinary Surgery. He further fortified himself for his profession by taking post-graduate work in "Farmer" Miles' school, as well known institution at Charleston, Illinois, being there graduated on the 8th of June, 1897. In this school special attention is given to teaching the most effective method of castrating ridgling horses, and since completing his course in the school mentioned Dr. Kline has performed successful operations on many fine animals of this class. On the 20th of July, 1897, he passed a most successful examination before the Ohio State board of veterinary examiners, and August 13, 1904, he passed a similar examination before the Michigan board. He is a member of the Veterinary Society of the Ontario Veterinary College, and is also identified with the American Veterinary Medical Association. Dr. Kline initiated the active practice of his profession by locating in Hicksville, Defiance county, Ohio, where he continued in successful practice until July 30, 1896, when he removed to Wauseon, which city has since been his professional headquarters. He has built up an extensive practice, which extends through Fulton and adjoining counties, his reputation being that of a highly-qualified and successful member of his profession. When he located in Wauseon he was the only graduate veterinarian in Fulton county, and though there are now a number of graduate practitioners here his business has steadily increased in scope and importance, indicating the popular appreciation of his skill and ability. He is certainly deserving of much credit for his effective service in popularizing in this vicinity the profession of which he is so able a representative. When he located in Fulton county the veterinary work was largely in the hands of empirics, but the people soon realized the value of skilled service as taken in contra-distinction to that of the self-trained novice, and Dr. Kline has maintained the strongest hold on the confidence and esteem of the local public, both professionally and personally. Dr. Kline is an appreciative member of the Masonic fraternity and also of the Knights of Pythias, and his political allegiance is given to the Republican party. On the 8th of

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June, 1898, Dr. Kline was united in marriage to Miss Lizzie E. Swingle, daughter of Frank Swingle, a prominent music-dealer of Hicksville, Ohio.

WINFIELD SCOTT KLINE has been a resident of the old Buckeye State from the time of his birth and is numbered among the representative farmers and stock-raisers of Fulton township. He was born on the family homestead, across the road from his present farm, on the 21st of July, 1853, and is a Son of Michael and Nancy (Fashbaugh) Kline. He was but three years of age at the time of his mother's death, in 1856, and shortly afterward was taken to the home of his maternal grandmother, in Tuscarawas county, where he was reared and educated. In the spring of 1876 he came to Fulton county and purchased his present farm of seventy-seven acres, where he has thus maintained his home for nearly thirty years. Within this period he has made excellent improvements on the place, erecting his attractive residence, as well as the stock and produce barn and other buildings, and he has developed his farm into one of the fine places of this section. His elder son is associated with him in the operation of the farm, and they make both the agricultural and stock interests of the same profitable sources of income, utilizing progressive ideas and bringing to bear much discrimination and energy. In politics Mr. Kline is a stalwart supporter of the cause of the Republican party, and he is identified with Swanton Lodge, No. 555, Free and Accepted Masons, and with Berry Grange, No. 1111. It may be said that his father devoted the major portion of his life to farming, his death having occurred August 23, 1894, at which time he was a resident of Stark county, O. The Kline family is of staunch German extraction, the original American ancestors having located in Pennsylvania. October 6, 1875, Mr. Kline was united in marriage, in Tuscarawas county, to Miss Adeline Baker, who was born in that county, in 1856, and to them have been born four children: Arthur A., who is associated with his father in the management of the homestead farm, married Miss Amanda Ickes, and they have two children—Homer J. and Opal A.; Mahlon is in bad health at home; Clara A. is the wife of Frederick McKimmie, of Sylvania, Lucas county; and Mary died at the age of twelve years. Mr. and Mrs. Kline are members of the Methodist Episcopal, church.

FRANK MATTHIAS KNAPP, one of the representative farmers and stock-growers of Amboy township, is a native son of Fulton county and a scion of one of its sterling pioneer families. He was born on the farm which he now

owns and occupies, the date of his nativity being September 24, 1857, and he is a son of Samuel P. and Fanny M. (Herrington) Knapp, both of whom were born and reared in the State of New York, where their marriage was solemnized. In 1845 they embarked, at Buffalo, N. Y., for Toledo, Ohio, on the steamship "Robert Fulton," and two days after they left port the vessel was wrecked, but they were rescued and continued their way westward. They first settled in Rome Center, Lenawee county,

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Mich., and in 1852 they came to Fulton county and took up their residence in Amboy township, locating on the west half of the southeast quarter of Section 20. The father cleared and otherwise improved his farm, which continued to be his home until 1892, when he and his wife removed to Lenawee county, Mich., where he died in the year 1895, at the venerable age of eighty-four years, six months and twenty-four days. His widow still survives him, and is eighty-seven years of age (1905). They reared six children : Miles A. is a resident of the West; Samuel W., who was a member of the Sixty-seventh Ohio volunteer infantry in the Civil war, died as the result of disease contracted while in the service; Fanny is deceased; Emma is the wife of George H. Nelson; Frederick H. is a resident of Pike township, Fulton county, and Frank M. is the youngest of the family. Frank M. Knapp was reared to manhood under the sturdy and invigorating discipline of the homestead farm, was accorded the advantages of the public schools of the locality, and his entire life has been one of intimate identification with the great basic art of agriculture. In 1895, by inheritance and purchase, he came into possession of the old homestead, which is endeared to him by the associations of the past, and he is keeping the farm up to the highest modern standard, being one of the enterprising farmers and loyal citizens of his native township where his friends are in number as his acquaintances. He is a Jeffersonian Democrat, is identified in a fraternal way with the Foresters of America, and both he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Knapp has been twice married. May 12, 1878, he wedded Miss Ella E. Johnston, who died April 11, 1880. February 8, 1883, Mr. Knapp was united in marriage to Miss Della A. Wilber, daughter of William M. and Julia (Murry) Wilber, of Amboy township, and four children have been born of this union—Fanny A., Frank A., Della A., and Samuel A.

JACOB KRAUSS is incumbent of the office of postmaster at Pettisville, where he is also engaged in the general merchandise business, being one of

the prominent and popular citizens of this section of the county. He was born in Wayne county, Ohio, November 15, 1842, being a son of Frederick and Catherine (Leinniger) Krauss, the former of whom was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, December 31, 1814, the latter in Alsace, France, now a portion of Germany, on the 18th of March, 1818, and she came to America with her parents, in 1836, the family locating in Wayne county, in which county Frederick Krauss took up his residence in 1841, his marriage being solemnized in that year. In 1844 he came with his family to Fulton county, becoming one of the pioneer farmers of German township, and he also worked at the shoemaker's trade in early years. He died on the 14th of February, 1892, and his wife passed away in October, 1891. They were devoted members of the German Lutheran church. Frederick and Catherine Krauss became the parents of ten children, namely: Jacob, subject of this sketch; Margaret and Mary, both deceased; Kate, wife of Frederick

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Market, of Toledo; Pauline, wife of Jacob Siggs, of Clinton township; George, deceased; Simon, a farmer of this county; Christopher, a resident of Toledo; Caroline, wife of Jacob Nidhardt, of German township; and Frederick, deceased in infancy. Jacob Krauss was about two years of age at the time of his parents' removal from Wayne county to Fulton county, and he grew to manhood under the invigorating discipline of the home farm, in German township, where he secured such advantages as were afforded in the common schools. In initiating his independent career he continued in the line of enterprise to which he had been trained, becoming the owner of a well-improved farm in German township and giving his attention to the cultivation of the same until 1893, when he took up his residence in the village of Pettisville, where he operated a grist-mill for three years, and he has been postmaster of the town during practically the entire period of his residence here, having received his appointment in 1893; and in 1897 he engaged in the general merchandise trade, having a select stock, which is in the same quarters as the postoffice. He is a stalwart supporter of the cause of the Republican party, and he served nine years as justice of the peace, two terms as constable of German township, five years as township assessor, and as land-appraiser in 1900. Both he and his wife are members of the German Lutheran church. November 27, 1866, Mr. Krauss was united in marriage to Miss Christena Stiriz, who was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, March 11th, 1846, being a daughter of Gottfried and Elizabeth (Richtley) Stiriz, the

former of whom was born January 1, 1815, and the latter October 28, 1809, and they immigrated to America in 1850, settling in Fulton county, where they passed the remainder of their lives. Of their two children Mrs. Krauss is the elder. Her brother, Gottlieb, is a successful farmer of York township. Mr. and Mrs. Krauss became the parents of ten children, namely: Frederick, who died in infancy; Katie, who resides in Toledo; Frederick, who is a farmer of Clinton township; Caroline, who remains at the parental home; Charles, who resides in Huron, Ohio; Albert, who is a resident of Toledo; Otto, who resides in Pettisville; Emma, who is the wife of Charles Wenger, of Wauseon; Edmund, who remains at the parental home; and Cora, who died in childhood.

ELMER ELLSWORTH KUEBLER is one of the prosperous and progressive young farmers of Fulton township, and was born on the farm where he now lives, on the 28th of August, 1879, being a son of Martin and Anna (Estell) Kuebler, the former of whom was born in the fair little republic of Switzerland and the latter in Germany, and their marriage was solemnized in Fulton county, Ohio. They forthwith located on the fine farmstead which is represented in the Kuebler estate at the present time. Martin Kuebler was well and favorably known in Fulton county, having been a man of sterling integrity and one of marked industry and productive energy. At the time when he located on the homestead the same was wholly unimproved, much of the land being under water, and no road had been constructed to afford access to the place. The farm is now

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effectively tiled, the system of drainage being entirely adequate, and the land is specially productive. The improvements are of the best, including a handsome modern residence, most attractively situated, and with other good farm buildings. A well-improved gravel road now passes the farm, which is located two and one-half miles northwest of Swanton, and which is essentially one of the model places of the township. In politics Martin Kuebler was a stanch Republican. and he was a consistent member of the United Brethren church, as is also his widow. He died April 11, 1905, honored by all who knew him, and his remains rest in the Fulton Union cemetery. His widow now resides in Swanton, where she has a pleasant home, having purchased the property. Five children survive the honored father—William, Florentine, Elmer E., Frederick and Gertrude. William is a traveling salesman, with headquarters in the city of Toledo; Florentine

conducts a meat-market business in Mayville, North Dakota; Frederick and Gertrude remain with their mother, in Swanton, the former being a student of civil engineering in the Ohio Northern University, at Ada. Elmer E. Kuebler passed his boyhood days on the home farm, duly taking advantage of the privileges afforded in the district school and thereafter continuing his studies in the high school at Swanton. He left school in the beginning of his senior year, his services being needed at home, because of illness in the family, and he has ever since been actively concerned in the work and management of the home farm, which is now operated under his sole control. In politics Mr. Kuebler is one of the loyal young Republicans of his native county, and fraternally he belongs to Swanton Lodge, No. 588, Knights of Pythias, in which he has passed the official chairs, and to the uniform rank of the same order, of whose auxiliary, the Rathbone Sisters, both he and his wife are valued members. Mr. and Mrs. Kuebler are most popular in the social circles of the community, and their pleasant home is ever pervaded by a spirit of gracious hospitality, being a favorite rendezvous for their large circle of friends. April 19, 1905, there was solemnized in the home of the brides' parents a most interesting double-wedding, and at that time Miss Lily Scott became the wife of Elmer E. Kuebler, and her younger sister, Daisy, became the wife of Frederick Shaffer. Mrs. Kuebler is a daughter of Christopher and Phoebe (Chard) Scott, both of whom were born in England. They came to Fulton county in 1880 and located in Swanton, where the father has since been engaged in the practice of his profession, that of veterinary surgeon. Dr. and Mrs. Scott have had eleven children, of whom eight were born in England and the other three in Swanton. Seven are living as follows: Minnie is the wife of Frank Seaton, of Swanton; Christopher resides in Redfield, North Dak.; Otto is a resident of Swanton; Ada is the wife of Edward Whitmire, of Fulton township; Bernal remains at the parental home; Lily is the wife of Mr. Kuebler; and Daisy, as already noted, is the wife of Frederick Shaffer, their residence being in Swanton.

JOHN GYPE.—It is a matter of gratification that in this publication it has been found possible to accord representation to so large a

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number of the leading farmers of Fulton county, for in every community the sturdy yeomanry still constitute the basic force for advancement and stable prosperity. One of the prominent and prosperous farmers of Dover township

is John Gype, whose fine homestead is located four miles northeast of the city of Wauseon, and further propriety in according him specific recognition is given in the fact that he is a native of the county and a member of an honored pioneer family. He was born in Franklin township, December 2, 1848, and is a son of John and Christina (Brown) Gype, both of whom were born and reared in Germany. Soon after their immigration to America they came to what is now Fulton county, Ohio, where the father purchased ninety acres of wild land, which he reclaimed and improved, both he and his wife passing the remainder of their lives on this homestead, in Franklin township. They were devoted members of the German Lutheran church and were folk of sterling character. They became the parents of eight children, the eldest of whom died in Germany. Peter died in middle age; Christine and Jacob reside in Archbold, this county; John was the next in order of birth; Christopher is a farmer in Dover township; Adam resides in Manchester, Term.; and Elizabeth makes her home in Wauseon. John Gype passed his boyhood days on the home farm, under the conditions and environments of the pioneer era in this section. He duly attended the district school, and recalls the circumstance that in going to and from the primitive educational institution he walked a mile and one-half over the roadway made of hewed logs, which were laid end to end to afford a walk, the land being practically undrained at the time, and being thus covered with water much of the time. Upon initiating his independent career he continued to be identified with farming for a number of years, after which he learned the carpenter trade, being about twenty years of age at the time. He followed his trade for a time, and about 1873 he engaged in the operation of a saw-mill, in Franklin township. He purchased the mill, which was finally destroyed by fire, and he erected and equipped a good modern mill, continuing its operation until 1889, when he sold the same and moved on to his present homestead, which he had purchased in 1884. The place originally comprised one hundred and twenty acres, and in 1901 he purchased eighty acres adjoining on the north, so that his farmstead is now a fine estate of two hundred acres, well drained and practically all available for cultivation, and the improvements are of a very superior order, including the fine residence, erected in 1889, and the large and well-arranged barn, built in 1893. In politics Mr. Gype is one of the representative Republicans of his township, and on the party ticket he was elected township trustee in 1892, serving three years, and in 1900 he was land appraiser of the township. Both he and his wife are zealous and valued members of the German Lutheran church, and have contributed materially to religious work, Mr. Gype having aided in the

erection of four churches. On the 6th of February, 1882, Mr. Gype was united in marriage to Miss Caroline Leininger, who was born in this county, October 3, 1862, being a daughter of Jacob and Mary (Kutzley) Leininger, who came from Switzerland and lo-

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cated in Fulton county in 1848, their respective parents also taking up residence here. Jacob Leininger became one of the successful ers of German township, where he died in 1887, and his widow resides with her daughter. Mr. and Mrs. Gype have three children all of whom remain beneath the parental roof-tree, namely: Charles F., Nettie and Albert.

ALFRED M. HALL, machinist and gunsmith, is one of the honored business men of the village of Lyons, is a veteran of the Civil 'War and is a scion of one of the pioneer families of the old Buckeye State. He was born in Dover, Cuyahoga county, Ohio, October 22, 1836, and is a son of Edwin and Abigail (Hubbard) Hall, the former of whom was born in Berkshire county, Mass., and the latter in New Haven, Conn., and both families were established in New England in the Colonial era. Moses Hall, father of Edwin, took up his residence in Ashtabula county, Ohio, in the early pioneer days, and from that county went forth to do valiant service as a soldier in the War of 1812, after which he there continued engaged in farming until his death, his wife, Lydia, also dying in that county. The maternal grandfather of the subject of this sketch was a sea captain, sailing from Connecticut, and he lost his life while in pursuit of his vocation on the Atlantic. Edwin Hall was reared to manhood in Ashtabula county, and in early manhood he settled in Dover, Cuyahoga county, where he followed the cooper trade for a number of years, also engaging in farming in that locality. In 1849 he came with his family to Fulton county and purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land in Pike township, developing the same into a productive farm and there remaining until 1858, when he took up his residence in the village of Delta, where he died, at the age of seventy-nine years, his wife also passing away at the age of seventy-nine years. They reared a family of five children: Elydia became the wife of Ephraim Hallett; John M. served three years in the Civil war, as a member of Company I, Thirty-eighth Ohio volunteer infantry, and is now living in Dayton, Tenn.; William B. is a resident of Kendallville, hid. ; Alfred M. is the immediate subject of this review; and Nettie became the wife of Henry Davidson. Alfred. Millard Hall was thirteen years of age at the time of the family removal to Fulton county, his rudimentary

education having been secured in Cuyahoga county, and he attended the pioneer schools of the former county as opportunity permitted, principally during the winter months, his services at other seasons of the year being demanded in connection with the work of the home farm. Prior to the Civil war he began his apprenticeship at the trade of gunsmith, but he was among the first of the county to respond to President Lincoln's initial call for volunteers. In 1861 he enlisted, for a term of three months, in Company H, Fourteenth Ohio volunteer infantry, with which he took part in the battles of Philippi, Laurel Hill, Carrick's Ford and Cheat River, receiving an honorable discharge at the termination of his term of enlistment. He forthwith veteranized, since, on the 4th of August, 1861, he re-enlisted, becoming a member of Company I, Thirty-eighth Ohio volunteer infantry, with which command he par-

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icipated in the battles of Wildcat Mountain, Mill Springs, Pittsburg Landing (often designated as Battle of Shiloh), Perryville, Stone River, Hoover's Gap, Chickamauga, Mission Ridge, Buzzard Roost, Resaca, Kenesaw Mountain, Eutaw Creek, Atlanta and Jonesboro, covering in his service some of the most notable campaigns of the great conflict. He was honorably discharged, at Chattanooga, Tenn., December 29, 1863, on account of disability, being mustered out at army headquarters, by Lieutenant Samuel J. Dick. After his discharge Mr. Hall still continued in the government service, as recruiting officer of his regiment, at Chattanooga, acting in that capacity while the regiment was being reorganized from veteran volunteers. The mustering officer, Lieutenant Samuel J. Dick, finally ordered that his discharge should be recognized by him and he returned home with his regiment, which later returned to the field. In the spring of 1864, at his own expense, he rejoined his regiment at Ringgold, Ga., being determined to continue in the service, but, on account of illness, he was not accepted, returning home in September, 1864. Thereafter he followed the machinist trade at intervals, in Fulton county and in Lenawee county, Mich., for a number of years, passing about eight years in the latter county, though he has considered Fulton county his home at all times. In 1890 Mr. Hall took up his residence in Lyons, where he has since conducted a gunsmith and machinist shop, his skill and personal popularity gaining to him a profitable business. He is an honored member of Baxter Post, No. 238, Grand Army of the Republic, at Lyons, and is also identified with Lyons Lodge, No. 622, Independent Order

of Odd Fellows. In politics he is a stalwart Republican, and he has served in various township and county offices. In January, 1870, Mr. Hall married Miss Phoebe Burdick, daughter of Aruna and Cornelia (Crosby) Burdick, of Fairfield township, Lenawee county, Mich., and they have three children : Edith B., wife of Fred D. Barnes ; Edwin A., a resident of Lyons ; and Elsa M., who remains at the parental home.

DAVID S. HALL, a retired farmer of Fulton county, now residing in the pleasant little village of Ai, in Fulton township, is a veteran of the Civil war and a citizen who has been true to duty in all the relations of life, even as he was loyal to the Republic when its integrity was placed in jeopardy through the armed rebellion of the Confederacy. Mr. Hall was born in Seneca county, Ohio, February 28, 1836, and is a son of Reuben S. and Almira (Wheaton) Hall, the former of whom was born in New Jersey and the latter in Connecticut, and their marriage was solemnized at Millersburg, Holmes county, Ohio, the respective families having been numbered among the worthy pioneers of the Buckeye State. Reuben S. Hall devoted the major portion of his active life to agricultural pursuits, and in 1865 he came to Fulton county and located on a farm two miles northeast of the present village of Ai. He later disposed of this property and purchased one hundred and forty acres one mile west of Ai. His wife, who was born in 1801, died on the farm previously mentioned, in 1865. He was born in 1795 and his death occurred in 1875. This honored pio-

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neer couple became the parents of eight children, of whom six are living: Sallie Ann, born June 19, 1822, became the wife of Russell Twiss, and her death occurred in 1902; Eliza Jane, born August 31, 1825, married Joseph George, and she died in Sandusky county, Ohio, when still a young woman; Anson W., born May 3, 1827, is a farmer of Spencer township, Lucas county; Washington J., born February 3, 1829, resides in the village of Ai, a retired farmer; Amos W., born April 21, 1831, also is a retired farmer of the same village; Mary, born March 5, 1833, is the widow of Hiram Root, who was a soldier in an Ohio regiment during the Civil war and was killed in an engagement at Hatcher's Run, Va., and she now resides on a part of the old homestead, in company with her daughter, Mrs. Lovell Sheldon; David S., of this sketch, was the next in order of birth; and Rebecca, the youngest of the children, is the wife of Horatio C. Sloan, a farmer of Richfield township,

Lucas couy. David S. Hall was afforded the advantages of the common schools of Seneca county, where he was reared to maturity and where he learned the trade of carpenter and joiner, becoming a skilled workman, and throughout his active career he continued to give more or less time to his trade, while carrying on the operation of his farm. August 22, 1862, Mr. Hall tendered his services in defense of the Union, enlisting as a member of Company D, One Hundred and Twenty-third Ohio volunteer infantry, which was assigned to service in West Virginia and which was for a short time attached to the Army of the Potomac. At Petersburg, West Va., Mr. Hall was captured by a detachment of Mosby's guerillas, having been on picket duty at the time. He was paroled on the field and sent to the parole camp at Columbus, Ohio, where he received his honorable discharge before his exchange had been effected. His discharge was received in the summer of 1863, on account of physical disability, and he now receives a pension by reason of the permanent effects of the physical disorders entailed during his army service. After his return to his home, in Seneca county, he was a confirmed invalid about six years, being unable to do physical labor, though he engaged in contracting and building, employing men to do the work, which he superintended. In the meanwhile, in November, 1864, Mr. Hall had come to Fulton county and located on a farm which had been previously purchased by his father, in Fulton township. He inherited forty acres of the paternal homestead and secured by purchase an adjoining forty acres which had been inherited by his brother, Amos W. Hall, and here he resided from 1864 until 1900, when he and his wife took up their abode in a pleasant home which he had previously purchased in the village of Ai, where he has since lived practically retired, and in the community he is surrounded by tried and true friends and finds that his lines are cast in pleasant places. Mr. Hall was reared in the Democratic faith and supported the party ticket until about six years ago, when he transferred his allegiance to the Republican party, whose policies more closely represented his views. He served about eighteen years as clerk of Fulton township, where he also gained uniform commendation during his incumbency of the office of justice of the peace. He and his wife were active members

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of the Baptist church for many years, but the organization of this denomination in Ai has been defunct for several years, and they attend the services of other churches. He has been a member of the Masonic fraternity

since early manhood and is now affiliated with Fulton Lodge No. 248, in Delta. He was primarily instrumental in effecting the organization of Robert O. Nobbs Post, No. 521, Grand Army of the Republic, at Ai, and this post was a vital and flourishing one until its ranks became so depleted by death that it could no longer be maintained, the organization having lapsed about 1902. He and his wife, as well as most of their children, were members of a lodge of Good Templars in Ai until the same was abandoned, after having done a most effective work, having been largely instrumental in making Ai prohibition village, no saloon having been maintained here for many years, and public sentiment is such that the village is certain to continued immunity in this line. At West Lodi, Seneca county, Ohio, in 1857, Mr. Hall was united in marriage to Miss Lydia Keen, who was born in Wayne county, this state, January 22, 1839, being a daughter of Jacob and Mary (Engall) Keen, natives of Pennsylvania. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Keen were two sons and four daughters, the eldest son, Samuel, dying in childhood. John was, in Bennie from the beginning to the end of the Civil war, having first served In Company K, Seventh Ohio volunteer infantry, for three months, 911 thereafter in Company K, Third Ohio volunteer cavalry, and he died shortly after the close of the war, from the effects of the hardships and privations endured in his long and arduous military career. Of Mrs. Hall's three sisters two are living. Concerning the children of Mr. and Mrs. Hall the following is a brief record: Frances Estella, born February 15, 1858, became the wife of William G. Fleming, and she died in Swanton, this county, September 8, 1895, being survived by her husband and three daughters. Stephen D., who was born in Seneca county, April 3, 1860, is engaged in farming in Erie county, Ohio. He married Mrs. Sarah J. (Smith) Huntley, widow of John Huntley. Jesse H., born in Seneca county, March 6, 1863, remains at the parental home. Mary R., who was born March 15, 1866, died on the 9th of March, 1871. Lewis K., who was born October 10, 1867, resides on his father's old homestead farm, one-half mile west of Ai. He married Miss Mabel Mawer, and they have one son, Price. Burton F., born February 22, 1871, is, now clerking in a drug store at Delta, Ohio. The children all received excellent educational advantages, and Frances Estella, Lewis and Burton made successful records as teachers in the public schools. Lewis is a graduated optician and followed his profession as such for several years.

JAMES HALL, who is engaged in the livery and transfer business in Metamora, was born in Amboy township, this county, on the 23rd of May, 1857, being a son of William L. and Sarah (Young) Hall, both of whom

were born in Pennsylvania, the former being a son of Washington Hall, who came from the Keystone State to Fulton county, Ohio, in the early '50's, settling in Section 11, Amboy township. He later returned to Pennsylvania, where he passed the remainder of his

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life. The maternal grandfather, Adam Young, came to Fulton county from Pennsylvania about the same time as did the Hall family, and settled in the same part of Amboy township, where he reclaimed the farm now owned by Richard A. Young. He was a valiant soldier in the Civil war and died while in the service. William L. Hall took up his residence in Amboy township about 1855, and he cleared and improved a farm of forty acres, in Section 11. He sold this property in 1864, but he continued to live in Amboy township the greater portion of his life thereafter, his death occurring in 1895, at which time he was sixty-three years of age. His first wife, Sarah (Young) Hall, died in 1863, having borne four children, of whom two grew to maturity— James, subject of this sketch, and Mary, who became the wife of Edgar Simpson and is now deceased. For his second wife William L. Hall chose Susan Young, a sister of his first wife, and of the second marriage four children were born : - John, a resident of Fulton county; Lily, the wife of Lewis Beihl ; Maggie and Hattie (twins), the former being the wife of Elmer White and the latter of George Shull. Reared on the home farm and early beginning to assist in its work, James Hall secured his educational discipline in the common schools of Amboy township, and after attaining his majority he engaged in teaming, doing a large amount of contract work and making the enterprise a profitable one. He continued in this line of business until 1902, when he engaged in the livery business in Metamora, where he has a well equipped stable and controls an excellent trade, enjoying much popularity in the community which has ever been his home. He is a publican in his political proclivities, and he served, four years as constable of Amboy township. He is affiliated with the Knights of the Maccabees. March 18, 1880, Mr. Hall married Miss Mary Berry, daughter of Peter and Phoebe (Blain) Berry, of Amboy township, and they have four children: Della L. is the wife of Henry Schmitz ; and Goldie, Gladys and Wildia remain at the parental home.

JULIUS ADELBERT HANNA, a prominent manufacturers' agent of Cleveland, was born in Chesterfield township, Fulton county, January 5, 1863. He is the son of Julius J. and Celestia (Jones) Hanna, both natives of

Ohio. Julius J. Hanna enlisted in the Union army during the Civil war and was killed in a battle in April, 1864. His widow, Celestia Hanna, the daughter of Isaac Jones, a highly respected citizen and a pioneer of Chesterfield township, died in September, 1864. In 1869 Isaac Jones removed to Wauseon with the subject of this sketch and his brother, Elmer. J. A. Hanna graduated from the Wauseon high school when seventeen years old and taught for a time in the schools of Fulton county. He began his career as electrician by putting in acoustic telephones in the towns and cities of Southern Michigan. He then went to New York City and shipped on a whaler for a cruise of three years, but abandoned the ship at Fayal and served on Atlantic coasters for one year. In 1883 he conducted a hotel under a tent in South Dakota, and the year following worked in the Coeur d'Alene gold mines. He entered the street railway car business in 1884 and has continued in the same up to this date, 1905. At

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the exposition at New Orleans he had charge of the exhibit of J. G. Brill & Co., with whom he remained until 1892, serving in various capacities. Then for five years he was in the employ of the McGuire manufacturing company, with offices in New York City. In 1896 he was appointed agent at Chicago for the Peckham Trunk Company In 1901 J. A. Hanna established an office at No. 312 Electric Building, Cleveland, where he is now in business. As the representative of the Niles Car and Manufacturing Company he handles their entire output of electric railway cars. He also looks after the interests of the Peckham Manufacturing Company throughout the Central West. With every change that Mr. Hanna has made in the past twenty years has bettered his condition and he now ranks among the foremost those engaged in this business. This is largely due to his business ability, tact and genial nature. In secret society affairs he takes a deep interest, being a Mason and a Shriner. He married Mrs. Lydia Williamson, a native of Peckway Valley, Lancaster county, Pa. She is the daughter of Jacob Docterman of Philadelphia. There has been born to them one child, Inez Hanna.

EZRA S. HARROUN, M. D., merits recognition in this compilation by reason of his standing as one of the representative physicians and surgeons of Fulton county. He is successfully established in the practice of his profession in the village of Lyons and is a scion of one of the well-known pioneer families of this part of the county. He was born in Royalton

township, February 22, 1853, and is a son of Levi and Amanda (Wolfinger) Harroun, the former of whom was born in Massachusetts and the latter in Bucks county, Pa. The descent in the agnatic line is traced back to the ancient rulers of Egypt, and the surname indicates this in no indefinite way. During the French Huguenot persecutions ancestors of the line left France and went to England, and later representatives settled in Ireland, where the family is still numerous and one of prominence. Prior to the war of the Revolution three brothers, John, Alexander and David Harrow came from the Emerald Isle to America, the first-named being the one from whom Dr. Harroun traces his descent in a direct agnatic line. Levi Harroun was reared in Genesee county, N. Y., and for a number of years he was engaged in teaching school in Canada. About 1835 he came to Ohio, locating in Sylvania, Lucas county, where he followed the shoemaker's trade for the ensuing fifteen years. In 1851 he located in Royalton township, Fulton county, this section at that time being a portion of Lucas county, and here he took up a tract of one hundred and sixth acres of government land, a portion of which he reclaimed from the forest, in the meanwhile teaching school during the winter months.

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In 1854 he returned to Lucas county as now constituted and purchased a farm of forty acres, in Richfield township, clearing this farm from the wild state, with the aid of his sons, and eventually making substantial improvements on the place. He passed the closing years of his life in the village of Sylvania, where he died in 1887, at the age of eighty years. He was twice married—first to Dorcas Hollister, of Sylvania, who died after becoming the mother of two children, Harriet, who is the wife of Henry Hubbard, and Henry, who is a resident of Elm Hall, Mich. His second wife, Amanda, daughter of Jacob and Rebecca (Harpel) Wolfinger, was born in Pennsylvania, as already noted, and was a child at the time of her parents removal to Richfield township, Lucas county, Ohio, where they were pioneers. The date of the mother's death was March 22d, 1891. Five children were born of the second marriage, namely : Ira W., Ezra S., Harper M. (deceased), Charles F. and John F., all but one of whom are living. Dr. Harroun was reared to maturity in Lucas county, his rudimentary education being secured in the district schools, and his ambition to secure more liberal training was quickened to action while he was still a boy. In 1873 he engaged in teaching in the district schools, in the meanwhile continuing his

own studies in a private way, and finally he entered the Toledo high school, also attending a business college in that city, and he completed his literary or academic education in the National Normal University, at Lebanon, Ohio. In 1877 he began the study of medicine, in the meanwhile continuing to teach school at intervals, and he finally was matriculated in the Physio-Medical College, in Cincinnati, in which he was graduated as a member of the class of 1884, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. In the same year he began the practice of his profession in Hamersville, Brown county, Ohio, where he remained a short time, coming to Lyons in the autumn of the same year. Here he has built up a representative professional business, his practice being extended throughout a wide section, and he is held in unqualified esteem both as a citizen and as a physician. He is a member of the Ohio State Physio-Medical association, as well as that of Lucas county, and also of the National Physio - Medical association. He is examining surgeon for the Woodmen of the World, the Northwestern Ohio Masonic association and the Milwaukee Accident association, and also the Royal Neighbors, and is attending surgeon to the Buckeye Stave company of Lyons. In politics his allegiance is given to the Republican party, and he is affiliated with the Masonic fraternity, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Woodmen of the World and the Knights of the Maccabees. He and his wife hold membership in the Christian, or Disciples' church. March 22, 1884, Dr. Harroun married Miss Clara A. Jones, daughter of Thomas and Mary (Boys) Jones, of Clermont county, Ohio, and they have three children, Mary A., Edith O. and John T.

ALFRED D. HARRISON, one of the representative farmers of York township, was born on the homestead upon which he resides, the date of his nativity being March 14, 1852. He is a son of John

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and Elizabeth (Wardley) Harrison. The former was born in Yorkshire, England, and came to America when twelve years of age, being reared to manhood in the State of New York, where he learned the blacksmith trade, which he followed as a vocation until the time of his settling in Fulton county, about the year 1840. He located on the farm now operated by the subject of this review, reclaiming the same from the wilds and also conducting a blacksmith shop on the farm, finding his services much in requisition in the earlier years of his residence in the county. He died in Wauseon, Ohio, in 1893, honored by all who knew him. His wife was born in Lyons, New

York, where was solemnized their marriage, and she survives her husband, making her home with her daughter, Mrs. Nort, in the city of Toledo. Alfred D. Harrison was reared on the home farm, in whose reclamation he assisted, and he has ever continued to be identified with agricultural pursuits in his native township. He was afforded the advantages of the public schools of the locality and period, and is a citizen of worth and prominence in his community. He is a staunch supporter of the principles and policies of the Democratic party. Both he and wife are members of the Baptist church at Wauseon, Ohio. In November, 1874, Mr. Harrison was united in marriage to Miss Saphrona Halsey, who was born and reared in Fulton county, being a daughter of Isaiah and Rebecca (Wells) Halsey, honored pioneers of the county, where both passed the closing years of their lives. Mr. Halsey was a native of England, whence he came to America in 1808. Mr. and Mrs. Harrison have four children: Maud, who is the wife of Timothy Kelsey, of Toledo; Adaline, who is the wife of Frederick Kelsey, of Swanton, this county; Alfred H., who married Miss Beulah Lincoln, a representative of the same family as was the late President Lincoln, and he is a resident of Toledo, Ohio; and Bertha, who is the wife of Henry Roberts, of Elyria, Ohio, near Cleveland.

GEORGE W. HARTMAN, M. D., one of the able and popular physicians and surgeons of Wauseon, is a representative of a family whose name has been identified with the annals of Fulton county from the beginning of its political existence. John C. Hartman, a native of Hanover, Germany, immigrated to America when a lad of sixteen years, valiantly setting forth to seek his fortune in the new world. He remained for a time in Richmond, Va., and in 1844 came to what is now Fulton county, Ohio, becoming a prosperous and influential farmer of Clinton township. His father, John Hartman, was a soldier under Napoleon and participated in the attack upon the city of Moscow. Charlotte Haughtby, daughter of John Haughtby, came with her parents from Lincolnshire, England, when fourteen years of age, and the family located in Delta, this county, where she was reared to maturity. She became the wife of John C. Hartman, and the young couple forthwith located on the farm on which their son, George W., subject of this sketch, was born, the old homestead being located in Clinton township. There the honored parents remained during the residue of their lives, the mother passing away in 1881, at the age of fifty-four years, and the father was summoned to his reward in 1901,

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at the venerable age of eighty-three years. Concerning their children the following is a brief record: George W. is the immediate subject of this review; Charles is superintendent of the Fulton County Infirmary; Harvey is engaged in the harness business in Wauseon ; Frederick and Thomas are residents of Toledo; Mrs. Melinda Lozer and Mrs. Charlotte Yarnell reside in Wauseon; and John and Joseph are residents of the State of Michigan. Dr. Hartman was born on the homestead farm, on the 9th of January, 1852, and in the public schools of this county he secured a good practical education, after which he took a normal course and qualified himself for the pedagogic profession, having been successfully engaged in teaching in the public schools of Fulton county about eleven terms, though he took up his vocation as a means to an end, having early decided to prepare himself for the medical profession. He began his technical studies in a private way and then entered the medical department of the famous University of Michigan, where he completed the prescribed course and was graduated as a member of the class of 1881, receiving his degree of Doctor of Medicine. He initiated the practice of his profession in his native county, locating in the village of Archbold, where he resided and took an active part in all of the battles from that of tress, and gaining high recognition as a skilled physician and surgeon. He continued in practice in Archbold until 1892, when he removed to Wauseon, the county-seat, where the sphere of his usefulness has been somewhat broadened and diversified, and his success here has been of unequivocal and gratifying order, his position being that of one of the leading members of the medical profession in Fulton county, and he keeps well abreast with the advances made in the sciences of medicine and surgery, being a close student of the best standard and periodical literature of the profession, giving much time to original research and being allied with the State and county medical societies and also the American Medical association. He is medical examiner for several fraternal insurance orders. In politics he gives an uncompromising allegiance to the Republican party, is an appreciative member of the time-honored Masonic fraternity, and he and his family hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church. While resident of Archbold he held the office of coroner for four years, but such has been his devotion to his profession that he has had no inclination to seek official preferment of any description. In 1881 Dr. Hartman was united in marriage to Miss Emma E. Stotzer, of Archbold, a daughter of Frederick and Elizabeth E. (Schneider) Stotzer, early settlers of that section, whither they

came from Switzerland. Dr. and Mrs. Hartman have three children. Carl Floyd, the only son, has recently entered upon a six years' course in arts, science and medicine at his father's alma mater, the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor. Florence E. is the wife of Ray Wells, who is engaged in the livery business at Archbold. Helen E. is a student in the Wauseon high school.

DR. ALFRED FULLER HASSAN, a prominent physician of Wauseon, was born in Perryopolis, Fayette county, Pa., August 2, 1858. He is the son of Dr. Samuel Thomas Hassan and Rachel Jane

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(Shepherd) Hassan, both natives of Pennsylvania. Dr. Hassan belongs to a family whose members took a more active part in the wars of our country than any other family, perhaps, in the country, his great-grandfather being in the War of the Revolution and one of his antecedents (Colonel Hassan) commanding the famous regiment known in history as the Congre Zones, which fought under the direct command of General Washington. Dr. Samuel Thomas Hassan was born in Westmoreland county, Pa., April 26, 1817, and died at the home of his son, Dr. Alfred F. Hassan, at Wauseon, Ohio, March 11, 1905. He read medicine with Dr. John Hassan of West Newton, Pa., and for more than fifty years practiced medicine successfully in the States of Pennsylvania, Virginia and Ohio. His wife was born in Fayette county, Pa., and was the daughter of Joseph and Jane (Mattox) Shepherd, the former being a Quaker and a pioneer settler of Pennsylvania. Two of her brothers, Colonel Soloman Shepherd and Captain Wilson Shepherd, served with distinction in the Civil war. The children of Dr. Samuel Thomas Hassan are named as follows : Captain (Brevet) Frank Hassan, a soldier of the late War between the States, who enlisted in the Twenty-second Pennsylvania cavalry, better known as the Ringgolds, and who now holds an important position in the government printing department at Washington, D. C. He was with Sheridan in the Shenandoah Valley, was captured by the Rebels near Morefield and taken to Libby Prison, where he was held as prisoner for about nine months. While the Confederates were conveying prisoners from Libby to Andersonville, Georgia, he made his escape by jumping from the cars. Traveling by night and hiding by day, being fed by negro slaves, he finally reached the Union lines, near Little Washington, Norfolk county, Virginia, after being on the road about eight weeks. Silvanus Hassan enlisted

in the Eighty-fifth infantry, Pennsylvania Reserves, and served with his regiment as orderly sergeant for three years, participating in all the battles of his regiment. James Hassan served three years in the Eighth Pennsylvania Reserves Infantry, re-enlisting when discharged in the Fourteenth Pennsylvania cavalry, in which he served to the end of the war, He was wounded at Antietam and lost a finger at Gettysburg. J. W. Hassan is a printer by profession, on the Davenport Gazette, Davenport, Iowa. Samuel T. Hassan, of Uniontown, Pa., is a farmer, and Dr. Alfred Fuller Hassan is the subject of this sketch. After completing his literary education, our subject took up the study of medicine, beginning the practice of his profession with his father in Washington county, Pa. He removed with him to Ohio and located at Bryan, where he practiced successfully for several years. From Bryan he removed to Wauseon, where he has built up a lucrative practice, and being thoroughly equipped for the work, his success has been phenomenal and is growing every day. He married Miss Olive Mae Haverstock of near Wooster, Ohio, her father having come from Germany to America in an early day. Three children have blessed their marriage. They are, David Bruce, Clarence Manson and James Raymond, all at home and going to school.

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CHARLES W. HATTON, who is successfully established in the tress of handling wool and other produce in the village of Delta, has built up a most prosperous enterprise and is one of the representative business men of the town. He was born in Seneca county, this State on the 13th of February, 1842, and is a son of Robert and Julia A. (Keeley) Hatton, both of whom were born and reared in. Ohio. The father was born in Stark county, in 1820, and his active career was devoted to farming and merchandising. He died in Delta, in 1895, honored as one of the sterling citizens of the community. His wife was born in Medina county, in 1823, and she passed away in 1897, having been a resident of the village of Delta for a number of years prior to her demise. They came to this county in the pioneer days and were numbered among the prominent and honored citizens of the community, living lives of signal usefulness. They became the parents of three sons and one daughter, Charles W. being the eldest of the number. Frank is employed in the State insurance department at Columbus, Ohio; James W. is engaged in the drug business at Carroll, Iowa and Jennie F. is the wife of Frank Snyder, of Spring Arbor, Mich. Charles W. Hatton was reared and educated

in the town of Republic, Seneca county, where he remained until 1867, when he joined his parents in Fulton county, whither they had removed about two years previously. Prior to coming to this county Charles W. had served for a brief interval as a member of the military organization known as the Squirrel Hunters, the same having been called into service by Governor Tod at the time when General Edmund Kirby Smith threatened to invade the city of Cincinnati. Both of his brothers were in active service as members of Ohio regiments during the Civil war, James having been on active duty as a soldier for four years of the great internecine conflict. As a boy Charles W. Hatton gained his initial business experience as a clerk in a dry goods store, and for twenty-five years he was engaged in the general merchandise business in Delta, building up an excellent trade and gaining and retaining the confidence and respect of the community. For the past fifteen years he has devoted his attention to his present line of business, handling large amounts of wool each year and also buying and shipping eggs and poultry. In the season of 1905 he shipped one hundred thousand pounds of wool. His business building was destroyed by fire in March, 1905, and has been replaced by a larger and more substantial structure. He is one of the leading produce men of this part of the country, and his earnest and able efforts have brought to him a due measure of success and financial independence. In politics Mr. Hatton is a staunch Republican, taking a vital interest in the party cause and having served in various local offices of public trust. He was formerly clerk of York township and is at the present time village clerk of Delta. He is affiliated with Fulton Lodge, No. 248, F. & A. M.; Octavius Waters Chapter, No. 154, R. A. M., being secretary of each of these bodies ; and is also an appreciative member of Toledo Commandery, No. 7, Knights Templar. His wife and daughter are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. March 13, 1874, Mr.

Hatton was united in marriage to Miss Julia M. Butler, who was born

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and reared in Delta, being a daughter of Martin H. and Julia M. Butler, who were numbered among the early settlers of this village, whither they came from the State of New York. Mr. Butler became one of the leading citizens of Delta, having been the editor and publisher of the Delta Press, and he served a number of years as a member of the board of county school examiners. Both he and his wife died in Delta, having become the parents of two daughters, of whom Mrs. Hatton alone survives. Mr. and Mrs. Hatton

have one daughter, Miss Grace Bee, who has been cashier of the Bank of Delta for the past four years, being not only one of the popular young ladies of her home town but being recognized as a specially capable business woman.

GARRETT E. HAWLEY is a prominent and highly-successful liveryman of Wauseon. He is the son of Bradley and Catherine (Haughtlen) Hawley, the former a native of Massachusetts and the latter of New York. His grandfather, Isaac Hawley, served as a soldier in the War of 1812. Six generations of Hawleys, including the sons of this sketch, have been born in America. His mother, Catherine (Haughtlen) Hawley, is the daughter of Isaac C. Haughtlen of New York, near Cookscoee. The names of the children of Bradley Hawley and wife here follow: Garrett E., the subject of this sketch; Elizabeth, the wife of John Morrison, of Wakeman, Huron county. Garrett E. Hawley, was reared on a farm and educated in the schools of his native county. In 1858 he came to Ohio from Starkey, Yates couy, N. Y., locating in New London, Huron county. In 1861 he enlisted in the Third Ohio cavalry and saw three years of active service. His regiment was assigned to the Army of the Cumberland and took an active part in all the battles from that of Stone River to the fall of Atlanta. He was wounded no less than four times. After the close of the war he returned to New London and six years later removed to Fulton county. He has prospered to such an extent as to be the owner of two highly-productive farms, located in Pike and Dover townships, Fulton county. For fourteen years he followed teaming and farming combined and was, as usual with him, very successful. In 1895 he embarked in the livery business in Wauseon, in which he is still engaged. His long and successful experience in teaming and farming fits him well for the livery business, as is shown by the large patronage that he enjoys. There are few people more popular and more highly respected in Wauseon and Fulton county than the subject of this sketch. He married Miss Ellen McGraw, a native of Dublin, Ireland, the daughter of Thomas and Margaret (Gaughen) McGraw, who came to America when the daughter was ten years old. Garrett E. Hawley and wife have had nine children, five of whom are living, viz : Charles, a resident of Spencer, O.; Timothy, of Wauseon ; William, of Wauseon ; Catherine, of Cleveland, O., and Sarah, the widow of William Findley, of Chicago, Ill.

GEORGE B. HAYES, a prominent and highly successful liveryman of Wauseon, was born in Grant county, Iowa, in 1852. He is

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the son of Marcus Harvey and Caroline (McKenzie) Hayes, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of Connecticut. Marcus Harvey Hayes came to Wauseon in 1854, and two years later became stock-buyer and contractor for the company building the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern air-line from Delta to Wauseon. Then he embarked in the grocery business, which occupation he followed for several years. When he quit the grocery business, in 1861, he bought a farm of eighty acres, lying partly in the present corporate limits of Wauseon. After disposing of the valuable timber he erected a fine brick residence on the place. In 1857 he was elected sheriff of Fulton county, being the third sheriff since its organization as a county. So well did he perform the duties of the office that he was re-elected by a largely increased majority. He died at Lynhaven, Va., April 9th, 1895, having reached the ripe age of seventy-three years. The subject of this sketch, George B. Hayes, was educated in the public schools of his native county. Having fitted himself thoroughly for a business man, he embarked about fifteen years ago in the livery business. Being of a genial nature and an accommodating disposition he is well fitted for his chosen business, in which he has met with remarkable success. His thorough knowledge of horses, and how best to care for them, enables him to conduct the business with profit. Everybody who has occasion to use a horse in his business knows Mr. Hayes and patronizes him liberally. As a matter of course the traveling man is one of his most profitable customers. So well has he succeeded in his business that he has been enabled to buy a fine farm in Royalton township, Fulton couy. He married Miss Mary Mull, daughter of Adam Mull, a firmer of German township, who came from Germany in an early day. Two children have blessed this marriage. They are: Harvey B. Hayes, a resident of South Carolina; Iva L. Hayes, who still resides at home. Gen. E. L. Hayes, an uncle of the subject of this sketch, at present a resident of New York City, was a resident of Wauseon at the breaking out of the Civil war. He was the first man to engage in the mercantile business, and his daughter was the first young lady to be married in that city. Entering the service as a captain E. L Hayes at the close of the war had attained to the rank of Brigadier-General. He had the misfortune to be confined several months in Libby prison, where so many brave men perished of hunger and disease. Mention is made of General Hayes because the name of a brave and patriotic soldier adds luster to the annals of Fulton county.

EDGAR EDSON HAYNES was born in Fulton county on September 5th, 1875. He is the son of George H. and Olivia (Koder) Haynes, both natives of Ohio. George H. Haynes, son of Jacob Haynes, is a farmer and fruit-grower by occupation, and resides at Swanton, Ohio. He and his wife are the parents of four children, Edgar, Myrtle, William and Leona. Edgar E. Haynes was reared and educated at Swanton. In April, 1895, he entered the employ of A. D. Baker, of Swanton, manufacturer of traction engines, as machinist, remaining in his employ until September, 1898. On that date

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he started a machine and general repair-shop of his own, remaining at this until September, 1904, when he secured a position with the Toledo & Indiana Railway Company, as engineer of the power station at Delta. September 20th, 1905, he was transferred by the company to their new power station at Stryker, Williams county, Ohio. He has been remarkably successful in everything which he has undertaken. Out of his earnings he has purchased a comfortable home in Swanton, Ohio. In politics he is identified with the Democratic party, but in no way aspires to public office. The liberal salary he now receives is evidence of the fact that his true worth is fully appreciated by his employers. In 1898 he was married to Miss Elsie Knight, a daughter of Mr. J. C. Knight, a farmer living two miles south of Delta. They have four children: Hilda, Clifford, Dorman and Helen.

CHARLES H. N. HEFFRON, M. D., one of the representative physicians and surgeons of Fulton county, has been engaged in the practice of his profession at Metamora since 1894, having located in this attractive little city on the 14th of December of that year. He was born in Royalton township, this county, January 18, 1871, a son of Henry and Mary (Rynd) Heffron, both natives of Ireland, the former having been born in county Carlow. Martin Heffron, grandfather of the Doctor, came to America in 1851, locating in Brooklyn, Ohio, which is now a part of the city of Cleveland, there passing the remainder of his life. Henry Heffron was born in the year 1845, and was reared to manhood in Cuyahoga county, Ohio. At the outbreak of the Civil war, when but sixteen years of age, he enlisted in Company E, Fifty-fifth Ohio volunteer infantry, Serving two years and then re-enlisting, as a veteran. His entire term of service in the Union ranks covered four years and four months—the first two years having been passed with the Army of the Cumberland and the last two with the Army of the

Potomac: He received a scalp wound in the battle of Gettysburg, but was never disabled and never applied for a pension in later years. After the close of the war he located in Seward, Fulton county, being employed four years on the farm of Eli Phillips and within this time effecting the purchase of a farm of forty acres in Royalton township. This property he cleared and improved, developing one of the valuable places of the township, and on this homestead his death occurred, February 6, 1890, his residence there having been continuous except for a period of three years, when he and his family resided in Adrian, Mich., in order to afford his children desired educational advantages. He was an enterprising, public-spirited citizen, respected by all who knew him, and was but forty-five years of age at the time of his death. His wife, who died three years previous, was a daughter of Charles and Ann (Coulter) Rynd, who came from Ireland to America when she was a child, settling in Fulton couy in the pioneer days. Mr. and Mrs. Heffron became the parents of four children, of whom the Doctor is the eldest. Minnie is the wife of Charles Colvin ; Anna remains unmarried; and Jessie is the wife of Walter Lutz. Dr. Heffron was reared to the age of fifteen

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years on the homestead farm and then, in 1886, the family removed to Adrain, Mich, where he attended the high school of that city until 1889, when he began his independent career as salesman in a general store at Seward, Fulton county, being thus engaged until 1891, when he entered the medical department of the University of Wooster, in Cleveland, where he was graduated, August 14, 1893, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. He began the practice of his profession in Seward, where he remained until December, 1894, when he came to Metamora, as before stated, and here he has built up a large and representative practice, extending into adjoining counties in this State and Michigan. He is a member of the Fulton County Medical Society, the Ohio State Medical Society, and the American Medical association. In politics the Doctor is a stalwart Republican, and fraternally he is identified with Royalton Union Lodge, No. 434, F. & A. M.; Lyons Chapter, No. 175, R. A. M.; Wauseon Council, No. 68, R. & S. M.; and Metamora Lodge, No. 875, I. O. O. F. He has farming interests in his native county and has been president of the Merchants and Farmers' Banking company, of Metamora, from the time of its organization, in 1902. November 7, 1892, Dr. Heffron was united in marriage to Miss Gertrude Cagwin, daughter of Hamden and Delight (Shepard) Cagwin, of Rome, N.

Y.; and they have two sons, Harold and Howard.

WILLIAM H. LAMBERT, a member of the Delta Milling Company, is a native of Bellevue, O., where he was born on September 16, 1857. He is the son of Benjamin F. and Susan (Taylor) Lambert, the former a native of Seneca county, N. Y., and the latter of Sandusky, O. Benjamin F. Lambert was a mechanic by occupation and died in August, 1901, aged seventy-two years. His widow survives him and is now a resident of Wauseon. They were the parents of four sons and two daughters, of whom five are still living. The names are: William H.; Mary, now Mrs. Jennings of Cleveland; George T. a miller of Delta; Samuel, who died at the age of twenty-seven years; Edward L., an expert paper-hanger and decorator; and Gertrude, employed in clerical work in Toledo, where she holds a responsible and highly lucrative position. William FL Lambert was reared and educated principally at Wauseon. Having learned the millers' trade, he was for twelve years in the employ of Lyon, Clement & Greenleaf. He next operated a mill for Scott & Powell at Bryan, O., for four years. In 1889 he removed to Delta and with A. H. Smith bought the old Charles Cullen mill and operated it until it WAS destroyed by fire in April, 1900. He then assisted in organizing the Delta Milling Company, his partner being A. H. Smith. The mill, whose capital stock is twenty thousand dollars, has a capacity of seventy-five barrels A day, and is equipped with a full roller process. The product of this mill is sold to local dealers and throughout the East and South. Mr. Lambert is one of the principal officers of Fulton Lodge, No. 248, Free and Accepted Masons, a member of Octavius Waters Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, and of the Knights

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of Pythias. In politics he is a Republican, being a zealous worker in the party's interests. For six years he has been serving on the Delta city council. On April 25, 1882, he was united in marriage to Miss Hattie Griffin, to which union one daughter, Alma, was born. His second marriage occurred on August 29, 1897, the name of the bride being Miss Sylvia P. Keith. They are the parentS of two daughters, named Helen Ruth and Josephine.

HARMON A. LEE, a retired farmer of Wauseon, was born in Holmes county, Ohio. He is the son of Josiah and Nancy (Stickle) Lee, both natives of that State. His grandfather was James Lee, a pioneer settler in the land of the Buckeyes. Josiah Lee was born in Holmes county, in 1825, and came to

Fulton county in 1845. Ten years later he bought a farm in Chesterfield township of that county, where he spent the remainder of his life. In public affairs he took quite an active part, serving as township trustee and assessor. In religious matters he was actively identified with the Christian church. He married Miss Nancy Stickle, a native of Holmes county, her parents having come to that county from Pennsylvania. The marriage of Josiah Lee and wife was blessed with the following children: Mary Ann, who married Silas Barton of Chesterfield township, both deceased; Wesley, who enlisted as a soldier in the Civil war and died in a hospital in New York City; J. C., of Chesterfield township; Harmon A., the subject of this sketch; Martha J., the widow of Frank Gray, who died in Fayette, Fulton county. Josiah died at his home in 1890, aged sixty-five years. Harmon A. Lee was reared on a farm and educated in the public schools of his native county. Seven years ago he came to Wauseon from his farm; in Dover township. As a farmer he has been so successful that he has been enabled to retire from active work and to enjoy well-earned wealth. In a financial way he is looked upon as one of the most solid men of the county, enjoying the esteem and respect of his fellow citizens. In the Spanish-American war he enlisted in Company G of the Sixth Ohio volunteer infantry, with the rank of head-quartermaster and sergeant of the company, but was taken sick at Chickamauga Park and discharged from the service. As a member of the Spanish War veterans he takes an active part in the work of that organization. He is also identified with the Knights of Pythias. He married Miss Ester J. Wood, the daughter of Gilbert and Della (Griffin) Wood of Dover township. Gilbert Wood was born and reared near New London, Huron county, O., his people having come to that county in 1836. Coming to this county, in 1865, he bought a farm, on which he died March 11, 1902, aged seventy-one years. His wife, the daughter of Ezekiel and Esthet (Rose) Griffin, was born in Green county, N. Y., and died February 21, 1891, aged fifty-nine years. J. R. Griffin, an uncle of Mrs. Lee, lives at Brailey, this county. The Wood family came from near Rochester, N. Y. Grandmother Wood was a Reynolds and her mother a Lyon, both prominent families in the Empire State.

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JOHN. S. LAVER, a well-known pioneer citizen of Pike township, is particularly worthy of representation in this publication. He went forth from Fulton county to do valiant service in defense of the Union during the War of the Rebellion, has here maintained his home for more than half a century,

following the vocation of carpenter as well as farmer, and being now practically retired, though he still resides on his well improved farm, which comprises eighty acres. Mr. Laver was born in Hessen-Darmstadt, Germany, on the 12th of April, 1833, and was there reared to the age of fourteen years, having in the meanwhile attended the excellent schools of his native province. His mother died before he had attained the age noted, and he faced the responsibilities of life with self-reliance and courage of maturity. He was not yet fifteen years old when he boldly severed the ties which bound him to the fatherland and came to America, alone and with practically no financial resources. He landed in New York city, whence he made his way to Stamford, Connecticut, where he found employment in a chain-pump factory, remaining thus engaged about three years. He then came to Ohio, and it was his good fortune to make Fulton County his destination, his arrival here dating back to the year 1850. Here he supplemented his educational training by attending school at intervals, and he gave his attention to learning the carpenter trade, becoming a skilled workman and continuing to follow his trade, largely as a contractor, until 1855. He has resided on his present farm since 1865 and has developed the same into one of the valuable places of this part of the county. In June, 1863, Ye. Laver enlisted in Company F, Eighty-sixth Ohio volunteer infantry, and upon the organization of the regiment he was made its commissary sergeant, serving as such during his six-months' term of enlistment and then receiving his honorable discharge. In 1864 Governor Brough commissioned him second lieutenant and detailed him to the duty of recruiting a company. He successfully accomplished the work and the organization became Company B, One Hundred and Eighty-second Ohio volunteer infantry. He was made, first lieutenant of the company and was later promoted its captain, in which position he served until the close of the war, having been mustered out and having received his honorable discharge in July, 1865: He took part in a number of minor engagements and was present at the battle of Nashville, though his regiment did not participate in the same. His interest in his comrades of the Civil war is shown in his retaining membership in the Grand Army of the Republic. In politics Mr. Laver is an uncompromising advocate of the principles of the Republican party, and he has been prominent in public affairs in his township. He served two terms as township

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assessor, for eighteen consecutive years was the able incumbent of the office

of justice of the peace, and he served as 'United States census enumerator in both 1880 and 1890. Captain Laver is identified with the Masonic fraternity. In 1858 he was united in marriage to Miss Nancy Alwood, daughter of Peola Alwood, who settled in Pike township in 1835. Mrs. Laver died in 1859, leaving one child, Mary, who is now residing at home. In 1864 Captain Laver married Miss Paulina Alwood, sister of his first wife, and her death occurred in May, 1883. She is survived by five children, namely: Grant S., who is a farmer in Fulton township; Solomon, who has charge of his father's farm; Philip, who is agent of the Toledo & Indiana Electric Railway, at Pettisville; John, who is employed in the milk-condensing plant in Delta; and Ura, who remains at the paternal home.

AARON KUNEY is the owner of one hundred and twenty acres of land, in Gorham and Franklin townships, the estate being in one body, and the residence is located in the latter township. Mr. Kuney is a veteran of the Civil war and is a citizen of sterling worth, commanding the esteem of those who know him. He was born in Fayette township, Seneca county, N. Y., May 28, 1846, and is a son of Henry and Rachel (Landis) Kuney, both of whom were born in the State of Pennsylvania. In 1855 they removed to Fulton county, Ohio, and settled in Gorham township, one mile north of the present homestead of their son Aaron, who was a lad of nine years at the time. There Henry Kuney purchased land, which he reclaimed and it proved, and he passed the remainder of his life in this county, his death occurring in 1898, at which time he was eighty-four years of age. His wife preceded him into eternal rest by about one month; having been eighty-one years of age. They became the parents of thirteen children, of whom ten attained maturity: Martin resides in Fayette, this county; Polly is the wife of William Smith, of that place; Catherine is the widow of Lorenzo Downer and resides in Archbold, this county; Henry is a resident of Morenci, Mich.; William is a farmer of Gorham township; Aaron was the next in order of birth; Sarah remains on the old homestead; Lucinda became the wife of Jacob Smith and both are deceased; Levi is a farmer of Gorham township, as is also Lawson. Aaron Kuney attended the common schools of New York and Ohio and remained at the parental home until he had attained the age of fourteen years, when he secured employment in connection with construction work on the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Air-Line railroad, being identified with this line of work until March 28, 1862, when he enlisted in Company B, Sixtieth Ohio volunteer infantry, at Columbus, Ohio, whence the command finally went to the national capital and over into

Alexandria, Va., arriving in season to take part in the battle of the Wilderness. Other important engagements in which Mr. Kuney participated were as follows: Spottsylvania, Cold Harbor, North Anna river, Gaines' Mills, Weldon Railroad, Yellow Tavern and Poplar Grove, as well as several engagements incidental to the siege of Petersburg.

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The regiment was encamped within a mile from that city during the winter of 1864, and was present at the surrender of the city. Mr. Kuney was twice wounded while in service, having received a gunshot wound in the right leg and another in the arm, both wounds having been inflicted by sharpshooters. He remained at the post of duty until victory crowned the Union arms, having been mustered out of the United States service, at Washington, D. C., on the, 28th July, 1865, and having then proceeded with his command to Cleveland, Ohio, where he received his honorable discharge from the State service, August 5, 1865. He then returned to Fulton county, where he was variously employed for the ensuing four years, after which he served an apprenticeship at the trade of wagon-making, in Morenci, Mich. He then opened a shop of his own at Handy, Fulton county, Ohio, where he remained three years. Since that time his vocation has been that of farming, in which he has met with much success. In 1889 he purchased eighty acres of land in Gorham township, and later he purchased eighty acres lying contiguous on the south, in Franklin township, thus having one of the valuable farms of this part of the county. In his political allegiance Mr. Kuney is a staunch Democrat, and he is affiliated with Stout Post, No. 108, Grand Army of the Republic, at Fayette. July 27, 1876, Mr. Kuney was married to Miss Alice Nathnaugle, daughter of Benjamin Nathnaugle, a pioneer of Gorham township and now deceased. Of this union have been born three sons, two of whom are living: Carey S. and George L., the former being engaged in farming in Franklin township and the latter in Gorham township. The youngest son, Bird D., is deceased.

ALBA A. LATHROP, a prominent farmer and influential citizen of Fulton township, was born in Berkey, Lucas county, Ohio, on the 25th of April, 1861, and is a son of Clark C. and Louisa (Tuttle) Lathrop, both of whom were born in the State of New York. The former came with his parents to Ohio in 1834, having been twelve years of age at the time, and he was reared and educated in Lucas county, where his parents continued to reside until

their death. The Lathrop family is of English ancestry, was established in America in the Colonial days, and representatives of the same were found as valiant soldiers in the Continental line during the Revolution; also in the later wars in which the nation has been involved members of the family have manifested their loyalty in a similar way. The parents of Louisa (Tuttle) Lathrop were early settlers in Lenawee county, Mich., where she was reared and educated. Shortly after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Lathrop settled on a farm near Berkey, Lucas county, and there they continued to make their home, sharing the sunshine and shadows which checker every human life, until death severed the silver cord of love and devotion, Mr. Lathrop having been summoned to the life eternal on the 23d of April, 1904, and his widow still remains on the old homestead, which is endeared to her Through the gracious memories and associations of many years. In the family were three sons, of whom the youngest is Alba A., of

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this review. Dr. Arthur B., the eldest, is engaged in the practice of medicine at Swanton, and Edgar E. remains on the old homestead farm, of which he has charge. Alba A. Lathrop was reared to man hoed on the homestead farm, early familiarizing himself with the details of the art of husbandry, and he received excellent educational advantages. After duly attending the public schools in the vicinity of his home he continued his studies in the Ohio Northern University, a well-equipped normal school, at Ada. He thereafter taught one term in the district schools, and since that time he has given practically his undivided attention to agricultural pursuits. He operated a farm in Lucas county until 1896, when he sold the property. In the meanwhile, in 1895, he had purchased the farm where he now lives, the same comprising one hundred and twenty acres, and the property was but little improved at the time when he acquired the same. He has reclaimed the farm and developed it into one of the valuable places of Fulton township, sixty-five acres being now under effective cultivation, and the farm is equipped with a fine system of tile drainage. In 1897 Mr. Lathrop erected a substantial, modern barn, forty by eighty feet in dimensions, and his model farm residence, one of the most attractive in this section, was built in 1903. Thrift and prosperity show forth on every side, and indicate that the owner of this fine farm is a man of energy and progressive spirit, In addition to his general farming he gives considerable attention to the dairy feature of the farm enterprise, keeping about ten milch cows and selling the product to the

cheese factory in Swanton, and he is also taking up the cultivation of sugar beets, to which he devoted about eighteen acres for the season of 1905. In his political allegiance Mr. Lathrop has always been a staunch Democrat, and he is affiliated with the Masonic fraternity, the Patrons of Husbandry, and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which last he is past grand. April 8, 1886, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Lathrop to Miss Eva A. Printup, who was born in Sylvania township, Lucas county, being a daughter of John Printup, a prominent and prosperous farmer of that county. Mrs. Lathrop completed a course in the high school in Sylvania, and was successfully engaged in teaching in the public schools for several terms, prior to her marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Lathrop have two daughters, Irma and Ila, both of whom are attending the Swanton high school.

SOLOMON LEININGER, who owns and operates a well improved farm of eighty acres, in Clinton township, is a member of one of the well known pioneer families of Fulton county, which has been his home from the time of his birth. He was born on the old homestead farm, in German township, on the 9th of February, 1850, and is a son of John and Mary (Binder) Leininger, the former of whom was born in the province of Alsace, France, now a portion of the German empire, on the 19th of March, 1821, and the latter was born in Switzerland, in 1822. Their marriage was solemnized in Fulton county, Ohio, in 1841. The death of Mrs. Leininger occurred in February, 1903, and her husband died in 1905 on his old

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homestead farm, in German township, being one of the venerable and honored pioneers of the county. This worthy couple became parents of twelve children, of whom eight are living. Solomon Leininger was reared to manhood on the home farm, early beginning to lend his aid in its cultivation, and his educational training was secured in the district schools of German township. After his marriage, in 1872, he located on his present farm, which he reclaimed the forest, having developed the property into one of the fine places of Clinton township, practically all being under cultivation, and the improvements are of substantial order, including good buildings. In politics Mr. Leininger is aligned as a staunch supporter of the principles and policies of the Democratic party, and both he and his wife are members of the Lutheran church, in whose faith were reared. On the 25th of August, 1872, in Defiance county, Mr. Leininger was united in marriage to Miss Anna U. Seyfang, who was born in Weidenberg, kingdom of Bavaria, Germany, on

25th of August, 1851, being a daughter of Jacob T. and Anna Barbara (Hesch) Seyfang, the latter of whom died in Germany, whence the father came with his children to America in 1864, settling in Defiance county, Ohio, where he passed the remainder of his life. Mr. and Mrs. Leininger have six children: George S., who married Miss Minnie Brant, is a successful farmer of German township; Charles F., who married Miss Bertha Sourwine, resides in the city of Toledo and Philippine, John S., Otto and Barbara remain at the parental home.

PETER J. LENHART, M. D., a prominent and highly successful physician of Wauseon, was born near New Bedford. Coshocton county, Ohio. He is the son of Peter and Magdalena (Deitz) Lenhart, the former a native of Westmoreland county, Pa., and the latter of Tuscarawas county, O. Peter Lenhart took great interest in public affairs, having held office both in the township and the county. He died-at his home in 1867, at the age of sixty-seven years. His wife was the daughter of Henry Deitz, who originally came from Pennsylvania. Dr. Lenhart was reared on a farm and received his elementary education in the public schools of his native county. Having chosen medicine as his profession, he entered the medical department of Wooster university, from which he graduated in 1875, ranking among the foremost in his class. Immediately after graduating he began the practice of his profession in Tuscarawas county, where he remained for several years, doing a profitable business. In 1878 he removed to Wauseon, where he has built up as extensive and profitable a business as is enjoyed by any other physician of the city or county. His services are in demand throughout Fulton County. His close application and his determined effort to keep abreast of the times have given him a reputation that few men enjoy. He is still a close student and will remain such until the day of his death. Dr. Lenhart served for a number of years on the board of pension examiners. Being a physician of great prominence, he is actively identified with all the medical associations represented

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in his home city. Among these are the county, the state, the North Western and the American medical associations. He married Miss Ida Pfeifer, a native of Fremont, O. They have had two children. The older, Carl Henry Lenhart, is an interne at Lakeside hospital, Cleveland. In 1901 he graduated from the literary department of the Western Reserve college of Cleveland,

and in 1904 from the medical department of the same school. It is his purpose to begin the practice of medicine in 1905. Henry Hull Lenhart, the younger son, has been a student of Adelbert College, Western Reserve university, from which he was graduated in 1905, and is now engaged in teaching in the High school of his native town.

WILLIAM H. LEPARD resides on the fine old homestead farm which was the place of his birth, in Gorham township, and is one of the popular and representative agriculturists of his native county. He was born on the 5th of March, 1854, and is a Son of Abram and Hannah (Forrest) Lepard, the former of whom was born in Lancaster, Fairfield county, Ohio, and the latter in Seneca county, N. Y., and both families were numbered among they pioneer settlers of Ohio. Abram Lepard was reared in Fairfield county, whence he came to Fulton county about the time of its organization, which occurred in 1850, settling on the farm now owned and occupied by his son William H., to whom this article specially pertains. Here he continued engaged in agricultural pursuits during the remainder of his active career, and he still resides with his son on the old homestead, having attained the venerable age of eighty-two years (1905). His loved and devoted wife passed to the world beyond in 1880, aged sixty-two years. Of their three children William H. is the eldest. Nancy is the wife of George Crits, of Jackson, Mich.; and Wesley resides in Charlotte, that State. William H. Lepard received his educational discipline in the public schools of Gorham township, and practically his entire life has been passed on the farm which is now his home and which comprises seventy-nme acres of most productive land, and the place is well improved and under effective cultivation. Mr. Lepard is a Democrat in politics, and the religious faith of the family is that of the Christian church. He is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias, the Knights of the Maccabees and the Grange, of which latter his wife also is a member, as is she of the Rathbone Sisters, auxiliary of the Knights of Pythias. July 6, 1879, Mr. Lepard was united in marriage to Miss Ellen McNabb, who was born in Paulding county, Ohio, being a daughter of Daniel and Sarah (Hart) McNabb, both of whom were born in Ohio, and they now reside in Butler, Ind. Mr. and Mrs. Lepard have four children: Alta, who is the wife of Edward Hull, of Blissfield, Michigan; Willard, who resides in Toledo; and Dora and Mary, who remain at the parental home.

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GEORGE O. MEEKER, one of the representative farmers of York township,

was born in East Cleveland, Cuyahoga county, Ohio, on the 18th of October, 1840, and is a son of John O. and Mary (Hendershott) Meeker, the former of whom was born August 20, 1816 in the State of New Jersey, and the latter was born on the 6th of December, 1819, their marriage having been solemnized in East Cleveland, Ohio, September 5, 1834. The father was an excellent mechanic and was employed as such for a considerable time, but the major portion of his active career was devoted to farming, in which he met with a due measure of success. In 1868 he came with family to Fulton county and located on a farm in Royalton township, where his death occurred in April, 1888. His devoted wife survived him by a number of years, continuing her residence on the homestead farm until her demise, which occurred in February, 1905, a zealous member of the Disciple church. They became the parents of four sons—George Oliver, Walter Smith, Clarence Henry, and Frank E. Walter and Clarence were soldiers in Ohio regiments during the Civil war, and the latter died as the result of disabilities incurred while in service, his death occurring December 28, 1863, at which time he was aged twenty years, six months and twenty-eight days. Walter and Frank are prosperous farmers and popular citizens of Royalton township. George O. Meeker was reared to maturity in his native county, receiving a good common-school education, and he accompanied his parents on their removal to Fulton county, in 1868. Here he assisted for some time in the operation of the homestead farm of his father, after which he engaged in the same line of enterprise on his own responsibility, eventually becoming the owner of a farm in Royalton township, where he continued to reside until 1884, when he sold the property and purchased his present fine homestead, in Section 9, York township, the same comprising seventy acres and being equipped with excellent improvements. Mr. Meeker has never been an aspirant for public office but has always taken a loyal interest in public affairs, and has exercised his franchise in support of the principles and policies of the Republican Party. He served for a time as school director. He and his wife are members of the United Brethren church and are active in its work. On the 1st of November, 1864, in Morenci, Mich., was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Meeker to Miss Hattie McQuillin, daughter of David and Lydia McQuillin, early settlers of this county. Mrs. Meeker's father and mother became the parents of five sons and six daughters. One son, James A., was first lieutenant in Company I, Thirty-eighth Ohio volunteer infantry, in the early part of the Civil war, being later promoted to captain of his company and dying from the effects of a wound received in the battle of Missionary Ridge. His body was brought to the old home, in Fulton county,

and was interred in the Salisbury cemetery, where his former comrades erected a handsome monument to his memory. John and Thomas McQuillin also were soldiers in the Civil war. Edward, Thomas and William are deceased, and of the sisters of Mrs. Meeker the following is a brief record: Eliza is the wife of John Heifebower, of Michigan;

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Nancy is the wife of Jeremiah Miller, of Delta, this county; Delilah is the wife of Levi Alwood, of Tennessee; Rachel is the wife of William Daily, of York township. Mrs. Meeker is the youngest of the children. Mr. and Mrs. Meeker have one child, Abbie Mary, who is now the wife of John F. Hettinger, county surveyor of Fulton county. They reside in the city of Wauseon and their only child is Hattie Louisa. named in honor of her two grandmothers.

REUBEN J. KUMP has been a resident of Fulton county since his childhood days and is numbered among the representative farmers and stock-growers of Franklin township. He was born in Berlin, Mahoning county, Ohio, June 23, 1856, and is a son of Levi and Sarah (Kime) Kump. The former was born in Dover township, York county, Pennsylvania, June 5, 1832, and he died on his homestead farm, in Franklin township, Fulton county, Ohio, September 17, 1904. When he was about one year old his parents removed from Pennsylvania to Mahoning county, Ohio, where he was reared to manhood and where his marriage to Sarah Kime was solemnized, May 17, 1855. In the spring of 1860 he came with his family to Franklin township, Fulton county, where he continued to be identified with agricultural pursuits until his death. In early life he became a member of the Lutheran church, in whose faith he was reared, but after removing to Fulton county both he and his wife united with the Methodist Episcopal church, becoming faithful and zealous in the work of the same. His parents, Daniel and Elizabeth (Gross) Kump, were both born in Pennsylvania, of staunch German descent, and both died in Mahoning county, Ohio, being interred in the cemetery at North Berlin. Sarah (Kime) Kump, mother of the subject of this review, was born in Mahoning county, Ohio, April 11, 1832, being a daughter of Henry Kime, who was a blacksmith by trade, a native of Pennsylvania and a pioneer of Mahoning county, Ohio, where he died. Since the death of her husband Mrs. Kemp has resided in the home of her daughter Ella D. Sayers, near West Unity, Williams county. Of the six children in the family Reuben J. is the eldest; Ada is the wife of Noah W. Bowser, a farmer of Franklin township;

Oliver F. is engaged in farming in Gorham township; Sylvanus DJ is deceased, as is also Orpha E.; and Ella D. is the wife of Artwell Sayers, a farmer near West Unity, Williams county. Reuben J. Kump was four years of age at the time when his parents took up their residence in Fulton county, and he was reared to maturity on the homestead farm, in Franklin township, in whose public schools he secured his early educational training. He remained associated with his father in the management of the home farm until he had

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attained the age of thirty years, and he then located on his present farm which he purchased ten years later. He has one hundred and fifteen acres of most fertile and productive land, he has been successful in both the agricultural and stock-growing departments of his enterprise, and he has made excellent improvements on his attractive farmstead. He has given much attention to the breeding of high-grade cattle, swine and sheep, and s had the best of breeding lines of full-blooded sort. Mr. Kump is a staunch Republican and is a loyal and liberal citizen, commanding uniform confidence and esteem in the community which has been his home from childhood. He is affiliated from the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and with its adjunct, the Daughters 94 Rebekah, of which latter his wife also is a member. January 1, 1887, Mr. Kump married Miss Sarah Catherine Panches, who was born in Gorham township, this county, being a daughter of Henry and Elizabeth (Deal) Panches, who settled in Fulton county in September, 1850. Henry Panches was born in Seneca county, New York, May 21, 1821, and he died in Fayette, February 7, 1895. His parents removed from Berks county, Pennsylvania, to Seneca county, New York, in an early day, having been of German lineage. January 31, 1847, Henry Panches married Elizabeth Deal, who likewise was born in Seneca county, New York, and she now (1905) resides in Fayette, aged seventy-eight years, being one of the honored pioneer women of Fulton county. She is a member of the Reformed church, as was also her husband. Mr. Panches was a carpenter by trade and followed this vocation for a number of years, but he gave his attention almost entirely to the work of his farm after coming to Fulton county. Of the nine children all grew to years of maturity: Frances, who became the wife of William Gamble, resides in Fayette; Edward died July 18, 1888, at the age of thirty-eight years; Lawrence is a resident of Fayette; Mrs. Kump was the next in order of birth; Mary is the wife of

Horace Ford, of Fayette; Arthur is a resident of Spngport, Michigan; Nathaniel is a farmer of Gorham township; Marion died in Colorado, when a young man; and George resides in Fayette. Mr. and Mrs. Kump have one daughter, Alma Elizabeth, who remains at the parental home, being one of the popular young ladies of the community.

MICNAEL MARZOLF, one of the representative farmers and honored citizens of Franklin township, of which he has served as trustee and treasurer, is a member of one of the pioneer families of Fulton county. He was born in Gorham township, this county, on the 6th of May, 1849, and is a son of Michael and Magdalena (Hagelberger) Marzolf, both of whom were born in Alsace-Lorraine, France,

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which is now a portion of German territory. Their respective parents came to America in 1828, the two families locating in Erie county, N. Y., where the parents of both Mr. and Mrs. Marzolf passed the remainder of their lives. In that county Michael Marzolf, Sr., continued to reside until 1840, when he came with his family to Fulton county, locating in Franklm townShip, and in 1844 taking up his residence on the farm immediately across the road from the present homestead of his son and namesake, the subject of this review. He continued to be identified with agricultural pursuits in this township until his death, which occurred February 21, 1888, at which time he was seventy-six years of age. His wife passed to the life eternal December 28, 1894, aged eighty-two years. They became the parents of nine children, namely: Catherine, deceased; Eliza, wife of Christian Allian of Gorham township; Sarah, deceased; Joel, a resident of Hillsdale county, Mich.; Susan, wife of ISaiah Town, of Gorham township; Hannah, wife of Josiah TOWN, of Hillsdale county, Mich.; Michael, the subject of this sketch; Jacob, a resident of Fayette, this county; and John, likewise a resident of Fayette. Michael Marzolf passed his boyhood and youth on the old homeStead and was given such educational advantages as the schools of the locality and period afforded. He has been identified with the industry of agriculture throughout his independent career and is now the owner of a well-improved landed estate of 100 acres, the same being devoted to diversified farming and stock-growing. In addition to his farming operations Mr. Marzolf has traveled quite extensively, at varying intervals, as salesman of wire fencing, and he is at the present time an agent for the products of the Adrian Fence Company, of Adrian, Mich. Mr. Marzolf is a stanch adherent of the

Democratic party, he was incumbent of the office of tOWNship trustee for six years, and he served four years as township treasurer, giving an able and failful admimstration of the duties of each of these positions, and he has been a member of the school board for several years past. October 12, 1873, Mr. Marzolf was united in marriage to Miss Hannah Stockdale, who was born in Marion county, Ohio, and who was eight years of age at the time of her parents' removal to Gorham township, Fulton county, where her father, Robert Stockdale, passed the remainder of his life; her mother now reSides in Franklin township, Mr. and Mrs. Marzolf have three children—William, who is associated in the work and management of the home farm; Clara, who is the wife of Albert Wallace, of Williams county; and Martin, who is engaged in farming in. Gorham township.

JACOB J. MATZINGER has resided on his present fine farm, in Fulton township, for nearly thirty-nine years, and is an honored member of one of the sterling pioneer families of this section. He was born in the canton of Schaffhausen, in the Rhine district of Switzerland, on the German border, the date of his nativity having been April 27, 1843. He is a son of Isaac and Rachel Matzinger, who immigrated from Switzerland to America and located on a farm in Lucas county, Ohio, in 1852, the old homestead being, just across

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road from the present residence of their son Jacob J., of this sketch, said road constituting the line between Fulton and Lucas Counties. On the old homestead the parents passed the remainder of their lives, and the place is now owned by their son John. The mother passed away in 1863, at the age of sixty years, and the father died in 1879, at the age of seventy years. They became the parents of three sons and one daughter. Isaac, the eldest, died at the age of sixty-eight years; Elizabeth is the wife of Jonas Matzinger, a farmer of Lucas county; Jacob J. was the next in order of birth; and John resides on the old homestead, as before noted. Jacob J. Matzinger was about seven years of age at the time of his parents' immigration America, and his rudimentary education was thus secured in the schools of his native canton in the fair little republic of Switzerland. He later attended the common schools of this section of Ohio when opportunity presented, and his aid was from his boyhood days in requisition in connection with clearing and otherwise improving the home farm. In 1867 he located on his present farm,

which was a part of his father's landed estate, and he has made this one of the valuable places of the county, with substantial and well-equipped buildings and with well-cultivated fields, devoted to diversified agriculture. He also raises live stock of good grade and is one of the energetic and substantial farmers of this section, where he commands the high regard of all who know him. In politics he is a staunch Republican, and he has served in minor offices of local trust. Both he and his wife are members of the Reformed church, formerly known as the German Reformed. December 7, 1863, Mr. Matzinger was united in marriage to Miss Louisa Weiler, who was born in France, being a daughter of Erhardt and Barbara Weiler, who came to America and located in Fulton county, Ohio, in 1851, the mother dying in this county, and the father passed the closing years of his life in Richmond, Ind. Mr. and Mrs. Matzinger have eleven children, five of whom reside in Bellevue, Huron county, Ohio; two in Frankfort, Mich.; and the remaining four on the home place with their parents. Their names are here entered in order of birth: Erhardt Isaac, John Albert, Louisa Harriet, Mary Martha, Lydia Hannah; Rosa Bertha, Lodema Catherine, Edward Jacob, Freonia Theoda, Amanda Ethel, and Arthur Benjamin.

FRANK C. MERRILL, at present township trustee of Fulton township, and one of the extensive farmers and popular citizens of this section, was born in the township where he now resides, on the 7th of August, 1859, being a son of Osias and Jane (Vaughan) Merrill, the former a native of the State of Maine and the latter of Holmes county, Ohio. They were children at the time when the respective families came to Fulton county and settled in the same neighborhood in Fulton township, about 1838. Osias and Jane (Vaughan) Merrill were reared and educated in this county, the latter dying on the homestead farm in Fulton township. Her husband later consummated a second marriage, and he was a resident of Swan Creek township at the time of his death. Of the four children of the first

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marriage Frank C. was the third in order of birth. Horace A. is a successful lawyer in the city of Toledo; James Eugene is the present auditor of Fulton county; and Minnie is the wife of William Biddle, residing on the old Merrill homestead, which was also the Vaughan homestead. Frank C. Merrill passed his boyhood days on the home farm, and after duly taking advantage of the local school privileges he continued his studies in the graded schools at Wauseon. After leaving school he resumed his connection with the

agricultural industry, with which he has ever since been prominently identified, save for a period of three years, during which he conducted a general store in the village of Ai. He inherited one hundred and thirteen acres, to which he later added by the purchase of a contiguous tract of fifty-six acres, his farm being one of the best-improved and best managed in the township of Fulton. Mr. Merrill has always affiliated with the Republican party, and has been a zealous worker in its ranks, usually attending the county conventions and at all times showing a public-spirited concern in local affairs. He has previously been called upon to serve as township trustee, to which office he was again elected in 1904. His honored father was likewise prominent and influential in local matters, and for a period of six years, from 1865, he held the office of county auditor, and he was also a member of the State constitutional convention of 1873, a staunch supporter of the Union during the Civil war and he was an ardent Republican from the time of the organization of the party until the time of his death. His remains were laid to rest beside those of his first wife, in the cemetery at Ai. Frank C. Merrill is a member of Swanton Lodge, No. 555, Free and Accepted Masons, and with Berry Grange, No. 1111, at Ai. In 1882 Mr. Merrill was united in marriage to Miss Etta Nobbs, a daughter of James H. and Anna (Fetterman) Nobbs, representatives of prominent pioneer families of Fulton county, where Mrs. Merrill was born and reared. Her paternal lineage is of English and her maternal of Gennan extraction. Mr. and Mrs. Merrill have seven children: Henna, Clayton, Florence, Roy, Lucy, Koryl, and Mildred. Henna is now the wife of William Walters, and they reside on a farm adjoining that of her father. Mr. Walters is a son of Orlando Walters, mentioned elsewhere in this publication.

THOMAS MIKESELL, an honored citizen and retired farmer of Wauseon, is a representative of old and prominent families of Fulton county, and it is fortunate that in this work it is possible to enter a concise genealogical record, in addition to touching the more salient points in his individual career. George Mikesell was the grandson of a German immigrant who settled in northern Maryland early in the eighteenth century. George Mikesell was born near Cumberland, that State, December 15, 1776, and he resided in that locality until he was about twenty years of age, when he removed to the vicinity of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and a few years later took up his abode in Somerset county, that State. There, about 1794, he married Mary Bayes, daughter of Stephen Bayes, her birth having

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occurred April 28, 1773. This worthy couple became the parents of eight sons and four daughters. In the autumn of the year 1830 George Mikesell came with his-family to Ohio and located in Holmes county, and in September, 1837, he came to what is now Clinton township, Fulton county, where he passed the remainder of his life. He was a stone and brick-mason by trade, and followed this vocation until he was well-advanced in years. In the spring of 1838 he set up a small kiln of brick, and with the product from the same he built a substantial fireplace and chimney for his log house, the brick thus manufactured having been the first made in Clinton township, and perhaps the first in the county. George Mikesell died October 9, 1840, and just one week later his devoted wife followed him to the life eternal. Both were consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal church. William Mikesell, son of George and Mary (Bayes) Mikesell, was born in Somerset county, Pennsylvania, January 16, 1810, and he was there reared and educated, remaining on the farm until he had attained the age of twenty years. In 1830 he accompanied his parents on their removal to Holmes county, Ohio, where he rented land and engaged in farming. In 1832 he went to visit his old home in Pennsylvania, and when he returned the great flood of the Ohio river was on, the steamboats being enabled to run through the streets of Steubenville, Ohio. He was taken across the river in a rowboat, the river being at that time about four miles wide at the crossing point. May 23, 1833, he married Margaret Bayes, who was born June 4, 1811, being a daughter of Thomas Bayes, and she died December 4, 1855. They became the parents of two sons and one daughter. In 1836 William Mikesell, in company with his brother-in-law, Thomas Bayes, Jr., came to the wilderness of what now Fulton county, and they made entry of fourteen eighty-acre tracts of land, for themselves and certain friends, traveling about much of the time on foot, as they had only one horse, which they rode alternately. In April, 1837, William Mikesell came with his family to their new home, making the trip with an ox team. Their embryonic farm was located in Section 14, Township 7 north, Range six east. The roads were so deep with mud that the trip from Holmes county consumed about three weeks, and they arrived on the last day of the month mentioned. Their little log cabin was erected in a few days' time, and that first spring Mr. Mikesell cleared two acres of his land and planted the same with corn, securing a fair yield. By fall he had cleared five more acres, which he sowed to wheat, securing a goodly

crop, having brought sufficient flour with him to last tint he could raise grain for furt&r supplies. Deer, wild turkey, pigeons, etc., were plentiful, and there was never a scarcity of meat in the family larder, for he was a successful hunter. Wild honey was readily secured and a supply was always kept in the house, and wild fruits also offered a valued contribution to the fare of the pioneers. The market town for this locality was Maumee City, which was twenty- six miles distant in a straight line, but which was many miles farther in actual travel, as the primitive roads wound about on the higher ground. Grain had to be hauled to that town to be said or ground

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for family use. Mr. Mikesell also sold many deer hams, as well as the skins of deer, mink and coon, and in 1840 he paid the entire purchase price of a horse through his sale of such commodities. He continued the reclamation of his farm and was prospered in his labors. He never held public office except that he served one term as justice of the pence and two terms as township treasurer. His actual attendance in school covered a period of only six months, and yet he gained a fair education and was well-informed and possessed of mature judgment. He and his wife were converted soon after their marriage, and they ever afterward continued faithful and devout members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and their little home in the wilds of Fulton county was the stopping place of the early-day circuit riders of the church and was the place for holding the services. They were among the first members of the class which developed into the society which comprises the Methodist Episcopal church in Wauseon. Although it was the common custom in the early days to use whiskey freely at the harvest season and in the raising of buildings, Mr. Mikesell never used it or furnished it to others. Notwithstanding his attitude in this respect he never had difficulty in securing help in his farm work. He was an official in his church for many years, thus continuing until within a few years of his death, which occurred July 13, 1883. His first, wife died in 1855, as has already been noted, and in the following year he married Mrs. Catharine (Pfouts) Bayes, widow of Meek Bayes, and they became the parents of one son, David, who is now a resident of Toledo, Ohio. Mrs. Catharine Mikesell died December 26, 1869. Of the children of the first marriage the daughter died in infancy. John, born July 12, 1837, grew to manhood on the home farm, and in April, 1861, he enlisted in the Fourteenth Ohio volunteer infantry, for a term of three months, serving in West Virginia and receiving his discharge in August,

1861. He re-enlisted, becoming a member of the Sixty-eighth Ohio volunteer infantry, in which he rose to the position of first major, serving with this command until after the battle of Fort Donelson, when, through exposure in the storms of February, 1864, he contracted, pneumonia, from which he died, on the 12th of March. The other man, Thomas Mikesell, figures as the immediate subject of this review and is duly mentioned later on in this context. William Mikesell continued to reside on the old homestead farm until his death. He was nearly six feet in height, weighing more than two hundred pounds, and was possessed of great strength. He was genial and kindly, tolerant in his judgment, and ever tried to avoid trouble with his neighbors and all others with whom—he came in contact in any of the relations of life. Thomas Bayes was born April 30, 1775, in Somerset county, Pennsylvania, and he died, in Fulton county, Ohio, September 2, 1850. He was a son of Stephen Bayes, of English and Scotch descent. About 1797 he married Ann McMillen, who was born March 31, 1776, and they became the parents of six sons and three daughters. About 1820, in company with his family, Mr. Bayes removed from the old Keystone State to Holmes county, Ohio, where he bought a farm, upon which he lived

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until 1837, his wife having died in 1836. He then sold his farm, and in September, 1837, with a large company of relatives, came to Clinton township, Fulton county, this section then being a part of Lucas county, and here he passed the residue of his life. He was a black-smith by trade, and for a number of years had a shop in this county. He was the first justice of the peace in Clinton township, which was organized in 1838. He was a man of more than ordinary ability, served the public in different capacities, and he was an especial friend of the poor. He was an active Christian from young manhood, being a devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal church, whose faith he passed to his final reward. He was always found of being good, ever counseling the adjusting of difficulties between his neighbors without recourse to law, and he was humanity's friend all times, ever holding the respect and confidence of all who knew him. Margaret (Bayes) Mikesell, daughter of the honored pioneer last mentioned, was born in Somerset county, Pennsylvania, June 4, 1811, and accompanied her parents on their removal to Holmes county, Ohio, where on the 23d of May, 1833, she was united in marriage to William Mikesell. She proved a faithful helpmeet, a kind and loving mother, and was a gentle and faithful Christian. She knew

the trials, labors and hardships of pioneer life, but hers was the faith that made faithful in all things and her life was one of signal purity and grace. Her health began to fail about 1851, and after much suffering from cancer she passed away on the 4th of December, 1855. Thomas Mikesell, son of William and Margaret (Bayes) Mikesell, was born on the homestead farm, one mile north of the present city of Wauseon, on the 9th of August, 1845, and this farm continued to be his home until 1902, when he sold the property and removed to Wauseon, where he has since lived practically retired. He attended the district school until he was thirteen years old, and thereafter he found amplified advantages in the high school at Wauseon, attending the same during several winter terms, assisting in the work of the farm during the summer months. In June, 1863, Mr. Mikesell enlisted in Company H, Eighty-sixth Ohio volunteer infantry, for a term of six months, serving until February 10, 1864, when he received his honorable discharge. His command assisted in the pursuit of Morgan during his historic raid through Ohio, in July, 1863, and in the expedition, under General DeCoursey, which resulted in the capture of Cumberland Gap, Kentucky, September 9, 1863. Within his term Mr. Mikesell was detailed and served as fifer of his company. He taught school in his home district during the winter of 1866-67, and the next winter was similarly engaged in Kosciusko county, Indiana. In the autumn of 1868 he went to Jasper county, Iowa, where he taught school that winter, after which he taught a three months' summer school in Sullivan county, Missouri. Returning to the old homestead in the autumn of 1869, he worked on the farm and also taught school during the ensuing two winters. In 1872 he was identified with the operation of a photographic business in Wauseon, after which he returned to the farm. In 1865 Mr. Mikesell began the study of meteorology, and since November, 1869,

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he has kept a systematic record of the weather conditions. In October, 1882, when the Ohio Meteorological Bureau was organized, he was appointed one of the observers, and has ever since continued to make reports to Columbus and Washington. In 1902 he was appointed special observer of the corn and wheat region service, and has reported by telegraph each day, from April 1st to September 30th, each year. In connection with the weather observations he has made phrenological observations for many years, these records being very interesting as showing the effect of climate on vegetable growth. In 1875 Mr. Mikesell began the systematic study of the birds of this region, and

since 1883 he has kept a record of their habits and of the dates of arrival and departure of the migratory species, and of the relative numbers each year. A summary and discussion of these observations, by Professor J. Warren Smith, was published in 1904 by the United States Weather Bureau. In 1887 Mr. Mikesell was elected secretary of the Fulton County Pioneer and Historical Association, serving in that capacity until 1895, and he has taken much interest in preserving the early historical data of the county. In 1889, he was chosen secretary of the Fulton County Agricultural Society, retaining this incumbency sixteen consecutive years. He has seen the county fair grow from a representation of about fourteen hundred and fifty entries, in 1889, to more than thirty-three hundred, in 1904, and the amount of premiums paid from less than seven hundred to more than twenty-five hundred dollars. In politics Mr. Mikesell is a Republican, he is affiliated with the Grand Army of the Republic, and both he and his wife are zealous and valued members of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he has been an official since 1887, having been secretary of the official board of the Wauseon church from that year to the present, and he has been treasurer of the board of stewards since 1894. It may be said that in his special studies and observations his purpose has been to increase the sum total of knowledge concerning nature and natural phenomena. November 23, 1873, Mr. Mikesell was united in marriage to Miss Martha Herriman, who was born near Ottokee, Fulton county, Ohio, April 21, 1850, being a daughter of John; and Lettie (Wood) Herriman. She was about six years of age at the time of her mother's death, and was reared in the home of Thomas J. Case. There have not been any children born to this marriage.

HECTOR L. MILES, proprietor of a saw-mill and lumber business at Delta, was born in Norwalk, Ohio, August 2, 1852. He is a descendant of a family that has long been established in America, the ancestral farm being located between Lockport and Buffalo, where the Miles ancestors were very early settlers. He is the son of David T. and Mary (Lee) Miles, both natives of New York State. David Miles removed with his parents to the vicinity of Norwalk when a lad of thirteen years, married at Brownhelm, Erie county, O. and located on a farm near Norfolk. Then he removed to Fulton county, about 1865, locating on a farm in the northern part of the county. After a residence of seven years here he removed to Clyde,

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O., and three years later to Williams county, where his wife died. Since her

death he has been making his home with his children, and 61 now living at Delta. There were four sons in this family: Fitch, The eldest, who died at the age of eighteen years; Hector L.; Lewis L a coal and feed dealer of Delta, and Llewellyn, an electrician at The Spitzer building, Toledo, where he has been employed for a number of years. Hector L. Miles was educated at Clyde and took a

business course at Adrian, Mich. He began his business career as a clerk in a dry-goods store in Clyde, where he was employed for three years. Then he embarked in the grocery and notion business in Delta and conducted it very successfully for four years. While he was thus employed he was married, his wife owning an interest in the business in which he now embarked. His partner was A. A. Tamar, whose interest Mr. Miles purchased after three years. Since his purchase of the plant Mr. Miles has greatly enlarged it, conducting for a number of years a brick and tile factory in connection with it. This was subsequently sold, and a general line of lumber and building material, including lime and cement, was added. The plant, which gives employment to an average of ten men, includes a cornet planing-mill outfit and does a general custom work besides a large amount of general work in sawing. In politics he is identified with the Republican party, having held the offices of councilman and school director in Delta. Being an earnest advocate of the temperance cause, he desires the supremacy of the principles of the Prohibitionists. Together with his wife he is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church," and takes a deep interest in religious and temperance work, serving at this time as treasurer of the official board of the church. He is a member of Fulton Lodge, No 248, of the Order of the United Workmen, and Accepted Masons, Octavius Waters Chapter, No 154, loyal Arch Masons, and of the M. W. of A. On November 13, 1879, he was wedded to Mrs. Van Fleet, a widow, whose maiden name was Louisa M. Griffin. Two sons by this union are living. They are: H., who is in the employ of his father, and Dorr L., a carpenter joiner. Both live at home. An only daughter, Bessie by name, at the age of nine years.

DAVID R. MILEY is one of the prominent farmers of Clinton township, and has passed his entire life in Fulton county, being a member of one of its well-known and highly-honored pioneer families. He was born in Clinton township, February 13, 1853, being a son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Goodrich) Miley. He was reared on the home farm, and after attending the district school completed his studies in the public schools of Wauseon and Bryan. He has devoted his life to agricultural pursuits, bringing to bear marked

energy and good judgment and thus gaining success through his operations. His present farm has been his home since 1874, and comprises sixty acres of most productive land, in Clinton township, and the permanent improvements are of excellent order, including an attractive farm residence. In political matters he is a socialist, and is a man of well-fortified opinions as to matters of public policy. He and his

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wife are members of the Christian church. In 1873 Mr. Miley was united in marriage to Miss Jennie Doyle, who was born in Toledo, Ohio, August 5, 1851, being a daughter of Charles W. and Deborah Clayton) Doyle, who removed from the Empire State to Toledo, where the mother died. Mr. Doyle passed-the closing years of his life in Chicago, where he died in 1899, at the advanced age of eighty-eight years. Mr. and Mrs. Miley. have six children, whose names, with respective dates of birth, are as follows: Blanche, November 2, 1876; Leona, May 24, 1878; Encil L., May 4, 1881; Maud E., December 2, 1882; Grace, March 21, 1885; and Mabel M., Jana. ary 14, 1886. The original American progenitor of the Miley family was John Miley, who was born in Germany, September 14, 1784. His father was a man in most modest circumstances, but was possessed of that sturdy integrity, of character which has denoted those of the name in the succeeding generations. In company with his father and one brother, John Miley immigrated to America, believing that here could be found better opportunities for gaining independence through personal effort They were unable to provide money for the payment of their passage on the ocean, and thus came with the understanding that upon their arrival in the new world the owners of the vessel on which they sailed would be permitted to sell their services to the highest bidders, thus gaining recompense for the cost of passage. John thus was sold to a man in Philadelphia, Pa, serving in-the capacity of hostler until he had paid the amount for which he had been: bound, and thereafter being retained in the employ of the same man for a few years. He finally married Miss Eva Margaretha Schuler, who was descended `from noble stock in Germany, but who. was born in Pennsylvania. Her marriage to John Miley was solemnized in Lancaster county, Pa., in 1811... By good management Mr., Miley secured-a tract.of land in the Chestnut Ridge district of Pennsylvania, later disposing of this property and removing to the Ligonier valley of Pennsylvania, whence he came to Ohio, first settling in Columbiana county and later removing to

Holmes county, where he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land developing a good farm and there passing the remainder of his life, his death occurring September 15, 1845. His widow survived him by many years. She was born November 23, 1784, and died, on the home farm last mentioned, December 10, 1870: They became the parents of eight children, namely John (2d), born in Lancaster county, Pa., May 30, 1812; Jacob, born in Lancaster county, July 4, 1814; George, born in, the same county, December 12, 1816; Rachel, born in Westmoreland county; Pa., February 14, 1819; Matthias, born in Columbiana county, Ohio, March 21, 1821; David, born in the same county, December 4, 1824; Levi, born in same county, February 5, 1828; and Jesse, born in the same county, March 14, 1830. All of the children attained maturity, married and reared children, all continued identified with the farming industry and all left the heritage of worthy lives and worthy deeds to posterity. John Miley (2d), is one of the sterling pioneer citizens of Fulton county, August 15, 1837, he married Elizabeth Peterson, and they became

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the parents of five children,—Henry, Thomas, William C., Jacob, and Margaret E. Jacob, second son of John Miley (1st), settled in county at a time when it was still practically a wilderness, coming here from Holmes county. He was thrice married, first to Delilah Wells, second to Sarah Berry and third to Elizabeth Goodrich, two children being born of the third marriage,—David and Rhoda Josephine. George Miley also came to this county in the pioneer days. He married Letitia Wells, March 21, 1839, and they became the parents of these children: Jesse, Benjamin, William B., Mary E. (deceased), Rufus (deceased), and Levi. Rachel Miley, on the 26th of January, 1837, married William McConkey, who died in 1847. Four children were born to them,—Levi, Margaret (deceased), Adeline (deceased), and Isaiah. July 21, 1853, Mrs. Rachel McConkey married James Wells, and they became the parents of two daughters, Rachel and Sophronia. Mr. and Mrs. Wells were likewise early settlers in Fulton county. Matthias Miley also came to: this county in all early day. He married Delilah Cramer, and they became the parents of eleven children,—Josephine (deceased), Catherine, Rachel, Elizabeth, Harvey, George, Mary, Eli, Delilah, and Elmina (deceased). After the death of his first wife Matthias Miley married Catherine Garrett, September 20, 1868, and they became the parents of one child, Amos. After the death of his father David Miley located

on the old home farm in Holmes county, and, with his brother Levi, gradually purchased the interests of the other heirs, the two brothers becoming the sole owners of the farm, while their mother lived with them until her death. David married Elizabeth Garrett, November 27, 1849, and they became the parents of four sons,—Harmon, Amos (deceased), Lewis, and Elias. Levi Miley first married Isabelle McFarland, who died January 4, 1861, having borne four daughters, Sarah E., Eliza, Emma L. (deceased), and Jennie. His second marriage was with Eliza Garrett, March 2, 1862, and they became the parents of three children,—Belinda, Florence (deceased), Leonard S., and Adaline Margaret. Jesse Miley also came to Fulton county, but later removed to Iowa, where he died. May 27, 1852, he married Jane Evans, and their children are Mattie A., Alverda. J., Maggie L., Over B., and Levi J.

THOMAS MILEY merits recognition in this history by reason of his prominence as one of the representative farmers of Fulton county and also by reason of the fact that he is one of those who represented the county in the Union ranks during the Civil war. He is the owner of a well improved farm of fifty-five acres, in Clinton township. Mr. Miley was born in Holmes county, O., on the 6th of December, 1841, and is thus a member of one of the pioneer families of that section. He is a son of John and Elizabeth (Peterson) Miley, the former of whom was born in Westmoreland county, Pa., in which State his wife also was born. They came from Holmes county to Fulton county in 1847, and located on a farm in the midst of the forests of Clinton township, where the father developed a productive place, being one of the honored citizens of the community. He died on the

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20th of February, 1892, and his wife passed to the life eternal March 28, 1903. The father of John Miley was a native of Germany, whence he came to America in an early day, locating in Pennsylvania, where he became a prosperous farmer. Concerning his children it may be recorded that Rachel is the wife of James Wells (deceased), and resides in Wauseon; Jacob is deceased; Matthias died February 10, 1905; David died in 1903; Levi also is deceased; George is a resident of Spring Hill, this county; Jesse died in Illinois; and John was the father of the subject of this review. The following data are entered in regard to the children of John Miley: Henry, born in 1837, is a resident of Swan Creek township; Thomas is the immediate

subject of this review ; William C., born in 1844, is a farmer west of Wauseon; Jacob M., born in 1850, resides in Wauseon; Margaret, born in 1852, is the wife of Peter Fister, of Toledo. Thomas Miley was about six years of age at the time of his parents' removal to Fulton county, where he was reared to zmanhood on the home farm, and his early educational advantages were those afforded by the common schools. He has always been identified with agricultural pursuits and has owned and operated his present attractive farm since 1867. In 1863 Mr. Miley tendered his-services in defense of the Union, enlisting in Company G, One Hundred and Twenty-eighth Ohio volunteer infantry, with which he served until the close of the war, taking part in many important engagements. In politics he is a stalwart Republican, and has ever been loyal and public-spirited as a citizen. He served three years as township trustee and for twenty years as road supervisor. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, and both he and his wife hold membership in the Christian church. In 1866 Mr. Miley was united in marriage to Miss Caroline. Doyle, who was born in New Jersey on the 22d of February, 1845, being a daughter of-Charles W. and Deborah (Clayton) Doyle, who took up their residence in the city of Toledo, Ohio, in 1847, and who eventuti ally removed to Chicago, where the father died in Septembers 19coi his wife being also deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Miley have four children: John C. is a successful farmer of Clinton township; Cora is the wife of Perry Lawrence, of Delta, this county; Myrtle is the wife of Lewis McCane, of Wauseon; and C. Arthur is associated with his father in the work of the home farm.

WILLIAM C. MILEY, a representative of one of the old and .well known families of- Fultonn county, is a veteran of the Civil war, has held various offices in his community, and he is now the owner of a most attractive and well-improved little farm of forty. three acres, one mile west of the city of Wauseon.. Mr. Miley was born in Holmes county, Ohio, on the 22d of January, 1842, being a son of John and Elizabeth (Peterson) Miley, both of whom were born in the State of Pennsylvania, and they were numbered among the pioneers of Holmes county, Ohio, where they remained until 1847, when they came to Fulton county, making the trip with team and wagon and locating on a tract of wild land in Clinton township.. The father became one of the well-to-do farmers of the county, and

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here passed the remainder of his, life, his death occurring February 29, 1892,

and his wife passed away March 28, 1903. The father of John Miley was born and reared in Germany, and early came to America, settling in Pennsylvania. Concerning the children of John Miley the following is a brief record: Henry is a resident of Swan Creek township; Thomas is individually mentioned in the preceding , review; William C. is the subject of this sketch; Jacob M. is a resident of Wauseon; and Margaret is the wife of Peter Fister, of Toledo. William C, Miley was reared on the home farm, in Fulton county, and completed his youthful education in the common schools of Wausion. He has made farming his vocation through life and has resided on his present homestead since 1900, having previously been the owner of a farm in Chesterfield township, where he made his home about twenty-five years. In March, 1864, he enlisted in the Union service, becoming a private in Company E, One Hundred and Thirtieth Ohio Volunteer infantry, with which he served until the autumn of that year, when he received his honorable discharge. He is a member of the post of the Grand Army of the Republic in Wauseon, and both he and his wife are devoted members of the Christian church. In politics Mr, Miley is a stanch Republican; he served four years as trustee of Chesterfield township, and he was clerk of the school board for the long period of fifteen years.. In 1865 Mr. Miley was united in marriage to Miss Carrie Lightfoot, who bore him one son, Harry Mason Miley, who resides in Morenci, Michigan. The latter married Miss Ida Griggs and they have one son: In 1901 Mr. Miley consummated a second marriage, being then united to Lucinda Mikesell, who was born June 12, 1850, being a daughter of Adam and Polly. (Jones) Mikesell. Her parents came to Fulton county, from Holmes county, in 1846, and her father conducted a little general store in his house before the present city of Wauseon had any buildings to mark its site. Both he and his wife died in this county, his death having occurred in 1861, as the result of the rupturing of a blood vessel.

CHRISTOPHER K. MILLER is one of the successful farmers of Gorham township, where he has a well-improved homestead of ninety. acres, clear of incumbrance and acquired through his own well-directed efforts. He was born in Brady township, Williams county, Ohio, January 14, 1858, and is a son of Adam and Melvina (Green) Miller. The father was born in Richland county, Ohio, being a son of Peter Miller, who was born and reared in Pennsylvania, whence he and his wife came to Ohio in the pioneer days, here passing the remainder of their lives, having located in Richland county prior to 1825. Adam Miller was reared and educated in Richland county,

being one of a large family of children, all of whom were natives of said county. At the age of fourteen years he initiated his independent career, removing to Fort Wayne, Ind., and about seven years later he located in Williams county, Ohio, where his marriage was solemnized, his wife having been born and reared in Medina county; where her parents were early settlers, her father being of Scotch an-

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cestry. Adam Miller was the owner of a good farm in Williams county at the time of the outbreak of the Civil war, and, preparatory to going forth in defense of the Union, he sold his farm. He then enlisted in Company C, One Hundred and Eleventh Ohio volunteer infantry, with which he went to the front. In the battle of Franklin, Tenn., he received a scalp wound; which incapacitated him for a-time, but after recuperating he rejoined his regiment, with which he continued in service until the close of-the war, having been with Sherman's forces on the ever-memorable march from Atlanta to the sea, and having taken part in a number of the most important battles of the great internecine conflict. After the close of his military career he returned to Williams county, where he continued to be identified with agricultural pursuits until 1885, when he removed to Michigan, both he and his wife being now resident of Frontier, Hillsdale county, that State, where he is living practically retired, being seventy-seven years of age, in 1905. He and wife became the parents of ten children, concerning whom the following brief record is entered: Jane is the wife of George Finch, of Owosso, Mich.; Ellen is the wife—of Samuel Wasnich, of Frontier, Mich.; Christopher K. is the immediate subject of this sketch; Wealthy Ann is deceased; Martha is, deceased; Etta is the wife of Byron Miller, of Frontier, Mich.; Emma., deceased; Della, deceased; William. B. resides in Frontier, Mich; and Orpha is the wife of Edward Hukill, of the same village. Christopher K. Miller was reared and educated in Williams county, and as a boy entered upon an apprenticeship at the brick-layer's trade, to which he devoted his attention until his marriage. He then rented land in Gorham township, Fulton county, where he was engaged in farming for the ensuing five years, at the expiration of which, in 1885, he purchased eighty acres of his present farm, going into debt for the property, to which he has since added ten acres; and by energy and good management he has cleared the place from indebtedness, has made excellent improvement and gained a position among the substantial farmers and representative citizens of the township. He is a Republican in his

political proclivities and has been called upon to serve in various local offices, and in a fraternal way he is identified with the Independent Order, of Odd Fellows. On the 19th of July, 1880, Mr. Miller was united in marriage to Miss Alice Ritter, born January .27, 1860, in Gorham township, and she is the daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Barr) Ritter, of Gorham township. Her parents were born in Seneca county, N. Y., and were numbered among the honored pioneers of Gorham,township, where the father died in 1893; at the age of sixty-four years, his wife passing away in 1901, at the age of seventy-three years. They reared a family of four daughters and one son, all of whom are living. They are: Matilda, who is the wife of George A. Cottner, and resides in Gorham township; Elnora, who is the wife of Fred Feill and resides in Gorham township; Alice, wife of the subject of this sketch; Carlton, who married Miss Clara Reed, and he resides. in Onsted, Mich, and the youngest child is Della, who married William- L. Moray and are residents of Gorham township. Mr. and Mrs. Miller have two children: Elta M.,

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who is the wife of Martin Kanauer, of Gorham township; and Carl K., who is associated with his father in the work of the home farm.

DANIEL T. MILLER is a representative of one of the pioneer families of Fulton county, which has been his home from the time of his birth, and it was his to represent the county as one of the valiant soldiers of the Union during the War of the Rebellion. He is one of the well-known and highly-esteemed farmers of Pike township, where he has a fine farm of eighty acres. Mr. Miller was born in Pike township, on the 27th of August, 1844, and is a son of Reuben and Elizabeth (Toms) Miller, the former of whom was born in Maryland and the latter in Pennsylvania, and they took up their residence in Fulton county, in 1843. The father was a cabinet-maker by trade, but after coming to Ohio gave his attention principally to farming. He died in 1847 and his widow later became the wife of John Hancock, her death occurring in 1855. The only child of her second marriage was Martha, but of the first onion. were born eight children: Jeremiah, Mary J., Rachel A., Sarah, Catherine, James, Daniel T., and Alexander, Of the number two are living. Daniel T. Miller was reared on the home farm and has been identified with agricultural pursuits throughout his entire active career. In September 1862, at the age of eighteen years, he enlisted in Company I, Thirty-eighth Ohio volunteer infantry, with which he

served until the close of the war, having been mustered out in July, 1865. He took part in the battles of Stone River, Missionary Ridge, Wildcat and other important engagements, besides many skirmishes. He is an appreciative member of the Grand Army of the Republic, and is a Republican in his political faith. In 1871 Mr. Miller was united in marriage to Miss Susan Cowan, who was born in Erie county, Ohio, January 12, 1842, and they have two children,—Sarah E., wife of Elmer J. Murray, of Toledo, O.; and Emmett V., who is engaged in farming in Pike township.

JAMES W. MILLER is a successful farmer and dairyman of York township and holds prestige as one of the representative citizens of this section of the county. He was born in Pike township, a short distance from his present homestead farm, on the 18th of August, 1859, being a son of Jeremiah and Nancy (McQuillin) Miller. His father was born in the State of Pennsylvania, and as a young man came to what is now Fulton county, being numbered among the very early settlers of Pike township, where he reclaimed a farm from the virgin forest. He passed the closing years of his life in the village of Delta, having retired from active labor, and there he died at age of sixty-eight years. His widow still resides in that village, being a representative of one of the old and honored families of the county, her father, David McQuillin, having settled here in the early pioneer epoch. Jeremiah and Nancy (McQuillin) Miller became the parents of two sons and six daughters: Lydia J. is the wife of Ezra McQuillin, of Delta; Mary is the wife of Hugh Casler, of Bucyrus, Ohio; James W. is the immediate subject of this sketch; Cora remains with

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her widowed mother; Hattie is the wife of Dewitt C. Cleghorn, a farmer near Lyons, this county; Morris is a successful farmer of Pike township; and Minnie is the wife of Charles Rollo, of Dune Park, Porter county, Indiana. James W. Miller was afforded the advantages of the excellent public schools of Fulton county, and he has been continuously concerned in agricultural pursuits from his youth to the present. He was married in 1884 and thereafter lived on a farm in Pike township until 1895, when he and his wife came into possession of the old Thompson homestead, that of Mrs. Miller's parents, and the place of her birth. The farm is one of the best in York township, being eligibly located near the village of Delta, comprised of one hundred and forty acres of most productive land, and the improvements are of a high

type, including one of the handsomest country residences to be found within the limits of Fulton county. This residence was built by Mrs. Miller's father and is modern and model in all its equipments and appointments. Mr. Miller devotes his attention largely to the dairying department of his farming enterprise, selling the product to the Helvetia milk-condensing plant, in Delta. He also carries on successful operations in general farming and stock-raising. In politics he is a stalwart Republican, appreciative of the principles and policies which have conserved the success of the party, but never having been a seeker of office of any description. He is affiliated with Fulton Lodge, No. 248, Free and Accepted Masons, at Delta, and both he and his wife are members of the adjunct organization, the Order of the Eastern Star. April 24, 1884, Mr. Miller was united in marriage to Miss Cara D. Thompson, daughter of Abraham B. and Susan Thompson, concerning whom due mention, is made in a detailed way on other pages of this work, under the titles of Abraham B. and Ira Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Miller have four children, all of whom' remain at the- parental home, namely: Walter E., Clarence, Ethel, and Louise.

JAY H. MILLER, M.D., a prominent physician and surgeon of Wauseon, was born in Bucyrus, O., on October 16, 1862. On his father's side he -traces his genealogy to German ancestors, who estab: fished themselves in Pennsylvania prior to the Revolutionary war, and the McBrides, as represented by his mother, are of Irish antecedents, three generations removed. The McBride family located in New York, whence the parents of the mother's family removed to Crawford county in pioneer days, Here Isaac and Elizabeth (McBride) Miller, the parents of Dr. Jay H. Miller, were born and reared. Isaac Miller, who was born in 1834, has devoted all of his productive days to successful agricultural pursuits. His wife died in 1900, aged sixty years. There were born to these parents two children. They are: Mrs. Isadora Watson of Hillsdale county, Mich., whose husband, Philip D. Watson, is engaged in farming and stock-raising; and Jay H., the subject of this sketch. Jay H. Miller, from childhood until he attained man's estate, was a resident of Defiance, O. His literary education began in the Defiance city schools and was supple.: mented by a teacher's course in the Ohio Normal University at Ada.

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At the age of sixteen he taught his first term of school and continued in that profession for thirteen years, teaching in Ohio and Kentucky. At the age of

twenty-three he began his preparatory work in medicine under the tutorship of Dr. S. T. Botts of Glasgow, Ky. His preparation for teaching and his successful experience in that profession had familiarized him with some of the elementary work in medicine, particularly along the lines of Anatomy, Physiology and Chemistry. In 1886 he entered upon a professional course in the Hospital Medical college of Louisville, Ky., and was graduated from that institution in 1888. After graduating he engaged in the practice of his profession at Lucas, Ky., where he remained one year, when he concluded to go farther south. For the next eleven years he was located at Denton, Texas, where he conducted a very successful practice. While his sojourn in the South was eminently satisfactory to Dr. Miller, both in a professional and social sense, yet it did not seem entirely like "home;" and he decided to return to the North. Coming to Wauseon in October, 1900, he soon after formed a partnership with Dr. Charles E. Bennett, whose personal sketch appears under proper title in this volume. Drs. Bennett & Miller have the best equipped medical office in Fulton county and enjoy an extensive and lucrative practice, both in medicine and surgery have the only "X-Ray" machine in the county, an instrument that constitutes an important adjunct to their professional work. The Doctor is still a member of the North Texas Medical Association, with which he identified himself while in the South. Since locating at Wauseon he has become a member of the Fulton County Medical Society and the Ohio. State Medical Association. In the discharge of his professional duties, Dr. Miller is careful and methodical, a close student of professional literature, and fully abreast of the onward march of medical and surgical science. He is a member of various social and beneficial societies, prominent among which is the time-honored Masonic fraternity. The Doctor is also affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias, the Knights of the Modern Maccabees and the Modern Woodmen of the World. In 1886 Dr. Miller was united in marriage to Miss Lillie B. Adams, then a student of Liberty Female college at Glasgow, Ky., her native place She is the daughter of W. T. and Amanda B. (Carpenter) Adams, both natives of Kentucky. Her paternal family traces their genealogy in direct line to the famous Adams family of Massachusetts, while the maternal ancestors, the Carpenters, were also identified with the American Revolution. Mrs. Miller is a lady of high literary accomplishments, and possesses the maternal characteristics which render her 'a model wife and mother. This happy union has been blessed with the advent of four children, whose presence gladden the hearts of loving and indulgent parents. Their names are Mina C., Carl A., W. Paulena and Bessie

Ruth.' Dr. Miller and wife are members of the Christian church, both taking an active interest in religious work. The family sustains high social relations in the community with which their lot has been .cast. The Doctor is a sociable, pleasant gentle-

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man, whose cheery presence in the sick-room does much to alleviate the sufferings of the sick and despondent. He possesses a commanding presence and a distinguished personality.

JOHN D. MILLER is one of the progressive farmers and prominent citizens. of Pike township, where tie has maintained his home since 1877. He was born in Reed township, Seneca county, Ohio, on the 13th of November, 1850, and is a son of Daniel and Maria (Lemmon) Miller, the former of whom was born in Seneca county, Ohio, on the 5th. of June, 1824, and the latter was born in Seneca county, New York, on the loth of May, 1827. Their marriage was solemnized in Seneca county, Ohio, on the loth of May, 1847, and they reared a family of seven children, namely: Hannah J., John D.; Jeanette L., Charles R., Francis, Cassius C., and Lemmon S. The father was engaged in agricultural pursuits during his active carter and was one of the honored citizens of Seneca and Crawford counties, and a prominent member of the Grange. He died on the 8th of January, 1892, and his loved wife passed away on the 5th of July, 1898. She was a sister of Judge Reuben C. Lemmon (deceased), of Toledo, Ohio, who was formerly a resident of Fulton county, and also of Mrs. Henry S. Isbell, who now resides in Delta, this county. John D. Miller secured his early educational training in the schools . of his native county. He continued to' be associated with his father in farming operations until he had attained the age of twenty-four years, when he purchased a half interest in a harness and saddlery business of Bucyrus, Crawford county, continuing to be identified with this enterprise for two years, when impaired health caused him to dispose of his interests in the business. In the spring of 1877 be came to Fulton county and purchased his present farm, which coin.: prises eighty acres and upon which he has made excellent improvements, developing the place mto one of the fine farms of the county. Mr. Miller has not hedged himself in with the affairs of a personal import, but has shown himself loyal to the interests of the community and has taken an active interest in public affairs. He is a stanch adherent of the Republican party, and he has served as road supervisor,.as a member of the school board and as township trustee, having been elected to

the last mentioned office in 1902, serving one term. He is a deacon in the Christian church and an active worker in the same, as is also Mrs. Miller, and he is a member of Aetna Grange, No. 310. In Crawford county, Ohio, on the 14th of March, 1877, Mr. Miller was united in marriage to Miss Clemma L. Beard, who was born in Seneca county, this State, on the 20th of September, 1858, being a daughter of Philip A. and Lucy (Richard) Beard. Mr. and Mrs. Miller have four children, whose names, with respective dates of birth, are as follows: Roy D., born April 26, 1879; Reuben C., born April 29, 1880; Archie F., born January 8, 1882; and Zelma Joyce, born January 24, 1897.

JOSEPH PETER MILLER, the leading confectioner of Swanton, is a native of Richland county, O., born June 29, 1841. His

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parents, Peter and Catherine (Greninald) Miller, were natives of Pennsylvania and of German ancestry. Early in 1843 Peter Miller removed to Fulton county and located on a tract of heavily-timbered land lying one-half mile north of the present site of Swanton, then without existence. Here Joseph Peter Miller grew to manhood amid the environments of pioneer life. He assisted in clearing the parental farm and attended the country schools about three months out of each year. The farm embraced one hundred and twenty acres, and a vast amount of labor was required to prepare it for cultivation. His father died at the age of seventy-four years and his mother at the age of seventy-two. The subject of this sketch is the only child born to their marriage. While working for his parents, Mr. Miller acquired a tract of unimproved land. Early in 1861, in response to his country's call for defenders, he enlisted in the Union army for a period of three months, but the term of enlistment expired without his command reaching the scene of conflict. On August 6, 1862, he re-enlisted, joining Company H of the One Hundredth Ohio volunteer infantry, and was sent to Covington, Ky., where General Buell's army was confronting that of his brother-in-law, General Bragg. After his baptism of fire at Fort Mitchell, near Covington, a part of his regiment was stationed at Richmond, Ky., to guard the loyal Tennesseans while joining the Federal army. This detachment was driven away from that post by a superior force of Confederates. Rejoining his regiment at Lexington, Ky., he was assigned to duty with the Twenty-third army corps, first under General Buell and later under General Burnside. While under the

command of the latter his regiment participated in the battles of Strawberry Plains and the battle and siege of Knoxville, where forty thousand Confederates were defeated by twelve thousand Federals protected by fortifications. At the battle of Strawberry Plains, five companies of the One Hundredth Ohio were captured by the Confederates and confined for eleven months in military prisons, when those who survived the hardships of prison life were exchanged and returned to their commands. Mr. Miller and six companions of Company escaped capture because they had been previously detailed for train-guard duty. The organization of the companies captured was maintained by securing a number of recruits. Unfitted for active duty by chronic diarrhoea and heart disease, Mr. Miller was placed on detailed service at Knoxville, where he remained until July, 1865, the date of his discharge from military service. On returning home he was convalescent for some months, but the tender ministrations of a loving mother and a more healthful diet enabled In to receive a fair degree of health during his young manhood days. With advancing years, however, his infirmities have been augmented, compelling him to seek the lightest labor possible as a means of livelihood. In politics he has been a life-long Republican, and as such has held various offices in the town and township. He is actively identified with Quiggle Post, No. 289, Grand Army of the Republic, of which organization he was post commander for seven years, and his wife held membership in the Women's Relief Corps until it dis-

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banded. In religious matters he and wife are affiliated with the Methodist Episcopal church. On July 12, 1866, he was wedded to Miss Sarah Temperance Farnsworth a native of Lucas county and the daughter of J. P. and Louisa (Miller) Farnsworth, pioneers of that county, the former now living at Waterville, O., and the latter having died in young womanhood. Three sons were born to this union, two of whom are yet living. Their names follow: Willis, who died at the age of three years ; John W., and Ernest EdSon of Toledo.

ROBERT D. MILLER is numbered among the prosperous and enterprising farmers of Pike township. He was born in Richland county, Ohio, on the 25th of December, 1867, and is a son of Anthony Wayne Miller and Electa (Wilson) Miller, both of whom were born and reared in the old Buckeye State. Anthony W. Millet was born in Richland county, on the loth of August, 1834, and his wife was born in Ashland county, their marriage

having been solemnized in 1865, after the father had rendered gallant service as a Union soldier in the War of the Rebellion. He enlisted on the 1st of August, 1862, and he continued in service until the close of the war, having been mustered out at Camp Chase, Columbus, Ohio, in July, 1865, and having duly received his honorable discharge. He took part in the engagements of Arkansas Post, Milliken's Bend, the sieges of Vicksburg and Jackson, Mississippi, and in many other engagements of minor importance. In June, 1864, while with his command on the Red river, he was captured by the Confederate forces, and was held prisoner until the close of the war. At the time of his capture he weighed one hundred and eighty-five pounds, and when released his weight was but ninety pounds,—this fact indicating the hardships and privations which he endured in the interim. In 1838t Anthony W. Miller removed with his family from Richland county to Fulton county, locating on, the farm where his son, Robert now resides. The parents now reside on a homestead in Dover township. Robert D. Miller received his educational discipline in the public schools of Richland and Fulton counties, and as a youth he learned the carpenter trade, becoming a skilled workman and continuing to follow his trade as a vocation for ten years, after which he again turned his attention to farming and stock-growing, in which lines Of enterprise he has met with gratifying success; being progressive in his attitude and availing himself of those facilities and methods which, foster the maximum returns from the efforts put forth. His farm comprises eighty acres of most productive land and the place is equipped with excellent buildings and other substantial improvements. In his political adherency Mr. Miller is aligned with the Republican party, and while he takes a loyal interest in local affairs of a public nature he has never been an aspirant for office. He was a member of the Ohio National Guard for a period of five years, has served as captain in his camp of the Sons of Veterans, and is affiliated with the Ancient Order of Gleaners and the Patrons of Industry. On the 31st of May, 1903, Mr. Miller was united in marriage to Miss Ella Guilford, who was born in Fulton county on the 17th of Novem-

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ber, 1880, being a daughter of Lucien and Harriet (Graves) Guilford, the former of whom was born in the State of New York, in October, 1846 and the latter of whom was born in Mercer county, Ohio, on the 26th of November, 1844. Mr. and Mrs. Miller have one son, Wayne G., who was born on the 2^d of September, 1905.

JOHN MOFFITT, a successful photographer of Delta, is a native of Milan, Mich., having been born there July 11, 1877. He is a son of Horace and Ella (Sundburg) Moffitt, both natives of Michigan, where the former now resides, the latter having died there, December 24, 1886. They were the parents of one son, John, the subject of this sketch. John Moffitt grew to manhood in his native town and enjoyed excellent educational advantages. Having learned the harness-makers trade, he plied that avocation with marked success for three years. Then he decided to learn the photographers art which he has so successfully conducted for the past nine years. On April 10, 1898, he removed to Delta and purchased the business of O. H. Bauch, established there, and he now owns the only art gallery in the place. It is needless to state that he is an accomplished artist, for the excellent character of the work turned out by him and his unusually extensive patronage speak louder than words. His gallery is equipped throughout with the most modern instruments, and no pains is spared to make the work first-class in every particular, notwithstanding the fact that there is no competition in Delta in his line. His patronage is not confined to Delta, but extends to all parts of the county, successfully competing with all similar institutions in Fulton county. He makes a specialty of children's work, of which many fine specimens may be seen in his art gallery. In politics Mr. Moffitt is identified with the Republican party. He also holds membership in Fulton Lodge, No. 248, Free and Accepted Masons. On June 9, 1904, at Delta, he was married to Miss Freda E. Bradley, a daughter of E. A. and Martha (Hauble) Bradley, the former deceased and the latter a resident of Delta. E. A. Bradley and wife are the parents of four children, three daughters and one son. They are: Ella, Freda E., Rachel and Joseph, all married except Joseph, and all residents of Delta, except Ella, who resides in Toledo, O.

ALEXANDER Y. MONTGOMERY, agent of the United States Express Company at Delta, was born in Belmont county, Ohio, December 9, 1835. He is the son of James and Mary (Young) Montgomery, both natives of Pennsylvania. James Montgomery grew to manhood on his father's farm and after his marriage to Miss Mary Young removed to Belmont county, O. in 1833. Here he and his wife lived on a farm to a ripe old age, he dying quite suddenly when in apparently perfect health. They were the parents of four children, three boys and one girl. Their names follow: Alexander Y., Ruth Ellen, Leroy and Ross. Leroy is living in Kansas and two of the others died in mature life. Alexander Y. Montgomery attended the district school four months of each year after he was nine years so

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old, but his education was acquired more by contact with business men and by reading good books than by attendance at school. Growing to manhood on the home farm he followed farming until June 16, 1861, when he enlisted in the Union army.. The company to which he belonged enlisted at first for only three months, but was one of the first to respond to the three years' call. He enlisted in Company E of the Second West Virginia infantry. This arrangement was in keeping with the understanding that Pennsylvania and Ohio, even before the establishment of a State goVernmeni, would assist the embryo State of West Virginia to remain in the Union. His regiment served under Generals Sigel, Milroy, Fremont and Pope throughout West Virginia and the Shenandoah Valley, participating in the battles of that valley and the Rappahannock River. After the second battle of Bull Run the regiment was sent up the Kanawha to the salt works at Charleston, where it routed the Confederates while engaged in making salt. Returning to the valley they wintered at Martinsburg. In 1863 the regiment was mounted and sent on scouting duty to West Virginia and Virginia, in which capacity it continued until mustered out of service, June 22, 1864. After a brief visit at home Alexander went to Pittsburg, where for about eight months he was employed in the Beaver Creek oil field. In the spring of 1866 he came to Delta, where he still resides. For about sixteen years he was engaged in the grocery business. Tffen he was appointed postmaster of Delta under President. Hayes, serving eight years, when by virtue of a change of administration he was superseded by a man of different political) faith. Before he quit the postoffice he accepted .the agency of the United States Express company at Delta, and for fully twenty years he has successfully conducted the company's business at that point. In connection with the expiess business he also operates a stationery and book store. Being interested in the success of the public schools, he has served as a member of the school board. Mr. Montgomery is a member of the Fulton Lodge, No. 248, Free and Accepted Masons, of Octavius Waters Chapter, No. 154., Royal Arch Masons, of Delta Lodge No. 460, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and Fulton Encampment, No. 197, and of McQuillin Post, No. 171, Grand Army of the Republic, being past post commander of the last-named organization. He has passed the principal chairs of All of the above mentioned associations. In politics he is an active Republican and his wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. He was married in Trumbull county, O., to Miss Mary

McCorkle, a native of that county. Two daughters have been born to this union, Mrs. Lena Z. R. Koos, of Delta, and Mrs. Harry H. Ham, of Wauseon. The business career of Mr. Montgomery has been an unusually successful one and as a result he has accumulated considerable property. Among his properties are two fine business houses and a handsome residence. By dint of hard, earnest effort and good judgment he has earned well-merited success.

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ISAAC LESTER, one of the prosperous farmers of Gorham township and a member of one of the pioneer families of Fulton county, was born on the homestead farm, in the township mentioned, on the 23rd of July, 1849, his birth-place being one mile east of his present home. He is a son of Thomas C. and Mary (Leopard) Lester, the former of whom was born in Cayuga county, N. Y., February 22, 1819, being a son of Crandall Lester, a representative of an old and well-known family of the Empire state, and Mary (Leopard) Lester was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, where her parents settled in an early day. The parents of Thomas C. Lester removed from Ohio to Allegan county, Mich., becoming pioneers of that section and passing the remainder of their lives on a farm near Wayland, where in death they were laid to rest. Thomas C. Lester was a successful school teacher when a young man, and later turned his attention to farming, becoming one of the prominent agriculturists of Gorham township, where he died in 1891, and his wife is still living on the homestead. They became the parents of six children, namely: Isaac, subject of this sketch; Nelson, a resident of Duluth, Minn.; Frank, deceased; Joe, engaged in the operation of the old homestead; Olive, wife of A. D. Way, of Waldron, Hillsdale county, Mich.; and Al, a resident of Duluth, Minn. Isaac Lester passed his boyhood and youth on the home farm, in Gorham township, and after attending the district schools, supplemented the rudimentary discipline by a course in the graded schools of Fayette. In 1875 he purchased thirty-three acres of land, in Gorham township, to which he has since added until he now has a well-improved and highly-productive farm of eighty acres, the greater portion of the tract having been cleared when he came into possession of the property, and he has made excellent improvements on the place, which is one of the handsome rural homesteads of this part of the county. Mr. Lester is a natural mechanic and has worked to a considerable extent at the trade of carpenter, finding his services in much requisition along this line. In politics Mr. Lester

is a staunch adherent of the Republican party, and both he and his wife are zealous members of the Christian church. He has held various local offices, including that of township supervisor, and he commands the unqualified esteem of the people among whom his entire life has been passed. January 12, 1875, Mr. Lester was united in marriage to Miss Amelia Snyder, daughter of Jonas and Sarah (Held) Snyder and a native of Morrow county, Ohio. Her father was born in York county, Pa., on the 26th of October, 1825, and in 1835 he accompanied his parents on their removal to Morrow county, Ohio, where he was near to maturity. October 5, 1861, he came with his family to Fulton county, locating on the farm now owned by Mr. Lester, who purchased the place at the time of his marriage, in 1875. April 17, 1902, Mr. and Mrs. Snyder came to live with their daughter, Mrs. Lester. Mrs. Snyder died, June 30, 1903, at the age of seventy-five years, one month and eight days, and Jonas Snyder died, July 26, 1903, aged seventy-seven years and nine months, so that in death they were not long divided. Mrs. Snyder was born in Lebanon couy, Pa., May 22, 1827, and in 1832 her parents removed thence

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to Morrow county, Ohio, where she was united in marriage to Jonas Snyder, on the 24th of September, 1848. They came to Fulton county, October 10, 1861, and on the 5th of the following May removed to a farm one-half mile west of the present Lester homestead in Williams county, where they maintained their home many years. Both were devoted members of the Lutheran church. They became the parents of four children: William, who is a resident of Adrian, Mich.; Frank, who resides in Fayette, Fulton county, Ohio.; Amelia, who is the wife of the subject of this review, and Sarah Jane, the wife of David Kibler, a prosperous farmer of Williams county. Mr. and Mrs. Lester have five children: Jennie M. is the wife of Nelson Brink, of Fayette; Charles T. also resides in Fayette; Miles J. is a resident of Adrian, Mich.; Elmer L. and his wife are associated with his parents in the operation of the home farm; and Nora is the wife of John Soverance, of Adrian, Mich. Mr. and Mrs. Lester have one granddaughter, Lois E. Brink, born February 17, 1903. Mr. and Mrs. Lester lived on their farm over thirty years, but recently they decided to leave the farm and they purchased a beautiful home in Advordton, Ohio, where they moved on November 14, 1905, to enjoy the rest of their days.

LEE LESTER, who is one of the well-known citizens and prominent farmers

of Gorham township, was born on the old homestead where he now resides, on the 19th of June, 1857, and here he has made his home from the time of birth, and he has proven a worthy successor of his father, who was one of the honored pioneers of this section of the State. His farm comprises ninety-seven acres, is improved with good buildings and is maintained under effective cultivation. Mr. Lester is a Republican in his political adherency and is.. affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. January 21, 1885, he was united in marriage to Miss Alphreta McDaniels, of this county, who was born in Sandusky county; Ohio. They have one child, Crandall. Thomas C. Lester, father of him whose name introduces this article, was born in Cayuga county, N. Y., February 22, 1819, and his parents early came to Ohio, becoming pioneers of Seneca county, where they passed the remainder of their lives. He was a son of James and Esther (Crandall) Lester, both of whom were born in the State of New York. Thomas C. Lester settled in Williams county, Ohio, in 1837, securing a tract of wild land, in that portion of the county which is now included in Fulton county, which was organized about thirteen years later. In 1848 he located on the farm which is now the home of his son Lee, in Section 7, Gorham township, developing the place and making it one of the valuable properties of this section of the county. He continued to reside on the old homestead until his death, in 1891, at the age of seventy-one years. He was a staunch Republican and was an influential factor in public affairs of a local nature, having served in various township offices. He was affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows for many years. February 10, 1848, in Seneca county, he was married to Miss Mary A. Lepard, daughter of Isaac

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and Nancy (Huffman) Lepard. She was born in Fairfield county, Ohio whence her parents removed to Seneca county, where they made their home until death. Thomas C. and Mary A. Lester became the parents of six children: Isaac, who is a resident of Williams county; Nelson, who makes his home in Duluth, Minn.; Frank, who is deceased; Lee, whose name initiates this sketch; Olive, who is the wife of Albert D. Way, of Hillsdale county, Mich.; and Allen, who is a resident of West Superior, Wis.. The mother is now residing with her son, Lee, at eighty-four years of age.

AARON LEVY, a retired merchant of Archbold and one of the honored pioneer business men of the town, where he is treasurer of the Archbold

Milling and Elevator Co., and also has other interests of importance, has been the architect of his own fortune, coming to America from a foreign land and bending his energies to well-directed effort until prosperity finally crowned his labors. He was born January 9, 1842, in France, where he was reared to the age of fifteen years, there receiving fair educational advantages. He then came to America, remaining a few years in New York city, and then coming to the middle West, locating in Butler, Ind., in May, 1867, and for a time going about through various parts of that State, as well as Ohio, engaged in peddling, and he manifested that State utmost frugality and showed his good judgment by carefully living saving his earnings. In March, 1869, he engaged in the mercantile business in a small way, in Spring Lake, Williams county, whence he came to Archbold in 1871. The town was at that time a mere hamlet, with only two or three stores, and he established himself at the corner of Broadway and Depot streets, opening a small stock of general merchandise. At this location he built up an excellent trade, gaining the confidence and respect of the community and there continuing his general merchandising enterprise until 1891, when he disposed of his well-equipped establishment, having since lived practically retired. He was one of the organizers of the Archbold Milling and Elevator Company, in which he is one of the principal stock-holders and also treasurer. Mr. Levy is liberal in his views and has done his share in furthering the material and social advance of his home town, taking a lively interest in public affairs and -having been a valued member of the village council; and he has contributed to church and charitable work and proven a loyal and helpful citizen. In politics he supports the cause of the Independent party. April 9, 1872, Mr. Levy was married to Miss Caroline Hirsch, of Archbold, and they have eight children: Sarah remains at the parental home; Benjamin is a clothing manufacturer in Chicago; Henry is a resident of Toledo; Ida is the wife of Myer Greenberg, of Toledo, Ohio; Rose is the wife of Lee Dreyfus, of Chicago; Louis also resides in Chicago; Emil is attending school in Terre Haute, Ind.; and Ruth remains beneath the home roof.

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AUGUST LINDAU, who is living retired in the village of Archbold, has had a somewhat eventful career and was for many years identified with railroading interests, principally in the capacity of engineer. He was born in Lindau, Standahl, Germany, February 2, 1844, being a son of Christian and Caroline Lindau, and he was about eight years of age at the time of his

parents' immigration to America. They settled in Adams township, Defiance county, Ohio, where the father continued engaged in farming until his death, in 1865, his wife also dying in that county, and the remains of both lie at rest in the Ridge-Road cemetery, in Adams township. Of their children the following is a' brief record: Caroline became the wife of David Coulter and both died in Wauseon; Louisa is the widOW of Christopher Dittmar and resides in Ridgeville, Ohio; Christopher is a resident of Napoleon, this State; Frederick also resides in that village; August was the next in order of birth; Charles is a resident of Archbold; Dora is the wife of Christopher Shultz, of Napoleon; and Minnie died in early childhood. August Lindau secured his elementary education in his native land and supplemented this by study in the public schools of Defiance county, . Ohio, continuing to be identified with farming in Adams township, that county, until he was seventeen years of age. He then went to Janesville, Wis., in which vicinity he farmed two years, passing the following eighteen months in Wauseon, Ohio, after which he was engaged in the blacksmith business about one and one-half years, in this county. He then returned to Rock county, Wis., being employed as agent for a brewery in Janesville for one year. The follOWing year he was engaged in business in Rockford, Ill., after which he passed about a year as a merchant in Napoleon, Ohio. He then conducted a hotel about a year in Wichita, Kan., after which he located on a claim which he secured in that locality, but two years later he went to the Black Hills, but found that the conditions of the Indian treaty were such that prospectors could not be allowed in the district, so he made his way to Colorado, whence he returned about a year later to the Black Hills, where he remained about two and one-half years, engaged in teaming and mining. He then went to St. Paul, Minn., where he became fireman on a locomotive engine. In 1873 he was promoted to the position of engineer, working twelve years on the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis and Omaha lines, and being passenger-train engineer between St. Paul and Stillwater for five years. Thereafter , he was associated with his brother in a business enterprise at Napoleon, Ohio, for one year, and he was then employed by the Great Northern Railroad company in Minnesota and Wisconsin, working as engineer on the various branches and remaining twelve years. Thereafter he was employed in a similar capacity on the various branches of the Great Northern railroad, running a passenger engine between Duluth and St. Paul for ten years. In his long experience in railroading he had a number of wrecks, but was never seriously injured. He quit the railroading business in November, 1894, since which time he has maintained his home in Archbold, to which place he made his first visit as a

boy, more than fifty years

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ago, the town being then a little hamlet in the midst of the forest. Mr. Lindau was among the organizers of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and was prominent in its ranks, having held various offices in the same and having been a delegate to its national conventions at San Francisco and Minneapolis. In politics he is a stalwart Democrat, taking much interest in the promotion of the -party cause. November 20, 1863, Mr. Lindau was married to Miss Nina Hitchcock, of Janesville, Wis., and they became the parents of four children-Charles, Bert, William and Lucius. All are deceased except Charles, who resides in Minnesota. Mrs. Lindau's death occurred November 20, 1900, in Archbold, where she was laid to rest.

JAMES W. LIVINGSTON, a prosperous and honored farmer of Amboy township and a veteran of the Civil war, is a native of the old Keystone State of the Union, having been born in Bedford county, Pa., on the 27th of October, 1834, and, being a son of William and Jane (Grove) Livingston, both of whom were likewise born in Pennsylvania, being members of sterling pioneer families of the State. Shortly after the close of the War of the Rebellion they removed to Iowa, where they passed the remainder of their lives, the father having been a farmer by vocation. James W. Livingston was reared and educated in his native county, where he learned the allied trades of stone-mason, brick-mason and plasterer, becoming an expert workman in each branch and thus being well fortified for the battle of life. In 1855 he located in the city of Cincinnati, Ohio, where he followed his trade four years, at the expiration of which he removed to Toledo, where he was similarly engaged until the outbreak of the Civil war, when his intrinsic patriotism led him to offer his services in defense of the integrity of the Union. November 4, 1861, he enlisted in Company A, Sixty-seventh Ohio volunteer infantry, with which he served nearly three years, being discharged by reason of physical disability. On the 30th of June, 1862, he was shipwrecked on Chesapeake bay, opposite a lighthouse and twelve miles distant from Fortress Monroe. At this time he received the injuries which later resulted in his discharge from the service. He took part in the battles of Winchester and Port Republic, besides several skirmishes, and his military record is one betokening fidelity and valor in all regards. In 1865 Mr. Livingston took up his permanent residence in Fulton county, purchasing forty acres of land in Section 23, Amboy township, where he has ever since

maintained his home and where he has the confidence and good will of the entire community. He reclaimed a considerable portion of his land from the wild state and has made good improvements on the place, including substantial buildings, and the farm. is devoted to diversified agriculture and to the raising of 'live-stock of good grades. He is a valued member of Irvin Post, Grand Army of the Republic, at Metamora, and served one term as commander of the same, ever showing a deep interest in his old comrades in arms. In politics he is an uncompromising Republican. In 1860 Mr. Livingston was united in marriage to Miss Nancy Welch, daughter of Nathaniel and Drusilla (Phillips) Welch,

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who were Well-known pioneers of Amboy township, and the children of this union are here designated: Thomas, who is engaged in painting, in Swanton; Tama J., who is the wife of George Wood, of West Pullman, Chicago, Ill.; Sarah, who is the wife of Allen Spooner, of Michigan; Susan, who is the wife of Lee Ketchum, of California; who is a painter by vocation and a resident of the paternal home; Virginia, who is the wife of Thomas Shaffer, of Amboy township; and Lyman, who remains at the parental home, being associated with his father in the management of the farm.

JOHN LUKE, who is one) of the representative citizens and progressive farmers of Fulton township, and who is incumbent of the office of township trustee, was born in this township, on the 15th of September, 1850, and is a son of Jacob and Amanda (Schrock) Dike, the former of whom was born in Holmes county, Ohio, and the latter in the State of Pennsylvania. They were married in Holmes county and, early in 1850, came to Fulton county, and the father purchased a tract of wild land, in Fulton township, and this he has reclaimed and developed into one of the valuable farms of the county, the same comprising one hundred and sixty acres and having excellent improvements. He is one of the well-known and prosperous farmers of the county. His first wife died when their son John was a small child, and he later married his present wife, whose maiden name was Eliza Kreiger. Of the three children of the first marriage two are living, John being the younger. His sister, Malinda, is the wife of Jacob Enfield, of this township. Six children were born of the second marriage—William H., Isaac, Amanda (deceased), Edward, Franklin and Harvey. The sons are all residents of Fulton township, engaged in farming, and the youngest remains at the

parental home. John Luke secured a good common-school education and his earliest recollections are in regard to the work and scenes of the pioneer farm, in whose cultivation and improvement he early began to lend his aid. He has always been identified with agricultural pursuits, through the same has gained marked prosperity, and for many years he did a large business in the operation of threshing outfits, having owned several machines, including those operated by steam. In the spring of shortly after his marriage, Mr. Luke located on his present farm, which comprises one hundred acres, all of which tract is available for cultivation except about ten acres, which are covered with valuable young timber. The improvements on the place are of substantial order, and thrift and prosperity are indicated on every side. Mr. Luke is an uncompromising advocate of the principles and policies of the Republican party, he has served as trustee of his township since 1899. He has also served as constable, and for many years has been an efficient member of the school-board of his district. He is affiliated with Swanton Lodge, No. 528, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he is past grand, and both he and his wife hold membership in Berry Grange, No. 1111. They are regular attendants of the German Reformed church. December 31, 1876, Mr. Luke was united in marriage to Miss Etta Taylor, a daughter of Lucius P. and

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Susauna (Ozmun) Taylor, the former of whom was born in Massachusetts and the latter in Ohio, their marriage having been solemnized in the city of Cleveland. They located in Fulton county in 1884, and Mr. Taylor has ever since resided on the same farm, in Pike township, his wife having passed away in 1892, They became the parents of three sons and six daughters: Lucy Ann, Orrin O., Jesse, Charlotte (deceased), Emma, Ida, Etta, Olive and Henry. Orrin met his death while serving in the Civil war, and Jesse, who was likewise a soldier in that conflict, is deceased. All the others reside in Fulton county except Emma, who lives in Cuyahoga county. Mrs. Luke was educated in the public schools, having completed a course in the high school at Wauseon, and she was successfully engaged in teaching in the schools of this county for eleven terms, prior to her marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Luke have one son and one daughter. Edith Pearl is the wife of Isaac Everett and they reside in Fulton township, having one daughter, Hope, four years of age. Verne, who is a student in a business college in the city of Adrian, Mich., has been associated with his father in the work, of the home place.

GEORGE McGUFFIN, M. D., a successful physician and surgeon of Pettisville, was born in London, Ontario, March 3, 1872. His father died when George was only eight years old, and his mother is still a resident of London. Eleven children were born to the parents, six sons and five daughters. Dr. George McGuffin was reared in London, where he received a liberal education in its excellent schools. After completing the course in the London schools, he entered the Western University located there, in 1896, and four years later was graduated from that institution. His first work after graduation was to serve for three months as physician in an insane asylum. He next located at Sherbrooke, Nova Scotia, where he continued the practice of medicine for about nine months and then returned to London. Soon after this he made a visit to Dr. Baker of Delta, O., an old acquaintance of his, and was so favorably impressed with the country and its thrifty people that he decided to locate in Fulton county and practice his profession there. Returning to London he was united in marriage to Miss Minnie Piercy, of the same city, and immediately came to Fulton county, O, locating at Pettisville, in June, 1901, and here he now enjoys a lucrative and rapidly growing practice. Thoroughly posted in his profession and quite skillful in the practice of surgery, the Doctor is an active member of the Fulton county and Ohio State medical societies and the State medical association. His connection with these organizations is not confined to mere membership, but he takes an active part in the discussions that come before them. He is identified with the Masonic and Pythias fraternities. To him and wife there have been born two children, named Kenneth and Marjorie.