

He is in the prime of life, of vigorous constitution and good morals. He is engaged in an extensive dry goods trade in Warsaw; and, from our knowledge of his business ability, we predict for him a successful career in this enterprise and a competence in worldly wealth.

JOHN W. V. HUMBLE, TIPPECANOE TOWNSHIP.

John W. V. Humble was born in Madison County, Ohio, in the year 1826, where he resided until twenty-five years of age. In 1851, he removed to Noble County, Ind., and, in 1860, to his present residence in Kosciusko County.

In 1847, he was united in marriage with Miss Hannah P. Bothel, who died, leaving one child, Magnus A., now residing at Warsaw. In 1850, he was married a second time, choosing for his companion Mrs. Frances M. Boulby, who had one daughter, Sarah E., now married and residing in Stark County, Ind. This second union was blessed by the following-named children: Amanda C., married to L. T. Mock, and now residing at St. Louis, Mo.; Mary J., married to J. W. Ritter, and residing at Webster, Ind.; S. F., residing at home; Lida C., also at home; Harriet P., married to C. L. Weaver, and residing at Leesburg, Ind.; George Meady, Rose E. and Jessie M., residing at home.

Mr. Humble was reared on a farm, and, out of school hours, was employed in assisting his father to perform the labors incident to that occupation. He found it congenial, as well as profitable, and, in later years, adopted it as the means through which to acquire his fortune. He began his career as a farmer on a tract of eighty acres, and, by economy and perseverance, accumulated sufficient to enlarge the boundaries of his farm from time to time, and is now the possessor of 360 acres of valuable land, the larger portion of which is under cultivation. He has confined his attention closely to farming, and has not engaged in speculation or uncertain enterprises. He has been fortunate and successful in all his business transactions, and has amassed a fine fortune. He is regarded, wherever known, as a man of the soundest integrity, a good neighbor, and a generous friend to the honest poor. He has not lived in vain; for, while laboring stoutly to enhance his own fortune, he has been ever ready to assist those less fortunate than himself, and many will remember him long with kindness for his generous deeds of charity.

M. C. FURLONG, WARSAW.

BY COL. J. B. DODGE.

Myron Clark Furlong was born in Salisbury, Litchfield Co., Conn., June 11, 1816. At that early day, that portion of Connecticut was provided with excellent common schools, and young Furlong was permitted to enjoy their full benefit until the spring of 1828, when he removed with his parents to Clarksfield, Huron Co., Ohio, where he remained until 1844. In that year, he removed to Mt. Vernon, Knox Co., Ohio.

April 24, 1839, he was united in marriage with Miss Minerva Disbro, sister of Rev. W. B. Disbro, a distinguished Methodist minister of Ohio. The fruits of this marriage were seven children. The two eldest sons enlisted in the war to put down the rebellion at its very beginning. Both gave their lives for their country, and now fill soldiers' graves. The next younger son, Gilbert W., is now in business with his father in Warsaw. His oldest daughter is a graduate of a medical college, and has been a practicing physician for a number of years. His wife died at Mt. Vernon, Ohio, May 14, 1861.

After having been engaged in the manufacture of agricultural implements at Mt. Vernon for nearly seventeen years, and built up a flourishing business, he lost the entire savings of all those years in one short hour. The fire fiend swept away his buildings and machinery, together with a large quantity of manufactured implements, and left in their place a pile of smoldering embers.

March 11, 1862, he came to Warsaw, and at once embarked in the marble business, to which he has continued to this day to devote his entire attention, and he has been successful at it. The work from his establishment is known over a large portion of the north part of this State, for the beauty of its design and finish, and for the excellent quality of the material used.

October 20, 1863, he married Mrs. E. W. May, a sister of E. Huffman, Esq., of Plain Township, Kosciusko County, a lady who is widely known for her Christian virtues and works.

For more than fifty years, Mr. Furlong has been a zealous member of the M. E. Church, a hard-working, praying, conscientious Christian, always ready to espouse the cause of whatever he believed to be right, and equally ready to condemn the wrong. He has, for forty years, occupied an official relation in the church. He has always been noted for his zeal in the temperance cause, and has always been a great Sunday-school worker. He is a public-spirited man, and has always been ready and willing to contribute in every way he could to the advancement of every enterprise conducive to the public welfare.

W. P. SEYMOUR, M. D.

BY COL. J. B. DODGE.

W. P. Seymour was born in Meadville, Crawford Co., Penn., April 27, 1829, from where his parents moved soon after to Philadelphia, where his father, who was a graduate of Dickinson College at Carlisle, Penn., was engaged in the mercantile business, but died insolvent when the subject of this sketch was only nine years of age, thus leaving him, through the loss of his mother, two years before, an orphan, without any resources. A maternal relative, however, came to his rescue, and, when he was seventeen years old, he entered Princeton College at Princeton, N. J., where he remained for a time, but finally graduated, at the age of twenty-one, at the University of Pennsylvania, in Philadelphia. He at once entered upon the study of medicine, and, after receiving his diploma, he entered into partnership with his preceptor in that city, and continued in active practice until the breaking-out of the war in 1861, when, in August of that year, he entered the army as Lieutenant Colonel of the Ninety-ninth Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. He served for nearly two years with his regiment, when a sunstroke compelled his retirement from the service. On leaving his regiment, he received from his fellow-officers a testimonial of regret for the misfortune that compelled his retirement, which is still in his possession. With his health sadly impaired in consequence of the hardships and exposure incident to army life, and with his medical practice in the hands of others, the Doctor concluded to "go West," and, in April, 1863, he arrived in Warsaw, and at once resumed his professional labors. About a year after, he removed to Leesburg, where he practiced about fourteen years, and then he removed to Warsaw again, where he now resides.

He was married December 25, 1851, to Miss Anna Rosenberger, of Philadelphia, and they have one son, and one daughter, who is the wife of C. F. Peck, M. D., of Leesburg. In 1865, the Doctor was the victim of a partial stroke of paralysis, a result of his army life, which was followed,

in 1875, by a second stroke, which involved his entire left side, and has left him a confirmed invalid. From 1863 to 1865, he was Secretary of the Medical Society of Northern Indiana, and, in 1877, he was elected President of the Kosciusko County Medical Society, which position he still holds.

The Doctor has always taken an active interest in public affairs, and to him, more than any other one man, probably, are we indebted for the Cincinnati, Wabash & Michigan Railroad. He was prominent in Pennsylvania politics for a number of years, but, while an active worker for his party, he never has sought any position for himself, nor held one, except a complimentary one from Gov. Bigler, of Pennsylvania, as Aid to the Governor, with the rank of Colonel. The Doctor is one of the most affable and pleasant of gentlemen, and is one of the most agreeable as well as instructive companions to be found.

FRANK JOSEPH ZIMMERMAN

BY J. F. EVERHART.

was born in Blumenfeld, Grand Duchy of Baden, Germany, March 19, 1842. He, in company with his parents and one brother and sister, came to America in 1847 and settled in Fort Wayne, Allen Co., Ind., in 1848, at which place he studied English and German in a private school, under the auspices of the St. Mary's Catholic Church, Rev. Edward Follower, Superintendent.

In the fall of 1860, he went to his brother, E. Zimmerman, editor of the *News*, in Columbia City, and apprenticed himself for three years, to learn the printing business. A short time after his indenture was completed, he found employment in the Cincinnati *Enquirer* office. In May, 1864, he came to Warsaw and became proprietor and publisher of the *Union*. In November, 1867, he became assistant editor of the *Fort Wayne Democrat*; he sold out at the expiration of a year and, returning to Warsaw, resumed the charge of the paper he had left, and which he has since controlled.

He was married, November 18, 1869, to Mrs. Louisa M. Wiggins, daughter of Dr. G. W. and Mary E. Spencer. She was born at Piqua, Ohio, in 1843, and, with her parents, removed to Hagerstown, Wayne Co., Ind., about the year 1846, and remained there until February, 1866, when, with several members of her family, she removed to Warsaw. She had a daughter by her first husband, Mr. Wiggins.

He is a Catholic. His parents were members in good standing in that church, and reared their children in that faith. In politics, he is a Democrat; was identified with Stephen A. Douglas' construction of Democracy, and is now one of the conservative partisans, recognizing that the supreme power of the nation is in the hands of the whole people, directly exercised by them, and hence the influence of the paper which he publishes is for all, and is appropriately called "*The Union*." With such sentiments, he has been content to share the fortunes of the party from early manhood.

He is emphatically a practical printer, and when not wielding the quill, the scissors and paste-pot, may be found at the case; and his success is a demonstration of what industry is sure to accomplish.

ANCIL B. BALL, WARSAW.

BY COL. J. B. DODGE.

Ancil B. Ball was born September 9, 1835, in Randolph County, Ind. When he was two years of age, his father, Judge John Ball, removed, with his family, to the southwest corner of Kosciusko County. A short after locating at that point, six sections in the southwest corner of Kosciusko were transferred to Fulton County, by an act of the Legislature, and thus the Judge lost his residence in this county. Mr. Ball possessed naturally a studious mind, and embraced all the opportunities at his command to improve it, and, in 1856, entered college at Fort Wayne, Ind. After graduating, he returned to Fulton County, where he was engaged part of the time in labor on the home farm, and part of the time in teaching school, until February, 1864, when he removed to Warsaw, where he has since continued to reside.

May 19, 1859, he was united in marriage with Miss Rachel E. Jordan. They have three children—two sons and one daughter—to grace their home. In 1859, Mr. Ball received the nomination for County Auditor in Fulton County, and although there was a large majority to overcome, he was defeated by a few votes only. On his removal to Warsaw, he formed a partnership with Mr. A. J. Whittenberger, in the dry goods business, which continued until 1870, when he was nominated, by the Republican party, for the office of Auditor of Kosciusko County, to which he was elected in October following. In 1874, he was re-elected, and is the present incumbent of that office.

He has always been one of the most prominent members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and takes a very active interest in Sunday School work. He was one of the charter members of Lake City Lodge, No. 430, I. O. O. F., and has ever been one of its prominent members, having held important positions in the Grand Lodge of the State.

He is a pleasant, agreeable gentleman, and a deservedly popular officer, as well as a very correct and efficient one.

MARCUS PHILLIPSON, WARSAW.

BY COL. J. B. DODGE.

Marcus Phillipson was born in the Dukedom of Nassau, Germany (now Prussia), April 2, 1841. In one of the most romantic regions on earth his childhood and early boyhood days passed like a summer dream. There is, perhaps, no other part of the earth, of equal size with that little Dukedom, where every foot of ground is made memorable by some romance of poetry, love, or war. Its vine-clad hills are covered with castles, built in feudal days, while at their feet flows the majestic Rhine, and the charming Moselle. And its peculiar geographical position is such that, from the days of the Roman Empire to the time of the Franco-Prussian war, its territory has been the highway over which the contending hosts of Europe marched to meet each other on the battle-ground upon which they tried their prowess. But a country controlled by a descendant of the old feudal Barons, whose title was won at the end of a conflict with some other freebooter of old, and in whose election the people had no choice, is not the place for a man who has hopes and aspirations of his own. This fact was recognized by the subject of this sketch. In 1857 (at the age of sixteen years), he left his native land, and went to England, where he resided two years. He then took passage for the United States, hoping to find here that equality of citizenship which he felt to be his due, and reached New York in the summer of 1859. The next two years were passed in New York and Pennsylvania, acquiring a knowledge of the manners and customs of the American people. In 1862, he removed to South Bend, Ind., where he became a partner in the firm of M. Livingston & Co., and, in 1863, came to Warsaw to conduct a branch house for that firm. Prior to his departure from South Bend, he was united

in marriage with Miss Regina Dreyfoos, a very intelligent and amiable lady. Their wedded life has been blessed with five children.

In 1872, the firm of Livingston & Co. was dissolved, since which time Mr. Phillipson has conducted the business alone in this city.

He is an affable, pleasant gentleman, a careful business man, and an honest dealer; and is justly entitled to the appellation, "the clothing merchant prince of Kosciusko County."

HON. JOHN D. THAYER.

BY COL. J. B. DODGE.

John D. Thayer was born on the 24th day of May, 1840, in Onondaga County, N. Y. His parents were in good circumstances, and, at an early age, he had good opportunities for storing his mind with valuable information, and laying the ground-work for a good education. In 1847, his parents removed with their family to Peru, in this State, where they remained until 1849, when they removed to Marshall County, where they still reside. John D. attended school at Plymouth and South Bend, until he had acquired about all the knowledge to be acquired from books, in the schools at those places, and, in 1860, he went to Greencastle, in this State, where he attended Asbury University for one year.

On the 27th of June, 1861, he was united in marriage with Miss Sarah Ervin, of Bourbon, Marshall County, a union which has been full of joy and blessings to both of them. They have four children, three daughters and one son. They removed to Warsaw in 1864, Mr. Thayer, and his brother, H. G. Thayer, of Plymouth, having purchased at that time the large flouring-mill in Warsaw that stands west and across the street from the Public Square. He at once put the mill into first-rate condition, and commenced the manufacture of flour on a large scale—at the same time carrying on the business of a general grain-dealer, in which business he has continued to this time. He soon became active in politics, and, in October, 1872, was elected Representative in the Legislature of this State. He attended the special and regular sessions of that Legislature with credit to himself, and rendered such satisfaction to his constituents, that they re-elected him in October, 1878, serving through both the regular and special sessions of that Legislature to the credit and satisfaction of all. He has always taken a lively interest in educational matters, and was elected one of the school Trustees of the city of Warsaw, in 1873, which position he held until he entered upon his duties as a legislator, in 1879. Mr. Thayer is a prompt, energetic, live business man, of eminent social qualities, of decided opinions on all subjects, but never disagreeable in trying to force them upon others, and an educated, refined and pleasant gentleman. That we have not more like him is a misfortune.

ALEXANDER COOK, FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP.

Alexander Cook is a native of Aberdeenshire, Scotland; born June 12, 1826. He emigrated to the United States in 1851, and settled in Huron County, Ohio, living at various times in Huron, Ashland and Richland Counties, Ohio, until 1864, when he turned his attention to the State of Indiana, and settled in Kosciusko County. He brought with him the machinery for two saw-mills, one of which he sold two years later; the other he has since operated very successfully. Soon after his arrival in this county, the Presidential election of 1864 took place. He had not lived in this State a sufficient length of time to be qualified as a voter, and, so well did he appreciate his privilege as an American citizen, that he returned to Ohio, and, at the end of the railroad journey, hired a buggy and drove fifteen miles to his former voting place and cast his ballot for Abraham Lincoln. Having identified himself with the Republican party, he has ever since been a supporter of that branch of the body politic.

In 1858, he was united in marriage with Miss Mary Davidson, in Ashland County, Ohio. This union was blessed by six children, namely, Alexander, William, Mary, George, Ida and Margaret, all of whom are now living.

Not only has he been a successful miller, but a successful farmer as well. In 1864, he purchased 320 acres of timber-land, and of this amount 240 acres are now cleared and in a fine state of cultivation; and his handsome residence and tastefully-arranged grounds are, of themselves, eloquent testimonials to his enterprising spirit. His saw-mill was erected in 1865. It is operated by a twenty-five horse-power engine, and, during the past year, sawed fully 1,000,000 feet of lumber. It is a source of profit to its proprietor and an important industry in the township.

Whilst he has been very fortunate in acquiring a competence in this world's goods, he has ever been a generous contributor toward the founding and maintenance of religious and educational institutions; and all enterprises for the public good are sure to receive his encouragement and support.

He is a member of the Christian Church, and also of the Masonic fraternity. He is a man of firm principles and integrity, and all who know him recognize him as one of the substantial men of the township.

MATTHEW M. ALEXANDER, SEWARD TOWNSHIP.

Matthew M. Alexander, son of Peter and Jane (Mitchell) Alexander, was born in 1822, in Belmont County, Ohio, where he received a good common-school education.

In 1849, he was united in marriage with Miss Editha, daughter of Jonathan and Catharine Darling, of Richland County, Ohio.

During his residence in that State, he was engaged in the saw-mill enterprise, and, upon his removal to Kosciusko County, Ind., in 1864, brought with him the machinery of his mill. This he subsequently sold, and erected his present mill in 1866; and, in connection with this enterprise, has been successfully engaged in farming and stock-raising.

From early childhood, he was taught to work, and his life has been marked by industry and energy; and in reward of his tireless labors, he has been blessed by the acquisition of a comfortable fortune.

His political views are in accord with the principles of the Republican party, of which he is a cordial supporter, although not an active participant in political life. He is a man of honor and firm principles, and is highly esteemed by all who know him. He has always been fair and just in his dealings with men and is not one who would take a mean advantage.

His wedded life was blessed by eleven children, named respectively, Peter, Jonathan, James A., Annetta Florence, Gilbert Washington, Madison, Clark, Emma Ella, George M., John Franklin and Margaret Jane.

SAMUEL W. OLDFATHER

was born in Montgomery County, Ohio, April 29, 1845, being the second son of Solomon and Mary Oldfather, who moved to Wabash County, Ind., in the year 1849. He located on a farm of 160 acres, all of which was covered with a dense forest of timber, and it was here that the subject of this sketch got his first lessons in the hardy pioneer life of the early settlers, which, in later years, developed the complete business man, and gave

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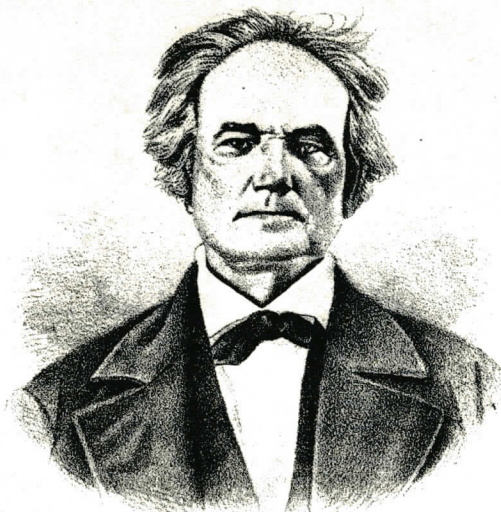
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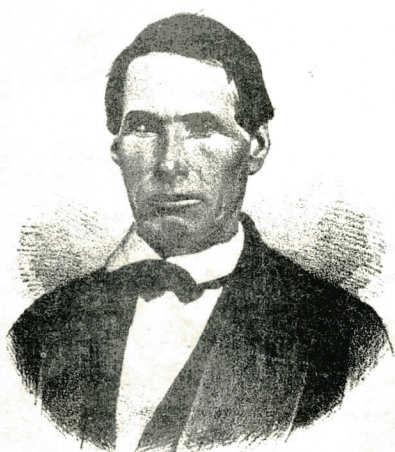
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(DECEASED)
TAKEN 1853, AGE THEN 47



MRS. ELIZABETH HARLAN
TAKEN 1860, AGE THEN 50

him the energy and sagacity necessary to a successful business career. His parents, being in moderate circumstances, could only give their children a common-school education, which, as all settlers in a new country know well, was obtained by attending school about four months during the winter season, in the good old-fashioned log schoolhouses of those halcyon days of "ferules and birch whips." It was here, and under such surroundings, that he acquired a sufficient education to enable him to become a teacher in the common schools, which he followed for four terms of about five months each, and, as a matter of "recreation" as well as profit, tended a saw-mill at night, while teaching school in the daytime. At the age of twenty years, he determined to launch out for himself, and, with that end in view, he rented a farm of 240 acres, of his uncle, Mr. Samuel Bussard, which he tilled for two seasons very successfully, and which resulted in giving a modest balance in his favor. In the fall of this same year (1865), in anticipation of making sale of his crop raised that season, he came to Warsaw to negotiate with some dealer in grain and seeds, and it was during this visit that he formed the acquaintance of Mr. Allen Saine, a very prominent business man of Warsaw at that time, who appeared to be so much pleased with the young man that he desired and proposed that he should come to town and enter into a partnership with him, for the purpose of handling produce, buying and shipping grain, seeds, wool, etc.; but the idea of leaving a quiet home life on the farm and launching out on the great bustling commercial deep had never entered his head, or disturbed the quiet of his country home, and, as a matter of fact, with all the inducements held out to him, he refused to accept the proposition at this time, but, after repeated offers and extra inducements by Mr. Saine for him to come and join with him in business, he finally consented, and, on the 10th day of September, 1866, the firm of Saine & Oldfather was formed, for the purposes above indicated, and continued agreeably and successfully until the death of Mr. Saine, which occurred in the fall of 1867. The business, however, was carried on some six months longer under the firm name, Mrs. Saine, the widow, retaining her deceased husband's interest. At the close of this time, he purchased the entire business interests, and commenced the foundation of a substantial and successful business career, such as it is the good fortune of a very few to attain; but, by strict attention to business and unwavering integrity to dare to do right, added to his natural abilities, of a kind disposition, a warm heart, always ready to lend a helping hand and to encourage and help those who manifested a desire to do right, he has endeared himself to all with whom he associated, either in the social circle or in the busy life of trade.

Of course, a young man possessing all these qualities of mind and heart could not avoid the gentle whisperings of Cupid, and, as a result, he was united in marriage, on the 28th of April, 1868, to Miss Annie E. Leffel, a very highly esteemed lady, the youngest daughter of William Leffel, a well-to-do farmer living in the south part of the county.

It had been apparent to Mr. Oldfather, from his own observation and experience in the grain business, that Warsaw was losing a very considerable part of the grain trade by the inconvenient and dangerous place for the farmers to unload their grain, as the only place then that answered the purpose of storing grain was the old depot warehouse, which was not only inconvenient, but very dangerous of access for the farmers who sold their grain in this market. But Mr. O. saw that something must be done to hold the trade, and, after giving the matter much thought, and looking around how to make it better, he concluded to build an elevator that would not only accommodate all, but would also be a substantial improvement to the city and a credit to the county. With this in view, in the summer of 1871, he purchased a lot on the corner of Lake and Jefferson streets, directly on the line of the P., Ft. W. & C. R. R., and erected thereon a large, brick, steam elevator, with a storage capacity of over 30,000 bushels of grain and seeds, and, thus far, it has proved a profitable undertaking to him, as well as supplying a long felt want of the county. By his close attention to business, and a determination to excel in his line, he has the pleasure of seeing his hopes realized in a business which is improving each year.

In the year 1876, he formed a partnership with Mr. Oliver P. Jaques, ex-Sheriff of Kosciusko County, for the purpose of developing the wholesale ice trade at Warsaw, Ind., which has resulted in their having built eight very large ice-houses, all of which are now filled with ice, which, in quality, is seldom equaled and never excelled. The business of this firm (Jaques & Oldfather) has been profitable thus far, and bids fair for still further improvements and developments of the ice trade at this point. Mr. Oldfather, while doing so much for himself, has also been one of the most public-spirited and enterprising men of the city, and has done very much toward its building up and improvement, some of the finest buildings in the city having been built by him. Socially, he is one of those genial, clever, warm-hearted men, of whom we find so few, and yet they are the sunny spots in life's voyage. As an illustration of his kindness, we have never heard of any one of the many men employed by him to complain of receiving a cross word or an unkind answer. One person—Thomas C. Stuart—who has been in his employ for eight years, says no kinder man lives, as he has never received an unkind word from him. Mr. O. is fully satisfied that he can afford to pay fair wages to good men rather than low wages to men not capable of filling positions of trust; hence he has always advocated good wages to all employees, as those who are not worth good wages are not the kind he wishes to employ.

CAPT. D. W. HAMLIN, WARSAW.

BY COL. J. B. DODGE.

Daniel W. Hamlin was born in Stark County, Ohio, April 10, 1836. He was the eldest of a large family, and his services were required in assisting his father to clear a tract of land and support the family; hence his educational advantages were limited. In May, 1849, he removed with his father's family to Marshall County, Ind., and, boy though he was, he performed a man's share of labor in clearing a large farm.

When the civil war came, he was among the first to respond to the call for volunteers from this county. He enlisted as a private in Company E, Twelfth Indiana Volunteers, and remained with that company until they were mustered out, May 19, 1862. From that time until February 1, 1864, he was constantly employed by the Government in the Secret Service Department—a position which demanded a cool head, unflinching courage and a vast amount of endurance, and it may safely be said that few in that department possessed these qualities in a more marked degree than the subject of this sketch. Through ill health, he was compelled to relinquish this position, and shortly after returning to his home, he began to recruit a company (Company E) for the One Hundred and Thirty-eighth Regiment Indiana Volunteers, and returned to the field as Captain of that company. During the greater portion of his second term in the service, he was on detached duty, part of the time as a member of a general court martial at Tullahoma, Tenn., and part of the time in command of a blockhouse and fort, protecting an important railroad bridge across Elk River, Tenn. Whilst there, he was severely injured in a railroad accident. At the expiration of

his term of service, he was mustered out with his regiment, and came to Etna Green, Kosciusko Co., Ind., where he engaged in the sale of dry goods and groceries, and the purchase and sale of lumber. In a short time thereafter, he was appointed Purchasing Agent by the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne & Chicago Railroad Company, to supply the western division of that road with timber, ties and wood. This involved a great amount of labor and responsibility on his part, but he performed the duties entrusted to him with fidelity and dispatch.

March 29, 1869, he married Miss Mary Lee, and went to California on a bridal tour. He was inclined to make that State his future home, but finally decided adversely to that idea, and Kosciusko County was spared the loss of one of its best citizens.

One of his peculiarly active dispositions could not long remain out of politics, and, at the solicitation of his friends, he became the candidate of his party for the office of Sheriff of Kosciusko County in 1876, to which office he was elected in October of the same year. In October, 1878, he was re-elected, running ahead of the State ticket 250 votes—a well-merited compliment, which was conferred on him as a tribute to his unwavering impartiality in the discharge of the oftentimes disagreeable duties of his office.

The Captain is a fine specimen of manhood; is outspoken and plain in his manner and conversation, but is one of the kindest-hearted of men. Long may he live to enjoy the honors yet in store for him.

RICHARD CHRISTIAN, HARRISON TOWNSHIP.

Richard Christian was born in Putnam County, N. Y., — where he acquired his education and grew to manhood. In 1859, he was united in marriage with Miss Catherine Adams, in his native county, and in 1865, removed with his wife and two children to Kosciusko County, Ind.

During his younger days he learned the *modus operandi* of the saw-mill business, and has since been engaged in that enterprise, varied, occasionally, by farming. He purchased, in Kosciusko County, 370 acres, nearly all of which was covered with timber; and whilst clearing his farm for cultivation, turned that commodity to practical account. He now saws and ships to market from 500,000 to 2,000,000 feet of lumber annually, his principal markets being Chicago and New York. He has gained a thorough knowledge of commercial forms and usages, and is a competent business man. He has always been a prudent manager, and, by this means has accumulated a comfortable fortune. His business career has been characterized by the strictest integrity, and he was never known to take an unfair advantage in any of his transactions with his fellow-men. This trait has gained him many friends, and he is respected and honored by all who know him.

He has never been a politician, and has never served in a public capacity; but is a cordial supporter of the principles of the Republican party, and is outspoken and candid in all his convictions of right, and fearless in the exercise of manly principles.

His wedded life was blessed by five children, named respectively—Wesley, William, Richard, Abraham and Henry.

DR. D. J. DICK, WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP.

The paternal ancestors of this gentleman were natives of Sweden. His great-grandfather, Philip Dick, was born in that kingdom in 1720, and emigrated to America, and settled in Delaware in 1741. He bore a gallant part in the great Revolutionary struggle of 1776.

Frederick Dick, son of Philip, was born in Trenton, N. J., in 1749, and served as a private soldier in the same war. He was wounded in an engagement, and never fully recovered from the effects of the wound. He died in 1805, leaving fourteen children.

Daniel, son of Frederick Dick, was born December 7, 1802. He married Mary Paynter, daughter of Abraham and Elizabeth Paynter. In May, 1833, he settled upon a tract of land in Seneca County, Ohio, in a heavily-timbered region, and passed through the experiences incidental to pioneer life. He enjoyed, in later years, a fair degree of prosperity, but never acquired a large estate. He led an honest life, and was marked as a man of strict integrity. He died in the year 1859, respected by all. His wife survived him seven years, and died in 1866.

DANIEL J. DICK,

son of Daniel and Mary Dick, was born April 1, 1827, in Baltimore County, Md.; at the age of six years, he removed with his parents to Seneca County, Ohio, where he grew to manhood. His early education was necessarily quite limited, in view of the fact that there were no schools in the neighborhood of his home. At the age of twelve years, his school days began, and, even then, he was only permitted to attend on days when he could not successfully perform farm labor; he studied diligently, and acquired as good an education as was possible under the imperfect system of teaching then in vogue. At the age of eighteen, his father presented to him the necessity of learning to depend upon his own resources, acquiring the knowledge of a trade, and thus preparing for an honorable and useful manhood; he realized his inability to occupy a mercantile or professional station, and, under the spur of present necessity, chose the carpenter's trade. April 2, 1845, he started on foot to Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, where he was fortunate in finding employment with a Mr. Thomas O'Neal, who was a fine scholar as well as an expert carpenter, and whose instructions to his apprentice were peculiarly valuable, not being confined alone to the trade. Within six months after his apprenticeship began, his employer died, and he was again thrown upon the world friendless. In October following, he went to Cleveland, Ohio, where he was engaged, with others, in the construction of a public building. Soon after this date, he entered the Allopathic Medical Institute, then in session at Cleveland, Ohio, and kept his place among other students of the Institute. At the close of the college term, he went to Tiffin, Ohio, and resumed work at his trade; he was thus engaged until the following August, at which time, he became a volunteer in the United States army, in the war with Mexico; before the close of the campaign, he sustained an injury in the hip, by which he was crippled for life; with the aid of a friend, he reached Cincinnati, Ohio, where he placed himself under treatment in the Physio-Medical College. Since he was incapacitated for active labor, he realized the necessity of seeking another vocation, and finally decided to study the science of medicine, and entered the class of 1848, in the Physio-Medical College, at Cincinnati. May 7, 1849, he was united in marriage with Miss Catharine McCormick, daughter of William and Elizabeth McCormick, of Seneca County, Ohio. By a reverse of fortune, he lost a large amount of money, and his misfortune seemed to reach a climax in the death of his wife, which occurred February 20, 1861. August 18, 1863, he was united in marriage with Miss Mary M. Sheely, daughter of George and Eve C. Sheely, of Seneca County, Ohio. March 22, 1865, he came to Kosciusko County, Ind., with but \$10

in cash, and heavily burdened with debts. He gained a good practice in this county, and discharged all his debts in due time; since his arrival in Kosciusko County, his practice has steadily increased, and he has enjoyed a fair degree of success; he has retired from the practice, and has been succeeded therein by his son, Dr. M. L. Dick. In religion, he has always acted independently, and is not a member of any denomination. Politically, he is a cordial supporter of the principles embraced and advocated by the Democratic party. He is a man of upright character, and possesses the confidence and respect of his neighbors.

JOHN C. PACKER,

BY COL. J. B. DODGE.

John C. Packer was born near North Georgetown, Columbiana Co., Ohio, on the 21st of June, 1836. His parents were Quakers, and early instilled into the mind of their son those principles of industry and thrift for which that denomination is famous. John remained at home, working on the farm and acquiring a rudimentary education at the common schools of the vicinity, until he was eighteen years of age, at which time he commenced to learn the carpenter's trade. He soon mastered the details of that business; and, with that spirit of energy that has always characterized him, commenced taking contracts for the erection of churches, schoolhouses, and public and private buildings of all kinds. He, at the same time, was running a large lumber-yard, a planing-mill, and other wood-working machinery, in all of which he was tolerably successful. He sold out his business in Ohio and removed to Indiana, arriving in this county on the 4th day of April, 1866, and at once embarked in the lumber trade, locating at what is known as "Packertown," in Clay Township. From that day to this, he has been continuously engaged in the same business, running, sometimes, as many as four large mills at one time. To do this successfully, as he has, has required a strain upon the physical and mental faculties, such as but few men could stand up under. His mills were necessarily located at some distance from each other, it being over twenty miles between the two farthest apart, by the usually traveled road, and for years he was absolutely compelled to work and travel almost incessantly at night as well as day, to keep everything going as it should; but he is now reaping the reward of his labors, having accumulated a sufficient amount of this world's goods, to be able to take the world somewhat easier. He, however, is one of the kind that would rather wear out than rust out, and still displays his old energy in everything he undertakes. He was fortunate in the selection of a partner for life. On the 5th day of March, 1859, he was married to Miss Elizabeth S. Shaffer, of Mount Union, Stark Co., Ohio—an amiable and estimable lady, who has been a helpmeet indeed to him. They have six children living—two daughters, young ladies—and four sons.

Mr. Packer is just in the prime of life; and there are, without doubt, many years before him. It is to be hoped they will be as full of pleasure and profit to him as those that have passed over him.

CALVIN W. BURKET, M. D., WARSAW.

BY COL. J. B. DODGE.

Calvin W. Burket was born in Hagerstown, Wayne Co., Ind., December 13, 1838. His ancestors were among the earliest settlers of the central portion of Indiana, and his paternal grandfather erected the first mill in Wayne County.

The subject of this sketch is a gentleman of keen intellect, studious habits and retentive memory, and at an early age had acquired a good common-school education. In 1859, he began the study of medicine in the office of Dr. Calvin West, an old and esteemed physician at Hagerstown, Ind.; but, at the firing of the first gun on Fort Sumter, he laid his books aside and enlisted in the Eleventh Regiment, Indiana Volunteers, under Col. Lew Wallace. At the expiration of his term of service, three months later, he returned to the field as Captain of Company I, Fifty-Seventh Regiment, Indiana Volunteers. He was severely wounded at the battle of Stone River January 1, 1863, but remained with his regiment until June, 1864, when he was forced, on account of his wound, to resign.

Returning to his home, he resumed the study of medicine, and attended two courses of lectures at Michigan University, Ann Arbor, Mich., and one course at the Ohio Medical College, Cincinnati, Ohio. From the latter institution he graduated in March, 1866. On the first day of April, 1866, he came to Warsaw and began the practice of medicine.

March 12, 1867, he was united in marriage with Miss Mattie Elmer, of Centerville, Ind. This union was blessed by four fine, promising children—three sons and one daughter.

Dr. Burket is an active, energetic business man, and, in addition to the duties consequent upon an extensive and lucrative practice, he is actively interested in other enterprises which demand a large share of his attention.

He is in the prime of life, vigorous in constitution, and of good habits. As a physician, he possesses the confidence of all, and it is the wish of his many friends that his useful life may be prolonged in the community. His social qualities are of the highest order, and in private and public gatherings the Doctor and his amiable wife are recognized as leading spirits, lending, by their presence and conversation, a charm which none fail to notice.

IRWIN W. WEBBER, M. D.

BY COL. J. B. DODGE.

Irwin B. Webber was born March 31, 1846, in Deerfield, Portage Co., Ohio. His parents, John and Lucinda Webber, are old residents of the vicinity in which they reside. He was engaged in the usual vocation of farm life until he was fifteen years of age, varied by attending the public school during the winter season each year. At that time, he made up his mind to acquire a profession, and that, in order to do so, he must educate himself for it. Accordingly, he commenced working and saving, and studying to fit himself for teaching. This he succeeded, in a comparatively short time, in doing, and on the 10th of September, 1865, he entered Oberlin College. When he was only seventeen years of age, he enlisted in Company H, One Hundred and Eighty-Fourth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and served nearly one year, when he was discharged. On his return home, he at once resumed his studies, and in 1867 and 1868, he was Principal of the Union School at Canal Fulton, Stark Co., Ohio. His leisure time was now engaged in the study of medicine and surgery, and he entered the office of Joseph Waggoner, M. D., of Ravenna, Ohio, in order to pursue his studies more methodically. After reading for nearly four years from the time that he first commenced, and having attended one course of lectures at the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor, he graduated at the Cincinnati College of Medicine and Surgery. On April 1, 1870, he commenced the practice of his profession in Warsaw.

On May 22, 1872, he was united in marriage with Miss Jennie M. Wilson, of Owatonna, Minn., a daughter of Rev. W. S. Wilson, who was, for years, Pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Warsaw. They have one child, a son.

PERSONAL SKETCHES.

The Doctor is United States Examining Surgeon for this county, and is a member of the American Medical Association, and of the State and County Medical Societies. He is a member of Lake City Lodge, No. 371, F. & A. M., of Warsaw; Chapter No. 48, Royal Arch Masons, and of Warsaw Commandery, No. 10, Knights Templar. The Doctor is now in the prime of life. He has a large practice, which is constantly increasing, and a long life of usefulness is apparently before him.

T. J. HEAGY, WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP.

Theodore J. Heagy, son of John and Sarah Heagy, was born October 6, 1832, in Cumberland County, Penn. His father was a well-to-do farmer, and the subject of this sketch was early instructed in the details of that occupation. During the winter, he attended the common school near his home, where he acquired a good English education. At the age of seven years, he removed with his parents to Montgomery County, Ohio, and, several years later, again removed with them, settling in Wayne County, Ind., where he grew to manhood.

In 1855, he rented a farm in that county, saving a little each year, until he had accumulated a sufficient sum to purchase a farm for his home. August 17, 1856, he was united in marriage with Miss Mary E. Barnes, a native of Wayne County, Ind., and, in 1858, purchased a farm in that county, upon which he continued to reside until the fall of 1872, when he came to Kosciusko County and purchased the farm upon which he now resides.

He has always been a good manager, and, by industry and economy, has accumulated a comfortable estate. In 1878, he was "made an Odd Fellow" in Piercetown Lodge, No. 257, and is an active member of that fraternity. He is a member of the Baptist Church, and a consistent Christian. During his residence in the township, he has gained many friends, by whom he is known as an upright and honorable man.

His wedded life was blessed by seven children, viz., Sarah E., Henrietta E., John F., William M., George E., Homer E. and Minnie O., all of whom now survive.

JOHN D. WIDAMAN, ESQ.

BY COL. J. B. DODGE.

John D. Widaman was born in Westmoreland County, Penn., on the 15th of June, 1851. His father, Michael Widaman, was the son of an eminent German military officer, who, for ten years previous to his coming to this country, had charge of the French military school that corresponds to our West Point. He came to this country and settled in Lancaster County, Penn., where he married, and then moved to Westmoreland County, in the same State, and died there in 1835, his wife surviving him until 1866, when she died, aged eighty-seven years. John's father married Miss Catharine Miller; she died when John was only eleven years of age. Her father and mother are both still living, having been married almost seventy years. Mr. Widaman received a good education, which was finished by a course at Mount Union College in Ohio, and he came to Warsaw in 1874, and entered the office of W. S. Marshall, Esq., and studied law. He was admitted to practice in 1875. On the 29th of November, 1875, he was united in marriage with Miss Estella Saine, only child of Allen and Lucinda Saine. Mr. Saine died in 1867, and Mrs. Saine in 1877. Mr. Widaman owns the fine iron-front building of which an illustration is given, and it is called the "Saine Block," in honor of Mr. Saine, who for years was one of the most prominent business men in this county. He was a native of Maryland, and previous to his coming to Leesburg, in this county, where he first settled, he had lived at Tiffin, Ohio, where he had moved after his return from California in 1850. In 1851, he came to Leesburg, and to Warsaw in 1855, and was a heavy dealer in grain. He shipped the first car-load of wheat from Warsaw, on the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne & Chicago Railroad, that was ever shipped from this county. He was a member of Warpole Lodge, No. 176, at Upper Sandusky, Ohio, Free and Accepted Masons.

Mr. Widaman is a member of Kosciusko Lodge, No. 62, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and has received the highest honors in its gift, and has represented his Lodge in the Grand Lodge of the State.

FRANCIS A. PLACE.

BY COL. J. B. DODGE.

Francis A. Place was born in North Manchester, Wabash Co., Ind., on the 5th of November, 1850. His parents were prominent members of the Society of Friends, and his father, in the old days of slavery and anti-slavery, or, in other words, of underground railroads, was prominent as one of the principal route agents or superintendents of the main line running from the Ohio River to Canada. Like all of his denomination, he was a conscientious believer in the doctrine that "all men were created free and equal," and that oppression and slavery were wrong, and believing, he never hesitated at risking his property or his life (for in those days it was dangerous business to assist the flying fugitive from slavery) in helping the hunted slave on toward a land where he was beyond the reach of the task-master. The subject of this sketch had all the opportunities to be had at an excellent common school to acquire an education, and they were well improved. On the 24th day of July, 1869, he was united in marriage with Miss Bie C. Hoover, of Wabash County. They have one child, a daughter. He had studied the art of photography, and March 4, 1875, they came to Warsaw to make it their home. Mr. Place at once commenced work at his profession in company with J. J. Martin. The partnership was dissolved in June afterward, since which time he has continued the business by himself. The clearness and expression of his pictures make them not only a credit to him, but render them objects of beauty, of which any artist might be proud. He is a patient, careful worker, and with his present advanced position in his art, a few years more will place him in the front rank, without a superior.

DR. W. H. EGGLESTON, WARSAW.

William H., son of James and Jerusha Eggleston, was born July 7, 1847, at Seneca Falls, N. Y. In 1850, he removed with his parents to the State of Michigan, where he was sent to school and acquired a good education. His early aspirations were for a professional life, and, in 1868, he began the study of dentistry with Dr. Kessler, at Three Rivers, Mich. He subsequently entered upon the practice with his preceptor, with whom he was associated for a short time. After the dissolution of this relation, he went to Homer, Mich., where he practiced two years.

November 4, 1873, he was united in marriage with Miss Fannie Davis, a resident of Sturgis, Mich. This union was blessed by one son—Harry J. In 1874, he came to Warsaw, Ind., as the successor of Dr. Quail. Here, by close attention to business, he has established a large practice and an enviable reputation.

J. H. DAVISSON, M. D.

BY COL. J. B. DODGE.

J. H. Davison was born July 14, 1849, in Harrison County, Va. (now West Virginia). His father, Austin Davison, is a farmer and stock-raiser in one of the fertile valleys that lie among the Alleghany Mountains, in that delightful part of the "Old Dominion," and, when his son was not at school, kept him engaged in the routine of farm life. He, at an early age, developed an inclination for study, and, from early boyhood, availed himself of every opportunity to improve his mind and add to his stock of information. At an early age, he made choice of the medical profession, and made every endeavor to fit himself for it. He entered the Ohio University at Athens, Ohio, taking his place at once in the Freshman Class. While at the University, in addition to the regular course of study, he studied the collateral branches of medicine, and commenced the regular study of medicine and surgery, under the direction of Dr. Irwin, an eminent physician and surgeon of Athens. After leaving the University, he continued his studies and commenced to practice in Harrison County, in the neighborhood of his old home, and thus added practical knowledge to that he derived from his books. He varied the monotony of his life a little during this time, by teaching two terms of school, one in a country district and one in the village of Quiet Dell. April 1, 1873, he purchased a stock of drugs and medicines, and located at Janelow, Lewis Co., W. Va., where he continued the study and practice of medicine, using the drug store more as a laboratory than as a means of making money. May 1, 1874, he disposed of the drug store, as it was becoming burdensome, but continued in the practice, interrupted only by his attendance on courses of medical lectures, until the 29th of February, 1876, at which time he graduated at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, at Baltimore, Md., at the head of his class, and received in token thereof a magnificent gold medal, and a very handsome parchment-prize, lettered in the highest style of calligraphic art, and which attests his "special proficiency in all the departments of medicine," and is signed by the medical faculty. The Doctor located permanently in Warsaw, Kosciusko County, April 2, 1876, and began the practice of his profession, and, on the 20th of May after, formed a partnership with Dr. S. C. Gray, which terminated November 12, 1878, since which time, he has continued to practice by himself. The Doctor is a prominent member of the American Medical Association, and is wedded to his profession, and has a high ideal of the duties and responsibilities of the true physician. As a physician, he is a careful and critical practitioner, and, as a surgeon, a bold and skillful operator, and his knowledge of his profession won him a large practice in a short time after he located in Warsaw. As a member of society, he is excelled by none in all the accomplishments essential to a gentleman of literary taste and culture.

J. M. BASH, M. D., WARSAW.

BY COL. J. B. DODGE.

Dr. Bash was born in Fayette County, Ind., December 17, 1848, and, when eight years of age, removed with his parents to Marion County, Ind., near Indianapolis, where he remained until November, 1867, attending school the greater portion of the time, and assisting his father on the farm during the busy season of the year. He then entered the Northwestern Christian University, at Indianapolis, where he remained until the completion of his Freshman year. The next year, he attended Asbury University, at Greencastle, Ind. At the close of the same year, he began the study of medicine, under the instruction of J. L. Rooker, M. D., of Indianapolis. After he was sufficiently advanced, in the winter of 1871-72, he attended a course of lectures at the Ohio Medical College, Cincinnati, Ohio. He then went to New London, Howard County, and entered the office of J. D. Shirley, M. D., where he resumed his studies; at the same time assisting the Doctor in his practice, for nearly two years, when he entered the Indiana Medical College at Indianapolis, at which institution he graduated in 1874. He immediately began the practice of his profession at McCordsville, Hancock County.

In December, 1877, he located at Warsaw, where he has since continued to reside. He has established a good practice, and bears a fine professional reputation. He is yet a young man, and the future is full of promise for him.

GABRIEL SWIHART, LAKE TOWNSHIP.

Gabriel Swihart was born September 13, 1817, in Montgomery County, Ohio, and grew to manhood on a farm, where he received his instruction in the pursuit which has been his occupation through life. His educational advantages were such as were offered by the common schools of the period, but he made good use of his opportunities, and in later years became a school teacher, being among the pioneer teachers of Kosciusko County. He remained with his parents on the home farm until twenty-two years of age, and then came with his father to Kosciusko County, settling in the southern part of the county, where he has since continued to reside.

On the 26th day of January, 1840, he was united in marriage with Miss Leah McDonald, by whom he had seven children. Of this number, three are deceased, viz., Hannah, Mary and John. Those who survive are Anna, Elizabeth, Jacob and Joseph.

He is a consistent member of the German Baptist Church, and has been identified with that denomination for a period of thirty-eight years. He has never been a politician, but is nevertheless a cordial supporter of the political party whose views he holds. He has acted as Trustee of his township, and, for a period of more than ten years, has served as Postmaster.

He is a man of firm principles and integrity, and one who has gained many friends during his residence in the township. He came to his present home when it was a native wilderness, and, by industry and economy, has developed a farm and amassed a comfortable fortune. In the sixty-first year of his age, he is still well preserved and vigorous, and bids fairly to live yet many years in the enjoyment of a competence acquired by a life of toil.

WILLIAM L. MATTHEWS

was born on the 9th of September, 1838, in Ross County, Ohio. In October, 1848, he, with his parents, came to this county. He attended the common schools in Ohio and this State until he was seventeen years of age, when he went with his parents to Kansas, in 1855. His father dying in a short time, he returned with his mother and her family to Galveston, in this county, and he devoted his entire energies to perfecting his education. In order to do so, he taught school at different times until he would acquire sufficient means to pay his expenses for a time, and would then return to school-teaching again. In this way, he paid his expenses at Hopewell Academy in 1858 and 1859. At the breaking-out of the war, he enlisted in the first company (E, Twelfth Indiana Volunteer Infantry) that was raised in this county, and served for one year. He then attended college at Valparaiso, in this State, for one year, and then enlisted again,

this time in the Thirtieth Indiana Volunteers, and served until the close of the war.

Mr. Matthews was married May 5, 1867, to Miss Nancy Stackhouse, who departed this life March 15, 1868. On the 3d day of December, 1871, he was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Brown. They have one child—a son. He was elected Justice of the Peace for Prairie Township, in 1869, was appointed School Examiner for this county by the County Commissioners in 1871, and was elected County School Superintendent in 1873, which position he held for two years. Since that time, he has been engaged in teaching school, and was, for some time, Principal of the Public Schools in Silver Lake. He has found time to study law since the close of the war, in addition to his other labors, and he is a member of the bar of this county. He is eminently a self-made man, and owes to his own untiring exertions the position before the public that he holds.

ALFRED WILCOX

was born on the 2d day of May, 1813, in the town of Broadalbin, Fulton Co., N. Y., where he lived with his parents until he was ten years of age, when he was apprenticed to Darius Wells, who was at that time publishing the *Mohawk Herald*, in the town of Amsterdam. He worked at the trade about one year, when he had the misfortune to lose one of his thumbs, and was thereby incapacitated for further labor in that line. Mr. Wilcox remembers that, at that time, large numbers of men were engaged at work in the construction of what was, for years after, a great artery of commerce, the Erie Canal, while the Mohawk River was navigated by keel-boats, that were pushed up stream, against a strong current, by men with "setting poles," loaded with goods of all descriptions, while the road leading west was filled continually with a stream of loaded wagons, all on their way to supply the wants of the people "out West." Now the canal floating boats, that vie in capacity with sailing vessels, and propelled by steam, have taken the place of the keel-boats, and a railroad with four parallel tracks can only supply a small portion of the people west of that point, so rapid has been the growth of the country.

In the year 1830, Mr. Wilcox left his old home and removed to Ohio, settling in Medina County at first. In 1835, he left there and went to Marshall, Calhoun Co., Mich., where he remained about two years, at work at the carpenter's trade. He then made a trip through northern Illinois and Indiana, and, finally, located in Warsaw in November, 1837. The town at that time contained seven families, the most of them living in primitive style, in log cabins.

On the 23d of October, 1838, he was united in marriage with Miss Ann Davis, who departed this life in December, 1876, respected by all who knew her, leaving her husband and two sons and a daughter to mourn their loss. In the fall of 1840, Mr. and Mrs. Wilcox made a visit to Ohio. They went in a wagon, via Toledo, Sandusky and Elyria to Medina County, where their parents still resided. Mr. Wilcox left his wife there and returned on foot, via Defiance and Fort Wayne, and, when near the State line, he stayed over night with the crew of a keel-boat, who were pushing their boat loaded with goods, up the Maumee River to Fort Wayne, in the precise manner he had seen practiced on the Mohawk River in 1823. It would seem that the keel-boat in those days was a precursor of civilization, as the railroad is now.

In August, 1841, Mr. Wilcox was elected Auditor of the county, and was re-elected in 1845, and served until 1851. In 1859, he was appointed Land Appraiser of this county, and was elected to the same office in 1863, and was elected Trustee of Wayne Township in 1878, which position he still occupies (1879).

Mr. Wilcox has been very unfortunate in meeting with accidents. In addition to the loss of his thumb, spoken of before, he lost one of his eyes in 1838, by a piece of a gun cap striking him in it, while out hunting one day, and, in 1877, he had the misfortune to have one of his legs so badly broken—being thrown out of a carriage by a runaway horse—that it had to be amputated. Notwithstanding all these accidents, Mr. Wilcox—borne up by a fund of humor and a mind that enables him to take a philosophical view of things—is one of the kindest of men and most genial of companions, and no man can point to a single instance, either in his private life or his long official life, in which he has ever tried to defraud or wrong any one.

JAMES H. CARPENTER.

His father, Lewis R. Carpenter, was born in Harrison County, Va., April 20, 1796; he was of German parentage, but his ancestors had gone from Scotland to Germany. His mother, Eliza Stewart, was born in Mason County, Ky., February 28, 1798; her father was a Protestant Irishman from the North of Ireland, and her mother was a Scotchwoman. They were married September 21, 1821, and resided in Harrison County, Va., where the subject of this memoir—the eldest of eight children—was born October 31, 1822. His early advantages for acquiring an education were very limited; his entire course in school not exceeding eleven months; but, by close application, and almost entirely unaided, he gained sufficient knowledge to commence teaching, and in this way pursued such studies as he could out of the school-room, and during vacations, until he obtained a very liberal education. Habits of study, formed thus early, have clung to him through life, and given him—not only in two professions, but in general information—a wealth of learning attained by but few. Born upon a farm, and inured to manual labor, his early inclinations were for a rural life; but, yielding to his father's advice, and the wishes of friends, he studied medicine in Mount Vernon, Ohio, with Dr. John Kost, at present Professor of Natural Sciences, of Adrian College, Michigan. Having located at Wolf Lake, in Noble County, Ind., he commenced practice February 24, 1846, and continued until the fall of that year, when he attended the Physio-Medical College, of Cincinnati, Ohio, and graduated February 23, 1847. He then removed to Boydston's Mills, in Kosciusko County, Ind., and continued the practice of medicine until April 15, 1854. During all this time, he had a very extensive practice, and was one of the most successful practitioners ever in the county. A quick perceptive faculty, and "a will to act," made him, with a large store of medical information at his command, master of almost every disease. Unremitting attention to so large a practice in those early days of Kosciusko County life, soon broke down his constitution, and he was thus compelled, in the very prime of usefulness, to change his profession, and he accordingly moved to Warsaw, and studied law with the Hon. James S. Frazer. He was admitted to the bar in September, 1854, and began the practice of the law the following April; he soon commanded a good business, and rapidly advanced in his new profession.

At the outbreak of the rebellion in 1861, he heartily espoused the Union cause, and recruited two companies of volunteers for the Thirtieth Indiana Infantry. But, while on his way to camp with these companies, he suffered, in a railroad accident, a compound fracture of his right thigh-bone which prevented him, at that time, entering the military service of the country, and which fracture left him a cripple for life. In 1863, having partially recovered from this misfortune, he recruited Company I, of the

Seventh Indiana Cavalry, and was commissioned and mustered in as Captain. He was with his regiment in its operations at Union City, and Jackson, Tenn., at West Point, Miss., and the battle at Okalona, February 22, 1864, and led his company in the saber charge, at Ivy Farm, that evening. In July, 1864, he accompanied his regiment on its expedition to Port Gibson, Miss. For meritorious services, he was, in October, 1864, promoted over five ranking Captains, and commissioned Major of the regiment, and was mustered as such, November 11, 1864. On the 20th of March, 1865, Maj. Carpenter went on duty at Gen. Washburn's headquarters, as Judge Advocate of a Court Martial, but was soon afterward detailed as Judge Advocate of the Military District of West Tennessee, and stationed at Memphis. He served in that capacity until August 20, 1865, when he was ordered to rejoin his regiment, which he did in due time, at Hampstead, Tex. On the consolidation of the regiment, which occurred soon after, he availed himself of the opportunity to return to his home, and was mustered out of the service. In the language of a brother comrade: "As a soldier, he was brave; as an officer, efficient; as a disciplinarian, strict but just, with good executive ability." Maj. Carpenter then resumed the practice of the law at Warsaw; and, in 1867, without solicitation, was appointed Prosecuting Attorney for the Tenth Judicial Circuit, and faithfully discharged the duties of said office until the election of his successor, in 1868.

At the general election of 1870, he was elected without opposition, Judge of the Twenty-first Judicial District, of the State of Indiana, and was re-elected in the fall of 1872, and held the office until June 28, 1873, when that court was abolished by an act of the Legislature. As a Judge, he was courteous to the bar, just and fearless in the discharge of his duty. He carried with him on the Bench his characteristic traits of energy and

close attention to all the business details of his office. His ability as a lawyer, and familiarity with the practice rendered him a most efficient and accomplished Judge, and, doubtless, had he remained upon the Bench, he would have stood second to none of the *nisi prius* Judges of the State. Judge Carpenter again opened an office in Warsaw, and in a short time acquired an extensive business. As a practitioner, he ranks among the very first; kind-hearted, liberal-minded, and generous to a fault; a man of strong convictions upon all subjects of Church and State, but he is, nevertheless, the warmest of friends.

Judge Carpenter was married January 31, 1849, at Marion, Ohio, to Minerva Jane, daughter of John Anderson, of that place, a substantial and well-to-do farmer. Her father was of English, and her mother of Irish parentage. This marriage has been blessed with eight children, five sons and three daughters; Ella, the eldest, an accomplished young lady, is a graduate of Asbury, Ind., University, and is now teaching in the public schools of Warsaw; and Frankie, his eldest son, is a cadet at the Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md., and bids fair to make an efficient naval officer. The Judge has been a member of the M. E. Church for over thirty years, and his family belong to the same Church. He aids, with commendable generosity, all good works, and is ever to be found upon the right side of all great moral questions. He has always taken a great interest in education, and, at present, is one of the Trustees of Asbury University. In politics, Judge Carpenter was originally a Whig, but since the formation of the Republican party, he has been a member of that organization. Three times, he has been the editor of the *Northern Indianian*, a position which he filled with decided credit to the party and honor to himself; as a writer, he has very excellent ability. He became a member of the I. O. O. F.,

Kosciusko Lodge, No. 42, at their last meeting in December, 1864, and is now a member of Lake City Lodge, No. 410. He has passed all the chairs in the subordinate Lodge, and is now a member of the Grand Lodge of the State. He became a Mason in 1861, and has taken all the working degrees, including Knighthood, and has been Eminent Commander of Warsaw Commandery, No. 10.

At present, Judge Carpenter is the attorney for the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company, for the State of Indiana, a very arduous position, requiring both tact and talent, and is discharging his duties in a very able manner, and to the entire satisfaction of his employers. No better appointment could have been made, as he is possessed of talents peculiarly adapted to such work.

Socially, the Judge is a very companionable gentleman. Politically, an ardent partisan, but generous enough to accord to his opponents honesty of political convictions. As a soldier, brave and efficient; as a Judge, honest, upright and capable; as a writer, terse and pointed; as a lawyer, unyielding in his devotion to a client's cause, with an ability of such order, that it makes him a dangerous, though an honorable, competitor; as a citizen, enterprising and ambitious, always regarding the improvement of Warsaw and Kosciusko County, and the advancement of her citizens, in all things, as of paramount interest and importance. In the very prime of manhood, and vigor of intellect, he still has a most useful life spread out before him. Judge Carpenter would fill, with credit to himself and honor to his constituents, any position to which they might call him, political and judicial. In the highest sense, we may truthfully say, that the Judge is a most honorable citizen, and excellent gentleman.





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His father was Jacob Hossler; in 1850, he removed from Butler County, Ohio, to Jay County, Ind., and during the same year to Kosciusko County, settling near Leesburg, and died in the fall of that year. The subject of this memoir, was born in Millville, Butler Co., Ohio, October 18, 1843. His education began as soon as he was old enough to go to school, and continued until he was fourteen; he made the most of his opportunities. In 1857, he, with his mother, removed to Warsaw, and on the 2d day of January, 1858, entered the printing office of the *Northern Indianian*, to learn the "art preservative." His quick perception, retentive memory and industry, enabled him to master the art in a comparatively short time, so that in May, 1861, he started out as a "journeyman printer," going first to Cairo, Ill., where he worked at the case about eighteen months. This is sufficient evidence of his qualification; but he began to extend his tour, and during three years he visited the Northern and Eastern States, recruiting his purse from time to time, by working at his trade. Whether it be true that one locality possesses advantages over another in this art or not, it is certain he acquired a complete knowledge of what was known in the places he visited, which was a decided advantage.

In 1866, he returned to Warsaw, and for the ensuing two years was in the employ of his brother, C. G. Hossler, in the clothing business.

May 15, 1866, he was united in marriage with Miss Kate Paul. In 1868, he purchased a half-interest in the *Northern Indianian* newspaper office, and assumed charge of the business, and mechanical departments; the paper was conducted by Williams & Hossler, until May, 1875, when they purchased the Fort Wayne Daily and Weekly *Gazette*. Six months later, Reub Williams withdrew from the firm, and Mr. Hossler was left to conduct the paper alone. This he continued to do until July, 1876, when he sold out the office and returned to Warsaw, where his family had resided during his absence, and we find he at once embarked in the publication of the *Warsaw Republican*, a weekly paper, in which he is now engaged.

"Quin," as he is familiarly known, is a sterling, active business man, with great energy, a warm-hearted gentleman, public spirited, and a well-known advocate of a high moral standard in society, and the interests pertaining to the community at large. His zeal in these matters and his persistent conservatism of the elements that build the noble and true together and constitute "good society," have brought him into high esteem.